

# LUBBOCK **NOW** TIMES

The Newsletter of the  
National Organization for Women

In Lubbock  
June 1978

## "FAILURE IS IMPOSSIBLE"

### THOSANDS TO MARCH FOR ERA IN CAPITAL

On Sunday, July 9, thousands of women, men and children from all over the country will march on the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D. C., to demonstrate their support for the ERA and the ERA extension. The National ERA March and rally is being coordinated by the National Organization for Women and comes at the height of the campaign being conducted by ERA proponents to extend the deadline for ratification beyond March 22, 1979.

"The March will be a massive demonstration of the widespread grassroots support for the ERA at the site where the final decision on

### **Extend! Extend!**

On June 6, 1978, the ERA extension resolution (H. J. RES. 638) passed, but barely, the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Judiciary Committee. Here are the steps that the resolution must undergo to pass through Congress:

1. House Judiciary Committee (full committee). The National NOW Action Center is projecting that the extension resolution will come to a vote on or about June 20th. If we don't have the necessary support from members on the committee by that time, the vote will be delayed.

2. House Rules Committee. After the resolution gets a favorable vote  
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the extension proposal will be made--the U.S. Capitol," said NOW President Eleanor Smeal.

"We envision a spectacular event that will stir the emotions of those who value human dignity and justice for all. . . ."

Reports from NOW activists in ratified and unratified states indicate that enthusiasm about the March is building quickly. Buses, caravans, carpools, trains and chartered airplanes will bring ERA supporters from all over the country. Other organizations which have been contacted by NOW will be sending large delegations to participate in the historic event. Delegations

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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.

## EXTEND! EXTEND!

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in the Judiciary Committee, it goes to the Rules Committee. Only after it gets through the Rules Committee does it go to the full House.

3. House of Representatives

4. Senate. The resolution to extend the ERA deadline has been introduced in the Senate already. It is in the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Senate Judiciary Committee. No action is anticipated on it until after it has passed in the House of Representatives.

Congress goes on vacation from August 18 to Labor Day and adjourns, by law, on September 30. The extension resolution must have gotten through both Houses of Congress by then or it is DEAD!!

Write your representative and Senators Tower and Bentsen. Representatives Jack Brooks (9) who is uncommitted, Sam B. Hall Jr. (1) who is opposed, and Barbara Jordan (18) who is in favor are in important positions on relevant committees.

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## Search Resumes

The Search Committee met at the home of Tina Strouble June 1 at 7:00 pm. We prepared a list of community services and a questionnaire to be passed out at the June 6 NOW Program Meeting. People attending that meeting were asked to recommend specific businesses and services they felt were trustworthy and non-sexist, if possible, and the information obtained will be compiled for NOW members and for telephone referral upon request.

Plans were also made for Search Committee members to assist with the June Garage Sale, to help plan and carry out activities for Women's Equality Day, and to assist in the hostessing of the Texas NOW council meeting to take place in Lubbock in September.

The Committee members also plan to meet on some Saturday this summer and organize the Lubbock NOW files and library.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 29 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Dorothy Stephenson. Check call-list for address.

## NO JULY PROGRAM ACTION/BUSINESS: 13th

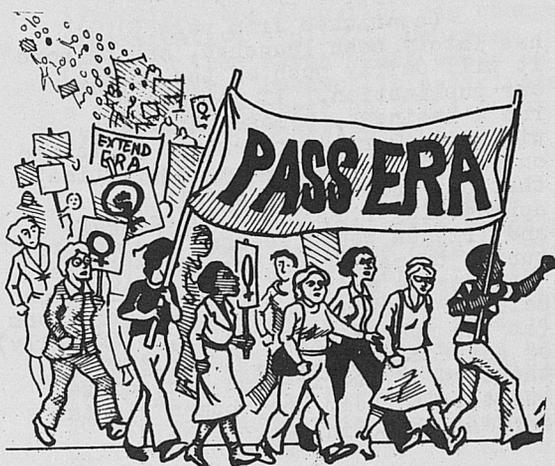
Because of the Fourth of July Holiday there will be no NOW Program Meeting in July, but we will have our Action/Business meeting at the home of Jane and Briggs Twyman Thursday, July 13 and at that time, besides a mass of regular business, those who went on the ERA March in Washington, D.C. will tell about their experience. Please make an effort to attend. It is at the Action/Business meeting that we plan our activities and vote on policy. We need your contributions.

