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A RUN TOWARDS FURTHER EQUALITY!!



Sixty one years ago the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was declared adopted. The date was August 26, 1920. In honor of this Women's Equality Day there will be ERA Walkathons held nationwide by NOW.--THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL WALKATHON; our last step towards making the ratification of the ERA a reality. The road we walk on is a rough and rigorous one. It is the same road our foremothers tread upon in their fight for the right to vote. Many miles have been covered and we will travel many more. This is your chance to take your first step.

ARTICLE XIX

- Section 1: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.
- Section 2: Congress shall have the power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.



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***** ERA WALKATHON *****

Contact your local Chapter for information regarding a walkathon held in your area. It may be your Chapter would be interested in doing a coordinated walk with another Chapter or women's group. See Page 11 for a Chapter contact.

HANOW Walkathon Coordinator is Deborah Bell. Please contact her if you would like information, dates, etc. (667-5601, days or 681-9507, nights) HANOW meetings will be held between Aug. 6-13 at 7:00 pm to discuss details of the walk. There will be an exercising and jogging session to get in shape August 20th at Freed Park (Spring Branch Area) from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**WOULD YOU LIKE AN OFFICIAL WALKATHON RUNNING SHIRT?!

White T-shirts with green printing, such as the one worn by the runner on the front cover of this newsletter, will be sold by Deborah Bell through the end of the Walkathons. The cost is \$10.00 per shirt and can be ordered by calling her at 667-5601 or 681-9507, or through your local Chapter. She will also print your sponsor's name on the back of the T-shirt if you want. The front of the shirt says "On the run for the ERA" and has the date (8/26/81) in the middle.

SUPERSISTER Michiko Suwa Gorman is a champion long distance runner. She was born August 9, 1935 in Chingtau, China and makes her home in Los Angeles, California. She set a new world record for the 26 mile 385 yard race of 2 hours, 46 minutes and 36 seconds in the women's division of the Western Hemisphere Marathon. The race was held in Culver City, California in 1973. She has also won first place among women runners in the Boston and New York City Marathons four times. Miki Gorman is married and has two daughters.

***** THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT *****

The Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was first introduced into Congress by Senator A.A. Sargent of California at the request of Susan Brownell Anthony on June 10, 1878. Forty-one years later it was sent to the states and was ratified in just over a year. After the 19th Amendment was declared adopted, all of the states went on and ratified, except Mississippi. The Mississippi legislature

turned down this amendment giving women the right to vote in 1979.

Susan B. Anthony fought long and hard for the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. In honor of Women's Equality Day, give a friend or relative a Susan B. necklace by Luna Cat. They make very nice gifts for any occasion. Treat yourself to one! You deserve it!

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Putting a hole in a coin considerably lowers its value. Instead, order your pendant from *Luna Cat* feminist silversmith. Includes dollar, silver-tone holder and chain. \$5.00
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After hearing Sen. Barry Goldwater's response to the Moral Majority's opposition to Judge Sandra O'Connor's nomination for the Supreme Court--"I think every good Christian ought to kick Falwell right in the butt!"--it's a great comfort to Christians everywhere to know Fleet Pharmaceuticals is nearby! (I wonder how many Christians will come out kicking?--Could be a most enjoyable request.)

"Something tells me I should've supported the ERA."

***** ERA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS *****

Why do women want the ERA when they are already included in the Constitution?

Women are not included in the Constitution-if they were, then why did we need the Nineteenth Amendment? Men always had the right to vote, but women had to fight for that right.

Women will be drafted if the ERA is passed, won't they?

Congress has the power now to draft men and women; to draft only men; to draft only women. It is entirely up to the whims of Congress, and as was recently revealed, they chose to express their discrimination by drafting only men. Women have always served in the military, although not necessarily in combat duty. However, only 10% of all men drafted have ever been subjected to combat. The draft and combat duty are not synonomous-people can be drafted & serve their country in many other ways other than through combat. It is also true that without the ERA should women be drafted to serve in any capacity, they are not required to be given the same benefits and services as men serving-this too is left to Congress and any rules or regulations enforced by our government. Because we do not have an ERA, women in the service of our country have not received the full benefits and privileges given to men who have served.

