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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

HORMONE REPLACEMENT VS. HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION

I don't know about you but almost everyday as I read the newspaper, I get fired up to write a response to something! I recently came across articles I had saved, planning to share some insights with you. The topic: "health benefits" of the pill. The AP article which appeared in the 10/22/04 Telegraph Herald began: "The same huge federal study [Women's Health Initiative (WHI)] that led millions of women to abandon use of hormones after menopause now provides reassurance that another hormone concoction—the birth control pill—is safe." I

hadn't studied the issue thoroughly but had done enough research to know that both 'hormone concoctions' were estrogen/progestin combinations. Their claim simply didn't make sense. How could the combination used in Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) be harmful when that in hormonal contraceptives be beneficial?

Reading further, my question was answered: "Doctors say the type of hormones and the stage of life when they're used may be what makes them helpful at one point and harmful at another. We're still learning more and more about the biology."

I wasn't convinced. I checked my Physician's Desk Reference (PDR). The generic names of several birth control pills (BCPs) didn't match those of HRT, although the product information did list known side effects of the Pill and HRT to be the same. Further investigation of the literature revealed that previous research on oral contraceptives suggested increased risk of heart attacks, strokes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and cancers (breast & cervical). I came across an article by John Wilks, B. Pharm. MPS. MACCP—*The Comparative Potencies of Birth Control and Menopausal Hormonal Drug Use*. His conclusion, after comparing the potency of the synthetic hormones used in both drug combinations: The dose of estrogen in BCPs has a potency four times greater than that of the estrogen used in HRT. "Hence it is biologically and pharmacologically plausible to expect that the BCP would have at least the same rate of breast cancer in its user as that seen in HRT users. According to the most recent research, this is exactly the case. . . . One would hope that the media will act to inform women of the dangers of the BCP also."

Mr. Wilks and I must not have been the only ones concerned about the validity of the October report. On December 16 another AP article on the topic was headlined: "*Government: Birth control study flawed!*" The concluding statement: A new analysis by senior statisticians determined that the heart findings were flawed and that the breast cancer findings now also are suspect.

Dr. Jacques Rossouw, WHI project officer, said, "It's not a WHI study, and the presentation was not made on behalf of the WHI. The findings are not credible. . . We really need to set the record straight." The "confusing findings" in the WSU study could have "serious health implications" for women. The study implied that women could "disregard" health warnings associated with the birth control pill. It also suggested that oral contraceptives be used as a "protective measure" to reduce the risk of developing certain types of cancer.

WOW! That's strong stuff! **Where are the headlines?** Don't you think women would like to know of the "**serious health implications**" of drugs they ingest voluntarily? Oh, but that would imply that the 'disease' of pregnancy is less severe.



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Senator Tom **Harkin** (D), 731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. E-mail: tom_harkin@harkin.senate.gov/ Phone: 202-224-3254 in Washington; 319-365-4505 in Cedar Rapids; or 563-582-2130 in Dubuque.

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- President Bush signed a Congressional spending bill (called an **omnibus** bill) that includes language (the Hyde-Weldon anti-discrimination amendment) protecting hospitals, medical professionals and health insurance providers from being forced to perform or pay for abortions. The measure ensures that state and local governments receiving money from the federal Health and Human Services Department cannot discriminate against health care providers that do not perform abortions, pay for abortions, provide insurance coverage for abortions or refer to agencies that perform abortions. The **Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA)** was originally passed by the House of Representatives but it never received a Senate vote. The measure is necessary because abortion advocates are working feverishly to require hospitals and insurance companies to perform or pay for abortions. Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the American Civil Liberties Union criticized the provision saying it discriminates against women seeking abortions. Senator Barbara Boxer of California is expected to put forward a bill next year that would overturn the measure. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa said, "They are catering to their right wing doing this. It doesn't make it right. I think this is the first step." Mr. Harkin said he intended to try to force a vote next year on support for upholding the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion. "I think it is time the women of America understand what is happening here," he said. **ACTION:** tell your members of Congress what you think about any move to repeal ANDA!

