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Rebutting the Myths About RU 486

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Careful attention to the truth has never been standard operating procedure for pro-abortion advocates. Therefore, it should not be any surprise that half-truths, misrepresentations, and many outright lies have permeated their propaganda campaign to import the RU 486 abortion technique into the U.S.

Unfortunately, ever since 1985 the media have uncritically embraced much of the pro-abort rhetoric as the "conventional wisdom" about RU 486. Witness the grossly one-sided June 14, 1993, *TIME* magazine cover story on RU 486 titled "New, Improved And Ready For Battle." An equally biased accompanying article attempted to answer the question: "But Will It End The Abortion Debate?"

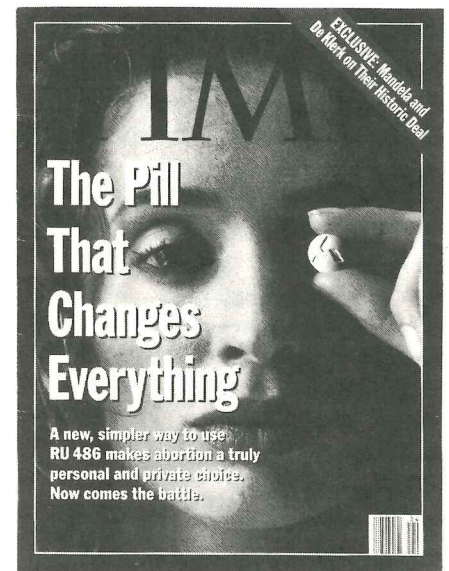
Ostensibly, the lead article was triggered by the announcement in the May 27 *New England Journal of Medicine* of an "easier" way to administer the prostaglandin used in virtually every RU 486 abortion. But in truth it turned into a paean of praise for the death drug, with virtually no space devoted to either the well-documented dangers to women, their babies, and society at large, or to the strong opposition from pro-lifers and some pro-abortion feminists.

Unfortunately, there is no reason to believe that the print and electronic media will change on their own. Therefore, pro-life supporters must take the responsibility for restoring some balance to the public debate by countering the misleading news accounts.

Using the *TIME* article as the latest example, here is some ammunition that you can use against the persistent myths about RU 486 as the basis for contacting reporters and writing letters to the editor. First, however, we will examine the crucial facts that *TIME* omitted before analyzing the misrepresentations.

Like so many magazine articles addressing the RU 486 controversy, the pro-RU 486 bias in *TIME* was perhaps more evident in what the article failed to discuss than what it did. *TIME* would have the reader believe that all of the science is on the side of the RU 486 advocates, since RU 486's complete safety and ease of administration is presented as a given. No mention is made of the book-length study of the world-wide scientific literature on RU 486 published in 1991 by three pro-abortion feminists. They were so critical of RU 486 that they wanted to have it taken off the market immediately.

TIME also failed to mention how the tests of RU 486 all report that most women experience severe cramping, nausea, vomiting, bleeding, and pain. In fact, the manufacturer of RU 486 in the United Kingdom, Roussel Laboratories, admits that 30% of the women require narcotic painkillers, and 9% of them experience "very heavy bleeding."



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NEWS NOTES

From the horse's mouth

California abortionist Dr. Howard N. Rosenthal, explaining why the abortion business is difficult, quoted in the San Jose Mercury News in the "Living" section April 2, 1993:

"One of the things an abortion doctor has to do is our own tissue examination, and that's a problem. After you do the procedure you have to take what you've collected into a separate room and evaluate. Did you get it all, and is it an appropriate amount for this state of pregnancy?"

"Especially in later abortions, from 10 weeks, you start recovering fetal parts. And certainly when you get past 12 weeks or in mid-trimester abortions, you have to account for all the major bone—two arms, two legs, the vertebrae, the backbone, the head, the chest. You have to account for all the fetal parts.

"And that's tough."

—NRL Chapter Newsletter, June 1993

People, not animals?

A new twist on Dutch euthanasia comes from a survey of older Dutch citizens by the Protestant Christian Elderly Society. The survey dealt with general health care and did not mention euthanasia; yet almost 10 percent of the 2,066 respondents volunteered that they are afraid their lives may be terminated during hospitalization. "They are afraid that at a certain moment, on the basis of age, a treatment will be considered no longer economically viable, and an early end to their life will be made," says society director Hans Homans.

—Associated Press, June 9

Meanwhile, a new Dutch foundation has established a "retirement home" for aging circus animals, to save them from being "put down" when they are too old and tired to do tricks. "You wouldn't kill an athlete just because his career is over, so why kill a circus animal?" says Arno van Valk of the Pantera Foundation.

