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MARCH FOR LIFE:
A protest against abortion outside the University of Virginia was held this week, as students and faculty members joined in the national movement to end abortion. The protest was organized by the College Republicans and the Young Americans for Freedom. Participants marched down Monument Avenue and ended at the statue of Robert E. Lee. After a brief rally, they walked to the Student Assembly to present a petition calling for the university to adopt a policy of non-discrimination against students who support the pro-life movement.

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS

The survey conducted by students while they were still in college to be included in the 10-year anniversary edition of the book was completed. The survey included questions about their experiences at Liberty and their current careers. The results showed that most students were satisfied with their education and were able to find jobs after graduation. However, some students reported feeling disappointed with the job market and were considering further education.

THAT'S HOW MUCH!}
A student purchased her textbooks in the Multi Purpose Building after her weekly workout. She was pleased with the price and felt that she had gotten a good deal.

Debaters sweep GMU tourney

The Liberty debate team swept the George Mason University debate tournament, winning all three of the novice rounds.

By SARAH K. POLLAK
Champion Reporter

Student survey part of 10-year anniversary recognition renewal process

The Student Assembly conducted a survey of alumni to help determine what the future of the University should be. The survey included questions about the university's mission, its goals for the future, and the role of the Student Assembly. The results showed that most alumni were satisfied with the university and its current direction. However, some alumni expressed concern about the university's financial stability and the need for increased fundraising.

Directory connects alumni

SARAH POLLAK
Champion Reporter

Student going into charging probation would probably want to meet someone like Allen Ross, 1979 tennis, who is now the President and "Chief Executive Officer of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. Until now, however, the university should have thought to contact the campus police, who were able to resolve the situation.

To be included in the directory, a student must have graduated from the university and have two years of experience since graduation. Being a student who has graduated from the university, as well as having at least two years of experience since graduation, is not necessary for inclusion in the directory. As long as the student has graduated from the university, they are eligible to be included in the directory.

The primary reason why this alumni directory is important is that it can be used as a marketing tool by the university to promote its programs and services. It is also a valuable resource for alumni who are looking for ways to stay connected to the university and to each other.
**Hockey seeks funds**

**By AMY SAVAGE**

The LU hockey team is facing more than tough challenges this season. Deep from the line the players are trying to raise enough money to keep the program going. 

Because the hockey team is a club sport, the university does not provide funding. Coach Chuck Hulshof said, "the team has sometimes been "blessed" by outstanding donations, but no such monetary assistance has been given this season, graduate Corey Walyuchow, who helps handle the team's finances, said. "We've had our best money yet, but no such monetary assistance has been given this season, coach Chuck Hulshof said."

The team's ticket sales brought in $500-$500 for the last two Friday night games of last season. Tonight games tend to be less profitable. "No need for Friday night duesh from fans," he said. 

Because the hockey program is now independent, the team sets its own schedule. Hulshof said, "this is beneficial, because more home games can be scheduled to bring in additional revenues.

Because the teams retrieve only handouts on the money from ticket sales, every fan, is harder to fund. The team has to pay for meals, meals, and, until recently, transportation. "It's not like theantasy football program where players players players players players players play two to a room, we have four roommates in each room," he said. 

Ratliff said he had no ideas as to how the burglars entered the room. "There was someone who went through the room, but "I feel it was someone else," he added. 

The team relies upon "whatever we can remember when the school year is over," he said. "We're not looking to cover our expenses," he said.

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More information about the reward can be obtained from Lynchburg police investigator R.G. Cope at 840-4418.

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**Q. How often can plasma be donated?**

A. Plasmas can be donated every two to a month.

**Q. What is the average donation?**

A. The average donation is $100-$150.

**Q. Who is eligible to donate plasma?**

A. Those who are 18 years of age and over, weighing at least 110 pounds, and having no medical conditions.

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Abortion foes descend on D.C.

March for Life attracts cross section of nation

By ANDY LYNSS
Life force

More than 75,000 pro-life groups gathered Constitution Avenue Wednesday, Jan. 25, for the annual March For Life commemorating 23rd anniversary of legal pact against abortion.

Several hundred student volunteers and members from across the nation joined in this year's pro-life movement. The average marcher was surrounded by mobs in brown sweat-suits, Knights of Columbus carrying crucifixes and chanting "Reign Mary", Baptists, Muslims and Islamic people, all carrying signs proclaiming them to be pro-life. "Pro-life, pro-choice" signs and chants could be seen sporadically along the sidewalks, but it was the pro-life side of the abortion debate that called for the attention of the government and the nation.

"We have searched for about eight years now, and this is the biggest march I've seen yet," one female professor said.

Carmel Weaver, senior and Student Life director said, "If you want to do the job, it is vital that you have leadership experience, a creative mind and good organizational skills. It is also very important that you get involved in Student Life," he added.

For the SGA, "Christianity — Not the only hope that standing on God's side will make," one sign said.

"Sometimes the bills are vetoed because administration and Senate are thinking on two different wave-lengths," said McMurray.

Patrolmen said they want SGA to have more extensive for the administration to have a better idea of what the students are thinking on.

Patrolmen said they want to bring more changes in the SGA constitution to be brought before Senate. "It may not seem important to students, but it will help the entire process move more smoothly," he said.

Patrolmen said he also hopes to review the nomination process for Student Court judges so that senators would know the candidates better before they vote.

McMurray said he also wants to have Senate bills read more carefully and make the administration aware of what the proposals would accomplish.

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By CHANNING SCHNEIDER

Student Life tries to do more with smaller staff

The university community will get a chance to explore the culture of another continent this February as Liberty celebrates Black History Month.

"My intention is to try to educate and inform majority students and minority students with regards to expanding their understanding of culture and ethnic groups," said Greg Dowell, assistant dean of student life.

The theme of this year's observation is "Realizing the Dream." Dowell said, "We feel at Liberty University we're realizing the dream.

Black History Month will include several special speakers and activities, Dowell said, including an energy concert with a $1,000 scholarship prize and a black fashion show.

There will also be three forums, featuring local speakers.

These events are not just for minority stu-
dents, the dean said. "Everybody is here for everybody," he said.

"We start out Feb. 1st on the importance of unity and not letting a month with a March for unity," Dowell said. "It's a totally Yappy month for us.

Dowell said he welcomed non-minorities to attend the events throughout February, especially the all night prayer service.

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Japan’s quake worries West Coast ports

By DAVID FIELD
Washington Times

Japan’s quake disrupted U.S. exports as seriously as it disrupted Japan’s. The nation’s flow of goods to the United States and Europe has been hindered.

The economic repercussions of the earthquake could ripple across the nation, said a shipping official. Authorities, both Los Angeles and Long Beach, and Japan’s two largest container ports, the twin harbors of Kobe and Yokohama.

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OPINION

Check-in needs an overhaul

The second semester of another year has begun. It's a time for students to get back to work, kick the new year into gear, and reset their study habits. However, for many students at Liberty, the beginning of the semester feels more like the start of a long, drawn-out wait.

Every year, the Residence Hall Services (RHS) team looks ahead to the upcoming semester and makes plans to improve the check-in process. They know that the first day of classes is an important day for students, and they want to make sure the process is as smooth as possible.

