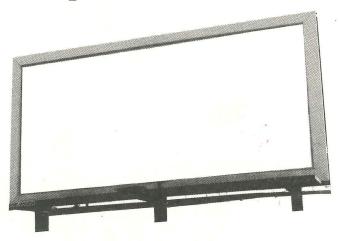
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Thanks to your generosity, almost 3 million people in metro Detroit saw the message — **ABORTION STOPS A BEATING HEART** on 50 billboards last January and February.

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Will you, your family, church or organization "Adopt a Billboard"? To "Adopt a Billboard" costs only \$626.96, but you can help by making a donation in any amount.

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Abortion death

A thirteen-year-old girl died Sept. 5 after a visit to a Chicago abortion clinic. According to a statement by the Albany Medical Surgical Center, the girl, Deanna Bell, was in their recovery room after an "uneventful procedure" when she experienced "sudden and profound cardiac collapse." The clinic speculated that her death resulted from "amniotic fluid embolism," in which fluid surrounding the unborn baby leaks out into the mother's bloodstream. The Cook County Medical Examiner's office conducted an autopsy, but is waiting to announce a cause of death until it has the results of some lab work. Illinois has no laws requiring that minor girls have parental consent, or even notify their parents, before an abortion.

—National Right to Life Committee, Inc. Chapter Newsletter, October 9, 1992

Man charged in deaths

A Detroit man will stand trial for murdering his pregnant girlfriend and their unborn child she carried for eight months, a judge ruled August 12, 1992.

The charge of killing an unborn child was brought under a 1935 state law that says if an "unborn, quick child" or one that could survive on its own outside the womb, is killed, a murder charge can be lodged.

An assistant medical examiner testified "the baby girl" inside Rucker's womb was healthy and could have survived a premature birth.

—Detroit Free Press, August 13, 1992

Shoppers, beware

In doing your holiday shopping, remember that the following corpora-

tions contribute money to Planned Parenthood.

Dayton-Hudson: Operations include Dayton's, Hudson's, Target, Mervyn's and Marshall Field's. Write to: Mr. Kenneth A. Macke, Chairman of the Board & CEO, Dayton Hudson Company, 777 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Please send copy or separate letter to Ms. Cynthia Mayeda, Chairman, Dayton Hudson Foundation, at the same address. Ms. Mayeda is a strong supporter of Planned Parenthood. Telephone: (612) 370-6948.

Esprit: Operations include clothing stores and clothing. Write to: Mr. Isaac Stein, Chairman of the Board, ESPRIT, 900 Minnesota St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Telephone: (800) 777-8765.

Tandy: Products and subsidiaries include Radio Shack, VideoConcepts, McDuff, The Edge in Electronics, Computer City, and Grupo Gigante (Mexico) stores, electronics, computers, etc. Write to: Mr. John Roach, Chairman & CEO, Tandy Corporation, P. O. Box 17180, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Telephone: (817) 390-3700.

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Other ProLife Groups' Activities

Post abortion Bible study

The Melvindale Crisis Pregnancy Center is sponsoring a Bible Study designed for women who have had one or more abortions and who may suffer from post abortion syndrome.

Each group meets approximately two hours weekly, for 6-8 weeks. The group is confidential and closed to newcomers after the second session. It provides support to women through rough times. It is the beginning point for the process of healing, a place where women no longer feel isolated or alone.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Debra Hinojosa or the Melvindale CPC at 382-6879.

Spaghetti dinner

The Christian Activist Network is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, December 13 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Ives Church (in the Dearden Center) 29350 Lahser Rd. (just north of 12 Mile Rd.), Southfield. This dinner will benefit the mothers who chose Life and not abortion. All proceeds from the dinner and donations will go towards providing a Christ-centered Christmas for these special moms and their babies.

Suggested dinner donation: Family Ticket \$12.00; Adults \$5.00; Children ages 6-12 \$2.50 and Children ages 5 and under FREE.

For other ways you can help or for more information, call Bob or Kay at 261-9888.

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Rally for Life!

