

Abortion History—Chronology of Events

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pre-1960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1923, Jul 2 - Margaret Sanger speaks in favour of contraception at the Women's Building on Thurlow Street in Vancouver. Meeting organized by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. • 1930's to 1940's - activist Ruth Bullock of Vancouver helps women get illegal abortions • 1948 - Dr. Robert McCallum begins doing abortions in BC and continues until he is arrested, about 1967. • 1959 - two BC women die from illegal abortion • In Nanaimo, 35-year-old expectant mother Rachel Silvester is found not guilty of murdering Joan Venne by an all-male jury after 35 minutes of deliberation. Crown claimed Venne died as a result of an attempted abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1810 - New Brunswick passes a law modelled on Lord Ellenborough's Act (in England) prohibiting abortion, though not by the pregnant woman herself. • 1836 - Prince Edward Island does the same. • 1837 - Newfoundland adopts English criminal law and with it English abortion law. • 1841 - Upper Canada in its <i>Offences against the Person Act</i> prohibits abortion without distinction as to quickening. • 1842 - New Brunswick abolishes the quickening distinction. Until this time criminalization only affected the abortionist. • 1849 - New Brunswick criminalizes abortion by the pregnant woman herself. • 1851 - Nova Scotia follows suit, and in 1864 provides that the offence could be prosecuted whether the woman was pregnant or not. • 1869 - Parliament consolidates the criminal law applicable to all the provinces and adopts abortion provisions identical to those in New Brunswick, with a penalty of life imprisonment. • 1892 - First <i>Criminal Code</i> is enacted, prohibiting abortion and sale, distribution, and advertisement of contraception. Among others were sections 271-272. Sub-section 271(1) made it an indictable offence subject to life imprisonment to cause the death of a child not yet a human being, in such manner that it would have been murder if such child had been born. This provision was subject to a defence of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1821 - Connecticut Episcopal minister charged with providing drug to his mistress for abortion; he is sentenced to 2 years in Newgate Prison. In response, Connecticut passes first law in U.S. barring abortions after "quickening," to protect women from abortion induced by poison. Similar laws follow in Missouri (1825) and Illinois (1827). • 1856 - Leading anti-choice advocate Dr. Horatio Storer establishes national drive by American Medical Association to end legal abortion. First trimester abortion in most states is legal or a misdemeanor. • 1859 - American Medical Association announces its official opposition to abortion. • 1860 - 20 states have laws limiting abortion. Connecticut tightens its law to make early abortions illegal. • 1873 - <i>Comstock Act</i> is passed, prohibiting sending information about abortion and birth control through the mail or across state lines, on grounds it is "obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, indecent and disgusting." • 1890 - Abortion is regulated by statutes advocated by the AMA, and abortion is permitted upon conferral of one or more physicians who believe it is necessary to preserve the life of the woman. • 1913 - Margaret Sanger publishes articles on birth control, and flees to Europe to avoid Comstock prosecution. • 1916 - Margaret Sanger returns to U.S. and charges are dropped. She and associates open first birth control clinic

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		<p>acting in good faith to preserve the life of the mother (sub-section 271(2)). Section 272 made it a crime punishable with life imprisonment to attempt to procure a woman's miscarriage whether or not she was with child, and the good faith defence was not available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1926 to 1947 - 4000 to 6000 Canadian women die from illegal abortion • 1928 - women recognized as legal persons. • 1930s - A. R. Kaufman creates a birth control program for low-income women in Kitchener ON under his Parents' Information Bureau. Simple contraceptives can be obtained by mail order or couples could get referrals to doctors for diaphragms or sterilization. • 1932 - Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw opens the first official birth control clinic in Hamilton even though it is illegal to do so. • 1936 - Ontario public health nurse Dorothea Palmer arrested and charged for providing birth control info, under Section 207C of Criminal Code. She was acquitted in 1937, on grounds her work served the public good. • 1959 - 33,000 abortions estimated performed in Canada this year alone. Others estimate as many as 120,000 a year between 1955 and 1969. 	<p>in New York and are arrested under <i>Comstock Act</i>. 1918: Crane decision allows women to use birth control for "therapeutic purposes."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1921 - Equal Rights Amendment drafted by Alice Paul and introduced into Congress every year since. 1923 - women get right to vote (suffrage.)
1960's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1960 - five BC women die from illegal abortion • by 1961 - 8,000 estimated illegal abortions in BC each year • 1961 - BC branch of Canadian Medical Association calls for abortion law reform. • 1968 - Jan - Dr. Robert McCallum gets suspended sentence and is stripped of his physician's license. • 1968, Sep 11 - First meeting of Vancouver Women's Caucus at Simon Fraser University (founding feminist group that led to Abortion Caravan). They propose Birth Control Clinic at SFU. • 1969, May 21 - first public meeting of Vancouver Women's Caucus held at Fisherman's Hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1960 - Toronto druggist Harold Fine jailed for selling condoms through mail. Convicted in 1961. • 1961 - woman jailed for 8 years for performing abortion on woman who died (just one of many examples) • 1962 to 1968 - most documented deaths from illegal abortion in ONE year during this period is 400. Actual numbers probably much higher. • 1963 - Canadian Medical Association starts to lobby the government to change the abortion law. • 1963 - Activists organize a collective of birth control societies in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, and Ottawa (Edmonton, Montreal, and Calgary all joined later) and arrange membership in the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). This collective is eventually named the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (PPFC). • 1965 to 1968 - Dr. Les Smoling operates illegal clinic in Toronto called the Toronto Free-Standing Abortion Clinic. Was charged 3 times, eventually left country and didn't return till 1979. • 1965 - 1969 - 61 women known to have died from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1960 - Food and Drug Administration approves sale of birth control pill. • 1960's - doctors, lawyers, clergy, women's groups, lobby for law reform or repeal. • 1961 - Vacuum aspiration-style abortion spreads throughout Europe and is considered safer than traditional methods. • 1961(?) - Dr. William Jennings Bryan Henries jailed for performing abortions in Grove, Oklahoma. Spent rest of life campaigning for legal abortion; died in 1972. • 1962, Summer - Sherri Finkbine of Arizona takes thalidomide and has to fly to Sweden for an abortion. Highly publicized case that starts mobilization to legalize abortion. • 1963 - Society for Human Abortion is established in San Francisco. SHA challenges law by openly providing information on abortion and contraception. • 1963 - President John F. Kennedy creates the Presidential Advisory Council on the Status of Women and calls for the repeal of abortion laws. • 1965 (June 7) - <i>Griswold v. Connecticut</i> Supreme Court

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		<p>abortions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 19, 1966 - A Toronto doctor (identity not known) urges a legal abortion law, claiming that somewhere between 25,000 and 75,000 criminal abortions are performed yearly in Canada. 1967, Oct - federal committee (Standing Committee on Health and Welfare) considers amendments to Criminal Code. Three different bills presented. Dr. Henry Morgentaler presents brief on behalf of the Humanist Fellowship of Montreal. 1967 - 35,000 to 120,000 illegal abortions yearly 1967 - 16-yr old Glenda Tedball of Thedford Ontario dies from illegal forced abortion performed by mother and farmhand Edward Gratton, who confesses in Sept 2000. He is found guilty of "procuring an abortion" 1967 - Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau tables bill to ease laws against abortion and divorce, and decriminalize homosexuality and contraception. 1968 - Jan 9 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler starts to perform abortions in his Montreal clinic. Full-time abortion practice by March 1969. 1968 - McGill students Donna Cherniak and Allan Feingold produce and publish first handbook about contraception, before distributing such information was legal. 1969, March - Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs hears testimony from many people and groups on criminal abortion law amendment. 1969, Aug 28 - Parliament enacts Omnibus Bill law by vote of 149 to 55. Section 251 of Criminal Code amended, decriminalizing abortion under certain limited circumstances. (Therapeutic abortion committees of 3 doctors to be set up at hospitals to approve abortions.) The omnibus bill also legalizes contraception. (Bill passed May 12, 1969?) 	<p>decision strikes down Connecticut state law that prohibited giving married people information, instruction, or medical advice on contraception (violating right of privacy). Decision legalized birth control across U.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1966 - Nine San Francisco doctors prosecuted by California Board of Medical Examiners for "professional misconduct" for performing hospital-based abortions on women who infected with rubella (German measles). Charges eventually dropped. 1967 - Abortion classified as a felony in 49 states and Washington DC. Dr. Leon Belous convicted for referring a woman to an illegal abortionist. 1967 - Colorado (April 25), then California and North Carolina become first states to liberalize their abortion laws, making abortion legal to preserve the woman's life and health (physical or mental), and in cases of rape, incest, and fetal abnormality. 1967, Apr 6 - Birth control crusader Bill Baird arrested in Boston for "indecent exposure of obscene objects" (a diaphragm). 1967, May - Clergymen's Consultation Service on Abortion (NY) starts referring women to safe abortion providers outside New York. 1969 - Dr. Robert Spencer dies; he was major illegal abortionist in eastern U.S., performing 30,000 procedures over 40 years at low cost; supported by community. 1969, Feb - National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (NARAL) forms. 1969, Sept - California declares its abortion law unconstitutional, allowing abortions in hospitals only. District of Columbia follows in November. 1969 to 1973 - The Jane Collective, a feminist underground abortion service, performs 11,000 safe abortions.
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 14 - first Canadian demonstration calling for abortion on demand, organized in Vancouver by Women's Caucus. March 10 - Dr. Robert Makaroff arrested and charged with procuring a miscarriage. March 19 - Women's Caucus starts to lobby federal and provincial governments with letters, demos, meetings, to change abortion law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1970 - the 1967 Royal Commission on Status of Women releases final report recommending that Criminal Code be amended to permit abortion on request in first 12 weeks. April 27 - Abortion Caravan leaves Vancouver to travel to Ottawa, with about 17 women. May 9 - Abortion Caravan arrives in Ottawa and stages two days of meetings and demos, including meeting in Railway Room at Parliament, on Parliament Hill, and 24 Sussex Drive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1970 - Hawaii is first state to legalize abortion on demand up to 20th week. 1970 - Abortion provider Dr. Jane Hodgson is convicted in Minnesota for performing an abortion on a 23 year-old woman who had been exposed to German measles. The judge does not submit the case to state supreme court. Feb - Bill Baird begins serving 3-month jail sentence for his April 1967 arrest. March - Dr. Harvey Karman arrested with others at West

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 27 - Abortion Caravan leaves Vancouver with 25 women from Vancouver Women's Caucus. June 20/21 - Vancouver Women's Caucus Strategy Conference, forum to resolve strategy differences. One group leaves Caucus to work for Vancouver Liberation Front. Sept 17 - Dr. Robert Makaroff sentenced to 3 months in jail for performing abortions, plus \$15,000 fine. (In 1973, he states that he spent two years in jail ??) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 11 - 30 women from Abortion Caravan chain themselves to parliamentary gallery in House of Commons (Mother's Day). May 30 - Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau attends a press conference, where Women's Caucus members accuse him he is not concerned about plight of women who can't afford abortions. Trudeau replies he doesn't see any change in law forthcoming. June 1 - Dr. Morgentaler is arrested at his Montreal clinic and charged with conspiracy to perform abortions (2 counts) 	<p>Los Angeles Abortion Clinic for performing abortions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1 - New York legalizes abortion on demand to 24th week. Alaska and Washington soon follow. Five other states liberalize laws to permit more abortions (in most cases, to preserve physical or mental health, or for rape and incest.)
1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1971 - Abortion Action Committee forms at UBC, to help repeal law and defend Morgentaler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - Morgentaler again charged with performing illegal abortions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1971 - <i>Comstock Act</i> prohibiting information on abortion is repealed. (State laws banning contraception remain.) Abortion under "certain" conditions is allowed in 14 states; four states guarantee a woman the choice of pregnancy termination. 1971 - Norma McCorvey, a single pregnant Texas woman, challenges state law that makes abortion a crime unless woman's life is at stake. She is listed as "Jane Roe" to protect her privacy.
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 12 - BC Women's Abortion Law Repeal Coalition goes to Ottawa with 15,300 signatures in favour of repealing law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> late Jan - Ontario judge grants injunction to husband to stop Ottawa woman from having an abortion Mar 18-19 - national abortion law repeal conference held in Winnipeg May 15? - Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal Abortion Laws presents government with 76,500 signatures calling for repeal of abortion law, establishment of clinics, and dropping of all prosecutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1972 - <i>Eisenstadt v. Baird</i> Supreme Court decision establishes the right of unmarried people to use contraceptives.
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 25 - founding meeting of BC Committee to Defend Dr. Morgentaler held at Vancouver Public Library. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1973 – Anti-choice groups present a petition of 352,000 signatures to Prime Minister Trudeau requesting a stricter abortion law. March - Morgentaler issues public statement saying he is performing abortions. May 13 - Morgentaler performs abortion on TV (W5). Film seized by authorities for use by prosecution July 14 - Dr. Yvan Macchabee, an associate of Dr. M., is arrested and charged. Aug 15 - Morgentaler's clinic raided. He is arrested, as well as 4 staff members, several patients, and their friends. Equipment and files confiscated. Morgentaler gets restrictive bail conditions. Seven charges laid. Aug 30 - Morgentaler's clinic raided again, arrested again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 22 - <i>Roe v. Wade</i> Supreme Court decision legalizes abortion in all 50 states, based on a woman's right to privacy, and striking down Texas anti-abortion law. Norma McCorvey is plaintiff. Abortion on demand until during first trimester. During 2nd trimester, only compelling maternal-health interests may restrict abortion. During 3rd trimester, only fetal-health exception abortions allowed. Jan 22 - <i>Doe v. Bolton</i> Supreme Court decision strikes down restrictions on facilities that could be used to perform abortions, and requirement for 3 doctors' approval (Georgia). Opens way for clinics. Mar 6 - Planned Parenthood opens first free-standing abortion clinic, in San Antonio, Texas. Apr - National Conference of Catholic Bishops issue Pastoral Guidelines for Catholic Hospitals, stating that no

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		<p>Six more charges laid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 18 - Morgentaler's trial starts. Nov 13 - Montreal jury acquits Morgentaler of one charge of performing abortions - 12 charges still pending. Crown appeals. 	<p>Catholic hospital can provide abortions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 1973 - National Right to Life Committee forms, a Catholic group.
1974	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-1970s - dozens of anti-choice groups now exist across Canada; main national organization is Alliance for Life. 1974 - last officially reported death from botched abortion (until 1990) Feb 4 - Joanne Cornax, head nurse at Dr. M.'s clinic is arrested and charged. Additional conspiracy charge laid against Dr. Macchabee. Feb 21 - Police raid Dr. Tanguay's Montreal office, arresting him and 8 patients. He is charged with 8 counts. Feb - Quebec Dept of Revenue freezes all Morgentaler's assets, claiming that he owes more than \$350,000 in back taxes. Apr 26 - Quebec Court of Appeal overturns verdict and finds M. guilty. Morgentaler appeals to Supreme Court of Canada. May 15 - Morgentaler ordered to jail, where he spends 10 days. July - Morgentaler sentenced to 18 months in jail. He remains free pending appeal. Early fall 1974 - Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) founded in Toronto (formerly Canadian Association for the Repeal of the Abortion Law). First national conference held Nov 18. Oct - Appeal heard in Ottawa. Judgment reserved. Oct - Alliance for Life hands petition of one million signatures to Parliament demanding that government protect the "unborn." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1974 - Federally funded research using fetal tissue is prohibited through the National Science Foundation Authorization Act. 1974 - U.S. Catholic Conference send 4 cardinals to Washington to testify before Congress in support of a national abortion ban. Jan - Nellie Gray starts "March for Life" that brings anti-abortion protesters from around the nation to Washington every year to march on the Supreme Court on the Roe v. Wade anniversary. Jun - first injunction in country barring protesters from coming onto property or blocking doorways at Northern Virginia Women's Medical Center in Fairfax.
1975	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 26 - Supreme Court of Canada upholds Quebec conviction. M. goes to jail to serve 18 month sentence Jun 9 - Morgentaler acquitted again on second set of charges. Crown appeals but court refuses to hear appeal (Jan '76). Jul - federal government enacts Criminal Code amendment (Morgentaler amendment) to prevent reversal of jury verdicts Sept - Badgley Committee established to study operation of abortion law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1975 - Catholic Bishops draft and start to implement Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities 1975 - a Boston jury convicts Dr. Kenneth Edelin of manslaughter for performing an abortion in about the 24th week of pregnancy. The conviction is later overturned. Summer - six women protesters arrested for first sit-in at abortion clinic in Rockville, Maryland.

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1976	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 20 - Federal Justice Minister sets aside M.'s conviction on first charges and orders a new trial. Jan 26 - Morgentaler freed after serving 10 months (he suffered mild heart attack in June while in solitary confinement and was transferred to convalescent home) Sept 18 - Morgentaler is acquitted at third Quebec trial. Nov - Morgentaler begins to train doctors to provide abortions, training about 30 over next few years. Dec 10 - newly elected Quebec government drops all further charges against M and declares Canada's abortion law unworkable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1976 - Congress passes Hyde amendment prohibiting use of Medicaid funds to pay for poor women's abortions. Upheld by Supreme Court in 1980. July 1 - U.S. Supreme Court upholds woman's consent requirements for abortion but rejects parental and spousal consent requirements, prohibitions on saline abortions, and the requirement for doctors to "preserve the life and health of a fetus at every stage of pregnancy". (Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth).
1977	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - Badgley report released, finding that women face average delays of 8 weeks for an abortion, law discriminates against poor and rural women, and "health" is interpreted arbitrarily. 1977 - Ontario Women's Health Organization presents brief to Ontario Minister of Health to establish free-standing abortion clinics. Response: No. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1977 to 1983: 8 bombings, 13 arsons, 5 attempted bombings/arsons. 1977 - First reported arson of an abortion clinic - Planned Parenthood of St. Paul Minnesota destroyed (it opened in 1977 and was frequently vandalized). 1977? - First known bombing of an abortion clinic, Women for Women in Cincinnati, Ohio (possibly 1978?). 1977 - Revised Hyde amendment passed allowing states to deny Medicaid funding except in cases of rape, incest, or "severe and long-lasting" damage to woman's physical health. Oct 3 - Rosie Jimenez, a poor woman from Texas, dies after illegal abortion in Mexico. She couldn't afford legal abortion due to Hyde Amendment.
1978	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1978 - Manitoba Coalition for Reproductive Choice fails in efforts to get free-standing abortion clinic attached to the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. 1978 - Toronto Women's Health Clinic presents brief to Ontario Minister of Health to establish free-standing abortion clinics. Response: No. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 18 - First firebombing - man posing as delivery person throws bag of flammable liquid into receptionist's face at Concerned Women's Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, and sets fire to clinic interior.
1979	•	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1979 - A Missouri requirement that abortions after the first trimester be performed in hospitals is found unconstitutional by Supreme Court. Another law mandating parental consent is upheld. 1979 - American Life League (ALL) forms in Virginia, headed by Judie and Paul Brown, former staffers with National Right to Life Committee. Jan. 9 - In Colautti v. Franklin, Supreme Court reaffirms its intention to give doctors broad discretion in determining the timing of fetal viability. Feb 15 - Bill Baird's clinic in Hempstead NY torched when

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			<p>Peter Burkin bursts in with flaming torch and can of gasoline. Clinic safely evacuated. Burkin gets two years in psychiatric facility; first conviction for clinic violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun - Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of NARAL, renounces the pro-choice movement and publishes <i>Aborting America</i>.
1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1980 - Ronald Reagan elected with help of anti-choice. He fills half the seats on federal courts and 3 Supreme Court seats with anti-choice judges. 1980 - Joseph Scheidler founds Pro-Life Action League. June - Hyde amendment prohibiting use of Medicaid funds to pay for poor women's abortions is upheld by Supreme Court.
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1981 - Human Life International founded by Father Paul Marx. 1981 - In <i>Bellotti vs. Baird</i>, Supreme Court rules that pregnant minors can petition court for permission to have an abortion without parental notification.
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1982 - Only 261 of 861 public hospitals in Canada have Therapeutic Abortion Committees Sept 28 - Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 23 - Arson guts Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City, Illinois. June - Pipe bomb explodes at Arlington-Fairfax Medical clinic in Arlington, VA. Don Benny Anderson later convicted. Aug 12 - An Illinois doctor and his wife are kidnapped by Don Benny Anderson (and 2 cohorts) and held at gunpoint for 8 days inside an ammunitions bunker. Anderson claimed to be with Army of God (first person to use this name). Anderson also torched the doctor's clinic, plus 2 Florida clinics and used pipe bomb at Virginia clinic. Oct - Arson destroys Cherry Hill Women's Clinic in Cherry Hill, NJ.
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date? – "Largest-ever" anti-choice rally staged at Queen's Park in Toronto, with 40,000 in attendance. May 5 - Morgentaler opens clinic in Winnipeg (unofficially opened on April 24). June - Campaign Life instructs its members how to steal hospital sheets listing abortion procedures, allegedly to identify doctors. June 3 - Winnipeg clinic is raided by police. Dr. Scott and nurse Lynn Crocker arrested, then released. June 15 - Morgentaler opens Toronto clinic. June 15 - man with gardening shears grabs Henry outside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1983 - clinic in Maryland is burned. 1983 - U.S. Senate defeats constitutional amendment to ban abortion. June 15 - Supreme Court, in <i>City of Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health</i>, strikes down local restrictions on access to abortion. States and local communities may not require all abortions beyond the first trimester be performed in a hospital. Also invalidated were "informed consent" provisions requiring women be told that abortion has emotional and medical consequences and that a fetus is a human being from the moment of conception.

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		<p>his Toronto clinic in assault attempt. Judy Rebick pushes him away. Augusto Dantas charged with possession of dangerous weapon and assault.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 23 - Winnipeg clinic raided by police again. Drs. Morgentaler, Robert Scott, and 5 staff members charged with conspiracy to procure a miscarriage. Charges later dropped against 4 staff members, nurse Lynn Crocker remains under arrest. Clinic stops doing abortions until March 1985. July 5 - Toronto clinic raided; equipment seized. Drs. Morgentaler, Scott, and Leslie Smoling charged with conspiracy to procure a miscarriage. July 29 - arson attack on M.'s Toronto clinic. Fire set in Women's Bookstore downstairs; clinic upstairs suffered smoke and water damage. Oct 1 - National Day of Action for abortion rights. Theme: to repeal Section 251 and defend clinics Oct 13 - In Joe Borowski case, Sask Court rules that fetuses aren't protected under Constitution Nov 21 - Morgentaler's lawyer Morris Manning challenges constitutionality of S. 251 in Ontario Supreme Court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Firebomb destroys New England Women's Services in Boston. Dec 3 - Arson attack at Feminist Women's Health Center in Everett, WA. Curtis Beseda convicted.
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 5 - First (?) Rock for Choice concert in Vancouver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 20 - Manning's argument that S.251 is unconstitutional is dismissed by Ontario Supreme Court, M's trial proceeds. Oct 15 - M's Ontario trial begins (stemming from raid of his clinic in Toronto). Nov 8 - Morgentaler acquitted by Ontario jury of conspiracy to procure miscarriage after judge said abortion not a protected charter right. (M's fourth acquittal) Dec 4 - Ontario A-G announces appeal of acquittal. Dec 10 - M's Toronto clinic is re-opened, then shut down when Drs. Scott and M charged again on Dec 19 and 20, respectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1984 - Big escalation in clinic violence: 18 bombs, 6 arsons, 6 attempted arson/bombs, 23 death threats, 70 clinic invasions and vandalisms. 1984 - The anti-choice film "Silent Scream" is released, narrated by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, showing sonogram of 12-week fetus being aborted. President Reagan offers it to members of Congress after it debuts on Rev. Jerry Falwell's cable TV show. Jan - Arson destroys Reproductive Care Center in Dover, Delaware. Michael Bray, Kenneth Shields, and Thomas Spinks later convicted. Feb to Dec - Eight bombings of clinics by Bray, Shields, and Spinks: Prince George's County Repro Health Services in Hyattsville, MD (Feb); Firebomb attempt at Hillcrest Clinic in Norfolk, VA (Feb); Bomb blast at National Abortion Federation in Washington, DC (July); Bomb blast at Planned Parenthood clinic in Annapolis MD (July); Two clinics bombed in Houston, TX in Sep (Women's Outpatient Clinic and West Loop Clinic); Bomb blast at Planned Parenthood Clinic in Rockville, MD (Nov); Firebomb destroys Metro Medical & Women's Center in Wheaton, MD (Nov); Bomb attempt at Metro Family Planning in

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			<p>Suitland, MD (Dec). Bombers convicted and jailed; Bray for 6 years, Shield/Spinks for 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March/April - three arson attacks: Women's Health Center clinic in Everett, WA (Mar 26 and Apr 19) and Family Practice Center in Bellingham (Mar 4). Curtis Beseda later convicted. Jun 25 - Ladies Center clinic destroyed by bomb in Pensacola, Florida. Clinic rebuilt; destroyed again on Dec 25 (see below) Goldsby/Simmons confess, but charges dismissed. Aug - Arson attack at Cyprus-Fairbanks Family Planning in Houston, TX. Nov - Arson attack at Alameda Medical Square in Houston, TX, including office of abortion provider. Dec 25 - three abortion clinics in Pensacola, Florida destroyed by bomb by four anti-choice terrorists: Kaye Wiggins, Matthew Goldsby, Kathren Simmons, and James Simmons. Men get 10 years, women 5 years probation.
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - pro-choice activists devise national tribunal campaign to "try" Canada's abortion law. Launched in Vancouver. Tribunals find law guilty of "crimes against women." Jan 27 - Jim Demers steals vacuum aspirator from Kootenay lake District Hospital, takes it home and destroys it by drilling hole in its motor, then returns it to hospital and turns himself into police. He serves 30 days in jail. May 9 - Midwives Mary Sullivan and Gloria Lemay charged after baby they delivered died from lack of oxygen before emerging completely from birth canal. Oct 86 trial found them guilty of criminal negligence to fetus as a person under Criminal Code. They appealed, BC Court of Appeal threw out conviction in 1988, saying that fetus not person. Supreme Court of Canada clears them on March 21, 1991. Dec 20? - A Nelson jury finds Jim Demers guilty of theft under \$200 and mischief. Judge sentences him to perform 100 hours of community work and to pay the hospital for the cost of a new abortion suction machine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 18-21 - Archbishop Carter mobilizes church members to besiege Toronto clinic. 125 protesters first day, 3,000 on 4th day. Mar 23 - Winnipeg clinic re-opens and is raided few days later. Reopens March 30, raided again. M. charged twice. Morgentaler faces 7 charges in Winnipeg. April - Globe-CROP poll - 53% of Canadians say every woman who wants an abortion should be able to have one. April - Winnipeg Morgentaler Clinic is forced to stop performing abortions because of police raids and resulting inability to find doctors willing to do abortions. Abortions do not resume until January 1988. Oct 1 - Ontario Court of Appeal sets aside Nov 8/84 acquittal and orders new trial. Morgentaler appeals to Supreme Court. 1985 - Morgentaler announces plans to open clinic in Halifax. 1985 - 1989 - four women die from abortions, one of them illegal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1985 - 4 bombings, 8 arsons, 10 attempted arson/bombs, and 127 other criminal acts 1985 - Margaret Sanger Center in Cincinnati destroyed by arson. (John Brockhoeft later convicted) 1985 - Kevin Sherlock and Operation Rescue(?) publish "Abortion Busters' Manual", providing instructions on doctor harassment. 1985 - Shot fired into home of Supreme Court justice Harry Blackmun, author of Roe v. Wade. 1985 - bombing at Women's Health Care Services in Wichita, Kansas. Jan 1 - Bomb destroys Hillcrest Women's Surgi-Center in Washington, DC. Jun 15 - 21 arrested for invading Delaware Women's Health Organization, including Joan Andrews Bell. Feb - Arson destroys Women's Clinic of Mesquite and shopping center in Mesquite, Texas. Apr - Joseph Scheidler publishes "Closed: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion" advocating doctor harassment. May 10 - Joan Andrews Bell invades clinic in Pittsburgh with another protester. Oct - Arson attack at Hallmark Clinic in Charlotte NC. Oct - Arson attacks at Delta Women's Clinic and River City Clinic, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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1986 Jan-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date? - Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion forms? • Mar 26 - Socred Health Minister Stephen Rogers says BC women use abortion as method of birth control and they are “blase” about using contraception. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early 1986 - CARAL organizes tribunals across country, putting abortion law on trial. • Feb 11 - three clergymen acquitted of mischief for padlocking gate of M’s Toronto clinic. Rev. Ted Colleton, Fr. Alphonse DeValk, and Fr. Fred Vaughan. Feb 26 - judge refuses to order them not to return to clinic. • March - Dr. Nikki Colodny announces she is performing abortions at M’s Toronto clinic. Her home is picketed and Campaign Life Coalition tries to disrupt her 8-yr-old son’s birthday party. • May 25 - Dr. Robert Scott opens 2nd Toronto clinic, the Scott Clinic. • Date? - Supreme Court rules that manslaughter charges can proceed against a woman who stabbed a pregnant woman whose baby later died. Accused was already convicted for assault on woman, but court said she could be tried twice because there were 2 victims. • Date? - Human Life International world conference in Montreal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1986 - 2 bombings, 7 arsons, 5 attempted bombings/arsons. • Mar 26 - six protesters invade Ladies Center in Pensacola, Florida, including Joan Andrews Bell. • May 20 - Arson attack at Center for Choice in Toledo, Ohio. Marjorie Reed caught and convicted in 1990 after arson attempt at another clinic. • Jun - National Organization for Women launches 13-year legal battle with federal racketeering lawsuit in Delaware against three anti-choice activists: Joseph Scheidler, John Ryan, and Joan Andrews, and also Scheidler’s Pro-Life Action League. Suit alleges that defendants violated anti-trust laws and interfered with interstate commerce in attempts to shut down abortion clinics. • Jun 11 - Supreme Court, in Thornburgh v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, strikes down Pennsylvania abortion regulations requiring doctors to inform women seeking abortions about potential risks and about available medical assistance benefits for prenatal care and childbirth.
1986 Jul-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept - Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeons denies Morgentaler a licence for his Winnipeg clinic • Sept - Quebec Justice Minister halts prosecution of Dr. Yvan Machabee by anti-choicer Reggie Chartrand. • Sept 26 - Toronto police arrest Drs. M., Scott, & Nikki Colodny at their homes, and lay charges, but charges stayed by A-G. • Oct 7 - Supreme Court of Canada begins to hear Morgentaler’s appeal of new trial ordered by Ontario Court of Appeal in Oct, 1985. • Nov - Quebec Justice Minister halts prosecution of Dr. Jean-Denis Berbube and a Chicoutimi clinic for performing abortions • Dec - Quebec judge overrules decision to halt prosecution. Dr. Machabee appeals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 31 - Firebombing destroys Women’s Health Care Services in Wichita, Kansas. • Fall - first buffer zone law passed in Boulder, Colorado; protesters must stay 8 feet from patients. • Oct - Bombing of Eastern Women’s Center in New York City. Dennis Malvasi convicted. • Oct - National Organization for Women cancels federal racketeering suit in Delaware and files new federal case in Chicago, dropping Joan Andrews as a defendant (see June 1986). • Dec - bombing at Queens Medical Office in Elmhurst, NY (Planned Parenthood clinic?). Dennis Malvasi convicted.
1987 Jan-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 25 - the BC Coalition for Abortion Clinics founded in BC (now Pro-Choice Action Network) to form free-standing abortion clinic. (200 people at first meeting; 22 members elected to steering committee) • Mar - Betty Green (Pres, Vancouver Right to Life Society) is sued for slander by Dr. Nelson Savein after making “false and malicious” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1987 - An anti-choice org opens headquarters next door to Scott Clinic in Toronto. • 1987 - Constable David Packer of Toronto is fired after refusing to keep the peace at Morgentaler clinic. He later wins right to keep job, but with demotion and cut in pay. He quits and becomes researcher for Campaign Life Coalition. • 1987 - Campaign Life Coalition merges with Coalition for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1987 - 4 arsons, 8 attempted bombings or arsons. • 1987 - Operation Rescue forms, headed by Randall Terry. Members carry out civil disobedience in New Jersey. • 1987 - Dennis John Malvasi of Brooklyn sentenced to seven years in prison for bombing a NYC abortion clinic and attempting to bomb another (later arrested in March 2001 for aiding and abetting James Kopp, along with his

