



N.O.W. NEWS

National Organization for Women

VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NOVEMBER 4 ELECTION DAY

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Bay Area Chapter

**Rape is one of the
fastest growing crimes
in America.**

**You learn to tell the unofficial rapist from
the official rapist."**

As Susan Brownmiller points out in her monumental study of the subject, rape is an inherent characteristic of a society based on "men's natural superiority over women." Not only is this evidenced by an analysis of the historical, mythological, and legal annals of rape, but all the research on rapists shows that rape is not the product of sexual desire or lust but of aggression against women. The typical rapist is a hostile man with deep-seated feelings of anger and resentment against women.¹⁹

**50% of rape victims
are under eighteen
and 25% are under
age twelve.**

Members of Congress continue to perpetrate the falsehood that pregnancy cannot result from rape. Arguing in June 1977 against allowing federal funds to provide abortions for rape victims, Sen. Jesse Helms (D-NC) said: "An exception clause to provide for abortion in the case of rape is both unnecessary and unenforceable. As a practical matter, the problem does not exist."

Guest Panel-

Kathleen Donaldson-Public Speaking Chair for Houston Rape
Crisis Coalition-with Houston Area Women's
Center

Susan Nixon-Detective with Harris County Sheriff's Department

Madelini McGallion-Advocate for Rape Crisis Coalition

Program Meeting

7:30 P.M; Thursday, Nov. 6

"Assistance for Rape Victims"

A Uniting Church
El Camino and Reseda
Clear Lake City

Program Co-ordinator- Lynn McGregor 488-1901

November 2 is ERA Day!

JOIN OUR ERA RALLY!!

WHERE: City Hall Reflection Pool (Martha Hermann Square)

WHEN: 2 - 5 pm, Sunday, November 2

WHAT: Entertainment--Speakers--Refreshments--Music

WHO: ERA-Houston, an alliance of ERA-supporting organizations, started by representatives of the National Organization for Women, and the YWCA.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS FOR THE RALLY: Kathy Whitmire, Eleanor Tinsley, Nikki Van Hightower, Myrtle McKinzie, Maria Canfield, Dee Bishop, Tom Bass, Jan Stevens

A FAMILY EVENT!! BRING YOUR CHILDREN, FRIENDS, RELATIVES!!!

"If ever there was a time to publicly support the Equal Rights Amendment, the time is NOW. We must be visible in numbers, so that we might secure the votes of confidence of our elected officials. IT IS WE, the ERA supporters, who are responsible for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment." --Joan Greiner

Equality

Justice

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE ENDORSED THE ERA NATIONALLY INCLUDE: National Council of Churches of Christ; B'nai B'rith Women; Church Women United; United Church of Christ; United Presbyterian Church; National Coalition of American Nuns; Catholics Act for ERA; American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.; Episcopal Church, Executive Council; Hadassah; Southern Christian Leadership; NAACP; AFL-CIO; United Farm Workers of America; United Auto Workers; Teamsters; United Steelworkers of America; United Mine Workers of America; Democratic Party; American Veteran's Committee; National Lawyers Guild; Texas Federation of Teachers; National Education Association; Mexican-American Women's National Association; LULAC; American Geological Institute; Housewives for the ERA; American Nurses Association; League of Women Voters; AND HUNDREDS MORE!!

The Complete Text of 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.

For further ERA information, or if you would like an ERA speaker for your organization, please contact:

ERA-HOUSTON
c/o YWCA
3515 Allen Parkway
Houston, Texas 77019

Donations are needed; \$1.00 will help us reach 10 ERA supporters with information about the ERA-HOUSTON Alliance.
Phone: 523-6881, 445-2220, 471-2862

JOIN US!

HOW DOES YOUR CANDIDATE STAND ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

- 1. Carter FOR ERA
- 2. Reagan AGAINST ERA
- 3. Anderson FOR ERA
- 4. Clark FOR ERA
- 5. Commoner FOR ERA
- 6. Pulley FOR ERA

VOTE FOR THE ERA CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE!!



"Maybe we could control population like we controlled farm production — pay men NOT to plant their seeds."

	JIMMY CARTER	JOHN ANDERSON	RONALD REAGAN
Equal Rights Amendment	FOR	FOR	AGAINST
Constitutional amendment banning all abortions	AGAINST	AGAINST	FOR
Medicaid-funded abortions	AGAINST except in cases of rape, incest and danger to life of mother	FOR	AGAINST except in cases where mother's life is in danger
Registration of women for the draft	FOR	AGAINST peace-time draft for both men and women	AGAINST
Federally funded day care	FOR increased funding	FOR increased funding	FOR existing programs but doesn't think funding should be increased
Reforming Social Security System to correct inequities involving women	FOR	FOR	FOR
Eliminating tax provision that penalizes married, working couples	FOR	FOR	FOR

NOTE! NOTE! NOTE!!! NOTE!!!! NOTE!!!! NOTE!!!!
PLEASE RENEW ALL MEMBERSHIP THRU TREASURER, DOROTHY HOWARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

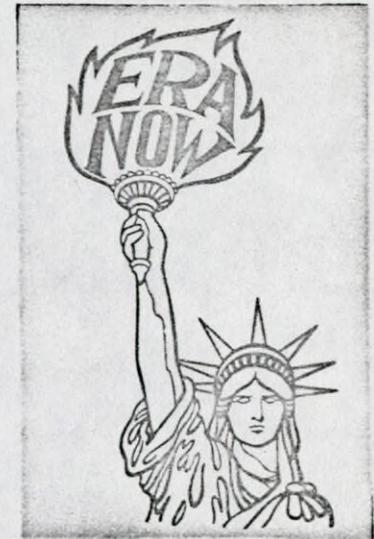
BANOW welcomes physically different persons. Our meeting facilities are not always barrier free but we are accessible and will be pleased to provide mobility assistance. Given notice, we will try to provide an interpreter for deaf persons and any required assistance for the blind. Call Cynthia Sutton at 488-7936.