## Divorced Women, Business Women Need the ERA

Divorced women have traditionally borne a special burden of credit discrimination, partially because they were thought to be poor credit risks, but also because, at the termination of a marriage, a divorced woman often suffered a severe drop in her standard of living. States with Equal Rights Amendments, however, have begun to recognize the importance of the work that women have done in the home. Judges in such states are starting to divide marital property on the premise that the contribution of a homemaker during the years of marriage is equivalent to the contribution of a wage-earner. Because assets can be used as the basis for credit, this financial recognition of "women's work" has important ramifications in equalizing women's access to credit after a divorce, when it is often needed most.

The Equal Rights Amendment, in its assumption of the importance of the work that women do, will foster this attitude on the national scene, as it has done on the state level.

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## Yes Virginia There Is a Louisiana

A recent state court decision in Louisiana highlights the need for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Under state law there, a husband is termed "head and master" of his household, and has complete control of all community property. The Louisiana Supreme Court, ruling 4-3, declined recently to decide the constitutionality of that statute.

The case was brought by a woman whose husband had taken out a \$5,000 second mortgage on the family home despite her objections. Selina Martin, an office worker, was the family's sole breadwinner, and had supported her unemployed husband for several years.

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### NEW CIRCULATION POLICY:

## Never Another Season of Silence

Beginning with the June issue, The Lubbock NOW Times is expanding its regular distribution policy to include more interested individuals and the progressive organizations of the area, so we may bring the feminist message and related human rights issues to a much wider audience.

The new policy was approved unanimously by the June 8 Action/Business meeting and will continue as long as there are adequate funds to sustain the great cost of printing and mailing the newsletter.

We invite you to contribute articles. Certainly, our main interest is Feminism, but we consider any topic which concentrates on basic human rights and the quality of life in West Texas and the United States to be in our perview, so please keep us all informed by adding your perspective to our paper.

A campaign to solicit advertising  
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# **NOW Worked Against Workman**

## **Progressive Democrats**

### **Swung to Short**

The following analysis was prepared by J. Neale Pearson of Tech's Political Science Department. It should be noted that Lubbock Democrat efforts to secure the State Senate nomination for E. L. Short were greatly enhanced by the work of NOW's Political Committee. Members made hundred's of telephone calls asking Lubbock residents to support Short in the run-off.

The effort was begun by Jesse George and a group of fifty or so progressive Democrats, and NOW was asked for its assistance. Members of our Political Committee met with other Lubbock Democrats to plan strategy for ensuring Short's win and Workman's loss. It is generally felt that Workman sitting on the State Senate would do little to enhance the furthering of women's or anyone else's rights--save the rich and self-satisfied's. Neither would it be healthy to place further power in the hands of such a man and his wife who already sit on several State boards, including the Tech Board of Regents.

## **Lubbock Voting In State Senate Runoff**

By Neale J. Pearson, Political Science,  
Texas Tech University.

In general two trends stand out in the June 3, 1978, voting in Lubbock County:

1. E. L. Short was able nearly to double his share of the votes, from 2,029 votes in the May 6 primary to 4,021 votes in the run-off primary June 3;

2. Don Workman was unable to mobilize the support he gained in

the first primary, losing 5,791 votes of the 9,812 votes he had garnered in the May 6 primary.

The light turnout which Short forces hoped would occur enabled Short--with the help of positive support in his home county of Lynn and Ector County--to overcome Workman's Lubbock County advantage.