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	<p>comments about his capacity as a medical doctor, on CJOR radio on Feb 1.</p>	<p>the Protection of Human Life. Jim Hughes elected as president.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 29 - Marion Powell report released: <i>Report on Therapeutic Abortion Services in Ontario</i> (seeking to address inequities in access). June - Supreme Court denies Rev. Ken Campbell leave to appeal A-G's order to stay proceedings against Drs.M., Scott & Colodny June - Supreme Court agrees to hear Joe Borowski's appeal from Sask. Court of Appeal ruling that fetuses don't have constitutional right-to-life 	<p>wife, Loretta Claire Marra).</p>
1987 Jul-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - concerns with Vancouver Right to Life Society President Betty Green's leadership and inflammatory statements to media cause 7 of its board members to resign. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Morgentaler ordered to court on Aug 12 for arraignment on two charges of performing abortions, started privately by boxer Reggie Chartrand. M. successfully petitions court to block all actions against him. Sept - Quebec Superior Court rules that 2 charges against M. by Chartrand are valid. Inquiry will determine any grounds for charges. Sept 23 - Ontario gov't drops charges against Dr. M., Scott & Colodny Nov - Chartrand's charges against M. postponed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
1988 Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - Premier Bill VanderZalm plans spring media blitz to promote alternatives to abortion. Feb 8 - VanderZalm says government will not fund abortions. Mar 8 - VanderZalm's refusal to fund abortions is overturned in BC court as unconstitutional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 28 - Supreme Court of Canada in 5-2 decision strikes down abortion law as unconstitutional. Law violates section 7 of Charter, infringes woman's right to life, liberty, and security of person. Feb - each province announces different public policy on abortion. Sask allows hospital staff to refuse to do abortions. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have a no-pay policy. Newfoundland's only abortion doctor retires. No abortions in PEI at all (since 1982). Feb 9 - Mulroney announces that his Conservative government will draft a new law to limit abortions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1988 - 4 arsons, 3 attempted bombings/arsons. 1988 - James Kopp imprisoned for 40 days with more than 100 other protesters, including Shelley Shannon, in an Atlanta prison wing after blockading an abortion clinic. The prisoners wrote the Army of God manual. Kopp was linked to the writing of a pamphlet calling for abortion doctors to have their hands cut off. Date? - Lambs of Christ founded by Rev. Norman Weslin Feb 2 - Reagan administration issues gag rule cutting off federal funding for family planning clinics that offer abortions or referrals.
1988 Apr-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 30 - Pro-Choice Action Network forms nationally to support CARAL and coordinate public actions on national level (not same group as in BC) May - anti-abortion demo in Calgary includes eight Ku Klux Klan members in full dress with hoods June - Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons decides to accept abortions done at clinics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 7 - John Brockhoeft arrested after foiled attempted bombing of Ladies' Center in Pensacola, Florida; he was caught with explosives in car enroute to clinic. John Burt and Brockhoeft had been seen casing the clinic the day before. (Burt arrested too?)
1988 Jul-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 26 - VanderZalm government is embarrassed by a report that they sent spies into a local pro-choice org. (Concerned Citizens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - federal Tory government introduces resolution containing outline of legislation to recriminalize abortion using gestational limit approach. Resolution defeated 147- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul/Aug - Operation Rescue blockades clinics in Atlanta during Democratic convention July 18-22 and stays through August. 1,235 arrests made. Many of them jailed

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	<p>for Choice on Abortion) to prevent start-up of free-standing clinic. Premier and A-G incriminated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 22 - BC Health Minister Peter Dueck says abortion clinics in BC will not be funded. Aug 22-26 - anti-abortionists from Kamloops Pro-Life Society, led by Marlene Campbell, picket home of Dr. Clarice Baker in Kamloops for a week. 	<p>76.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Edmonton court grants temporary injunction to man (Randy Mock) trying to stop abortion of former girlfriend. Also grants him right to sue her for breach of verbal contract. Aug 22 - CMA approves policy recognizing right to abortion up to 20th week. Also approved abortions outside hospitals, and full medicare coverage for all abortion services. Sep 27 - Women's Choice Health Clinic opens in Toronto, Ontario's 3rd clinic, and run by feminists. Headed by Dr. Nikki Colodny. 	<p>for a month in Key Road Detention Facility, including John Arena (butyric acid terrorist), Shelley Shannon, Norman Weslin, and James Kopp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 16 - 17 years old Becky Bell dies from infection after illegal abortion. She was afraid to tell parents, a requirement in the state of Indiana for minors. Sept 25 - George Bush says while campaigning for president that abortion doctors should be imprisoned. In Nov., he wins by landslide.
1988 Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 4 - Everywoman's Health Centre opens in Vancouver; founded by BCCAC. First free-standing clinic in western Canada. Mass protests. Successful march and rally Nov 5 to raise defense money. Dec 15 - Everywoman's is blockaded by 140 Operation Rescuers who lie in doorways for 6 hours, and try to jam locks. Police make 70 arrests for criminal mischief, but no charges laid (because "courts would be plugged up"). Among those arrested: Jim Demers, Lane Walker, Ted Gerk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - Gallup poll - 71% of Canadians believe abortion is medical decision between woman and doctor. Oct 3/4 - Joe Borowski appears before Supreme Court to argue that fetuses should be protected as persons under the Charter. Borowski brings two pickled fetuses to show judges, but his lawyer dissuades him. Oct 18 - first Operation Rescue blockade in Canada at Toronto's Morgentaler clinic. Joseph Scheidler attends, and speaks at Campaign Life Coalition conference a few days later. Oct 27 - Edmonton man (Randy Mock) drops \$10,000 civil suit against former girlfriend for having abortion. Oct 29 - 39 protesters arrested outside Toronto Morgentaler clinic during OR blockade; also many from HLI conference in town, including Joan Andrews. In separate incident, Rev. Paul Marx arrested for trespassing (later head of HLI). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 5 (maybe 29th?) - 300 Operation Rescue protesters arrested outside three clinics in Atlanta. Oct 29 - Major OR protests/blockades in at least 32 cities. 2,644 arrested in total. Dec - Arson attacks at three clinics in Dallas, TX (including Fairmount Clinic on Dec 24).
1989 Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 21 - Everywoman's obtains private injunction restraining interference by protesters. Jan 21 - 174 anti-choice protesters block Everywoman's and are arrested. 12 anti-choice protesters arrested sentenced in Feb to 15-24 days jail for contempt of court. Group included John Hof, Don Spratt, and Eugene Schmunk, each jailed for 21 days. (Also arrested: Betty Green, Vincent Hawksell, Lane Walker, Ted Gerk, Christine Hendrix, Bill van Eldik, Tim Vincent.) Feb 4 - pro-choice rally at Robson Square (BCCAC and Everywoman's) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1989 - Federal government releases "Crimes Against the Fetus" report as prelude to introducing criminal legislation. Jan 12-14 - Operation Rescue blockades two clinics in Toronto; about 160 arrests. In first six months of '89, they blockade clinics in Toronto and Vancouver repeatedly, with demos of 1000's outside clinics. Feb 17 - Three Calgary doctors refuse to do late-term abortions because government partially cut funding for them. 8 operations cancelled. March - Morgentaler vows to open clinic in Nova Scotia. Mar 10 - Supreme Court refuses to rule on claim of Joe Borowski that fetuses have constitutional guarantee of right to life - case moot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1989 - 2 bombings, 6 arsons, 2 attempted bombings/arsons. 1989 - James Kopp spends six weeks in jail in Rome with Vancouver protesters Maurice Lewis and Barrie Norman, after being arrested for blockading clinics in several European cities, including Rome. 1989 to 1994 - Aware Woman Center for Choice and two other clinics in Melbourne, Florida, targets of intense and systematic anti-abortion siege, including butyric acid attacks, blockades, stalking, blackmail, picketing, vandalism, threats, assaults, hate mail, invasions, bomb/death threats, etc. Jan 23 - annual "Rose Dinner" for anti-abortion terrorists, in Washington DC. Attendees include Bishop Austin

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 7 - 105 protesters arrested at Everywoman's (including Jim Demers, Ted Gerk, Kerby Sibley). Judge rules that breaches of injunction will be treated as criminal contempt rather than civil, resulting in better police response. Feb 14 - Prisoners at Lakeside Correctional Centre for Women complain about constant harassment from anti-abortion prisoners. Feb 25 - 90-100 protesters blockade Everywoman's. March - After Borowski decision, protests and blockades increase at Everywoman's. Neo-Nazi Barry Wray pickets at Everywoman's for much of 1989, averaging 2-3 appearances a week. 		<p>Vaughan, Joan Andrews, and Randall Terry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - National Organization for Women amends their racketeering lawsuit (see June 1986) to cite violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, and also expands the suit to class-action for all American women and abortion clinics. Operation Rescue and Randall Terry added as defendants, and more than 100 other "co-conspirators". Feb 11 - Nancy Klein, comatose woman, gets abortion after 2-week legal battle between husband and anti-abortionists who were demanding to be her guardians.
1989 Apr-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring - anti-choice activist Adam Hrankowski attends BCCAC security training session, giving false address and phone number. May 14 - Mother's Day rally in Vancouver attracts 8,000 anti-choicers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - CARAL launches legal challenge of Nova Scotia government's law against abortion clinics. May 5 - Morgentaler gets 150-metre civil injunction to prohibit protesters outside clinic. One protester charged 2 days later. June - To stop Morgentaler from opening Halifax clinic, Nova Scotia government introduces <i>Medical Services Act</i>, prohibiting abortions outside hospitals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 1 and 9 - Arson attacks at Ocala, Florida clinic. Another arson attack Apr 9 at a clinic in Fort Myers, Florida. April 9 - 300,000+ pro-choice supporters march on Washington to protest Supreme Court decision to hear Webster case. Apr 29 - Operation Rescue holds second National Day of Rescue, smaller than first. 1,396 people arrested in 15 cities. May 1 - Arson at Albuquerque Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.
1989 Jul-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Christine Hendrix arrested while lying on sidewalk outside Everywoman's with gasoline bomb around her neck. She regularly pickets doctors homes too. mid-July - Operation Rescue attends Campaign Life convention in Chilliwack. Keynote speakers from U.S., teaching radical tactics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - ex-boyfriends in Manitoba (Steve Diamond, July 7), Ontario (Barbara Dodd and Gregory Murphy, July 4), and Quebec (Chantal Daigle and Jean-Guy Tremblay, July 7) try to get injunctions to stop their former girlfriends' abortions. Injunctions granted in Ontario and Quebec. Ontario injunction set aside July 11. Quebec injunction upheld on July 26. July 27 - Chantal Daigle of Quebec appeals to Supreme Court and meanwhile has a late-term abortion in the States. Campaign Life Coalition funds legal costs of her abusive ex-boyfriend, Jean-Guy Tremblay. Aug 8 - Supreme Court overturns Daigle injunction after emergency sitting. Decides to rule even though justices just learned that Daigle had abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Arson attack at Concord Feminist Women's Health Center in Concord, NH. July 1 - "Interference with Access to a Medical Facility" law goes into effect in Maryland; first of its kind in nation. July 3 - In 5-4 decision, Supreme Court restricts abortion in Webster v. Reproductive Health Services (Missouri), including prohibition on using public facilities to perform abortions, and use of public funds and public employees, and upheld viability tests after 20 weeks. Decision eliminates trimester framework of Roe v Wade, allowing states to have compelling interest in fetal life throughout pregnancy.. Decision mobilizes pro-choice forces. July 17 - Automobile lock-and-block technique used at Allegheny Repro Health Services in Pittsburgh (old car obstructs clinic doors and protesters chain themselves to it). James Kopp and 3 others arrested for reckless endangerment and conspiracy. 44 others arrested for

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			<p>blockading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 8 - Arson attack at Allegheny Repro Health Services in Pittsburgh, Penn. Later attributed to Marjorie Reed, but she served no additional time.
1989 Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 10 - Jim Demers of Nelson charged with defying court injunction barring protesters at Everywoman's. Demers refused to agree to judge's order to stay away from clinic and was jailed. In Nov., was sentenced to one month suspended sentence and released; he returned to clinic next day. Oct 14 - 3000 march in Vancouver in National Day of Action "No New Law" Nov 4 and 6 - No New Law demos in Vancouver outside Health and Welfare Canada offices. Dec 24 - Everywoman's phone lines cut. Dec 28 - Neo-Nazi Barry Wray pickets Everywoman's, hiding sawed-off hockey stick under his coat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 14 - national day of action to oppose any new abortion law. Oct 17 - CARAL is denied standing to challenge Nova Scotia law, <i>Medical Services Act</i>, which prohibits abortions in clinics. Oct 25 - Mulroney appoints Royal Commission on Reproductive Technologies, headed by Dr. Patricia Baird. Oct 26 - Morgentaler's Nova Scotia clinic opens in violation of Medical Services Act. M. is charged on Oct 27 after announcing he had performed 7 abortions there. He starts performing abortions again after one week. Nov - Environs poll - 62% of Canadians disagree with government's plan to put abortion back in Criminal Code. Nov - Morgentaler starts making plans to open clinic in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Nov 3 - Federal government introduces Bill C-43, a criminal code amendment prohibiting abortion unless a doctor says pregnancy is threat to woman's physical, mental, or psychological health. Two-year maximum jail term for doctors. Nov 4 - anti-choice groups at Cambridge conference plan lawsuits against doctors if Bill C-43 passes. Joseph Scheidler attends and says to picket judges' homes, including judges' wives' workplaces. Nov 6 - Morgentaler charged with performing 13 abortions in Halifax; province obtains injunction against his performing any more. Nov 15 - Supreme Court releases reasons in Daigle case. Law recognizes no fetal or paternal right to stop an abortion, court rules unanimously. Fetus is not human being and has no right to life. Nov 28 - House of Commons gives approval in principle to Bill C-43 (to recriminalize abortion). Vote for second reading is 164–114. 30 pro-choice protesters disrupt House and Mulroney's speech. Dec 13 - Gallup poll indicates 62% of Canadians oppose federal government's proposed bill to recriminalize abortion; only 28% support the bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep/Oct - Lambs of Christ and Norman Weslin twice blockade Center for Choice clinic in Toledo, Ohio. Oct - Attempted arson at North Jersey Women's Health center in Fairfield, NJ. Nov 12 - mass mobilization in Washington of pro-choice supporters.

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1990 Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1990 - woman has abortion at Everywoman's, abusive husband tries to stop her, threatens her and staff. Police were called, they let him go, he kills wife one week later. Feb 25 - vandal breaks into Everywoman's and destroys ultrasound machine and aspirator, using crowbar. \$10,000 damage. Lookout accomplice outside. Licence plate of parked truck traced to Jim Demers, employee of Nelson lumber company, prominent leader of Operation Rescue. Demers is never questioned by police. (See Oct/00) Feb 26 - protester detained (then released) by Vancouver police after blocking doors inside Shaughnessy Hospital. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 30 - Parliamentary committee on Bill C-43 begins hearings. March - M's Nova Scotia trial begins, then delayed till June (decision in October). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1990 - 4 arsons, 4 attempted bombings/arsons. 1990 - Missionaries to the Preborn is founded by Matthew Trehwella, Joseph Foreman, and Gary McCullough. 1990 - Marjorie Reed caught and convicted of arson attempt at National Women's Health Organization clinic in Fairfield, New Jersey (and for 1986 arson in Toledo, Ohio). 1990 - Hodgson v. Minnesota court decision allows minors to obtain abortion with either parental consent or a judicial bypass. 1990 to 1997 - 84 mergers between secular and Catholic hospitals, usually resulting in loss of women's reproductive health services. As of 1996, Roman Catholic church is largest private health care provider in U.S, controlling more than 600 hospitals. Feb - James Kopp (arrested for murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian in Mar 2001) imprisoned in Vermont for 2 months for clinic protest (along with Loretta Claire Marra (arrested in Mar 2001 for aiding and abetting Kopp).
1990 Apr-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 7 - Morgentaler speaks at John Oliver high school. Joseph Scheidler denied entrance, led 150 protesters outside, mostly from Campaign Life Coalition. Gordon Watson forced outside, his glasses smashed (his first conflict in his anti-abortion battle). Lane Walker also evicted. May - Terrace nurse Isobel Brophy censured for inappropriate counseling of abortion patients May 1 - Lane Walker arrested at Everywoman's and serves three months in jail. May 12 - No New Law demo at Art Gallery (by BCCAC); 300 demonstrators May 25 - occupation of lobby of Kim Campbell's office building by BCCAC. 200 supporters march outside. June 1 - BC Pro-Life Convention - Maybelle Nordick speaker - violated Everywoman's court injunction, 4 months in jail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April - Nova Scotia Appeal Court denies CARAL right to launch its own constitutional challenge because Dr. M's case is already underway. April 23 - Ontario proclaims Private Health Legislation Act, allowing government funding of some clinics. May 12 - National Day of Action against Bill C-43. May 25 - 300 protest Bill C-43 on Parliament Hill. May 29 - Bill C-43 passed by House of Commons, 3rd and final reading (vote 140-131). Sent to Senate for approval. Defended by Kim Campbell, Justice Minister. June - many doctors immediately withdraw abortion services and many more threaten to withdraw if bill becomes law. Early June - 16-year old Kitchener girl injured from botched abortion in pool hall (or in man's home?). June 12 - Yvonne Jurewicz dies of self-induced coat-hanger abortion. June 14 - Manitoba League for Life announce plan to clog provincial courts with lawsuits from women claiming to have suffered from abortions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - Arson attack at Planned Parenthood clinic in Syracuse, NY. Sharl DiNicola arrested and committed to mental institution.
1990 Jul-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - Employer ordered to pay \$2,400 damages to Diana Dodd who was fired because she had abortion. Sept 18 - Ted Gerk says "Read my lips, Don't 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep - Arson attempt at Planned Parenthood clinic in Worcester Mass. Sep - Matthew Trehwella founds Missionaries to the Pre-Born. Group raises funds for families of jailed anti-abortion

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	even think of Kelowna as a site.” (re opening of Bagshaw and other clinics)		terrorists.
1990 Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 10 - Jim Demers arrested for blockading Everywoman's - got 1 month suspended sentence Oct 11 - Twelve women occupy Kim Campbell's office for 3 hours, including VP of BC Fed Labour. Women arrested and charged with assault by trespass. Nov - Sissy von Dehn buys house next door to Everywoman's (Gianna House) for \$156,000 cash. Nov 1 - Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic opens in Vancouver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 16 - Canadian Rights Coalition (anti-abortion) prepares to help women bring criminal charges or malpractice suits against doctors who perform abortions. 2 cases in Ontario and BC expected to be in courts soon. Oct 13 - CMA poll - 8 out of 10 doctors against Bill C-43. 95% of doctors in Alberta say they will stop performing abortions if bill passes. Oct 19 - Nova Scotia judge strikes down Medical Services Act as unconstitutional and acquits Dr. M. of all charges. Campaign Life Coalition vows to stage protest marches outside clinic. Oct - Morgentaler unofficially opens clinic in St. John's Newfoundland. Announced publicly on Nov 14. Press conference at clinic is mobbed by hate-filled anti's yelling "Nazi murderer" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 15 - Undiluted fish oil poured through ceiling of Women's Health Services in Pittsburgh. Foul smelling, causes eye and respiratory problems.
1991 Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 31 - Ted Gerk threatens malpractice suits against doctors Feb 1- Surrey school board bans Planned Parenthood from all sex-ed programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 31 - Bill C-43 defeated in Senate by tie vote, cast by Senator Pat Carney. Mar 21 - Midwives Gloria Lemay and Mary Sullivan cleared of criminal negligence by Supreme Court of Canada when baby they delivered in May/85 died before exiting completely from birth canal. Court ruled fetus not a person in law with no legal rights until born alive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1991 - 9 arsons, 1 attempted bombing/arson. Jan - Arson destroys Women's Community Health Center in Beaumont TX. Feb 19 - Lovejoy SurgiCenter, Portland Oregon, obtains injunction against Advocates for Life and 34 people, including Andrew Burnett, Paul DeParrie, and Shelley Shannon, barring them from obstructing, intimidating, harassing, etc. Jury awards clinic \$8.2 million in damages; first-ever large award. Mar - Arson attacks at two clinics in Greensboro, NC. Apr - Arson destroys Medical Care Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey.
1991 Apr-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 12 - Annual Life Chain in Vancouver, 7,000 participants. June 7 - BC anti-abortionists launch new campaign to find women who have had abortions and are willing to sue their doctors for malpractice. Canadian Rights Coalition head campaign, which is working on 3 cases in Ontario and 1 in Manitoba. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - US District judge rules that RICO Act is not applicable in NOW's racketeering lawsuit against anti-abortion protesters (see Feb 89). NOW appeals and loses (June 92) and appeals again to Supreme Court (Nov 92). See Jan 94. May 23 - Supreme Court (<i>Rust vs. Sullivan</i>) upholds Bush government's gag rule barring federally funded clinics from giving patients abortion information or referrals. May 31 - 23 anti-abortion protesters arrested, including members of Lambs of Christ, for invading Women's Health Organization, a clinic in Fargo North Dakota.
1991 Jul-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 23 - NDP leader Mike Harcourt says if elected, NDP will open abortion clinics across BC and take away right of hospital boards to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 5 - Nova Scotia appeal court upholds decision in favour of Dr. M (against Medical Services Act that prohibits abortion clinics). Gov't appeals and Supreme Court agrees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 15 - Operation Rescue begins 7-week siege ("Summer of Mercy") to three clinics in Wichita, Kansas. Federal marshals called in; 1,734 arrests made.

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	decide whether they will provide abortions.	<p>to hear appeal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - flammable liquid poured onto back wall of future Edmonton Morgentaler clinic and ignited, causing \$1000 damage. Aug - Morgentaler announces plans to open clinic in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Sept 17 - Morgentaler clinic in Edmonton opens. Protesters present, including Lianne Lawrence and Gerard Liston. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Arson destroys Redding Feminist Women's Health Center in Redding, CA. Sep 6 - Dr. Leroy Carhart's horse farm in Bellevue, Nebraska destroyed by arson, killing 17 horses and family dog and cat. Culprit(s) never caught.
1991 Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct (date?) - Annual Life Chain in Vancouver, 15,000 participants. Oct 7 - John Hof says "There's going to be blood in the streets" if the NDP funds abortion. Oct 10 - Gordon Watson shows up at BCCAC's all-candidates meeting and assaults several female marshals with a large sign; hits 16-year old girl in the face; frightens children in childcare by banging on basement doors. Oct 14 - Liberal leader Gordon Wilson says "I do not support abortion on demand." He would restrict access and allow hospital boards to ban them. Nov 20 - Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic obtains private injunction against interference by protesters. Named in injunction: Sissy von Dehn, Brian Breton, Gregory Reeder. Christine Hendrix named as Jane Doe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 14 - injunction granted to protect Edmonton clinic from protesters who blocked doors and scuffled with security guards at protest on Nov 13. Injunction made permanent in Feb 92 and extended to Kensington clinic in Calgary when it opened in 1992. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - Loretta Marra arrested with James Kopp during a clinic blockade in Levittown, New York (see Mar 2001). They chained their feet into a steel device in front of a clinic, forcing police to use power tools to extract them. Nov 9 - Firebombing attempt at Robbinsdale Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dec 28 - Staff members Claudia Gilmore and Don Catron shot at Central Health Center in Springfield, Missouri by man in ski mask with sawed-off shotgun. Gilmore paraplegic for life. (First ever shooting of abortion provider)
1992 Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1992 - (date?) - Health Minister Elizabeth Cull announces formation of Task Force on Access to Contraception and Abortion Services Feb 1 - At BCCAC rally at Van Art Gallery, Gordon Watson strikes several people using a sign and then a megaphone as weapons. Assaults endorsed by Betty Green. March - reported that Royal Inland, Kamloops is only hospital in Okanagan/Interior doing abortions. It experienced 27% increase in abortion demand after Vernon Jubilee stopped doing them in June 1991. Blamed on anti-choice protesters in Vernon. Mar 8 - Gordon Watson, John Hof, and other CLC members picket BCCAC fundraising dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - Kensington Clinic in Calgary opens. Jan - Arson attack at Toronto Morgentaler Clinic. Youths set fire to gasoline-soaked tire, hauled it onto porch and gutted clinic foyer. \$7,000 damage. A few days earlier, a woman releases butyric acid in clinic washroom. Jan 2 - members of Campaign Life Coalition start to picket home of London Ontario doctor Fraser Fellows, and continue every day for over a year until at least March 1993. March - <i>The Interim</i> prints detailed action plan for picketing doctors' homes. Campaign Life Coalition goes on to carry out such picketing in Vancouver, Vernon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Windsor, Halifax, and other cities. Late March - Stanton Yellowknife Hospital in Northwest Territories discovered not giving anesthetic to women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1992 - Record escalation in clinic violence for 92: 1 bomb, 16 arsons, 13 attempted arson/bomb. #'s stay high throughout '90's. 1992 - Mark Crutcher founds Life Dynamics Inc. in Denton, Texas. First tactic: "The 800 Club" project distributed over 200 toll-free numbers of providers to anti-activists so they can tie up phone lines. Jan - Arson attack at Women's Community Health Center in Beaumont TX. Jan - Arson attack at Intermountain Planned Parenthood, Helena, Montana. Jan 14 - Dr. Douglas Karpen shot and wounded in parking garage at Women's Pavilion in Houston Texas.

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	<p>at Commodore, staging guerilla theatre and mock trial of abortion providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 20 - NDP government (Health Minister Elizabeth Cull) designates 33 hospitals that must perform abortions, and fully funds clinics Mar 30 - anti-choice groups, including Christine Hendrix, announce counter campaign of picketing offices and homes of doctors, in addition to clinics and hospitals (including Vernon Jubilee Hospital). 	<p>having abortions, because anesthesiologist was anti-abortion.</p>	
1992 Apr-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 12 - demonstration of 800 anti-abortion protesters outside Vernon Jubilee Hospital. April 15 - 14 arrested for blockading doors of Everywoman's. May 3 - number of abortions done at Vernon Jubilee Hospital and name of doctor revealed at anti-choice rally in Vernon. Information must have been leaked from within hospital. May 7 - Gordon Watson participates in protest outside home of Dr. Mary Sutter. Sutter's son shoots at protesters with slingshot, and husband takes 2 signs. Watson swears charges of assault and theft, which are not proceeded upon. May 10 - Mother's Day vigil and pro-choice rally outside VGH daycare unit - some violence between anti's and pro-choicers (unaffiliated with BCCAC). Anti-choice demonstrator punches and breaks nose of pro-choicer. May 20 - BCCAC holds rally to protest bombing of Morgentaler clinic at Van Art Gallery. Gordon Watson disrupts rally with huge sign saying "Boom! So long and goodbye, Morgue & Dollar", and he frequently yells "Boom!" during speeches, trying to provoke incident. He has two "bodyguards" with him, and was also seen speaking with Barry Norman and Berendt van Eldik. June 27 - Reproductive Rights & Wrongs conference held in Vancouver?? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April - Human Life International, world conference in Ottawa. May 18 - firebomb destroys Morgentaler's Toronto clinic in middle of night. No injuries, but perpetrator never caught May(?) - NDP Ontario government pledges \$420,000 over two years to monitor anti-choice harassment. June - Dr. M notifies PEI gov't of plans to sue for its refusal to pay for clinic abortions June - Environics poll says 79% of Canadians agree that "abortion is a medical decision that should rest with the woman in consultation with her physician." June 12 - Manitoba court rules that province's refusal to fund clinic abortions is discriminatory. Province appeals. June 25-27 - Private investigator hired by Ontario Attorney-General attends the "Save the Planet's People" conference in Toronto, sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition, to gather evidence for injunctions against protesters. (Speakers: Bernard Nathanson, Cardinal John O'Connor, Joseph Scheidler, Jim Demers, John Hof) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April - Arson attack at Catalina Medical Center in Ashland, Oregon. April - Arson attack at Fargo Women's Health Organization, Fargo, ND. April 5 - Largest ever pro-choice march in Washington, DC, with 750,000 people April 21 - 2-week Operation Rescue sieges (Spring of Life) begin outside Buffalo clinics. (including Dr. Slepian's clinic) 1000 protesters, 600 arrests. June 6 - Arson attack by Richard Thomas Andrews, at Redding Feminist Women's Health Center in California. (Andrews later convicted of torching 8 clinics in 4 states) June 29 - Supreme Court (Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey), 7-2, throws out some states' legislation outlawing abortion, including requirement to notify husband, but upholds 24 hour waiting periods, parental consultation, and counseling about fetal development and abortion alternatives. Court drops "strict scrutiny" standard in favour of less protective "undue burden" standard.
1992 Jul-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Roman Catholic Cecilia Moore, financial assistance worker, wins religious discrimination case after social services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2 - Edmonton clinic protester Lianne Lawrence sentenced to 90 days in jail for violating injunction laid against her. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Arson attack at Family Planning Associates in Newport Beach, CA. July - Operation Rescue holds "Summer of Purpose" week-

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	<p>ministry fired her in 1985 for refusing to sign documents to pay for a woman's abortion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 22 - Environics poll says 82% of British Columbians agree that "abortion is a medical decision that should rest with the woman in consultation with her physician." August - Gordon Watson trespasses on Everywoman's property. No charges laid. August - Gordon Watson initiates breach-of-trust charge against Health Minister Elizabeth Cull for waiving two sections of <i>Trade Practices Act</i> for Elizabeth Bagshaw clinic (that society directors cannot be its employees and requirements for criminal records checks for staff). Watson loses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 14 - Dr. M. sues gov't of Newfoundland for refusing to pay clinic abortions. Nfld starts paying partial costs. Sept(?) - Protester Linda Gibbons arrested and jailed for violating the Scott clinic injunction and obstructing an officer. She receives 6-month sentence. 	<p>long protest at Baton Rouge, LA clinics. 61 arrests made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - Attempted arson at Lovejoy Surgicenter in Portland, OR. Aug 6-20 - Operation Rescue and Rescue America block clinics in Houston, TX as part of "Summer of Purpose". Clinics sue eight leaders and win \$1.2 million verdict against OR. Sep - Arson attack at Richmond Medical Center for Women in Richmond, VA. Sep - Arson attack at Eugene Feminist Women's Health Center in Eugene, OR. Sep 30 - drive-by shooting at Grand Rapids Planned Parenthood in Michigan. 11 windows shattered.
1992 Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 4 - Annual Life Chain in Vancouver, 12,000 participants. 19 other Life Chains throughout BC. Oct 10 - Archbishop Adam Exner holds Rosary for Life outside Everywoman's (as advertised in BC Catholic). Nov 23 - Sissy von Dehn of PRICE sends out letters to clinics, doctors, health officials, etc. to "encourage full disclosure on pregnancy and abortion to reach informed consent decisions." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 18 - Report on Access to Abortion Services in Ontario released, recommending services be increased, and harassment stopped by injunctions and police protection. Date? - protester Mary Roberts arrested for "trespassing" outside Choice in Health Clinic in Toronto. She serves 30 days in jail in March 1993. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late 1992? - Loretta Marra and Lu Ann Mashura walk into Harrisburg Reproductive Health Clinic in Harrisburg Pennsylvania and lock themselves together with 100 pound metal locks. It took 20 hours to remove them. Charged with charged with a felony and two misdemeanors. Fall - Wanted Posters naming 25 doctors wanted for "crimes against humanity" distributed throughout central Florida. Oct - "Operation John the Baptist" harasses Dr. Norman Tompkins and his wife in Dallas TX for nine months. They sue and win damages of \$8.5 million. Oct 13 - first-ever(?) butyric acid attack at Center for Choice in Mobile Alabama. Nov - Bill Clinton elected, first openly pro-choice president.
1993 Jan-Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1993 (date?) - Sissy von Dehn files <i>BC Human Rights Act</i> complaint against clinics and BCCAC for disseminating hate against a specific age group (fetuses). Complaint unsuccessful. 1993 (date?) - CARE Program opens at BC Women's Hospital. Feb - 11 of 22 abortion providers in BC surveyed by BCCAC say they have been harassed or threatened by phone, received hate mail, or been picketed at home or at work. Mar 11 - Betty Green, President Vancouver Right to Life Society, condones murder of Dr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - Morgentaler opens new Toronto clinic. Mar 2 - Manitoba Court of Appeal rules that doctors must be paid for performing abortions at clinics. Manitoba health minister plans to introduce legislation to prohibit such payment. It passes in the summer. Mar 17 - Morgentaler sues PEI government for not paying for abortions on Island women at Halifax clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1993 - 1 murder, 1 attempted murder, 1 bombing, 12 arsons, and 7 attempted bombs/arsons. 1993 - Supreme Court rules that a post-Civil War law passed to curb Ku Klux Klan violence cannot be invoked against anti-abortion clinic blockades. Jan - Clinton removes moratorium on fetal tissue research, rescinds a law banning federally funded clinics from offering abortion counseling (gag rule), and opens door to U.S. funding of international family planning programs. Jan - Life Dynamics Inc. of Texas mails 961 "Project Choice" surveys to abortion providers. Supposedly to catalog harassment of doctors, but later used to target and attack doctors.