This year, the RHS team has implemented several changes to the check-in process. They have increased the number of check-in stations, added more staff members, and implemented a new system for processing students.

But despite these efforts, the check-in process is still not perfect. There are still long lines, slow moving lines, and frustrated students.

The RHS team needs to continue to look for ways to improve the check-in process. They should consider implementing a reservation system for students to book their check-in time in advance. This would help to reduce the number of students in line and make the process more efficient.

Additionally, the RHS team should consider providing more information about the check-in process ahead of time. This would help to reduce the number of questions students have on the day of check-in and make the process more streamlined.

In conclusion, the RHS team needs to continue to work on improving the check-in process. They should consider implementing a reservation system and providing more information about the process ahead of time. With these changes, they can make the check-in process more efficient and reduce the frustration for students.

Mark Haskins

Too often ads talk down to 'Generation X' buyers

The following is a letter to the editor:

To the Editor:

We are writing about the issue of advertising and its impact on 'Generation X' buyers. Our main concern is that many advertisements are geared towards a younger generation that is unfamiliar with the products being advertised.

As a result, the advertisements may come across as condescending or patronizing. This can be frustrating for 'Generation X' buyers, who are a generation that is not used to being talked down to.

Moreover, the advertisements may not be relevant to the needs and wants of 'Generation X' buyers. Many advertisements focus on the latest trends and fads, which may not be of interest to this generation.

We believe that advertisements should be more inclusive and considerate of the needs and wants of 'Generation X' buyers. They should recognize that this generation is a valuable market and should be treated with respect.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

College students should expand their horizons, break out of comfort zones

The second semester of another year has begun, and for many of them, the focus has shifted from the high school to college. Student life can be a mixture of both old and new experiences, with college being a new and exciting environment.

But despite the new experiences, many college students find themselves stuck in their comfort zones. They find it hard to step out of their routine and try new things, even if they know it would be good for them.

In this regard, college students should expand their horizons and break out of their comfort zones. They should try new things, meet new people, and explore new experiences.

In conclusion, college students should expand their horizons and break out of their comfort zones. They should try new things, meet new people, and explore new experiences. With this approach, they can make the most of their college experience and set themselves up for a successful future.

[Your Name]
Americans need post office options

By BETSY OOTEN

Americans need a post office system that is more efficient and equitable. The inefficiency of post office delivery is a serious problem. The United Parcel Service and other overnight delivery services provide fast and reliable delivery. Therefore, the post office should consider implementing similar services.

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By MARK HASKEN

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The consequences of conniving cubbyhole crawling

He calmly replied, "By crawling through Marriott Gestapo refused to let him eat his cheese from the plates of nearby students. He had forgotten his I.D., and the Evacuation System that mixed prerecorded, computer-generated voices to one concertgoer who was hanging around a

The Mouth in Motion Tour starring Mark Lowry. Allover Duham and Maulins and Company,คลาสสิกและยิ่งเห็นใจได้ 20 years ago. The Master of Expression mimes a piano performance. Left: The Master of Expression mimes a piano performance. Right: Lowry gets a...
**Top 14 ways to fail a class**

By KIM MATHERLEY
Champion Reporter
Lynchburg College. Reprinted with permission

Every few years I revise my list of suggestions for those students determined to do poorly in class.

Why should students waste time experimenting when a professional can offer a consummate guide to failure?

This year's list is updated. Why? Because new technology now allows students to be self-destructive in ways my generation never imagined.

The need for a revised list became apparent moments after a college student left a message on my answering machine.

In tears, she tried to explain why she failed to show up for an early morning test. The excuse seemed to have something to do with illness, cold pills, and an inability to set her alarm clock. Call her "immediately," she demanded. It's an emergency. I called. She answered, still in tears. Three seconds into the conversation she said, "Dr. West, I have a call on my other line. I think it's my boyfriend. I'm going to put you on hold for a few minutes."

By Ken West, professor of counseling and human development at Liberty's campus for some time, but many students still pair off and try to study with their significant other or perceived new companion. From most accounts, the couples usually get to know a lot more about each other and very little about the subject at hand.

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**SPORTS**

**Ripken, Jr. shows unmatched class by putting game streak in jeopardy**

**BY JOSHUA COOLEY**

Two thousand one hundred thirty. This number means nothing except to the most avid Baltimore Baseball fan. Two thousand three hundred and sixty-six. This number means the world to Ripken. It's a number no one else can even think in Ripken.

A baseball bat, a baseball glove, a model of the line to be called, O's in the boxes, O's on the bases. These are the things that rip up in his mind.

By Tuesday, January 31, 1995, at 9:08 PM, Cal Ripken, Jr. was 50 years old. No one besides the Oriole's franchise player and SCU Hall of Famer could say they have played in every single game since May 29, 1982. This is not even to mention that he is only one man, yes, but his hard-nosed competitiveness and selflessness as a ray of hope for baseball. He is not just the face of the game; he is the game.

So, naturally, Ripken will cross the line. He will have a day off, a rest from the grind of the everyday games. How many other major league players can say the same? Very few. EVERY SINGLE game this season to keep the streak alive, right?

**EVERY SINGLE game since May 29, 1982? This is not even to mention that Cal Ripken has never placed individual number means nothing except to the most baseball freak and the Baltimore Orioles' consecutive games and is scheduled to unseat Gehrig's sacred pitch this season in August.**

The streak could put Ripken's name into the record books for being immortalized with the "Iron Horse." If this streak is going to stop, it has got to be replaced by replacement players and Ripken does not cross the pickles line. So no one will be able to break the record until his first game back from injury.

**By JOSHUA COOLEY**

"I am very disappointed in our performance tonight," Flames Head Coach Tim Moyer said. "Of the gate, Virginia Tech was very aggressive and focused. They are a very experienced team." The Hokies (14-4) needed so much time to start "the game off slowly and the 1,487 fans in attendance. Tech entered to a 10-point lead after only four minutes of play, and, after nine and a half minutes, increased the lead to 20 behind the stellar play of sophmore forward Akeem Afroz. The Flames could not control Classic, who scored 25 points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds, let alone challenge the team's three other double digit scorers in junior forward Shawn Green (19), junior forward Shamar Smith (9) and junior center Travis Jackson (11).

"Basically, it was Classic, Moyer said. "Classic just had to work harder.

After jumping to their 10-point spread at the half, the Hokies never let the Flames come within less than 10 points, in superior Tech rebounding, ball movement and inside/inside play contributed to the first. "All balls down to getting back even and transitions," L.U.'s sophomore center Peter Aluma said. "We didn't come out with the mindset to attack at all," L.U.'s sophomore center Jason Dixon said who scored seven points on the right wing. The only point in the game where the momentum shift of hope tickled for the Flames was early in the second half seconds.

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LU clipped the Hokies' 22-point, 41-2, halftime lead down to 17 points with just 0.5 left. Aluma's spun-up shot from the top right corner at the final buzzer. The Chants never came within 10 points of putting the game out of reach. Coach Randy Dunton said. "Peter and Jason Custis, Jackson and Smith quickly remade the 20-point spread and hit back with a vengeance a win," Hokies Head Coach Bill Krull said. "It was a real high quality of athletics in the first half. fiber that's as tough as we've attempted pressure all year.

