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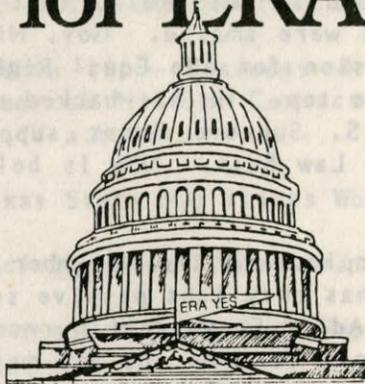
HOUSTON AREA NOW

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THIS IS IT!

Capitol March for ERA



Sunday June 6, 1982

Join Us at the Key Unratified State Capitols:

Assemble at 11 AM

PLEASE WEAR WHITE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Assemble: Capitol East Parking Lot,
NE 21st St. & Phillips Ave.

(405)528-0400

Raleigh, North Carolina

Assemble:
Plaza, Corner of Wilmington & Lane Streets

(919)832-4297

Springfield, Illinois

Assemble:
Iles Park / Ash & 6th Streets

(217)525-6012

Tallahassee, Florida

Assemble:
Lafayette Street at Myers Park

(904)224-6021

By now all of you should know about the rallies planned on June 6 in four of the state capitols in states that have not yet decided women should have full Constitutional Equality by June 30. Buses are leaving from Houston to send as many supporters as possible to Oklahoma City.

Things are happening in each of these states that have changed the climate in our favor. We will be showing in our Capitol Marches our final stand for Equality before the end of June. Just think, this July 4 could be the first Independence Day to include Women. And we can help make it possible by making the extra effort to be part of one of these marches. If you have been unable to make plans before now for the trip please contact us (See next page) to see what we can do. Bus fare is \$88 roundtrip & plane is \$90. Don't worry about a place to stay, that can be arranged also. The important thing is to

BE THERE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ERA UPDATE

FLORIDA ★ The vast majority of Florida's citizens now clearly support ERA. Our Florida action teams are working to bring increasing heat on those legislators who have opposed the Amendment. Gov. Graham has indicated he will call a special session of the legislature to vote on the ERA. Sixteen crates of pro-ERA letters have been put into the state archives by Gov. Graham. One senator received over 30,000 letters.

NORTH CAROLINA ★ Gov. James Hunt has taken the procedural steps necessary to insure an ERA vote is possible in the June session there. The analyses in North Carolina is that we can win there by making a Historic final push.

OKLAHOMA ★ The message brigade produced so much mail, that according to the press, the governor and Key leaders were amazed. Gov. Nigh has indicated the possibility of a special session for the Equal Rights Amendment if Oklahoma's vote will put ERA over the top. He has backed up his action by entering the suit before the U. S. Supreme Court supporting NOW's position on the ERA Extension/Recission Law Suit. NOW is holding a daily ERA vigil at the State Capitol.

ILLINOIS ★ The ERA has become a centerpiece in the November election for Governor. Incumbent Jim Thompson, who has only lent passive support to the ERA is trailing his Pro-ERA challenger Adlai Stevenson in recent polls. We must influence a rules change in Illinois to drop the 3/5 majority ruling and encourage Gov. Thompson to produce enough Republican votes to ratify the Amendment.

ERA

YES!

PLEASE BE IN ONE OF THESE STATES
ON JUNE 6 AND/OR LOBBY THERE DURING
THE FOLLOWING WEEK. CONTACT THESE
PEOPLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ELAINE KIMZEY	376-2736
MELISSA KEY	520-8489
PAT KUHLMANN	488-3278



SOUTH CAROLINA ★ In a surprise action, the Equal Rights Amendment has been introduced in committees of both houses in South Carolina.

