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SUPREME COURT UNDERTAKES NEW ABORTION CASE DECISION EXPECTED SOON!

The lawyer representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) called for the Supreme Court to expand Roe by recognizing a new fundamental right to "pro-creative choice" during the recent oral arguments before the Court in Washington, D.C. Frank Susman, the attorney, at no point mentioned the "right to privacy" under which Roe was decided. Abortion is a form of birth control, he argued, and there should be no distinction in the constitutional treatment of contraceptives and abortions. He maintained that the development of early abortifacients (e.g., RU 486) blurs any line between contraception and abortion.

This particular line of reasoning led to close questioning by a number of Justices. Justice Scalia asked Susman why, if no line could be drawn between contraception and abortion, lines could legitimately be drawn by trimester as was done in Roe. Justice Kennedy, noting that under Roe an abortion not needed for the health of the woman could in theory be barred at, e.g., eight months, asked whether that did not also involve linedrawing.

Former Solicitor General Charles Fried who argued the case for the Justice Department, in responding to questions from Justices Kennedy and O'Connor, emphasized the crucial distinction between contraception and abortion; the former acts before the life of a new "human organism" has begun while abortion takes the life of what the Court has called a "potential," but many legislators have deemed an actual, human life.

Justice O'Connor also asked whether it will mean that a future government could constitutionally force women to have abortions as a method of birth control if the Roe right is abolished.

Fried responded that the two situations are very different; a forced abortion would mean the active and highly intrusive seizure of a woman's body in violation of substantive due process while, in contrast, the denial of a right to an abortion would but passively prevent an operation from being done on her.

In short, Fried demonstrated that reversal of the Roe-created right to abortion would by no means remove constitutional protection for contraception or against forced abortions. -- From a National Right to Life Memorandum entitled, Supreme Court Oral Arguments, dated April 26, 1989

NRLC TO SPONSOR SPRING RALLY

As we went to press, President J.C. Willke announced that, at the request of Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL.), NRLC will sponsor and coordinate a National Pro-Life Rally in Washington in the Spring of 1990. This Rally for Unborn Children, sponsored by NRLC and in coordination with pro-life groups nationwide, will be the single biggest demonstration against abortion since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

SENATE PASSES ACCEPTABLE "RIGHT TO DIE" BILL HOUSE MEMBERS WILL FIGHT FOR AMENDMENTS

A patient's "right-to-die" bill sailed through the Michigan Senate but may be doomed in the House because it tries to protect the unborn. The most recent bill was sponsored by Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville.

"Right to Life wants to use this as a way to get fetal rights into law. It has no chance in the House," said Rep. David Hollister, D-East Lansing, who recently abandoned his efforts for a patient's rights bill after 15 years.

In an article written by Tim Richard for the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, it was reported that the vote on Senate Bill 293 was 29 - 5. The five who didn't support the prolife version of the patient advocate bill were: Fredricks, Kelly, Pollack, V. Smith, Vaughn.

The basic provisions are: Under common law, a person's grant of power of attorney loses effect when the person becomes incapacitated. Dillingham's bill, an amendment to the probate code, would allow a patient to grant a "durable power of attorney" to make medical treatment decisions after the patient becomes incapacitated. Usually, the power will be granted to a close family member.

But pro-choice senators such as Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, fought a provision to protect an embryo or fetus. It says that if a patient were pregnant, a patient advocate's decision to withhold medical treatment would have to be reviewed by a probate court. The judge would have to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the unborn's interests -- which would include its survival.

Senators narrowly defeated, 16 - 18, an amendment by Sen. William Sederburg, R-East Lansing, to drop the rights of the unborn section.

YES votes on the key Sederburg amendment were cast by Doug Cruce, R-Troy, William Faust, D-Westland, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills and Richard Fessler, R-Commerce.

NO votes were cast by R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford.

An amendment was also introduced by Sen. Faust, D-Westland, to remove the provision which protects patients from being starved to death. This was defeated by an 18 - 16 vote. NO votes were cast by Geake, Hart, Nichols, Cruce, Fessler. YES votes were cast by Faust, Faxon.

