# Feminists vow to pass E.R.A.

Refillable case of beer

\$2 less than throwaway

# Reversal may be start of trend

WASHINGTON — Feminists ear recent Supreme Court setbacks to the women's movement may represent the reversal of a court trend that had been beneficial to emerging omen's rights.

They say, however, that such defeats will only rekindle efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment to the ing "a different constitutional stan-dard."

"It's hard to believe those nine en can reach decisions like they did today and then go home and face their wives," an angry feminist said Monday. "Those decisions were dis-

The nine men are the justices of he Supreme Court, which Monday dealt two blows to womens' rights groups. Those groups were still

By JIM LUTHER

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WASHINGTON — A soft drink in

refillable bottle costs an average of

ive cents less than in a throwaway

bottle or can. Beer in returnable

containers costs \$2 a case less than a

case of throwaways.

Those are the key finds of a 28-city survey conducted by the League of

Women Voters. The study provides further ammunition for groups seek-ing to ban throwaway bottles and cans to save energy and protect the

environment. In some states and

localities, voters will be asked to de-

cide whether to adopt laws or con-

stitutional amendments designed to

discourage throwaway containers either through outright bans or

economic incentives. The issue is expected to be hotly contested in

The League of Women Voters

found that a six-pack of soft drinks in 7- to 16-cunce refillable bottles costs

about 30 cents less than the same

size of throwaway containers. The

Congress next year.

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pregnancy benefits.

The court ruled unanimously

not entitled to all the Social Security benefits that go to married women.

before receiving a driver's license. Together with last week's decision

on pregnancy benefits, these decisions are being pointed to by leaders of the women's movement as evidence that the court may no longer the business community in hiring be as receptive to their complaints as and credit practice it recently was.

Whether there is in fact a new trend on the court should become clearer in coming months when the court hands down decisions in some groups. Those groups were still pending cases that have interested the women's movement.

an average of 16.8 cents less than

throwaways.

Of 37 direct comparisons, all but one found refillable bottles were

cheaper. The 37th, at a market in San Francisco, had a 28-ounce refill-

able bottle of ginger ale at the same price as a disposable.

the two types of containers was found in Roseville, Minn., where a quart of 7-UP in a refillable bottle was 66.7 per cent cheaper than in a

Nationwide, the savings per refill-

able ranged from one to 10 cents per

container of up to 16 ounces when purchased in six- or eight-packs. The range on quart bottles was from 14 to

The survey showed that a beer drinker could expect to spend from 30 cents to \$2 a case less for beer purchased in refillable containers. The saving for premium beer would be distable for premium beer would

However, the League found that

be slightly less.

The biggest price spread between

disability programs are not legally required to provide women with notably advancing when the Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that aborreme Court The court ruled unanimously tion is the private right of any woman Monday that divorced women are in her first three months of preg-

tucky law requiring married women late abortions in the first three to adopt their husband's last name before receiving a driver's live. The court has since struck down

Women's rights also made strides before the high court in areas such as equal pay for equal work, equal opportunities in education, including school sports, and equal treatment in

being viewed as a drastic reversal Feminist leaders called the court's pregnancy decision the greatest single setbacks to the women's movement in the past five years.

Judy Lichtman, a spokeswoman for the Women's Legal Defense Fund, said after Monday's two decisions: "We have been hit by the legacy of some rather conservative appointments to the court.

"If this series of decisions says nothing else to us, it ought to raise the effort of feminists to work all the harder for passage of the ERA. We now see the need to operate with a different constitutional standard."



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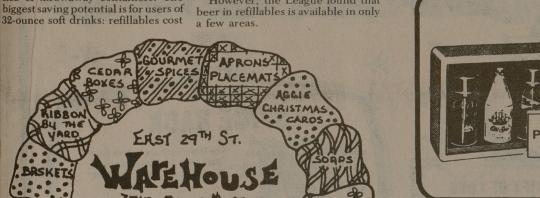
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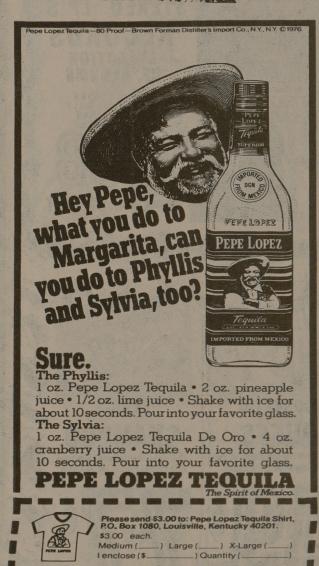
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