20th Anniversary Memorial Rally

Sunday, January 17, 1993

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Kennedy Square

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Balloons
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March for Life, Washington, D.C.

At noon on Friday, January 22, 1993, the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be held. It is the 20th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* which allowed abortion on demand, for any reason, throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy.

On Saturday, January 23, there will be a full-day convention at the Hyatt-Regency. The theme of the convention is: "Taking the Offensive with the Life Principles."

For more information about the March/Convention, please call 533-9090.

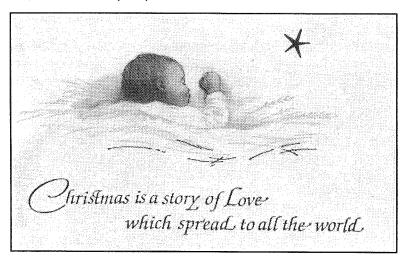
Memorial candles

Prolife homes across the metro area will remember the millions of aborted babies by burning candles on the eve of Jan. 22.

Right to Life - Lifespan Chapter offices have candles for your use; contact your local office for information and/or to obtain a kit for yourself or members of your church.

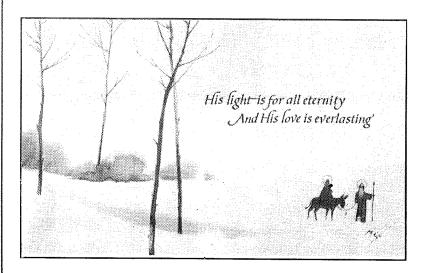
1992 Christmas Cards

Your purchase represents support for prolife activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call Betty (Detroit Chapter) at 874-0432 or 775-8776, Clare (Oakland County Chapter) at 258-9760, or Linda (Wayne West, Downriver Chapter) at 422-6230.



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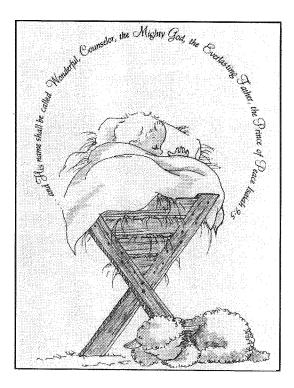
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Sleeping Infant (in pastels, gold lettering)
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As we rejoice at the birth of Baby Jesus
May our hearts be filled with joy and awe
at the wonder of God's gift of Life
Blessings to you at Christmas and all
through the year
(Actual size: 6-3/4" x 5")

\$10.00 per box of 18



Journey to Bethlehem (in watercolors) Inside Verse:

His light and love came into the world so that all might have life Merry Christmas to you and yours (Actual size: 7-3/4" x 5-1/2")

\$8.00 per box of 20

RU 486 and Female Guinea Pigs

By Edmund V. Starrett, Ph.D.

ith the latest story of Leona Benten and her attempts to get RU 486, the abortion pill, into this country, we are again reminded how biased the media is when it comes to presenting news stories that deal with abortion. We are told that the pill is safe, quick, harmless, private and a cure-all for all kinds of female problems. We are told that women should be angry they are being deprived of this great pill and that it is politics that is keeping this great women-saving pill off the market. Rubbish.

Contrary to what the media holds to be true, RU 486 is NOT safe. It is NOT private. It is NOT simple. Anyone who thinks otherwise just doesn't know, or doesn't want to know.

Instead of taking some editorial writer's word for it, or some columnist's for it, I encourage readers to investigate for themselves. Study the reports on RU 486 by the American Medical Association (no friend of the prolife movement). If they are near a library, I encourage readers to go in and read RU 486: Misconceptions, Myths and Morals by three pro-abortion feminists and medical experts, Janice G. Raymond, Renate Klein and Lynette L. Dumble. It contains page after page of studies that clearly demonstrate the very many dangerous short-term effects that RU 486 has had on many women, including death. The long-term effects that these powerful drugs may have on women's internal organs and future pregnancies could be even more dangerous. We agree with many experts that RU 486 makes women more dependent on doctors and medications, and that it treats them as guinea pigs not

What is this pill? How does it work? What are the complications? Well, let's find out.