—Washington Times, May 10, 1993

Ginsburg

President Bill Clinton has selected federal Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to replace Supreme Court Justice Byron White, who retired after 31 years on the Court.

Some recent press accounts have reported that Ginsburg has "criticized" *Roe v. Wade*. That is misleading. Ginsburg did not criticize the outcome in *Roe*, but only the Supreme Court's tactical judgment and its legal rationale. Ginsburg's own constitutional doctrine—that limitations on abortion are a form of sex discrimination—apparently would invalidate even the types of limits on abortion permitted by *Roe*, such as parental consent laws and limits on late-term abortions.

—NRL News, June 14, 1993

China

In addition to compulsory sterilizations and abortions, there have been increasing reports of harsh crackdowns by local family planning officials on women and families who have children without permission.

As reported in the April 25 *New York Times*, Li Qiuliang was only seven months pregnant on Dec. 30, 1992, when local officials decided she should give birth then and not in the new year. They forced a doctor to induce labor, resulting in death for the baby and serious disability for the mother. Other Chinese citizens who give birth illegally have had their homes destroyed and property confiscated.

—NRL Chapter Newsletter, June 11, 1993

Poland

The Polish senate voted to approve strict limits on abortion. The measure "virtually end[s] abortion...because three doctors would have to agree it was necessary." Abortion has been legal in Poland since 1956.

This legislation went into effect on March 15th. It brings to an end 37 years of using abortion as a form of birth control in Poland.

—Beginnings
WELS Lutherans for LIFE, April 1993

Maternity services

The Salvation Army Denby Center is a residential center located on the northwest side of Detroit. One of the programs located at the Denby center is maternity services.

The maternity program is a 24-bed residential program that offers prenatal care, counseling, parenting training and education courses for pregnant women and girls up to 22 years of age. Program participants attend a Detroit Public School for expectant mothers, and deliver their babies at Grace Hospital in Detroit.

The young women stay on the newly remodeled maternity floor at the center until their babies are born, and then return to their permanent homes or are placed in a foster care setting.

The new mother is then enrolled in the Next Step program for one year following delivery. The progress of each mother and her baby is monitored by follow-up home visits from a Salvation Army social worker who offers guidance and support.

Your church or organization may wish to host a "Baby Shower" for the girls at Denby or provide financial assistance for an outing.

For more information, call the Denby Center at 537-2130.

Lifesavers

The Christian Activist Network, who sponsors sidewalk counseling in metro Detroit, has seen a total of four women decide to keep their unborn children this past month. Nine others left the abortion clinic after speaking to our sidewalk counseling teams. Bless the Lord!

Anyone interested in ministering to women and their families through sidewalk counseling efforts can call Larry or Cassey at 313-776-9415. Sidewalk Counseling training can be arranged.

Abortion is No Solution to Poor Women's Problems

By Myrna Gutierrez

When poor pregnant women face financial

crisis, job discrimination or abusive homes, shrill voices yell "abortion" as the solution. After the abortion, when her problems remain, society blames the poor women for contributing to the welfare rolls.

During 20 years of virtually unlimited access to abortion, abortion-on-demand has flunked the test as the miracle cure for social problems. Since abortion was legalized, feminization of poverty, child abuse, single parenting and sexual exploitation have skyrocketed. Millions of women now face the emotional and physical scars left by abortions, and women who have had abortions face a suicide risk nine times greater than that of those who haven't.

Now, the failed miracle cure of abortion has fixed its laser beam on poor women through proposed restoration of Medicaid funding of abortion. Using taxpayers' money for abortion robs poor women of empowering opportunities such as employment and educational development, affordable housing and other positive solutions to end poverty. Desperately needed funds for prenatal and postnatal care will be drained to abort poor women's babies.

The most alarming result of Medicaid funding of abortion is that it will increase not only the number

abortions, but the number of pregnancies.

Before and after the Hyde Amendment limited federal funding of abortions, studies in Ohio, Georgia and Michigan explored the impact of Medicaid-funded abortions. The results clearly revealed that lack of public funding did not result in an increase in "unwanted" births. Instead, fewer children were conceived. Ohio, for example, witnessed a 15.1 percent drop in the number of pregnancies.

Social engineers who advocate Medicaid funding of abortions argue that poor women produce "unwanted" children who will burden society. But consider how the women's movement rightly fought against the same premise that women are valued on the basis of whether a man "wants" them or not. It's repugnant to echo that same oppressive criterion for a defenseless child.