In both these votes, the "NO" vote is the prolife vote.

The bill now goes to the House where it will be sent to the House Public Health Committee instead of Perry Bullard's Judiciary Committee, where similar legislation has resided and died during several sessions.

Please keep writing--now relative to S.B. 293--to prohibit the removal of food and water.

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COLUMNIST QUESTIONS MEDIA'S IMPARTIALITY

"Anyone who still thinks the news media report the news impartially just wasn't following the pro-abortion march that was consummated in Washington on Sunday (April 9). For days in advance the event was treated as a major coming attraction on network television and the front pages of newspapers." This is the lead paragraph in a column written by Joseph Sobran and printed in the Detroit Free Press, April 13, 1989.

"It helped that the march was scheduled for a spring Sunday in one of the most liberal cities in the nation, complete with movie stars who had even put on clothes for the occasion. But the decisive factor was that the media had agreed to promote the cause, not just report on it, with an intensity of advance attention that is never given to the anti-abortion demonstrators who gather here every January 22.

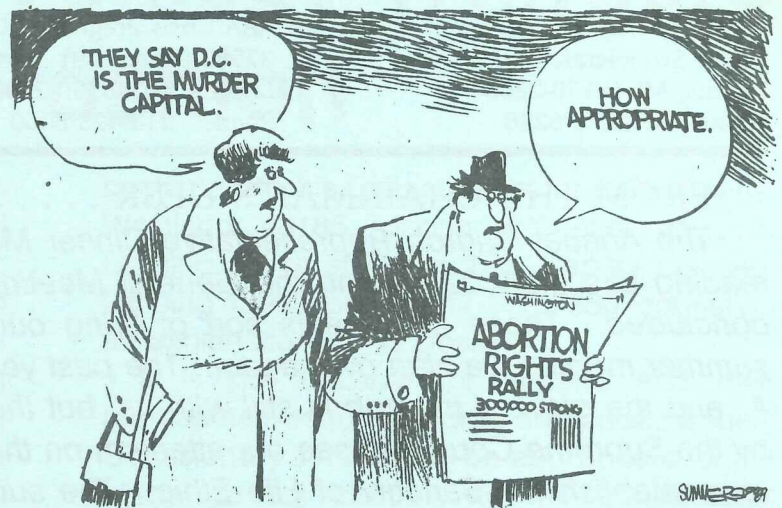
"The promotion paid off. The march drew an estimated 300,000 people. By contrast, the anti-abortion march this winter drew only 67,000, who considered themselves lucky to have received any press coverage even after they had marched in the cold. Advance notice from the press, for them, would be too much to pray for.

"...The media obligingly, and misleadingly, referred to the abortion advocates as "pro-choice" -- a misnomer, since the victim of the abortion neither has choice nor anyone to represent its interests.

"The march was timed to pressure the Supreme Court into ruling in favor of legal abortion in the imminent Webster case. But the court should ignore the crowd and concentrate on the anomaly that Roe v. Wade has imbedded in our law: that an accused murderer whose life is at stake is entitled to defend himself or herself before an impartial jury, while an unborn child's life is completely at the mercy of an interested party who may desire its death.

"...The Washington Post on Sunday morning actually provided a map and schedule for the march -- a readers' service it has never done for the other side in 16 years. The difference was that these were the Post's kind of people."

Should anyone wish to write Mr. Sobran, he can be reached c/o National Review, 150 35th Street, New York, NY 10016.



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

The Annual Church Representative Dinner Meeting is going on about the time you are reading this (May 22nd) and the General Meeting of all the Chapters (May 12th) has been concluded. These two events sort of bring our annual cycle to a close and then in the summer months we start over again. The past year's high note was the success of Proposal A and the glow of triumph is still with us, but the Webster case currently being considered by the Supreme Court focuses our attention on the fact that we still have a very long struggle to reestablish the Sanctity of Life Ethic. The summer months bring us several tasks to be accomplished in setting the pattern for the next twelve months: Bowl for Life in July, Wayne County Fair in August, and a summer long project of library survey. These three projects exemplify Lifespan's approach to the challenge of presenting the pro-life ethic to the general public: Fundraising with a publicity flare, Education of the general public with information booths, and service to the community by improving facilities like libraries. There is one other summer project to be worked on which is both sad and difficult. Downriver Chapter must be reorganized and the flock which has been scattered must be gathered back together.