The Pill

The history of the development and application of the pill has been an

increasing regimen of drug cocktails:

- 1. First there was RU 486 alone.
- 2. Then there was RU 486 plus PG (prostaglandin).
- 3. Then there was added to RU 486 + PG other narcotics and analgesics.
- 4. To the above, there was added premedication.
- 5. Now when we talk about the abortion pill, we mean RU 486 + prostaglandin + narcotics + analgesics + pre-medication + antibiotics. A pretty powerful drug cocktail.

The Procedure

- 1. A woman who suspects that she is pregnant and wants a chemical abortion must go to an authorized center. She cannot obtain pills from her own doctor or pharmacy.
- 2. The woman then gets a pregnancy test. If pregnant, she will be given a physical examination and a pelvic examination. Most centers also require vaginal ultrasonography to check for an ectopic pregnancy and to estimate the stage of the pregnancy.

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- 3. If the woman is under 35, is a nonsmoker, is not too overweight, has no history of heart trouble or serious health problems, and, if the pregnancy is not too far advanced (7 to 9 weeks, generally) then she must register to have an RU 486 abortion.
- 4. The woman generally (and most times, legally) must then wait at least 24 hours before making a final decision. In France, the waiting period is seven days.
- 5. The woman then returns a second time to the center where she generally receives a 600 mg oral dose of RU 486, usually in three pills. She cannot take the pills home, but must take them

under the supervision of a doctor at the center.

- 6. The woman then leaves the clinic and waits two days for the pill to do its job.
- 7. After a wait of from 36 to 48 hours after the injection of RU 486, the woman then returns to the clinic a third time. Most centers then administer a drug called prostaglandin either by injection or vaginal suppository. The patient then usually gets a second pelvic examination, and her blood pressure is monitored. Drugs to control coronary spasms must also be available.
- 8. The woman must then wait for the second drug, prostaglandin to do its job of contracting the uterus and thus help the uterus to expel the embryo. The centers like to keep the woman there for at least three or four hours in the hope that the embryo will be expelled before she goes home. Many women have to wait days and even weeks before the embryo is expelled.
- 9. The woman generally must return a fourth time to the center between 8 to 12 days later to make sure the abortion has been completed. Often vaginal ultrasound is used to determine if the embryo is completely expelled. A third pelvic examination is also often required.
- 10. If the chemical abortion is found wanting (as it often is), then a regular surgical abortion is performed.

Is RU 486 Safe?

Despite the fact that most tests include only relatively healthy women between 18 and 35 years of age, and the effectiveness is limited by the actual age of pregnancy (usually 42 to 49 days), studies prove RU 486 to be a very harmful drug. For example:

1. In studies it has been demonstrated that RU 486 without prostaglandin produces incomplete abortions 10% to 44% of the time; RU 486 with prostaglandin, from 2% to 13.5% of the time. Partial and incomplete chemical abortion must be followed by a surgical

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Chapter

Office hours

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

Our sympathy

The Detroit Chapter Board Members extend their deepest sympathy to two of our Board Members: Julia Sporka on the loss of her sister and brother and to Mary Ellen Servitto on the loss of her daughter, Katie. Please remember them in your prayers.

Christmas cards

Just to remind you again that our 1992 Christmas cards are available. Please call 874-0432 or 775-8776 for information as to where you can obtain the cards.

Rally for Life

Each January, to memorialize the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, in cities all over this nation, large groups of prolifers gather to show their respect for human life.

For many years, the Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan has been hosting a Rally in downtown Detroit. Each year we have great speakers and excellent media coverage (see page 3).

We need you, your friends, your prolife signs and banners and members of your congregation and organization to help us send a powerful life message to the people of metropolitan Detroit.

We must let it be known that the Prolife Movement is ALIVE and GROWING.

We cannot accomplish this through wishful thinking. If you are interested in working on the Rally Committee, we are looking for you. The next Rally will be held on Sunday, January 17, 1993; call us at 874-0432 or 533-9090.