Furthermore, research consistently has shown that "unwantedness" does not increase child abuse. On the contrary, 91 percent of battered and abused children are the result of maladjusted attitudes, not poverty. Instead of creating a nurturing climate among families, abortion promotes the tragic perception of children as expendable objects whose parents can deal with them as they see fit.

While 70 percent of women with incomes of less than \$25,000 disapprove of abortion, compared with 52

percent of more affluent women, poorer women account for two-thirds of abortions. As poor women fall prey to the deception that abortion is the quick fix to their problems, the wealthy cheer from the sidelines.

Support of Medicaid funding of abortions changes according to social class and racial differences. A 1992 Wirthlin poll found that people earning less than \$15,000 per year oppose tax-funded abortions by a ratio of 63-32, while people earning more than \$60,000 favor it, 57-41. African Americans opposed it 64-33, and whites by only 53-43. Why are the wealthy so interested in targeting poor women's unborn babies for abortion?

Working among the poor and homeless on Chicago's South Side taught me that abortion is not the solution poor people dream about. Rather, they, too, dream of dignity, respect and a better life for themselves and their children. It's time we try to eliminate the crisis—not the children.

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For more information on the Hyde Amendment, please see the legislative update on page 9, and if you're interested in helping "eliminate the crisis," see the Wee Care article on page 11.

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—Myrna Gutierrez is director of public affairs for Americans United for Life

Planned Parenthood

Life Decisions International is working throughout the United States, Canada and other countries to stop Planned Parenthood (PP). Their Corporate Funding Project is dedicated to ending PP's corporate and public funding and worldwide influence.

Contributions to Planned Parenthood are of particular concern because it is the nation's leading promoter and provider of legal abortion. Planned Parenthood has placed high emphasis on gaining financial support from major companies.

Most corporations donate these funds through a foundation. Some corporate leaders claim the foundations are independent, but the foundation funds come from the corporation. Corporate donations are made to local, national and/or international Planned Parenthood organizations.

Corporate leaders attempt to justify their donations by saying corporate funds are not being used for abortions, but rather for Planned Parenthood's ongoing "educational" programs. While this is generally true, donations still place the corporation in the position of being seen as a supporter of a group that performs abortions, even if they are not funded by corporate dollars. Moreover, budgeting procedures allow Planned Parenthood clinics to transfer unrestricted funds to abortion and abortion

advocacy projects because the funds for its "educational" programs are being paid for with restricted corporate grants. It should also be noted that Planned Parenthood's "educational" programs are highly controversial.

Life Decisions International publishes a boycott list of corporate supporters of Planned Parenthood which is available for a donation of \$2 each. You may automatically receive a new boycott list as changes occur for a donation of \$20 per year. Send your check to Life Decisions International, P. O. Box 419, Amherst, NY 14226.

Pro-life advocates are encouraged to write to corporate leaders and inform them of their displeasure. (Send a copy or a separate letter to the person responsible for the corporate giving program for each corporation as well.) Pro-lifers are also encouraged to educate themselves as to which products and services are offered by these corporations and keep this in mind when making purchases.

At this writing, 27 corporations have stopped funding Planned Parenthood because of public pressure.

When buying back-to-school clothing, please keep in mind that Hudson's, Target, Mervyn's, Esprit and Levi Strauss are still on the list.

For more information, call your local Lifespan office.

"D & X" Abortions

In an article in its July 5 edition titled "Shock-tactic Ads Target Late-term Abortion Procedure," *American Medical News* examined the controversy surrounding various drawings and descriptions depicting the brutal "D&X" abortion method, now used by some abortionists between 18 and 40 weeks of pregnancy (i.e., from about 4-1/2 to nine months). (See the July 1993 issue of *Lifespan News*.)

Pro-abortion groups, notably the National Abortion Federation (NAF), had earlier insisted that claims about the D&X procedure were gross distortions. But presented with information gathered by *AMNews*, NAF Executive Director Barbara Radford acknowledged that information which a newspaper editor received from NAF was inaccurate.

AMNews interviewed the two abortionists with the most experience in the D&X method, Dr. Martin Haskell, who practices in Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. James McMahon of Los Angeles. The two abortionists validated NRLC's statements on virtually every disputed point.

For example:

□ Both Dr. Haskell and Dr.

McMahon told *AMNews* that the majority of babies aborted with the D&X method are alive until the end of the procedure (when they stab the baby through the base of the skull with a surgical scissors).

