

# LUBBOCK NOW TIMES

The Newsletter of the National Organization of Women

In Lubbock

February, 1982

## ISSUES DAY PLANNED

The League of Women Voters has invited Lubbock NOW to co-sponsor a "Women's Issues Day" on March 27. The theme of the conference will be Women's Issues in Perspective--Past, Present and Future.

Included in the tentative schedule is a morning showing of the movie "Rosie the Riveter" and a discussion of the book The Cinderella Complex.

After a luncheon, the afternoon activities will include panel discussions on Washington's impact on women. Knowledgeable speakers will discuss such areas as affirmative action, Title IX, health, employment, the elderly, education, and social security.

"We'd like to have some support from NOW," said co-chair Kathie Dietz of the League. "We think it's very important for women to be aware of these issues and have some idea of what needs to be done in the future."

Contact Lin Hughes, 745-4445, for further information.

Lubbock NOW was called upon to support the South Plains Children's Shelter at its January meeting.

Shelter manager Clark Ross showed slides explaining the work of the shelter, and asked NOW members to contribute to the organization's need list. Needed items include linens, an outdoor grill, and recreational equipment, particularly bicycles, tricycles, and tennis racquets. Toys and clothes for children are also needed,

Ross said, since many children arrive without any and take some when they leave.

In its three years of operation, the shelter has handled approximately 3,000 abused or neglected children. Persons interested in making contributions can get further information from Sunny Ryerson 793-3670.

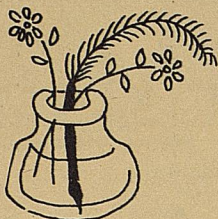
In other activity, plans were made for the annual newsletter fund-raiser, the Susan B. Anthony Birthday and St. Valentine's Day Massacre party.

### EVENTS

Friday, Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m. The Democratic Party Fund-Raiser at the KoKo Palace. This is a good chance to meet candidates one-to-one and find out how they feel about women's issues. Tickets are \$7 per person. Refreshments provided.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. till ? The annual Susan B. Anthony Birthday and St. Valentine's Day Massacre party at 3420 38th St. Donations of \$4 per person required. Band and refreshments provided.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Marcy Wenzler's, 2606 22nd St. Guests and friends are welcome.



# The Flip Side: Burnout

By Lin Hughes

Is the time for activism over? That question might seem to be one that could be answered with a resounding NO! given the likely outcome of ERA ratification, as well as the current backsliding on women's (and people's) issues in the national government.

But it seems to be a question to which our behavior is answering yes.

People who have been active for a long time, who have fought the hard battles when the going was really tough, who were in there working when it could be unpleasant to support feminism, now have other things to occupy their time. Maybe the problem is burnout. You can only fight the good, uphill fight for so long before it's too discouraging to keep on, too emotionally draining.

Then, too, the very success of those battles has led to the entry of more and more of our members and potential members into demanding professional careers.

We number in our local ranks attorneys, sociologists, economists, research biologists, and so on. These careers require large investments of time and energy, as do others I haven't named specifically, and don't mean to slight. It's hard to be in any career, carry on a home life, deal with kids and/or husband, and still have energy left over.

So the redirection of attention and energies on the part of those who have long been active is understandable.

But there doesn't seem to be much of anyone stepping in to fill the gap. And it seems to me that this is a very dangerous problem.

It may be time to rethink our options. If NOW locally is not to be an active as a group, what alternatives are there?

One thing we could do as individuals is become active in lo-

(Continued on Page 3)

## Lubbock NOW Times

is published monthly by the Lubbock chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Editor Lin Hughes  
Editorial Staff Dick Jespers  
Marietta Morrissey  
Gail Robertson  
Business Manager Briggs Twyman

Articles, poetry, etc. should be submitted to the Editor, 7802 Vernon, Lubbock 79423, typed and double-spaced on a 32-character line. Articles are subject to editing and rewriting. Opinions expressed in signed articles are those of the writer and not necessarily those of NOW, or anybody else, for that matter.

## The Flip Side

(Continued from Page 2)

cal political races, and not just as doorbell ringers and envelope-stuffers, jobs women usually get. We can look for candidates, male or female, who are sympathetic to issues that concern us and willing to listen to our viewpoint. And then we can support these candidates by talking to friends, neighbors, co-workers, whoever.

We can speak up firmly in our jobs, churches or schools whenever an issue arises that concerns us. We don't need to be strident, but we do need to make ourselves heard.

I realize that this is the kind of civic duty lecture that everyone's heard a hundred times. But when someone asks you if the time for activism is over, remember the psychologist's maxim: talk's cheap, behavior's everything.