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	Gunn.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan or Feb - Life Dynamics Inc. of Texas mails out its offensive <i>Bottom Feeder, the abortionists' jokebook</i>, to 30,000 medical students across the U.S. • Feb - arson destroys Reproductive Services clinic in Corpus Christi, Texas. • Feb/Mar - numerous arsons and butyric acid attacks in many states. • Mar 10 - Dr. David Gunn murdered (shot in back) outside Pensacola Women's Medical Services in Florida. Killer Michael Griffin arrested at scene and sentenced to life in prison. John Burt implicated but never charged (former Florida Ku Klux Klan leader who in '80s helped others commit clinic arsons and led clinic invasions). • Mar 29 - Arson attack at Blue Mountain Clinic in Missoula, Montana. Richard Thomas Andrews convicted in 1998 for arson spree.
1993 Apr-Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 21 - 3 protesters block Everywoman's door: Lane Walker arrested and gets suspended sentence. Other blockaders: Robert Fitzgerald and Jennifer Ziemann. Supporting picketers included: Kathy Walker, Karen and James Hanlon, Barry Norman, Christine Hendrix, Gordon Watson. • April 30 - Gordon Watson, Christine Hendrix, Brian Breton arrested for blocking and harassing patients at Everywoman's. Several hours pass before injunction is enforced by police and staff/clients could not access clinic. • May - Lane Walker arrested again outside Everywoman's; he is jailed for his suspended sentence. • mid May - Archbishop Adam Exner says staff at BC's nine Catholic hospitals must forbid abortion, contraception, euthanasia, and sterilization. John Blatherwick, Vancouver medical health officer notes that VGH is the only non-religious hospital for adults in Vancouver (except at UBC) • June 17 - meeting between BCCAC and Attorney General Colin Gabelmann. Gordon Watson files FOI request for records, which are released in error. Gabelmann signed affidavit saying he did not take notes, but there were some notes in records. Watson tries to file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 13 - Small arson at Bours Health Center in Forest Grove, Oregon. • May 19 - shots fired into home of Dr. Robert Crist of Overland Park, Kansas. • June 9 - Defensive Action Statement, sponsored by Paul Hill, is signed by 30 anti-choice leaders, saying killing doctors is justifiable homicide (after murder of Gunn).

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	criminal charges of obstruction of justice and perjury, but Gabelmann cleared of criminal wrongdoing on Apr 22, 1994.		
1993 Jul-Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 5 - two anti-choice activists, Patricia Leska and Glen Brisebois, attend an educational event sponsored by BCCAC, giving false addresses and phone numbers. July 7 - Everywoman's makes report to Commission of Inquiry Policing in BC, detailing anti-choice activity at clinic and asking for better response from police. Everywoman's has experienced 25 blockades since 1988, ranging from 1 to 104 people, with up to 200 protesters looking on. Also, many instances of vandalism, two bomb threats, two death threats, constant verbal threats, hate graffiti, paint and eggs thrown at doors, frivolous legal actions and info requests, accosting and harassing patients and passers-by, videotaping and photographing clients/staff, prayer meetings and sing-alongs. Aug 12 - Everywoman's forced to buy unnecessary defibrillator and electrocardiograph to get accreditation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 27 - Manitoba passes Health Services Amendment Act, excluding payment for clinic abortions Sept 30 - Supreme Court dismisses appeal by Nova Scotia government (re Medical Services Act that prohibits abortion clinics). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 16 - arson attempt at Planned Parenthood clinic in Lancaster, Penn. Aug 12 - Butyric acid attack at Imperial Health Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Aug 19 - Dr. George Tiller shot in both arms outside his clinic in Wichita, Kansas by Shelley Shannon. Shannon also charged with 9 clinic bombings, arsons, and butyric acid attacks in other states. Army of God manual found in Shannon's backyard. In April 1994, she gets 11 years in prison for felony aggravated assault on Tiller. Aug 21 - Dr. George Wayne Patterson shot and killed in Mobile Alabama parking lot. Police classify as bungled theft, even though nothing was stolen, Patterson worked at Dr. Gunn's clinic in Florida, and endured months of death threats and stalking. Sep 26 - National Health Care Clinic in Peoria Illinois hit with Molotov cocktail. Randal B. Maske confessed crime and arrested on Jan 29, 2002. Sentenced to 3½ years in prison on June 18, 2002. Sep 29 - arson destroys Planned Parenthood clinic in Lancaster, Penn (no abortions ever performed there).
1993 Oct-Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec - Dr. Ellen Wiebe starts performing methotrexate abortions in her office, as part of a clinical study. Dec 13 - Christine Hendrix, Brian Breton, and Gordon Watson convicted of contempt of court for watching and besetting clients at Everywoman's (from April 30 incident). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - arson attack at West Loop Clinic in Houston TX. Oct 4 - Two arson attacks by Richard Thomas Andrews, at Redding Feminist Women's Health Center in California and Planned Parenthood in Chico. (Andrews later convicted of torching 8 clinics in 4 states)
Jan 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - Gordon Watson arrested after disturbance in front of Elizabeth Bagshaw clinic. Jan 14-16, Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Wrongs Conference held in Victoria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1994 - 4 murders, 8 attempted murders, 1 bombing, 11 arsons, and 3 attempted bombs/arsons. 1994 - more than 80 state-level bills introduced to restrict abortion throughout the year. 1994 - Supreme Court upholds lower-court injunction allowing "buffer zones" around abortion clinics, saying if they are properly tailored to ensure a woman can enter a clinic, they do not infringe unnecessarily on an abortion protester's First Amendment free expression. Jan - In NOW v. Scheidler, Supreme Court rules 9-0 that anti-abortionists can be charged under federal RICO act (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) for

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			conspiring to close abortion clinics through organized criminal activity. NOW does not have to prove an economic motive. (see Feb 89).
Feb 1994	•	•	•
Mar 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 7 - Kathy Walker, Pam Birch, Jen Ziemann blockade Everywoman's; they cover themselves in animal blood and paint it on clinic walls. They are arrested; Walker gets 2 months jail; Birch gets 3 months, Ziemann gets 5 months . 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 5 - Michael Griffin convicted of 1st degree murder in Florida for killing Dr. Gunn. Gets life in prison with no parole for 25 years. Mar 11 - Daniel Ware arrested in Houston TX on weapons charges. He had gone to Pensacola in late Feb with numerous weapons and explosives to stage an attack on providers gathered for the anniversary of Dr. Gunn's murder. Mar 20 - Dr. Paul Hackmeyer shot 3 times in chest in ambush at his home, in his driveway, Los Angeles. Police classify shooting as a robbery, although nothing was taken. No arrests.
Apr 1994	•	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April - butyric acid attack at office of Dr. Jack Yoffa and Planned Parenthood clinic in Syracuse, NY.
May 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 11 - aggressive picket outside Everywoman's, by Sissy von Dehn, Gordon Watson, Christine Hendrix, Don Spratt, and others. 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 26 - federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE) enacted by Pres. Clinton. Prohibits use of force, threats, or physical obstruction to injure, intimidate, or interfere with someone trying to obtain or provide an abortion, or which results in property destruction.
Jun 1994	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 28 - Dr. M. opens clinic in Fredericton New Brunswick. Province invokes Medical Act prohibiting doctors from performing abortions outside approved medical facility. NB College of Physicians and Surgeons restricts Dr. M's licence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 6 - first arrest under FACE, 6 protesters charged with blocking entrance to Affiliated Medical Services in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Six months in jail and \$10,000 fine. June 10 - Paul Hill starts protesting outside Community Healthcare Center in Pensacola, Florida.
Jul 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early July - Gordon Watson sends letter to Dr. Ellen Wiebe threatening to carry out a citizen's arrest; also sends letter to BC College of Physicians and Surgeons pressuring them to discipline Dr. Wiebe (who had recently announced plans to research methotrexate). 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - attempted bombing of Northeast Women's Center in Philadelphia, Penn. July 7-9 - Operation Rescue's Summer of Justice, Little Rock, Ark. 26 arrested for trespassing at clinics. July 29 - Dr. John Britton, escort James Barrett shot and killed inside vehicle while arriving at Ladies Center, Pensacola Florida. June Barrett wounded. Paul Hill arrested. John Burt implicated but never charged.
Aug 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 3 - Gordon Watson assaults Everywoman's worker by pushing her camera into her face (Marg Panton was videotaping him). He is arrested for assault and disturbing the peace. He yelled to patient, "If you kill this baby, you will be murdering your own child and God will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 30 - Ontario court (Dieleman decision) provides injunction for clinics and doctors' homes in 18 locations in Toronto, London, North Bay, Brantford, and Kingston (20m from clinic and 160m from doctor's homes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - attempted bombing of Planned Parenthood clinic in St. Albans, Vermont. Aug - A-G Janet Reno creates task force to investigate charges of conspiracy among anti-abortionists. (Findings - no conspiracy, but task force used narrow definition of conspiracy)

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	<p>judge you for that."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 19 - Task Force on Access to Contraception and Abortion Services releases report, Realizing Choices. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - Clinton dispatches federal marshals to protect 25 clinics in 11 cities around the country. (But by 1995, marshalls present at only 12 clinics.) Aug - Extremist pro-violence group American Coalition of Life Activists forms. Organizers include Andrew Burnett, Monica Migliorino Miller, Bruce Evan Murch, David Crane, Michael Dodds, Don Treshman, Paul deParrie, Joseph Foreman. First national event in Jackson Mississippi on Aug 7. Aug 9 - arson destroys Planned Parenthood clinic in Brainerd, Minnesota (it did not perform abortions), and three adjoining businesses. Aug 12 - federal grand jury indicts Paul Hill for Britton/Barrett murders. mid-Aug - KKK protests outside Aware Woman Center for Choice in Melbourne, Florida.
Sep 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - Gordon Watson testifies in court that he "paid big bucks" to get information about abortion providers from their licence plates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 14 - New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench rules that province has no right to restrict abortions to hospitals. NB appeals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - Michael Bray publishes "A Time to Kill" using Bible to advocate violence and praising clinic terrorists as heroes.
Oct 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 2 - Lifechain in Vancouver attracts about 4,000 participants, mostly Catholics. Oct 31 - Gordon Watson jailed for 21 days and given 18 months probation for contempt in defying Everywoman's injunction arising out of Aug 3 incident. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 13 - Morgentaler opens clinic in Ottawa (Canada's 16th free-standing clinic). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 1 - KKK protest outside The Ladies Center in Pensacola, Florida. Oct 9 - Arson attack at Chico Planned Parenthood clinic and Redding Feminist Women's Health Center, CA. Oct 11 - Arson attack at clinic of Dr. James Armstrong of Kalispell, Montana. Oct 30 - C. Roy McMillan, signer of Defensive Action Statement, advocates sniper shootings of doctors in New York Times. "Why would a person [shoot a doctor] publicly, when maybe he could have done it clandestinely with a high-powered rifle in his neighbourhood." (9 days later, Dr. Romalis is shot.)
Nov 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 8 - Dr. Gary Romalis shot and seriously wounded in Vancouver while eating breakfast in his home, by sniper hiding in his back alley. Nov 8 - Christine Hendrix says on BCTV: "I do believe that the law should be putting people like this to death." (i.e., Romalis) and "this man is a mass murderer ... and as such he should be put to death." Nov 9(?) - Gordon Watson says "It was a nice piece of shooting because it sent a warning. That bullet brought the message home to Dr. Romalis more than anything else would have." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> late Nov - threatening letter received at a Halifax hospital. Half of the abortion providers at the hospital quit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2 - In Florida, Paul Hill convicted of murder and attempted murder under FACE (Britton, Barrett). On Dec 6, sentenced to die. Nov 3 - Pipe bomb explodes outside Planned Parenthood clinic in San Rafael, CA.

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	<p>He also says "I do condone violence."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mid-Nov - Joy Thompson of BCCAC gets anonymous phone threats. • Nov 18 - Criminal Harassment Unit formed to investigate harassment and intimidation in BC; A-G hires private security company (CanPro) to investigate anti-abortion threats. • Nov 19 – BCCAC stages “Rally for Choice” protesting doctor shootings at Vancouver Art Gallery. • Nov? - RCMP search 20-hectare property of Brian Zacharias, anti-abortion activist in Nelson, for gun shells. Police found nothing, but believe he was tipped off about search in advance. After Fainman shooting (Nov/97) Zacharias supported the shooting but said "I haven't had the faith to do something like that." 		
Dec 1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 9 - Joy Thompson threatened as a “legitimate political target” in weekly taped message of Canadian Liberty Net (anti-Semite group) after she claimed that neo-Nazis may have been involved in Romalis shooting. • 1988 to 1995 - 66 calls to police from Everywoman's, 21 calls to police from Bagshaw. Peak calls in 1989 (for Everywoman's) and 1994 for both clinics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec - CBC's Fifth Estate interviews Donald Treshman, American anti-abortion extremist, who endorses Army of God manual as "something every home should have." Treshman is a spokesperson for HLI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec - bombing of Planned Parenthood clinic in Rapid City, South Dakota. • Dec - Arson attack at Peninsula Medical Center for Women in Newport News, Virginia. • Dec 6 - Paul Hill sentenced to die in electric chair. • Dec 30 - Shannon Lowney, receptionist at Planned Parenthood, Brookline Massachusetts, shot and killed by John Salvi. Leanne Nichols, receptionist at Preterm Clinic in Brookline shot and killed by John Salvi. Five others wounded. • Dec 31 - John Salvi fires 22 shots at Hillcrest Clinic in Norfolk VA, no-one injured.
Jan 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 2 - Everywoman's asks for bubble zone around clinics. • Jan 4 - Everywoman's discovers Constable Steve Parker has been running licence plate numbers of staff and patients on an RCMP computer. Investigation begins. (as result of criminal proceedings against Watson and related FOI request). • Jan 18 - Gordon Watson convicted of assault for Aug 3 incident at Everywoman's, but only gets conditional discharge with 1 year probation. Judge Keith Libby fears he may become an anti-abortion target. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 6 - federal Health Minister Diane Marleau gives ultimatum to provinces: they must pay full costs at private clinics providing medically necessary services, or face cuts in federal payments starting Oct. 15. • Jan 23 - New Brunswick Court of Appeal upholds lower court ruling against province's attempt to prohibit abortion clinics • Jan 24 - Halifax abortion clinic workers threatened with death in a letter sent to police. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1995 - 1 attempted murder, 1 bombing, 14 arsons, and 1 attempted bomb/arson. • 1995 - Norma McCorvey ("Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade decision), converts to anti-choice movement. She announces this on Today show with Operation Rescue leaders. • Jan 5 - Dr. George Klopfer shot at while driving between clinics in South Bend and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Police don't link shooting to anti-abortion movement. • Jan 5 - Attorney General Janet Reno sets up regional task forces to protect health care providers against anti-abortion violence.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 22 - Watson tells Province newspaper he will slaughter lambs in front of Vancouver clinics (as performance art) and “generally do things that will test the limits of freedom of expression.” He is ordered back to court to submit for approval any protest plans he has. Jan 30 - 2 protesters in Everywoman's's front door alcove covered in blood: Tim Vincent and Tracy Tobin. Written in blood on clinic wall “Stop the violence.” They also blocked clinic. Both arrested and convicted of criminal contempt of court for violating injunction. (also see March 7/94 incident) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 5 - US Dept of Justice establishes national Task Force on Violence Against Abortion Providers to investigate whether an anti-abortion conspiracy exists to use illegal and violent tactics to eliminate access to safe abortion. Jan 13 - FBI arrests Melody Lang in Alabama for threatening to kill an Alabama provider. Jan 18 - US Dept of Justice files civil lawsuit against 4 anti-abortion protesters for blockading a clinic and stalking employees (in North Dakota). Also files civil lawsuit against extremist who repeatedly threatened life of doctor providing abortions in Penn and Ohio. Jan 21-23 - American Coalition of Life Activists forms in hold national rally in Washington. Jan 21 - American Coalition of Life Activists releases “Deadly Dozen” list of 12 abortion doctors. Federal marshals move to protect the doctors. They also launch “No Place to Hide” campaign designed to terrorize doctors at home and work. Jan 28 - Bill Baird, veteran abortion rights activist, shot at outside his home in Long Island. Not injured, but this was second attempt on his life in two years.
Feb 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 6 - Planned Parenthood clinic opens in Kelowna; 200 anti-abortion protesters stage prayer vigil outside. Gerk targets Dr. Lianne Lacroix as one of the main “instigators” in bringing abortions to Kelowna General, making her fear for her safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 1 - Two of four doctors at Nova Scotia's Victoria General Hospital quit performing abortions after death threat letter. Feb 2 - PEI Supreme Court rules that province must cover physician fees for clinic abortions . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - clinics struck by arson: Ventura, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, and Santa Barbara, CA; and Santa Cruz, NM.
Mar 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March - Arson attack at Tidewater Women's Health Center in Norfolk, Virginia. March 9 - federal grand jury indicts Ricky Lee McDonald under FACE after he threw a flaming shopping cart through a clinic window in Albuquerque. March 16 - US District Court for Wisconsin strikes down FACE provision prohibiting non-violent obstruction of access to clinics. Mar 22 - first permanent injunction granted under FACE, barring Regina Dinwiddie from engaging in illegal acts outside clinics throughout the country.
Apr 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 21-23 - BC Pro-life Society & Campaign Life Coalition AGM & Conference in Kelowna. Speakers: Doug Scott, Ted Hewlett, George Grant, Lila Stanford Apr 23 - BCCAC protests outside Holy Rosary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 19-25 - Human Life International conference in Montreal (international conference). 1000 to 3000 protesters try to disrupt anti-choice march and some pelt police with eggs, tomatoes, and broken bottles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 22 - shots fired into Planned Parenthood clinic in Warren Michigan.

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	Cathedral to call on Catholic official to break ties with extremist group Human Life international, and to commemorate victims of anti-abortion violence. .		
May 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 10 - Delta Police Department decides not to criminally charge Constable Steve Parker for illegally running licence plate numbers of Everywoman's staff/patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Jun 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Jul 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 3 - John Hof compares the new <i>Access to Abortion Services Act</i> to Nazi policies of rounding up Jews (<i>BC Report</i>) July 26 - Delta Police Constable Steve Parker suspended for 4 days without pay under Police Act for illegally using police computer to run 5 licence plate numbers of Everywoman's staff and patients (in 1993 and 1994). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 12 - staff threatened at Cabbagetown abortion clinic in Toronto. A postcard produced by Human Life International was sent with message that a "pre-select" staff member would "meet with an unfortunate accident" if the clinic did not shut down. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Aug 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 17 - Supreme Court refuses to hear New Brunswick government appeal of NB court decision that abortions could not be restricted to hospitals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 21 - Arson destroys All Women's Health Center in St. Petersburg, Florida.
Sep 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 18 - In response to Romalis shooting, BC introduces <i>Access to Abortion Services Act</i>, first legislation in Canada to prohibit protests outside abortion clinics and doctors' offices and homes. Sept 18 - Violations of bubble zone start (by Sissy von Dehn and Christine Hendrix at Everywoman's), no arrests made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 8 - five shots fired into Planned Parenthood clinic in Des Moines, Iowa.
Oct 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - Maurice Lewis arrested for violating bubble zone outside Everywoman's. Oct 1 - 5000 anti-abortionists line streets in Life Chain to protest bubble zone law. They stay out of bubble zones. Oct 29 - protesters increase their presence inside Everywoman's bubble zone with regular prayers and singing. Police don't arrest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - Alberta government tries to de-insure abortion, but doctors refuse to redefine medically necessary abortions, so move fizzles. Oct - Nova Scotia starts paying \$130,000 a year in federal penalties for not fully funding clinic abortions (by year 2000 - only \$200,000 in penalties deducted) Oct 15 - federal government starts deducting fees charged to patients for private medical services (such as abortion) from transfer money to provinces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Nov 1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 29 - Ted Gerk makes an FOI request for the accreditation records of Everywoman's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 10 - Dr. Hugh Short of Ancaster, Ontario is shot in the elbow while relaxing at his home. Sniper in woods behind his home. Nov 10-12 - Human Life International regional conference in Calgary. Keynote speaker Joe Scheidler. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 3 - Arson attempt at rebuilt All Women's Health Center in St. Petersburg, Florida (destroyed by arson in August).

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Dec 1995	•	•	•
Jan 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 23 - In Maurice Lewis case, BC court strikes down 2 provisions of Access to Abortion Services Act, saying they infringe freedom of expression. Crown appeals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan or Feb(?) - Christian Coalition of Canada is founded - new right-wing federal political party. Headed by Don Spratt of Operation Rescue. Bill VanderZalm is a director. Jan 22 - Saskatchewan's Council of College of Physicians and Surgeons decide that abortions will continue to be performed only inside hospitals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1996 - 1 attempted murder, 2 bombings, 3 arsons, and 4 attempted bombs/arsons. 1996 - State bans on "partial-birth abortions" begin to appear (late-term abortions performed by D&E or D&X). Congress passes bill to outlaw PBA's, but President Clinton vetoes bill. Jan - First White Rose banquet held in Landover, Maryland, sponsored by Michael Bray, to honour anti-abortion terrorists. Jan 25 - A-G Janet Reno announces that grand jury convened in '94 found no evidence of national anti-abortion conspiracy. Jury had interviewed only one abortion provider, and at least half a dozen leading pro-violence anti-abortionists.
Feb 1996	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 22 - Winnipeg court rules that father does not have right to sue a doctor for allegedly botching his ex-girlfriend's abortion, resulting in healthy birth. Douglas Wayne Freeman sued for damages to support son. Feb 22 - Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions calls for province-wide referendum to defund abortion. Their survey shows 55% of doctors support public funding of abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 5 - John Salvi's trial starts.
Mar 1996	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March - in Alberta, Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions and MLA Lorne Taylor craft resolution to have referendum on abortion funding put on ballot for next election. Mar 14 -Reform MP Breitzkreuz calls for national referendum on tax-funding for abortions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 18 - John Salvi convicted of 2 murders and 5 attempted murders. He gets two life terms without parole, plus 100 years.
Apr 1996	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 18 - Quebec protester Michel Tissot, former RCMP officer, found guilty of breaking injunction outside Morgentaler clinic. 	•
May 1996	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 28 - Brenda Drummond of Ottawa shoots herself in the vagina and injures near-term fetus. (Baby recovers and Drummond gets suspended sentence.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May or June(?) - mifepristone conditionally approved by FDA. May 23 - flammable liquid spread inside and outside Women's Health Care clinic in Boise, Idaho. Small fire started.
Jun 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4 - Gordon Watson threatens in the Georgia Strait newspaper to make a citizen's arrest of Norah Hutchinson, a staffer at Elizabeth Bagshaw Clinic. Watson is slapped with recognizance order to stay away from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - Bill C-47 introduced to legislate or outlaw 13 new reproductive and genetic technologies. 	•

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	<p>her.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 13 - Delta Police Constable Steve Parker gets his 4-day suspension without pay increased to 5 days, for illegally using police computer to run 5 licence plate numbers of Everywoman's staff and patients (in 1993 and 94). (Everywoman's had appealed.) 		
Jul 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Parker found to have run about six more plates of Everywoman's staff and patients. New investigation launched by Vancouver police. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 7 - Women's Health Care clinic in Boise Idaho target of arsonists for 2nd time in 2 months. July 12- bomb destroys Planned Parenthood clinic in Spokane Valley, Wash. Members of Phineas Priesthood, white supremacist org, later captured. July 27 - Bombing at Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park during Olympics kills woman and injures 111. Anti-abortionist Eric Robert Rudolph becomes main suspect.
Aug 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> end Aug - Ted Gerk receives accreditation records of Everywoman's through FOI request and uses them to insinuate unsafe practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - New Brunswick man asks Quebec court to stop his partner's abortion in Quebec. Court throws out request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 24 - Operation Rescue protests outside Democratic national convention in Chicago.
Sep 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 16 - Constable Steve Parker charged with six charges of "discreditable conduct" for searching 6 more licence plate numbers of Everywoman's clinic staff and patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - Manitoba Court of Appeal rules that mentally competent persons cannot be forced to undergo treatment. Reverses decision of lower court in Winnipeg Child and Family Services vs. Ms. G, a pregnant drug abuser who WCFS committed against her will to a drug treatment program. WCFS appeals to Supreme Court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 10 - man enters Planned Parenthood clinic in Tempe, Arizona and smashes windows, computers, and other equipment with club, yelling "There won't be any more babies killed here today."
Oct 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - BC Court of Appeal restores full force of Access to Abortion Services Act, saying that specific geographical limits on free speech are justified to protect vulnerable groups. Court set precedent by accepting 2nd hand evidence (hearsay). Maurice Lewis appeals. Oct 6 - Annual Life Chain draws 2,500 participants in Vancouver. Oct 29 - Reform leader Preston Manning calls for national referendum to place a ban on abortion in the Constitution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Nov 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov or Dec (?) - Gordon Watson unsuccessfully lobbies against extradition of American Allan Waddell, wanted in U.S. for weapons offences. Waddell is linked to violent white-supremacist organization. Nov 21 - Pro-choicers Marg Panton and Will Offley file leave to appeal Parker punishment, saying he should be dismissed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 12 - Edmonton's Morgentaler clinic suffers butyric acid attack. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - Arson of Family Planning Clinic in Hannibal, Missouri. Nov 29 - John Salvi commits suicide in his prison cell. He was serving 2 life sentences for murder of Leanne Nichols and Shannon Lowney in Dec 94.

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Dec 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 11 - Jim Demers arrested for violating bubble zone outside Everywoman's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 23 - Ontario Court dismisses attempted murder charge against Brenda Drummond, saying fetus is not a person until birth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec - three unsuccessful arson attempts at the A-Z Women's Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Dec 18 - Dr. Calvin Jackson stabbed repeatedly as he entered Orleans Women's Clinic. Lost 4 pints of blood, ear nearly severed. Assailant apprehended as he lay in wait inside a Baton Rouge clinic. Donald Cooper of Corpus Christi, Texas charged with attempted 2nd-degree murder.
Jan 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997 - 1 attempted murder, 4 bombings, 9 arsons, and 2 attempted bombs/arsons. Jan - Nuremberg Files website appears for first time. Run by Neal Horsley. Lists names and personal information of providers and other pro-choice supporters, so they can be prosecuted for "crimes against humanity" when abortion is outlawed. Jan 1 - arson attempt at Reproductive Services & Adoption Affiliates in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jan 16 - Atlanta Northside Family Planning Services clinic in Georgia bombed (twice within one hour) Rescue workers and bystanders injured in 2nd blast. (Eric Rudolph later implicated.) Jan 16 - several shrapnel bombs set off at Reproductive Services & Adoption Affiliates clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Feb 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 3 - Brenda Drummond pleads guilty to failing to provide necessities of life to her baby and receives suspended sentence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 6 - office and medical equipment at Reproductive Services & Adoption Affiliates clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma shot with a handgun (third attack in five weeks for this clinic). 15-year old boy arrested. Feb 12 - anti-abortionist Jennifer Sperle sentenced to 30 months in prison for 2 arson attempts at Virginia clinics (12/94 and 3/95) Feb 18 - James Mitchell arrested for break-in and arson of Commonwealth Women's Clinic in Falls Church, Virginia. Feb 21 - Nail bomb explodes at The Otherside Lounge, a gay and lesbian nightclub in Atlanta. 5 people injured. Anti-abortionist Eric Rudolph later implicated.
Mar 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early March - Reform MP Keith Martin introduces private member bill to charge pregnant women who abuse alcohol, drugs etc. with criminal endangerment of fetus. Guilty women would be sentenced to treatment centre. Mar 21 - Delta Police Constable Steve Parker punished with 6-month reduction in rank for running licence plate numbers of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar - arson attempt at Mountain Country Women's Center in Bozeman, Montana. John Jankowski convicted. Mar 6 - flammable liquid poured into air conditioning vent on roof of Piedmont-Carolina Medical Clinic in Greensboro, North Carolina. Mar 7 - Molotov cocktail thrown through window of Family Planning Associates Clinic in North Hollywood, CA. Mar 17 - Peter Andrew Howard arrested after driving truck

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	Everywoman's staff and patients. Delta Police had just promoted him.		through doors of Family Planning Associates clinic in Bakersfield, CA. He attempted to ignite propane and gas cans in back of truck.
Apr 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 1 - Health Minister Joy MacPhail announces that all members of community and regional health boards will be appointed to prevent takeover by anti-abortionists. 15 hospitals rebel; anti-choice protest outside Langley Memorial. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April - Bill C-47 fails due to criticism by CMA and others (too heavy-handed, simplistic, and dangerous) Bill was to legislate or outlaw 13 new reproductive and genetic technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 2 - four small fires set on roof of Mountain Country Women's Clinic in Bozeman, Montana. Culprit John Yankowski.
May 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - New Brunswick Court of Appeal upholds decision of lower court allowing Ryan Dobson to sue his mother for injuries he sustained in a car accident as a fetus. Goes to Supreme Court. (Ryan born prematurely with cerebral palsy.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 7 - attempted arson at Planned Parenthood Central Washington Yakima Family Planning clinic. May 25(?) - Lovejoy Surgi-center in Portland, Oregon, badly damaged by arsonist who drove up to building in cheap car, ran hose from metal drum with flammable liquid, ignited liquid, and left. May - arson attack at Piedmont-Carolina Medical Clinic in Greensboro, NC.
Jun 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Jul 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 6-11 - Show the Truth Tour in 16 southern Ontario cities, organized by Campaign Life Coalition and Missionaries to the Preborn Jul or Aug (?) - clinic protesters in Calgary lose two legal cases; must stay away from clinics and pay court costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 16 - aggressive picketing and patient harassment at Women's Medical Centre in Dayton, Ohio. Four arrests including Flip Benham of Operation Rescue. July 22 - serious arson at West Alabama Women's Centre in Tuscaloosa when incendiary device thrown into hole cut into air conditioning duct on roof.
Aug 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Sep 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 3(?) - Maurice Lewis dies; his appeal of bubble zone case is dropped. Lewis was found dead in his semi-trailer truck on Ontario roadside on Sept 5; police attribute to natural causes (accidental asphyxiation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 25 - bomb hoax scares at two clinics in Little Rock, Arkansas. Perpetrator parked Ryder trucks outside each clinic.
Oct 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 19 - abortion symposium held at UBC for medical students. Medical Students for Choice chapter started at UBC. Oct 31 - court awards Bagshaw clinic \$20,000 in compensatory damages from Operation Rescue blockade at clinic in 1991. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 31 - Supreme Court rules 7-2 that courts cannot force pregnant women to undergo treatment programs to prevent harm to fetus. (Ms. G case) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 19 - Minor arson at Portland Oregon All Women's Health Services clinic. Oct. 28 – Dr. David Gandell shot at in his home in Perinton, suburb of Rochester, New York. Two bullets missed, but slight wounds from flying debris.
Nov 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - National police task force appointed to investigate Remembrance Day shootings Nov 11 - Dr. Jack Fainman shot at his home in Winnipeg by sniper behind his house; minor injuries. Nov 20 - MP Garry Breitkreuz reintroduces a Private Member's Motion (M-268) calling for a binding national 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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		referendum on government funding for medically unnecessary abortions.	
Dec 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec - Jim Demers convicted of violating bubble zone law. He appeals. Dec 29 - Lane Walker and Jennifer Ziemann arrested at Everywoman's for blockading clinic doors. They set up mock daycare in front of clinic and wrapped plastic locking devices around door. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 10 - first threatening package received by Hamilton Spectator newspaper; Hamilton doctor threatened (10 more to follow, continuing to Mar 4/99) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Jan 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - threatening package sent to VGH president. Same type as Hamilton-Spectator mailings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 28 - CARAL releases report <i>Access Granted: Too Often Denied</i>, detailing shrinking access to abortion in Canada, because of declining pool of providers, lack of medical education and training, and escalating anti-choice harassment and violence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1998 - 2 murders, 1 attempted murder, 1 kidnapping, 1 bombing, 4 arsons, 5 attempted bombs/arsons. Jan - Joan Andrews Bell sentenced to 3 -23 months in jail and 3 years probation for May/85 clinic invasion. She serves 2months. Jan - Randall Terry settles with NOW (re NOW vs. Scheidler, see Feb 89) and agrees not to commit any illegal actions at abortion clinics. Terry settled so he could run for Congress. Jan 8 - hoax mail bomb received by Louisville Kentucky clinic. Jan 27 - small fire set inside Planned Parenthood in San Antonio, Texas. Damage minimal, but clinic has been repeatedly vandalized. Jan 29 - bomb at New Woman All Women Health Care Clinic in Birmingham Alabama kills security guard Robert Sanderson (off-duty police officer) and seriously maims nurse Emily Lyons.
Feb 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - "Hit list" - Kelowna Right to Life sends letter to all health care providers in Okanagan asking them to identify abortion providers and doctors that refer for abortions. Letter almost identical to sample Life Dynamics letter. Feb - John Hof meets with Gordon Campbell to push right-wing agenda (see below). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 2 - police search for Alabama bombing suspect Eric Rudolph, seen leaving scene. Also implicated in three Atlanta-area bombings: Olympic Park (July 96), abortion clinic (Jan 97), gay nightclub (Feb 97). Anti-abortion Rudolph is put on FBI's 10 most wanted list. He has ties to white supremacist militia group. Feb 14 - Eric Rudolph is charged in Alabama abortion clinic bombing.
Mar 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March - John Hof reveals he met with Liberal leader Gordon Campbell in February. Hof said Campbell "opened the door" to pro-life supporters. Hof laid out six-point platform, including repealing bubble zone law and conscience clauses for health care workers. Mar 2 - bomb threat at Vernon Jubilee Hospital. Briefcase left in parking lot with anti- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March - Class-action lawsuit <i>NOW v. Scheidler</i>, begins in Chicago. Operation Rescue, Pro-Life Action League and 4 individuals charged with waging anti-abortion conspiracy against clinics.