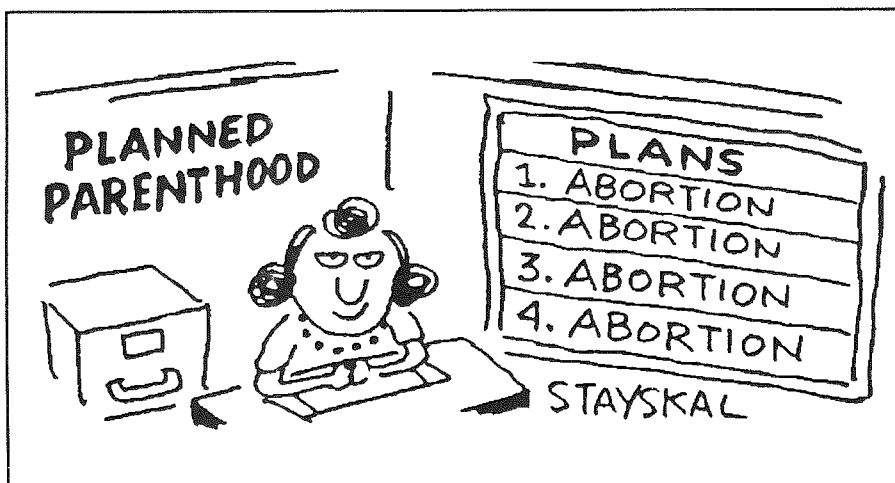
□ Regarding the conflict between a NAF claim that "some 300-500" third-trimester abortions are performed annually, and then-Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's 1984 estimate of 4,000 third-trimester abortions a year, Dr. Haskell said that "probably Koop's numbers are more correct."

□ Both Dr. Haskell and Dr.

McMahon acknowledged that they perform what they call "elective" abortions past 24 weeks, and McMahon admitted performing abortions, using the D&X method, to 40 weeks—which is a full-term pregnancy.

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LIFE CHAIN

of Metro Detroit

National Life Chain Sunday

October 3, 1993 - 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Woodward Ave.

From 7 Mile Rd. to 13 Mile Rd.



Thousands of people will be lining the sidewalks of Woodward Avenue from Seven Mile Rd. in Detroit to Thirteen Mile Rd. in Royal Oak, all silently holding uniform, prolife signs which state that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN." This is what is known as a **LIFE CHAIN**. This peaceful, prayerful event will provide a visual statement of unity by the Metro Detroit community that **ABORTION IS WRONG AND THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE KILLING OF UNBORN CHILDREN!** Our fourth annual LIFE CHAIN is scheduled in conjunction with National Life Chain Sunday. Will you invest one afternoon to help save a lifetime? Call 533-9090 for details.

Five Points Community
Auburn Hills

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Temple Baptist, Redford

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Clawson

Ward Presbyterian, Livonia

Waterford Community

Wyandotte Christian

Zion Lutheran, Detroit



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Summer ofc. hrs.

Thru September 6
Monday-Thursday 10-4
Patricia Holscher, Chairman
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

Don't be fooled Don't be misled Lifespan hasn't moved

Some of you have contacted me regarding phone calls and solicitation of money from other pro-life groups and directing you to send your dues to a different address than our office at 27578 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Please be assured that I did not give your name or address to any other organizations.

Right to Life - Lifespan has a written policy against giving or selling its membership lists to ANYONE!

Furthermore, this office does not solicit membership dues over the phone, and we would never ask you to send your donations to a P.O. box as we have a viable office in Livonia.

Your membership dues and donations are needed for our continuing educational projects.

Educational materials including literature, films, videos, books, tapes, etc. are part of our lending services. Free of charge, we supply grade, high school and college students, as well as other interested parties with

materials which cannot be found in public libraries or in the media.

If you have recently received your annual membership renewal letter signed by me, Patricia Holscher, Chairman, Wayne County West and Downriver Chapter, please respond; we rely on these contributions to continue our pro-life activities. Every donation is vitally important!

Treasures and trinkets

Lifespan's Annual Super Garage Sale will be at 26781 Timber Trail, Dearborn Heights, between Ford and Cherry Hill and between Inkster and Beech Daly on Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11, 9:30 am-6:00 pm.

Workers are needed; also, items for selling. Tools, furniture, jewelry, working appliances, knick-knacks, garden tools, baby items, etc. are good sellers. No clothes, please. Call 565-2246 or 422-6230.

(If you have a sturdy card table in good condition, please bypass the sale, and bring it into the office. We really need one.)

Lifespan newsletter

It is vitally important that you receive the *Lifespan News* on a regular basis. Where else will you read and learn the truth about pro-life issues? The daily papers or media continue to be biased and deceptive in their reporting.

