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Waco Trib goes to bat for Planned Promiscuity

The *Waco Tribune Herald* is one of the few businesses in Waco that publicly support Planned Parenthood of Central Texas—for example free ads for July's Nobody's Fool program.

In a two-day blitz, the *Waco Trib* used its news pages to prop up this organization in decline.

The lead story for the Local Section on December 18, 2005 was a virtual advertisement for Planned Parenthood. The headline was "Planned Parenthood expanding Central Texas services."

The first initiative is a follow-up prenatal care visit when women are not persuaded to terminate their pregnancies at the Columbus Avenue abortuary. Wow, it took this organization with parenthood in its name 65 years to offer prenatal care service.

The second Planned Parenthood initiative is much more troubling for the pro-life, pro-family community. Planned Parenthood will go out into the community to entice poor women into promiscuity and contraception. Planned Parenthood employees "will make the rounds in selected locations" to try to get women and children to take a 3-month supply of birth control pills. The hope is that the women will then come to Planned Parenthood's Ross Avenue clinic for more contraception and possibly to the Columbus Avenue clinic for "back-up contraception."

Initially, Planned Parenthood will go out and use the facilities of the Waco Housing Authority (taxpayer funded), Talitha Koum Institute, and AVANCE Waco. Clearly, Planned Parenthood has in mind expanding its "services" to Hispanic and African-American women.

On the very next day, December 19, the *Waco Trib* devoted to Planned Parenthood its front page headline story. This story announced and promoted a \$159,000 Planned Parenthood private fundraising campaign to replace the 21% cut in Texas government funding that will occur in 2006. The Texas funds were made available to true health care organizations.

Regarding the state funding cuts, Planned Parenthood executive director Pam Smallwood was quoted as saying, "We just feel real strongly that this is going to have an impact on Waco, and not a good one."

Tetens and Pisciotta call for more cuts in Planned Parenthood funding

Writing for the *Waco Tribune Herald* editorial page, Josh Tetens (a recent graduate of the Baylor University School of Law) and John Pisciotta (co-director of Pro-Life Waco) expressed views very different from PP's Pam Smallwood.

Tetens (January 5) questioned taxpayer funding of an organization that locally and nationally is the #1 aborter of the unborn. Tetens welcomed the possible reduction in "services" provided by Planned Parenthood and looked forward to the day when the organization "is forced to close its doors, and then the numbers of abortions are sure to decrease."

Pisciotta (January 7) argued that Planned Parenthood is an organization with a social and immoral agenda for our community, nation, and the world. That agenda is free recreational sex, unencumbered by babies conceived but not wanted by the recreators. Since Planned Parenthood pushes sexual promiscuity along with any health services it provides, this organization should be funded privately and should experience a 100% cut in local, state, and federal funding.

It was not a surprise that the Tetens and Pisciotta editorials riled the supporter of Planned Promiscuity. As of February 1, six letters to the editor took issue with Tetens and Pisciotta. Carolyn Knowles's letter came to their defense.

ALL Launches National Initiative to STOP PP Funding

As you can read on page 6 of this newsletter, the American Life League--under the direction of our friends Jim Sedlak and David Bereit--have begun a nationwide campaign to cut off all government funding of Planned Parenthood. Currently your tax dollars provide over \$250 million per year to an organization that killed over a quarter million unborn babies in 2004.

ACTION ITEM. You can sign a petition to support this effort to get Planned Parenthood's greedy hands off your hard-earned money. Shouldn't this come under a "right to privacy?" Leave Planned Parenthood funding to the voluntary support of those who advocate promiscuity and the killing of the unborn.

Go to this web site to sign on:
www.StopPlannedParenthoodTaxFunding.com.

Roe Month Events in Waco



Molly White, Redeemed for Life Ministries ex. dir., backs up Mayela Banks giving her testimony about abortion and the Lord's forgiveness

To acknowledge 33 years of devastation brought on by the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision, Pro-Life Waco and Elijah Ministries each held a public event that focused on the physical, emotional and spiritual damage experience by post-abortive women.

The Pro-Life Waco event of Wed., Jan. 11, was simply entitled "Abortion Hurts Women." The location was the public right-of-way in front of Waco's Planned Parenthood abortuary. The event would not have been possible without Molly White of Redeemed for Life Ministries in Belton, Texas. Molly came up to Waco for the event and also arranged for Brandi Powell (Gary, Texas), Mayela Banks (Lampasas, Texas) and Mary Binder (Georgetown, Texas) to speak. Barbara Myers, co-director of Pro-Life Waco, was the emcee.

These testimonies were extraordinarily powerful. The gravity of moment was enhanced by the reality that just steps away Planned Parenthood was killing the unborn. After abortions, PP gives the mom a red rose to help her face the devastating years ahead.

While Waco area TV stations and the *WacoTrib* were informed about the event, none decided it was newsworthy.

On January 22, Rusty Thomas and Elijah Ministries held a solemn, city-wide Memorial Service at Rachel's Park (located on the grounds of Church on the Rock).

