



Dear Abby

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Dear Midge:

I appreciated the detailed, authoritative material concerning ERA that you thoughtfully gathered and sent to me.

Please thank Jo Ann Elferink and V. Marie Bass for me.

I am pleased to note that Phyllis Schlafly was in error right along with Shana Alexander. There seems to be a plethora of misinformation bandied about on both sides.

Not wishing to exist on an exclusive diet of "crow," I have decided to tread carefully in print, since quoting Shana Alexander's erroneous statements. Shame on me! I didn't think it was necessary to check out statements made by a responsible journalist--especially after hearing her make them on network television! (My error.)

It's unfortunate, Midge, that there are so many whereases and technicalities attached to each statement. Taking a few sentences out of context can be suicidal. I don't want to hurt the cause of ERA by printing half-truths.

Any supportive facts that can be used in the column, will be.

I attended an ERA bash at Marlo Thomas' a few nights ago and was delighted to see Bella Abzug, Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda, Carol Burnett, Polly Bergen, Henry Winkler, Norman Lear and many other important names there. (Dory Previn stole the show.)

Again, my profound thanks, Midge, for your help. I plan to be in Washington, D.C. for committee meetings for National Institute on Aging mid-October. Let's get Helen Thomas and have a girl-talk dinner while I'm in town. I want to see you.

In the meantime, it's good to know where I can get the honest-to-God straight poop on ERA. Thanks, friend.

Love,

Alley

Midge / phoned Helen
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Should you see Helen Thomas -
give her my love.
And hugs to Sandy & Jo Ann.