Yours for Life, Christy Wood

Right to Life - Lifespan Maintains Downriver Chapter

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit continues to be an independent non-profit organization in the State of Michigan. All of its chapters, including Downriver, operate under the Lifespan banner and are not affiliated with any other state pro-life group.

An undated newsletter headed "Right to Life of Michigan Downriver Chapter" was recently mailed to our membership. This newsletter indicates that Lifespan's Downriver Chapter has re-affiliated with Right To Life of Michigan.

THIS IS NOT TRUE!

Needed: Office Manager/Secretary

A part-time position as Secretary/Office Manager for Downriver Chapter is available. The office will be located in the Downriver Area at an address yet to be determined. This paid position will require about 20 hours a week and duties will include filing, answering the phone, communicating with Downriver members and volunteers and typing.

To apply for this position call or write Right to Life - Lifespan, Main Office, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, phone 261-2757.

Senator Faust Almost Wanders from Pro-Life Position

A Patient's Rights Bill (S 293) has been passed by the Michigan State Senate, but it will probably languish in the State House. This bill, which contains the proper protection to preclude healthy relatives, miscellaneous medical authorities and some judges from destroying the pre-born or starving unconscious incompetent patients, is strongly opposed by all of those who would establish their personal "Quality of Life" ethic as a basis to speed the departure of those who are a personal and economic burden for the healthy.

Senator William Faust (D-Westland) first supported a move to eliminate from the bill that section which guarantees the rights of the unborn, and he then personally lead the effort

Nutrition and Hydration

(Food and Water)

Almost Allowed to be Considered as
**Extra Ordinary Life Saving
Medical Treatment**

to remove from S 293 the section prohibiting the withholding of nutrition and hydration of the terminally ill. We do not know why Senator Faust wishes for the unborn to be unprotected, nor do we know why he believes an incompetent patient should not be protected from starvation. However, we believe that every citizen represented by Faust in District 12 (Flatrock, Romulus, Taylor & Westland) should

contact both his District Office at 8228 Ravine, Westland 48185, phone 522-5832 and his Lansing Office at Room 125, Capitol Building, Lansing 48909, phone 517-373-7350 requesting an explanation of his position.

It is not unusual for citizens and their representatives to not agree on specific issues. Occasionally it may even be appropriate for the official to act contrary to the constituents' majority opinion, but an explanation of such conduct must be forth coming. If you are convinced that "life is worth living" simply because **LIFE is LIFE**, then you need to convince your Senator Faust that nobody, but nobody!, may be permitted to be starved to death. You need to convince him that those pro-death medical advisors who wish to classify "nutrition and hydration" as "extra-ordinary

Senator Faust needs
to be told that:

Food and Water are Ordinary
Care Requirements
Demanded by Compassion

life-supporting medical treatment" are wrong. You need to inform him that every human being, regardless of age and condition, deserves loving human compassion from all the rest of us and that this loving human compassion begins with warm shelter, nutrition and hydration irrespective of any "quality of life disclaimer." Please ask Senator Faust to reconsider his position.

Volunteers put in more than eight billion hours a year, but there is no way to measure the human value of their contribution: The lives they save, the hope they inspire, the opportunities they open for people who might otherwise stop trying. Volunteers make a difference in the lives of millions of people. Perhaps that's why so many of them say they receive far more that they give.

