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Colusa and Yuba-Sutter County Fairs

For 28 years, the annual YS fair has been a prime occasion for personal interaction and discussion with local residents. For the past two years, we have also extended this opportunity to the Colusa County Fair. Between the two fairs, we distributed hundreds of pieces of literature and had contact with close to 3000 people who stopped by to chat, look, pick up literature or try our "Test your knowledge on abortion" quiz.

In Colusa, we gathered 60 signatures on our Petition to State legislators expressing opposition to assisted suicide legislation, which ultimately did not pass in the California legislature. At the Y-S Fair, 111 people signed our Petition to our Federal legislators in support of funding only adult stem cell research.

Once again our game box was a big hit, drawing in a large number of teens and resulting in many discussions—what a great tool for educating our visitors! Our fetal models also attract a lot of attention, especially from pregnant moms who can see—and show their families—just what size their unborn baby is!

The effort we expend to educate our communities each year would be impossible without our willing, dedicated and caring volunteers:

Colusa

Michelle & Kenny Dudman
Lucille English
Heather & Cindy Friel
Brian Greenberg
Brian, Jennifer & Spencer
Hackney
Rosemary Hicks
Jim & Lucille Imhoff
Sylvia King
Fred & Vicki Leonard
Dianne Luoma
Alicia Mena
Karen Miranda
Robin Rauch
Amy & Lynn Reister
Judi Rogers
Leslie VanDeven
Christine & Tim Walsh
Darlene Warner
Sara Weaver

Yuba-Sutter

Brad Bell
Joe & Jan Caputo
Yvonne Elkins
Jeanenne Gingrich
Misty Guerrero
Mary Gunderson
John & Maureen Guth
Scott & Beth Jarvis
Liz Leighton
Judi & Tim Mallen
Mary McIntyre
Sharon Mixer
Chuck & Miriam Page
Rosemary Pierce
Fran Rex
Dave & Nancy Summy
Antonio & Martha Vazquez
Anne, Joseph & Rachel Williams



Joe and Jan Caputo in our 2006 Booth

Some Thoughts on Plan B

As of August 24, 2006, Plan B, the so-called "morning after pill," is available without prescription to anyone 18 or older.

- ▶ Like alcohol and cigarettes, minors can have someone over 18 purchase the pills for them
- ▶ Plan B contains the artificial hormone Levonorgestrel at 10 times the strength found in comparable prescription-only birth control pills
- ▶ According to the *PDR Family Guide to Women's Health*, use of hormonal birth control involves health risks and side effects including increased risk of cervical and liver cancer; heart and blood vessel disorders; high blood pressure; increased blood sugar levels; complications with the liver and gallbladder; cervical changes increasing the risk for sexually transmitted diseases; eye problems; and delays in fertility once pills are discontinued. Their use should be carefully considered by a physician in light of a person's medical history
- ▶ It makes absolutely no sense to let women of ANY age self-prescribe these pills
- ▶ Aside from health risks, use of these pills can cause an early, chemical abortion
- ▶ Experience in other countries where emergency contraception has been readily available for years shows that "diagnoses of almost every STD have risen dramatically during the past five years, especially among young people" (C. Midgley, "The Price of Casual Sex," The Times (London) 1/29/02)

Save the Dates

Mark your calendar and plan to participate in these upcoming pro-life events:

October 1, National Life Chain Sunday. Contact your church or Royce Dunn, (530) 671-5500.
website: www.nationallifechain.org
email: Director@NationalLifeChain.org

October 21, A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Center Banquet. This year's speaker is best-selling author Stephen Mansfield ("The Faith of the American Soldier," "The Faith of George W. Bush," and "Benedict XVI: His Life and Mission") Contact AWF, 741-0556.
website: www.awomansfriend.org
email: prc@awomansfriend.org

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Save the Date (continued)

January 20, 2007, Third Annual Walk for Life West Coast, San Francisco. (415) 586-1576.
website: walkforlifewc.com
email: info@walkforlifewc.com