### **Short gains in city**

Short increased his votes in all but one precinct in the city of Lubbock and in all but two rural-small town precincts in the county. At the same time Workman was able to increase the number of his votes in only one city precinct (Guadalupe, #5) but this was inconsequential as Workman increased his votes in Guadalupe only from 9 to 15 votes; Short also increased his votes in that precinct from 5 to 14.

In general, the supporters of Jesse George moved over into the Short camp. It is not known how former supporters of Delwin Jones and Morris Turner voted but there is some evidence that they split--if they voted, and it is apparent that

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## **CIRCULATION POLICY**

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has lately been launched, and we hope it will defray much of the cost of our publication. If you own or run a business, please advertise with us. Our low rates are indicated on page 7 of this issue. We estimate that our current readership is approaching 1,000, and subscribers and friends would welcome the opportunity to patronize our advertisers.

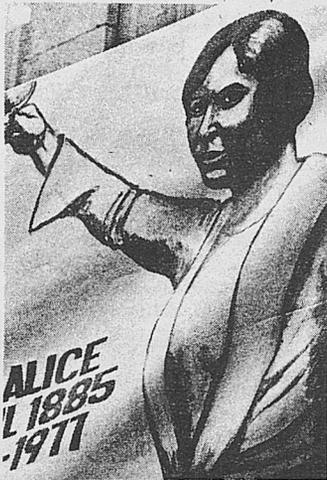
In spite of this free distribution policy, we still solicit subscriptions (at the modest price of \$4.00 annually) or any contributions, to help with the cost of publication and, consequently, to help keep human rights issues public in West Texas.



# Failure Impossible

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from religious organizations, service groups, civic organizations, feminist organizations, ethnic and human rights groups and labor unions are expected to number thousands.

The March, which will be held on the first anniversary of the death of Alice Paul, the author of the Equal Rights Amendment, will, for



the most part, parallel the format of last year's stirring August 26th Procession. At that time, delegations totalling over four thousand ERA Supporters and representing over 80 organizations participated.

Reminiscent of the suffrage marches, the July 9 marchers will dress in white and will wear the tri-color sashes of purple, white and gold. Participants will march in delegations carrying the replica of the early suffrage banners in the tri-colors and bearing the name of the delegation.

## march instructions

Marchers will assemble on the western end of the mall facing the Washington monument at 11AM and the parade will stretch east on Constitution Ave. toward the Capitol. The procession will pass the National Archives, the home of the Constitution, where an honor guard dressed in replicas of suffrage costumes and displaying a banner bearing the exact wording of the Equal Rights Amendment will be. Members of the

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# Divorced, Business, ERA

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and make divorce settlements fairer to the women involved. Thus, divorced women will be in a better position to establish credit.

Women in business confront obstacles in getting the large amounts of credit they need to establish enterprises, rent commercial premises and conduct other business transactions. These problems are not adequately dealt with by credit laws because the discrimination often takes place before the women apply for credit. Accumulating starting capital, gaining access to entrepreneurial programs or information and, in some states, getting permission from one's husband to engage in a business, handicap women early in the game. The Equal Rights Amendment can address these kinds of problems, beyond the scope of credit legislation, but which bear on a women's obtaining the adequate loans needed to run a business.

By C. Harrison, Chair, Credit Committee, NOW. National NOW Times, June 1978.

# There Is a Louisiana

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A state civil district court had ruled in Ms. Martin's favor, saying that the law allowing a husband to handle a couple's property without the consent or permission of his wife is unconstitutional because it permits "arbitrary sex discrimination." The State Supreme Court ducked the issue, however. Reversing the lower court decision, the justices held that the case should have been decided without addressing the constitutional question; Ms. Martin should have tried to block the second mortgage, they said, by filing an affidavit with the lending company.

