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Life or Death, p. 5**

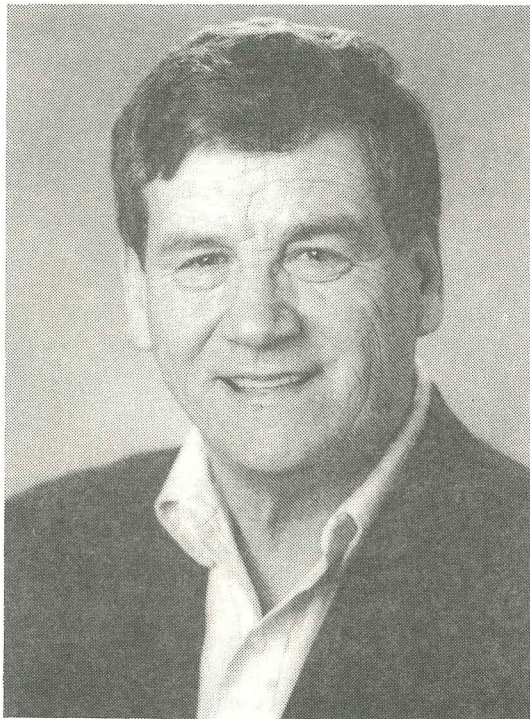
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Serving Southeastern Michigan Since 1970

September 1991

2nd Annual Legislative Breakfast



Senator Jack Welborn
Prolife Champion
Featured Speaker

**Friday, September 27th
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Roma's of Livonia
27777 Schoolcraft
(Eastbound I-96 service drive, between
Middlebelt and Inkster)**

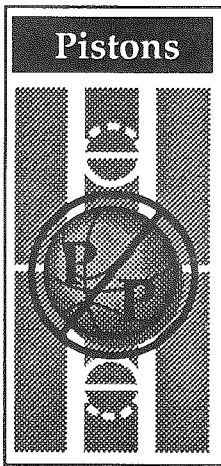
**Reservations are required
\$6.50 per person**

**Make check payable to
Right to Life - Lifespan
and mail to
28200 7 Mile Rd., #127
Livonia 48152**

**For more information,
call 533-9090 or 422-6230**

**Plan now to hear an up-date on
legislative issues**

**A Call to Action:
Congressional Battles Heat Up
See page 6 for ways you can help!**



Pistons-Palace Update

The cover story of our last newsletter reported on the Pistons-Palace Foundation donation of \$5,000 to the Wayne County Planned Parenthood League. The Pistons-Palace Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the basketball team and the arena. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest promoter and provider of abortions, responsible for a total of 211,437 abortions in 1988.

A big thanks to all of you who did take the time to write letters to the Pistons-Palace. If you have not written, please do. When you receive the canned response about their grant supporting "responsible sexual behavior amongst teenagers," don't let them off the hook easily, write them again.

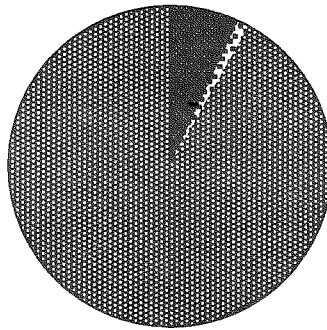
The Pistons and Palace Arena are using profits from your patronage to support the Planned Parenthood ideology. Planned Parenthood promotes abortion as an acceptable form of birth control. Planned Parenthood lobbied against the Parental Consent legislation recently passed here in Michigan.

Nationally, Planned Parenthood is spending \$5 million to overturn the Title 10 Regulations. See page 6 for more details.

One of our members who wrote to the Pistons-Palace Foundation was very apropos with this retort - "In the Slam-Dunk Contest of Life, you are aiming at the wrong basket."

Keep up the pressure so that next year they won't repeat this misguided funding. Direct your letters to Mr. Rex Nelson, Pistons-Palace Foundation, 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 or call The Palace at 313-377-8200.

THE MAGNITUDE OF ABORTION



Rachel Benson Gold, *Abortion and Women's Health* (New York and Washington, D.C.: The Alan Guttmacher Institute, 1990).

■ MOTHER'S HEALTH	7.0%
▣ RAPE/INCEST	1.0%
▤ SOCIAL/ECONOMIC/PERSONAL	92.0%

1,600,000 abortions occur each year in the U.S. No more than 7% (112,000) are attributed to potential threats to the mother's psychological or physical health. No more than 1% involve cases of rape or incest. 92%, approximately 1,470,000 abortions, are performed for social, economic or personal reasons.