- Abortion advocates filed three separate lawsuits seeking to overturn the national **ban on partial-birth abortions**. Judges in the first round of the legal debate overturned the ban in all three cases. The Bush administration has appealed the decisions and submitted its appeal brief, saying it is wrong to assume that the ban needs a health exception. In an 82-page brief filed with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the Justice Department says Congress conducted extensive hearings and included findings of fact in the bill confirming that medical authorities say the three-day-long abortion procedure is never needed in a medical emergency. The Justice Department also points to Congressional findings indicating that partial-birth abortions may pose health risks for women. Such risks include cervical incompetence, trauma to the uterus, and lacerations or hemorrhaging.
- Every President has Constitutional authority to select **federal judges**, with the "advice and consent" of the Senate. Throughout U.S. history, Presidents have chosen nominees and the Senate leadership has allowed an up and down vote requiring a simple majority. However, after the 2000 election, no votes were allowed on any of ten nominees. This occurred because of threat of a filibuster, which can only be halted by a supermajority of 60 votes. This, in effect, denied the President Bush's Constitutional authority to appoint judges.

A January 4th vote ended with Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter as next chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Pro-life advocates, upset by Specter's earlier remark that it was "unlikely" that any judicial nominees who were pro-life would be confirmed by the committee once he became chairman, battled to prevent his confirmation. It appears that his written promise to hold quick hearings and support Bush's nominees secured the vote. Pro-life groups met with Specter after he was assured of the chairmanship. Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council said after the meeting, "In the end this could be much better than having a disgruntled committee member, ousted from a potential chairmanship, conspiring with the few remaining liberals," to oppose Bush's nominees."

Leading abortion advocates are continuing to attack pro-life Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as debate rages about whether President Bush will appoint him or fellow Justice Clarence Thomas to replace the ailing Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Rehnquist has been working from home and speculation mounts that he will step down from the court shortly after swearing in President Bush in January. Once that happens, political observers say Scalia and Thomas have the best chance to replace Rehnquist. Abortion advocates aren't content to wait until a nomination announcement to begin their attack. They're already mobilizing activists in opposition to the potential nomination of either pro-life judge to lead the nation's highest court.

ACTION: Contact your Senators and let them know your thoughts on these judicial appointments.

The Florida Second District Court of Appeal affirmed a lower court ruling rejecting the argument by Bob & Mary Schindler, parents of **Terri Schiavo**, that starving their disabled daughter to death is a violation of her First Amendment religious rights. The appeals court did not authorize a hearing on the appeal and issued no written opinion as to why it dismissed the case. The decision cannot be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court. Now, the only option available is to ask for a rehearing. The state is currently appealing the invalidation of "Terri's Law" by the Florida Supreme Court.

Mr. Schiavo is planning to initiate starvation procedures, when the appeals court finalizes its recent ruling dismissing the suit. The feeding tube is the only artificial support the young woman needs to live. Mrs. Schiavo is living in a nursing home under guardianship of her estranged husband. Michael Schiavo, claims his wife is in a coma. However, her parents have posted on their Internet website <terrisfight.org> a first-hand report by an attorney who met Terri for the first time Christmas Eve. "[Mrs. Schiavo] was definitely not in a coma," wrote attorney Barbara Weller, "not even close. This visit," she said, "certainly shed more light for me on why the Schindlers are fighting so hard to protect her, to get her medical care and rehabilitative assistance and to spend all they have to protect her life

ACTION: In an effort to preserve her life, American Life League is requesting urgent pleas to the Roman Catholic Bishop in St. Petersburg. Mrs. Schiavo is Roman Catholic and resides in the St. Petersburg Diocese. In ALL's *Communiqué*, the major pro-life group asks for "phone calls, letters and e-mails imploring that Terri be vigorously defended by the Church. The Most Rev. Robert N. Lynch can be contacted at PO Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743, or by telephone at 1-727/344-1611. E-mail to the diocese may be directed to communicate@dosp.org.

Speaker Training

Dubuque County Right to Life is once again offering informational classes on topics pertinent to the Right To Life movement. Involvement in the pro-life movement begins with learning the truth - the facts about abortion, chastity, euthanasia, stem cell research, Planned Parenthood and more. Classes will be given by Connie Hardie, Educational Director and Ellen Markham, Executive Director. They will be held at the DCRTL Office, 1205 Cleveland Avenue from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. on three Sundays - February 20, February 27 and March 13, 2005. One additional session will be needed for those who plan to complete the training and become a speaker. There will be an \$8.00 charge for materials. (Obtaining materials is strongly suggested, but optional.)

Our major focus as an organization is education. We are in need of more qualified speakers for our speakers' bureau. To join us, or if in need of more information call Ellen or Colleen at 556-5960.