January 24, Pro-Life Breakfast, Mass & Rally at the Capitol. Contact California ProLife Council (916) 442-8315.
website: www.californiaprolife.org
e-mail: info@californiaprolife.org

PLACE YOUR ORDER

Ethical row over world's first "made to order" embryos

Julie Wheldon, *Daily Mail* 4th August 2006

From Great Britain comes the latest development in the designer baby trade: For around £5,000 couples can buy ready-made embryos matched to their specific requirements—even down to choosing what eye and hair colour they would like their child to have. In each case the embryos are made from eggs and sperm from two donors who have never even met. The moment of conception occurs in the laboratory and is determined by the genetic combination the clinic thinks will best meet the needs of the paying couples...

We are now commoditizing humans!

Teens Cope With Unwanted Births Better Than Abortion

Elliott Institute—Aug. 10, 2006

Adolescent girls who abort unintended pregnancies are five times more likely to seek subsequent help for psychological and emotional problems compared to their peers who carry "unwanted pregnancies" to term, according to a new nationally representative study published in the **Journal of Youth and Adolescence.**

Dr. Priscilla Coleman, a research psychologist at Bowling Green State University, also found that adolescents who had abortions were also over three times more likely to report subsequent trouble sleeping, and nine times more likely to report subsequent marijuana use. The results were compiled after examining 17 other control variables, like prior mental health history and family factors, that might also influence subsequent mental health.

The data was drawn from a federally-funded longitudinal study of adolescents from throughout the U.S. who participated in two series of interviews in 1995 and 1996. About 76 percent of girls who had abortions and 80 percent of girls who gave birth were between the ages of 15 and 19 during the survey, with the remainder being younger.

Researcher Dr. David Reardon, who has contributed to more than a dozen studies examining psychological outcomes after abortion, said that Coleman's study was

particularly important because it examines pregnancy "wanted-ness," in addition to a large number of other control variables.

"The scientific evidence is now strong and compelling," Coleman said. "Abortion poses more risks to women than giving birth."

Priscilla K. Coleman, "Resolution of Unwanted Pregnancy During Adolescence Through Abortion Versus Childbirth: Individual and Family Predictors and Psychological Consequences".

Vote Yes on Prop 85

As a 501c3 organization, we cannot (and do not) endorse candidates.

However, we can and do support issues of critical importance to the pro-life movement. One of these is on the California ballot in November.

Proposition 85, or the Parental Notification Act, would require an abortionist to notify the parent/s of a minor patient (under 18) of her scheduled abortion 48 hours before the appointment. This will ensure that the girl's parents are **informed** of their daughter's condition and intentions, and are able to offer support and counsel. Provisions within the law allow for a Supreme Court-required judicial bypass in cases of abuse or incest and for an exemption for medical emergencies.

Under current California law, your daughter can obtain an abortion without your knowledge, much less approval. This is patently absurd when considering that:

- ▶ A minor cannot be issued an aspirin at school without parental consent.
- ▶ A minor cannot go on a field trip without parental notification and consent.
- ▶ Minors cannot be sentenced to death because they have poor or under-developed judgment, but they can unilaterally decide to have an abortion.

At the same time, parents are held responsible for any costs or complications stemming from their minor daughter's abortion.

No young girl should undergo any invasive surgical procedure, including an abortion, performed secretly by an unknown person at an unknown location.

If Mom or Dad do not know, they can not get prompt care for dangerous or even fatal complications which their young daughter may be secretly suffering.

Public opinion polls show a majority of Americans agree that parents should be informed about their minor's abortion, and the United States Supreme Court has upheld parental involvement laws with judicial bypass provisions. Notifying a child's parent is just common sense and good public health policy.

Don't be fooled by the opposition's argument that a child may be endangered if her parents are abusive, or if she is a victim of incest. The same school teacher or counselor that advises her and escorts her to the abortion clinic can also advise and escort her to a judge for a judicial

bypass; and please don't vote No because you feel the proposal doesn't go far enough and require parental consent—it was written to require parental notification because that's the only way it can pass Supreme Court muster.

At last Californians have a chance to reestablish parental rights with this constitutional amendment. **Please vote YES on 85.**

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