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BOYCOTTS WORK

Educating companies about abortion changes hearts and minds ... and corporate policies!

One effective way to spread the pro-life message in today's society is to refuse to do business with companies that fund Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion groups. Boycott lists are regularly published by Life Dynamics International and others who monitor where companies send their grant money. At the same time, pro-lifers write letters to the targeted companies, asking them to reconsider their pro-abortion giving policies. California Right to Life supporters have long joined in this two-pronged effort; many of us refuse to shop at businesses that promote abortion, and others write to the companies involved.

These pro-life efforts do have an impact! Ninety-two companies have stopped sending money to Planned Parenthood as a direct result of the boycotts and letters, most notably in recent weeks, Berkshire Hathaway, parent company of See's Candies, The Pampered Chef, and Dairy Queen. (Now is a great time to say "thank you!" to Berkshire Hathaway by buying extra candy!)

California Right to Life Education Fund participates in a letter writing campaign, "**Project Mustard Seed,**" which targets one corporation that supports Planned Parenthood each month. If you are interested in joining this dedicated group of letter writers, call our office. It's only one letter a month, we provide all the information, and as we have seen with the Berkshire Hathaway boycott, each person can make a difference.

FULL-TIME PRAYER NEXT TO ABORTION MILL?

California Right to Life has recently learned of an exciting opportunity for a local church-based group to establish a House of Prayer right next door to a Northern California abortion mill. Imagine the effect of round-the-clock intercessory prayer on the women going into the abortuary, on the abortionist, and on the clinic staff! We are working with the organizers to find help in three areas: prayers for the success of this effort, financial support to pay the rent, and on-site prayer warriors willing to commit their time for the cause of Life. If you can help, please call our office.

Parental Notification: "Life On the Ballot"

Training session Sept 27 for volunteers

A new ballot initiative is in the works to amend the California State Constitution to require that parents be notified when a minor girl has an abortion. This initiative, called "Life On the Ballot," requires 600,000 signatures to qualify. A training session for signature gatherers will be held September 27 in Contra Costa / Alameda Counties. Please contact Camille Giglio of California Right to Life Committee, Inc. for more details: (925) 899-3064.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday August 23 -- The Marin County Respect Life Committee presents Jennifer Lahl, Executive Director of The Center for Bioethics and Culture, speaking on stem-cell research, cloning, genetic engineering and ethical considerations. Potluck dinner starts at 5:45 PM at St. Sebastian Church hall. For details and reservations, call Vicki Evans at 415-945-0180.

CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

Eric J. Scheidler

**Communications Director
of the Pro-Life Action League**

**Friday, October 24, 2003 6:00PM
Walnut Creek Civic Arts Building
111 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA**

(see enclosed flyer for registration info)

Saturday November 8 – Life Legal Defense Foundation's annual banquet at the Bellevue Club on Lake Merritt in Oakland, featuring Grover G. Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform. Contact Mary Riley at 707-224-6675 for further information.

Fetal Development Timeline

By Joy Juedes

Science consistently points to the fact that life begins at conception. But what happens after that? How is an unborn child "knit together" Psalm 139:13) in utero?

One of the most surprising things about fetal development is that nothing significantly new happens after 12 weeks after conception- the child simply gets bigger and matures. Nearly 90 percent of abortions are done before the twelfth week, when the child is supposedly "blood clots" (Mifeprex [mifepristone] pamphlet) or "pregnancy tissue," (Planned Parenthood document). The twentieth week is about the earliest partial-birth abortions are done. By that time, the baby could survive outside the womb.

Here is a nutshell timeline of a developing unborn child:

- 1 7-14 days- Cells multiply and become specialized for muscular, neural, reproductive, skeletal, digestive, and circulatory functions.
- 2 20 days- Eyes start to form
- 3 22 days- Heart begins to beat
- 4 23 days- Central nervous system begins to develop
- 5 4 weeks- Skeleton forms and muscles develop, arms and legs begin to form
- 6 5 weeks- Nose and mouth form
- 7 6 weeks- Brain waves can be recorded
- 8 8 weeks- All organs are present, complete, and functioning (except lungs- they follow a little later)
- 9 8-10 weeks- Body is completely formed. Responds to touch, fingers and toes defined, has permanent fingerprints, baby can suck thumb

- 10 8-13 weeks- The child's sex can be distinguished
- 11 11-12weeks- Finger and toenails form, the child can make all facial expressions. All organ systems are working, the baby can feel pain
- 12 15 weeks- "Fluff" appears on the baby's head, also has visible eyebrows, eyelashes
- 13 16 weeks- Mother can feel the baby move, heart pumps six gallons of blood per day, very rapid growth. Can have REM (dream) sleep
- 14 18 weeks- the child is now "complete," needing only more time to grow.
- 15 22 weeks- Mother can feel the baby hiccup
- 16 20-24 weeks- If born this young, the child could survive outside the womb

--From here the baby continues to grow and gain weight, his senses and motor skills becoming more refined.

When people realize that a "fetus" is a developing person with arms, legs and a beating heart, abortion supporters have their work cut out for them. Harrison Hickman, a pollster for the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (now NARAL Pro-Choice America), put it well: "Probably nothing has been as damaging to our cause as the advances in technology which have allowed pictures of the developing fetus, because people now talk about the fetus in much different terms than they did 15 years ago. They talk about it as a human being, which is not something that I have an easy answer on how to cure."

(Note: "From Conception to Birth: A Life Unfolds" by Alexander Tsiaras and Barry Werth is packed with powerful photographs and images following a baby's development. Recently California Right to Life was able to purchase a copy of this beautiful book, thanks to our generous supporters. We have used it in several presentations. Please contact the office if you would like to borrow this book.)

Works Cited

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California Right to Life Education Fund has copies of most of these references. Contact our office if you would like a copy, or several to share with friends.

WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

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Both share the same "no-exceptions" beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of California Right to Life Education Fund.

For Life,