LU started putting the finishing touches on its victory when Aluma put the Flames up, 25-24, with 3:46 left before the half. The Chants never came within 10 points again. "We're going to be playing for the elephants in the Final Four," Moyer said. "We're going to be playing for the elephants in the Final Four," Moyer said. "We're going to be playing for the elephants in the Final Four," Moyer said. "We're going to be playing for the elephants in the Final Four," Moyer said.

**Sports Editor**

"Streak in jeopardy" by Joshua Cooley

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Once up-and-coming NHL blew opportunity by striking

By BEN DONAHUE

The NHL made a big mistake. It wasn't too long ago that the league had a huge recognition. They weren't on television except during the playoffs, and they were playing in their own stadiums. Now, however, ESPN is announcin...
Shaq, Magic continue to dazzle basketball's Atlantic Division

It's hard to believe, but the midway point in the NBA is nearly upon us — less than three weeks until All-Star Weekend.

When the word "All-Star" is mentioned certain teams around the league come to mind. The Orlando Magic is one of the teams, and therein lies the rub. Shaquille O'Neal is already this year's leading scorer, and no team in the league has received more media attention. The Magic also has the battle of the best in the East. The Orlando Magic will come to town to play the 76ers on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Despite an unbeatable Scottie Pippen who seems to have levitated above the rest, the Bulls have the power game as well. The sixers are a young, fast, putting big brother Eric on his level. Little brother Brett came out of nowhere this season, scoring 18 a night. By Josh Howe

Sports Schedule

Shaq's Basketball

The Lakers go to Seattle to play the SuperSonics on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The team will also travel to the Garden on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Co-medical from the Foul Line

John Howe

Larry Johnson and LaPhonso Ellis, as Rodney Rogers will be able to bring the team the leadership it needs. The Suns have continued to shine as Phoenix has remained strong despite the early season-ending injury to Dan Majerle, as Rodney Rodgers has responded quite nicely. In his first two games, Lacher scored with the Flyers and the Rangers, 4-1, and 2-1. respectively.

Outdoor Track

Saturday, Feb. 11. Both games will be at 11:45 p.m.

HOCKIES 101. FLAMES 70

McAulay, Keith Maxwell, John Costabile.

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SHE'S A CHILD
NOT A "CHOICE"

16 week-old baby developing in the womb.
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Dear Reader:

If you're in a crisis pregnancy, or know someone who is, please be assured that we understand the emotional trauma you are going through— the doubts, the fears, the sense of shame and frustration. We know the agonizing decisions you face and the pressures you feel.

At first blush, opting for an abortion probably sounds like the “quick-fix” solution to your problem. You need to be advised, as this supplement does in numerous articles, that abortion is not in your best interest. Those who have been telling you that it’s a “women’s rights” issue have been withholding critical information from you.

Actually, if you are subjected yourself to theAppBar after-effects of abortion, as outlined on page eleven; or putting yourself in the position of being the abandoned mother pouring out her heart from personal experience (also page eleven); or making yourself two to four times more prone to breast cancer (documented by recent research), couldn’t people who claim to be for women be warning you of these consequences?

Perhaps abortion isn’t about women’s rights after all! What then, or whom, is it about? The answer can be found within these pages.

For instance, isn’t it exciting to discover, as Dr. Jerome Lejeune points out on page four that the miniaturized language mapping out the new baby at the time of fertilization contains more information about him/her than can be stored in five sets (not volumes) of Encyclopedia Brittanica?

It is our hope that in reading this supplement and relating to the preborn child you will be convinced that abortion, besides not being in your best interest, is indeed an unjust, inhumane and irreversible destruction of an innocent human life. There are alternatives to such a drastic measure!

Is carrying your baby to term a manageable decision? Yes it is! Please refer to page five to realize the number of people and organizations ready and eager to help you. Don’t hesitate to call them, whatever your needs. The support is there to see you through your crisis pregnancy — and beyond!

Remember the decision you make will affect you for the rest of your life. Don’t let anyone pressure you into a quick decision! We don’t pretend to have an easy solution — but a just, manageable, rewarding one, one which you will not regret: continued life for your baby!

Marlene Reid, President
Human Life Alliance of Minnesota

Claim: Abortion is legal, therefore, it must be right.

Answer: If child abuse were suddenly declared legal by the U.S. Supreme Court, would that make it right? Would we ignore such an injustice and do nothing to protect the children?

Claim: I have the right to choose to abort my baby, a woman’s “right to choose”!

Answer: Abraham Lincoln once said “No one has the right to choose to do what is wrong.” Furthermore, the advocates who defend this “choice” are not consistent. Why is it only in the case of abortion they argue that “choice” should be legal and absolute? Using the same rationale, shouldn’t people have the right to “choose” to use drugs (It’s my body) or the right to “choose” to practice prostitution? Should our society allow a person to “choose” to kill another person (or have that person killed) to solve the first person’s problem?

Claim: The government should not interfere with a woman’s “right” to abortion.

Answer: Our Declaration of Independence declares that we have an inalienable right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Thomas Jefferson defined government’s role, “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.” Pres. Reagan, a defender of the human and civil rights of the preborn, called it “the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning.” (Without life, taxation, health-care etc. are immaterial).

Claim: If public money (tax money) is not available to pay for abortions “poor” women will be denied access to abortion. They will be discriminated against.

Answer: Are we obligated to provide cigarettes and alcohol to poor people if they cannot afford them? On the contrary, government is very explicit about which items may be purchased with food stamps. Is this considered discrimination? The same people who argue for “public” subsidies for abortions are the same ones who argue that it is a “private” decision. To quote Congressman Henry Hyde, “We have a right of free speech. Does this mean the government has to buy us a personal computer? A typewriter? A megaphone?”

Claim: I am personally opposed to abortion, but I would not interfere with another’s right to have an abortion nor impose my morality on others.

Answer: Analogy — if President Lincoln and the abolitionists had bought this line of reasoning regarding the slavery issue, we could still be saddled with slavery today. Every law ever passed sets standards which reflect someone’s (or a body of law-makers’) morality.

Claim: You want to ban women’s “constitutional right” to abortion.

Answer: This is a “spurious” or false “right” — having no basis in the constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court claims to have discovered a “privacy” right in the “penumbra” of the Constitution (“penumbra” definition: a partly lighted area around an area of full shadow). Court decisions (Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton) are aberrations (deviations from truth) and do nothing more than grant temporary license to kill children in the womb, the most dangerous place of residence. This license is tenuous and could be over-ridden by reversal or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, to guarantee the permanent freedom of the slaves and establish rights for all U.S. “persons” the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was passed. It states, “...No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States: nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” (emphasis added). In Roe v. Wade the Court decided that unborn children are not “persons” though even though they have the right to inherit property and many other rights. Some states have entire sections of law outlawing Crimes Against Unborn Children in which they, from conception on, are protected from negligent or willful harm or death.

Claim: If legal abortions are banned, women will resort to back alley abortions.