The Spokeswoman, May 15, 1978. The Spokeswoman is an independent monthly published at 53 W. Jackson, Chicago, Il. 60604 (tel: 302-663-5060). Sub. \$16 by personal check and \$27 by institutional check.

# President Chooses Happy Young Woman

May 17, 1978, President Carter appointed Brenda Parker, National President of Future Homemakers of



**BRENDA PARKER**

America, to the National Advisory Committee for Women. Eighteen year old Ms. Parker has been appointed for a two-year term and will be the only youth member on the Committee. By Executive Order No. 12050 the Committee is charged with advising the President on a regular basis of any initiatives needed to insure full equality for women in the United States.

The Committee is also responsible for reviewing the applicability of the initiatives included in the National Plan of Action submitted to President Carter by the International Women's Year (IWY) Commission after the National Women's Conference in November 1977.

Ms. Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Foster Parker of Happy, Texas. She is a senior at Happy High School and a member of the National Board of Directors of Future Homemakers of America.

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honor guard will periodically ring a 200 pound brass liberty bell owned by the Lehigh Valley (PA) NOW chapter. Continuing east on Constitution Avenue, the marchers will converge on the Capitol, where they will hear speeches delivered by prominent members of feminist organizations, labor unions, civil rights leaders, as well as political leaders and other celebrities.

A July 10 lobbying day in support of the extension is planned for the Monday following the March. Participants are encouraged to stay over to lobby their representatives in support of the extension.

## OUR CONTINGENT

Lubbock NOW will be represented in full force at the Washington March. Elaine Bagley, Susie Sappington, Jane Twyman, Vicki Foster, Cathie McWhorter, Ken Lawler, Dorothy McLarty, Charlotte Gwinn, Nancy Caywood, and Tina Strouble are all donning white and flying from Dallas to Washington to participate in the March and to lobby Congress; Mahon, Tower, Bentson, and the whole East Coast beware because here we come!!!!



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# HOGWASH

There have been few contributions to HOGWASH over the last several months. It may be that things are going well and sexism is fading, but we somehow doubt it.

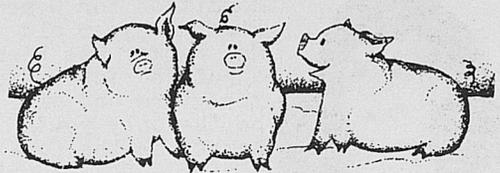
Remember HOGWASH is a column dedicated to those chauvinists whose pig-headedness prevents them from thinking before they speak. Send contributions to Pam Brink, P.O. Box 83, Lubbock 79408.

Entertainers Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra performed for SHARE, a women's charity, last weekend during a fundraising event which included many top stars and their wives in the program.

Submitted by a reader: Wichita Falls Record News, May 22, 1978.

"Women are pretty, generally speaking and pretty generally speaking."

The Optimist Magazine, June/July 1978, submitted by Jane Twyman.

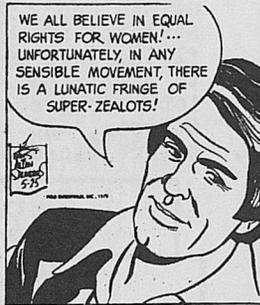


Wife: 'How do you like my new dress? I got it for a ridiculous price.'

Husband: 'It looks beautiful. (quietly) You mean you got it for an absurd figure.'"

The Optimist Magazine, June/July 1978, submitted by Jane Twyman.

## MARY WORTH



## By SAUNDERS & ERNST

Avalanche-Journal, May 25, 1978. Submitted by BLT, who suspects Saunders & Ernst may have their tongues in their cheeks.

"Husband on the phone: 'She's not here. She's at fine stores everywhere.'"

The Reader's Digest, from Weber in The New Yorker, May, 1978. Submitted by Pam Brink.

"A small boy returned home from school and told his father that he was second in his class. Top place, he explained, was held by a girl. 'Surely John,' said the father, you're not going to be beaten by a mere girl.'