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	<p>abortion placard. It was empty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 16 - Sissy von Dehn (PRICE) sends letter to BC Health care providers asking them to identify abortion providers. 		
Apr 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April and May - At least four Life Dynamics postcards and brochures mailed to doctors in BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 2 - Human Life International in Ottawa loses charitable tax status. Federal court of appeal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 1 - gasoline bomb thrown onto roof of Pacific Beach clinic, San Diego, CA. Apr 6 - diesel fuel mixture spread inside Fargo Women's Health Organization in Fargo, ND. Apr 14 - fire set in art gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, one hour before scheduled reception for Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood. April 20 - federal jury finds three national anti-choice leaders guilty of 21 acts of extortion against abortion clinics, under anti-racketeering RICO law. Damages amount to \$258,000 U.S. Defendants: Joseph Scheidler, Timothy Murphy, Andrew Scholberg, Operation Rescue, and Pro-Life Action League.
May 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May or June (?) - Crown Counsel decides not to press charges against letters. May 17-20 - National Abortion Federation holds annual national conference in Vancouver, at Hotel Vancouver. Hotel is picketed by about 2 dozen protesters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May or June(?) - Congress blocks FDA from using federal money to test, develop, or approve any drug to induce abortion. May 5 - Eric Rudolph added to FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, and \$1 million reward offered for his capture. May 11 - "Fictional" article by David Maccabee published on Internet targets 11 doctors for death by Army of God. May 16-23 - Ten Florida abortion clinics hit by butyric acid attacks.
Jun 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - new president of BCMA is Jim Lane, formerly with Physicians for Life. Pro-choice resolutions to be debated at annual BCMA meeting (June 12-14). June 1 - VGH settles Ximena Renaerts suit out of court for a rumoured \$10 million. Ximena born prematurely at VGH after failed abortion at Washington clinic, allegedly left for 40 minutes to die in storage room for dead fetuses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Jul 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - five clinics in New Orleans hit by butyric acid attacks (July 6), and four clinics in Houston (July 8). 12 people injured in TX. July 11 - health food store owner in North Carolina tells authorities Rudolph took six months' worth of food and supplies and a pickup truck from his home, leaving five

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			\$100 bills as payment.
Aug 1998	•	•	• Aug 21 - fire started with construction equipment at future office of Columbus, Ohio OB/GYN practice.
Sep 1998	•	•	• Sept 8 - flammable or incendiary device placed or thrown at back entrance to Carolina Women's Medical Centre in Fayetteville, NC, Another device also placed on roof of Hallmark Clinic in same city.
Oct 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mid-Oct - confidential police documents leaked to John Hof (re Neil Monckton, senior communications adviser to Premier Clark) • Oct 29 - A-G Ujjal Dosanjh provides \$250,000 in funding to help with doctor security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 28 - 5th threatening package received by Hamilton Spectator, identifying Slepian. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 3 - two bombs disarmed at Hallmark Clinic and Carolina Clinic in Fayetteville, NC. • Oct 14 - Eric Rudolph is charged with Olympic bombing, and Atlanta clinic and nightclub bombings. • Oct 20 - FBI joins the Canadian task force after FBI links NY 1997 sniper attack to Canadian attacks. • Oct 23 - Dr. Barnett Slepian of Amherst, NY shot and killed in his kitchen, in front of his wife and son, by sniper hiding in wooded back yard. • Oct 30 - Anthrax threats start. Dozens of letters sent to clinics and other targets, through to spring 1999. All are hoaxes.
Nov 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov - Constable Steven Parker has BC police commissioner Susan Brice disqualified from hearing because of “pro-choice bias”. But court dismisses his attempt to set aside his disciplinary measures. Parker appeals • Nov or Dec(?) - new bubble zones put in place at Vancouver General Hospital; anti’s picket there regularly • Nov and Dec - more Life Dynamics mailings to doctors in BC • Nov 2 - BC Catholic publishes editorial by Paul Schratz praising the positive benefits of shooting doctors. • Nov 6 - Cecilia von Dehn arrested outside Everywoman's, Not charged - “insufficient evidence”. 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 4 - FBI announce they are looking for James Kopp as a “material witness” in the sniper shootings. • Nov 2 - bomb hoax packages received at New Woman, All Women's Health Center in Birmingham, Alabama. • Nov 3 - Hoax bomb received at Women's Health Care Services in Wichita, Kansas. • Nov 3/4 - hoax bomb received at Planned Parenthood clinic in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. • Nov 9 - A-G Janet Reno sets up National Clinic Violence Task Force looking into shooting of Dr. Slepian and anti-abortion violence. \$500,000 reward announced Nov 10.
Dec 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 17 - Gordon Watson and Don Spratt arrested and charged with violating bubble zone at Everywoman's 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec - Kopp's car found abandoned at New Jersey airport, with fake licence plates and keys in ignition, had been there 6 weeks.
Jan 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan - Lane Walker and another man arrested for blocking Everywoman's doors. They burned porno mags in trash can. • Jan and Feb - Mary Wagner violates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan - Human Life International in Canada and Alliance for Life lose their charitable tax status. • Jan 19 - CBC airs “Thou Shalt Not Kill” about connections between Campaign Life Coalition and violent U.S. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1999 - 1 bombing, 8 arsons, 1 attempted bomb/arson. • Jan - National Abortion Federation discovers website offering a \$1.5 million bounty to anyone who kills an abortion provider. FBI arrests Nicholas Morency for

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	Everywoman's bubble zone repeatedly. Arrested after blocking door.	extremists. Bray, Trehwella, and Jim Hughes interviewed.	violating FACE Act and possessing child porn. • Jan(?) - 4th annual White Rose banquet held.
Feb 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 1 - Mary Wagner arrested for invading Bagshaw clinic. Sissy standing outside - arrested but not charged. late Feb - offensive "Quack the Ripper" comic book from Life Dynamics sent to doctors across North America, including in BC 	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 2 - federal jury in Oregon rules that Nuremberg Files web site and Wanted Posters of abortion doctors constitute threats. Defendants must pay \$107 million, including American Coalition of Life Activists, Advocates for Life Ministries, and 14 individuals. Feb 18 -22 - 30 clinics across U.S. receive anthrax hoax letters, postmarked Lexington, KY. late Feb - permanent injunction granted against publication of website and wanted posters.
Mar 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early March - Mary Wagner arrested again outside Everywoman's after sitting in door. She is charged with 2 counts of protesting, besetting, and interfering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 11 - Ronald Wylie arrested for threatening packages sent to Hamilton Spectator. Anti-abortionist Wylie was imprisoned in Milwaukee with Matt Trehwella, Joseph Foreman (May 92). Not connected with James Kopp. March - Preven approved for sale in Canada. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March - Nuremberg Files Web site back up on mirror site in the Netherlands, where it stays. In U.S., the website is continually put up, then taken down after pro-choice complaints by numerous ISP's over the next few years. March or April(?) - search for bomber Eric Rudolph scaled back. Mar 11 - bomb partially explodes outside Femcare Clinic in Asheville, NC. Mar 16 - Bomb destroys back door of Planned Parenthood clinic in Albuquerque, NM. Mar 28 and Apr 2 - two arsons at Summit Women's Health Organization in Milwaukee, WI. Peter Quinn charged with March attack. Mar 29 - Arson attempt at Planned Parenthood clinic in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Apr 1999	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 7-11 - Human Life International conference held in Toronto. Peaceful protests mobilized by OCAC and others. Joan Andrews Bell (a keynote speaker) advocates "justifiable homicide" of doctors. As quoted in <i>Toronto Sun</i>, "The whole thing depends on if it's justifiable homicide. If you shoot them at the home, it's not. If they're shot as they're walking into an abortion mill, I will accept whatever the church teaches on that." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr - Operation Rescue reprises their Spring of Life protest outside Slepian's clinic. Apr 1 - Arson at Planned Parenthood clinic in Waukesha, WI. Peter Quinn charged. Apr 8 - rifle found buried behind Dr. Slepian's house. Investigators also have strand of hair.
May 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 4-7 (and June 7) - Jim Demers' appeal heard in BC Supreme Court. May 10 - Mary Wagner arrested for violating zone outside Everywoman's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 30 - Calgary Regional Health Authority wins temporary injunction barring Alberta Report from publishing more stories (for safety of hospital personnel). May 3 - Alberta Report magazine reports that unnamed nurses at Calgary's Foothills Hospital says fetuses with genetic anomalies are aborted alive and left to die. May 13-14 - Ottawa March for Life, sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 - Arson attack at San Mateo Planned Parenthood clinic in Albuquerque, New Mexico. May 6 - Prosecutors file state and federal charges against James Kopp, charging him with 2nd-degree murder of Dr. Slepian and with violating the <i>Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act</i> by using deadly force against an abortion doctor. He is placed on FBI's 10 most wanted list.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 14 - Dr. Bernard Nathanson (advocate for murdering doctors) is keynote speaker at Alberta Pro-life Association annual convention in Edmonton. 	
Jun 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 16 - Mary Wagner given 6-month suspended sentence for four bubble zone violations at Everywoman's (from Jan/Feb) She was arrested May 10 and had been in jail till now. Jun 28- Parker loses his appeal to set aside disciplinary measures for illegally running licence plate numbers of Everywoman's clinic staff and patients. Panton/Offley complaint will go ahead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - Alliance for Life closes its doors after losing its charitable tax status in April 99. June 8 - Ronald Wylie sentenced to 2 years in jail for sending threatening packages to Hamilton Spectator, and threatening death to abortion providers. June 9 - Linda Gibbons arrested for violating injunction outside Scott Clinic, along with Bernard Crawley and Emidio Galea. June 30 - Calgary judge rules that news media can report on late-term abortions again, but without naming names. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - Randall Terry ordered to pay \$600,000 in fines and legal fees stemming from blockades of clinics in New York City in 88 and 89. June 2/3 - three Planned Parenthood clinics in Ohio receive anthrax threats in mail. Early June - three women sue the state for the right to sue doctors who gave them abortions without their "fully informed consent".
Jul 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - Ted Gerk obtains some records of the Abortion Services Working Group, including list of participant groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> date? - funding for Morgentaler clinic in New Brunswick denied by new premier Bernard Lord. Summer - Human Life International (in Canada) and Alliance for Life forced to shut down after their tax status was revoked in Jan. July 9 - Supreme Court of Canada rules that Ryan Dobson cannot sue his mother for injuries suffered in womb when his pregnant mother had car accident. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 2 - Arson at Choice Medical Group in Sacramento, CA July 9 - Pittsburgh woman ordered to stand trial for aggravated assault of an unborn child for kicking 9-week pregnant woman in stomach causing miscarriage. Pennsylvania one of 26 states that treat killing of fetus as a homicide. July 16 - NOW wins permanent, nation-wide injunction against violent anti-abortionists under RICO Act. Defendants were Operation Rescue, Pro-Life Action Network, Joseph Scheidler and his Pro-Life Action League. They cannot perform specific acts of nonviolent civil disobedience, such as sit-ins.
Aug 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 5 - Jim Demers loses his appeal of conviction under bubble zone law. Bubble zone law upheld by BC Court of Appeal. Aug 26- VGH ordered to release its abortion stats to Ted Gerk under an FOI request. Aug 26 - police launch investigation into alleged criminal negligence of VGH staff who left aborted fetus in storage room to die (Dec 1985). Ximena Renaerts survived and has cerebral palsy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott arrested for causing a disturbance during one-man demonstration outside Scott clinic in Toronto. He gets \$100 fine (March/00). Aug 31 - Alberta Report publishes report on profiting from fetal tissue research. Informant "Kelly" claims existence of "baby parts racket" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - study finds link between decreased crime and legal abortion Aug 2 - Arson at Feminist Women's Health Centre in Greenland, New Hampshire.
Sep 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - Genocide Awareness Project (Center for Bio-ethical Reform) tries to come to UBC, but refuses to abide by UBC's conditions. UBC Students for Choice hold protest rally Sept. 29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept - man shows up at Michigan hospital with shotgun to kill abortion providers. He is arrested, no injuries. Sept 12 - Clayton Lee Waagner arrested in Illinois with stolen hand guns and stolen Winnebago. He had been stalking abortion providers. Sep - Scheidler defense submits first of three motions (third one Oct/01) requesting that RICO racketeering case

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			be re-opened (see April 98).
Oct 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 3 - Annual Life Chain draws 3,400 participants in Vancouver. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 6 - Alberta anti-choice doctors accused of bullying women seeking abortions, giving false info, delaying their abortions, etc. Oct 15 - anti-choice protester Linda Gibbons arrested and jailed for violating injunction outside the Scott clinic in Toronto. Three anti-choice journalists also arrested (Sue Careless, Steve Jalsevac, Gord Truscott). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - study shows that states with strongest anti-abortion laws spend the least on needy children. Oct 8 - partially exploded bomb at Planned Parenthood Clinic in Rapid City, South Dakota.
Nov 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - University of Victoria Student Society revokes endorsement of an anti-choice student group, Youth Protecting Youth, for putting up anti-abortion posters that contravened UVSS pro-choice policy. Nov 22 - Mary Wagner arrested and charged with violating bubble zone at Bagshaw clinic. Nov 23 - mini-GAP display put up by AMS Lifeline is destroyed by pro-choice students Erin Kaiser, Jon Chandler, and Lesley Washington. Lifeline tries to press charges and pursues lawsuit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 25-27 - National Pro-Life Conference: "Save the Planet's People First" held in Toronto (Campaign Life Coalition). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 9 - House of Representatives passes resolution to investigate alleged trafficking of fetal tissue; allegations brought by Life Dynamics Inc. Nov 15 - White House writes "global gag rule" restrictions into law denying US family planning assistance to any overseas org using its own money to provide or advocate abortion services, in exchange for paying UN dues. Clinton waives abortion restrictions in exchange for 3% cut in funding and limits on abortion advocacy.
Dec 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec - new Supreme Court judge Louis LeBel appointed who granted injunction in 1989 to Jean-Guy Tremblay to stop Chantal Daigle from having abortion. LeBel claims his views are more liberal now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 31 - pro-violence group Advocates for Life Ministries closes down because of financial difficulties from lawsuits. Dec 31 and Jan 3 - package bombs disguised as Xmas gifts received at two clinics in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Jan 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - Mary Wagner found guilty of one charge of violating bubble zone at Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver, gets 15 days in jail. Jan 21 - news revealed that Calgary Crisis Pregnancy Centre got grant of \$158,000 from HRDC. Jan 24 - RCMP charge suspected sniper James Kopp in the shooting of Dr. Hugh Short, of Ancaster, Ontario on Nov 10, 1995. Canada-wide warrant issued. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2000 - 1 attempted murder, 2 arsons, 3 attempted bombs/arsons. Jan - Rash of anthrax mail threats to clinics in 21 states in the U.S., mostly Wisconsin and Ohio. Postmarked Cincinnati. Jan - Eric Rudolph rumoured to be dead. Jan 3 - shrapnel bomb attempts at two Ohio clinics (one was Cincinnati Planned Parenthood). Jan 20 - injunction issued against Flip Benham (Operation Rescue) and other officials from OR and the Christian Defense Coalition for violating FACE at a clinic in Washington, DC, in Jan 98
Feb 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - Supreme Court Justice Louis LeBel says his views on abortion have changed, doubts ability of law to govern this question. Feb 17 - Parker/Offley abandon appeal of Constable Parker case (Delta BC) due to narrowed focus of appeal Feb 17 - University of Victoria Students Society (BC) voted 55% against a motion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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	<p>to provide funding to anti-abortion students clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 23 - mini-GAP display put up at UBC by AMS Lifeline. Peaceful pro-choice rally in response. Lifeline tried to get injunction to stop pro-choice protest, citing possibility of violence, but they failed in court. 	
Mar 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 1 - mini-GAP display comes to Simon Fraser University in BC. Women's Centre students leaflet in protest. Mar 1 - anti-choice activist Andrew Fournier starts cross-Canada walk "Pilgrimage for Life," from Sydney Nova Scotia Mar 23 - BC College of Pharmacists announces that emergency contraception will be sold over counter. Pharmacists to be certified to inform/counsel women. March or April(?) - Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance forms, new federal political party to replace Reform. Leadership race begins, with all candidates anti-abortion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 9 - Congressional hearing on alleged profiteering from fetal tissue research. Informant Lawrence Dean Alberty ("Kelly") is discredited; paid spy for Life Dynamics; he recants most allegations.
Apr 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 18 - Michael O'Malley arrested for violating injunction outside Kensington clinic in Calgary. Apr 18 - Campaign Life Coalition Youth hold vigils at hospitals in St. Catherines, London, Winnipeg, Toronto, Grande Prairie AB, Vancouver. Apr 23 - <i>Burnaby NOW</i> and <i>Royal City Record</i> newspapers publish false and defamatory ads from Burnaby Pro-Life Society (BC) claiming that Canadian doctors profit from "baby parts racket." (Ad also in Delta Optimist and Surrey/Delta NOW in Dec/99; Feb/00) April 26 - Center for Bio-ethical Reform (GAP) demands retraction and threatens defamation lawsuit against BC's Pro-Choice Action Network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring - police intercept two men with large cache of explosives intended for Reno, Nevada clinic. Apr 14 - Arson at Ft. Lauderdale Women's Clinic in Oakland Park, Florida. April 25 - Supreme Court hears arguments for/against "partial birth" abortion ban.
May 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 - measure to sell emergency contraception over counter in BC delayed due to logistical/legal concerns. May 15 - Dr. Bernard Nathanson speaks at Focus on Life benefit dinner in Vancouver, raises \$96,000 for anti-choice TV ads in BC (Nathanson advocates doctor murders). Sponsored by Vancouver Archdiocese and Pro-Life Society of BC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - Dr. Bruce Steir sentenced to six months in jail for death of abortion patient from perforated uterus. ACLA investigates and concludes that Dr. Steir victim of anti-abortion politics and should only have lost his licence. May 28 - Arson attempt at Concord Feminist Health Center in Concord, New Hampshire.
Jun 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - Alberta court rules that signs carried by anti-choice activist Michael O'Malley of Calgary are libelous to abortion providers. June 5 - Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association endorses "protection-of-conscience" policy allowing Manitoba pharmacists to refuse to fill "morally inappropriate" prescriptions, such as emergency contraception and euthanasia drugs June 29 - anti-choice group buys property next to Morgentaler clinic in Fredericton, New Brunswick, to start "Mother and Child Welcome House". Spokesperson is Peter Ryan, formerly with Vancouver Archdiocese. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - Dr. James Pendergraft and his former business partner, Michael Spielvogel, indicted by federal grand jury on charges of extortion, mail fraud, and scheming to defraud the government, based on their lawsuit against city and protesters. Charges appear bogus and politically-motivated. June 17 - bomb attempt at a southern Florida clinic. June 28 - US Supreme Court strikes down Nebraska ban on "partial birth" abortions, in 5-4 decision. Court rules that to be constitutional, bans must name procedure and have exception for women's health. Suit led by Dr. Leroy Carhart of Nebraska. June 28 - US Supreme Court upholds 8-foot buffer zone between protesters and patients at Colorado clinics.
Jul 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 6 - Dr. Ellen Wiebe announces trials of mifepristone (RU-486) in Canada, comparing mif to methotrexate. 1000 women to participate, 5 centres across Canada (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, BC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 31 - Ohio judge rules that a toddler has the right to sue for damages in an auto accident that occurred while she was in her mother's womb.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 8 - Stockwell Day, anti-abortion leader of federal Alliance party, wins leadership race. July 8 - Everywoman's Health Centre doctor (in BC) receives death threat on pager, excerpt from violent rap song. July 11 - Dr. Gary Romalis stabbed in back by unknown hooded assailant in parking garage of Seymour Medical Clinic, Vancouver (his office, but not an abortion clinic). Assailant remains at large. Composite sketch of suspect, but no leads. Romalis recovers and takes time off. July 12 - Dr. Ellen Wiebe of Vancouver receives death threat on answering service. July 18 - Advertising Standards Canada issues unanimous decision that Burnaby Now/Royal City Record "baby parts racket" ad (in BC) "demeaned and disparaged" Canadian abortion providers. July 19 - Morgentaler calls on federal government to clamp down on provinces not funding abortions in clinics. July 27 - Campaign Life Coalition Youth picket outside new Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic in Vancouver. Bubble zone not enforced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Aug 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - Environics poll shows 66% of Canadians agree with statement, "Every woman who wants to have an abortion should be able to have one." 26% disagree, 6% said it depends, 2% no response. 56% of Alliance members agree with statement. August 3 - Jean-Guy Tremblay deemed long-term offender and sentenced to almost 5 years jail for assaulting women in his relationships.(Tremblay was ex-boyfriend who got injunction to stop Chantal Daigle from having abortion.) He was convicted in Dec. 1999. He will be subject to 10 years of community supervision. Aug 5 - Archbishop Adam Exner plans to hold vigil outside Everywoman's (in BC) but changes mind at last minute, apparently in response to pro-choice criticism. Pro-CAN holds picket at Holy Rosary cathedral. Aug 8 - Watson/Spratt found guilty of violating bubble zone (Vancouver). Judge upholds Access to Abortion Services Act completely; no fetal rights exist. Sentenced to 1 month electronic monitoring and injunctions to stay out of bubble zones. Aug 23 - abortion clinic opens in Kelowna Hospital in BC interior. No bubble zone implemented after anti-choice agree to protest guidelines. Early August - Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic moves to 1177 W. Broadway, Vancouver. Anti-abortion pickets. Aug 29 - Mary Wagner arrested for violating zone outside Everywoman's in Vancouver. Kneeling in front of door. On Oct 16, sentenced to 1 day in jail and 6-month injunction to stay out of bubble zones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Sep 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 26 - Advertising Standards Canada conducts appeal of decision that Burnaby Now/Royal City Record "baby parts racket" ad "demeaned and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 9 - Anti-choice defendants appeal Feb 99 Oregon decision which ruled that "Wanted" posters and the Nuremberg Files website constituted death threats against abortion

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	disparaged" Canadian abortion providers. Unanimous decision upholds original decision.	<p>providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 28 - Mifepristone approved by FDA. Doctors must be able to judge duration of pregnancy, detect ectopics, provide surgical intervention in case of failure, or have advance arrangements to refer to surgeon. Women must make 3 visits. Sept 30 - Catholic priest Rev John Earl attacks Northern Illinois Women's Center in Rockford with ax. Landlord subdues him.
Oct 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - Just Neighbours group forms in Vancouver, headed by Lane Walker. Sends letters to providers asking them to stop performing abortions. Tells <i>BC Report</i> that they intend to commit crimes. Oct 17 - anti-choice protesters Linda Gibbons and Rosemary Connell arrested and jailed for violating injunction outside the Scott clinic in Toronto. They are sentenced to 1 day in jail and 12 months probation. Oct 24 - Just Neighbours members Jen Ziemann, Tim Vincent, Darren Holubowich arrested for spray-painting over mural on Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver. Vincent/Ziemann get 4 months in jail and probation, Holubowich gets probation. Mary Wagner also arrested for violating zone and her injunction (see Aug 29), she was released, then arrested again on a warrant Oct 25. Oct 25 - Genocide Awareness Project returns to UBC ("mini-GAP"). Lifeline and their lawyer Craig Jones threaten lawsuit if Students for Choice go ahead with plan to create 10-foot buffer zone. UBC Security forces S4C to stay 60-feet away. Hundreds of pro-choice students complain to dean. Late Oct - Lane Walker turns himself into Vancouver police and confesses to Feb 25/90 break-in at Everywoman's and destruction of aspirator and ultrasound machine. He is sentenced to 1 day in jail and ordered to pay \$10,000 in damages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 8 - A fire destroys A Woman's World Medical Center in Fort Pierce Florida. However, officials find no sign of forced entry or evidence that an accelerant was used. Oct 17 - federal grand jury indicts fugitive anti-abortion activist James Kopp for murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian. In Oct 98.
Nov 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2 - Small claims court dismisses charges against Int'l Women's Day feminists who allegedly assaulted anti-choice activists Cecilia von Dehn and Peggy Holland at IWD organizing meeting in Vancouver. Von Dehn was taking pictures of everyone and two organizers tried to grab her camera. Nov 5 - W-Five program exposes deception at anti-abortion fake clinics in Canada, particularly the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre and Aid to Women in Toronto. Nov 25 - founding convention for Unity Party of BC, a right-wing provincial party to unite BC Reform, BC Conservatives, Social Credit, the BC Party, and the Family Coalition Party. Heather Stilwell and Chris Delaney leadership candidates. Nov 27 - Chretien wins 3rd term after acrimonious campaign exposing Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day's anti-choice agenda, including plans for referendum to defund abortion. Liberals, Conservatives, NDP, and Bloc Quebecois all have official pro-choice policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Dec 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec - Dr. Ellen Wiebe gets Health Canada approval for 2nd study of mifepristone vs. methotrexate across Canada. Identical study to first one except this time will go up to 8 weeks gestation. Dec 1 - Emergency contraception available through pharmacies throughout BC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 12 - Republican George W. Bush appointed President by 5 conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices, after losing popular vote to Democrat Al Gore on Nov 7, and unresolved battle over voting irregularities in Florida. Dec 31 - at least 25 shots fired into Overland Park Planned Parenthood clinic in Kansas

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	<p>Premier Dosanjh amends <i>BC Pharmacy Act</i> to allow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 12 - BC Liberal leader Gordon Campbell promises not to make any changes to abortion policy, and that members of his caucus would not be allowed free votes on the issue. He also stated he is against elected hospital boards and referendums on abortion. Dec 16 - Dr. Morgentaler puts political pressure on Health Canada and New Brunswick government to fund clinic abortions in NB, PQ, and MB. 	<p>City, Missouri.</p>
Jan 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - Ontario and Saskatchewan study option of making emergency contraception available through pharmacists. Jan 8 - Allan Rock, Minister of Health, warns New Brunswick, Manitoba, Quebec, and PEI that they have to pay in full for abortions at private clinics, because they are violating <i>Canada Health Act</i>. Jan 29 - meeting held between federal and provincial officials in Fredericton to address New Brunswick's refusal to include Morgentaler clinic under province's health insurance plan. Jan 30 - Kamloops BC anti-abortion protester Merle Terlesky makes threats to staff at Everywoman's Health Centre and violates bubble zone. Outstanding warrant for his arrest. Jan 31 - Preven, brand of emergency contraception, removed from market after poor sales (too expensive and came with unnecessary pregnancy test) Plan B still available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 21 - Annual White Rose Banquet held in Bowie, Maryland to honour anti-abortion terrorists. Jan 22 - Bush reinstates global gag rule on his first full day in office. Prohibits funding of international family planning groups that use their own money to perform or advocate abortions in their own country. Jan 23 - Oklahoma Supreme Court overturns lower court decision (Aug 99) that declared a fetus a person in order to protect pregnant drug user's fetus. Jan 24 - Anti-abortionist Tommy Thompson confirmed as Secretary of Health. Jan 28 - Arson attempt and vandalism at Planned Parenthood clinic in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Feb 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - anti-abortion club at Carleton University in Ottawa is accused of homophobia after inviting American anti speaker Scott Klusendorf, of Stand to Reason in California to speak. Klusendorf's website has links to anti-gay organizations. Hate Crimes Unit investigates Klusendorf; he was also held at border for one hour. Feb 1 - 30 anti-choicers demonstrate outside Abortion Care Clinic on Lawrence Ave. in Toronto. Feb 12 - Genocide Awareness Project displayed again at UBC. Feb 13 - Protester Linda Gibbons arrested outside Scott clinic in Toronto for violating injunction. Feb 16 - La Clinique des femmes de l'Outaouais in Hull Quebec files suit against Respect de la Vie Outaouais (RVO) over a pamphlet that stated that one in 25 women "are hospitalized up to 7 days after legally induced abortion in Canada." Suit dropped on July 23. Feb 23 - Merle Terlesky arrested and jailed in Kamloops BC, then released, for violating bubble zone and uttering threats against clinic staff (on Jan 30). Feb 24 - BC's provincial Unity Party elects Chris Delaney as new leader. Joins together Reform Party and Family Coalition Party. (BC Party, Social Credit, and Conservatives trying to create their own unity movement.) Feb 27 - BC Premier Ujjal Dosanjh highlights abortion rights in televised pre-election address. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - Health Secretary Tommy Thompson announces review of FDA decision to approve mifepristone. Feb 1 - Extreme right-winger John Ashcroft (Bush appointee) confirmed as Attorney-General. Feb 1 - Dr. James Scott Pendergraft - Ocala Florida abortion doctor - convicted of federal extortion charges, along with his consultant, Michael Spielvogel. Pair had tried to sue conservative town for \$1 million for refusing to provide needed security protection from protesters. Feb 3 - attempted arson at abortion provider's office in Columbus, Ohio. Feb 9 - a Puerto Rico federal court awards \$350,000 to two patients, two abortion clinics, two clinic employees, and an abortion rights group, stemming from clinic blockades in 1992 and 1993 by Pro-Vida. Feb 20 - Arizona abortion provider Dr. John Biskind convicted of manslaughter and his assistant of negligent homicide in death of patient LouAnne Herron undergoing late-term abortion. Feb 20 - extremist Robert Rudnick stopped in Pensacola Florida with cache of weapons in truck bearing anti-abortion photos and posters. He is arrested March 7 at Birmingham PP clinic for failure to appear from 1994 charges of demonstrating there. Feb 22 - Clayton Lee Waagner escapes from Illinois jail, considered armed and dangerous. Arrested in Sept 99 for possession of stolen hand guns. He was stalking abortion providers.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 27 - Bishop Frederick Henry of Calgary threatens to ban Conservative leader Joe Clark from speaking at Catholic schools, and to deny him Church burial. Feb 28 - Anti-choice protester Alex Vernon arrested outside Scott clinic in Toronto; facing charges of criminal harassment. Late Feb - More than 1000 women have accessed emergency contraception through BC pharmacies so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 23 - Extremist John Burt arrested outside Pensacola, Florida clinic, for disorderly conduct, violation of noise ordinance, and resisting arrest.
Mar 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 17 - Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg vandalized with spray-painted words "Anti Choice Fuckers" and red paint splattered over walls. Mar 27 - BC's NDP government introduces and passes motion for 11 measures to improve abortion access and protect doctor safety. Mar 28 - NDP government in BC tables legislation to restrict release of abortion-related info, ensure designated hospitals continue to perform abortions, and allow pharmacists to prescribe emergency contraception. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 3 - Operation Rescue leader Flip Benham arrested outside Atlanta clinic for criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and obstruction. Mar 9 - Nicholas Morency, in New Jersey, pleads guilty to violating FACE Act, by offering a \$1.5 million bounty on a website to anyone who killed an abortion provider (in Jan 1999). Mar 29 - James Kopp arrested in France by French police. Kopp was previously charged with murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian (NY) and shooting of Dr. Hugh Short (Ontario), and is suspect in shootings of doctors Romalis, Fainman, and Gandell. Mar 29 - Dennis John Malvasi and wife Loretta Claire Marra of Brooklyn, long-time anti-abortion terrorists, arrested for aiding and abetting James Kopp (Malvasi convicted of clinic bombings in 1987). Mar 29 - Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturns on First Amendment grounds, 1999 verdict by Portland federal court that awarded \$109 million to providers and clinics after ruling that Nuremberg Files website and Wanted Posters were threatening to doctors.
Apr 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early Apr - Manitoba Health minister Dave Chomiak cuts off negotiations with Dr. Morgentaler to fund the Winnipeg Morgentaler clinic, presumably because Chomiak is anti-choice and doesn't like Morgentaler. Apr 17 - Linda Gibbons, Toronto anti-protester, sentenced to six months in jail and 2 years probation for violating Scott clinic injunction in Feb. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr - Dr. LeRoy Carhart is terminated from University of Nebraska Medical Center because of his US Supreme Court case challenging Nebraska's abortion ban. Apr 22 - 1000's march in pro-choice march (NOW) in Washington DC to urge lawmakers to protect abortion rights and to block nomination of antiabortion judges to Supreme Court. Apr 26 - House of Representatives passes federal <i>Unborn Victims of Violence Act</i>, declaring fetuses/zygotes persons to allow third parties to be prosecuted for criminal assault against a fetus/zygote "victim", separately from pregnant woman (abortion exempted).
May 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - Toronto anti-protester Alex Vernon takes up residence at Gianna House in Vancouver, the anti-abortion staging centre right next to Everywoman's. May 2 - 200 anti-choice protesters protest against former US President Bill Clinton when he speaks at a fundraiser for a Catholic hospital in Hamilton, Ontario. May 3 - Health Minister Allan Rock proposes draft legislation on reproductive technologies, including banning cloning and surrogate motherhood, and regulating research on human embryos. May 4 - Gregg Cunningham, Exec Director of Center for Bioethical Reform in California (Sponsors of Genocide Awareness Project) speaks at Edmonton's Louis St. Laurent Catholic high school and to Alberta Pro-Life's annual meeting. May 8 - Morgentaler and CARAL hold press conference to warn about poor access and lack of clinic funding in 4 provinces, and to denounce decision by Manitoba government. May 8 - BC anti-choicer Merle Terlesky holds press conference in Toronto to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May - study published in Harvard Quarterly Journal of Economics claims legal abortion reduced crime rate in U.S. since 1980's. May 4 - Dr. John Biskind of Phoenix Arizona sentenced to 5 years in jail for death of his patient, LouAnne Herron in 1998. (found guilty of manslaughter in Feb). Also ordered to pay \$13,000 in restitution. Clinic administrator sentenced to 4 years probation. May 4 - Regina McKnight of South Carolina sentenced to 12 years in prison for taking crack cocaine during pregnancy. Baby stillborn. May 12 - anti-abortion protester stabbed by teenage girl in self-defense outside clinic in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was passerby, they argued, she stole his sign, he chased and began assaulting her, she stabbed him. May 18 - Clayton Lee Waagner (escaped from jail Feb 22) robs Pennsylvania bank. May 24 - Dr. James Pendergraft sentenced to 46 months in prison and \$25,000 fine for extortion. His partner Spielvogel sentenced to 41 months in prison. They appeal. Late May - Nuremberg Files web site creator Neal Horsley starts Webcam, publishing