Answer: In 1972, the year before the Supreme Court legalized abortion, a total of 39 women died from illegal abortions, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Former abortion provider Carol Everett states, “In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing 300 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500” (p.10). If the numbers are this astounding for her four Texas clinics, it doesn’t take an expert to page five to realize the number of people and organizations ready and eager to help you. Don’t hesitate to call them, whatever your needs. The support is there to see you through your crisis pregnancy — and beyond.

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Test Your Abortion I.Q.

1. On January 22, 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion through which month of pregnancy? A) 3rd month; B) 4th month; C) 6th month; D) 9th month

2. Since abortion was legalized in 1973 the number of preborn babies' lives extinguished by abortion is: A) 6 million; B) 12 million C) 30 million; D) 32 million

3. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the U.S., causing what percent of total deaths? A) 21%; B) 35%; C) 46%; D) 52%

4. What age group of women have the greatest number of abortions? A) 15 - 19; B) 20 - 24; C) 25 - 29; D) 30 - 34

5. About 10 million Black children have been aborted since abortion was legalized. This is what fraction of the present Black population in the U.S.? A) one-eighth; B) one-fifth; C) one-third; D) one-half

6. Since 1960 the number of babies born out-of-wedlock has risen by what percent? A) 60%; B) 105%; C) 250%; D) 419%

7. Women who abort their first child stand how much greater risk of developing breast cancer? A) 3 x; B) 2 x; C) 4 x

8. With the advances in medical science the number of surgical procedures which are now performed on babies in the womb is: A) over 50; B) 80; C) 90; D) over 100

9. One out of every how many preborn babies is killed by abortion? A) two; B) three; C) four; D) six

10. What percent of abortions performed in the U.S. are repeat abortions? A) 30%; B) nearly 40%; C) nearly 50%; D) 60%

11. What percent of women who have had abortions experience suicidal tendencies? A) 45%; B) 60%; C) 70%; D) 75%

12. A developing baby's heart begins to beat at: A) 21 days; B) 30 days; C) 45 days; D) 60 days

13. How many Americans now have an incurable sexually transmitted disease? A) 20 million; B) 36 million; C) 56 million

14. Every year up to what number of U.S. women become infertile because of STDs? A) 66,000; B) 75,000; C) 98,000; D) 150,000

The answers to these questions can be found on p. 9.

Abortion is Legal During 7th, 8th and 9th Months

In Roe v. Wade the Court allowed states to restrict abortions in the 3rd trimester "except where it is necessary, . . . for the preservation of life or health of the mother." However, in Doe v. Bolton, the companion case to Roe, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient." Because of this broad definition of "health" the Court, in effect, permitted abortion-on-demand in all fifty states right up until birth for any reason.

Chronology of a New Life

Fertilization: The sperm joins with the ovum to form one cell. This one cell contains the complex genetic blueprint for every detail of human development—the child's sex, hair and eye color, height, skin tone etc.

Month One: The first cell divides within several hours and then cell division continues in an orderly fashion every few hours as the small group of cells travels down the Fallopian tube to the uterus, where the uterine lining has been prepared for implantation. There are over 100 cells present when this tiny embryo reaches the uterus 7 to 10 days after fertilization.

Day 20—foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are already established; day 21—the heart begins to beat in a regular fashion; day 28—the backbone, the rest of the skeleton, and muscles are forming—arms, legs, eyes and ears have begun to show. At one month old, the embryo is 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg — and developing rapidly. The heart is pumping increased quantities of blood through the system. The placenta forms a unique barrier that keeps the mother's blood separate, but allows food and oxygen to pass to the baby.

Month Two: At 35 days the pre-born baby has all her fingers. Brainwaves can be detected at day 40; the brain is controlling 40 sets of muscles as well as the organs. The jaw forms including teeth buds in the gums. The eyelids seal during this time to protect the baby's developing light-sensitive eyes which will reopen in the seventh month. The stomach produces digestive juices and the kidneys have begun to function. The tiny human being responds to touch. By 8 weeks, the developing baby is now referred to as the fetus, a Latin word meaning "young one" or "offspring."

Month Three: Day 63 (9 weeks): Unique fingerprints are evident and never change. The baby now sleeps, awakens and exercises her muscles by turning her head, curling her toes, and opening and closing her mouth—often sucking her thumb. Her palm, when stroked, will make a tight fist. She breathes amniotic fluid to help develop her respiratory system. By 12 wks. all the organs and systems of her body are functioning. The only major activity from now until birth is growth - the increase in her size.

Month Four: By the end of this month (16 weeks) the baby is 8 to 10 inches in length and weighs a half pound or more. Her ears are functioning, and there is evidence that the baby hears her mother's voice and heartbeat, as well as external noises. The umbilical cord has become an engineering marvel, transporting 300 quarts of fluids per day and completing a round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. Because the preborn child is now larger, the mother usually begins to feel her baby's movements during this month.

Month Five: Half the pregnancy has now passed. The baby is about 12 inches long. If a sound is especially loud or startling, she may jump in reaction to it. Babies born at this stage of development (19-20 weeks) are surviving at an increasing rate thanks to advances in medical technology.

Month Six: (24 weeks): Oil and sweat glands are functioning. The baby's delicate skin is protected in the amniotic sac by a special ointment "vernix."

Month Seven: The baby's brain has as many cells as it will have at birth. The preborn child uses the four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch. Research has documented that she can now recognize her mother's voice.

Month Eight: The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. Antibodies increasingly build up. The baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid per day, more if it is sweetened. She often hiccups. She has been urinating for several months.

Month Nine: Toward the end of this month, the baby is ready for birth. The average duration of pregnancy is 280 days from the first day of the mother's last menstrual period, but this varies. By this time the infant's heart is pumping 300 gallons of blood per day. In response to signals from the brain the child triggers labor and birth occurs. Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have taken place in the womb. Only four more will come - during the rest of childhood and before adolescence. In developmental terms we spend 90% of our lives in the womb.
Life begins at conception

"Each of us has a very precise starting moment which is the time at which the whole necessary and sufficient genetic information is gathered inside one cell, the fertilized egg, and this is the moment of fertilization. There is not the slightest doubt about that and we know that this information is written on a kind of ribbon which we call the DNA."

Jérome Lejeune, M.D., Ph.D., tells us much about the intricacies of the beginning of human life. Contrary to the popular view that the tiny baby becomes more and more "developed" as the weeks of pregnancy go on, Dr. Lejeune says that the very first cell, the fertilized egg, is "the most specialized cell under the sun." No other cell will ever again have the same instructions in the life of the individual being created.

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He explains that the fertilized egg contains more information about the new individual than can be stored by a system of barcodes not unlike those found on products at the supermarket... it's not any longer a theory that each of us is unique." Dr. Lejeune states that because of studies published within the last year we can now determine within three to seven days after fertilization if the new human being is a boy or a girl.

"At no time," Dr. Lejeune says, "is the human being a blob of protoplasm. As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."

In the testimony Dr. Lejeune gave on The Seven Human Embryos (Circuit Court for Blount County, Tennessee at Maryville, Equity Division, August 8-10, 1989) he compared the chromosome to a mini-cassette, in which a symphony is written, the symphony of life. He explained that if you buy a cartridge on which a Mozart symphony has been recorded and insert it in a player, what is being reproduced is the movement of the air that transmits to you the genius of Mozart. In making the analogy he said, "It's exactly the same way that life is played. On the tiny mini-cassettes which are our chromosomes are written various parts of the opus which is for human symphony, and as soon as we have all the information necessary and sufficient to spell the whole symphony (is brought together), this symphony plays itself, that is, a new man is beginning his career... as soon as he has been conceived, a man is a man."