ABSTINENCE ONLY VS. "COMPREHENSIVE" SEX EDUCATION

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-California, released a 'study' that he claimed 'proved' that abstinence only education is 'irresponsible and harmful to young people.' The report said that abstinence programs distort information, overstate incidence of emotional and/or physical consequences and over-accentuate religious values in instruction. He further reports that 11 of 13 abstinence-only programs "contain errors and distortions" about contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, abortions and sexual activity in general. The report also claimed a "scarcity" of programs that teach contraception and sex to children and teens. It is important to understand that Waxman is a leading proponent of condom distribution programs and is not simply an unbiased observer. Immediate reaction of the pro-abortion community applauded the study as proof positive that abstinence-only programs are ineffective, deceitful and dangerous to young people.

Abstinence educators responded to the report saying it should be dismissed as a political statement. They said part of the motivation for the report is because the percentage of government funding of sex-ed programs is gradually shifting to abstinence-only programs from those teaching "safe sex." Kimberly Martinez, executive director of the Abstinence Clearinghouse responded, "the statements that the report finds as being untrue are medically referenced back to peer-reviewed journals, and other reputable sources, such as the CDC or NIH." In addition the claimed "scarcity" of "comprehensive sex education programs" is false. The federal budget included a total of \$1.6 billion spent in 2002, the same year abstinence education only received \$106 million. That same year the Kaiser Family Foundation published that 90% of American High School students receive sex education before graduation.

The truth be known, the latest study released by the CDC National Center for Health Statistics offers more evidence that abstinence education works. Fewer teens are having sex. Those adolescents choosing to engage in sexual activity did so at older ages compared with a similar 1995 review. It's hard to argue with numbers.

A second report shows that more women are relying on family planning services than ever before and yet the outcomes of the studies reveal a worsening related to birth spacing and pregnancy prevention. "Contraception pushers wanted studies and in-depth analysis of sex education programs. Well, they got them. I hope they're ready. They've got some explaining to do," said Leslee Unruh, president of the Abstinence Clearinghouse.

LOOKING FOR A BABY GIFT? Don't forget our baby blanket—available in pink or blue for \$20.

EASTER PARADE OF HATS

WHO: Everyone is welcome!

WHAT: Join us for a fun filled luncheon and EASTER HAT PARADE

—under the direction of **Jill Rokusek, Dubuque's own "Hat Lady"**

WHEN: Sunday, March 20 @ 12:30 P.M.

WHERE: Holiday Inn Five Flags

WHY: Just for FUN

HOW: Mark your calendar; call your friends. Call DCRTL (563-556-5960) to reserve a spot. Or, send a \$15 check for each reservation to us at DCRTL, 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52003. Be sure to designate that it's for the 'hat parade'

Dubuque's Own HAT LADY will also be doing a show for Project Concern on February 14th at the Diamond Jo, second floor banquet room from 11:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Tickets are \$15 and available by sending your money to Project Concern, 3505 Stoneman Road, Dubuque, IA 52002. Call them with questions (563-588-3215).

BOYCOTT UPDATE:

Our corporate boycott information comes from Life Decisions International. They investigate, educate and report on companies contributing, knowingly, to Planned Parenthood. The information they send is trustworthy because of constant monitoring and opportunity for companies to cease their support. The latest *List* is available now at our office. To date, 111 corporations are known to have ceased funding Planned Parenthood!

The following information is taken from emails sent out by NARAL and the Feminist Majority Foundation:

NARAL is selling bracelets to "show you will never surrender to policies that violate our rights and pledge to remain committed to your values." They state, "Buying a bracelet will help educate pro-choice Americans about threats to their right to choose and bring younger and more diverse communities into the movement." They then state that Working Assets will donate \$1 to the **NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation** for each bracelet sold. Interestingly, Working Assets does NOT list NARAL as a recipient of their donations pool on their web site (www.workingforchange.com).

The **Feminist Majority Foundation** is asking their activists to encourage Dish Network to carry Oxygen Network. They say Oxygen Network, owned and operated by women, is the most requested network by subscribers to the Dish Network, yet EchoStar Communications, the parent company of dish, refuses to carry Oxygen. Oxygen offers such "great women-centered programming as Ellen DeGeneres' fabulous talk show and the honest and important show, "Talk Sex with Sue Johanson."

Got curves?

Gary Heavin, founder and CEO of **Curves**, is an avid supporter of pro-life causes, having pledged more than \$5 million to various groups supporting abstinence-only education and other pro-life programs.