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	<p>announce his new book, "From Pro-Choice to Pro-Life: The True Story of a Former Communist".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 11 - Mary Wagner of Delta BC convicted of breaching probation and given 18 months probation for violating Everywoman's bubble zone in Oct/00. May 13 - Ottawa March for Life draws 3,300 participants; sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition. Eight anti-choice MP's participate. May 14 - Bill Whatcott of the "Christian Truth Activists" arrested for "unlawfully distributing [anti-abortion] literature on University of Regina property." May 16 - BC Liberals win in landslide provincial election, Ujjal Dosanjh resigns as NDP leader. During campaign, Gordon Campbell promised to maintain abortion services. May 17 - Probable anti-abortionist breaks into Vernon & Area Women's Centre in interior BC and steals file labelled "Abortion/Choice". Local anti's had staged a memorial protest on May 14. May 28 - Globe & Mail publishes report that Calgary's Pregnancy Care Centre has been teaching abstinence-based sex ed in public schools for a decade, without parents' knowledge, including scare-mongering against abortion, and inaccurate data on contraception and STD's. 	<p>photos of patients and staff at clinics.</p>
Jun 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4 - Emergency contraception available through pharmacies without prescription in pilot study at 3 areas in Toronto, Scarborough, Rexdale, and North York. June 8 - Dr. Morgentaler announces plan to sue Manitoba government for not funding his clinic. Jun 15 - Mary Wagner and Glenn Reed arrested outside Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver for violating bubble zone, and Wagner also for violating probation. Jun 23 - Protester Bill Whatcott arrested at a demonstration in Prince Albert, Sask after refusing to follow police orders to lower his graphic sign. Whatcott was with others on a "Show the Truth" tour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June - Center for Bio-ethical Reform in California launches fleet of large "Truth Trucks" on freeways with billboards of aborted fetuses. From June to November, they tour from California to Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and back to CA. Jun 1 - Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton plaintiffs, Norma McCorvey and Sandra Cano-Saucedo, file amicus briefs to support lawsuit of five women in New Jersey, arguing that legal abortion violates women's constitutional rights. Jun 1 - Alabama Supreme Court denies abortion for 17-year-old girl. Jun 6 - Center for Reproductive Law & Policy sues President Bush, challenging the constitutionality of the international gag rule. Jun 11 - bombing at Westgate Family Medicine in Tacoma, Washington, at Dr. Douglas Hattig's office, who occasionally performs abortions. Jun 18 - Escapee Clayton Waagner posts lengthy message on Donald Spitz's Army of God website saying he's about to start killing clinic workers (not doctors). He has stalked 42 of them since escaping and has home addresses, etc. Jun 22 - Nicholas Morency given 30-month sentence under FACE Act for offering \$1.5 million website bounty to anyone who murders an abortion provider (Jan 99). Jun 28 - French court agrees to extradite James Kopp to the U.S, after Attorney General John Ashcraft waived the death penalty. Jun 28 - Convicted arsonist Ricky Lee McDonald again convicted of arson for setting fire to a Planned Parenthood clinic in Albuquerque, NM, Mar/99.
Jul 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 11 - Gianna House next door to Everywoman's Health Centre (owned by Sissy von Dehn) in BC starts displaying offensive GAP-like signs on front lawn. Jul 19 - Mary Wagner of Delta BC sentenced to 3 months in jail for June 15 bubble zone violation. Both Wagner and Glenn Reed get 2 years probation and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 2 - James Kopp appeals his extradition to U.S. Jul 3 - Feminist Majority Foundation in Arlington, Virginia and L.A., California receive letters from the "Black Scorpion Militia", threatening violence toward Texas providers if Kopp is extradited to stand trial.

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	<p>21 month no-go order to stay 1 block away from Everywoman's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 27 - Two anonymous women launch class-action suit against the Manitoba government, aiming to strike down as unconstitutional a Manitoba law that prevents government funding for abortions outside of public hospitals. Both women had abortions at the Morgentaler clinic, which they had to pay for. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 16 - Melbourne, Australia - Security guard Steven Rogers shot dead at Fertility Control Clinic by gunman who threatened staff and was overpowered by two men in waiting room. Jul 16–23 - Operation Save America stages "Summer of Mercy Renewal" - one-week of protests and marches outside Dr. George Tiller's clinic in Wichita, Kansas. Seven arrests made, including 2 abortion-rights supporters. Jul 18 - Extremist Father Norman Weslin found guilty of 4 counts of contempt for violating buffer zone at a Buffalo, NY clinic. Weslin knowingly violated order last fall by kneeling inside the buffer zone to pray. Jul 24 - 7/24 - Extremist John Burt convicted of violating Pensacola, Florida noise ordinance while protesting at a clinic there in February, via loud shouting. He gets suspended 60- day sentence, and six months probation.
Aug 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 2 - Bill Whatcott displays aborted fetus pics on streets of Prince Albert Sask. No arrests made. Aug 9 and 14 - Glenn Reed seen hanging around the Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic building in Vancouver, the latter time with Steven Taylor. Reed also periodically hands out leaflets on Broadway outside the clinic's bubble zone. Aug 13 - Calgary Health Region refuses to release numbers of late-term genetic abortions performed in Calgary, to protect privacy of patients. Alberta Pro-Life Association made freedom of information request in 1999. Aug 21 - Kevin Pielak arrested outside Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver for violating zone and harassing patient. He was with another protester, Steven Taylor (not arrested). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 8 - Three Chicago residents sue National Abortion Federation for "deceptive advertising" for RU-486. Aug 9 - President Bush announces federal funding for limited embryonic stem cell research, only on existing stem cell lines. Aug - CRLP lawsuit against President Bush and his global gag rule is dismissed. Aug 15 - Michigan anti-choice law firm sues Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Planned Parenthood Federation of America, for misleading women about the safety of abortion, specifically for not informing patients of abortion/breast cancer link. Case filed on behalf of three women who had abortions but don't have breast cancer. Aug 23 - Dr. LeRoy Carhart reinstated to position as volunteer faculty at University of Nebraska Medical Center, and settles for \$60,000.
Sep 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 1 - Woman dies after RU-486 abortion, part of Dr. Ellen Wiebe's trial. Cause of death is rare bacterial infection, not caused by the abortion drugs. Location of death not released publicly. Sept 6 - Merle Terlesky of Kamloops BC sentenced to one year probation for violating bubble zone outside Everywoman's (in Vancouver) in January. Additional charges were dropped. He also got recognizance order to stay out of Everywoman's access zone for one year. mid-Sept - Women's Health Clinic in Winnipeg develops plan for a satellite abortion clinic at request of Health ministry. Two other prior options were to expand Health Sciences Centre program or have the Women's Health Clinic buy the Morgentaler Clinic. Sept 24 to 28 - Anti-choice demonstrators display large aborted fetus posters on Sudbury streets and at high schools, including Marymount Academy, an all-girl Catholic school with students as young as 11. A male passerby destroys several signs. Sept 28 - Four Toronto area protesters are arrested outside a Sturgeon Falls ON elementary school and high school for breaching a peace bond. The group, including Rosemary Connell, had been displaying aborted fetus signs in view of elementary school students, as part of a Show the Truth tour. The group was 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 7 - Clayton Waagner abandons a car on an interstate in Memphis after collision with a tractor-trailer. A pipe bomb was found in the car. He then steals a van, kidnapping its owner. Sept 13 - Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson publicly blame abortion providers (and gays, lesbians, feminists, and the ACLU) for Sept 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Sept 18 - Clayton Waagner indicted on charges of possessing a destructive device, being a felon in possession of firearms, and being a fugitive in possession of firearms. Sept 21 - FBI puts Clayton Waagner on FBI's 10 Most Wanted List

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	<p>released without charge because the 1999 peace bond had apparently expired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 30 - Campaign Life Coalition holds Life Chain of 100 protesters outside Kingston General Hospital. 	
Oct 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early Oct - Edmonton Morgentaler Clinic plans to move; new neighbours fear anti-abortion violence and are upset they weren't told an abortion clinic was moving in. Oct 2 - Merle Terlesky of Kamloops Pro-Life Society (BC) makes oral submission to defund abortion to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Oct 4 - Quebec government announces it will spend \$3.2 million to ensure that women in regions outside Montreal have greater access to abortions. Oct 9 - Anti-choice couple present inflammatory anti-abortion presentation to Leary's Brook junior high school students in St. John's Newfoundland. The couple, John and Gaetanne Hetherington of Longueuil, Quebec were paid a \$300 honorarium. Parents demand full probe. Oct 11 - Alex Vernon cleared of charges stemming from Feb 28 arrest for criminal harassment. He must stay away from staff member he threatened. (He moves back to Toronto from Vancouver.) mid-Oct - Show the Truth protesters picket office of Dr. Katherine Chu, an abortion provider in Scarborough. Oct 17(?) - Father Tony Van Hee, long-time anti-abortion picketer at Canadian parliament buildings in Ottawa (since Sept/89), is removed and must picket in more distant spot as anti-terrorism measure. Oct 23 - BC's Pro-Choice Action Network files complaint with Advertising Standards Canada over ad in Surrey NOW placed by Surrey-Delta Pro-Life Society promoting breast cancer/abortion link. Oct 25 - 16-yr old Grade 11 student Lisa Klassen of Central Elgin collegiate, St. Thomas Ontario, sent home on "unofficial suspension" for refusing to take off a sweatshirt bearing the anti-abortion message on front "Abortion is mean" and on back "You will not silence my message, you will not mock my God, you will stop killing my generation." Oct 31 - Corena Usher of Kamloops Pro-Life Society makes oral submission to defund abortion to Select Standing Committee on Health Services. Oct 31 - CARAL submits brief to the Pre-Budget Finance Committee in Ottawa, called: "Equitable Funding of Abortion Care Under the Canada Health Act." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - Life Dynamics and President Mark Crutcher launch new campaign (www.clinicworker.com) to get clinic workers to come forward with info on illegal activities at clinic, e.g., fraud, sexual assault, etc. Oct 2 - The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upholds nationwide injunction from NOW v. Scheidler case that protects clinics, health care workers, and patients from violence and intimidation, under RICO Act (anti-racketeering law). Oct 12 - James Kopp loses his extradition appeal in France. He has one more appeal level left. Oct 14 - California governor signs FACE Act into law, making attacks and threats of violence against clinics and clinic workers a state crime. California has highest rate of anti-abortion clinic violence in nation. Law also requires more training for law enforcement on clinic violence and how to guard against it. Governor also passes law allowing emergency contraception to be provided through pharmacies. Laws to take effect Jan 1/02. Oct 15-26 - at least 280 clinics in U.S. receive anthrax letters with white powder, all hoaxes. Letters claim to be from the Army of God, Virginia DARE chapter and say "You've been exposed to anthrax." Letters have pre-printed return addresses from the U.S. Marshall's Office and the Secret Service. Some had message stating: "Time Sensitive - Urgent Security Notice - Open Immediately." FBI labels as "acts of domestic terrorism" and starts national investigation. Oct 17 - Matt Trehwella of Missionaries to the Preborn arrested in Bloomington, Indiana for obstructing police and assault. He was with group of anti-abortion demonstrators with aborted fetus signs who protested outside Illinois State University, three high schools, a junior high and a convenience store-gasoline station. He is cleared of charges in July 2002. Oct 18 - Rev. Norman U. Weslin sentenced in federal court to five months in federal prison. Weslin, founder of the militant Lambs of Christ, was found guilty in July of violating a court-ordered buffer zone in front of a Buffalo abortion clinic. Oct 19 - James Kopp accomplice Loretta C. Marra is denied \$1 million bail. Oct 24 - Dr. Brian Finkel of Phoenix Arizona (abortion provider) arrested at his home for alleged sexual abuse (fondling) of numerous patients over 8 years. Oct 24 - Senate votes 96-2 to pass the Appropriations bill including language to reverse the "Mexico City" gag rule policy reinstated by President Bush in January.
Nov 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - new Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform org. starts in BC. Stephanie Gray and Jose Ruba are two of the leaders. early Nov - UBC's Lifeline claims to have made submission to defund abortion to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, but only Kamloops Pro-Life Society did (Merle Terlesky), on Oct 2. Nov 5 - Alberta Pro-Life Canada begins lobbying to defund abortion in Alberta, hoping to capitalize on an Alberta government report on how the health system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - Website www.jameskopp.com seeks donations for James Kopp's legal defense fund and claims that donations are tax-deductible. Donors are asked to send contributions to American Anti-Persecution League, at an Ojai CA P.O. box. Nov 8 - Over 270 clinics - Planned Parenthood, NAF, and some pro-choice groups are sent FedEx envelopes containing white powder. They fraudulently bore actual account #'s, staff names, and return addresses from PP and NAF. All hoaxes. They contained threatening letters signed by Army of God, Virginia Dare Cell. Most clinics did not open,

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	<p>can be changed to save money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Nov - Premier Ralph Klein acknowledges province will look at abortion funding in effort to reduce blanket coverage under <i>Canada Health Act</i>, but says on Nov 19 abortion won't be removed from coverage list. • Mid Nov - Abortion becomes an issue in Progressive Conservative leadership race in Ontario. Of five candidates, only Jim Flaherty anti-choice, but he claims he would not restrict access or funding (Nov 29). Elizabeth Witmer said in '95 that she would support abortion funding referendum but now has changed mind. Other pro-choice candidates: Ernie Eves, Tony Clement, and Chris Stockwell. • Mid Nov - Health Minister Allan Rock suggests to provinces a series of non-binding mechanisms for avoiding or resolving disputes before Ottawa restricts funding to provinces violating <i>Canada Health Act</i> re abortion funding. Proposal calls for 90-day consultation period; if that fails, an independent third party will assess facts. • mid-Nov - Bill Whatcott of Christian Truth Activists invades and disrupts PETA protest in Regina (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), to counter PETA's "anti-Christian" animal rights philosophy and show aborted fetus signs. • Nov 17/18 - U of Toronto "Feminists for Choice" an anti-choice group, plaster campus with anti-abortion posters. • Nov 16 or 17 - G-20 protesters trash an anti-choice billboard outside the Morgentaler Ottawa clinic. • Late Nov - CARAL pressures MPs in Ottawa to add anti-abortion violence to definition of domestic terrorism in Bill C-36, proposed new anti-terrorism law. • Nov 29 - Regina protester Bill Whatcott (Christian Truth Activists) loses Charter challenge in municipal court and must pay \$90 littering fine for distributing graphic anti-abortion leaflets at U of Regina in May. 	<p>and FedEx intercepted many before delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 9 - Clayton Waagner identified as probable suspect in bank robbery in Morganton, West Virginia. • Nov 9 - Priests for Life launches \$12 million anti-abortion TV advertising campaign on Larry King Live, and earlier in year, neighborhood billboards and full-page ads in the Wall Street Journal and USA Today. • Nov 23 - Neal Horsley (creator of Nuremberg Files website) claims Clayton Waagner visited him at his home, armed, and claimed responsibility for all anthrax letter threats and to robbing banks. Horsley taped parts of 1-hr interview and later gave to police. Waagner provided "escape clause" for 42 abortion support workers he is stalking: Resign their jobs and provide documentation on Horsley's website, otherwise he'll kill you. • Nov 26 - New York federal appeals court strikes down 60/30 ft buffer zones outside 2 Buffalo clinics, now reduced to 15 feet. Also struck down prohibition on use of loudspeakers outside clinics. • Nov 28 - Texas Supreme Court begins to hear case to get state to pay for medically-indicated abortions for poor women when health is in danger (currently funded only for rape and life endangerment). • Nov 29 - Attorney General John Ashcroft publicly denounces those responsible for anthrax threats against abortion clinics as domestic terrorists, and names Waagner as suspect. • Nov 30 - Two white supremacist brothers, Benjamin Matthew Williams and James Tyler Williams, given 30 years and 21 years respectively in federal prison and \$1 million in fines for arson at three Sacramento CA synagogues and an abortion clinic in June 1999.
Dec 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec - Candidates in Canadian Alliance leadership race are all anti-choice but would not push the Alliance Party or government into the abortion issue. Candidates are Stephen Harper, Grant Hill, Diane Ablonczy, and Stockwell Day. Hill would "permit" but not promote an abortion referendum. Harper wants clarification on referendum policy. • Dec 18 - Quebec pharmacists can now dispense emergency contraception pill without prescription. Pharmacists take certification course to counsel women at cost of \$30 to women. • Dec 31 - Advertising Standards Canada declines further review of Pro-CAN's complaint about abortion/breast cancer ad (in BC community newspapers), because issue too complex and beyond their expertise and resources to evaluate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 5 - Clayton Waagner is apprehended at a Kinko's copy shop in Springdale, Ohio. Staff member recognized him from FBI Wanted poster. (FBI knew Waagner was using copy shops to check his email and website.) Waagner had \$9,000 cash, computer equipment, a loaded gun, several fake ID's, white powdered insecticide, surveillance equipment, a bulletproof vest, and a stolen Mercedes-Benz. • Dec 11 - 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (in Pasadena) begins hearing an appeal of their March ruling upholding the Nuremberg Files web site as protected free speech. • Dec 14 - Clayton Waagner claims in interview he changed his mind about killing abortion providers after Sept 11, and decided to just scare them. He claimed that at time of his arrest, he was almost ready to fax bomb threats to every clinic in nation (900). • Dec 17 - Waagner is returned to Illinois to face escape charges and be sentenced for previous convictions of firearms possession and car theft.
Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan – Mar - Pro-Life Society of BC broadcasts numerous sophisticated TV ads aimed at women with crisis pregnancies (an annual project since 1999, funded by Focus on Life dinners). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 4 - New York's Attorney General Eliot Spitzer issues subpoenas to 24 Crisis Pregnancy Centers for possible violation of statutes by misrepresenting services, not being licensed to provide medical services, and providing deceptive and inaccurate medical information. Centres must provide AG with all counseling and advertising materials, etc.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early Jan - Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada encourages its members to write advance prescriptions for emergency prescription to ensure better access for women. Health Canada does not object, saying it's up to provinces. Jan 10 - Quebec bans all embryonic stem cell research and considers outlawing human cloning. Jan 13 - Anti-abortion activist Bill Whatcott (of Christian Truth Activists of Regina) is angered at the "filthy" nature of a safe-sex pamphlet written for the gay/lesbian community by Gay and Lesbian Health Services in Saskatoon, and funded by the government. He distributes 5,000 photocopies to random households in Saskatoon, with a cover letter condemning the government funding and homosexual practice in general. Late Jan - Henry Morgentaler writes new federal Minister of Health, Anne McLellan, urging her to force Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and PEI to fund abortions in clinics. He also urges clinic to be established in PEI. Jan 28 - Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association distributes 10,000 green ribbons across the province, and says it will be an annual event to mourn the Jan 28, 1988 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 12 - President Bush suspends \$34 million in funding to United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) because of its alleged promotion of abortion in China, pending an investigation. Accusations are baseless, brought by anti-abortion group Population Research Institute. Jan 12 - 21 abortion clinics and NAF Washington headquarters receive letters with white powder, more anthrax hoaxes. Return address was an Omaha clinic. It had one-page letter arguing against abortion. Jan 20 - President Bush declares "National Sanctity of Life Day" saying that "Unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law." Jan 20 - Operation Save America launches "Bloodguilt" project to shame Christian churches into doing more to stop abortion. Pickets planned at churches in 43 cities. Jan 22 - 29th annual March for Life in Washington attracts between 100,000 and 175,000 people. Marchers from Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians are arrested upon demand of March organizers. George Bush gives marchers message of support over telephone. Jan 22 - Texas Justice Foundation files suit against Texas Dept of Health, accusing them of not enforcing abortion laws, including one that requires minors seeking an abortion to notify their parents. Jan 23 - National Congress for the Protection of Human Life forms, a new alliance of organizations that bills itself as "100 percent, no exception pro-life." Group objects to exceptions for rape or incest. Jan 25 - Clayton Waagner sentenced to 27 years in jail on his previous convictions of firearms possession and car theft, and an additional 37 months for jail-breaking. On 24th, he was indicted for new firearms and stolen-car charges. Jan 28 - American Center for Law and Justice asks Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling <i>NOW vs. Scheidler</i> allowing the use of the <i>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act</i> (RICO) to be used against anti-abortion groups.
Feb 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - <i>Catholic World Report</i>, in story about James Kopp in their Feb issue, reveals that Kopp was friends with BC protester Maurice Lewis. Kopp believes Lewis was murdered by police, so he fled to Europe fearing that same thing would happen to him. Feb 1 - Alliance leadership candidate Stephen Harper accuses candidate Stockwell Day of being backed by social conservatives intent on turning Alliance into an anti-abortion party. Feb 1 - Jim Flaherty, Tory leadership candidate for Ontario, says he is staunchly pro-life and will not open any new abortion clinics if elected as premier. (Mar 28 - Ernie Eves elected as premier) Early Feb - Catholics for a Free Choice in Toronto launches billboard and public transit ad campaign targeting Catholic bishops for their stance against condoms. One ad reads: "Catholic people care, when will our bishops? Banning condoms kills." Catholic League files unsuccessful complaint with Advertising Standards Canada. CFFC also plans public education and condom distribution at Catholic World Youth Day in July in Toronto. Early Feb - Campaign Life Coalition and its Quebec chapter Campaign Quebec-Vie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 4 - Permanent injunction granted to keep anti-abortion protesters away from Teabearies Tea Room, a business co-owned by a woman who works as an administrative assistant at the Hope Clinic in Granite City, Illinois. Protesters had upset young children arriving at parties with aborted fetus pictures. Feb 6 - Bush administration makes rare intervention in Ohio "partial birth abortion" ban case before US Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit. In its brief, Justice Department said Ohio's law should be upheld because it "provides exactly the health exception required by the Supreme Court." Feb 7 - A Roman Catholic high school in Warminster, Pennsylvania offers extra credit to students for picketing a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Feb 8 - 12 - Operation Rescue West, Generation Life, and other anti-abortion protesters stage demos at Olympic games in Salt Lake City; also complain about free condom handouts to athletes. Feb 14 - Lawsuit filed by Crisis Pregnancy Center of Western New York to quash subpoenas issued by Attorney General Spitzer in January. Feb 19 - Writer Frederick Clarkson publicizes in Salon that Army of God has become

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	<p>send letter to all members (CLC claims 125,000 to 150,000 supporters) urging them to get memberships in the Ontario Conservative party and the Alliance to cast their votes for anti-abortion candidates, either Grant Hill or Stockwell Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 8 - Jim Hughes, president of Campaign Life Coalition, backs off on their campaign to get supporters to sign up as Alliance Party members because his group "had no idea the party's rules governing memberships had changed". Groups are not allowed to buy memberships. Feb 12 - Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada launches five television public service announcements to promote the morning after pill in Canada, to be shown on CBC, CTV, Global, WTN and MuchMusic, and 16 regional broadcasters. Feb 15 - Leger Marketing poll measures Canadian morality on numerous issues. Abortion considered "immoral" by 41.8% of Canadians. Feb 15 – Anti-abortion groups are incensed at new UBC Students for Choice website, which suggests vandalism of GAP displays as legitimate form of protest, along with removal of signs for turning over to police as hate literature. John Hof of Campaign Life Coalition BC files formal complaint with Crown Counsel to investigate website and remove web article. Also writes to Attorney General asking that those responsible be kicked off campus or charged with inciting violence. Feb 18 – Bill Whatcott of Christian Truth Activists and four other protesters charged with disrupting traffic near the Regina General Hospital. They were carrying graphic anti-abortion signs. Whatcott plans to fight charges based on free speech rights. Feb 20 - Dr. Stephen Dawson of Barrie, Ontario to face discipline committee at Ontario College of Physicians & Surgeons in April, because he refused to prescribe birth control pills to unmarried women. Four female patients made formal complaints to the college last summer. Dawson is charged with "professional misconduct in that he failed to meet the overall moral and professional standard of care." Feb 20 - Stockwell Day says he wouldn't fight bids to ban or limit abortions, if elected as Alliance leader. Feb 24 - All four Alliance leadership candidates tell potential voters they would not lead a push to have abortion banned or delisted as a surgical procedure covered by medicare, during nationally televised leadership debate. Feb 25 (week of) – Anti-choice club at University College of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford BC is forced to take down a display of 40 white crosses in a field. They had gotten prior permission of the university to put up the display for a week, but university reversed decision after numerous complaints. Feb 27 – mini-Gap display appears unexpectedly at UBC, without permission from UBC administration. 	<p>virulently anti-gay since 9/11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 27 - Dr. James Pendergraft, a Florida abortion provider, is released from prison while a federal court considers overturning his conviction for extortion (see June 2000). Feb 28 - New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer withdraws subpoenas from anti-abortion counselling centres after one Birthright center agrees to multiple conditions to ensure clients are not misled. A-G will work with other centres to accept same conditions, or subpoenas could be reissued.
Mar 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Mar - Embryo Adoption Program of Canada is launched, run by Leslie Perkins of Ontario, to arrange adoptions for embryos at fertility clinics. Mar 4 – Canada bans human embryo cloning, but permits government-funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 5 - Federal Department of Health and Human Services publishes new rule allowing states to call an embryo an "unborn child" eligible for government health care under state Children's Health Insurance Programs. Ostensibly to allow low-income pregnant women

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	<p>scientists to use embryos left over from fertility treatment or abortion. Guidelines issued by Canadian Institutes of Health Research. (Funding delayed April 29)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 8 - Paladin Labs, distributors of Plan B (emergency contraception) apply to Health Canada to change the drug's status from prescription to over-the-counter. Co-sponsors of application include Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada; and the Canadian Pharmacists Association. (Health Canada will likely approve by mid-2004) • Mar 12 – Calgary Herald reveals that Alberta Health Minister Gary Mar assured Planned Parenthood by letter on Feb. 12 that Alberta government is not considering de-insuring abortions “at present”. Mar 22 - Mar says a panel will review abortion funding. • Mar 17 - 15-yr old Ontario teen secretly gives birth in home bathroom, then fatally stabs infant. Parents did not know she was pregnant. • Mar 19 - Luc Gagnon takes over as President of Campagne Quebec Vie, from Gilles Grondin. • Mar 20 – Offensive anti-abortion pamphlet mailed anonymously to homes of Ontario Conservative Party members. Pamphlet claims that candidate Tony Clement's wife, Lynne Golding, "is a known lawyer for abortionists." And that she: "Believes the murder of innocent children is permissible in certain circumstances." It endorses Finance Minister Jim Flaherty for his anti-abortion views. Clement very upset, other candidates and CLC profess innocence. • Mar 20 – Stephen Harper wins Alliance leadership on first ballot; Stockwell Day comes second. • Mar 22 – mini-Gap display again appears unexpectedly at UBC, without permission from UBC administration. • Mar 25 - BC's Pro-Choice Action Network files requests with Canada Customs & Revenue Agency for it to audit and revoke the charitable tax status of five anti-abortion groups in BC and Alberta: Pro-Life Society of BC, Burnaby Pro-Life Society, Vancouver Right-to-Life, Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Vancouver, and Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre. 	<p>to get pre-natal care, but will also give embryos legal standing as a person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 14 - Appeals court nomination of Mississippi Judge Charles Pickering is defeated by Democratic-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee. Pickering is very anti-abortion and some accused him of racism. • Mar 18 - Letters found at two locations in Andrews, North Carolina, expressing support for Eric Rudolph, bombing suspect. Letters claimed to be from Army of God and were found in mailbox at Andrews Journal newspaper and taped to front door of boot store where Rudolph once bought hiking boots. • Mar 18 – Court in San Diego throws out lawsuit filed by Michigan anti-abortion group demanding that Planned Parenthood inform women of a link between abortion and breast cancer. Judge dismisses suit because of state law that prohibits litigation that will infringe on someone's free-speech rights, and because Michigan group had failed to demonstrate a likelihood that they could win case. • Mar 18 - Clayton Waagner accuses government of unfairly persecuting him for his anti-abortion beliefs. Also announces he will be defending himself at his April 8 trial, with the defense that he acted “out of necessity” to protect the lives of unborn children. • Mar 20 - FBI mostly stops search for suspected 1996 bomber Eric Rudolph. Fugitive part of case to be transferred to field office, evidence compilation finished for court defense team if he is ever caught. • Mar 22 – James Kopp to be extradited from France; French Prime Minister signs order. Kopp can still appeal to France's Council of State and the European Court of Human Rights. • Mar 26 - Nebraska Court of Appeals rules that abortion doctor LeRoy Carhart can purchase his Bellevue clinic because he had right of first refusal to buy it. Anti-abortion building owners had tried to evict him after buying the clinic in May 2000. • Mar 28 - Judge rules that brochure is not misleading after anti-abortion "sidewalk counselor" sued clinic for "false advertising". Red River Women's Clinic in Fargo, North Dakota had distributed brochure that said link between abortion and breast cancer is unsupported by medical research. • Mar 31 - Shots fired from AK-47 into front doors and window of Little Rock Family Planning Services in Little Rock, Arkansas, at 4:30 am. White male in hooded sweatshirt. Clinic empty at time. Caught on CCTV; tape handed over to police. Alexander McDonald arrested in Texas June 6.
Apr 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr - BC Health Minister Colin Hansen tells Report Magazine that abortion services will not be defunded. • Apr 6 - Canada Customs seizes two 4'x4' signs of aborted fetuses from Windsor anti-abortion activist Earl Amyotte, who was returning from Detroit. Customs officer believed them to be obscene. After review, they were deemed to be not obscene and hand-delivered back to Amyotte. • Week of Apr 8 - Charges dropped against Bill Whatcott and four other protesters for disrupting traffic near Regina General Hospital by carrying graphic anti-abortion signs. • Apr 10 approx - Federal Health Minister Anne McLellan writes to Alberta Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 3 - Loretta Marra and her husband Dennis Malvasi ordered to stand trial on July 30 for helping James Kopp escape capture. • Apr 6 - Gunman robs American Women's Services clinic in Upper Merion, Pennsylvania. • Apr 8 - 12 - Genocide Awareness Project display (put on by Generation Life: Right, Wrong or Justified and Center for Bioethical Reform) appears at Boise State University and creates controversy when local rabbi condemns it as exploiting the Holocaust. • Apr 17 - U.S. House of Representatives passes "Child Custody Protection Act" prohibiting non-parent adults from taking a minor to another state for an abortion. Senate must still approve. • Apr 18 - Clayton Waagner convicted on illegal possession of handgun and rifle as a fugitive