Teens for Life

Since Regina High started a Teens for Life chapter last year, groups have also started at Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe and Cass Tech in Detroit.

Students from other area high schools have expressed interest in starting a Teens for Life chapter, and plans are underway for the first meeting of Metro Detroit Teens for Life.

Our goal is to establish a Teens for Life chapter in as many Wayne, Oakland and Macomb high schools as possible.

If you are a student or faculty member interested in starting a Teens for Life chapter in your school, call Mr. Hank Forys at Regina, 526-0220, or Lifespan at 533-9090.

Detroit Chapter 5930 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202-3516 (313) 874-0432

Office hours

M, T, Th, F 10-3 Diane Fagelman, Chairman Clare Schneider, Secretary

Holiday office hours

Closed for Thanksgiving— Nov. 26 and 27 Closed for Christmas— Dec. 23 until Jan. 4

Christmas cards

All of the Oakland County Christmas card representatives have cards and are ready to fill your orders. Call Clare at the office, and she will put you in touch with the card salesperson in your area.

Distribution center needed

The Oakland Chapter plans to set up regional distribution centers for churches and all members who need extra newsletters and any other bulk materials on current events.

We need a volunteer for the southwest area. All you do is pick up material once a month at the Lifespan office and keep it in your home for distribution. Please call Clare at 258-9760 to help.

Northwest Region

Betty Nurenberg (313) 673-8611 Northeast Region

Chris Gray (313) 652-4897 Central Region

Lifespan Office (313) 258-9760 Southeast Region

Marianne Barrett (313) 585-6547 Southwest Region ????

A friendly reminder...

If you have recently received a renewal letter, please respond promptly as donations have been unusually low during 1992, and we have many unpaid bills. If you could consider a monthly pledge, it would help us immensely as we could then plan on a specific amount of income on a month-to-month basis.

If you are missing the green membership envelope, please don't let that keep you from renewing. Believe me, we'll accept ANY envelope with your renewal dues, and be most happy to receive it.

Oakland County Chapter 800 S. Adams, #102 Birmingham, MI 48009-7005 (313) 258-9760

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M-F 10-4 Patricia Holscher, Chairman Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

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Sewing for babies

Volunteers are needed for a special sewing project, making receiving blankets to donate to pregnancy help centers.

On Saturday, January 30, 1993, we will gather at the St. Genevieve Activity Center in Livonia.

Scheduling of workers will be coordinated so cutting and pinning of material will be started before sewers are ready to work. No sewing ability is necessary for the cutting, pinning or folding of the finished blanket.

Volunteers with portable sewing machines are especialy needed. If you can help with this project, please call Lifespan, 422-6230.

The project coordinator will contact you in early January to schedule your time. Besides turning out a necessary product, we expect to have an enjoyable time. Hope you can volunteer.

Mark your calendars

On Thursday, January 21, Pastor Bradley Powell will speak at our next General Meeting which will be held at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford.

Pastor Powell has been involved in the abortion struggle for many years. While in Allegan, Michigan, he was instrumental in starting Right to Life meetings and led a march which gave him the opportunity to preach from City Hall.

While pastor at Temple Baptist Church, his church has participated in the Life Chain since its inception in Michigan, purchased an "Abortion Stops a Beating Heart" billboard and has promoted Sanctity of Life Sundays.

Pastor Powell is both an inspiring and knowledgeable speaker. You won't want to miss hearing his talk.

Our Christmas crib

Instead of buying gifts for adults at Christmas just because you always have, place your gift money in our Christmas Crib.

It will go to our "Wee Care" program, our storehouse of baby items for crisis cases, for literature to inform the uninformed and to bring in expert speakers where the media distorts,

Send one of our lovely cards to your gift recipient to tell them of your gift.

Membership renewal

If you have recently received a request to renew your Lifespan membership, please respond promptly. We need you!