Bill Knapp's Coupons

We have reached our goal of 31,215 points for a TV/VCR to show prolife videos at our State Fair booth and other events. Please keep saving the Community Support Coupons. Send them to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 7 Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152. Thanks!

Sidewalk counseling

Because of a deep concern for the almost four thousand babies aborted each day in our country, the Christian Activist Network continues to sponsor and promote Sidewalk Counseling activities in southeast Michigan. The Sidewalk Counseling Program is designed to save lives by offering Christ's love and help to those women about to enter abortion clinics. God has blessed these efforts as two hundred and sixty four mothers have accepted offers of help during the past, and 268 children have been born (4 sets of twins).

Anyone interested in being trained as a Sidewalk Counselor or helping out, please contact Joe at 294-2890.

Seeger's ex-wife allowed to sue over abortion

According to a recent Detroit Free Press article, a judge upheld the right of rocker Bob Seeger's ex-wife to sue him for pressuring her to have an abortion.

Oakland Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn denied Seeger's request to throw out Annette Sinclair's distress count in her claim that he pressured her to abort a pregnancy discovered two weeks after their divorce in November 1988.

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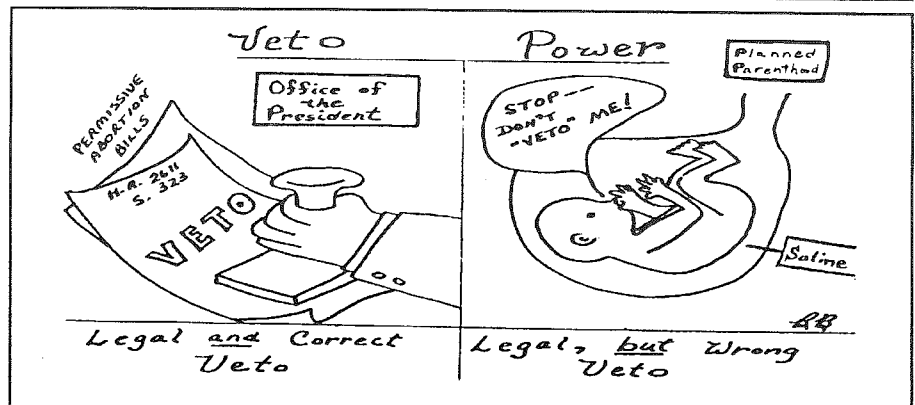
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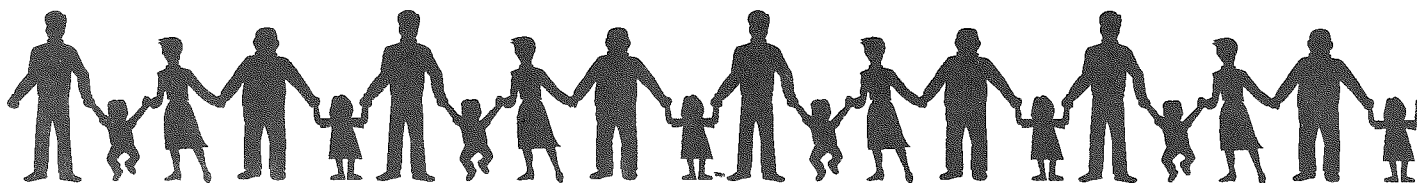
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LIFE CHAIN of Metro Detroit

National Life Chain Sunday '91

Stand Up for the Unborn!



Join LIFE CHAIN!

Sunday, October 6, 1991

2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Woodward Ave.

From McNichols (6 Mile Rd.) to 13 Mile Rd.

Stand and Be Counted With Thousands of ProLifers!

- We will be one of over 300 U.S. LIFE CHAINS.
- We're expecting 10,000 fellow proliferers to participate.
- 7,500 attended the 1990 Metro Detroit LIFE CHAIN.
- LIFE CHAIN is not illegal; no laws are broken.
- LIFE CHAIN participants do not go to jail.
- You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion!
- Bring your whole family! Everyone loves it!