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	<p>Minister Gary Mar (chair of the provincial ministers) to propose a three-member panel to adjudicate disputes over the <i>Canada Health Act</i>. One member to be selected by Ottawa, one by the provinces, and the two will select a third by mutual agreement. (All provinces except Quebec accept the arrangement.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 12 - Merle Terlesky of Kamloops BC praises 1992 bombing of Morgentaler Toronto clinic in email to UBC Students for Choice: "I had open access to the baby killing house and was in his old clinic in Toronto many times before thanx to God it was blown to bits. No I did not do it and have no idea who did it." • Apr 18 — MP Garry Breitkreuz introduces motion M-392 asking the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights to "fully examine the current definition of "human being" (as defined in Section 223(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada) and report back to the House if the law needs to be amended to comply with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide "appropriate legal protection for a child before as well as after birth" and whether or not the law should be amended so a child is considered to be a human being: (a) at the point of conception; (b) when a baby's brain waves can be detected; (c) when the baby starts to move within the womb; or (d) when the baby is able to survive outside the womb." Motion defeated May 23. • Apr 22 - Anti-abortion "deVeber Institute" in Toronto releases study saying that abortion complications are seriously under reported, leaving women who undergo abortion largely unaware of the range of physical and psychological risks they face. • Apr 26 - Alliance for Life Ontario hosts fundraising dinner to raise one million dollars for TV ads. Hamilton Bishop Anthony Tonnos is keynote speaker. 	<p>and convicted felon, and possessing a stolen handgun and car. He represented himself in Cincinnati trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 22 - Supreme Court announces it will review part of 7th Circuit Court of Appeals decision in <i>NOW v. Scheidler</i>, civil case where anti-abortion extremists conspired illegally to close clinics (Apr 1998) with threats and extortion in violation of RICO Act. Court will review 2 technical issues: whether violent actions of the anti-abortion extremists are extortion under the Hobbs Act and whether private plaintiffs such as NOW can get injunctions under RICO. Oral arguments scheduled for Dec/02. • Apr 23 - Australia - Peter Knight is convicted of the murder of Melbourne abortion clinic security guard in July 2001. • Apr 26 - judge issues new court order allowing abortion protesters to protest just 15 feet from Buffalo GYN Womenservices, Slepian's former clinic. • Apr 28 - bomb scare forces evacuation of six blocks in Worcester, Mass, suspicious package found outside building that used to house abortion clinic. Contained paraphernalia and religious pamphlets.
May 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early May - Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz solicits public responses to questionnaire asking if they want changes to definition of "human being" in Criminal Code (to designate a fetus/embryo as human being) Motion slated for Parliament debate May 22. • May 9 – Health Minister Anne McLellan introduces reproductive technology legislation (Bill C-56). Will allow research on human embryos including leftover fertility clinic embryos, but will ban human cloning, commercial surrogacy, creation of human-animal hybrids, and sex-selection of embryos. The new Assisted Human Reproduction Agency of Canada will regulate use of human reproductive materials. • May 10 – National March for Life in Ottawa draws up to 2,300 participants. Campaign Life Coalition uses as platform to protest stem cell legislation. • May 17 – Cleaning contract for ambulatory care building at BC Women's & Children's Hospital awarded to A&A Service Co., private company owned by Ulf and Cecilia von Dehn (Sissy), prominent anti-abortion activist. Pro-CAN, BCNU, HEU, VWHC, and other health groups condemn the awarding of the contract, demand it be cancelled, and criticize privatization of health services. Hospital staff concerned for their safety and patient privacy and confidentiality. • May 21 – Anti-choicers in Vancouver discover that Everywoman's Health Centre is moving to 2525 Commercial Drive. John Hof, Ted Gerke, Sissy von Dehn and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 3 - Milwaukee woman NNeke Washington sues Pregnancy Help Center for emotional and physical injuries. Center employee allegedly showed videotapes that "graphically depicted dead and disfigured babies, abortions and babies' parts"; gave her a brochure that showed a dismembered aborted fetus; told her she had "the devil inside her" and was a "sinner;" scratched her chest, pulled her hair, and held down her arms. • May 16 - Federal appeals court rules 6-5 that anti-abortion 'Nuremberg Files' website and Wanted Posters of abortion providers are not free speech and constitute a "true threat" of violence. Losing defendants American Coalition of Life Activists; plaintiffs Planned Parenthood. Later, he finds ISP in South Africa to host site. • May 21 – Life Dynamics Inc. of Texas release results of investigation where a female spy posing as 13-yr old girl allegedly called 800 clinics and said she is pregnant by 22-yr old boyfriend, in attempt to find clinics who do not carry out mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse. LDI claims over 90% of clinics fail to comply with laws. • May 24 – Anti-abortion nurse Michelle Diaz of Riverside CA, who was fired in 1999 for refusing to dispense emergency contraception at public health clinic, is awarded \$19,000 in back pay and \$28,000 in damages by a federal jury. Diaz told other nurses they would be "required to perform abortions" by dispensing EC. • May 25 - Center for Bioethical Reform begins aerial flyovers with huge aborted fetus photo banners over skies of Florida. Also May 31 over Boston and Cape Cod; June 15 over beaches from Santa Monica to San Diego, and July 4 over New York and New Jersey

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	<p>others protest outside and distribute leaflets to neighbours. Over next few days, protesters pass out leaflets at Broadway Skytrain Station. Leak claimed to be from HEU members. Protesters soon establish weekly Friday picket across street from new clinic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 23 – Georgia Straight quotes Pro-Choice Press story (Spring 2002) on James Kopp's connection to deceased Vancouver protester Maurice Lewis. Gordon Watson is quoted as saying Kopp was in Vancouver around 1992 and "Sissy would know for sure." May 23 - Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz's motion to study the possibility of changing the definition of a human being is defeated. May 25 - Alliance MP Jason Kenney speaks at Alberta Pro-Life Conference in Edmonton and says most abortions are not medically necessary and should not be funded. May 28 – Everywoman's Health Centre of Vancouver moves to multi-tenant building on 2525 Commercial Drive. Bubble zone moves with them. May 29 – Vancouver Sun publishes expose on Kopp's Vancouver connections, including Maurice Lewis, Barrie Norman, and Gordon Watson. Watson insults reporter Kim Bolan with anti-Semitic slur. (Anti-choicers are suspicious of Lewis' death and also think Kopp was framed - see Sept 97.) May 31 - BC Women's Hospital cancels cleaning contract awarded to Sissy von Dehn's company, A&A Service Co., citing security and confidentiality concerns of staff and patients, and need for hospital to avoid controversy. 	<p>beaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 27 – Accused sniper James Kopp says he won't fight extradition. He is in France jail cell. His deadline to appeal extradition is June 2. May 28 – Federal court rules that Geraldo Rivera protected by First Amendment when he accused Neal Horsley of being an accomplice to homicide on the cable program "Upfront Tonight" on Oct. 27, 1998 (because of Horsley's Nuremberg Files website). Horsley loses his libel suit. May 30 – Boston federal judge orders U.S. military to fund abortions of service personnel and families in cases of fetal anencephaly. Maureen Britell had sued after being refused funding in 1994. Late May to June – Neal Horsley's www.abortioncams.com page featuring pics of women patients and staff entering abortion clinics begins to garner major media attention, mostly condemning it.
Jun 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 4-8 - Edmonton-area protester Denise Mountenay crashes World Conference on Breast Cancer in Victoria. She brings large banner saying 28 studies reveal increased risk of breast cancer with abortion, distributes pamphlets, and asked a question. Jun 17 - Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz introduces motion in parliament, M-523, reading, "That the Standing Committee on Health should fully examine, study and report to Parliament on: (a) whether or not abortions are medically necessary for the purpose of maintaining health, preventing disease or diagnosing or treating an injury, illness or disability; and (b) the health risks for women undergoing abortions compared to women carrying their babies to full term." Jun 18 or 19 - Alex Vernon fails to appear in court on charges stemming from his taking pictures of staff at (??details??). A warrant is put out for his arrest. Jun 21 - Planned Parenthood Regina sues anti-abortion activist Bill Whatcott and all other members of his group Christian Truth Activists for defamation, saying he defamed PP and harassed its clients. On five days in April/May, Whatcott and 5-6 others displayed signs in front of PP office. Signs said, "Planned Parenthood Aborts Babies", "Hitler's Holocaust", and "Canada's Holocaust by Abortion." Whatcott yelled at clients: "Fornicators", "Keep your pants on", "Planned Parenthood shares in the blood of innocent babies", "Murder is a crime", "God is not pleased with this crime". (PP does not perform abortions in Canada.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 1 - Insane fanatic and anti-abortionist ambushes Memphis coroner, Dr. O'Brian C. Smith, outside his office, throws liquid chemical into his face, ties him up with barbed wire, and straps a homemade bomb to him. He is found unharmed. Jun 5 – James Kopp is extradited from France to Buffalo, NY. Appears in court next day to plead not guilty to charges of violating FACE Act and using firearm to commit crime. On Jun 6, arraigned on state charge of murdering Barnett Slepian; pleads not guilty. Trial not expected for nine months. Jun 6 - Arson attack at Fairmount Center clinic in Dallas Texas. Fence set on fire and stone thrown through door. Jun 14/15 – Operation Save America stages protest at Dr. George Tiller's clinic in Wichita Kansas. Led by Keith Tucci, former leader of Operation Rescue National. Daniel Ware protesting there since April. Jun 19 - Northern Kentucky public health board narrowly rejects proposal to decline federal Title X money for family planning services on grounds that birth control pills and IUDs cause abortions. Jun 19-28 - Missionaries to the Preborn stage protests in New England States (ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, CT), led by Matthew Trewhella and Mark Diener, called "The Unmasking Planned Parenthood Tour." Members lined streets with five-foot photos of aborted fetuses. Negative reaction from residents and media. Jun 21 - Neal Horsley, creator of Nuremberg Files website, removes cross-outs and gray-outs from list of dead and wounded doctors, due to May court decision saying site

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 24 - Kevin Pielak convicted on one count of violating Access to Abortion Services Act (in BC). Fined \$575 and given no-go around Everywoman's new location. He pled not guilty because "It's a bad law." Jun 26 - A&A Service Co. (see May 17) sues BC's Hospital Employee's Union for alleged defamation for TV ad against privatization services at hospitals, saying the ad implies that "employees of A&A pose a safety, security, and health risk to patients" and that the union has libelled it by linking the company to the records of unnamed cleaning companies elsewhere. A&A seeks injunction to keep ad off air. Jun 28 - BC Supreme Court judge grants A&A Service Co. injunction and orders HEU ad pulled off TV, saying the ad is closely linked to gross negligence. HEU must also remove ad from website. HEU will appeal. 	<p>constitutes a "true threat".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 21 - Senate passes amendment repealing the current ban on privately funded abortions at military hospitals abroad.
Jul 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> summer - Anonymous woman files class-action suit against province of Quebec for failing to fund her abortion at a private clinic. A coalition of four private abortion clinics in Montreal are helping her with suit. They first had to go before a judge to guarantee her anonymity, lost that, appealed, then won. early Jul - New York man John Barry who buys domain names, links graphic anti-abortion Web site www.abortionismurder.org to Winnipegpubliclibrary.com and Kimcampbell.com (and other U.S. names). Winnipeg Public Library sends letter to domain registrar asking them to stop using its name. Jul 10 - Several Toronto pro-choice groups express fears of violence and clinic blockades during World Youth Day, because some anti-choice participants have called for "direct action." OCAC, CFFC, and the Scott Clinic call on WYD guests to leave clinics alone. Pro-choice rally planned for July 26 with theme "Hands off the Clinics - Keep Abortion Safe & Legal". Jul 15 - BC's Hospital Employee's union countersues A&A Service Co. for defamation. Jul 18 - Campaign Life Coalition claims that anti-choicers and their views have been deliberately shut out of the Romanow Commission public consultations. Jul 18 - Planned Parenthood Regina goes to court to seek permanent injunction against anti-abortion activist Bill Whatcott, to prohibit him and his associates from coming within 3-blocks of their building and from harassing clients. Jul 19 - Challenge the Church announces plans to hold an alternative World Youth Day in Toronto. Spokesperson Joanna Manning said the forum will discuss role of woman, celibacy for priests, sexual abuse, and birth control. An associated group, Operation Guardian Angel, will distribute over 10,000 condoms to guests. Jul 22 - Campaign Life Coalition calls on all hospitals and clinics to establish a moratorium on performing abortions during Pope's visit to Toronto for World Youth Day. Jul 23 - Pope John Paul II arrives in Toronto to host World Youth Day (July 22 to 28). Jul 23 - 100 WYD pilgrims join Msgr. Phillip Reilly of Helpers of God's Precious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 3 - NARAL files objection to "abusive" subpoena issued by Republican National Committee demanding detailed information spanning over seven years of nearly every type of communication and records NARAL has. Jul 4 - Shots fired into Planned Parenthood clinic in Brainerd Minnesota. Windows shattered. Clinic does not perform abortions. Jul 4 - Anti-abortion fanatic William Purdy Sr. of South St. Paul Minnesota, buys at least 30 domain names mimicking corporate names and redirects them to www.abortionismurder.org. Jul 18 - Companies sue jointly for trademark infringement, including McDonald's, Pepsico, Coca-Cola, Washington Post. Jul 23 - Judge orders sites shut down and orders Purdy not to create more. Jul 30 - Federal appeals court refuses to block court order. Jul 5 - Iowa judge subpoenas names of women who took pregnancy tests from August 2000 to May after investigators were unable to locate a woman who left her newborn boy in a shredder at a county recycling center. PP of Greater Iowa refuses. Jul 7 - Shots from high-powered rifle fired into Planned Parenthood Comprehensive Health Clinic in Overland Park, Kansas, breaking windows and furniture. Clinic does not perform abortions. Jul 9 - Front window broken by a rock (or other projectile) at Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma clinic in Edmond, OK; early morning, no injuries. Clinic does not perform abortions. Jul 13 - Up to 150 protesters from Operation Save America, led by Flip Benham, arrive to protest at Dallas Texas clinics and churches for one week. Jul 15 - Federal judge rules not to stop distribution of fees to anti-choice counseling agencies from Florida state "Choose Life" license plates. Center for Reproductive Law and Policy said policy discriminates against pro-choice position. Jul 15 - Pre-trial motions begin in James Kopp case, accused of murdering Dr. Barnett Slepian in Oct. 98. Buffalo prosecutors ask judge for permission to conceal identities of witnesses in case against James Kopp, citing risk of violence or harassment. Permission is granted. Jul 15 - Center for Bioethical Reform begins multi-city tour throughout U.S. with trucks bearing large pictures of aborted fetuses, dubbed "the Reproductive Choice Campaign."

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	<p>Infants to pray for one hour outside Scott Abortion Clinic in Toronto.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 25 – Large crowd of protesters from WYD (more than on the 23rd), mostly American members of Crossroads, pray at Scott Clinic. 50 pro-choice activists from OCAC defend the clinic during 5-hour demo; police and sheriffs on hand to enforce injunction. Two young women were warned of arrest after entering zone, and they left. Jul 25(?) - Australian Archbishop George Pell tells WYD crowd that "abortion is a worse moral scandal than priests sexually abusing young people." Jul 27 - Judge refuses to give injunction to Planned Parenthood against Bill Whatcott (see Jul 18), but prohibits Whatcott from making false or defamatory statements. PP's defamation suit is still pending (see Jun 21). 	<p>Continues into August, September, October, including in Hawaii.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 16 - Authorities claim they have proof that James Kopp fled to Mexico with the help of a friend after Slepian killing. Also claim to have proof that Kopp belonged to two gun clubs. Jul 16 - Convictions of Florida clinic owner Dr. James Pendergraft overturned (except conspiracy to commit perjury) by 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He had been serving 46-month prison sentence and was released in Feb. until court ruled on his Feb 2001 conviction in alleged scheme to extort money from anti-abortion county officials. But judge ruled that threatening to sue the government is not extortion. Jul 17 - Dr. Leroy Carhart wins battle to buy out his clinic property in Bellevue Nebraska after state supreme court refuses to hear appeal by anti-choice owners, who had tried to illegally evict him. Jul 18 - <i>Born-Alive Infants Protection Act</i> passed by U.S. Senate. Bill ensures that a live birth during an abortion has certain rights under federal law. House passed in March; now goes to White House for final passage. Jul 19 - Buffalo judge orders retrieval of hair, blood, saliva, and handwriting samples from James Kopp, and orders him to submit to police lineup wearing fake beard, mustache, and dyed hair to simulate his former appearance. Defence fights the order. Jul 19 - Palmetto State Medical Center in Greenville, SC, forced to close because it can't afford cost of state-imposed anti-abortion regulations on abortion clinics. Jul 22 - Bush administration cancels \$34 million funding to United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), saying it participates in forced abortion programs in China. Bush-appointed investigation to China and other past investigations showed no evidence of charges — UNFPA has reduced coerced abortions. Jul 22 - Shots fired through front door of Planned Parenthood clinic in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; early morning, no injuries. Clinic does not perform abortions. Jul 24 - House passes bill prohibiting so-called "partial-birth" abortion. Current bill is virtually identical to previous law that was declared unconstitutional by U.S. Supreme Court in June 2000, with no health exception and vague definition of abortion procedure. Jul 29 - Abusive ex-boyfriend, John Stachokus, of Pennsylvania obtains illegal court injunction to stop Tanya Meyers from having an abortion. Court illegally upholds injunction on Jul 31. Emergency appeal filed to superior court, but judge refuses to dissolve injunction and orders parties to file additional legal papers by Aug 5. Court then dissolves injunction, but only because Stachokus could cite no "legal authorities." Meyers has miscarriage that night. Jul 29 - Front door smashed with brick or tire iron at a Knoxville, Tennessee clinic. Jul 31 - anti-choice extremist Mark Gabriel arrested for stalking and harassing abortion provider Dr. Gary Prohaska in Appleton, Wisconsin.
Aug 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - Bethany Hughes, Jehovah's Witness Calgary teenager, is forced to undergo blood transfusions even though she was deemed mature enough to make her own medical decisions. Could have serious ramifications for minors' reproductive care and consent. Aug 6 - Kamloops BC branch of Canadian Alliance votes to turf Merle Terlesky 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug - Life Dynamics launches "Eyewitness" campaign, to get clinic protesters to catch abortion clinics and family planning outlets that "cover up for sexual predators". Aug 2 - Kopp's defence fights order to provide blood, saliva, hair, and handwriting samples. Aug 5 - President Bush signs "Born-Alive Infants Protection Act", to keep alive babies born

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	<p>from its membership (recommendation goes to national council).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mid-Aug(?) - Health Canada approves first-ever contraceptive patch, Evra, to be available by prescription in drug stores early next year. Contains birth control hormones and is a smooth beige square thin enough to be worn discreetly under clothing. • Aug 27 - A Catholic pastor in Medicine Hat, Alberta tells Celina Ling, a Planned Parenthood employee, that she cannot be married in the Catholic church because she refuses to renounce her pro-choice beliefs and employment. Ling and her fiancé Robert Symmonds were to be married on Sept. 21. Calgary Catholic Bishop Fred Henry says that Ling should be excommunicated. • Aug 29 - A women's shelter staff member in Toronto (Carol Anne Trueman) allegedly pepper sprays a protester, Robert Hinchey (from Aid to Women next door to Cabbagetown abortion clinic), inside a hospital, after he took a clinic client (who was also a shelter resident) to the hospital to have her laminaria removed. Trueman is charged with assault. • Aug 30 - Bill Whatcott arrested in North Dakota after entering U.S. illegally (because of outstanding charges in Canada). He and his wife had been refused entry earlier in the day, Whatcott decided to walk across at night on his own, to attend an anti-choice meeting in Wisconsin with Pastor Ovadol. On Sept 9, he is sentenced to one month in jail in Minot, North Dakota. 	<p>alive after abortion. His speech is explicitly anti-abortion, with Act as "step toward the day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 7 - Missionaries to the Preborn launches 10-day campaign in Wisconsin called "The Unmasking Planned Parenthood Tour" covering 23 cities. • Aug 9 - District court judge orders US Navy to pay for abortion of an Everett, Washington woman carrying an anencephalic fetus. • Aug 12 - One week "Face the Truth" tour begins; Defend Life displays graphic posters along major roads and intersections in Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. • Aug 13 - Maryland NARAL asks state attorney to investigate deceptive practices of Crisis Pregnancy Centres. NARAL presented results of its undercover visits to 17 centers in Maryland. • Aug 15 - Clayton Waagner sentenced to 19 years and 7 months for vehicle theft and illegal possession of weapons in Kentucky; time to be served after his current 30-year sentence. He tried to escape from local Kentucky jail during his trial. • Aug 16 - Dennis Malvasi and Loretta Marra, friends of James Kopp, agree to plead guilty next week to charges that they aided Kopp, in exchange for a reduced prison sentence. • Aug 19 - Planned Parenthood clinic in Sioux Falls, South Dakota vandalized with red paint around its entrance. • Aug 21 - Three anti-abortion groups petition Food & Drug Administration to halt sales of Mifeprex (RU-486) claiming the FDA deviated from its own policies a number of times during approval process. The petition also cited 5 cases of adverse effects in women. • Aug 21 - Buffalo judge rejects plea deal for Dennis Malvasi and Loretta Marra, friends of James Kopp. They had agreed to plead guilty to harbouring Kopp in exchange for a reduced prison sentence, but judge was concerned that they may be accessories to murder and plea deal was too lenient. • Aug 22 - Anti-choice extremist Jonathon O'Toole videotapes patients at an Iowa abortion clinic with intent to show video on anti-abortion David Leach's cable access TV program. Station prevents the footage from airing. • Aug 23 - Media reveals that Florida women who want to give up their child for adoption must publish details of their sex lives and the possible fathers' names before they can offer a child for adoption. The law causes many women to have abortions instead. • Aug 31 - Anti-abortion activists in Detroit Michigan ask Cardinal to excommunicate from the Catholic Church pro-choice Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, and Democratic nominee for governor. Picketers have protested outside Granholm's church since early June. • Aug 31 - An Atlanta federal judge grants class-action status to a lawsuit contending Wal-Mart discriminates against women by denying insurance coverage for birth control. • Aug 31 - James Kopp stands in police lineups. One witness identified him, another could not.
Sep 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 2 - Buffalo News reports James Kopp's belief that his friend Maurice Lewis, a BC protester, was murdered by police, and that's why Kopp fled to Europe, fearing that same thing would happen to him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 5 - California Governor Gray Davis signs four pro-choice measures into law: clinic staff and patients now included in anti-stalking <i>Safe at Home Act</i>; California hospitals must offer emergency contraception to rape victims and midwives and nurse practitioners can

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 9 - Bill Whatcott is sentenced to one month in jail in Minot, North Dakota, for illegally entering U.S. on Aug 30. Sep 12 - Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (SALPN) moves to strip Regina anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott of his licence as a male nurse. A board of inquiry said his picketing and other antics, including his recent arrest in the U.S. for crossing the border illegally, constitute "professional misconduct." SALPN sets Oct 6 as date to revoke Whatcott's nursing license. Sep 16 - UBC's anti-abortion club Lifeline goes to court to sue the AMS for damages for the "suppression of its freedom of speech rights". AMS has a censorship resolution disallowing GAP images in the Student Union Building. Lifeline also claims AMS did nothing to stop destruction of GAP display in Nov 99. Plaintiffs are Stephanie Gray, Michelle Laroya, and Athena Macapagal; lawyer is Craig Jones. Judge's decision not for several months. Sep 25 - Winnipeg Free Press reports that pro-choice activists from Coalition for Reproductive Choice and the Women's Health Clinic have been pushing province to open a community-based clinic. Goal to reduce waiting lists at hospitals and improve access for out-of-town women. Sep 29 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler announces plans to sue New Brunswick and Nova Scotia governments for not funding abortions at his clinics. Toronto press conference held Oct 1. Dr. M. criticized federal Health Minister Anne McLellan for not using federal funding power to force the provinces into line. Sep 30 - MP Garry Breitkreuz sponsors motion in Parliament calling for a committee to determine whether abortions are medically necessary and to evaluate the health risks for women undergoing abortions. 	<p>dispense mifepristone; the <i>Reproductive Privacy Act</i> protecting state abortion rights if Roe v. Wade is overturned; and all California medical schools must provide abortion education and training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 5 - Priscilla Owen's nomination (by Bush) as U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Circuit is defeated by Senate Judiciary Committee. She is an extremist anti-choice ideologue with a record of twisting laws to prevent minors from getting abortions. Sep 5 - 11th Circuit Court of Appeals reverses lower court decision and reinstates a \$107,000,000 lawsuit brought by anti-abortionist Neal Horsley against Gloria Feldt, President of Planned Parenthood Federation, stemming from allegedly defamatory statements Feldt made against Horsley at a press conference in NYC the day after Dr. Barnett Slepian was killed in 1998. Sep 6 - Judge refuses to rescind his rejection of plea deal for James Kopp's friends, Loretta Marra and Dennis Malvasi. Sep 19 - anti-abortion terrorist Clayton Waagner indicted in Philadelphia by federal grand jury on 79 charges of threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction, violations of the <i>Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act</i>, extortion, and making and mailing threatening interstate communications. Waagner mailed anthrax hoax letters to women's clinics around the country last fall. Sep 23 - Prosecutors apply to drop six charges they filed last year against Loretta Marra and Dennis Malvasi, in order to move trial venue to NYC with reduced charges, so as not to jeopardize chances of a conviction in James Kopp trial by revealing evidence and witnesses in advance. Sep 24 - Judge adjourns case to hear prosecutors' motion. Sep 25 - House passes anti-choice "Abortion Non-Discrimination Act," which would allow a broad range of health care entities to refuse to comply with existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to abortion health issues. Sep 30 - Bush Administration issues final version of federal regulations classifying fetuses as "unborn children" to extend eligibility for prenatal care to low-income pregnant women under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.
Oct 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 2 - Health Minister Anne MacLellan announces that Canadian government is prepared to withhold payment to New Brunswick if it continues to refuse to fund abortions at clinics. Nova Scotia already loses \$50,000 in funding from Ottawa annually because it does not fund clinic abortions. Oct 6 - annual Life Chain across Canada (and U.S.) Oct 11 - Bill Whatcott wins his appeal after being fined for distributing pamphlets with pics of aborted fetuses in a University of Regina parking lot in May 2001. Judge ruled that suppressing Whatcott's pamphlets was a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, and that university's traffic and parking bylaw can't be used to control distribution of printed material on campus. Oct 18 - Edmonton Morgentaler clinic forced to shut down for one day because of an insurance dispute. Health region demanded that clinic raise its insurance from \$1 million to \$5 million. Clinic refused because that much insurance not necessary; agreement reached to increase to \$2 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 8 - Alan Guttmacher Institute releases study showing abortion rate declined 1994 to 2000 from 24 to 21 abortions for every 1,000 women of childbearing age, but that abortions rose 25% for women below the poverty line. Rise blamed on probable lack of affordable access to contraceptives. Oct 16 - City of Huntington Beach, CA passes ordinance that prohibits planes towing banners. Center for Bioethical reform files lawsuit alleging that ordinance is unconstitutional. Oct 17 - Judge in Marra/Malvasi case agrees reluctantly to prosecutors' request to drop charges and move trial to NYC under reduced charges of harbouring a fugitive (James Kopp). Judge accuses prosecutors of "judge-shopping" and manipulating sentencing guidelines. Prosecution hopes to get plea bargain in NY that Buffalo judge rejected. Oct 17 - Clayton Waagner pleads innocent to all charges, including that he mailed anthrax threat letters to abortion clinics last fall and posted a message on an anti-abortion Web site threatening clinic workers (see Sep 19). Oct 17(?) - Michigan Court of Appeal overturns manslaughter conviction of Jaclyn Kurr for

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 23 - Henry Morgentaler holds press conference in Fredericton to announce he will sue the New Brunswick government for not funding abortions at his clinic there. Oct 23 - Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz introduces motion asking Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights to "fully examine the current definition of "human being" (as defined in Section 223(1) of the Criminal Code of Canada) and report back to the House if the law needs to be amended to comply with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide "appropriate legal protection for a child before as well as after birth" and whether or not the law should be amended so a child is considered to be a human being: (a) at the point of conception; (b) when a baby's brain waves can be detected; (c) when the baby starts to move within the womb; or (d) when the baby is able to survive outside the womb." Oct 24 - Henry Morgentaler holds press conference in Halifax to announce he will sue the NS government for not funding the facility fee for abortions at his clinic there. M says NS is "oppressing and victimizing women." M also called on PM Chretien to ensure that all Canadian women have access to fully funded abortions before leaving office next year. CARAL to lend support to NB/NS lawsuits. Oct 25 - Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz challenges Health Minister Anne McLellan in House of Commons to produce evidence that all abortions are medically necessary. Oct 29 - Catholic Network for Women's Equality and Catholics for a Free Choice-Canada caution Toronto households to ensure that UNICEF collection boxes for trick-or-treaters are genuine, because anti-abortion group Aid to Women and other Catholic charities collect funds in boxes made to look like UNICEF boxes. Oct 29 - Anti-abortion group LifeCanada releases poll saying that 23% of Canadians want all abortions to be publicly funded; 51% think abortions should only be tax-funded in medical emergencies or for rape or incest; and 15% said paying for abortion should be a private responsibility. Also, 56% said human life should be legally protected before birth; 37% favoured protection from conception on, 13% after three months gestation, 6% after six months. 30% are against legal protection to unborn children. Oct 30 - Alliance MP Maurice Vellacott reintroduces his conscience clause legislation for debate, for health care workers who refuse to take part in procedures such as abortion for reasons of conscience and religion. Oct 30 - Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott of Regina is banned from entering the U.S. for ten years after he was caught trying to enter the U.S. illegally on Aug 30. 	<p>killing her abusive boyfriend during her pregnancy. The court held that a pregnant woman can use deadly force to protect a fetus from attack even if her own life is not in danger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 19 - Three anti-abortion protesters arrested after storming the door and invading the Buffalo GYN Womenservices clinic (Dr. Slepian's clinic) to protest James Kopp's arrest. They lay on floor, refused to give their names to police, and were charged with trespass, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Later identified as Louis Menchaca, Laura Tellier, and Janet Cocchi of Lambs of Christ. They all get 30 days in jail Dec 5. Oct 23 - James Kopp changes lawyers, from Paul Cambria to Bruce Barket, an anti-choice fanatic. Barket says he will turn the trial into a debate on the morality of abortion, and says "People like Jim should be exalted in this country". Barket also represents Malvasi and Marra. Oct 23 - Planned Parenthood O'ahu clinic vandalized in Hawaii. Three juveniles arrested in April 2003. Oct 30 - Bush administration revises charter of a federal advisory committee for the safety of research volunteers to specify that embryos and fetuses in experiments are "human subjects" whose welfare deserves special attention. The change doesn't give embryos legal protections, but the committee offers recommendations to the Health and Human Services Department.
Nov 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - NB doctors who refuse to provide medical treatment or procedures on moral grounds have no obligation to provide referrals or suggest alternatives, says the New Brunswick College of Physicians and Surgeons. Nov 4 - Moncton Hospital in New Brunswick announces it will stop providing non-emergency abortions because half of procedures scheduled are no-shows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov - Critics and media reveal that Department of Health and Human Services has been censoring medical and scientific information on government websites to promote sexual abstinence, discourage condom use, and promote link between abortion and breast cancer. Latter site changed from saying there is no risk to saying that "studies are inconsistent." Nov 5 - Republicans win both House and Senate in mid-term elections, signaling major