Church Representative News

Churches Receiving CHURCH NOTES Either Directly or Through a Church Representative

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Ukrainian Church
Fairlane Assembly of God-Central
Stephen's United Methodist Church #
St. Albert Parish
St. Anselm Parish
St. John Baptist Parish
St. Linus Parish #
St. Mel Parish
St. Sabina Parish *
St. Sebastian Parish #
Our Lady of Grace Parish
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
St. Suzanne Parish

REDFORD
Covenant Community Church
Dunning Park Chapel
Temple Baptist Church #
Our Lady of Loretto Parish #
St. John's Lutheran Church #
St. Agatha Parish
St. John Bosco Parish
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish #
St. Valentine Parish #
St. Hilary Parish *
Northwest Fellowship

DEARBORN
Dearborn Church of Christ #
Dearborn Christian Reformed Church #
First Congregational Church #
Guardian Lutheran Church
Divine Child Parish *
Sacred Heart Parish
St. Alphonsus Parish *
St. Barbara Parish
St. Clement Parish
St. Joseph Parish *
St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

INKSTER
Holy Family Parish #
St. Kevin Parish #

GARDEN CITY
Church of Christ #
Garden City Assembly of God #
Garden City Christian Center #
Garden City Freewill Baptist Church #
Good Hope Lutheran Church #
Merriman Road Baptist #
United Baptist Church #
St. Dunstan Parish
St. Raphael Parish

LIVONIA
Berean Baptist Church of Livonia #
Livonia Assembly of God
The Lord's House #
Ward Presbyterian Church
St. Aidan Parish *
St. Colette Parish
St. Edith Parish
St. Genevieve Parish
St. Maurice Parish
St. Michael Parish
St. Priscilla Parish
St. Gerald Parish

NORTHVILLE
Fairlane Assembly of God-West
Our Lady of Victory Parish

PLYMOUTH
Church of Christ
First Methodist Church #
Lake Pointe Bible Chapel
Lutheran Church of Risen Christ #
Church of Latter Day Saints #
Trinity Presbyterian Church #
United Assembly of God
Our Lady of Good Counsel
St. Kenneth Parish *

WAYNE
First Baptist Church of Wayne
St. Mary Parish #

WESTLAND
Church of the Nazarene of Westland #
Good Shepherd Dutch Reformed Church
New Covenant Tabernacle
New Life Community Church
Prayer Baptist Church #
Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church #
Westland Full Gospel Church #
Divine Savior Parish
SS Simon & Jude Parish #
St. Bernadine Parish #
St. Damian Parish *
St. Richard Parish
St. Theodore Parish *

CANTON
Calvary Baptist Church
Christ Community Church of Canton
St. Michael Lutheran Church
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish #
St. John Neumann Parish

Symbols: # means the Church gets Church Notes but has no Church REP.
* means Church REP has an Assistant REP

CHURCH FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

Redford Right to Life Citizens Committee under the directorship of Ron Sulkowski participated in the Parish Festival at St. Hilary's Parish. Ron, who is also a member of St. Hilary's, asked the chapter office to help in organizing a literature/sales table at the festival on April 28-30. Our display which included the "fetal models" was highly successful. Ann Thomas, a member of the Livonia Right to Life Citizens Committee, was a prime force in organizing the volunteers for two hour efforts. The volunteers were not just from the Redford Right to Life Citizens Committee, but also included people from Dearborn Heights and Dearborn, as well as Livonia. Thanks to all who participated.

Future participation in Parish Festivals include planned efforts in St. Albert Parish and in Our Lady of Grace Parish, both in Dearborn Heights. The Church Representatives are instituting the effort in both of these parishes and if you would like to participate by helping set-up, take-down or manning please call us (422-6230). If you would like to do something

DINNER RESERVATIONS MOUNTING

With over a week left to receive reservations we have every expectation of a larger group this year than in previous years. We are especially pleased with the several Pastors who have accepted our invitation, even though they do not have any member of their congregation serving as their Church Representative. There are also several brand new representatives who are coming to the dinner meeting as the first duty in their commitment. We wish to extend to these new workers in the Lord's pro-life vineyard our loving welcome. A special thanks is also in order for those who have labored for these many years.

similar in you own parish just call and we will arrange to provide (1) properly organized material, (2) pay any table/booth fee involved, and (3) give you a list of potential workers. Yes, it is hard work, but saving babies can be fun.

Library Survey To Be Attempted

Some of society's sophisticated educators generally evaluate individual life based on their concepts of quality. Once the flexible concept of "qualitative value" replaces the imperative concept of "intrinsic value" we have a whole new set life principles to impress on the next generation. One of the general observations that have been made is that many public libraries and some librarians in the public employ reflect a strong bias away from the concept that human life has intrinsic value and toward the concept that society is best served by insuring every member of society has the appropriate qualities for citizenship.

