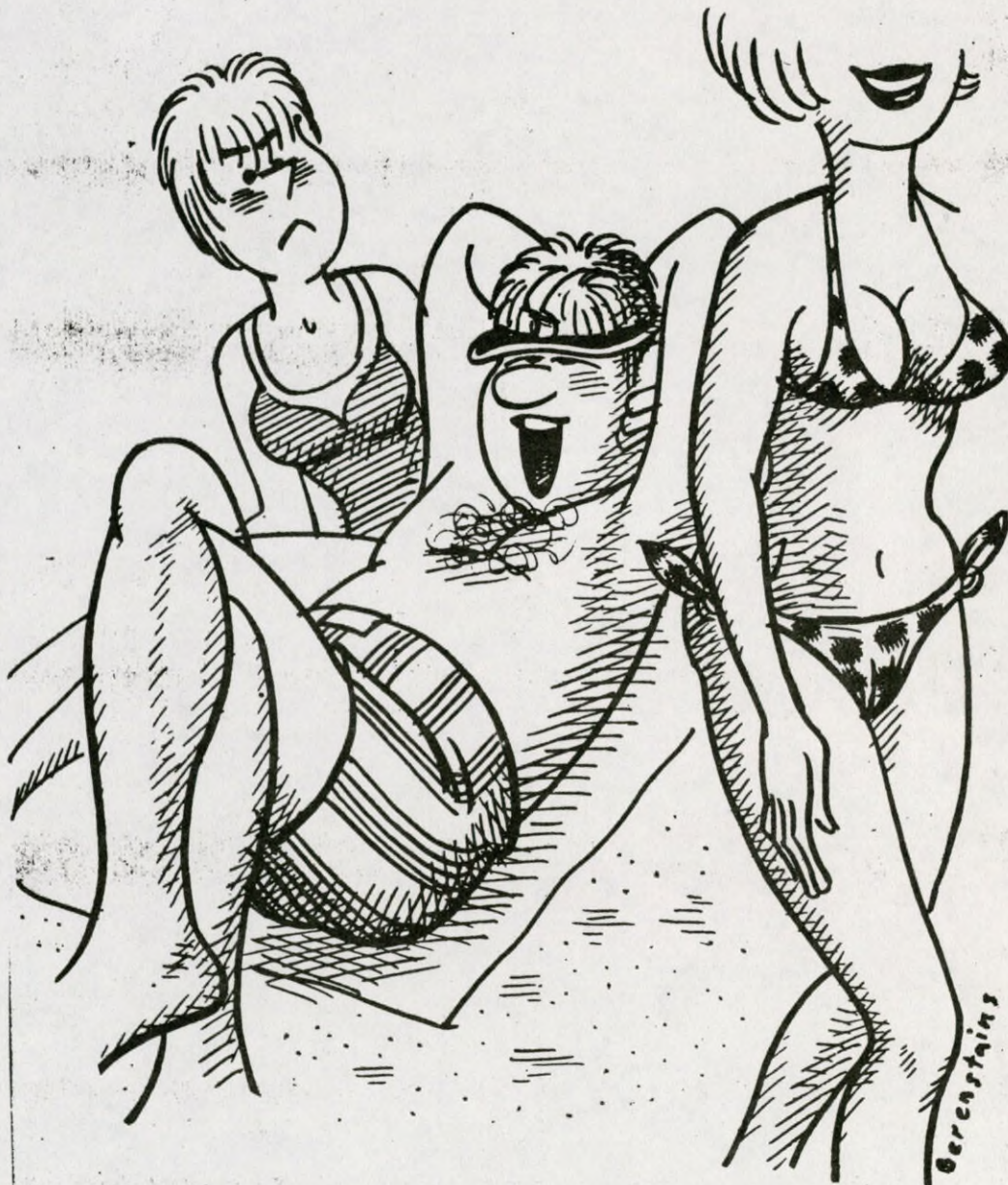


# N.O.W. Bay Area Chapter

# NEWS

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"Yeah, a disgrace!"