NOW is against the draft.

Women already have the same rights as men do don't they?

Women have had to fight for the right to own and manage property; the right to become doctors and lawyers; the right to equal credit; the right to equal education.... The list is infinite, and there are hundreds of laws prohibiting women from participating fully in our society. We need the ERA to ensure that all rights are granted to women as well as men. Laws that would prohibit such rights would be unconstitutional if we had the ERA.

*Your best source of information is through your local NOW Chapter. See page 11 for the one nearest you.

Women can't handle the life of a drafttee..

scrubbing floors...



peeling potatoes...



making bunks...



polishing metal...



cleaning toilets...



earning less...



"It's a Phyllis Schlafly designer creation — it gives the right signals to deal with sexual harassment on the job."



ERA COUNTDOWN RALLY HELD JUNE 30th!

All of the Houston Area NOW Chapters congregated in front of City Hall at noon to hear Congressman Mickey Leland and Debra Danburg speak on the ERA. Jan Stevens and Pat Kuhlmann also addressed the issue, making for a very enthusiastic rally. There was leafletting and petitioning throughout the area beforehand to inform the public on ERA and let them know of the rally at noon. Sandra Perdue, and the Kingwood Chapter, made and brought 7 green and white signs-"Ratify the ERA". Everything looked really good until the rain poured down slowing the rally to a close. However, despite the dampness, our spirits were high! THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED! (Pictures by Linda Bottoms-862-8339)

***** TEXAS STATE CONVENTION *****

"Women Walk More Determined" was the theme for the State Convention held June 26th-28th in Dallas. Everything was right on schedule, and a lot was accomplished. There were 9 resolutions adopted, many of which deal with the ERA. The ratification of the ERA has been set as the Primary goal for Texas NOW; the Message Brigade is a top priority for 1981 and 82 with a goal set of 50,000 responses; Texas NOW has adopted Oklahoma as its sister state and set a goal of \$5,000.00 to be raised and sent to Oklahoma. For information about the other resolutions, contact your local Chapter. Dallas and North Dallas NOW did an extremely good job of coordinating and organizing the convention. We greatly appreciate the work they did. There was a rally held Sunday for the ERA, and one of the most moving parts of it was a speech given by Jan Stevens. She called for sacrifices on our time and money this coming year for the ERA in exchange for seeing that third state ratify. New Officers were elected: Mary Caulk- President, Jan Stevens- Vice-President, Bonnie Huval-Secretary and Terry Butler-Treasurer. Deborah Bell is our new Membership Coordinator for Area III.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WRITING? Then this is the job for you! There is an opening for Editor of the Texas NOW Times. This is your chance to "try your wings". Don't be afraid to attempt this challenging new task. Contact Jan Stevens, 445-2220.

President Reagan's nomination for Supreme Court Judge, Sandra O'Connor, should be supported through your letters to him and your respective legislators. PLEASE WRITE!

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AUGUST CALENDAR

3---7:30 pm Northwest NOW meeting at Cypress Creek Library. Speech on ERA given by Jan Stevens.

6---7:30 pm HANOW action meeting at World Trade Ctr., 1520 Texas Ave.

10--7:30 pm Kingwood NOW meeting at Elm Grove Apts. Leasing Office/ Party room.

13--7:30 pm HANOW program meeting.

20--7 to 9 pm Freed Park exercise and jogging session. Contact D. Bell.

22--Women's Equality Day. ERA Walkathons held throughout the nation.

HANOW will be electing delegates for the National NOW Convention in Wash., D.C. at their August meetings. HANOW is entitled to six delegates and one alternate, possibly more since June's membership increase. Please attend this important meeting.