The February 2005 issue of **Consumer Reports**, one of the nation's leading magazines for consumer product information, advocates and promotes artificial contraception and abortion. The issue has a 5-page article on condoms and other contraceptives and a long sidebar on "Abortion options." CR claims that the fatality risk of pregnancy is nearly 12 times greater than with RU-486, the abortion pill. A chart accompanying the review shows two of the ways the pill works, but does not mention that the pill can cause abortion by affecting the lining of the uterus so that a tiny baby will die before he can implant in the uterine wall.

An interesting revelation from WorldNetDaily: *"Despite the mission statement of Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports, stating the organization vows to maintain "independence and impartiality," the president and CEO of the nonprofit once led a state branch of Planned Parenthood."* **Write to CR at:** Consumer Reports Consumers Union of U.S., Inc., 101 Truman Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of the following: for **Joy Kay Deacon** from Ted & Jo Ann Deacon; for **Robert Scherr** from Peggy Howard, Mike & Judy Meyer, Dubuque Stamp, Virgil & Marian Bourek, Bill & Colleen Pasnik, & John Schmidt; for **Lawrence Kersten** from Hazel M. Kersten; for **Geraldine McDonough** from Bill & Doris McDermott; for **George Spencer** from Ramona Thomas; for **Bob Scherrman** from John & Ellen Markham, Mary Ellen Scherrman; for **Mary Onufrak** from Esther & David Thome; for **Cliff Knippel**, from Jeff & Theresa Chapman & family; for **Frank Murray** from Doris M. Murray; for **Mrs. Snyder** from the Dyersville Youth Group; for **Blanche Vacek** from David & Elaine Hansel.

In honor of : **Bud & Madonna Portz** from Joan Hedrick & from Patty & Denny Richter; **Jo Ann Deacon's birthday** from Jean Mescher; and **Jessica Link's 8th Birthday** from her friends :)!

Whenever a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person or family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque which is displayed in our office.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SCHEDULE OUR VIDEO/CABLE ACCESS PROGRAMS

If you enjoy video technology and have some spare time, please call us @ 563-556-5960!
We will train you, so don't shy away just because you've never done it before!

Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Watch for our **upcoming programs**, scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. Upcoming programs feature Life Dynamics News Magazine from October & November 2004 Issues—the latest in pro-life news from around the country!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

Many peaceful pray-ers are rising to the challenge of praying in front of the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women. Our goal is to have full time coverage at the site. We have a group going every 3rd Tuesday. They meet at Resurrection after the 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot. Call Bill (563-582-4436) if you can go on **February 15th**. Until (and even after) we meet our goal, we ask that anyone going to Cedar Rapids for another reason please stop by for awhile to pray there. They are open Monday & Tuesdays from 9 A.M.—7:00 P.M. and Wednesday though Friday from 9—5:00. Remember, the way to close the mills is the constant presence at the site! Or, if you are so inclined, call DCRTL @ 563-556-5960 to volunteer for an hour or two—each month or each week or even on occasion.

Every Friday following 12:10 Mass at St. Mary's in Iowa City, Fr. Ken Kuntz leads the Divine Mercy Chaplet @ Emma Goldman. If you are in Iowa City on a Friday for any reason, stop by to pray with them.

On the third Saturday, **February 19th**, a group will go to Iowa City to pray. The third Saturday group continues to go to Iowa City because the Cedar Rapids Clinic is closed on Saturdays. Call 563-556-5960 if you can join a group going there. For more information, call our office @ 563-556-5960. **PLEASE CALL TO LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE JOINING THE GROUP.**

[second notice] **HELP WANTED:** We're always in need of assistance on the computer, but have a special request at this time. Now that our Layla is gone (see Volume 7 Issue 11), we wonder if someone out there could possibly help on a regular basis with our ongoing need of continuing education on the computer. If you have such skill and time to help, please call us!! (563-556-5960)

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING: Our monthly meeting will be held @ **7:30 P.M.** on February 3. We will host all local participants in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. @ the **Divine Word Seminary**. **NOTE CHANGE IN PLACE & TIME!!!!** This is an especially fun meeting each year because we get to hear all about the Iowans For Life bus trip. All those who attended will be asked to join us and share their experiences. Come learn about the experiences of all! Please call us and volunteer to bring treats if you are able to do so! (563-556-5960)

LANGUAGE MATTERS: Arguing that "abortion" is getting bad press because it is not defined correctly, some doctors say that the differences between spontaneous abortion and induced abortion are of little consequence. "*These two simple categories encompass the various abortion sub-categories used in common parlance - missed abortion, incomplete abortion, inevitable abortion, elective abortion, therapeutic abortion., etc.*" They argue in favor of focusing on the procedures used and their commonality in treating natural abortions versus intentional abortions as a way of convincing the public that each and every procedure is needed and should not be outlawed. (Reading: "Language matters: legislation, medical practice and the classification of abortion," *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 105:1:201-204)