## THE WORLD OF PROSTITUTION

Dr. Nanette Bruckner, a Psychology professor in the University of Houston at Clear Lake City, will speak to us at our March Program Meeting on "The World of Prostitution."

8:00 P.M. March 6, Uniting Church, El Camino Real & Reseda, Clear Lake City

The complex issues of prostitution will be explored---how and why women become prostitutes and what they have in common with other people who prostitute themselves in some facet of their lives. Join us in discussing this serious but fascinating subject.

- March 6 Program meeting: Dr. Nanette Bruckner, Professor of Psychology at University of Houston Clear Lake City will speak on " The World of Prostitution".
- March 7-9 NOW State Convention in Austin at the Sheraton Crest. Come get to know your Texas Sisters!!!!
- March 10 Monthly Rap Session at Linda McCollum's has been cancelled for the month of March.
- March 20 Board Meeting----7:00 to 8:00 in the Sunday School room at Uniting Church.  
Business Meeting- Immediately after Board Meeting in Main room of Uniting Church.  
Newsletter items need to be handed in at this time to Twiss Butler or Marge Randal.
- April 5 Annual Harris County Women's Political Caucus Convention at the University of Houston Continuing Education Center.

ERA INFORMATION

Lobbying Day at Austin was a huge success. Over 225 feminists scattered all over the Capital that day, visiting legislators, celebrating Susan B. Anthony's birthday, and attending meetings with Speaker of the House, Billy Clayton and Lieutenant-Gov. Bill Hobby. Some legislators received us warmly, some stood back and "eyed" us cautiously, and some just "beat it" out the back door of the Capitol as soon as the session was over for that week. Bill Hobby said that his mail is running 40 to 1 against ERA, but he believes these Anti-ERA's fears to be unfounded. As expected, Billy Clayton, in his own unique style, reiterated his opposition to the ERA and the ELRA (Texas' Equal Legal Rights Amendment). He bases his stand of ERA on religious grounds, and the fact that "The women in his district don't want it."

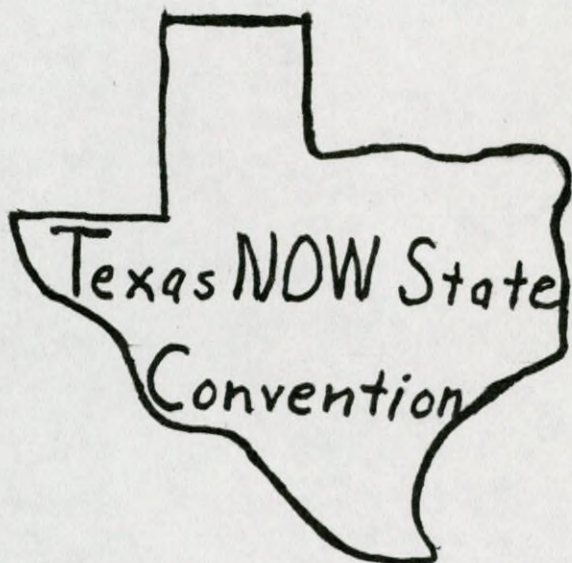
Hermine Tobolosky and Martha Dickey of Dallas are working on an ERA pamphlet geared to what the ERA would mean to Texans.

Sonia Carmean and Mary Buxton have been busy lately starting student organizations at the University of Houston, Clear Lake City and Main Campus respectively. The organization is called PER, People for Equal Rights, and their purpose is to distribute ERA material on these campuses and encourage letter writing among the students.

Marge Randal and Mary Buxton have done some public speaking this month for the ERA. And Frances Hicks attended a Press Conference in Austin on Feb. 8 representing the Bay Area Coalition for the ERA.

