



Local Pro-Life News

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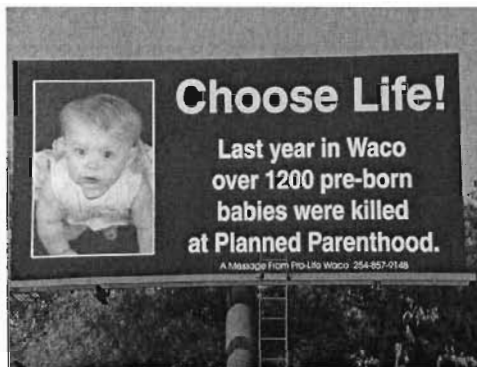
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About the town . . .



PLW & PPCT: Battle of Billboards

For several months, Pro-Life Waco has had a large billboard on Sanger Avenue, adjacent to Casa de Castillo restaurant. The message (see below) aims to inform Wacoans that Planned Parenthood commits over a thousand abortions every year.



Planned Parenthood of Central Texas, apparently concerned about its sagging reputation, responded by putting out over 20 small billboards throughout McLennan County. The billboards (see below) proclaim Planned Parenthood's commitment to recreational sex without the possibility of children being born.



Pro-Life Waco countered by relocating its Sanger Avenue billboard to Franklin Avenue between 16th and 15th streets.

There were two interesting developments from this billboard battle.

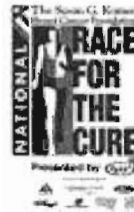
First, KXXV-TV interviewed Bill McBride for a news story entitled "Dueling Billboard in Waco." Bill is the one responsible for the billboard outreach of Pro-Life Waco. Bill did an outstanding job with story that ran on the 5, 6, and 10 p.m. local news. Pam Smallwood, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Central Texas was invited to appear on-camera as part of the news story. Ms. Smallwood declined.

Second, Doel Garcia saw one of the Planned Parenthood billboards in China Spring. He went to the owner of the property and

convinced him that that he should not allow a message supporting Planned Parenthood on his property. Doel was successful and Swift Outdoor Advertising had to go out and remove that the billboard. The property is owned by Mac's Self-Storage and Trailer Rentals in China Spring. Please patronize.

Finally, a firm that has been very helpful with billboards and signs is Imprint Anything at 708 Lake Air Drive. If you have sign, novelty, or party needs, please patronize Imprint Anything.

2006 Centex Komen Race with Planned Parenthood



The 2006 Waco Komen Race for the Cure was held Saturday, April 8.

We know from the Planned Parenthood of Central Texas newsletter that the 2005 Central Texas Race for the Cure made grants totaling \$45,000 to PPCT.

This Komen/Planned Parenthood financial entanglement is an outrage. There is vast research evidence and biological understanding regarding induced abortion as a risk factor for breast cancer.

So what do many Komen Foundation local affiliates, including the Central Texas affiliate, decide to do? Unbelievably, they take Race for the Cure funds and make grants to the nation's industry leader in abortion. In 2004, Planned Parenthood killed over a quarter of a million unborn babies-- **1,239 of here in Waco!**

The funds granted to Planned Parenthood are for the worthwhile purpose of providing mammography for low-income women. But most Komen affiliates serve this function without getting involved with abortuary proprietors.

In 2005, Pro-Life Waco challenged Central Texas Komen's unwise and unnecessary relationship with Planned Parenthood.

Barbara Myers, co-director of Pro-Life Waco, again led the battle in 2006.

When a letter appeared in the *Waco Trib* praising Komen funding of Planned Parenthood, Barbara Myers responded with an effective letter that was printed on March 25. Barbara wrote in part, "Only one in five of Planned Parenthood's clients are over 30. The Komen-supported mammography program is for women 40 to 50 years old. Komen should stop soiling its reputation by partnering with Planned Parenthood."

Many of you responded to e-mail requests to contact Waco Komen to complain about the Planned Parenthood relationship.

Our goal is to get the local Komen to break with PPCT--as we did the Girl Scouts in 2004.

But even if this is not achieved, a strong stand will have the effect of making other Komen, and other organizations in general, think twice before having anything to do with Planned Parenthood.

Thank you for your support of the 2006 effort to shine the light on something the Komen Foundation simply should not be doing.

KOMEN ACTION ITEM

Komen will make decisions in the months ahead to allocate money from the Central Texas Race. Contact Komen and urge them to handle their breast cancer screening through a real medical facility and without going through PPCT. Contact Komen at:

Phone: (254) 753-3037

Fax: (254) 753-3397

Email: CTA@komentexas.org

Mail: PO Box 8504, Waco, TX 76714.

Mini-Billboard at St. Mary's Church in Waco (Will your church be next?)



Bill McBride, James Fitzpatrick, Anna Fitzpatrick and Jane McBride are pleased with their church's public proclamation of the value of pre-born life.

In March, St. Mary's Catholic Church erected a mini-billboard (4'x8'). Although small, you cannot miss this billboard when driving on Washington Avenue at the 1300 block. Check it out. As with all our billboard projects, Bill McBride has also taken the lead on this one.