CALENDAR

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- MAY 28 - Last Day to book space on bus caravan to Oklahoma City for June 6.
- JUNE 3 - Houston Area NOW business meeting at #4 Chelsea Place - 7:30pm.
- 6 - CAPITOL MARCH in four state capitols of Key unratified states.
- 7 - LOBBY DAY in Unratified states
- 7 - Women's Lobby Alliance Meeting. #4 Chelsea Pl. at 6:30pm.
- 9 - Spring Branch - Memorial NOW meeting (see page 6).
- 10 - ERA Task force meeting at HANOW office 7:30pm.
- 11 - thru 13 - Business & Professional Women's Convention at the Shamrock Hilton. Contact Deborah Bell 681-9507 if you can help staff a booth.
- 12 - Texas State NOW Issues Workshop at the U of H. call 661-0848.
- 12 - Nuclear Freeze Demonstration NYC, NY. Live coverage on KPFT radio.
- 13 - Montrose NOW Pot Luck Supper (see page 6).
- 15 - Reagan Protest (see page 6).
- 17 - ERA Task Force Meeting at HANOW office 7:30pm.
- 24 - Same as for June 17.
- 29 - Prayer Vigil Celebration of our struggle for Equality (see pg. 6)
- 30 - WE ALL KNOW WHAT THIS DATE MEANS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- JULY 1 - Houston Area NOW business meeting.
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If not now, WHEN?

Columnist Donald Morris (Houston Post May 14, 1982) proclaims the failure of the ERA saying "its failure is hard to analyze; the principles are impeccable, and the failure is probably due to the wide-spread feeling that it was legally unnecessary - the feeling seems to be that the ERA smacked of triumphant vindication..." The underline is by the Editor. I want my headline for our July issue to be "TRIUMPH." Continued on page 7.

**TEXAS ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE PRESENTS
A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S**

"THE UNEXPECTED GUEST"

ALLEY THEATER

JULY 9, 1982

8:00pm

PATRONS \$100 for TWO TICKETS

SPONSORS \$25 for ONE TICKET

FRIENDS \$15 for ONE TICKET

for more information and to make your
reservation call Aileen McMurrer at
the TARAL office between 10am-5pm.

520-0850

A REMINDER JUST TO STIR YOU UP A BIT

Here are the inspiring words of Jill Ruckelhaus from a speech she made at
the National Women's Political Caucus 1977 California Convention

We are in for a very, very long haul...

I am asking for everything you have to give

We will never give up...

You will lose your Youth, your sleep,
your Patience, your sense of Humor
and occasionally...the understanding & support
of people that you love very much

In Return, I have nothing to offer you but...

Your Pride in being a woman, and
all your dreams you've ever had for your daughters,
and nieces, and granddaughters...

Your Future

and the certain Knowledge that
at the end of your days
you will be able to look back and say that

ONCE IN YOUR LIFE
YOU GAVE EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAD
FOR JUSTICE

New Chapter News

Spring Branch - Memorial NOW elected officers and adopted by-laws at its May meeting. Officers for 1982 are:

President Deborah Bell
 VP/Secretary Jenifer Foster
 Treasurer Audrey Yates-Crawford

Task Forces were discussed and three were established. Pat Nicols will serve as the chair for the Nuclear Power Task Force and Joan Rooke will work on Media Reform, including Violence against women in the media. Deborah Bell will be ERA chair. Other task forces need people to serve as chairs. Still open are:

Homemaker Rights*Textbook Review
 Reproductive Choice
 Violence Against Women
 Publicity*Programs

Or, any other issue of concern that you would like to do work on. A Task force gathers information and material about the issue, help is available from Texas State NOW & National NOW and then reports back to the chapter. Also the chairperson is in charge of coordinating actions such as letter-writing sessions, phone calling, even making speeches and doing programs at NOW meetings and other groups.

A very important position to fill is a person to be our Legislative chair to the Women's Lobby Alliance. This person would represent the chapter at the WLA meeting once a month and report back to the chapter on the information received there. Contact Deborah if you would like to take on the responsibility of a task force.

ADVERTISING

Houston Area NOW had a very successful wine & cheese reception for Candidates who were in the May Primary races. Part of that success was from the donation of cheeses by Raymond E. Sawyer of the RIVER OAKS CHEESE SHOP. On this page is a business card ad to show our appreciation and to encourage support of a NOW member business.

Business card ads are available at a rate of \$5 per month, below are the rates for other size ads.

Size	One Issue	Six Issues
1/4 page or less	\$8.00	\$40.00
1/2 page	\$15.00	\$85.00
Full page	\$32.00	\$175.00

Styling of ads are at the discretion of the Editor unless camera ready copy is provided. We reserve the right to refuse advertising to anyone. Ads for political candidates are paid ads and do not signify endorsement by NOW.