Legalized Abortion Based on Lies and Fraud

Norma McCorvey was the "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade.

Early in 1970 Norma McCorvey claimed that she had been gang-raped and became pregnant. Attorneys Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, newly graduated from the University of Texas Law School, needed a "client" in order to challenge Texas' 100-year-old law that banned abortions. They convinced Norma that she should be seeking an abortion instead of arranging an adoption for her child.

The case was subsequently argued all the way to the Supreme Court which resulted in legalizing abortion in all 50 states in 1973. In the meantime, the baby was born and released for adoption. In 1987, McCorvey admitted that she hadn't been gang-raped at all but the father was someone she knew and thought she loved. The story of the gang-rape was a lie.

While Roe v. Wade legalized abortion, on the same date, Doe v. Bolton provided for abortion-on-demand for the entire nine months of pregnancy and was the legal vehicle which provided Court sanction for the over 4000 abortion mills across the country.

Sandra Cano was "Mary Doe" of Doe v. Bolton

Sandra Cano now says she was an unwitting participant in fraud on the highest court in the land. Sandra was a young expectant mother with three children facing a divorce from a husband who was in jail for child molestation. Cano's three children had been taken from her by family service workers. They were being shunted from one bad environment to another. Cano loved her children dearly. She was almost insane with grief when she turned to Legal Aid Services for help. The offer of N.O.W. lawyers to take the whole mess off her hands, obtain a divorce and regain custody of her children sounded too good to be true.

When the attorneys hinted that they would like to strike a deal which would include aborting the child Sandra was carrying, she made it very clear that she could never do that. Yet, her attorneys ignored her objections and ran roughshod over her. When she realized her case had been used to obtain abortion-on-demand she said, "...why would I stretch my imagination to include a plan so bizarre that it would give people in a civilized society permission to kill their own babies?... I surely never thought they would tie my personal anxieties about retrieving my children to a scheme to make abortion-on-demand legal." Ironically, the Cano baby, like the McCorvey baby, was carried to term and relinquished for adoption. Yet, 30,000,000 other babies have lost their lives to abortion because of these two cases.

Sarah Weddington was the Attorney

Sarah Weddington, the attorney who argued Roe v. Wade before the U.S. Supreme Court, gave a speech at the Education Ethics Institute in Oklahoma. She explained why she defended the sketchy story and false rape charge of a Texas waitress "Jane Roe" all the way to the Supreme Court: "My behavior may not have been totally ethical. But I did it for what I thought were the right reasons." Tulsan World 52(49).

Playboy Provided the Funding

Hugh Heffner, founder of Playboy claims to have done one great thing for women: "Playboy probably had more to do than any other company with Roe v. Wade. We supplied the money for those early cases and actually wrote the amicus curiae for Roe."

Do You Hear What I Hear?

"With no hype at all, the fetus can rightly be called a marvel of cognition, consciousness and sentiment.

"She slides into the world with eyes alert, the tiny ridges of her ears listening, antennae scanning the conversation frequencies in the room. She finds her mother's voice with her ears, and her eyes.

"The baby's alertness and awareness begins with early development in the womb. The preborn baby can hear and respond to sound. Car horns can make the baby jump. Her heartbeat quickens. When Peter Hepper of Queens University in Belfast repeatedly played to 30-week-old fetuses the theme song from a popular soap opera, they relaxed. After birth, the babies became "quite alert" when they heard the tune."

"When a loudspeaker directs speech syllables at a mother-to-be's abdomen, the fetus's heart slows, a sign of attentiveness. The heartbeat speeds up as the fetus gets bored with the sounds, then slows again if new flow goes into the womb." A fetus remembers some experiences and may alter her behavior as a result.

The title, the direct quotes and other pertinent information in this article are taken from: Newsweek Special Issue, "How Kids Grow," Summer 1991 (Begley).
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Birthmother Opt for Adoption... The Loving Alternative

It was the beginning of my junior year in high school. I was excited, looking forward to another year of diving, gymnastics and track. But this excitement quickly came to an end when I realized I was pregnant.

When the pregnancy was confirmed, my mind went racing. It wasn't enough to just say that I was scared - I was terrified! The idea of having an abortion was never a consideration for me. I could not live with the realization that I was responsible for taking the life of my child - a death that is the right decision for both of us.

My first instincts told me that I needed to raise my child on my own. I knew I could love and care for a child, but when I stopped thinking about myself, and thought about what was best for my child, I knew adoption was the right decision. I was sixteen at the time. I wanted to go back to school for my senior year and wanted to participate fully, in sports etc. I wanted to go on to college. I knew I could not do all of this and raise a child at the same time. I did not want to have to live with my parents indefinitely and depend on them for everything. I did not want them to be thrust into the role of pride care-givers for my child. It just would not be fair for any of us, for them, myself or the baby. I knew that placing my child for adoption would be the right thing to do, the loving alternative!

The adoption procedure I opted for is not your ordinary plan. I chose to do an independent open adoption. Through this process I was able to select from among the prospective adoptive parents. I had the opportunity to establish a personal relationship with them as well as to develop a lasting friendship. The more I got to know them the more excited I was about placing my baby with this couple. They had so much love and security to offer my child. They were there with me in the hospital when my son was born. Their video camcorder ran non-stop.

I will always treasure the three days I spent in the hospital with my son. Handing him over to his new parents was by no means easy, but I knew in my heart that this was the right decision for both of us.

Many tears were shed throughout the nine months and during the hospital stay. But, they were not all tears of sadness. I miss my son very much. I think about him every day and a smile comes to my face. I thank the Lord that He led me to two such special people to be adoptive parents for my child.

It has been several years since my son was born. He now has an adoptive sister. I keep in contact with the family through letters and pictures. I can't begin to explain the feelings of pride and contentment that I experience when I see the smile on his face.

I am now a junior in college majoring in paralegal studies. Relinquishing my son was the hardest decision I will ever have to make but I'm more confident than ever that it was the right one. While in the hospital I received a card which read, "Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same." This is so true! Testimony by Lisa O. of Minnesota.

Every year over two million requests for adoption go unsatisfied.

If he is not alive, why is he growing?

If he is not a human being, what kind of being is he?

If he is not a child, why is he sucking his thumb?

If he is a living, human child, why is it legal to kill him?

Lisa O.

The abortion experience for victims of rape and incest

by David C. Readorn

Rape and incest are very emotional topics. They often elicit in the general populace feelings of revulsion; people draw back from the issue of rape and incest, even from the victims of rape and incest. People don’t know how to handle a person who is in that much pain. There is no quick fix...

Some people who are otherwise very pro-life will condone abortion in rape and incest cases because they don’t know what else to offer. And they will accept it as a rare case. This pro-life difficulty in defending the unborn even in rape and incest cases is largely due to ignorance because if we have found them, show that the victim’s needs are not being served by abortion. In fact, rape and incest victims actually suffer considerably from the abortion.