The Rachel's Park Memorial presents a stunning view of 4,000 white crosses—one for each unborn baby killed in America each day. The park is designed to be a place of prayer and healing for women who have lost their babies to abortion. The Park has a Wall of Remembrance where women can place a plaque in remembrance of their lost child.

One of the speakers was Nicole Holloway who was the first to place a plaque on the Wall of Remembrance.

In addition to Rusty Thomas, Flip Benham of Operation Save America gave strong challenge to the audience and to the Christian community of Central Texas.

The Rachel's Park event did receive extensive new coverage from KXXV-News 25.



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Tragic Abortion Toll in Waco



Thanks to two young creative researchers, we now have the year-by-year death toll inflicted by Planned Parenthood of Central Texas. Opening in 1994 with surgical abortion and adding RU-486 abortion in 2001, the PP death count through 2004 was 9,836 innocent unborn babies. Sometime in 2004, Planned Parenthood proudly killed the 10,000th innocent child.

Read and weep.

Also, please pray harder, work more, and include more financial support for pro-life organizations in your stewardship. Pro-Life Waco would welcome your additional support. There are also other pro-life organizations in Central Texas worthy of your support.

	Surgical Abortions	RU-486 Abortions	Total Abortions
2004	633	606	1,239
2003	690	524	1,214
2002	729	464	1,193
2001	843	255	1,098
2000	810		810
1999	790		790
1998	848		848
1997	841		841
1996	727		727
1995	679		679
1994	397		397

April 8, 2006 The Komen/PP Alliance One More Time

The local Susan G. Komen Foundation has announced that Saturday April 8 will be the date for the McLennan/Bell counties Race for the Cure.

Last year Pro-Life Waco launched an education campaign to let people know two things about the Susan G. Komen Foundation. 1. It is the national policy of the foundation to withhold from women the lifesaving information that abortion is an important risk factor for breast cancer. 2. Our local "Race for the Cure" is one of several around the country that make mammography grants to Planned Parenthood—the nation's #1 abortion inflictor.

Regarding these two matter, NOTHING HAS CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR.. The 2005 grant to Planned Parenthood of Central Texas was \$45,000!

ACTION ITEM. The registration number printed for the 2006 Race that has been printed in the WacoTrib is 254-753-0337. Call this number and politely ask if Komen continued in 2005 providing local grants to PPCT. If you don't live in the Waco/Temple/Killeen area, join us in making a call. Surely you have few extra cell phone minutes this month.

Floyd Martin Challenges "The Book of Daniel"

We are indebted to Floyd Martin for leading the challenge against the blasphemous NBC series "The Book of Daniel." Floyd questioned KCEN managers and local program advertisers. And, he spread the word to others to join the campaign. Thanks to many local eruptions and very few "Daniel" viewers, NBC has withdrawn the program.

Let us continue to stand boldly against those touting anti-life, anti-family, and anti-Christian agendas.

Ecumenical Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering

Lunch Served Throughout Noon Hour
Pro-life video, guest speakers & planning 1-2 p.m.
Meal is just \$3 for adults.
March 12 • April 9

Pro-Life Waco invites you to join the Central Texas pro-life movement. The movement is growing, but would be stronger with your involvement. Let us take time once a month to enjoy a terrific meal, fellowship, and planning to advance the Gospel of Life in our community.

We welcome newcomers. No one is pressured into any particular involvement. We have a special play area for children.

Please pray and stand for life!!
Each Wednesday between 7 a.m. & noon at the PPCT abortuary (1927 Columbus Avenue), your pro-life friends are there to stand and pray for life on Waco's regrettable day of abortion. Our numbers are growing. Please consider coming out to stand and pray for life for as little as 30 minutes on Wednesday. This abortuary is a moral stain on our city. Let us stand together for decency and for life.

Pro-Life on Cable TV

Defending Life on EWTN

Fridays/9 pm, Wed./4 am, Sat./1:30 am

Gospel of Life on SkyAngel,

Thursdays/7:30 am & Sat./6:30 pm

Faces of Abortion on SkyAngel,

Fridays/7 am & Sundays/6 pm

The first two series are hosted by Father Frank Pavone. The typical show has a guest interview for 20 minutes followed by a 10-minute segment on some suggested action in pro-life ministry.

Faces of Abortion is hosted by Molly White of Redeemed for Life Ministries in Belton. Programs in this series usually feature testimonies and interviews of women who have experienced the physical, emotional, and spiritual trauma of abortion.

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Waco Life Chain: now every month!

One recent sign of the vitality of the Central Texas pro-life movement is that Life Chain has gone from once a year to once a month.

Our monthly Life Chain will take place on the **First Sunday** of every month from 2-3 p.m. at intersection of Valley Mills Drive & Waco Drive. We park, organize and distribute signs at location of the former Blockbuster Video building.

The traffic at this time is always heavy and the response is overwhelmingly positive.

Life Chains are a terrific witness to the community that there are Christians who will stand publicly to defend the lives of the innocent unborn and their mothers deceived and pressured into abortion.

Signs are available for all who come out. No signs of aborted babies are used for Life Chain. This would be an excellent pro-life activity for your church, Sunday School, youth group, etc.

You are welcome on March 5, April 2, etc.