How do you suppose these doctors would define the abortion induced by a baseball bat to the abdomen? [I assume everyone has heard of the 16-year old boy charged by Macomb County prosecutors for beating his teen-aged girlfriend with "a 22-inch souvenir baseball bat over a two-week period. The girlfriend willingly consented to the beatings because the couple was trying to induce an abortion.] Would it be *inevitable* since the couple worked on it until successful? Or do you think it *therapeutic* since it prevented the psychological trauma of admitting pregnancy? Do you suppose it could be *spontaneous*, since it wasn't medically induced?

Language matters. No wonder these kids are confused! Our culture demands rights without responsibilities; believes virtue can exist without morality; and denies absolute values of right and wrong. What difference, in a culture confused about fundamental principles like the sanctity of life and the meaning of marriage, between a baseball bat to the abdomen or a scissors to the base of the skull? Abortion advocates are upset that the boy is being charged.

Language matters. But, apparently, life does not.

SOCIAL SECURITY –A TIMELY TOPIC

I recently received a request that I reprint an article from an old newsletter that was about the effect of abortion on our county's Social Security system crisis. The president seems preoccupied with its reform. Prior to digging that up, I received a news release about an ad published in the Washington Times: American Life League blows the whistle: **Want to save Social Security? Cure abortion!** So, rather than be repetitious, I'll share some excerpts: American Life League . . .ad telling President Bush that he can protect Social Security by curing abortion. The advertisement steps up ALL's effort to educate federal leaders about the societal devastation spread by abortion. . . . addresses Mr. Bush directly because of the recent media coverage about his concerns with the failing Social Security system. . . . explains that since 1973, more than 50 million babies have been killed in the womb. "Those are the very babies that, today, would be living, working - and paying into Social Security," said Judie Brown, president of American Life League. . . . challenges the government to pull its multi-million dollar annual subsidy of . . . (abortion-promoting) entities. "The government is largely responsible for the Social Security crisis," Brown added, "It is not difficult to see the strong, direct connection between the Social Security problems and abortion. We have killed off our children, who are no longer here to provide for us in the future. Until we can stop treating human life like an indispensable commodity, we will never see an end to the Social Security crisis. We must cure abortion - now!"

Post-abortion retreat to be offered

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for women and men struggling with the psychological or spiritual pain of abortion is planned for April and August, 2005. The retreat is scheduled to take place April 15-17, Blue Grass, Iowa, and August 5-7, in Cedar Falls, Iowa. According to Theresa Burke, PhD, author of the Rachel's Vineyard retreat, many women and men seek help anywhere from five to 20 years after their abortion, after suffering for years in confusion and silence.

"Rachel's Vineyard offers a chance to get away from all the daily pressures of work and family and focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive and non-judgmental process," said Burke, who added that married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing.

A donation of \$135 is requested to help cover the costs of the room, meals and retreat materials. Partial scholarships are available. Participation is confidential and open to all. For more information or to register, call Maria Shores at (319) 530-2597 or e-mail mariahores2000@yahoo.com. All communication is kept strictly confidential. For more information about the symptoms of post abortion trauma or for confidential e-mail, visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Anyone wishing to make a donation to assist this ministry should make checks out to Rachel's Vineyard Ministries and send to 1499 Velvet Lane, North Liberty, IA 52317.

COMING EVENTS - Plan now to join us!

- ◆ Pro-Life Mass **every Wednesday** at 2:25 P.M. at the Power of Prayer - 75 W. 17th Street - Fr. McAndrew, celebrant.
- ◆ Two opportunities to **Visit** the abortion mills to **pray and sidewalk counsel** each month. Call 563-556-5960 for details. (more information inside this issue)
- ◆ MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING -call 582-1673 for details.
- ◆ Our **next monthly meeting** will be held @ **7:30 P.M. on February 3.** We will host all participants in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. @ the **Divine Word Seminary.**

NOTE CHANGE IN PLACE & TIME!!!!

- ◆ Speaker Training—**February 20, 27 & March 13th.**
- ◆ Younkers benefit sale –**February 26**
- ◆ **Easter Hat Parade –March 20—details inside this issue**
- ◆ LIFE Dinner 2005—**April 8, 2005** @ the Grand River Center.



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