It's important to become informed and feel comfortable speaking out in defense of human life. Each of us must become a pro-life educator.

We must persuade those who are undecided that pro-lifers are not as we are portrayed in the public media. How else than personal contact?

Offer membership in Lifespan to everyone you know, and let them join thousands of dedicated people who

believe in the right to life for all innocent humans, born and unborn.

We need to be united if we are to continue to be a strong lobby that Lansing and Washington will recognize and respect. Call 422-6230 for a supply of membership envelopes or information.

In memoriam

Lifespan extends our sympathy to Sally Price and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Barnasconi.

Sally worked dedicatedly as Office Manager for the Wayne West office for many years before her retirement to Tennessee.

Bowling for Life

We appreciate all those who participated in our annual fundraiser, and will publish the results and names of the winners in the next newsletter.

Wee Care

Wee Care has helped over 200 moms and their babies since January. A separate phone line has been installed to handle the large number of calls for help.

Please refer all calls to this new number: 513-LIFE (5433).

We know you care. See article on page 11 for ways in which you can become part of Wee Care.

State Fair

The Wayne West/Downriver Chapter will be behind the Lifespan booth at the Michigan State Fair September 4-6.

Stop by and see us and our educational display in the Michigan Mart Building.

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(313) 422-6230

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Office hours

M, Th 10-2; TWF Closed
Carol Smith, Chairman
Betty Queen, Ofc. Mgr.

State Fair

We have a few time slots open for the State Fair Booth—please consider volunteering a few hours.

The Detroit Chapter will be working at the Lifespan booth at the Michigan State Fair August 31-September 3.

Please call 874-0432 on Monday or Thursday. We need your help.

Candy sale

We wish to sincerely thank the volunteers who so graciously gave of their time on Father's Day to sell candy bars.

This was the Detroit Chapter's first try for this project, and the few churches participating did very well.

We are very grateful to all who in any way helped in our fundraiser. God bless all.

Detroit Chapter
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Office hours

M, T, Th, F 12-3; W 10-4
Diane Fagelman, Chairman
Clare Schneider, Secretary

Many thanks

A hearty thank you to all the Lifespan churches and members who supported our Father's Day candy and carnation sale.

The message of "Thanks, Dad, for LIFE" was spread throughout Oakland County. As a fundraiser, it was a resounding success!

FOCA

Some churches have had letter-writing campaigns, and Congressman Sander Levin has responded that "the Freedom of Choice Act will simply codify *Roe v. Wade*."

If you need further information to rebut this response, please call the office at 258-9760 or Diane Trombley at 528-2122.

Memorial gifts

Memorial and honorary gift envelopes are available in the Oakland office upon request.

A card will be sent to whomever you designate with your name as donor. The amount of gift will not be indicated. You will receive acknowledgement of your gift upon request.

Take advantage of this service next time you wish to honor someone on an anniversary or birthday or special occasion.

Summer fairs!

The Oakland Chapter will work the Lifespan booth at the Michigan State Fair, in the Michigan Mart Bldg., August 27-30.

We will also have an educational booth at the Troy Daze, September 24-26.

Call 258-9760 to volunteer to work at one of these fairs, or stop by and say hello when you're at the fair.

Oakland County Chapter
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(313) 258-9760

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I recently came back from a week in the sun with a thorn in my side.

On the beach in Florida, there were 2' x 2' sections fenced off. Warning signs abounded regarding fines and imprisonment if the turtle eggs within were disturbed. Florida license plates extolling us to protect the panther and manatee were everywhere.

In 1973 Congress passed the Endangered Species Act. How sad and ironic that the U.S. Supreme Court "legislated" *Roe v. Wade* and removed all protection from unborn humans that same year.

While I believe wildlife should be protected, there is something desperately wrong with our society when an unborn turtle lies safely in the sand while down the street unborn babies are legally killed in the name of "choice."

When I first became involved in the right to life movement in 1974, I was very naive. I remember telling one newsman that if people only knew the truth about abortion, they would rise up against the slaughter. I was so wrong.

After all, it is "politically correct" to be an animal rights activist, but woe to those of us who are "anti-choice."

What shouldn't happen to a dog, does happen to babies—children are our most endangered species.



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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
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The Honorable (first and last name)
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
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The Honorable John Engler
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P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-3400

The Honorable (full name)
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 373-1837

Informed Consent

Area representatives voting **YES** were: Bullard, Ciaramitaro, DeMars, Hertel, Jamian, Jaye, Kaza, Keith, Kukuk, Middleton, Olshove, Palamara, Pitoniak, Porreca, Rocca, Whyman.