It is not surprising therefore that many libraries, including school libraries, have a negligible amount of material which reflects facts and arguments favoring the Sanctity of Life Ethic and at the same time have an abundance of material favoring "quality of life" arguments favoring abortion, euthanasia and other eugenics programs. Not only that, a Pro-Choice librarian may not place in circulation books donated to the library if those books are contra-abortion. What is needed is a concerted effort to identify the specific shortcomings of specific libraries and then to provide that library with appropriate material presenting the Sanctity of Life Ethic.

During the summer of 1989, every public library in our area is to be surveyed for Ethics of Life material and then a plan to correct any imbalance or improve each library will be prepared. The first phase of "library survey" will be a project for volunteers who already regularly use the library services. We will provide you with simple to follow instructions, so that each time you go to the library you will perform part of the material survey and after several of your normal library visits the survey will be completed. Every summer almost every library has a children's summer reading program that requires mother to accompany the child to the library about once a week. Rather than "be bored" while Johnny and Suzy read or listen to story time, we invite you to participate in the library survey program.

If we don't get a member to volunteer to do the office end of this program we will simply integrate this administrative task into our other office duties. But we will handle the office end, so all of you regular library users need to call us (422-6230) to identify your library and when you will be available to handle part of the survey. We know that many libraries have not yet announced all of their summer programs, but if you become a mother with library time to spare please help in this important task.

MEMBERSHIP Box Score

1419 members
17 renewals
7 additions
3 dropped

BOWL FOR LIFE Scheduled For July

Woodland Lanes of Livonia is again supporting our BOWL for LIFE effort. On July 30th the **Seventh Annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser** will be held from 2 PM to 5 PM at 33775 Plymouth Road, Livonia. This is an afternoon of real fun and free bowling which at the same time allows you to very seriously support the **PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS** of Wayne West Chapter.

We expect that last year's champion, Ben Bradley will be striving to better his 673 series and recapture the crown. Ben's brother Matt rolled a 588 series last year for runner-up position and rumor has it that Matt may be making a quantum improvement that could be a threat. Doug Bradley, the father of this bowling family, had both High Game (232

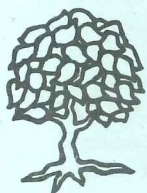
scratch) and High Series (757 handicapped). We understand that Bradley domination be seriously challenged this year. In the Senior category, we expect that Elizabeth

Johns will return again to the competition and we suspect she will again have right around 50 sponsors. Incidentally, if you had sponsored her last year for a mere penny-a-pin, her scratch series would have cost you \$4.10 and I won't tell you what her handicap was but it's lower than most would expect.

The program director, Pat Holscher expects to have at least \$325 in prize money up for grabs. That was last year's prize total and we may even increase the incentive this year. The instruction letters with all of the details along with the blank "sponsor sheets" will be distributed very soon. Last year's First Prize was a \$100 Savings Bond. Pretty good earnings for a "hot shot" bowler rolling three free lines with a page full of good sponsors. Maybe you should give it a try this year?

CONTRIBUTION Box Score

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from 6 members
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Please send the coupons to us at Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Thank you everyone!

RECORDING SECRETARY WANTED

A recording secretary is needed for the Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Board meetings once a month. He/she should be available the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Please call the Main Office at 261-2757 if you would be willing to help.

50 HOUSE DEMS URGE PARTY TO CHANGE ABORTION VIEWS

Expressing "deep concern" over a "bad public policy," 50 Democrats in the House of Representatives urged their party to change its position on abortion, said the Michigan Catholic, April 28, 1989.

The group, including Michigan Congressmen David Bonior, Dale Kildee and Bob Traxler commented in a letter to Ronald Brown, the new Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The members said they "want to take this opportunity to express our deep concern over an issue which in recent years has divided both the nation and the party -- the issue of abortion."