## Screenings

(Continued from Page 6)

It's an important, though rarely presented, perspective: the fact that a revolution doesn't work out well doesn't alter the need for a revolution, though it does reflect the virtues of one particular revolution's aftermath.



Fine Food & Spirits  
Happy Hour 2-6  
All night Monday

1211 UNIVERSITY

Furr's  
Gourmet  
Center

- 13th & Slide
- 34th & Quaker
- \*Health Foods      \*Delicatessan
- \*Specialty Meats    \*Truffles
- \*Imported Cheese

## Letters To NOW

Inez Crawford contributed the following clipping from the El Paso Times, wondering what might be done about it. Quoting loosely:

Mountain States Legal Foundation, a non-profit legal society dedicated to "providing a nation in which American ingenuity and industry can flourish," generally agrees with Interior Secretary James Watt's policies on the environment. This is no surprise, since he is its former president.

Many Mountain States' suits

involve use of public land for grazing, oil, mineral and natural gas exploration, and designation of wilderness areas. However, Mountain States' battles are not limited to land-use questions.

The foundation is also helping Idaho fight for the right to rescind its favorable vote on the Equal Rights Amendment and has joined Arizona's challenge on the extension of the ratification deadline.

The foundation claims it has no position on the amendment's value, but is interested in the opportunity to clarify the process of amending the Constitution.

Mountain States is also considering joining the battle to allow Las Cruces schools to continue their daily minute of silence.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico is backing a suit against the policy, saying the practice violates the U.S. and New Mexico constitutions.

MARY V. HATFIELD  
CONSULTANT

PAMELA H. BRINK  
CONSULTANT

ELIZABETH OREM  
CONSULTANT

ASSOCIATED AUTHORS & EDITORS  
WRITING, EDITING, INDEXING, TRANSLATING

1619 University,  
Suite 210  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79401

PHONE 747-9100

## GINNY'S COPYING SERVICE

Self Service Copying  
Full Service Duplicating  
Binding

2618 34th

8am - 6pm M-F

6pm - 9pm M-T

self-service only

10am - 5pm Sat.

795-9597

# Your Ad In This Space Reaches

# 1500 Readers

Reasonable Rates beginning  
as low as \$6 for 1/8 page.  
For more information call  
Business Manager 797-8784.

# Screenings

Jeffrey M. Gamsco

Writing in The New Republic, Stanley Kauffmann suggests that the Russian Revolution is to Warren Beatty's awesome Reds as Danish foreign policy is to Hamlet--essential for context but otherwise incidental. Now, I like the film at least as much as Kauffmann does. Despite its many weaknesses, Reds is an absolute triumph: magnificent in scope, conception, editing, and energy. But to reduce its historical circumstance to a framework, to deny it thematic importance, is to reduce an epic to a soap opera.

Unfortunately, that's what most people who have reviewed the film have done. The reason seems clear enough. We don't like communists and communism. We don't like the Russian Revolution's aftermath.

Therefore, we can't like a film that celebrates communism or that revolution. And Reds is the only commercial American film I know of with an unrepentant communist as its hero. If we like Reds, then, we must either misread its politics or deny them.

But Beatty has not simply made a love story involving a man on that cliché of the cutting-edge of history, an edge which just happened to occur in 1917. Instead, he has made a truly political love story.

It is central to Reds that John Reed (Beatty) and Louise Bryant (Diane Keaton) are ardent supporters of the Russian Revolution. Their politics and their marriage are inextricably interwoven, as in the latter they struggle for exactly what they demand in the former.

(Continued on Page 6)

## Fund-raiser Set For Democrats

West Texas Democrats and the South Plains Democratic Council are sponsoring a fund-raiser on Friday, Feb. 5 at the KoKo Palace.

Candidates for state and local elective offices have been invited to be available to present their campaign literature and answer questions on a one-to-one basis.

Tickets are \$7 per person for the benefit, which will last from 7 to 9 p.m. Proceeds will be split between the two Democratic groups and used to support endorsed candidates in the May primary elections. This is a good opportunity to sound out local candidates on issues that concern NOW.

### LEGAL CLINIC

OF

Karen B. Hodges

Attorney-at-Law

announces the opening of a Legal Clinic for the performance of routine legal services at moderate prices.

DIVORCE	\$135 and up	AGREED ADOPTION	\$185
SIMPLE WILL	\$50	NAME CHANGE	\$50

Other routine services in juvenile, domestic, and tenant-landlord matters.