Area representatives voting NO
were: Bankes, Barns, Bennane,
Berman, Crissman, Dobb, Dobronski.

Area representatives absent or not voting were: Bryant, Hood, Kilpatrick, Murphy, Varga, Weeks, Young, R.

Although the Senate had passed the bill in April, it had to go back for a second vote because of the amendments. The Senate passed the bill on July 13 by a vote of 25-5.

Area senators voting **YES** were:
Bouchard, Carl, DiNello, Dingell,
Dunaskiss, Geake, Hart, Honigman,
Miller.

There were no area senators voting NO. Area senators excused were: Faust, Faxon, Holmes, Kelly, O'Brien, Smith. Senators not voting were: Vaughn.

Please write or call your legislators
and express your pleasure or displeasure
regarding their vote.

Lifespan Invites You to Breakfast

Saturday, November 13
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

\$10 per person

Livonia Marriott

17100 N. Laurel Park Dr.

(I-275 and Six Mile Rd.)



**With Special
Guest Speaker
Congressman
Joe Knollenberg**

Remittance must accompany reservation. Seats are limited. Make your check payable and mail to: **Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152.** Call 533-9090 for more information.

PLAN NOW ON ATTENDING THE 1993 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



Update



NATIONAL NEWS

Hyde Shocks Pro-aborts, Press

In a major pro-life victory, the House of Representatives voted, by an 85-vote margin, to renew the "Hyde Amendment," which prohibits federal funding of most abortions.

Led by Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL), pro-life forces won three roll calls in a row, the last by a lopsided margin of 256 to 171.

The House action occurred on June 30 during consideration of a \$216 billion appropriations bill (HR 2518) for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Senate is not expected to take formal action on the bill until September. However, leaders of both sides predict that the abortion issue will be hard fought in the Senate, with the outcome uncertain.

The House votes, which came after heated debate, stunned pro-abortion groups and surprised the press.

The House action was a defeat for President Clinton, who has urged repeal of the Hyde Amendment.

Shown below are the three roll call votes by which the U.S. House of Representatives approved the Hyde Amendment on June 30, 1993.

		Key		
		X	Pro-life vote	
		O	Pro-abortion vote	
		?	Did not vote	
Dist.				
1	Stupak (D)	X	X	X
2	Hoekstra (R)	X	X	X
3	Henry (R)	?	?	?
4	Camp (R)	X	X	X
5	Barcia (D)	X	X	X
6	Upton (R)	X	X	X

7	Smith (R)	X	X	X
8	Carr (D)	O	O	O
9	Kildee (D)	X	X	X
10	Bonior (D)	O	X	X
11	Knollenberg (R)	X	X	X
12	Levin (D)	O	O	O
13	Ford (D)	O	O	O
14	Conyers (D)	O	O	O
15	Collins (D)	O	O	O
16	Dingell (D)	O	O	?

The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) has already said that it will urge the Senate to add language requiring federal funding of abortions for "health." Because "health" is legally defined, with respect to abortion, as "emotional well-being," this language would require federal funding of abortion on demand.

Please write today to your two U.S. senators. Tell them that you strongly oppose President Clinton's proposal for tax-funded abortion. Urge them to vote for the Hyde Amendment, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 30. Urge them to oppose any attempt to require federal funding of abortion on demand under such trick phrases as "health" or "medically necessary."

Also, please write a letter to the House member who represents you. If he voted for the Hyde Amendment, thank him, and urge him to oppose any future attempts to require federal funding of abortion on demand under such trick phrases as "health" or "medically necessary." If he voted against the Hyde Amendment, inform him that you are strongly opposed to his position in support of tax-funded abortion on demand.

FOCA Alert

Please write to your two U.S. Senators and your U.S. Congressman. Express your strong opposition to the "Freedom of Choice Act." Your letters to lawmakers should be in your own words. But we have suggested several points below for your consideration.

POINTS TO CONSIDER ABOUT "FOCA"—the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" is a dream of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). It would wipe out virtually all state limitations on abortion.

In fact, FOCA would make it impossible for states to place any meaningful limits on third-trimester abortions. Under FOCA, only the abortionist himself can define a time limit for abortions—and he is specifically authorized to perform abortions "at any time" to enhance the emotional "well-being" of the mothers.

In addition, FOCA would require that states allow a minor to get an abortion after consulting with any "responsible adult," rather than a parent. And the bill would prohibit states from requiring waiting periods for abortion or even from prohibiting non-doctors from doing abortions.