The letter-writers objected to the party's official position on abortion, as defined in the 1988 party platform. "We, along with millions of our fellow Democrats, believe the principle and practice of abortion on demand is wrong," the letter said. "Moreover, it is also poor politics," the members of Congress continued. "The Democratic Party is seen more and more as the party of abortion -- a sure recipe for losing irretrievably a significant segment of our traditional base of support."

"We, therefore, think it politically wrongheaded for our party to be on record as favoring the use of taxpayer dollars to fund an alleged 'fundamental right' which is so strongly opposed in conscience by millions of Americans and by ourselves," the House Members added.

BILLY GRAHAM SPEAKS ABOUT ABORTION

Q: Why are religious people like you opposed to abortion? As far as I'm concerned I can do with my body what I like. No one else is going to tell me what's right or wrong. -- J.H.

A: The ultimate issue is this: Is that fetus growing inside a mother's body just a piece of tissue that can be disposed of at will? Or is it -- in God's eyes -- a human being?

The Bible's evidence is clear: God looks upon that fetus not as an accident or a piece of disposable tissue, but as a human being, who will be born and have the capacity to love Him.

You would have the right to decide for yourself what was right or wrong if God did not exist. But He does, and He has given us unchanging laws to live by.

DOCTORS SUPPORT STARVING AT PATIENTS' REQUEST

Throughout their training, physicians are taught to cherish and preserve life above all else. Yet in a recent American Medical Association survey of 1,000 U.S. physicians in various specialties, a large majority favored withdrawal of life-support systems from a terminally ill patient, if the patient or family requests it, to allow the individual to die with dignity.

Specifically, when asked: "Would you favor or oppose withdrawing life-support systems, including food and water, from hopelessly ill or irreversibly comatose patients if they or their families request it," the doctors answered as follows:

Favor strongly	58%
Favor	20%
Oppose	5%
Oppose strongly	10%
Unsure	7%

-- From Good Housekeeping, April 1989

COMPUTER UPDATE

COMPUTER HELP

The TRS-80 model 16B computer given to us by Sue & Joe Kelly has been brought to an operational condition through the efforts of Robert Williams. Both the Kelly couple and Bob Williams deserve our sincerest thanks. The next task will be learning to use the equipment. The operating system we have is TRS-XENIX and the work we hope to do will be using SCRIPSIT 16 for the word processing and PROFILE 16 for data management. None of us have any experience with XENIX, or SCRIPSIT, or PROFILE. Since the system has a multi-user capability, Data Terminals (DT-1) could also be put to use. Peripheral hard drives or floppy drives could also be used to supplement the built-in 15 meg hard disc. If you have any experience or background with these systems please contact us so that we might overcome our learning challenge, and if you have any TRS-80 compatible equipment that isn't being used we may be interested.

BOOK SALE

Please drop off your used books at your local Lifespan office for our book sale to be held later this summer. Call the office first so that you will be expected.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22, Monday

Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn
Pray for mothers who have lost their children through death or abortion; that they will be comforted.

May 29, Monday

Memorial Day; Offices Closed

June 18, Sunday

Happy Father's Day!

June 29, Thurs. to

July 1, Saturday

National Right to Life Convention

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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PREGNANCY SHELTERS AUCTION IS HUGE SUCCESS

What a fun evening our Detroit Board members and others who belong to our chapter had at AUCTION '89, a benefit fundraiser for Pregnancy Shelters, Inc. The Auction, held at St. Agatha Church on April 27, was a success on more than one level. First, it provided much needed-funds for P.S. to continue its good work of placing pregnant women with host families on a temporary basis. Second, the event brought together a great bunch of people for a truly fun evening, a much-needed relief from the recent increase in the intensity of the never-ending abortion controversy. Cecilia Barna and Bob Van Cleef and their committee deserve much credit for all the work they did to gather a wide variety of items for auction - jewelry, dinners, pizzas, haircuts, gardening and household items, even a week in a condo at Myrtle Beach. There was something for every budget. And if you weren't the highest bidder on any item, there was a wonderful assortment of breads to buy and take home.

It was especially nice to meet several of the host families for Pregnancy Shelters, as well as some of the young women who, thanks to the P.S. program, were able to be at the auction with their beautiful babies.