'Well, you see, Father,' explained John, 'girls are not nearly as mere as they used to be.'"

The Optimist Magazine, June/July 1978. Submitted by Jane Twyman, but not really HOGWASH.

**YOUR AD IN THIS SPACE REACHES 1,000 READERS**

See page seven for rates

# Organization Need Organizers For Reorganizing NOW

At our August Program Meeting, in addition to a presentation on the Status of Black Women in the community, we will vote on new officers. The importance of our attendance at this meeting cannot possibly be stressed enough!

Edna Gott, Pam Brink, Tina Strouble, and Dorothy Stephenson have been chosen to draw up a slate of nominations for new officers, and although there will be nominations from the floor, please contact this nominating committee with your suggestions for three Coordinators, for Treasurer, and for Secretary so we can place their names on the slate. (NOW, Box 83, Lubbock 79408)



*The struggle for equality was never the generative core of feminism. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, for one, believed that women should be the decisionmakers.*

Earlier in the year, most of you received a packet outlining a proposal for reconstituting our group, and although we have had an encouraging response, there are still areas which need to be developed in our plan. Following is the general map for the reorganization of NOW. Please read it thoroughly and contact Elaine Bagley if you are willing to serve on any of the committees, or contact the nominations committee if you would be interested in running for an elective office.

We would like the presidency of NOW to be divided into three equal

Coordinators, each Coordinator in charge of a group of committees, and each committee covering what we consider to be the essential areas of concentration for community action.

## POLICY COORDINATOR

In charge of the following committees:

### a. Telephone

We envision this Committee as a group of people who would be willing to contact each member on the call-list and inform them of upcoming events (primarily, fundraising and political events). The call-list would be divided into sections and each member of the Committee would be responsible for the same group of people each time. This Committee might be comprised of people who wish to be involved in NOW but who find themselves physically bound by office or home work which makes more active participation difficult.

### b. Policy

This Committee is the official contact for all other Committees which wish to know our stand on issues: whether a petition should or could carry our endorsement, whether we should hold a news conference, etc. It requires that members be knowledgeable about National issues, official NOW policies, and local issues. Individual policy members might be able to answer a given request immediately or may need to confer with the Committee as a whole or with the three Coordinators for policy approval. In any case, Policy should be the body to contact for go-aheads. It decides whether further consultation is necessary.

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## ORGANIZATION NEEDS REORGANIZING NOW

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### c. Search

This Committee is working on day care evaluations - a women's directory. In the future, it is hoped that these people will achieve the goal of establishing a woman's center for Lubbock. Staffing an office is included under this Committee's responsibilities, as it would be included into the plan for a women's center. The NOW office will use volunteers to answer the NOW phone and refer calls to the proper place for answers. We need workers five days a week for 3 hours/day, from 5:00 to 8:00. Perhaps this could be an activity for people who need a quiet place to study.

This staff will be provided with basic information on Law-EEOC-Abortion-Birth Control-Service Agencies-Women's Protective Services, and any other concerns as they relate to women and children so they may answer questions for the public and membership. Serch will also maintain the NOW library files.

## ACTION COORDINATOR

In charge of the following committees:

### a. Program

This Committee plans our monthly programs, which are feminist oriented, varied in format, and educational. It chooses the issues, asks the people, sets up the room, and arranges for publicity.

### b. Political

This Committee sets itself up as an on-going information force in all political areas, both local and state-wide. It should write letters of protest or possibly praise to the A-J, keep us informed about legislative activities both pro and con concerning women, keep abreast of

governmental commissions-in-the-making concerning women, and keep the organization informed about local, state, and national voting records of our elected representatives. It should be our liaison with other women's groups in Lubbock, send a representative to City Council meetings, and during elections, be responsible for efforts to meet and vote for the candidates.