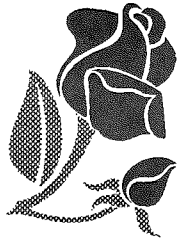
"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

— Matt. 26:40

For more information, please contact LIFE CHAIN Committee

28200 7 Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152

Phone: 313-533-9090 or 313-293-1616 • FAX: 313-533-3556



Chapter

detroit

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

Used Book Sale

The Detroit Chapter will be sponsoring a Used Book Sale on two Saturdays, September 7 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 17835 Toepfer near Kelly in East Detroit. For further information, call 775-8776.

Celebrate Life Rally

Each January, on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, in cities all over this nation,

large groups of proliferers 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; however, only several hundred people attend.

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

However, we cannot accomplish this through wishful thinking. If you are interested in working on next year's Rally Committee, we are looking for you. The next Rally will be held on Sunday, January 19, 1992.

Please help us make this the best Rally ever, call us at 874-0432 or 533-9090.

Teens for Life

This fall we will be forming a Teens for Life group at Regina High School which is an all girl school of over 800 students. We hope to expand our group to eventually include a public high school and two other Christian high schools in the immediate area.

Look for future reports on our progress in upcoming issues of *Lifespan News*, and please pray for our continuing efforts to reach the teens with our prolife message.

If you would be interested in helping with this project and/or forming a Teens for Life at your own local high school, please call us.

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Diane Fagelman, Chairman
Clare Schneider, Secretary

Thank you Thank you

The Farmington Founders Festival and the Novi 50's Festival in July were big successes. Many people stopped at our educational booths to hear the truth and become acquainted with our work for life. Fifty volunteers worked the two fairs, and each and every one was elated by the success of our Summer Festivals. Our sincere appreciation to all of you!

We have two more scheduled this month and in

September. All the Lifespan Chapters will be working at our booth at the State Fair. Oakland has been assigned August 27, 28, 29 and 30. The State Fair runs each day from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Troy Daze is scheduled for September 20, 21 and 22. Please call the Oakland office and select a time slot as soon as possible. The State Fair is almost upon us!!

To all Church Reps

Regional Saturday Brunches are in the planning stage right now. Each of you should have had a phone call from Clare in the office by now. We need to know how best to help you in the future. If you were missed, please call 258-9760 immediately. Also, if you are interested in becoming a church rep, call us. We need your help to spread the prolife message to people everywhere. There is so much information to deliver and this resource is critical. Every place

of worship in Oakland County is needed. Don't delay! Call today!

Oakland County Bowling for Life

The Wayne West/Downriver Chapter of Lifespan has found success in bowling fundraisers, and we, in Oakland County, would like to give it a try. Would you be interested in working on a committee to investigate that possibility? You would have the full support of the office staff. Call Clare and let us know. Ground level is the best place to start for all you bowlers out there who may have ideas and expertise to offer for LIFE!

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downriver and wayne west

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M-F 9-4

Patricia Holscher, Chairman
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Wayne County Fair

The Wayne County West and Downriver Chapter has just completed five great days at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville. Our display was outstanding, and we were complimented continually on our unique educational booth.

Of course, the life-size fetal models were the big attraction, as usual. They are a wonderful teaching tool, and we do loan them out for schools, churches, educational booths, etc.

If you missed us this year in Belleville, you can still see us at the State Fair at the Fairgrounds on 8 Mile Rd. in Detroit, August 23 through September 2.

As in the past, we were warmly received by the people in the Downriver area, and encouraged to keep up the good work and to return next year; even the Fairgrounds manager took time out to visit us and raved about our new display.

None of this would have been possible without our many dedicated volunteers. Thanks for another job well done and for your loyalty to distraught mothers and their unborn children. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

Auction and Brunch

AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center announces its

FIRST
AUCTION AND BRUNCH
Sunday, October 20, 1991
1:00 p.m.

Cost for brunch \$2.50

No charge for admission to auction
AMERICAN LEGION POST 32
9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia

Items and Services are still needed.
Call Karol Montgomery at 425-8060
between 1 - 5 p.m. weekdays to
donate and for further information.

Bowling for Life - '91

At the time we went to press, we didn't know the winners of our 9th Annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser.

Look for their names in the next *Lifespan News*.

Spiritual adoption

Have you ever thought of spiritually adopting a mother and her unborn child who is in danger of abortion? Each day, for one year, pray that the mother will find hope, faith and strength in the Lord to choose life for her baby. Prayer is a compassionate and unselfish way to help a stranger with a very difficult decision. Prayer can make the difference between life and death.