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	<p>Decision almost wipes out access for women in eastern NB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 6 - Henry Morgentaler sends open letter to Health Minister Anne McLellan mocking her for failing to force provinces to fund abortions. Nov 8 - Henry Morgentaler holds press conference in Toronto in which he accuses Manitoba's health minister of religious bias that has stalled a deal to turn the Winnipeg clinic over to the province. Nov 8 - Ontario's pharmacists call on province to continue a pilot project that brought emergency contraception to selected Toronto pharmacies. Program due to end in two weeks. Nov 17 - Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists announces it is seeking legal approval for pharmacists to dispense emergency contraception without a doctor's prescription. Nov 21 - Winnipeg Police Inspector Keith McCaskill says that Canadian police don't intend to question James Kopp, but "assist the U.S. authorities as much as possible." He also said, "We have never closed our eyes to the fact that he could have had accomplices in Canada. That's a strong possibility." Nov 26 - Anti-choice MPs Tom Wappel, Elsie Wayne, and Maurice Vellacott release open letter questioning Dr. Morgentaler's motivations and accusing him of hiding lucrative profits from his abortion clinics. Nov 27 - National Post releases survey showing 78% of Canadians agree with the question: "Should women have complete freedom on their decision to have an abortion?" Quebec support highest at 83%; Maritimes lowest at 68%. Nov 27 - In response to anti-choice petitions to defund abortion, Alberta Health Minister Gary Mar says he excused a panel studying Medicare from considering abortion for defunding. Nov 28 - Roy Romanow releases his report on the future of healthcare in Canada. Recommends spending \$15 billion to maintain public healthcare, but dismisses abortion clinics as "for-profit" clinics, and says direct healthcare services should be delivered in public facilities, not for-profit clinics. In press conference, he suggests there's no way to shut existing private clinics and that there may be a place for some private operations on the fringes. 	<p>setback for abortion rights. New Senate Majority leader in Congress, Trent Lott, vows to pass a ban against "partial-birth abortion." (he is replaced on Dec 23 by equally anti-choice Bill Frist).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 14 - Bankruptcy bill to give banks and credit card companies more power dies in the House after legislators couldn't agree on an amendment added to the bill that would prevent anti-abortion protesters to escape legal judgments by declaring bankruptcy. Nov 19 - Australia - Peter Knight, killer of Melbourne abortion clinic security guard in July 2001, is sentenced to life in prison. Nov 20 - <i>Buffalo News</i> reveals that James Kopp confessed to the murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian in a 4-hour jailhouse interview on Nov.12. Kopp says he meant only to wound, not kill Slepian, and that he "acted alone," finding Slepian's name in the phone book. He says he did not commit a crime because he prevented Slepian from performing more abortions. His lawyer Bruce Barket would not allow him to answer questions about the other four shootings saying "we'll defend one shooting at a time". Nov 22 - Loretta Marra denied bail in a New York court, with judge citing flight risk. Marra is alleged accomplice of James Kopp, along with husband Dennis Malvasi. Nov 22 - Judge rules that anti-abortion protesters are allowed to demonstrate outside a Granite City Illinois doctor's office, but they can't carry signs, make too much noise, or imply that the doctor sells fetal tissue or baby parts. Clinic had wanted a 40-foot bubble zone. Nov 27 - Judge Hugh Scott rules that lawyer Bruce Barket cannot represent James Kopp in the federal case because he already represents Kopp's friend and fellow abortion protester, Loretta Marra. Barket tries to reverse.
Dec 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 4 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler calls on public hospitals to cut religious ties, and for a complete secularization of publicly-funded hospitals. He says some hospitals, especially Catholic ones, deprive patients of access to abortion, contraception, and AIDS prevention. Dec 7 - Bill Whatcott of Regina announces he is taking time off from his activism to "heal" his marriage and family, and pursue a new career in teaching. His wife left him after he spent time in jail in North Dakota for illegally crossing the border. He also lost his nursing license. Dec 10/11 – Jim Demers' appeal heard at BC Court of Appeal, stemming from his conviction for his Dec 1996 arrest outside Everywoman's. Defense relies mainly on international law and precedent for fetal right to life. Decision reserved for new year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 2 - U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear challenge from pro-choice supporters to ban Louisiana's "Choose Life" license plates as unconstitutional promotion of a religious viewpoint by government. Profit from sales of plates will go to anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centres. Dec 4 - U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in <i>Scheidler vs. National Organization for Women</i>. At issue is whether the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) can be used to prosecute anti-choice protesters who use violence against abortion clinics, and whether that would compromise other kinds of protests that unintentionally get out of hand. Dec 9 - Dennis Malvasi and Loretta Marra indicted on charges they harboured a fugitive, specifically that they provided money, advice, and support to James Kopp before his arrest last year. They plan to plead guilty.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 12 - Manitoba Health Minister Dave Chomiak says he is done trying to negotiate with Henry Morgentaler because "he's too difficult to deal with" and instead wants to open and operate the province's own multi-faceted women's health clinic to reduce the waiting list for abortions. Dec 16 - <i>Buffalo News</i> reporters who obtained James Kopp's confession come to Vancouver to do a story on Canadian shootings and connections. Dec 27 - Alberta premier Ralph Klein tells media that he expects abortion funding to become a hot topic of discussion, in government health-reform initiatives in new year. But Alberta Health denies that, saying it's not going to be on the agenda, and that "Abortions are already covered in Alberta and there are no plans to change that." Dec 28 - Kingston Campaign Life Coalition group holds candlelight vigil outside Kingston General Hospital. Dec 30 - Buffalo News publishes story "Kopp Suspected in 4 Other Attacks" outlining evidence that Kopp is linked to three Canadian shootings of doctors and one in Rochester NY. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 9 (week of) - James Kopp indicted on a new state charge of "depraved second-degree murder," showing "a depraved indifference to human life" for the Slepian murder. Kopp did not appear before grand jury. Dec 16 - Alan Guttmacher Institute releases new study showing that emergency contraception may account for 43% of the recent decline in abortions. Study showed that abortions fell from 1.4 million in 1994 to 1.3 million in 2000. Dec 17 - U.S. tries and fails to impose its right-wing views at the 5th Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok (Dec 11-17). U.S. wanted to delete references to reproductive health and reproductive rights. All countries voted to include the language and U.S. was completely isolated. The Bush Administration announced it would not reaffirm its commitment to the 1994 Cairo Consensus, which affirmed the right of all individuals to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information and means to do so. Dec 20 - Charges laid against Julie Schmit-Albin, executive director of Nebraska Right to Life, and John Keller, former employee of Planned Parenthood. Schmit-Albin allegedly encouraged Keller to access e-mail and voice mail at PP offices in Omaha and Lincoln, and Keller knew passwords and hacked into computers. Dec 24 - Dr. David Hager is named by Bush administration to influential Food and Drug Administration panel on women's health policy that also approves drugs. Hager is anti-abortion, has questioned the safety of mifepristone, and prescribes prayer for patients. Dec 26 - Federal judge declares South Carolina's "Choose Life" plates unconstitutional. Dec 29 - Buffalo News publishes story "Did Kopp Have Help?" in which they lay out evidence for an anti-abortion network that may have helped James Kopp. Dec 30 - James Kopp is assigned a new lawyer, William G. Clauss, to represent him on federal charges relating to the 1998 murder of Dr. Slepian. Previous lawyer Bruce Barket asks federal judge to overturn a magistrate's decision barring him from defending Kopp on the federal charges. Dec 31 - Texas Supreme Court rules that state is not constitutionally obligated to pay for abortions. Decision upholds a state law that prohibits use of Medicaid money for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or life endangerment. Late Dec - "Silent No More" national campaign starts, to encourage women to speak out publicly about their negative abortion experiences, and offer them "abortion recovery help and resources". State gatherings to be held from January 18 -26, 2003.
Jan 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 2 - Planned Parenthood Regina launches public awareness billboard and postcard campaign, and to dispel myth the centre was an abortion clinic. Jan 6 - Fredericton Morgentaler Clinic reports significant increase in women from Moncton area seeking abortions at clinic. Jan 9 - Lawyers argue Lifeline vs. AMS case in BC Supreme Court. Lifeline is suing UBC's Alma Mater Society for its alleged liability in attack on Genocide Awareness Display in Nov 99. AMS lawyer says they are not liable. Judgment reserved. Jan 15 - Manitoba judge Linda Giesbrecht recommends that new legislation be drafted to protect fetuses from the substance abuse of their mothers. Part of an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan - American Life League issues "Deadly Dozen" posters of pro-choice Catholic senators and advertises in several major papers, calling for bishops to refuse communion to the senators. Jan - growing number of scientists say President Bush's administration is distorting scientific advisory process by appointing conservative ideologues to impartial panels. Jan - Feminists for Life launch "Women Deserve Better" campaign, to highlight the "failure of abortion to meet the needs of women" and promote "women-centered solutions" Jan 1 - Anti-choicers start preparing to pass new abortion restrictions in the next Congress, beginning with a ban on "partial birth abortion" and various other laws.

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	<p>inquest report into suicide of aboriginal child Patrick Redhead in 1999, whose mother was an alcoholic during pregnancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 15 - Jean-Guy Tremblay, who once took his girlfriend Chantal Daigle to court to prevent her from having an abortion, tries to have his assault and confinement convictions involving two Calgary women overturned. Tremblay was convicted on Dec. 17, 1999. Jan 17 - Appeal case of anti-abortion protester Jim Demers dismissed by BC Court of Appeal. Fetus does not have right to life under Canadian law, and Demers was guilty of violating <i>Access to Abortion Services Act</i>. Demers plans to appeal to Supreme Court. Jan 18 - Globe & Mail reporter Heather Mallick publishes story saying that Dr. Henry Morgentaler should receive Order of Canada. Jan 20 - Globe & Mail reveals that top-paid general practitioner in Toronto is primarily an abortion provider, who billed \$552,695 in fiscal 1998-99, and did 2,280 abortions in that time period. Province had fought three year legal battle against releasing info. Jan 20 - Dr. Morgentaler announces plans to sue the Manitoba government for not funding abortions at his Winnipeg clinic. He says province is violating the Canada Health Act "and the spirit of the Morgentaler Supreme Court of Canada decision of Jan. 28, 1988." Jan 21 - Prosecutor asks for "summary conviction" in assault-with-a-weapon charge filed against Carol-Ann Trueman, employee of Stop 86 women's shelter in Toronto who was charged after Aid to Women anti-choice "counselor" Robert Hinchey was pepper-sprayed in face at St. Michael's Hospital in August 2002. Jan 21 - Dr. Morgentaler reduces abortion fees at his Winnipeg clinic, from \$500 to \$250, to increase access for poor women and to shame the NDP government and Health Minister Dave Chomiak into funding his clinic. Jan 23 - New Brunswick poll results show that 31% of NB'ers say abortions should be paid for by the government; 33% say no. 34% say the government's requirement to pay "depends on the situation." Also, 76% opposed to abortion; 61% opposed except under certain circumstances; 21% in favour of abortions. Jan 24? - Three anti-choice MP's issue press release criticizing idea of awarding Morgentaler Order of Canada. Liberal MP Paul Steckle, Alliance MP Maurice Vellacott and Conservative MP Elsie Wayne claim that Morgentaler's "legacy" is one of harming women. Their letter also published in Globe & Mail Jan 28. Jan 27 - Calgary Bishop Fred Henry announces the targeting of selected Catholic politicians for failing to follow "non-negotiable" church doctrine on issues such as abortion, gay marriage and mercy killings. Jan 28 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler holds press conference at his Toronto clinic to celebrate 15th anniversary of 1988 Supreme Court Morgentaler decision and to highlight problems in provinces where women are still denied access. Speakers include June Callwood, Marilyn Wilson, Dr. Suzanne Newman. Jan 29 - BC Supreme Court orders Richmond, BC doctor to pay \$325,000 to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 7 - President Bush renominates anti-abortion appellate court nominees Charles Pickering of Mississippi and Priscilla Owen of Texas, who were rejected by the Democrat-controlled Senate last year. Jan 9 - Anonymous message received from Army of God adherent and posted on Neal Horsley's site reads: "Forces are being deployed with the power to stop any child of God from being legally slaughtered in Buffalo, NY on January 22, 2003." Interpreted by Buffalo area providers and police as possible threat of violence. Jan 9 - Thomas More Law Center asks Supreme Court to find Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE) unconstitutional because "Congress lacked the constitutional authority ... to enact this law." Jan 10 - Judge upholds a magistrate judge's decision barring attorney Bruce Barket from representing James Kopp in court on the federal charges. Jan 10 - Alan Guttmacher Institute releases survey showing that 6% of all US abortions in 2000 used RU-486. Abortion rate fell 19.3% between 1973 and 2000. One in five pregnancies are aborted. In 2000, 1.3 million abortions were performed, down from 1.36 million in 1996. Number of providers also fell from 2,000 in 1996 to 1,819 in 2000. mid-Jan - Missionaries to the Preborn issues "Declaration of Support" for James Kopp on its website, signed by many who endorse justifiable homicide of doctors. Jan 14 - President Bush declares January 19 National Sanctity of Human Life Day and pledges his administration's commitment to "build a culture that respects life." Jan 16 - National Abortion Federation releases 25th annual report on violence. Violence and acts of intimidation against abortion providers dropped slightly in 2002 due to combination of vigorous law enforcement and prosecution of those engaged in anti-choice violence, and strong security precautions at clinics. Jan 22 - About 12 Army of God members picket outside Erie County Holding Center where James Kopp is being held, in support of Kopp and violence against providers. Picketers include Michael Bray, Bill Koehler, Bruce Barket, Neal Horsley, Bob Lokey, Donald Spitz, Jonathon O'Toole, Joshua Graff, Chuck Spingola, Linda Wolfe. Buffalo GYN Womenservices gets temporary restraining order to protect clinic. Jan 22 - All six Democratic candidates for 2004 presidency meet at NARAL Pro-Choice America gala anniversary dinner for Roe v Wade in Washington DC. Jan 22- March for Life attracts about 50,000 anti-abortion protesters to Washington. President Bush speaks to crowd by phone. Small pro-choice demos but pro-choice groups meet indoors to celebrate and organize. Catholic Vigil Mass for Life held Jan 21. Jan 23 - William Purdy of Minnesota found in contempt of court for refusing to shut down anti-abortion websites that illegally use domain names of companies and media outlets. As of Feb 4, he must pay \$500 a day in fines. Jan 23 - Julie Schmit-Albin, Director of Nebraska Right to Life, enters pre-trial diversion program after being charged with illegally intercepting messages from Planned Parenthood in Lincoln Nebraska on Dec 20. Felony charge likely to be dismissed. Jan 28 -President Bush's State of the Union address calls on Congress to pass a ban on "partial-birth" abortion.

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	<p>parents of child born with Down syndrome, ruling the doctor's actions prevented the parents from learning about the defect in time to abort the child. Judge said Dr. Ken Kan was negligent in failing to ensure that Lydia Zhang received amniocentesis, which likely would have detected daughter Sherry's defect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Jan - College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario withdraws charges of professional misconduct against Stephen Dawson, a Christian doctor from Barrie Ontario who was in danger of losing his medical license over his refusal to prescribe birth control pills to unmarried women, College reached agreement with Dawson that he must advise his patients of his views in advance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 28 - Two clinics in Asheville North Carolina and Birmingham Alabama receive calls threatening bombings and shootings. Caller was a woman claiming to be with Army of God. (later turned out to be Brenda Kaye Phillips, see Feb 13/03). Jan 28 - Home garage of a clinic administrator in Chicago area set on fire, no injuries.
Feb 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 4 - Fredericton Morgentaler clinic reports that 27 Moncton-area women have had abortions at the clinic since Dec. 1, 2002, almost matching the number of Moncton-area women who accessed the procedure at the clinic for an 11-month period last year. Feb 7 - 9 - First annual Medical Students for Choice conference held at University of Western Ontario in London. Over 100 participants. There are now 10 MFSC chapters in medical schools across Canada. Feb 10 - Hearing by human rights tribunal against anti-choice Bill Whatcott begins in Regina. Four complaints allege he promoted hatred on the basis of sexual orientation in violation of the Saskatchewan <i>Human Rights Code</i>. Whatcott says he has right to freedom of speech, but plaintiffs argue that right is limited when it promotes hatred. Tribunal orders him to pay \$20,000 fine. Feb 11 - Alberta Supreme Court unanimously dismisses appeal by serial batterer Jean-Guy Tremblay of his conviction for assaulting and unlawfully confining two Calgary women. Tremblay won injunction against former girlfriend Chantal Daigle in Quebec in 1989 to prevent her obtaining an abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - single shot fired through window of abortion clinic in Bellevue, Nebraska. No one injured. Feb 4 - Buffalo prosecutor asks judge to delay James Kopp's second-degree murder trial until after Easter. Joe Marusak says there is still an enormous mound of evidence to sift through before trial begins. Feb 7 - Jennifer Rock, a bottled water consultant arrested 10 times for protesting abortion, testifies in Buffalo court that she gave James Kopp a fake driver's license and cash and drove him to Mexico November 5 when federal authorities sought to question him for 1998 Dr. Barnett Slepian shooting. She helped Kopp dye his hair red, but believed he was innocent. Judge also grants a newspaper's request to photograph Kopp's murder trial, but denies a request to allow television cameras. Feb 13 - Brenda Kaye Phillips fires rounds from 12-gauge shotgun into Femcare, an Asheville North Carolina abortion clinic, twice in the early morning. No one injured. Feb 13 - David Hull arrested at his home in Pittsburgh and charged with possessing, manufacturing, and transferring a pipe bomb. He planned to buy hand grenades to blow up abortion clinics. Hull is an Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, an adherent of the racist Christian Identity religion, and has links to neo-Nazi Aryan Nations. He is denied bail Feb 21. Feb 21 - Grand jury indicts Clayton Lee Waagner with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by a fugitive. Trial date set for April 8. Crimes occurred May/01, in Knoxville Tenn. while he was fugitive on FBI's Most Wanted list. He was captured in Ohio in Dec/01 after escaping in Feb from Illinois jail. Feb 21 - 90 professional baseball players and American Life League announce the "Battin' 1000" campaign to raise \$1 million for work on a "Campus for Life" in Virginia. The campus would "provide an academic foundation for the pro-life movement" and train the next generation's leaders. Feb 24 - Three Center for Bioethical Reform staffers (Mark Harrington, Quentin Patch Dale Henkel) file federal lawsuit (through Thomas More Law Center) claiming 3 law enforcement agencies wrongfully detained and searched them June 10 in Ohio in "conspiracy to violate their freedom of speech". Police were concerned because they were dressed in ballistic gear, helmets and tactical vests. Their aborted fetus picture trucks were searched and photographed. They were released without charges. Feb 25 - James Kopp's attorney Bruce A Barket requests that state murder charges against Kopp be thrown out because having to face state and federal charges at same time

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		<p>deprives Kopp of his constitutional rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 26 - Supreme Court rules 8-1 that Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), was improperly used to punish aggressive anti-abortion protesters, and lifts nationwide injunction that barred them from interfering with clinic business. Chief Justice Rehnquist said that defendant's actions don't qualify as "extortion" under RICO because they did not obtain physical property. Defendants were Operation Rescue, Joseph Scheidler and others. Case began by National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1986 with defendants convicted in 1998 and ordered to pay \$258,000 damages to abortion clinics and given nation-wide 10 year injunction against protesting. Upheld on appeal. Feb 27 - National Cancer Institute announces that having an abortion does not increase the risk of developing breast cancer. Findings come from an NCI-sponsored conference held after allegations that NCI removed info from its website in response to anti-abortion political pressure.
Mar 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 5 - Christine Catherine Holowaychuk of Edmonton sues doctor for "wrongful birth" and "wrongful life" of her 3-year old daughter born with club feet, no thumbs, and other serious disabilities. Mother says she would not have become pregnant if she had known she had chromosomal abnormality. Mar 8 - <i>Hamilton Spectator</i> reports that Hamilton police will attempt to extradite James Kopp to Canada to stand trial for Dr. Hugh Short shooting, according to Deputy Chief Brian Mullan. Mar 14 - PQ leader Bernard Landry of Quebec offers to write off half of university graduates' student loans if they have a child within five years of getting their degrees, in effort to increase Quebec's population. Mar 14 - Black man (passerby) punches protester John Hof in the nose outside Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver, after he sees Hof holding a large GAP-style sign showing aborted fetus and black lynching victim. He is charged by police. Mar 18 - <i>Montreal Gazette</i> reports that a Filipino live-in domestic worker called Marisa was taken by her Montreal employer in early March to have an abortion against her will because it would "inconvenience" him for her to have the baby. Abortion is not performed and she is fired. Mar 20 - Provincial judge in Prince Albert Sask throws out a "stunting" charge against anti-abortion protester Bill Whatcott, because he was not technically on a street or highway at the time of the July 2, 2002 incident in Prince Albert. He still has to stand trial on obstruction charges after allegedly disobeying instructions from police to stop displaying pictures of aborted fetuses at a busy intersection and potentially disrupting traffic. Mar 24 - Women's centre worker Carol Ann Trueman pleads guilty and is convicted on a reduced charge of common assault, for pepper-spraying anti-abortion protester Robert Hinchey August 2002. On Mar 28, Trueman is granted an absolute discharge after expressing remorse. Judge said she acted out of fear not aggression. Late March - Garry Breitkreuz, MP for Yorkton-Melville Sask, has his Private 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 1 - intruder enters Raleigh NC Planned Parenthood clinic (which doesn't do abortions), asking for directions to one of the abortion clinics in town and threatening the other clinic. He was arrested and police found in his car binoculars, a crossbow, and a rosary. Mar 3 - Jury selection begins in James Kopp's state murder trial. Trial to begin March 17. Mar 7 - Protester Frank Bird Jr. crashes delivery van into front entrance of Planned Parenthood clinic in Houston. Mar 11 - Senate votes to reject a proposal to make contraceptives more widely available through private health insurance, to expand government health care for low-income pregnant women, and to make emergency contraception available in hospital emergency rooms for rape victims. The vote came during debate on legislation to ban so-called "partial birth" abortion. Mar 11 - James Kopp waives his right to a jury trial and judge grants his request for a "stipulated bench trial" before a judge only, in which defense and prosecutors agree on a set of facts. Will reduce trial to one day, and Kopp gives up the right to testify or call witnesses and the chance of a manslaughter verdict by a jury. Pro-choice side believes Kopp wants to avoid implicating others or answering questions about the Canadian shootings. Mar 13 - Senate votes 65-32 to ban so-called "partial birth" abortion, sending the legislation to the House where passage is expected in spring. Bill has no health exception for women and would subject doctors who perform the procedure to up to two years in prison. Mar 17 - James Kopp pleads innocent at one-day trial before a judge. Prosecution lays out much evidence in 35-page "stipulated facts agreement." Mar 18 - Erie County (Buffalo, NY) Judge Michael D'Amico finds James Kopp guilty of intentional second-degree murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian, rejecting Kopp's defense that he was only shooting to wound. Sentencing May 9. Mar 26 - House Judiciary Committee approves ban on "partial birth" abortion in 19-11 vote, clearing way to send bill to House.

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	Member's Motion M-83 drawn for debate in Parliament and it will go to a vote, first anti-choice vote in 12 years. Motion asks Standing Committee on Health to study and report on whether abortions are medically necessary under the Canada Health Act, and what are the health risks for women undergoing abortions compared to women going full term.	
Apr 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr - Canadian Abortion Rights Action League releases report "Protecting Abortion Rights in Canada" a study of access barriers to hospital abortion services. Only 17.8% of Canadian hospitals provide abortions, and many of these obstruct access through various limitations, ill-informed staff, and anti-choice staff. Researcher posing as young woman seeking abortion called 612 hospitals, written questionnaire was sent to 692 hospitals, and written survey sent to Planned Parenthood offices. Apr 30 - Dr. Ellen Wiebe of Vancouver tells CKNW she is applying to start a new trial of mifepristone, and expects to receive formal Health Canada approval shortly to restart trials. Her 2nd trial suspended after patient death in Sept/01. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 4 - Center for Bio-Ethical Reform of California files suit against City of Honolulu and Honolulu police to rescind a rule that controls advertising banners towed by aircraft. CBR wants to tow banners of aborted fetus pictures. Apr 11 - Judge orders mediation in Texas Justice Foundation class-action lawsuit (see Jan 22/02) to ensure that the state makes abortions safe by enforcing abortion facility regulations. Eleven women and teens are plaintiffs in the case. They claim their abortions or a close family member's abortion resulted in physical or emotional injury. Apr 15 - Loretta Marra and Dennis Malvasi plead guilty in New York Federal District Court to aiding the flight from justice of James Kopp and conspiring to harbor a fugitive. They admitted wiring money to Kopp in Europe and offering him a safe house upon his return. Apr 21 - California police charge Scott Peterson with two counts of first-degree murder, one for killing his wife, Laci Peterson, and one for killing the fetus she carried. 28 states, including California have laws that criminalize the killing of a fetus by a third party during commission of a crime, thereby giving legal person status to fetuses.
May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 - Saskatchewan government introduces amendment to allow trained pharmacists to provide emergency contraception over the counter, law expected to be amended in fall. May 12 - Parliament opens debate on Canadian Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz's abortion motion to study and report on whether abortions are medically necessary under the Canada Health Act, and what health risks are for women undergoing abortions compared to women going full term. May 13 - Canadian Medical Association Journal publishes "research" article by lead author David Reardon, an engineer and anti-choice activist (and 5 other anti-choice activists), claiming that women who have abortions have increased psychiatric admissions compared to women who deliver to term. May 14 - Annual March for Life in Ottawa, with estimated 3500 participants, mostly youth. March starts at Parliament Hill and goes to Morgentaler clinic. May 27 - Prime Minister Jean Chretien during informal session with reporters, compares himself to President Bush by saying, amongst other things, "I am a Catholic and for abortion and he is not." May 28 - Ottawa's Catholic Archbishop Marcel Gervais sends Chretien a private letter objecting to the remark. Gervais has publicly urged Catholics in the past to "raise a stink" about government funding of abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 6 - Clayton Waagner indicted on bank robbery charges stemming from robbery of Morgantown Pennsylvania bank on Nov 9/01, while on the lam after escaping from jail, and during the time he made anthrax hoax threats against clinics. May 7 - Family of Laci Peterson urge passage of <i>The Unborn Victims of Violence Act</i> and Republican federal legislators take up cause. (Pregnant Laci Peterson of California was murdered allegedly by her husband). Law would recognize an embryo or fetus as an independent crime victim with separate rights from the woman. May 9 - James Kopp sentenced to 25 years to life for shooting murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian in Oct/98, the maximum allowable term. He is not eligible for parole for 25 years. Kopp gave 1½ hour statement, including some incriminating statements that may be used against him in his upcoming federal trial. May 13 - Florida Governor Jeb Bush calls for a guardian to be appointed for the fetus of a profoundly disabled Orlando woman who was raped, as well as one for herself. Appointment of a fetus guardian is illegal in Florida. May 30 - judge denies a woman's petition to be fetus guardian, effectively denying Bush's request as well. Bush appeals. June 2 - judge appoints guardian for the woman. June 10 - a woman petitions court to be guardian fetus, Bush joins her petition. May 13 - Connecticut Supreme Court rules that a fetus is part of the mother's body, opening the door for assault charges against anyone who attacks a pregnant woman. May 13 - KKK leader David Hull of Pittsburgh indicted by federal grand jury on additional firearms and explosives charges. He had already been charged with plotting to buy hand grenades to blow up abortion clinics (Feb 2003). May 15 - New Mexico becomes 4th state to allow sales of emergency contraception over-the-counter at pharmacies. Legislators or pharmacists in at least 14 states are seeking

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		<p>similar legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 22 - the House and Senate defeat pro-choice legislators' attempt to repeal the discriminatory ban on privately funded abortions at overseas military hospitals. • May 23 - Judge authorizes doctors to perform an abortion and tubal ligation on a raped 28-year-old disabled Miami woman with the cognitive skills of a 4-year-old, because pregnancy would threaten her life. Judge also ordered doctors to take a DNA sample from the nearly 6-month-old fetus to help identify the rapist. Abortion is done May 29. • May 25 - Arson at abortion provider's Dr. Michael Benjamin's office in Tamarac, Florida. Someone poured flammable liquid on door and through mail slot, causing \$10-20K damage. • May 31 - Accused abortion clinic bomber Eric Robert Rudolph captured in Murphy North Carolina after more than 5 years on the run living in the woods. Local rookie police officer found him rooting through a garbage bin behind a supermarket. Rudolph was thin, but in good health, clean-shaven with clean clothes.
Jun 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early June(?) - Regina anti-abortion activist Bill Whatcott is sentenced to 15 days in Regina Provincial Correctional Centre for apparently causing a disturbance and resisting arrest at an anti-abortion protest (perhaps in Moose Jaw(?). He claims in June 11 interview with Neal Horsley that RCMP officer who arrested him and took him in was "born again pro-life Christian" who supported him and prayed with him for an hour in police van. He is out of jail by June 18. • June 2 - MP Svend Robinson introduces motion in Parliament, calling on government to "establish a task force on the integration of abortion into the health delivery system as a medical procedure in accordance with the five principles of the Canada Health Act and ensure Medicare-funded hospital and clinic abortion services exist in all provinces and territories" and "increase the proportion of hospitals providing abortions from the current 17% to 33% by 2005" and "ensure that Health Canada adopts a framework on sexual and reproductive health that includes abortion as a safe, legal medical procedure, available to women on demand." • Jun 6 - BC Supreme Court awards \$5,000 in damages to three Lifeline UBC students whose anti-abortion display was torn down and trashed by three elected student leaders, Erin Kaiser, Lesley Washington, and Jon Chandler in Nov 99 (they must pay fine). Judge ruled the UBC Alma Mater Society was not vicariously responsible for the vandalism, and that AMS was not violating students' academic freedom by forbidding the images to be displayed indoors. • Jun 13 - Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons announce it will not formally discipline Dr. James Bastian, a Regina gynecologist who threw out old patient files without shredding them first. In spring, more than 300 patients' medical files were found in a recycling bin where they had been mistakenly put, containing medical histories on hundreds of women, including details on abortions and sexually transmitted diseases. • Jun 19 - BC Coalition of Women's Centres reveals that one or more BC member groups belonging to Christian Association of Pregnancy Support Services have gotten a \$64,000 grant from BC Liberal government's Ministry of Community, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2 - Eric Rudolph flown to Birmingham Alabama to be arraigned on charges of bombing the abortion clinic there in Jan 1998. June 3 - he is arraigned and pleads not guilty. Trial date set for Aug 4. Meanwhile, investigators search Rudolph's campsites for evidence. They believe he had help from locals while on lam, but Rudolph denies it. • June 4 - U.S. House passes 282-to-139 the <i>Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act</i>. President Bush has promised to sign. National Abortion Federation vows to launch lawsuit and get injunction immediately after bill is signed into law. • June 5 - Pensacola anti-abortion extremist John Burt goes missing. He is associate and mentor of doctor murderers Paul Hill and Michael Griffin, and runs private home for pregnant teens, "Our Father's House". • 6/8 - An abortion clinic in Charlotte, North Carolina was broken into. A window was smashed and a computer and some money were stolen. • June 9 - John Burt charged with sexually molesting a 15-year old girl at his home for pregnant teens. Warrant issued for his arrest. Authorities remove all girls from the home. June 10 - Burt captured near Chattahoochee, 150 miles from home at a highway rest stop, and detained without incident. Claims to be innocent. June 11 - Court orders him held on \$250,000 bond. • Jun 16 - James Kopp's assigned attorney William Clauss files court papers asking that the federal case against Kopp be thrown out on grounds it would violate Kopp's rights against double jeopardy because Kopp already faced trial in state court, or at least it should be tried elsewhere because it generated a slew of negative publicity. • Jun 17 - Norma McCorvey, original Roe v Wade plaintiff, files motion in federal district court in Dallas Texas asking for hearing to reopen the case and conduct a wide-ranging inquiry into scientific and anecdotal evidence (in affidavits from 1,000 women) that shows abortion hurts women. Her goal is to eventually reach Supreme Court. Jun 19 - Court dismisses her request because it wasn't made within a "reasonable time" after the 1973 judgment. Her lawyers plan to appeal or file for re-hearing. • Jun 23 - Eric Rudolph investigators search home of Rolf Reinhard Fonda, of Andrews North Carolina, after tip that Rudolph may have stayed there before the bombings. Nothing