1515 13th Street  
Second floor

For appointment or  
information 765-8323

# Screenings

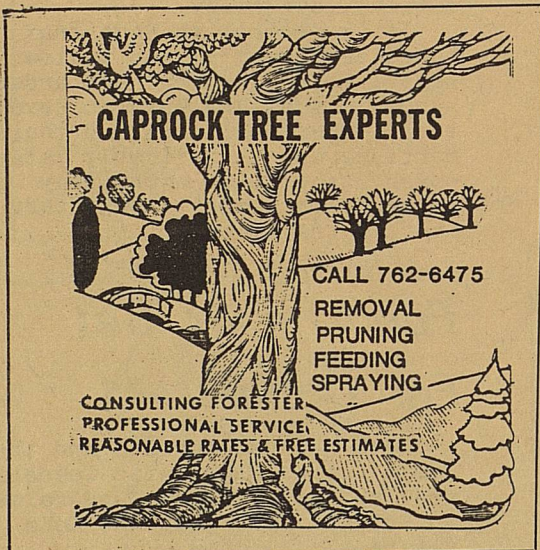
(Continued from Page 5)

Reed sees the Revolution as economically, politically, and socially necessary. He equates Tsarist Russia with the America of Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller, and he insists that American workers are ripe for the same liberating upheaval he sees in Russia. It is the same liberating pattern he wants to achieve with Bryant, though he is no more capable of that than the laborers he works with here are capable of freeing themselves.

Bryant's drives, though related, are distinct. She struggles to become more than simply Reed's feminine appendage, struggles for personal independence, struggles to achieve in her own life--and in her marriage--exactly the sort of equality she tells a Congressional committee women have achieved in post-Revolutionary Russia.

Of course, all of this is naive, but that's not the point. If Reed is disgusted (as he seems to be) by the increasing bureaucratization of and authoritarianism of the post-Revolutionary ruling Communist Party in Russia, and if Keaton comes to wonder (as she seems to) whether revolution is the solution to her marital difficulties, neither ever doubts the need for a revolution.

(Continued on Page 3)

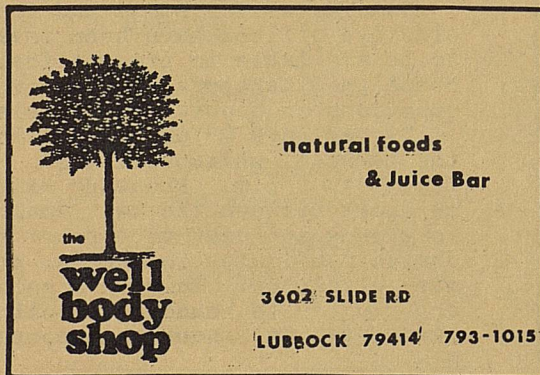


**CAPROCK TREE EXPERTS**

CALL 762-6475

REMOVAL  
PRUNING  
FEEDING  
SPRAYING

CONSULTING FORESTER  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE  
REASONABLE RATES & FREE ESTIMATES



natural foods  
& Juice Bar

the  
**well  
body  
shop**

3602 SLIDE RD  
LUBBOCK 79414 793-1015

**THE FIRST UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**



**Where Humanists Are Welcome**

2014 36th St. Church School 10 a.m.  
765-9089 Explorations 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service 11 a.m.

**ALFRED JUDD, MINISTER**

# CROSSED KEYS

FINE WINES & SPIRITS

Best on the Strip Since 1960

Happy Days

Are Always Here

When You Shop at Crossed Keys



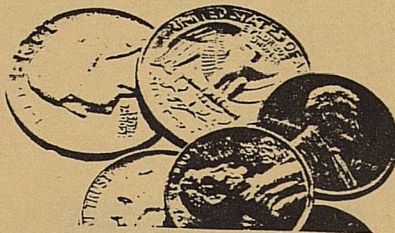
## LOW LOW PRICES

*Fantastic Specials*

"We'll Match any  
Lubbock advertised  
price." please bring dated price ad

*Now on the  
Short Road*  
**EXIT 98th ST.**

# I'm worth more than 59¢...



and I want to Join NOW so that the wage gap is closed. Count on me.

## JOIN NOW NOW

Please clip and mail with your check to Treasurer, Lubbock NOW, Box 83, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

I would like to become a member of Lubbock and National NOW (\$30).

I am already a member of National NOW and wish to pay local dues (\$7).

I want to join, but can only afford \$\_\_\_\_\_.

NOW Times only (\$5/year): Mail subscriptions to: Briggs Twyman 5414 43rd St., Lubbock, TX 79414

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Lubbock, Texas  
Permit No. 198

79401  
PAM BRINK  
2123 17TH  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS



5414 43rd St.  
Lubbock, Texas  
79414