Pregnancy Shelters anticipates using part of the proceeds from the auction to hire a social work student intern to assist in working with host families and interviewing potential participants for the Pregnancy Shelters program.

Keep the Pregnancy Shelters auction in mind as a "can't miss" event next spring. Donations for the auction are welcome throughout the year. If you have an item to donate, call Cecilia Barna at 272-3596 or leave a message at 874-0432.

THE DYING STAY HOPEFUL

The terminally ill would seem to be at risk of suicide because they have little hope for the future, but a Canadian study suggests otherwise.

Of 44 hospice patients, only 10 had considered suicide or wished for a premature death. The others had never considered it, a psychiatric team reports in the American Journal of Psychiatry. The 10 potentially suicidal patients suffered depression, which is usually treatable.

The finding, the authors said, shows that patient-rights groups should not encourage the terminally ill to consider suicide as a final solution.



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POPULATION CONTROL

In the following excerpts, Steven W. Mosher, the world-renowned anthropologist, testifies before a U.S. Senate Subcommittee, explaining the deplorable invasion of the family currently taking place in Communist China.

"In China, women with one child are required to have IUD's inserted into them, to prevent them from having a second child. The removal of these IUD's is a crime. Women who bring a second child into the world continue to be sterilized, sometimes involuntarily. Women pregnant with second children for which they have not been given exemptions are pressured to get abortions, and sometimes force is used.

"Abortions are performed in China up to the very moment of childbirth. As the child descends headfirst into the birth canal, it is given an injection of formaldehyde or alcohol, causing instant death. Couples who succeed in bringing such illegal children into the world are subject to heavy fines, usually equivalent to a year's income."

(From Human Life International, October 1987)

THE CLINIC THAT SAVES BABIES

Eastland Problem Pregnancy Center, on E. Eight Mile near Schoenherr, was the target of a protest demonstration on Saturday, May 6. The clinic is seen as an evil and threatening place to the pro-choicers, since its true purpose is the sinister one of saving babies although some women have initially entered it thinking they could procure abortions. (No one has ever been forced to stay.)

The organizers of the demonstration circulated a flyer prior to May 6, in which they stated that the Problem Pregnancy Center should be picketed because it deliberately represents itself as an abortion clinic to lure women in to be unfairly pressured to change their minds about aborting their babies. Nowhere does the flyer mention that all women visiting the center receive positive counselling and offers of help- financial, emotional and practical. Nowhere does the flyer mention the numbers of women who write or return to thank the staff at the center for making it possible for them to have their babies and truly choose their babies' futures.

In the advertising for the demonstration, Problem Pregnancy Center is referred to as a "bogus" clinic, in which women are given false medical facts about pregnancy and abortion. (The clinic does tell women that abortion kills unborn babies.) The clinic is accused of telling women that they may regret their abortions and that abortion can cause sterility. (What a heartless thing to tell a pregnant woman.)

According to the flyer, "Often these operations attempt to attract women by setting up shop in the same area as real abortion clinics." (Oh, the depths these proliferers will sink to!) "They have the look of a regular clinic and they pick a name that sounds like a regular clinic." (Maybe they should be made to resemble Video stores so that no woman would make the mistake of thinking she could get some real help.) "They even have a manual, "How to Start and Operate Your Own Pro-Life Outreach Crisis Pregnancy Center," by Robert J. Pearson." (Hmm, sounds like they know what they're doing. That could be dangerous.)

The flyer concludes: "We ask you to join us in a non-violent and legal picket of a bogus clinic...in order to expose the lies and intimidation. We ask that you come with your pro-choice signs and demonstrate your determination to make sure that every woman has the right to make her own decision about her own reproductive life. We will picket the phony clinic for one hour, and encourage you to bring your music and favorite pro-choice chants. (Wonder how many women they were able to "save" from the evil lovers of life.)

With so many uncertainties, should we not decide on the side of life?

Carrie Coons, an 86 year old victim of a stroke, was considered to be in an "irreversible" vegetative state. Her 88-year old sister petitioned the Court, stating that her sister would not like to be kept alive under such circumstances, and requested that the Court issue an order to remove a feeding tube.