The facts suggest that only a minority of rape and incest victims actually choose abortion— so right there, one should pause and reflect. Abortion is not usually chosen as the immediate solution by rape and incest victims but that is the prevailing belief of the general population. A woman has been raped and made pregnant: “Oh, she’s got to have an abortion.” No one has studied what rape and incest victims’ needs; abortion is presumed to fulfill their needs.

Kathleen DeZeeuw states, “Having lived through rape, and also having raised a child ‘conceived in rape,’ I feel personally insulted and assaulted every time I hear that abortion should be legal because of rape and incest. I feel that we’re being used by pro-abortionists to further the abortion issue, even though we’ve not been asked to tell our side.”

The children conceived through sexual assault also have a voice which deserves to be heard. Julie Mahkom, conceived by an act of rape, works diligently against abortion. She believes every life has a value beyond measure, a purpose which only time can reveal. Not ashamed of her origin, Julie proudly proclaims: “It doesn’t matter how I begun. What matters is who I will become.”

Abortion Adds to the Pain of Rape

Various studies and my own research indicate that rape and incest victims fall into the high risk category of aborters, and the existence of rape or incest is actually a contraindication for abortion. Jackie Bakser, whose testimony is in my book, says, “I soon discovered that the after­math of my abortion continued a long time after the mem­ory of my rape had faded. I felt empty and horrible. Nobody told me about the emptiness and pain I would feel deep within causing nightmares and deep depres­sions. They had all told me that after the abortion I could continue with my life as if nothing had happened.” This is the same story we hear from a lot of aborted women. But for the rape and incest victim it is an es­pecially keen story, because they have been told, “In your situ­ation that is the only thing you can do.” And they have been betrayed by that advice.

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Victims Gave Reasons to Forego Abortion

Perhaps the best study was done by Dr. Sandra Mahkom, published in Psychological Aspects of Abortion. Dr. Mahkom was an experienced rape counselor who, in 1979, identified 37 pregnant rape vic­tims who were treated by a so­cial welfare agency. Of these 37, only five chose to have an abortion. Of the 28 who gave birth, 17 chose adoption and 3 kept the child themselves; for the remaining eight, research was unable to determine where the child was placed.

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Several reasons were given for not aborting. First, several women felt that abortion was another act of violence — that it was immoral or murder. One said she would only suffer more mental anguish from taking the life of a baby. Second, some saw an intrinsic meaning or purpose to the child. Somehow this child was justified into their lives but, on the other hand, they sensed some sort of hidden purpose behind it. And although not responsible for having brought the child into being, it had happened, and the consequences could be lived with. Third, at a subconscious level, the rape victim feels that if she can get through the preg­nancy she will have conquered the rape. Outlasting pregnancy shows her better than the rapist who got her pregnant. Going birth, then, is the way rape victims seek to reclaim their self-esteem. It is a totally self­less act, a generous act, espe­cially in light of the pressure to abort. It is a way for them to display their courage and strength to survive even a rape.

In her study, Mahkom found that feelings or issues relating to the rape experience were the primary concern for most of the pregnant rape victims — not pregnancy. While 19% — a significant number — placed primary emphasis on their need to confront their feelings about the pregnancy, including feel­ings of resentment and hostility towards the unborn child, the primary difficulty they experi­enced with the rape pregnancy was pressure from other people who saw the pregnancy as a blot on their character. Eventually, like most rape victims, they were able to be left in solitude. Family and friends just weren’t supportive of the woman’s choice to bear the child.

Dr. Mahkom also found that, in the group who carried their pregnancies to term, none, at the end of pregnancy, wished she had decided on an abortion. Abortion therefore inhibits the healing to the rape victim and reinforces negative attitudes.

Abortion Reinforces Women’s Powerlessness

Another example from my book is Vanessa Landry, another rape victim who said, “I didn’t really want to have the abortion. I have always been against abor­tion all my life. People think that whenever anyone is raped, they have to have an abortion. My social worker just kept telling me all kinds of things to encourage me to have the abortion. They didn’t give me any other option except to abort.”

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Abortion Techniques Described

Suction-Aspiration: The method of abortion most commonly used for early pregnancies. The abortionist inserts a hollow plastic tube into the dilated uterus. The tube is connected to a powerful suction apparatus. The suction tears the baby’s body into pieces.

Dilation and curettage (D and C): Similar to the suction procedure except the abortionist inserts a tiny hoe-like instrument into the uterus. With this, the abortionist cuts the baby into pieces and scrapes him/her out into a basin. Bleeding is usually profuse.

Dilation and evacuation (D and E): Used after 12 weeks. A pliers-like instrument is needed because the baby’s bones are calcified, as is the skull. The abortionist inserts the instrument into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby’s body. The spine must be snapped and the skull crushed in order to remove them from the womb.

Salt poisoning (saline injection): This is used after 16 weeks. A long needle is inserted through the mother’s abdomen into the baby’s sac. Some fluid is removed and a strong salt solution is injected. The solution is swallowed and “breathed” and slowly poisons the baby. He/she kicks and jerks violently as he/she is literally being burned alive.

Hysterotomy or Caesarean Section: Used mainly in the last three months of pregnancy, the womb is entered by surgery through the wall of the abdomen. The tiny baby is removed and allowed to die by neglect or direct act.

Prostaglandin chemical abortion: This form of abortion uses chemicals, developed by the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co., which cause the uterus to contract intensely, pushing out the developing baby. In one article, one of the complications listed with this method was “live birth.” In fact, the two most “dreaded” complications for an abortionist are a dead mother or a live baby.

Dilatation and Extraction (D and X) Late Term Abortions

(As of the writing of the following information, there has been no record of the use of these procedures.)

Dr. Haskell, an Ohio abortionist, described this new technique he has perfected. Unlike the D & E procedure whereby the preborn child is dismembered once the mother’s womb is opened, the D & X method presumes the preborn baby is alive until the end of the procedure when the child is killed by suctioning the brain tissue through a hole at the base of the skull while the baby’s head is still inside the uterus. Then the intact aborted child, minus brain content, is removed from the womb.

According to the paper presented by Dr. Haskell the procedure takes three days and begins with “dilation (and) MORE DILATION.” The cervix is initially dilated to 9-11 mm. with mechanical dilators, in order to accommodate the placement of five to seven synthetic laminaria, Dilapan hydroscopic dilators, which remain in place overnight.

The following morning the Dilapan are removed and replaced with a second insertion of 15 to 25 dilators, again left overnight. The Dilapan process may cause severe cramping.

On the third day, after removing the dilators, the abortionist ruptures the membranes, if this has not already happened, and drains the amniotic fluid. The abortionist places an ultrasound transducer on the mother’s abdomen and locates the child’s legs and feet.

The abortionist then uses a large forceps to grasp one of the baby’s legs. He pulls firmly, forcing the child into a feet-down position. He continues pulling until the baby’s leg is drawn into the birth canal.

Next, using his hands instead of forceps, the abortionist delivers the baby’s body in a manner similar to a breech birth. First, the child’s other leg is delivered, followed by the torso, shoulders, and arms. The baby’s head “usually” remains inside the uterus.