Downriver office

In order to be more efficient and cost effective, the Lifespan Board has reluctantly closed the Downriver office in Taylor. Downriver members have been reconsolidated with the Wayne County, West Chapter effective July 1st.

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

Living Wills — Do They Really Protect Your Rights?

Since mercy killing, or euthanasia, is now traveling under such comfortable names as "Humane and Dignified Death" or "Right to Die," and comatose victims are being denied food and water in some states, the Educational Center for Life is offering a workshop with Rita Marker as its guest speaker.

Ms. Marker, who points out that "Aid in Dying is the last pro-choice frontier," is Co-Director of the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force at the Human Life Center, University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio.

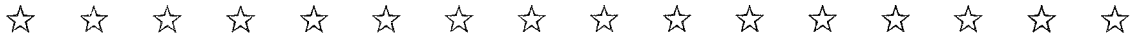
She will discuss Assisted Suicide, Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney and promises to clear up much of the media misinformation surrounding the clouded issue.

The workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (corner of 8 Mile and Farmington). The fee is \$35.00 and includes lunch. Plan to come.

We cannot be effective prolife activists without true information. To register, please send the name, address, phone number and \$35.00 for each person attending to:



Educational Center
for Life
909 Woodward, Suite #19
Pontiac, MI 48053-3015
For information, phone
(313) 338-1910.



Legislative

NATIONAL NEWS

Title 10 Regulations

"The Title 10 battle is the most important fight in Congress since the Hyde Amendment," said Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ), co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. "It is crucial that all Americans who value human life get involved in this battle now."

"The biggest surprise of all is that many Americans — including members of Congress are telling us that they never knew Planned Parenthood was responsible for more than 200,000 abortions each year," said Dr. Wanda Franz, President of National Right to Life Committee.

If members of Congress do not know that Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest chain of abortion clinics, or even performs abortions, then many Americans must also be fooled by the slick \$5 million campaign that Planned Parenthood has undertaken to overturn the regulations.

That campaign is known by many to be Planned Parenthood's "down-payment" on the \$37 million they receive each year from the federal government for the Title 10 program, the nation's family planning program. The Title 10 program distributes about \$144 million intended for preventative family planning services each year.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
ABORTION IS NOT FAMILY
PLANNING. TELL YOUR
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
NOW! Urge them to vote to sustain any vetoes by President Bush relating to abortion. Also, write or call the White House

Opinion Line (202) 456-1111, before 5 p.m., or (202) 456-1414, after 5 p.m., to ask President Bush to veto the bill that would overturn the ban on abortion counseling at federally-funded family-planning clinics.

Fetal Tissue Transplants

The House of Representatives on July 25 approved an omnibus authorization bill for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (HR 2507), by a margin of 274 to 144, that contains language to overturn the Bush Administration's ban on federal funding of transplantation of tissue taken from aborted fetuses.

The bill now goes to the Senate, which is expected to take it up in September.

"It is unworthy of us, as a nation, to kill our unborn children and then cannibalize them for spare parts," National Right to Life Committee Legislative Director Douglas Johnson commented after the House action. "Instead, NIH should increase its research on perfecting alternative, ethical sources of fetal tissue, such as cell cultures begun from spontaneous abortions and tubal pregnancies."

Press accounts sometimes say that the current Administration policy denies funding of all "fetal tissue research," but this is inaccurate. The current policy prohibits NIH from utilizing tissue from induced abortions for transplantation into human subjects. NRLC supports this policy. The current policy also allows transplantation of tissue taken from spontaneous abortions and from ectopic pregnancies, or from cell

cultures begun from such sources. NIH continues to fund such non-abortion dependent research, and NRLC supports such research.

Shown below is the July 25, 1991 roll call of the Michigan members of the House of Representatives.

1	Conyers (D)	O
2	Pursell (R)	O
3	Wolpe (D)	O
4	Upton (R)	O
5	Henry (R)	X
6	Carr (D)	O
7	Kildee (D)	O
8	Traxler (D)	O
9	Vander Jagt (R)	X
10	Camp (R)	X
11	Davis (R)	X
12	Bonior (D)	O
13	Collins (D)	O
14	Hertel (D)	O
15	Ford (D)	O
16	Dingell (D)	O
17	Levin (D)	O
18	Broomfield (R)	X

Key

X Pro-life vote
O Pro-abortion vote

WHAT YOU CAN DO

How did your representative vote? Write to thank him for his prolife vote NO or ask him why he voted YES. Contact your Senators. And call the White House; see phone numbers at right.