HOUSTON AREA FEMINIST CREDIT UNION

Bay Area NOW has joined Houston area feminists to form our own feminist credit union. Houston NOW, Northwest NOW, Women's Political Caucus, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women are members also. A credit union is a cooperative savings and loan association owned by people with a common bond or tie between them. Feminist credit unions, which already have opened in nine cities throughout the U.S.A., are something special because we can help women--- single, married, or divorced, establish credit in their own names. For more information contact Laura Oren, 528-3631 or Linda McCollum, 488-0950.



On March 7, 8, & 9, 1975 Texas NOW will hold its State Convention at the Sheraton-Crest Inn, 1st and Congress, Austin, Texas 78701. Karen DeCrow, National NOW President, will speak at the Sunday morning session. Many exciting workshops such as Rape, Reproduction and Its Control, and Criminal Justice are planned. Bay Area NOW plans to have table space to sell items for fund raising and to conduct a workshop entitled "How to Deal With Your Local Schoolboard". Hospitality Room opens Friday, March 7 at 6p.m. for a Welcoming Party. Write the Crest NOW for room reservations and send your conference registration (\$10.00) to Sue Ricket, 10021 Childress Dr., Austin, Tex. 78753. Make checks out to Texas NOW. For further information contact Barbara Duke at 1907 David, Austin, 78705.

If you are interested in running for a state office in NOW, check the by-laws for a description of the office and be ready for self-nominations. Frances Hicks has a copy of the state by-laws.

#### MORE ERA INFORMATION

On February 12 H.B. 666 was introduced into the House of Representatives in Austin. It calls for the Equal Rights Amendment to be placed on the ballot in the April election. The legislature seems, as a whole, to be against this, as an ERA referendum would bring out the conservative vote and probably defeat their legislative pay raise which is also on that ballot. Exactly one week later, House Concurrent Resolution #57 was introduced by Rep. Bill Hilliard, of Fort Worth to rescind the ratification of the ERA. This was put in a heavily Pro-ERA committee, the Constitutional Revision Committee.

Now is the time to write these representatives and make your views known, tomorrow may be too late!!

Contact: Rep. Bill Caraway (Clear Lake City), Rep. Ed Watson (LaPorte & Pasadena), Rep. Andrew Baker (Galveston), Rep. Ed Harris (Galveston), Rep. Tom Uher (Chairperson, State Affairs Com. in which the H.B. 666 was placed), Rep. Gene Green (Houston member of this State Affairs Com.), Speaker of the House, Bill Clayton, and Lieutenant-Gov., Bill Hobby. All of their mail can be sent to the House Of Representatives, Capital Station, Austin, Tex. 78711. Hobby's mail can be sent to the Senate.

As Martha Griffiths so aptly put it in her address to the Ohio State Legislature in 1973 "

"In 196 years of this country's being, government could make any law it chose against women and the Supreme Court has upheld that law. We have been judged as a class along with children and idiots, and we are frequently mentioned in the same connection. Corporations have been people for more than 100 years. It is high time that we too became human. We cannot rely upon the Courts. I urge the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment."

URGE YOUR FRIENDS TO WRITE NOW FOR ERA

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THOUGHTS ON SISTERHOOD.....

"First, we share with each other the exhilaration of growth and self-discovery, the sensation of having the scales fall from our eyes. Whether we are giving other women this new knowledge or receiving it from them, the pleasure for all concerned is enormous. And very moving.

In the second stage, when we're exhausted from dredging up facts and arguments for the men whom we had previously thought advanced and intelligent, we make another simple discovery. Women understand. We may share experiences, make jokes, paint pictures, and describe humiliations that mean nothing to men, but women understand.

The odd thing about these deep and personal connections of women is that they often ignore barriers of age, economics, worldly experiences, race, culture--all the barriers that, in male or mixed society, had seemed so difficult to cross."

from Sisterhood by Gloria Steinem

JOIN NOW

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of NOW (\$15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I want to join but can only afford \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member but would like to receive the Newsletter (\$3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to NOW

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Clip and mail with your check to: Linda Eichblatt, 16589 Buccaneer, Houston 77058.