Phone calls to your congressional offices are also extremely important. The phone number for the congressional switchboard in Washington, D.C. is (202) 224-3121.

To send pre-written telegrams to your two senators and your congressman, call the "Stop FOCA Now" HotLine. Dial toll-free, 1-800-258-2222. Ask for Hot Line #9381. You will be billed \$8.30 on your phone bill. This HotLine is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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To *TIME*, the death of Nadine Walkowiak on March 23, 1991, was just a "freak accident." Conveniently, the magazine failed to mention that three other women have also suffered life-threatening heart attacks. And those are just the ones we know about.

But, of course, now that the government "banned use of the pill by heavy smokers and women age 35 and older," those dangers are in the past, *TIME* implies.

But as readers know from previous stories, the published reports of side effects—which are bad enough—are just the tip of the iceberg. In October

taglandin, RU 486's "success" rate is not high enough to make it a plausible alternative to surgical abortion. But the prostaglandin can cause heart attacks, for example. In fact, the French government requires that the facility using RU 486 have cardio-vascular resuscitation equipment available.

Moreover, research reports indicate that at least 5% of women fail to have a complete abortion with the RU 486/prostaglandin technique. In those cases, the woman would either undergo a surgical abortion or have her uterus scraped out to remove all of the remaining fetal body parts and tissue.

Another myth that *TIME* perpetuates is the crass dehumanization of the unborn baby whose life is being taken

by RU 486. As in so many other media reports, the description of how the RU 486/prostaglandin

technique works is a curious conglomeration of scientific gobbledygook. "The concept was rather simple: RU 486, an antiprogesterin, could break a fertilized egg's bond to the uterine wall and thus induce a miscarriage," says *TIME*.

The unborn baby who dies in an RU 486 abortion is not a "fertilized egg," but a human being whose heart has started to beat. Intentionally killing an unborn baby is an "abortion," not a "miscarriage," which occurs naturally.

The term "fertilized egg" is scientifically inaccurate and creates the false impression that the unborn child is nothing more than one cell, and somehow unworthy of protection. "Embryo" is the correct medical term for an unborn baby when "RU 486" is used in France at five to seven weeks into pregnancy (as measured from the time of the onset of the mother's last menstrual period—LMP). Oddly, in describing the action of the prostaglandin used in conjunction with RU 486, *TIME* uses "embryo." But by that time, the damage is done, and the reader would surely be left with the wrong impression.

One other myth appearing in *TIME* that should be corrected at every opportunity is the assertion that RU 486 is a cure for serious diseases or condi-

tions. "There are also indications that RU 486 can combat endometriosis, a leading cause of female infertility, and fibroid tumors, a condition that often necessitates hysterectomy," observes the article. Not only that, says the magazine, "assorted studies have found that RU 486 may also combat breast cancer and Cushing's syndrome, a life-threatening metabolic disorder."

The truth is that RU 486 is licensed only for abortion. There have been many tests on other uses, but it remains a death drug only.

In addition, these grandiose claims of therapeutic use are based on preliminary tests on small groups of people. The manufacturer is testing RU 486 around the world for a variety of uses, including research in the U.S., but none of the tests are conclusive enough to make the company apply for a license.

The claim that RU 486 may cure breast cancer is particularly outrageous in view of the total lack of evidence. There have been only two published studies on a total of 33 women.

In one study published in 1987 of 22 women, four got better, and five died. In fact RU 486 showed such limited potential to cure breast cancer that the U.S. National Cancer Institute turned down an offer to sponsor tests because it had higher priority drugs that offered more hope!

Moreover, contrary to claims by pro-abortion advocates, the Pro-Life Movement has never opposed testing RU 486 for non-abortion purposes, and such tests have been going on in the U.S. for almost a decade.

Educating the general public by punching holes in these myths through contacts with reporters and letters to the editor is a must. If given the truth about how RU 486 and prostaglandin kills unborn babies and is dangerous to women, the public will respond. It is vitally important for the Movement to correct the misinformation.

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1990, at a workshop on "Contraceptive Technology: Promises and Politics" at the American Public Health Association annual meeting, Professor Meredith Turshen, Ph.D., from Rutgers University described unpublished research data suggesting a far bleaker picture than RU 486 advocates were painting.

She later amplified her remarks in a news story appearing in the July 31, 1992, edition of the *Boston Herald*, "My feeling is there are probably a lot more significant near-deaths or 'accidents' than we know about," she said.