Wayne County, West and Downriver Chapter 27578 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150-2203 (313) 422-6230

From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the election is still several days away. Deadlines prevent me from waiting until after the 3rd to write to you. Lifespan is not a political organization, but all prolifers, myself included, have a vested interest in this election. I was prohibited from saying anything partisan about the election in our voter's guide; I couldn't even print the words, "Vote Prolife."

Yet I know if the liberal news media is successful in selling Clinton to the American people, and if, as you read this, he is our next president, millions of babies will pay the price. Clinton will put the prolife movement back 20 years. And I know that all those dedicated to protecting the innocent unborn and their mothers from abortion will have to work harder than ever.

I hope this is a nightmare we don't have to worry about for four more years. I pray Bush is re-elected with a wide margin. But regardless of the outcome, this is no time to quit. Remember that old saying — "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!"

Because when a Nation that was founded on the freedom and worth of <u>every</u> individual decides that the weakest among us has no value and can be destroyed, then who is left?

WHO IS SAFE?



RU 486 and female guinea pigs

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abortion and can lead to infections, infertility and cervical cancer.

- 2. The most serious side effect of chemical abortions is the prolonged period of heavy bleeding. Sometimes the bleeding requires trips to the emergency room or a blood transfusion and curettage. In a 1990 British study, the mean or average duration of bleeding was almost two weeks.
- 3. Other special problems relate to the gastrointestinal side effects of chemical abortion. Studies show that 18% of the women suffer from severe vomiting, 57% suffer nausea and 13% suffer diarrhea. Other side effects include fainting, fatigue, loss of time at work, depression and irritability.
- 4. The American Medical Association warns of the dangerous long-term effects that such a powerful drug may have on internal organs, especially the liver, ovaries and heart. No one is quite sure what effect it may have on future pregnancies or future progeny.

Conclusion

Let me conclude by saying that anyone who promotes the use of RU 486 as a safe and private form of abortion has absolutely no respect for the woman and her body. Not only is the baby destroyed, but the woman's body is damaged as well.

We in the prolife movement, respect all life as precious. We believe, as the framers of our constitution believed, that the right to life is the most fundamental of all human rights. One only has to read the daily newspaper to see the terrible consequences that disrespect for human life has wrought. Damaging one's body by taking powerful drugs to kill another life is just another example of how perverted our minds and hearts have become.

Edmund V. Starrett, Ph.D., author and speaker, is a member of Right to Life - Lifespan's Advisory Council and long-time supporter of the prolife movement.



Send your legislator a holiday greeting!

The holiday season is the perfect time to send a friendly greeting to your legislator, thanking him or her for their prolife support in the past year, or gently urging them to consider our issues in the coming year.

Your local Lifespan office has beautiful cards with a prolife sentiment for your purchase. See page 10 for addresses of legislators; if you are not sure of the name of your legislator(s), call your local City Hall.

Eat for Life!

Our participation in the Bill Knapp's Community Support program continues. We have accumulated over 17,000 points to redeem for a display board for the Detroit Chapter's use in fairs, educational booths, meetings, etc. Our goal is 75,000.

We want to thank the following coupon donors of the past 2 months: Dadabbo, Ziemba, Doyle, Konti, Simpson, Salesky, Kleinbrook, Esper, Purcell, Bailey, Ober, Bakos, McLaughlin, Blair, Wilhelm, Michelini, Modes, St. Theodore Church, Martinuzzi, Roberts, Astalos, Gibbons, Staeger, Condon-Duncanson, Roy, Lee. Ward, Kubik, Basner, Shimkus, Poeppe, Kral, Veit, Bradley, Konopka, Barrett, Ring, Lohrengel, Mott, Barylski, Husson, Radzialowski, Persha, O'Connell, Ellsworth, Holscher, Addison, Heffernan, Truchan, St. Perpetua's Church, Ervin, Kovacs, Behaeghe, Tschirhart, Griffin, Montgomery, Shoup, Schwalm, Poma, Kniebes, Goodaker, Panowicz, Whalen, Woolley, Van Houten, Nye, Ptaszenski, Van Esley, Dietz, Fogoros, Jenuwine, Bleecker, Wilson, Perry, Polgar and others whose names we do not have.