Contact Deborah Bell or Lee Lannoo to place your ad. Addresses and phone numbers are on Page 7. Checks with copy may be sent to the Editor.

River Oaks Cheese Shoppe

PURVEYOR OF FINE CHEESES AND WINES
 RAYMOND E. SAWYER

RIVER OAKS CENTER
 (713) 522-6999

1954 WEST GRAY
 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019



CELEBRATE OUR STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY

Interfaith Prayer Vigil
for the Equal Rights Amendment

Ecumenical+Inspiring+Uplifting

June 29 at 7:30pm

St. Michael's Church - 1801 Sage
(Between San Felipe & Westheimer)
refreshments following

for information or to offer help call
Mitzi Sides 988-0666 after 6pm.



REAGAN PROTEST - JUNE 15

President Reagan will be attending a fundraiser for Gov. Clements and the Reagan Protest Coalition is holding a march in protest of Reagan policies, such as the unfair budget cuts which harm those who can least afford it, the handicapped, schools, college students, The elderly, Minorities, Women & their children. Also the brutalization of the environment, Nuclear recklessness, U.S. intervention policy, Antagonism toward labor, and the anti-Equal Rights Amendment stand.

To protest personally meet downtown at 6:30pm and march to the Albert Thomas Convention Center. For Location and more information, contact Marianne Williamson at the Heights Bookstore 864-5593. A Fundraiser will be at the Heights Bookstore to cover cost for this event on MAY 22 at 8pm, charge is \$5.00.

POT LUCK

The June 13 meeting of the Montrose chapter of NOW will be a Pot Luck dinner. It will be at the Women's Center #4 Chelsea Place 5-7pm. Bring a dish to share for dinner and spend some time in sisterhood informal style. Open rap session is at no additional charge.

ERA

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

June 9 meeting of Spring Branch - Memorial will be a brief business meeting followed by an open discussion on what the ERA means to us personally, what we want from it, and what our course of action will be if it does not get ratified. What will happen if it does? Will the entire Women's movement be slowed by reaching one of our priority goals or will it fire us up even more to tackle the other issues that effect us? This meeting will be at the SB-M Library 930 Corbindale at 7:30pm. We will be back from the March in Oklahoma and that should give us additional inspiration.

HOUSTON AREA NOW is trying to maintain an office at #4 Chelsea Place. Please help by donating supplies or your time Contact Yvonne Broach to see what is needed. 664-4282.

THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

N.J. NOW is holding a counter event to the July 16 Convention of the National Right to Life Foundation, Cherryhill, N. J. There will be a prayer vigil on the evening of July 15 and a rally on the 16th. Make plans now to go if you can. Contact Yvonne Broach 664-4282.

LIBERATION NOW

I also saw a letter to the Editor the other day that also said something about the ERA having failed. I of course promptly sent off a reply, because I know that the ERA will not fail, I really believe we can do it. We can use June 6 to push it over the top. It might be delayed if the worst happens and ratification is not a reality by the end of June. It does not mean an end to the ERA. It means our efforts to establish true equality and justice for all in a government for and by the people by putting women in the Constitution will continue. Special bus rates are available until May 28. See information on Page 2 for who to contact. Hopefully this issue will reach everyone in time, but if not please call to see what can be done to get you there, maybe some car pools and some funds are on hand to help those who might not be able to afford it right now.

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Deborah Bell, Editor
7014 Schiller
Houston, Texas 77055 or call
681-9507

Buses leaving Houston on June 5 & returning after the march on June 6 cost is \$75 includes lodging.

Buses leaving on June 5 & returning June 7 after Lobbying cost \$100 & includes lodging.

Express Van only \$25, limited space available. Does not include lodging cost, but we'll have somewhere to stay in Oklahoma. No one will be stranded.

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READ THIS!

SPECIAL UPDATE INFORMATION
ON THE AVAILABILITY OF BUSES
FOR THE JUNE 6 MARCH ON PG. 7
LAST DAY TO BOOK IS MAY 28

Defend a Woman's Right to Choose!



HOUSTON AREA CHAPTER
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

HANOW
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

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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