The above two articles are excerpts from the July 30, 1991 National Right to Life News.



Update



MICHIGAN NEWS

Informed Consent Testimonies Vital

The Informed Consent Bill (SB 141) was approved by the Senate on May 29th. The bill has been assigned to the Public Health Committee in the House.

When the hearings are held, it will be especially important for post-aborted women who regret their abortion decisions to come forward to tell the realities of their experiences. This can be done by testifying in person or by writing about your own experience, and allowing your paper to be submitted to the Committee as testimony.

Senator Jack Welborn, a sponsor of the bill, feels these testimonies are vital for this bill to get out of Committee and onto the House floor for a full vote.

If you are willing to help, please call Linda at 422-6230, and we will contact you when we hear from the Committee with the time of the hearings. Also, we will be carpooling to Lansing.

The members of this committee from metro Detroit are Representatives Bennane (Chairman), Rocca, Barns, Gire, Gubow, Hertel, Hunter, Leland, Palamara, Stallworth, Wozniak, Yokich and Jaye. **It is up to the discretion of the Chairman as to when the hearings will be held. It is very important to**

contact the members of the committee, especially Rep. Bennane, and ask them for a speedy hearing and a "yes" vote.

Informed consent will require a 24-hr. waiting period and the physician to give the patient information about the risks of abortion and a description and picture of the probable physical development of her unborn baby. The physician also will be required to inform the patient that public agencies are available to assist her during pregnancy and after birth, should she choose to give birth, and that help is available to place her child in an adoptive home, should she choose that option.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write or call your state representatives, especially those on the committee, urging them to support Informed Consent legislation (SB 141), and send us a copy of any response you receive.

Write or call Rep. Michael J. Bennane, Chairman of the Public Health Committee. His local phone number is (313) 592-8667. Ask Bennane to please schedule a hearing on SB 141 soon, even though he does not support this legislation; **the public has a right to be heard.**

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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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):

or

Dear Representative (last name):

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Membership Form

Right to Life - Lifespan believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Annual Membership \$ 15.00
_____ Student/Senior Member \$ 7.00

_____ Monthly pledge \$ _____
_____ Century Club (\$100 & above) \$ _____
_____ Other \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

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Does Anybody Own Anyone?

By Paula Ervin



In 1988 a panel of scientists and ethicists was convened by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to consider the ethical aspects of research on human fetal tissue derived from abortions. Out of 21 panel members, 17 agreed that because abortion was legal and the research is intended to have good results, it should be sponsored by the government. Four members of the panel disagreed.

The longest of the minority reports was written by James T. Burtchaell, author of the moving prolife book, *Rachel Weeping*. He believes the wider issue is — Can human beings "morally survive if they take possession of other human beings?"* Adversely, the scientific researchers, whose careers depend on new therapies, looked upon the moral questions as an "insulting intrusion on their work."

The Burtchaell statement drew a clear comparison between abortion-related research and the Nazi's inhumane experiments on their captives which were so roundly condemned in the Nuremberg trials. The clearest norm resulting from the trials was that "no human being can be the subject of research except by his or her free and knowledgeable consent."

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(It is important to point out that research on fetuses derived from miscarriage or trauma — such as accident — does not carry a moral stigma because they have not been purposely condemned to die.)

A haunting fear is that women teetering on the edge of the abortion decision would be strongly inclined to fall into the abortionist's hands with the

argument that "she is doing good for humanity."

A powerful moral objection made in the Burtchaell report is that if the federal government makes the abortionist the supplier of these materials, we, the taxpayers, become complicit in the abortions. And "it makes us as a nation prepared to designate a victim group helpless, and easily available to us, for our own benefit."

Does anybody hear echoes of the Third Reich?

Federal funding of research involving fetal tissue obtained from elective abortions was banned during the Reagan administration and so far the ban has been continued by Bush. But this ban is now under attack — in Congress (by Henry Waxman (D - Calif., in HR 1532) as well as by several professional groups. Strong prolife lobbying efforts have kept the ban on. It is important that we all add our voices.

* Direct quotations here were taken from the article, "For Sale By Owner?" by Ann Carey in *Our Sunday Visitor*, Huntington, IN — June 23, 1991.

Paula Ervin is an author, a Board Member of RTL-Lifespan, Church Rep Coordinator and Plymouth City Coordinator.

For more information on fetal tissue transplants, see page 6.

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