The biggest fallacy/myth in both *TIME* articles was the underlying premise that the introduction of RU 486 could almost entirely do away with the need for surgical abortion facilities. With the RU 486 "miracle drug," suggests the magazine, the abortion clinic disappears, "replaced by the privacy of thousands of anonymous doctors' offices."

But this approach puts the woman's life and health in jeopardy. Even abortion advocates admit that RU 486 must be used under very tight medical supervision in order to deal with the inevitable short-term side effects from both of the powerful synthetic hormones—RU 486 and a prostaglandin that the woman takes. Without pros-

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her best friend for support. According to Hanft, the young woman was deeply distressed when she learned the identity of her biological mother.

Hanft explained the background of the *Roe vs. Wade* case, and handed her a *People* magazine story about McCorvey.

"She looked at it, and it sunk in. She threw it down and ran out of the room," said Hanft.

"It was horrible. Imagine your mother not wanting you SO much that she went to the Supreme Court to get rid of you," Hanft said.

Meanwhile, back in Texas, McCorvey had admitted two years earlier that she lied in her attempt to obtain an abortion. She claimed to have been raped by three men and a woman.

In the early 1970s, Texas law only allowed abortions in cases that threatened the life of the mother, so it's not clear why McCorvey, who was a 21-year-old waitress at the time of her pregnancy, thought the lie would help her.

According to a 1989 *Cincinnati Enquirer* news story, McCorvey refused to comment after being told Baby Roe had been located, because she said, "I don't want to hurt my child in any way."

No, but you wouldn't mind killing her, would you, Norma?

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Roe vs. Wade, FOCA are both based on lies

By Kathleen Howley

Here are two facts about *Roe vs. Wade* that you won't find widely reported in the media:

Baby Roe is alive and well, and living in Seattle, Washington. The child who prompted the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision is now 22 years old, and pro-life. She was, in fact, against abortion before she discovered her identity four years ago.

I'd imagine that if she wasn't already pro-life hearing that her mother tried to abort her would be enough to change her mind.

Also, her biological mother, Norma McCorvey, the Texas woman who used the pseudonym Jane Roe in her battle to obtain a legal abortion, admitted in 1987 that she lied in the landmark case.

Thus, the ruling that resulted in one-third of a generation being exterminated was, in fact, based on a lie. Anyone who has researched the abortion issue and peeled back the layers of untruths put out by "pro-choicers" will understand why I say that McCorvey's admission doesn't surprise me.

In the past 20 years, American women have fallen victims to the greatest money-making con job ever perpetrated. Killing is now marketed as a "choice," and women are routinely told by the \$600 million-a-year abortion industry that there are no physical or emotional consequences to terminating the vulnerable lives in their wombs.

Americans have fallen hook, line and sinker for the idea that what makes children alive is whether or not they are wanted by their parents. Medical evidence—a developing child has a heartbeat at three weeks, brain waves at six weeks, feels pain at seven weeks—is ignored.

Abortion has become big business, with most major credit cards accepted. More than 42 percent of abortions in America are the woman's second, third or fourth, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research wing of Planned Parenthood. Statistics reveal that more than 97 percent of abortions are performed as a form of birth control.

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There's no barrier to obtaining late-term abortions, contrary to what most Americans think. According to the Supreme Court, all a woman needs to do is have a doctor claim that it would threaten her emotional health to continue to carry her baby.

When Congress talks about the proposed Freedom of Choice Act "merely" encoding *Roe vs. Wade* into law, that's what they're talking about—

open season on unborn children, up to the moment of birth.

Yet when the so-called objective pollsters take the pulse on the abortion issue, the questions they asked are always something like: "Would you deny a woman the right to choose by forcing her into a back alley if she wants to end her pregnancy?" That's an editorial, not a question.

The next time you see a pro-choicer waving a coat hanger, think of the number 39. That's right. According to public health statistics, that's how many women died from illegal abortions in 1972, the year before *Roe*. The year after *Roe*, about 1 million babies died. Since then, almost 30 million have died.

McCorvey never got the abortion she sought, because her case took years to reach the Supreme Court. The baby was put up for adoption after her birth in 1971, and was almost two years old when the high court issued the "Mother of All Death Warrants."

Four years ago Toby Hanft, who runs a San Francisco adoption search agency, traced McCorvey's child to a Seattle suburb where she lives with her adoptive mother. When Hanft found Baby Roe she was a college student and had no idea she had sparked the landmark Supreme Court abortion decision.

Hanft arranged a meeting in a hotel restaurant, and Baby Roe brought her adoptive mother, her boyfriend and

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