The abortionist then performs the last step which Dr. Haskell calls “fetal skull decompression.” Using blunt-tipped surgical scissors in a closed position, he pierces the child’s head at the base of the skull. He then forces the scissors open to enlarge the skull opening.

Removing the scissors, the abortionist inserts a suction catheter into the wound and vacuums out the child’s brain tissue (in Dr. Haskell’s words, “evacuates the skull contents”) causing the baby’s death. With the skull emptied of brains, it collapses and he then “applies traction to the (dead) fetus removing it completely from the patient.”

Dr. Haskell has performed over 700 of these abortions on preborn babies as old as 26 weeks. Dr. Haskell refers to another abortionist, Dr. James McMahon of McMahon Med. Center and Eve Surgical Centers in Los Angeles and Tarzana, CA, who not only also uses this technique but sometimes uses it to abort preborn children up to 32 weeks “or more.”

Barbara Radford, Executive Director of the National Abortion Federation said of this late-term abortion technique, in a 6/18/93 letter to NAF members, "Don't apologize: this is a legal abortion procedure."
Rape and Incest

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They said I was just another minority bringing a child into the world and there were too many already. Here is a woman who is being victimized not only because she is a rape victim, but also because she is black and a minority and she has a low income. That is one of the stories that upset me the most.

Childbirth can be a victory.

For the majority of pregnant rape victims who wisely choose to forgo abortion, childbirth is the source of triumph over rape. It is a choice that says, “Rape will not dictate my life.” It allows them to show their recovery by increasing feelings of guilt, shame and low self-esteem.

Like Incest, Abortion Promotes Silence

Incest victims face similar problems. Incest is a very complex issue and it is hard to say much in a very short period of time. The vast majority of incest victims want to carry their pregnancy to term. These are young girls for whom pregnancy is a way to break out of an incestuous relationship with their father, whom they may love despite their confusion and resentment of the way they have been used as sexual objects. Since they still love the father, having the child can not only help express the incestuous relationship but also give hope of beginning a truly loving relationship.

In studies of incest victims, the vast majority choose to carry the pregnancy to term. Those in the minority who have an abortion do so only under pressure from their parents to conceal the incestuous relationship. Because incest is a family pathology that involves father, mother and daughter, all are involved in a conspiracy of silence.

I interviewed Edith Young, now 38 years old, who was a rape victim at 12 years of age. To cover up the incident, her parents procured an abortion for her without telling her what was to happen. The emotional and physical scars of incest and abortion still last to this day. She said, “I was being sexually attacked, threatened by him and betrayed by Mom’s silence... the abortion which was to be in my best interest if not been... it only saved their reputations; solved their problems and allowed their lives to go merrily on.”

Pro-life persons don’t have any reason to be ashamed to defend a pro-life view in the case of rape or incest. The ones who need to be ashamed are the pro-abortionists who have been exploiting the problems of rape and incest victims, confusing the public and promoting abortion for their own social engineering goals.

Planned Parenthood Ignores Own Advice

In 1963, a Planned Parenthood publication, Plan Your Children For Health and Happiness stated: “An abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun. It is the destruction of a human being, a life and health.” Yet Planned Parenthood now operates the nation’s largest network of abortion mills.

Consider this quote taken from New Dimensions magazine (Sep/Oct 1991, p. 22): “Planned Parenthood recently acknowledged what the anti-abortion camp has been saying for years:...”

Carol Everett was involved in the abortion industry in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, area from 1977 until 1983. As director of four clinics, owner of two, Ms. Everett was responsible for the clinics’ daily operation. Everett, who had an abortion soon after it became legal in 1973, now speaks out on...

"What I Saw in the Abortion Industry"

Q What is the governing force behind the abortion industry? A. Money. It is a very lucrative business.

Q How much money were you making in the abortion industry before you quit? A. I was getting a commission of $25.00 on every abortion I “sold”. In 1983, the year I got out, I would have pocketed approximately $250,000.

Q How did you dispose of an aborted baby? A. In our clinics, we put them down the garbage disposal. We used the heavy duty model. Some second and third trimester babies’ muscle structure is so strong that the baby will not come apart, so they must be disposed of through trash receptacles.

Q Abortion is supposed to be a "safe" experience. What complications did you witness? A. We were doing a one-day traumatic dilation, which has a higher rate of complication. In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing over 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500. Common complications that take place are perforations or tears in the uterus. Many of those result in hysterectomies. The doctor might cut or harm the urinary tract, which then requires surgical repair. A complication that is rarely publicized is the one in which the doctor perforates the uterus and pulls the bowels through the vagina, resulting in colostomy. Some of these can be reversed, some must live with the colostomy for the remainder of their lives.

Q How did you keep these complications and deaths from the public? A. The woman would be loaded into my car (an ambulance outside an abortion clinic is terrible advertising) and transported to a hospital that would protect the doctor and the abortion clinic’s reputation. The concern is not with the patient only in an unblemished reputation. You have a built-in cover-up with the patients’ family. They are dealing with their guilt and emotions over the situation and do not want to deal with the added pressure of exposing the truth through the media.

Q Why did you get out of the abortion business? A. Two things came into play at about the same time. I experienced a profound religious transformation—a conversion. At about the same time I was having second thoughts a Dallas television station did an expose disclosing the abortions performed at my clinic on non-pregnant women— all for money! I finally realized, “We weren’t helping women—we were destroying them and their children.” By then my transformation was complete and I knew that I not only had to stop being involved with abortions but I had to help promote the truth.
ABORTION:

Possible Effects on Your Body

Immediate
• Intense pain • Punctured uterus • Excessive bleeding
• Infection • Parts of baby left inside • Shock/Coma
• Damage to other organs • Death

Later
• Inability to become pregnant again • Miscarriages/Stillbirths • Tubal Pregnanacies
• Premature births • Pelvic inflammatory disease
• Hysterectomy • Two to Four times Higher Risk of Developing Breast Cancer

"People do not understand that there are thousands of serious physical complications from abortion every year in this country." Dr. Bernard Nathanson, OB-GYN,

"The inherent risk of abortion is not fully appreciated, both by men in the profession and certainly not by the public." The American Colleges of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Possible Effects on Your Emotions

The Most Common
• Guilt • Desire to become pregnant again
• Depression/Crying • Inability to forgive yourself • Intense grief/sadness
• Anger/Rage • Emotional numbness
• Sexual problems • Lowered self-esteem
• Nightmares • Anorexia or other eating disorders
• Drug or alcohol abuse • Suicidal urges

"Abortion has a painful aftermath, regardless of the woman’s religious beliefs, or how positive she may have felt beforehand about her decision to abort." Vincent Rue, Ph.D., Psychologist.

Post Abortion Syndrome
(For women suffering mental and emotional anguish following an abortion)

Dr. Anne Speckhard, Ph.D., in her study on Post Abortion Syndrome, found the following effects on women.