She was to be the first case for whom a right-to-die petition was approved since the state's highest court last year authorized the removal of feeding tubes in cases in which the prior wishes of an incompetent patient could be proved. But the judge, who last week approved the sister's request, found himself vacating his order after her doctor testified that the woman had become alert over the weekend.

When the nurses reported to the doctor that his patient had showed signs of possible recovery, he came in to see her. He explained to her what had taken place, which she indicated she understood. The doctor went on to ask, what she would like done in her case? She responded, "These are difficult decisions," and lapsed back into sleep. Under the current laws in New York, Mrs. Coons could have been dead, if the judge hadn't given a two-week waiting period before removing the feeding tubes, so that her sister could find a place that would freely remove the tubes.

In the New York Times article, the writer states, "the meaning of her statement could be crucial in a future hearing because a court cannot order the removal of a feeding tube unless there is clear proof that an incompetent patient would have wished that to be done."

When Verhovek went on to interview doctors who have specialized in right-to-die cases, they agreed that the case was exceptional and should not necessarily have an undue influence on other families in similar dilemmas, but also said it illustrated that medical declarations involved in the cases were not infallible.

Dr. Ronald E. Cranford current consultant to a White House commission on right-to-die issues stated, "It's a dramatic case -- it shows you that you're basically never dealing with certainties here." "What you are dealing with, though, is degrees of probability, usually very high degrees of probability."

To the doctors it's a "dilemma," to me it's reality. I have heard so many people state that they do not wish to live if...only to find that most people when really faced with the issue will do almost anything to live. And if, the sister was correct in her statement, Mrs. Coons proves my theory. (Information taken from N. Y. Times articles 4/12/89).

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED

Pro-abortion coalition pressures Congress to
grant U. S. Tax Funds For Assault on Pro-Life
Laws Worldwide...

A coalition of powerful pro-abortion and environmental groups has launched a multi-million dollar campaign to pressure Congress and the Bush Administration to restore U.S. funding of organizations which work to legalize abortion in less-developed nations.

The pro-abortion coalition aims to repeal the "Mexico City Policy," which since 1984 has cut off U. S. Foreign aid funds to private organizations which work to legalize abortion in foreign countries. Pro-abortion organizations now complain that, as a direct result of the Mexico City Policy, there has been "a near halt" in third world (less developed) countries.

With recent changes in key committees in Congress, the Mexico City Policy is now in grave jeopardy. If Congress overturns the Policy, millions of U.S. tax dollars will again flow to organizations which believe they have a right to undercut the anti-abortion laws of nations in South America, Africa, etc.

The pro-abortion coalition is also seeking to restore U. S. funding to the U. N. Population Fund, despite that organization's growing support for China's population program, which relies heavily upon compulsory abortion.

ACTION: Members of Congress must hear from citizens who support these pro-life policies. Letters should express firm opposition to any weakening of the Mexico City Policy, and opposition to providing U.S. tax dollars to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) or any other organization which supports China's brutal compulsory abortion policies.

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Please, I know we have asked that you write before...but so many have not. Take the time today, we can not let their money decide the fate of so many millions of babies.

Here are some points to use in letters:

- The issue is not "family planning," but abortion. The Mexico City Policy ONLY prevents funding of organizations which promote abortion or which lobby against pro-life laws. The Policy has been accepted by 300 "family planning" organizations in 70 countries.
- The Int'l. Planned Parenthood Federation should NOT receive U.S. tax funds because this organization is dedicated to the overthrow of the anti-abortion laws which remain in effect in most less-developed countries. It is wrong for the U.S. to fund groups to undermine these laws, which are based on religious, cultural, and legal values of those nations, many of which are predominantly Catholic or Moslem. Even so-called "pro-choice" congressmen should oppose Planned Parenthood's "pro-abortion imperialism."
- The United Nations Population Fund should NOT receive U. S. funds, because UNFPA recently announced a new five-year, \$57 million grant to China's population program -- a program which compels millions of Chinese women to submit to abortions each year, even during the final months of pregnancy.

SO MUCH DEPENDS ON RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTERS. Please send responses to the Office from your Congressmen.