BAY AREA NOW POSITIONS RESOURCE PEOPLE

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Reproductive rights	Lynn McGregor	488-1901
Title IX	Twiss Butler	333-4764
Consciousness Raising	Jane Markley	334-5057
Rape & Abuse	Mary McFadin	332-5774

*There shall never be another
season of silence until women have
the same rights men have
on this green earth.*

SUSAN B. ANTHONY



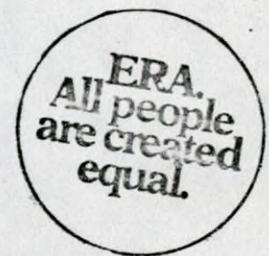
labor women rally
off our backs/october 1980

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Even though they represented 20% of the American workforce, women stood on the sidewalks of New York and watched the first Labor Day parade in 1882. Because the concerns of working women are still not addressed by the major political parties in their 1980 platforms, four national women's labor organizations proclaimed the Working Women's Platform in Lafayette Park.

The Coalition of Labor Union Women, Wider Opportunities for Women, Displaced Homemakers Network, Inc. and National Commission on Working Women rallied 200 supporters in 99° heat this Labor Day to witness women carpenters hammer together the planks.

Starting Monday Oct. 27, ERA Action Team will be making calls from the office of Rachael Suarez on Nasa Rd. I. Contact Lynn McGregor-488-1901 to donate your time for ERA.

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BANOW Business Meeting 11-22-80

Pat Kuhlman, Dorothy Howard, Marjorie Randall, Jeanne Saletan, Phyllis Tucker, Ruth Townsend, Wendy Rudnicki, Susan Lab and Judy Huffman were present. We welcomed Sandy Warren and Pat Sprouse.

Pat Kuhlman announced:

Elaine Kinzy with Northwest NOW Chapter needs volunteers for help with Mike Andrews campaign, please contact her at 376-2736 to volunteer.

Sarah (Sally) Stewart is hospitalized and donations of blood are needed to replace what has been used. Contact Pat Kuhlman for more information.

W I N Womens Information Network, a womens clearinghouse has a 24 hour call back service. They want information on womens groups.

Jeanne Saletan reported that \$125.00 dollars is due to the chapter from E.R.A. We will sell bumper stickers and tee shirts at the E. R. A. Rally on 11-2-80 and to other chapters.

Marshalls are needed for the Rally and an organizational meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 27, 1980 at the Y W C A at 6:30, 3515 Allen Parkway giving training.

Dorothy Howard volunteered to be an alternate to Texas State Council.

Marjorie Randall announced the possibility of the 1st week in March for Womens Week at UHCLC with Gloria Steinem as possible guest speaker.

Pat announced publicity ideas, making a packet for "Welcome Wagon" and getting more press releases. Dana and Pat will co-ordinate.

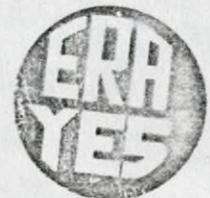
Fundraising ideas were discussed: a Chinese auction at the Christmas party and the possibility of presenting the play "Cactus Flower" at Clear Creek Country Theatre.



According to the Labor Department, women who support their families earn less than half (46.9 percent) the amount earned by male breadwinners. Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that husbands who are sole family wage earners averaged \$322 per week or \$16,744 per year, while wives as sole earners averaged only \$151 per week or \$7,852 per year.

The department reports that this is the first time that figures relating workers' earnings to the families in which they live have been released. The figures were disclosed by Bureau Commissioner Janet Norwood's office to "provide a better understanding of living conditions the entrance of large numbers of women into the work force." —Deborah Bonetti

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Calendar

- 11-2-80 E.R.A. MARCH and RALLY 2:00 P.M.-Houston City Hall Steps
- 11-4-80 ELECTION DAY VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 11-6-80 BAY AREA NOW Program Meeting-Coordinator-Lynn McGregor-488-1901 "Assistance for Rape Victims"
- 11-8-80 Texas NOW State Council-Dallas, Phyllis Tucker, Bonnie Huval
- 11-15-80 Texas Womens Marathon-26, 18, 12 mile runs-contact Lynn McGregor
- 12-5-80 Friday-BANOW Christmas party-home of Phyllis Tucker, 243 Empress Rd.
- 12-16-80 Film "What You Are Is Where You Were When" Communication Workers Hall-Houston-contact Diana Osborne-527-0934

NOTE!!!! No regular program meeting will be held in December, the Christmas Party is on Friday, December 5th, 1980!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A map to Phyllis Tucker's home will be printed in the December Newsletter. Members last names A thru K should bring Chips and or dips; L thru Z should bring soft drinks. A cash bar will be provided and donations are needed for the Chinese Auction!!!!!!!!!!

Information for inclusion in the next BANOW Newsletter should be submitted by the 15th of each month. Material should be mailed to Susan Lab, 2270 Gemini Ave. Houston, Tx. 77058.

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NOW phone number-947-9678

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN NOW. Clip and mail to Dorothy Howard 1529 Bonanza. Houston, Texas 77062

- I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW and National NOW (\$30)
- I am already a member of National NOW and want to join the Bay Area Chapter (\$8)
- I want to join NOW and can afford dues of (\$_____)
- I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year (\$5)
- I am making a contribution of \$_____ to NOW
- I authorize my name and address to be printed on the NOW roster for members.

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You Didn't Get
Where You Are Alone

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