Events Related to Abortion
• 23% had hallucinations related to the abortion
• 35% perceived visitation from the aborted child
• 54% had nightmares related to the abortion
• 69% experienced feelings of “craziness”
• 73% had flashbacks of abortion experience
• 81% had a preoccupation with the aborted child

Most Common Behavioral Problems After Abortion
• 61% increased their use of alcohol
• 65% had thoughts of suicide
• 69% were sexually inhibited
• 73% had flashbacks of the abortion
• 77% experienced an inability to communicate
• 81% experienced frequent crying

Problems ... after an abortion?
MEDICAL • LEGAL • EMOTIONAL HELP
CALL 1-800-634-2224 AMERICAN RIGHTS COALITION or 1-800-962-2319 LEGAL ACTION FOR WOMEN
Additional Resources listed on Page 5

A Mother’s Anguished Letter to Her Aborted Child

Even after years have intervened, a woman cannot forget the life that her decision took

Ten years ago yesterday, I carried you beneath my heart. Ten years ago today, I stopped the beating of your heart. I, your mother, the one who gave you life, also gave you death.

It’s been a decade and still my blood runs cold and I catch my breath whenever I hear the word “abortion.” There’s an emptiness inside of me that can never be filled, a chill that has never quite been warmed, a grief that will never end. To me you will forever remain an unfinished song, a flower that has never quite been warmed, a grief that will never end. To me you will forever remain an unfinished song, a flower that will never end, a grief that has never quite been warmed, a grief that will never end. To me you will forever remain an unfinished song, a flower that has never quite been warmed, a grief that will never end.

Even during your last fragile moments of life, I wondered, “Is my baby a boy or a girl?” The question ran through my mind again and again as I tried to block out the sickening sounds of you being suctioned from my womb and from my life. I seemed to have a burning need to know whether I would have had a son or a daughter, yet somehow I couldn’t bear to ask such an indelicate question of the doctor who stood smiling above me. Instead, I simply nodded and patted my trembling hand and said, “Now—aren’t you glad it’s all over?”

As I lay there drowning in my own blood, tears and sweat, I could hear the nurses chattering about co-workers, new cars and clothes.

To these people, the extermination of your life was simply a job—"making a living by destroying the living." To those gathered in that sunny room in Philadelphia 10 years ago, it was just another day. To me, it was the darkest day I had ever known.

"The Abortion" — the most heart-wrenching, terrible experience I had suffered through in my 18 years; certainly the most painful experience suffered by you in your three short months. It has taken me all these years to get over it.

Now — as my eyes fill with tears, I realize that there were other choices. I was simply too scared to consider the alternatives. Still, a child myself, I "wasn’t ready" to be a mother.

What I didn’t realize then was that I already was a mother. You became my child at the moment of conception; my love for you began when your life began, and although your life ended, that love has never died.

Your silent screams have awakened me from sleep many times over the years, and I have lain in the dark and mourned the loss of the baby I killed. There have even been times when I’ve contemplated ending my own life as I ended yours.

It’s been 10 years and still I haven’t forgiven myself. Have you forgiven me? Has God forgiven me for destroying a being he created by His own hand?

I’ve had many nightmares through the years. Scences of a tiny fetus in a trash bag haunt my subconscious. I’ve awakened in a cold sweat, again feeling the excruciating pain of that long-ago day. I recall the intense physical pain of the abortion — but those 10 minutes of hurt were nothing compared to the 10 years of pain I’ve lived with since.

For years my heart has ached to write you this letter, but whenever I attempted to put my feelings into words, I found the blank pages covered with tears rather than with ink. For some reason, though, tonight was different. . . .

Perhaps this letter was meant to be written in order to help others to avoid the agony I experienced, to help other young girls "in trouble," as I was 10 years ago, to realize that there are alternatives to abortion. . . .

If this letter prevents even one abortion, it will have served a purpose. But Baby, my purpose in sending this letter to you is to let you know that I love you — whoever you are. And I’m sorry.

Love, Mommy

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How Developed Is Your Baby?

**Baby at Approximately Six Weeks**

This remarkable photograph of a tiny pre-born baby in his unruptured amniotic sac was taken after surgery (for a tubal pregnancy) at the University of Minnesota by medical photographer, Robert Wolfe, in 1972. This picture demonstrates the remarkable early development of a preborn baby at only six weeks after conception.

**Consider This Testimony**

"Eleven years ago while giving an anesthetic for a ruptured ectopic pregnancy (at 8 weeks gestation), I was handed what I believe was the smallest living human ever seen. The embryonic sac was intact and transparent. Within the sac was a tiny human male swimming extremely vigorously in the amniotic fluid, while attached to the wall by the umbilical cord. This tiny human was perfectly developed, with long, tapering fingers, feet and toes. It was almost transparent, as regards the skin, and the delicate arteries and veins were prominent to the ends of the fingers.

"The baby was extremely alive and swam about the sac approximately one time per second, with a natural swimmer’s stroke. This tiny human did not look at all like the photos and drawings and models of ‘embryos’ which I had seen, nor did it look like a few embryos I have been able to observe since then, obviously because this one was alive!

"When the sac was opened, the tiny human immediately lost his life and took on the appearance of what is accepted as the appearance of an embryo at this stage of life (with blunt extremities etc.)."

Statement by Paul E. Rockwell, M.D., anesthesiologist, as quoted by Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke in *Handbook on Abortion*.

**Feet of Baby at Ten Weeks**

Dr. Russell Sacco of Oregon took this picture of the perfectly formed feet of a 10-week-old aborted baby waiting for disposal in a pathologist’s laboratory. The feet in the picture are held between the doctor’s thumb and forefinger.

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Don't Make My Mistakes

**Some people say that abortion is “an informed decision between a woman and her physician.”**

**You hear that a lot. But the fact is that most women never meet the abortionist until they are on the table, as happened in my case.**

I was 18 years old when I got pregnant. I wasn’t serious about my boyfriend. It was a casual relationship. Since I had already enlisted in the Air Force, I thought I had to have an abortion in order to make something out of my life.

My best friend drove me to the abortion clinic. I was there for about four hours. It was like an assembly line. When the ultrasound was being done I asked to see it. But this wasn’t allowed (so much for “an informed decision”). Then I asked how far along I was. I was told I was nine-and-a-half weeks pregnant. That hit me hard. I knew then that my baby was further developed than I had thought. I started doubting, and wanted to talk to my friend. But I wasn’t allowed to do that either.

When it was my turn the nurse told me that I was going to feel some discomfort, like strong menstrual cramps. The truth is that the abortion was more pain than I’ve ever felt in my life. It felt like my insides were literally being sucked out of my body. Afterwards I went into shock!

After the abortion, I tried to make up for the abortion by trying to get pregnant again. I wanted my baby back. I never got pregnant again. I don’t know if I can ever have another baby. I named my baby. I found out later that this is part of the grieving process.

I ended up in the hospital with bulimia two-and-one-half years later. I felt that no one had punished me for what I had done so I was punishing myself. I became obsessed with women who were pregnant, with women who would talk about their pregnancy. My life was in shambles! I was suffering from post-abortion trauma.

When I was 21 years old God brought me help through a woman who was involved in pro-life activism. She helped me a lot. I went through a post-abortion counseling program called “Conquerors.” God not only forgave me, He challenged me to help others. I answered the challenge!

I started picketing and sidewalk counseling. There is a healing process that comes from getting involved in the pro-life movement. I talk to youth groups and students about abstinence and I share my testimony. To them, and to you, I plead, “Please don’t make the same mistakes I did.”

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See pages 5 & 8 for alternatives to abortion!