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's Restaurant, ask for a Community Support Coupon.

Please send the coupons to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152. Thank you!

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Help us in this new fundraiser, and sell extractions of the your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers. Call us, 533-9090.

Showers predicted!

On Sunday, March 28, 1993 Right to Life - Lifespan will be hosting approximately 20 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout the metro area for crisis pregnancy centers.

If you or your church would like to help coordinate a baby shower, please call Mary Jo Raftery, our Baby Shower Co-Chairman, at 261-3383, or our Main Office at 533-9090. The babies need you!

Bequests and memorials

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide.

A bequest in your will to Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Donations may also be made in memory of loved ones who have died. A memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased.

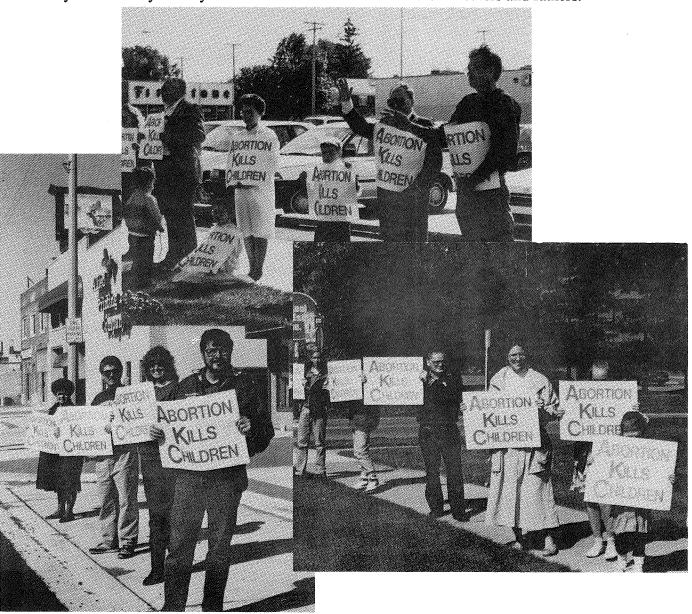
HUMAN BILLBOARD

On Sunday, October 4th, 7,500 men, women and children lined the sidewalks of Woodward Ave. from 7 Mile Rd. in Detroit to 13 Mile Rd. in Royal Oak forming Metro Detroit's third annual Life Chain, as part of National Life Chain Sunday '92.

For mile after mile, these committed prolifers declared with one strong single message that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN." There were many denominations represented by their pastors and clergy. A special participant this year was Archbishop Adam J. Maida of the Detroit Archdiocese.

The Metro Detroit community was proud to be one link in the over 800 Life Chains in the U.S. and 97 in Canada. So far, National Life Chain headquarters has tallied a total of 975,000 participants in all fifty states and 80,000 in Canada. National Life Chain Sunday '92 was America's largest prolife event to date and one of the largest U.S. grassroots events on record. There was, however, a major media blackout.

Many thanks to all those who coordinated the Life Chain and to those who participated on the beautiful fall day. God bless you for your dedication to the babies and their mothers and fathers.





Legislative Update



Addresses

President

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500
Opinion Line (202) 456-1111, before 5 PM
(202) 456-1414, after 5 PM

Dear Mr. President:

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The Honorable (first and last name) United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-3121

Dear Senator (last name):

Representatives

The Honorable (first and last name) House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 (202) 224-3121

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman (last name):

Governor

The Honorable John Engler Office of the Governor P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 373-3400

Dear Governor Engler:

State Senator or Representative

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

Dear Senator (last name):

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Dear Representative (last name):

NATIONAL NEWS

Pro-abortion bills dead as Congress ends

The 1991-92 Congress ended its session October 7 with no pro-abortion legislation enacted into law. Pro-abortion congressmen and senators were blocked at every turn in their efforts to enact pro-abortion legislation, largely because of prolife President George Bush's vetoes and veto threats.