KINGWOOD NOW had a beautiful float in their community parade this past July 4th! Thanks to Sandra Perdue who

coordinated the effort and all those who contributed to the project. It was, of course, a green and white float with "NOW" in green on the back and the four officers of KWNOW riding, pulled by John and Sandra Perdue in their van. Bubble gum (with the ERA wrapped around it and enclosed with white napkins, tied with green yarn and ERA sticker on the outside) was tossed freely to the crowd. It was lots of fun, and Kingwood definitely knows NOW is alive and well! There were also two information booths on June 27th in

front of our local grocery stores that were very successful. Over \$26 was raised, along with a large amount of information being distributed to interested passersby.

HANOW had a very successful and informative meeting July 9th. Jan Stevens talked about the ERA in depth, throwing out information regarding the recent draft decision, the nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor for the Supreme Court, etc. I am always amazed that just when we think we know all there is to know about the ERA, we hear something new. Jan is certainly adept at uncovering new and interesting facts. There were quite a few new members, and a lot of returning faces. It was very inspiring.

NEWS CLIP*****President Reagan has nominated Judge Sandra O'Connor to become the first woman justice in history to the Supreme Court. Mrs. O'Connor is presently a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals and is a graduate of Stanford University law school, 1952. She was a member of the board of editors of the Stanford Law Review. In 1973 she became the majority leader of the state Senate in Arizona--the first and only woman to hold the job in either house. She is exceptionally well qualified, receiving superlative recommendations from her colleagues. PLEASE WRITE YOUR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATORS IN CONGRESS and let them know of your support for her nomination. If you do not know who your Congressperson is, call the League of Women Voters at 529-3171. Let's make our voices heard!

***** SUPER SISTERS BORN IN AUGUST *****

LEONOR K. SULLIVAN was born August 21 in St. Louis, Missouri where she still makes her home. She was a U.S. Congresswoman for 24 yrs., serving in the House of Rep. in Missouri from 1953 to 1977. Her mark in Congress is best remembered as one of working for consumer protection, fair credit laws and the food stamp plan. Lyndon B. Johnson referred to her as "that able Congresswoman from Missouri".

BONNIE TIBURZI was born August 31, 1948 in Danbury, Conn. She makes her home in Warren, Vermont and is the first woman to be hired as a pilot by a major U.S. airline. Her father taught her to fly when she was 12 yrs. old, and she now pilots the Boeing 727 aircraft for American Airlines.

SHIRLEY M. HUFSTEDLER was born August 25, 1925 in Denver, Colorado. She now lives in Los Angeles, CA. In 1979 she was appointed to head the new Department of Education as a member of President Carter's Cabinet. Before this appointment she was judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals and was the highest ranking woman judge in the United States.

***** A HISTORY OF ABORTION PRACTICES *****

By Yvonne Broach

This is the fifth in a series of excerpts from Yvonne's speech regarding past abortion practices.

From 1900 through the 1960's, contraception was slowly improved, laws concerning contraceptives somewhat liberalized, and contraceptives became increasingly available and utilized.

Abortion remained illegal but by 1973 about one million each year were risking illegal abortions. Those who could afford the high fees could have safe, secret abortions. Those who could not had unsafe, secret abortions, often resulting in infections, hemorrhages, permanent damage to the uterus or death. Psychological suffering was experienced by both kinds of women.

While people like Margaret Sanger were crusading for birth control in the early 1900's, the Catholic Church was forming doctrine on contraception and abortion. In 1930 Pope Pius XI issued an encyclical affirming that every act of intercourse is a sin unless performed with reproductive intent, but did approve of the rhythm method of contraception. This position was reaffirmed in 1951 when Pope Pius XII forbade abortion and sterilization as birth control, and in 1958, 1963, 1966 and 1968. The Catholic Church has remained very forceful in its anti-abortion stance even while a majority of American Catholics, like the majority of Americans, have come to support abortion.

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THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

SECTION 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

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