We are praying that 20 more Waco-area churches will have mini-billboards by the end of 2006. A variety of tasteful billboard message are available. The cost is moderate—under \$200 for billboard and installation.

For more information, just call Bill McBride at 857-9141.

Theft of Bears for Life Pro-Life Display at Baylor

On Monday evening, March 6, Baylor's Bears for Life student organization put out 3,500 pink and blue flags on an expansive grassy area of Fountain Mall. The display, approved by the Baylor Student Life Office, also included signs reading, "In loving memory of 3,500 children aborted daily in the United States."



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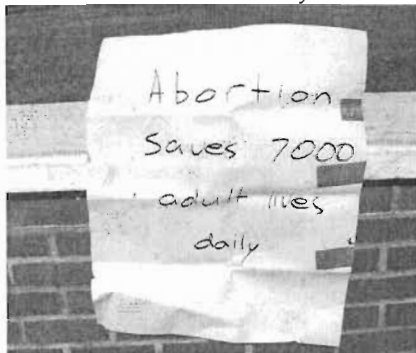
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The powerful flag display was to be on view Tuesday and Wednesday. However, some Baylor students stole all the flags and signs sometime Tuesday evening.

Where the pink and blue flags had been located, the students left a sign with a scribbled message: "Abortion saves 7,000 adult lives every day." This is an obvious reference to the mothers and fathers of the babies killed by abortion.



The theft was reported to the Baylor police department and resulted in news stories in the *Baylor Lariat*, the *Waco Tribune Herald*, and KXXV-TV in Waco.

Additionally, letters to the editor appeared in the *Baylor Lariat* and John Pisciotta, faculty advisor for Bears for Life, was interviewed on Point of View talk show, KSLR radio (San Antonio), and American Family Radio.

Baylor University, for nearly a decade, has had a pro-life student organization. Bears for Life president is Teresa Hilgers of Omaha, Nebraska. There is no pro-choice student organization at Baylor. Baylor's students are overwhelmingly pro-life. Still, with over 30 years of abortion on demand in America, so many people have been touched by abortion. This includes people in Christian churches and Christian universities.

Let us pray those all who are hurting with pent-up hostility will seek reconciliation with Christ Jesus.

Final note: Teresa Hilgers' father, Dr. Thomas Hilgers, was the primary researcher in the development of the Omaha Method of National Family Planning. He continues to be involved in research using moral and non-invasive ways to help married couples postpone pregnancy and also to achieve pregnancy when there is a fertility problem. For more information on Dr. Hilgers' NaPro Technology methods and services go to <http://www.popepaulvi.com>

Jim Sedlak (from ALL and STOPP) comes to Waco

Waco was blessed on March 27 with a visit from Jim Sedlak, Exec. Dir. of STOPP International. STOPP stands for Stop Planned Parenthood and is an affiliate of American Life League of Stafford, Virginia. Pro-Life Waco is a local affiliate of ALL and STOPP.

Jim spoke to a small but enthusiastic group of pro-lifers at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the topic of "How Planned Parenthood Pushes Its Agenda or Moral Relativism with Taxpayer Support."



Jim Sedlak visits with James Smetak following Sedlak's eye-opening presentation.

The essence of Planned Parenthood's moral relativism is pushing "anything goes" regarding sexual intercourse and outcourse. The approach of "if it feels good, do it" is dangerous to the physical health of our children and grandchildren. But more importantly, the promiscuity--accepted and expected by PP--endangers immortal souls. Children engaged in sex with multiple partners lose self-respect, emotionally disengage from parents, and withdraw from their God.

A whole page of this newsletter could be devoted to all that Jim had to say and show. Regarding show, Jim set out a dozen condom key chains sold by Planned Parenthood of Connecticut. Each key chain includes a condom in a case with a message. The messages are too disgusting to be included in this newsletter. To check them out yourself, go to:

http://www.ppct.org/Merchant2/merchant.mv?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=ppct&Category_Code=KEYC

Planned Parenthood peddles its dangerous moral relativism **with your support as a taxpayer.** Taxpayer funding (federal, state, and local) amounts to over \$250 million each year, with is one-third of PP's overall funding.

STOPP has launched a nationwide campaign to stop a **11** taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood.

Go to this web site to sign the petition: www.StopPlannedParenthoodTaxFunding.com.

Our thanks to Knights of Columbus Council 1358 for graciously letting Pro-Life Waco use their hall for the Sedlak event.



Waco Life Chain: now every month!

Waco's Life Chain takes place on the **First Sunday** of every month from 2-3 p.m. at intersection of Valley Mills Drive & Waco Drive. Parking has been made difficult with a new fence—apparently for construction. Look for us first in the parking near Radio Shack.

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.

Next Life Chains: May 7, June 4, July 2.

Ecumenical Second Sunday Pro-Life Gathering

Lunch served throughout noon hour
Pro-life video, guest speakers & planning
1-2 p.m.

Because of Mother's Day, no meeting in May.
Next: June 11 & July 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.

There is 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.

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I want to **sponsor or co-sponsor** the newsletter for one issue with a **\$100 or \$50** contribution.

Here is a one-time on monthly contribution.

My contribution is for the I-35 billboard.

Name

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Waco, TX 76710