FOCA Foiled — Pro-abortion leaders began 1992 with high hopes for their most ambitious piece of legislation, the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA), which would prohibit virtually any state limitations on abortion.

However, congressional support for the bill eroded markedly over the summer. In early August, pro-abortion leaders in and out of Congress decided to back away from floor debates on the bill; they feared that floor fights could backfire and hurt Gov. Bill Clinton. Clinton has endorsed the FOCA.

Title 10 — Congress passed two bills to nullify the prolife regulations that prohibit counseling and referral for abortion as a method of birth control in federally funded clinics. President Bush successfully vetoed those two measures. An attempt to override the latest veto failed October 2 when the House vote of 266 to 148 fell 10 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to override. The Senate earlier had voted 73 to 26 to override.

Fetal Tissue — President Bush successfully vetoed a bill that would have overturned the ban on using federal funds for transplantation research using tissue harvested from aborted babies. A second bill attempting to repeal the ban died in the Senate October 5 after a small, dedicated group of prolife senators blocked final action on it.

Other Pro-abortion Bills — Also during the 1991-92 Congress, President

Bush vetoed two appropriations bills that would have allowed government-funded abortion on demand in the District of Columbia. In response to veto threats, Congress this year dropped pro-abortion provisions from other bills governing the Department of Health and Human Services, Legal Services Corporation, Department of Defense and foreign aid programs.

MICHIGAN NEWS Parental consent

The House recently passed, 69-35, a bill that requires minors to obtain written consent from a parent or guardian, or a waiver from a probate judge to have an abortion. To clear up legal problems with previous parental consent legislation, the bill says young women don't need parental consent or a court waiver in cases where, based on a doctor's "good faith clinical judgment," an abortion is needed to prevent her death or the risk of impairing a "major bodily function." It will be taken up by the Senate when the Legislature returns after the November 3 election. Governor Engler is certain to sign the measure.

Democrats voting for: Bennett, Ciaramitaro, DeBeaussaert, DeMars, Dobronski, Hertel, Keith, Kosteva, Murphy, Olshove, Palamara, Pitoniak, Porreca, Rocca, Varga, Webb, Weeks, Wozniak and R. Young.

Democrats voting against: Barns, Berman, Clarke, Gire, Gubow, Harrison, Kilpatrick, Leland, Stallworth, Wallace, Yokich, J. Young Jr. and J. Young Sr.

Democrats absent or not voting: Bennane, Hood and Saunders.

Republicans voting for: Bryant, W. Bullard, Jamian, Jaye, Middleton and Trim.

Republicans voting against: Bankes, Dobb, Dolan, Goss, Johnson and Sparks.

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 4, 1993 Molly Kelly, Featured Speaker

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Wee Care

The Wee Care program of Right to Life - Lifespan enables us to provide material help to women and their babies. This is particularly criti-

cal as many needs cannot be met by other organizations or public agencies.

The Wee Care program is an ongoing project, continuing in the tradition Lifespan has of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born.

Here are some practical ways to "share the joy!"

• Figuring she al-

ready has everything she needs, one area mom presented her children with a rather unconventional Mother's Day list: diapers, formula and other baby items. She later made a gift of these items to Lifespan's Wee Care program.

• The owner of a local resale shop program has already helped hunsets aside extra baby clothes which come in and then generously donates them to Wee Care.

 Several area women go "garage saling" for baby furniture and clothes for Wee Care. Others have held garage sales and given the proceeds to buy diapers, etc.

With the help of these (and other) enterprising people, our Wee Care dreds of needy moms. Word about the program continues to travel by word-of-mouth. We are pleased to

be able to offer baby layettes and furniture to those in emergency situations.

We do need your help though! Wee Care uses any baby items (clothes, food, furniture, etc), but diapers are especially appreciated. Perhaps one of the examples above has triggered your creative-giving juices. Direct the flow toward

Wee Care, and share the joy!

We also need help sorting and arranging donated items and distributing them to needy moms.

For more information on how you can help the Wee Care program, call the Main Office at 533-9090.

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