### c. Education

The Education Committee is to be concerned with the educational system and with educating the community about NOW. It is responsible for a Speaker's Bureau--speakers to present programs to various civic-service-women's groups in the community--plus, responsible for text-book evaluations, and monitoring primary and secondary schools and Tech on course offerings, women's sports, Title IX, and general policies. It would also be constructive to have a NOW member at each Lubbock School Board meeting.

### d. Media

This Committee will continue the basic activities of the Media Task Force: scan newspapers for sexist advertising, editorials, etc.; monitor TV stations for advertising problems and sexist programs; pressure TV stations for programs concerning women's issues through letters, etc.

It will also be in charge of NOW press releases and PSA's and organizing and setting up News Conferences for NOW.

This Committee will be our direct "channel" with the local media and should do all it can to establish itself in the mind of the A-J, TV channels, radio stations, and the University Daily as the body to contact for information on NOW reactions and responses.

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## NOW REORGANIZATION

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### OPERATION COORDINATOR

Is in charge of the following three Committees:

#### a. Fundraising

The importance of this Committee should be obvious. It plans all fundraising events, at least four events annually: Women's Equality Day--August 26, Christmas Sales--December, NOW Birthday Party--April, Garage Sale--June. And it is responsible for sales at conventions, sales at monthly meetings, and any other money-making possibilities during the year. We are always shamefully broke!!

#### b. Newsletter

This Committee is responsible for articles, typing, and organizing our monthly Newsletter.

#### c. Membership

This is one of the most important Committees we have. These people help new members define their roles in NOW. Members of NOW will need to decide whether they will be active and where they will be putting their time. This Committee not only concentrates on channeling new members into areas which will make them happy but also on constructive means for recruiting people, from Tech, for instance.

As of NOW, we need interested people to run for our three Coordinators, our treasurer, and our secretary. Also, the Newsletter Committee is the only one that is totally filled. Search, Programs, and Media are in solid operation but each would welcome new members. Political has just been born and is already making an impact on Lubbock but would love more participants. Policy and Education are at least in utero but  
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## Lubbock Voting

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many did not return for the run-off. Both Short and Workman received more votes in Precinct 23 (Monterey High) and 28 (Parsons Elementary School) than they received in the first primary; Short received more votes than he and Jesse George together received in the first primary, indicating that Jones and Turner supporters--or even some Workman supporters--voted for Short in the run-off. Likewise Workman received more votes in the run-off than he received in the May 6 primary.

From an ethnic point of view, voter turnout was lightest in Black and Mexican American precincts compared to the Anglo precincts.

Short increased his votes and percentage of the vote in both Black and Brown precincts, with Short gaining a greater percentage increase in Black precincts.

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Short's best showing in the Anglo precincts were Precinct 15 (Roscoe Wilson) where he got 50% of the 348 votes, Precinct 18 (O.L. Slaton Junior High 51.2% of 123 votes) and in the precincts where student votes are important although the turnout was light: Short did best among students at St. Elizabeth Church east of campus where student votes helped give him 50.7% of the 93 votes cast there.

Tech faculty were important in increasing Short's share of the votes to over 40% of the votes in Precincts 15 and 18 (mentioned above) as well as in Precincts 12, 28, and 30 in South Lubbock and Precincts 47 and 58 in West Lubbock.

Workman's positions on tenure and funding at Tech plus the resolutions pushed through the county convention May 13 alienated many Tech faculty members and spouses, as well as motivating many NOW members and supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment to support Short.

## Reorganization

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need members. And, at this time, Telephone, Fundraising, and Membership are not even a gleam in the eye!!

Please help us change the quality of life in our community by becoming active NOW members. Come to the August Meeting and VOTE and, in the meantime, call Elaine Bagley at the NOW number in the telephone book and join our Committees.

## NEW MEMBERS

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# Join NOW NOW

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Please fill out and return to Susie Sappington, P.O. Box 83, Lubbock, Texas 79408

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