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	<p>Aboriginal and Women's Services.</p>	<p>connecting him to Rudolph was found, but Fonda was arrested and charged with violating federal gun laws and possession of marijuana, Ecstasy and methamphetamines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 25 - Judge orders that a severely retarded rape victim can carry her pregnancy to term, after her guardian says it would be in her best interest. She is 7 months pregnant with a healthy fetus (see May 13). Jun 26 - Investigators search John Burt's house near Pensacola Florida, and question the girls who lived there to find other victims. Jun 26 - A grand jury re-indicts Eric Rudolph in the 1998 Birmingham abortion clinic bombing, complying with a court ruling that requires details on aggravating circumstances that prosecutors can use to seek the death penalty. Charges are the same as those in the first indictment of November 2000. Jun 27 - Supreme Court rejects without comment, the appeal from anti-choice protesters facing a multimillion \$ judgment for targeting clinic doctors with "wanted" posters and Internet site Nuremberg Files. The court had been asked to give free-speech protection to the activists, but Bush Admin asked court to let lower court ruling stand, which said that the posters constituted illegal threats against providers. (See Feb 99 and May 02.)
<p>Jul 2003</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 7 - About two dozen protesters with Show the Truth Canada hold street demonstration in Cornwall Ontario, next to Cornwall General Hospital, using large images of late-term fetuses. Jul 22 - Bill Whatcott found guilty and fined \$500 for obstructing police when he refused to stop displaying graphic signs against police orders in Prince Albert Sask on July 2/02. Jul 22 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler files Statement of Claim in Fredericton for a lawsuit against New Brunswick. Women in NB are being denied fair access to abortions because the province only pays for abortions in hospitals with approval of two doctors. Jul 23 - New Brunswick Justice Minister Brad Green vows to take its fight against the funding of private abortions to the Supreme Court of Canada if necessary. Premier Bernard Lord says the province has a good case and that their position "conforms to the Constitution of Canada and...the Canada Health Act." Jul 26 - Reproductive Rights Coalition (sponsored by Vancouver Women's Health Collective) hold "Pro-Choice Clothesline" at Commercial and Broadway in Vancouver, to support community and clinic against anti protesters and give women a chance to express pro-choice support. Jul 31 - Douglas Chase of Vancouver Island, the man who assaulted anti-choice protester John Hof outside Everywoman's Health Centre on March 14, opts to contest the charges via a trial, instead of applying for "alternate measures," which would divert the case from being handled as a Criminal Code matter and instead involve a meeting with a probation officer, an admission of guilt, an apology, etc. Two-day trial is scheduled for May 17-18, 2004, with a trial confirmation hearing scheduled for April 16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 5 - Operation Save America head Flip Benhan arrested outside abortion clinic in Charlotte North Carolina for trespassing onto clinic's private property. He is jailed and released at preliminary hearing July 8; court orders him to stay away from the clinic. Jul 5 - Brenda Kay Phillips of Murphy North Carolina tells media she expects to be indicted on charges of helping Eric Rudolph evade capture. She is in jail awaiting trial on unrelated charges of firing a shotgun into an Asheville abortion clinic (see Feb 13). After her arrest, she told FBI agents she had helped Rudolph elude capture, which they discounted at time, but are now reviewing. Jul 8 - Federal prosecutors reject James Kopp's plea to end their case against him in the 1998 Slepian murder, because federal charges are different than state charges. Prosecutors also denied Kopp's claims that he could not get a fair trial in Erie County (Buffalo) because of publicity over his March 17 murder conviction there. Jul 8 - Federal judge blocks Louisiana from issuing all specialty license plates, a result of the Legislature's decision to allow an anti-abortion plate while refusing to authorize one for the pro-choice view. Jul 9 - Governor Jeb Bush of Florida signs death warrant for Paul Hill and sets Sept. 3 as the execution date. Hill is the convicted killer of Dr. John Britton and his escort James Barrett on July 29, 1994, outside a Pensacola clinic. Jul 10 - sentencing of Loretta C. Marra and Dennis J. Malvasi, who helped James C. Kopp avoid prosecution in the murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian has been delayed until August (was scheduled for Jul 11). Defense attorneys wanted time to file briefs arguing against a probation report outlining tougher guidelines for the sentencing range. Aug 1 - sentencing delayed again. Jul 11 - Eric Rudolph pleads innocent in Birmingham Alabama court to charges he killed an off-duty police officer by bombing an abortion clinic in Jan 98. Jul 29 - his trial delayed until early 2004. Jul 12 - Operation Save America begins eight days of protest in Charlotte North Carolina.

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		<p>They plan to picket Muslim centres, abortion clinics, and Christian churches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 15 - House refuses to reinstate previous funding, and provide an additional \$50 million, to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), based on false allegations that UNFPA supports coercive population activities in China. Jul 15 - John Burt of Florida pleads not guilty to 5 charges: 4 lewd or lascivious molestation counts of improperly touching a 15-year-old girl, and one count of lewd or lascivious conduct for offering the girl a note that propositioned her for sex. Jul 15 - Philip "Flip" Benham, leader of Operation Save America, is arrested at protest in Charlotte North Carolina on charges of trespassing and "carelessness with fire" for burning "offensive" court decisions in a metal bucket, on the sidewalk in front of the federal courthouse. He is jailed and released the next day on bond. He will be tried for this and Jul 5 incident on Sept 15. Three others also arrested (one for trespassing, one for burning, one for carrying a concealed weapon, a knife, Barbara Joy Brooks.) Jul 17 - Norma McCorvey, the "Roe" of Roe v. Wade, has filed a Notice of Appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in Texas of the district court's order denying her motion to have her landmark 1973 Supreme Court Case reheard (see June 17). Jul 25 and 28 - Neal Horsley interviews Regina Dinwiddie and Don Spitz (separate interviews) to talk about their support of Paul Hill and violence against providers. Jul 29 - Senate blocks confirmation of nominee Priscilla Owen of Texas for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Other conservative judges that Democrats attempting to block: Miguel Estrada and Carolyn Kuhl. Jul 31 - Senate Democrats block by filibuster (their third) Bush's judicial nominee to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Alabama Attorney General William H. Pryor, who is a devout Catholic and extremist anti-choice. Uproar ensued after July 20 when Republican members of the Judiciary Committee claimed that opposition to Mr. Pryor's nomination constitutes anti-Catholicism. Jul 31 - James Kopp's request for a tax-funded anti-abortion defense lawyer is refused by federal judge. Kopp wants to replace his public defender William G. Clauss, citing differences of opinion over defense strategy and over the issue of abortion rights. Kopp has refused to communicate with Clauss since July 3.
Aug 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 13 - Media reveals Planned Parenthood Regina has filed a complaint against Bill Whatcott with the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses' (SALPN) discipline committee on a charge of professional misconduct. The disciplinary hearing will be held Aug. 27-29. PP claims Whatcott's public campaign denouncing the agency and its work constitutes professional misconduct and he should have his nursing license pulled. Whatcott demonstrated on a regular basis in front of the PP office in Regina last year. Aug 19 - New Brunswick government files statement of defence in Morgentaler suit, saying funding abortions in private clinics would create an "unnecessary financial burden" and that medically necessary, Medicare-funded abortions are provided at several hospitals in the province, and that access would not be "meaningfully enhanced" by extending funding to abortions at the Morgentaler clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 1 - Court affidavit in Eric Rudolph bombing case says that Rudolph's mobile home and pickup truck contained traces of the same type of explosive used in the Birmingham clinic bombing. Aug 13 - Judge awards \$115 million in damages in civil lawsuit of Emily Lyons, nurse injured in Birmingham clinic bombing in Jan 98, against accused Eric Rudolph. Lyons sought \$110 million in damages to keep Rudolph from profiting from his crimes. Aug 25 - Rudolph's lawyer files motion in court asking to dismiss the judgment. Sep 24 - judge upholds \$115 judgment. Aug 18 - Federal judge rules part of FACE Act is unconstitutional, and drops charges against Frank Bird, who drove his truck into a Houston abortion clinic. The Act's clause that gives Congress the authority to regulate interstate commerce was struck down, but should not significantly weaken FACE. Federal Justice Dept announces they will appeal decision.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 26 - Planned Parenthood Fed. of Canada mails 15,000 condoms to addresses across the country, in envelopes marked with "It's hard to buy a condom when your uncle owns the only pharmacy in town." The campaign is a fundraiser. • Aug 27-29 - Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses' (SALPN) discipline committee holds hearing on charge of professional misconduct against nurse Bill Whatcott (see Aug 13). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 18 - Dr. Brian Finkel's trial starts. The Phoenix abortion doctor faces 67 counts of sexual assault; he says he is innocent. • Aug 18 - Florida's Attorney General Charlie Crist, Department of Corrections Secretary James Crosby, Florida State Prison Warden Joe Thompson, and Pensacola Circuit Judge Frank Bell who sentenced Paul Hill, all receive threatening anti-abortion letters with bullets inside, demanding that the Hill execution be stopped. Governor Jeb Bush, who is also threatened in the letters, says execution will go ahead on Sep 3. Clinics and police gear up with extra security. One of the letters was mailed from Virginia. (Oct 2 - no leads) • Aug 21 - Mississippi Supreme Court rules that a fetus is a "person" under state law and wrongful death claims can be filed on its behalf. • Aug 21 - Loretta Marra and Dennis Malvasi, James Kopp's accomplices, are sentenced to time served (2 years, 5 months) and released. Judge thought punishment was too lenient, but she felt bound by sentencing guidelines. They faced sentence of up to five years. No evidence tied them directly to Dr. Slepian's murder. • Aug 22 - John Burt of Florida released from jail on \$100,000 bond. He must have no contact with children. • Aug 23 - Numerous radical anti's show up in Montgomery Alabama to protest the possible removal of Chief Justice Roy Moore's 10 Commandments monument, including Flip Benham, Rusty Thomas, Rev Otwell, Jonathon O'Toole, Neal Horsley, Patrick Mahoney, and others. • Aug 25 - Sandra Cano, the "Mary Doe" of the 1973 Supreme Court Doe v. Bolton abortion case announces filing of motion to reverse case, in Atlanta Georgia. Motion is based on "changes in factual and legal conditions that make the Court's ruling no longer just". • Aug 26 - Mississippi Supreme Court rules 6-2 that a "fetus" is a "person" under state law, and that wrongful death claims can be filed on behalf of an unborn child due to doctors' negligence. • Aug 26 - Two lawyers who support justifiable homicide of doctors, Michael Hirsh of Atlanta and Roger J. Frechette of New Haven, Conn. file a motion in Florida court to stay Paul Hill's execution, on grounds that federal sentence of life imprisonment must be served before he can be executed. Court denies motion on its merits, but also because it was filed against Hill's wishes. • Aug 26 - State Department discontinues financing for Marie Stopes International AIDS program for African and Asian refugees because of false claims that the group supports forced abortions and involuntary sterilization in China. • Aug 26 - a two liter plastic bottle filled with drain cleaner and tinfoil detonates in street outside Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains Clinic in Denver, Colorado. Device was placed in street about 2 feet from clinic driveway entrance, and 2 feet away from well-known protestor's car. Unclear who planted the device.
Sep 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep - In studies done by the University of Regina, Saskatchewan ranks in first or second place for having the highest rate of teen pregnancy in Canada over the past 20 years. • Sep 2 - Saskatchewan government changes law to allow pharmacists to dispense the emergency contraceptive pill over the counter. 245 out of 358 pharmacies in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep - President Bush issues an executive memorandum over the Labor Day weekend expanding the global gag rule to include family planning funds administered by the U.S. Department of State. • Sep 2 - Paul Hill holds press conference to rehash his killing of a doctor and escort in July 1994. He expects "a great reward in heaven" and sees himself as a martyr.

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	<p>the province have trained pharmacists offering the pill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 4 (about) - Family Coalition Party of Ontario releases its new detailed "Pro-Life Policy Directions" (for upcoming Ontario provincial election) • Sep 8 (week of) - Canadian Youth, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Study is released, showing that Canadian teenagers know less about safe sex today than they did in 1989, about 20% in Grade 9 and about 40% in Grade 11 reported they have had sexual intercourse at least once. • Sep 15 - Gary Bourgeois of Montreal pleads guilty to aggravated assault and administering a noxious substance to his girlfriend, who was pregnant and did not want an abortion. He slipped her a misoprostol pill. Sentencing in March 2004. • Sep 22 (week of) - Bill Whatcott of Regina hands out or delivers 5,000 anti-gay flyers on streets of Edmonton. • Sep 25 - The Supreme Court of Canada dismisses anti-choice protester Jim Demers' application to appeal his 1996 conviction for violating the bubble zone outside Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver. He says he will take his case to the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, which has some authority under the Organization of American States, which Canada is a member. • Sep 30 - Canadian Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz (Yorkton-Melville) introduces his Private Member's Motion No. M-83 in Parliament, which asks the justice committee to examine whether abortions are medically necessary as defined by the Canada Health Act, and to compare the health risks of women undergoing abortions compared to women who carry their babies to full term. Over 10,000 Canadians signed petitions supporting motion M-83. • Sep 30 - Women's Health Surveillance Report released, funded by Health Canada and the Canadian Population Health Initiative. Covers 30 chapters looking at many issues including reproductive health, mental health, substance abuse, chronic diseases and violence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 3 - Paul Hill executed by lethal injection in Starke Florida at 6pm. About 50 anti-choice supporters gather outside prison; a who's who of "justifiable homicide" supporters - Horsley, Spitz, Brockhoeft, Trosch, O'Toole, Andrews-Bell, Graff, Lokey, Bray, etc. Hill's last words: ""If you believe abortion is a lethal force, you should oppose the force and do what you have to do to stop it. May God help you to protect the unborn as you would want to be protected." • Sep 3 - at least one clinic (maybe three?) in Florida receives fake bomb threats, possibly all from same person, on the morning of Hill's execution. • Sep 4 - Attorney Miguel Estrada, whose appointment to a federal appellate court judgeship was blocked by Democrats in a protracted fight with the Bush White House because of Estrada's extreme conservatism, withdraws his name from consideration. • Sep 6 - A woman visiting an abortion clinic in Indianapolis sets small fires in a trash can and a cardboard filing box inside the facility. She was one of a group of three and was either a patient or companion. The fires caused about \$2,000 damage. PP refuses to cooperate with police because of its patient privacy rules. • Sep 10 - "Silent No More" holds press conference in front of Supreme Court, to raise awareness about the "harm abortion does to women and their families." Actress Jennifer O'Neill is national spokesperson. • Sep 15 - Clay Waagner (jailed anti-choice terrorist) publishes a book called <i>Fighting the Great American Holocaust</i>. • Sep 16 - The wall surrounding the Sioux City office of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa is spray painted with an anti-abortion message, reading, "Planned Parenthood [up arrow pointing toward the building] Baby killers. Evil. 240 yearly [with face in zero] A-7." • Sep 17 - By a vote of 93-0 the Senate sends its version of a "partial-birth" abortion ban to a conference with the House of Representatives, which had already passed its version and sent it to conference. When the House and Senate pass bills with different language, a conference is called to work out the differences. The Senate bill contains an amendment that expresses support for Roe v. Wade, which the conference deleted on Sep 30. Other pro-choice amendments defeated as well. • Sep 17 - Holly Patterson, 18, of East Bay California dies after taking RU-486, administered by Planned Parenthood in Hayward to end her seven-week pregnancy. Woman's father, Monty Patterson, believes she did not have adequate information and supervision to do the abortion on her own and demands investigation. She died of septic shock, a severe bacterial infection, and had fetal fragments left in her uterus that caused the infection. • Sep 22 - Lawyers for serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph ask a federal judge for access to the names of as many as 566 people who were interviewed by FBI agents after the Olympic blasts, in apparent effort to prove that other people were to blame for the Alabama abortion clinic bombing and the Atlanta Olympics. • Sep 23 - North Dakota Supreme Court rules unanimously that anti-abortion woman who filed a false advertising suit against Red River Women's Clinic in Fargo for publishing a pamphlet that said abortion does not increase risk of breast cancer, does not have standing. Court throws out her lawsuit and reaffirms district court dismissal. • Sep 25 - Anti-choice radical Jonathan O'Toole is arrested for violating California's <i>Freedom</i>

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		<p><i>of Access to Clinic and Church Entrances</i> law by photographing people at the Rosemead Family Planning Associates abortion clinic in L.A. County. He spends 24 hours in jail.</p>
<p>Oct 2003</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct - Denise Mountenay, Edmonton Alberta anti-choicer, founds Canada Silent No More, to reach out to the "thousands" of Canadian women she believes to be victims of post-abortion syndrome, a traumatic stress disorder. • Oct 2- Canadian Parliament defeats Breitreuz's motion (See Sep 30) to examine the risks and benefits of abortion. Vote was 139-66. • Oct 5 - Life Chain in Canada. Campaign Life Coalition estimates 8,000 people participating in Ontario alone. • Oct 23 - MP Garry Breitreuz introduces Motion M-482. asking Parliament for a "Woman's Right to Know Act" which would "guarantee women are fully informed of all the risks before deciding to abort their baby." Motion states: "That, in the opinion of this House, the government should introduce a bill entitled "Woman's Right to Know Act" that would guarantee that all women considering an abortion would be given complete information by their physician about all the risks of the procedure before being referred for an abortion, and provide penalties for physicians who perform an abortion without the informed consent of the mother or perform an abortion that is not medically necessary for the purpose of maintaining health, preventing disease or diagnosing or treating an injury, illness or disability in accordance with the Canada Health Act." • Oct 28 - <i>Assisted Human Reproduction Bill</i> to ban human cloning and set guidelines on stem cell research wins approval in House of Commons, by vote of 149-109. Now goes to Senate, but unclear whether it will pass. Measure would create the nation's first regulations for reproductive technology such as cell cloning and embryonic research. It would prohibit human cloning or creation or human-animal hybrids, and restrict research on human embryos to surplus embryos left over from infertility treatments. Other provisions ban identifying the sex of an embryo except for medical reasons such as sex-linked disorders, purchasing and selling human sperm and eggs, or paying a woman to be a surrogate mother. (Nov - bill dropped when Parliament closes.) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn - Center for Bioethical Reform takes their Genocide Awareness Project to several U.S. campuses, including Penn State U, U of Maryland, U of Delaware, and others . Also continues "Reproductive Choice Tour" driving trucks with pics of aborted fetuses through city traffic in Kansas City Missouri and Lawrence Kansas. • Oct - Center for Reproductive Rights files suit for injunction on new <i>Kansas Reporting Act</i> a directive from anti-choice Attorney General Phil Kline, requiring health care workers to report sexually active teenagers under 16 as possible child abuse. Suit seeks to prevent law from being applied to consensual sexual activity between teenagers. • Oct 1 - Supreme Court rejects appeal of Regina McKnight, homeless, black, borderline mentally retarded, woman who suffered a stillbirth in 1999. She was sentenced to 12 years in prison for homicide by child abuse after cocaine was found in her stillborn daughter. There was no proof her cocaine use harmed the baby, but judges said she should have known that it could have. • Oct 1- Law passed requiring all New York hospitals, including Catholic ones, must provide emergency contraceptives to rape victims who want them. California, Washington and New Mexico already have such laws. NY's Catholic Church had law amended to ensure the contraceptive drugs would not be given to women who were already pregnant, and that they are given "within a medically appropriate amount of time." • Oct 2 - House passes ban on "partial-birth" abortion, by vote of 281-142. Now goes to Senate, which will approve it shortly. President Bush will then sign the bill. Pro-choice opponents promise to immediately challenge it in court. It is first federal law since <i>Roe v. Wade</i> in 1973 to ban specific abortion procedures (most 2nd trimester abortions). • Oct 2 - Nomination of right-wing federal Judge Charles Pickering is approved by Senate Judiciary Committee after two-year battle; now goes to GOP-controlled Senate. Democrats in Senate promise a filibuster. • Oct 5 - Life Chains held across North America. • Oct 7 - Pro-choice Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger voted in as Governor of California. • Oct 13 (week of) - Prosecution rests case and defense begins their case in the trial of abortion provider Dr. Brian Finkel of Arizona, charged with 67 counts of sexual abuse and fondling of 30 patients. Finkel's defense is that all the touching was medically necessary, and that victims' memories were contaminated by suggestive questioning by investigators. On Oct 27, judge drops six of the charges due to lack of evidence. Closing arguments Oct 28+29. Jury begins deliberations Oct 30. • Oct 16 - Anti-choice groups file arguments with Food and Drug Administration to review RU-486 and pull it from market, after Sept death of California teen. Groups include Concerned Women for America (CWA), Christian Medical Association, and the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. • Oct 17 - Abortion provider Charles Benjamin of New Jersey settles out of court in lawsuit filed by 17-year-old Pennsylvania woman who obtained a 2nd-trimester abortion in New Jersey without parental knowledge or consent. She did not have breast cancer, but sued provider for not warning her about the physical and emotional risks of abortion. The

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		<p>teen's parents also launched a suit against their daughter's school guidance counselor, William Hickey, for allegedly advising the girl to get a secret abortion, cashing checks from her boyfriend using school district bank accounts, lying to teachers so the girl could miss school, and drawing her a map so she could drive to the clinic in New Jersey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 21 - U.S. Senate votes to ban "partial birth abortion", sending the bill to President Bush to sign. Pro-choice groups prepare to file court injunctions once the bill is signed. • Oct 28 - President Bush says at a news conference: "I don't think the culture has changed to the extent that the American people or the Congress would totally ban abortions." • Oct 29(?) - Court grants temporary injunction to Emma Goldmman clinic (Iowa City, Iowa) to keep extremist Dan Holman across the street from the clinic and at least 100 feet away from Karen Kubby, the executive director and medical director of the clinic. Holman is full time itinerant protester and supporter of Paul Hill. He advocated killing doctors, which is why clinic got injunction. • Oct 29 - Judge Anita Brody rules that terrorist Clayton Waagner cannot use the defense of "necessity" to protect unborn babies in his upcoming federal trial for sending out hundreds of fake anthrax threats to clinics. Waagner filed an immediate motion for the judge to recuse herself from his case because of prejudice. Trial originally scheduled to begin on November 3, 2003 in Philadelphia, Pa, but rescheduled for Nov 18. • Oct 31 - National Abortion Federation, represented by the ACLU, files lawsuit in federal district court for the Southern District of New York challenging the constitutionality of the "Partial Birth Abortion" ban. NAF asks the court to issue an injunction to stop the government from prosecuting NAF members while the case proceeds. The Center for Reproductive Rights and Planned Parenthood file similar suits on same day, in Nebraska (on behalf of Dr. Leroy Carhart) and California, respectively.
Nov 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 1 - 15 protesters from Regina Pro-Life Association demonstrate outside Regina General Hospital to protest government-funded abortions that are not medically necessary, and to advocate stopping abortion as means to increase population of Saskatchewan. • Nov 3 (week of) - Anti-abortion activists urge supporters to buy party memberships in the Canadian Alliance and Tory parties in order to wield a social conservative influence in the proposed new Conservative Party of Canada. They also are looking for a so-con candidate to run as leader. • Nov 4 - Maria Bizecki, a Christian pharmacist in Alberta reaches agreement with her employer and the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP) that allows her to refuse to dispense "abortifacient" drugs and contraceptives which would be a violation of her morals, but she must ensure that another pharmacist helps the customer. Bizecki had been suspended with pay for over a year after complaints about her refusal to dispense the drugs. • Nov 6-8 : Canadian National Pro-Life Conference "Silent No More", held in Edmonton. Speakers included: Ted Byfield, Stockwell Day, Richard M. Doerflinger, Mary Ellen Douglas, Scott Klusendorf, Bryan Kemper, David Reardon, Heather Stillwell, and more. Prayer vigil planned at Edmonton Morgentaler clinic on Nov 6 (not sure if carried out). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early-Nov - Anti-abortion protester and construction industry executive Chris Danze's boycott campaign, launched in August, is successful in forcing building contractors to back out of a job constructing new Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Austin Texas. Contractors balked after being repeatedly harassed by mail and phone from anti-choicers across the country and threatened with loss of business building churches in the Austin area. Nov 11 - Planned Parenthood decides to act as own contractor and hires crews anonymously. • Nov 3 - Attorneys for accused bomber Eric Rudolph ask for delay in trial, currently tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2004. Rudolph will stand trial for the bombing the New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic in Birmingham Alabama in January 1998 that killed an off-duty police officer and seriously injured a nurse. • Nov 5 - President Bush signs "Partial Birth Abortion" ban into effect, banning most 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions. One hour later, U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Nebraska issues a limited temporary restraining order against it, questioning the law's constitutionality because it does not include a health exception for the woman. The injunction applies only to four Nebraska doctors who brought the suit, including Dr. Leroy Carhart, who won the original U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down a similar law in June 2000. • Nov 6 - National Abortion Federation and ACLU win temporary injunction against "Partial Birth Abortion" ban, from U.S. District Judge Richard Casey in New York. Injunction

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 27 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler announces he is closing his Halifax clinic, 13 years after it opened. He says it's because women in Nova Scotia can now get appropriate care at Halifax's Victoria General Hospital. The hospital's standards are on par with the Morgentaler clinic. The hospital has adopted Morgentaler's method and is using the doctor he personally trained. (Also Morgentaler could never get his clinic funded by the provincial government and level of business suffered because of that.) Nov 27 - Baie Comeau Bishop Pierre Morissette Chairperson of the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), writes to Health Minister Anne McLellan to protest the Government's plan to allow the morning after pill over the counter in pharmacies. Nov 27 - Vancouver Catholic archdiocese joins battle to save St. Mary's hospital (owned by nuns), in part to maintain the right to continue to ban abortions, birth-control counseling, and sterilizations. Archbishop Adam Exner says he has been orchestrating a campaign to save the hospital from BC government cuts. Nov 29 - Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia announces they will shift their "information pickets" to the Victoria General hospital now that Morgentaler's Halifax clinic has closed. Ellen Chesal, CLC secretary, says she has protested regularly outside clinic for 10 years, and was once arrested but case was dropped. Hospital says it will take legal action if necessary to keep protesters off their property. 	<p>protects all NAF members who perform 2nd and 3rd-trimester abortions across the country (half of all providers). Hours later, Planned Parenthood also wins injunction from U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton in California, calling the ban "an undue burden on a woman's right to choose." The PP injunction protects all doctors who work at 900 Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide. The two injunctions together protect most U.S. providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 7 - California Republican Senator Jim DeMint introduces legislation to suspend the Food and Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone until the decision permitting its sale in the U.S. can be reviewed. The <i>RU-486 Suspension and Review Act</i> is also known as "Holly's Law" after the 18-year-old California woman who died in Sept after an abortion. Nov 10 - The Bush administration wants to expedite the enforcement of the new "partial birth" abortion ban by skipping preliminary stages in each of the three lawsuits against the ban, and move directly to separate trials in order to stop the lawsuits and injunctions sooner. This means enforcement of the new law will be suspended for 120 days until a full court hearing on whether those abortions are ever necessary for a woman's health. Trials will be held in 3 separate cities on March 29. Nov 10 (week of) - U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops begin creating set of "guidelines" on how to target, harass, and punish Catholic politicians who don't follow church teaching in their public work. Nov 11 - FBI arrests Stephen John Jordi, 35, of Coconut Creek Florida, on charges of planning to firebomb clinics in South Florida, as well as gay clubs and churches not anti-abortion enough. Jordi's brother and pastor had turned him in, also an FBI informant had befriended him. Jordi was ready to carry out his plans when caught with bomb materials that FBI informant helped him buy that day. He was caught after trying to escape by jumping off a pier into the ocean. He was a fan of Paul Hill and had attended execution demo in September. Nov 12 - Successful 40-hour filibuster takes place in Senate against the Republicans' attempt to force votes on two of President Bush's right-wing extremist nominees: Carolyn Kuhl and Janice Rogers Brown. Four other right-wing judicial nominees have been defeated by filibuster: Priscilla Owen, Charles Pickering, William Pryor and Miguel Estrada. Nov 17 - Lawyers for serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph appear at hearing Washington to try to block the government from seeking the death penalty. Nov 25 - Prosecutors try to subpoena recordings of Rudolph's phone conversations since he has been jailed in Alabama. Nov 18 - Postcards featuring pictures of aborted fetuses are sent to several neighbors of Dr. Sherman C. Zaremski of Leawood, Kansas, who performs abortions at Aid to Women in Kansas City. Postcards were probably sent by Operation Rescue West headed by Troy Newman. Members protested at clinic that week, and had truck with abortion photos. Nov 18 - American Life League's Rock For Life, launches "Remember Holly Patterson" campaign to expose "falsehoods" spread by Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Patterson's parents object to their daughter's image and story being exploited by an anti-abortion group without their permission. Nov 18 - jury selection begins in trial of Clayton Waagner, charged with sending anthrax hoax letters to hundreds of clinics in fall of 2001. Trial begins Nov 20. Waagner, who is defending himself, is already serving a 30-year jail term for weapons violations, and other

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		<p>charges are pending in several states. Waagner's defense is that there is no hard proof he sent the letters, he was not capable of doing it, and he only confessed to the crime to "take the pressure" off other anti-abortion activists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 20 - Neal Horsley's www.christiangallery.com (Nuremberg Files website), his www.abortioncams.com site, and all his related anti-choice sites are shut down by ISP Ev1servers.net for "violation by way of threats, harassment, and collection of personal data." Nov 24 - Joseph Stockett, 57 of Terre Haute Indiana, a self-proclaimed anti-Semite with a prison record of abortion clinic arsons appears in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Stockett is accused of torching a Holocaust museum (but has not been charged). In 1976, he was convicted and sent to jail for 5 years for setting fire to a Planned Parenthood office in Eugene Oregon. Nov 25 - Steven Jordi indicted on charges of attempted arson, distribution of information on explosives, and possession of an unregistered firearm - a silencer. (He was denied bond on Nov 17) He pleads not guilty Nov 26. Nov 25 - Judge rules that John Burt of Florida may travel to Northern Ireland (if the country will allow it) to question his accuser, a 16-year old girl whose father is refusing to let her return to the U.S. Burt's trial is delayed four months in meantime. Burt is charged with 4 counts of lewd and lascivious molestation, each accusing him of improper touching, and one count of lewd and lascivious conduct for allegedly writing a note propositioning the girl.
Dec 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 4 - new study led by Francoise Baylis of Dalhousie University is publicized, showing that Canadian embryonic stem cell research could be thwarted by a shortage of surplus human embryos available for research. Only about 2% of frozen embryos in storage at infertility clinics have been donated for research. Dec 5 - new book about chief justice Brian Dickson of the Supreme Court of Canada ("Brian Dickson: A Judge's Journey") says he later regretted his decision to reverse Henry Morgentaler's 1974 jury acquittal on charges of performing illegal abortions. "In retrospect, it may not have been the wisest thing to do." He was privately horrified by a defence strategy based on Dr. Morgentaler's belief that an individual can ignore the law if his cause is sufficiently virtuous. Dec 8 (week of) - Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada learns that Manitoba has decided not to provide emergency contraception free to women who can't afford it. (Seven other provinces already cover the cost of the drug for women who can't pay.) The society, along with pharmacists and Montreal drug manufacturer Paladin Labs Inc., has lobbied Manitoba to approve the drug for the last three years, but Manitoba refuses to cover any contraceptive. Dec 14 - Peter Ryan executive director of New Brunswick Right to Life Association, leads protest and candlelight vigil outside Oromocto Public Hospital, after organizing a motorcade of about 80 cars that wound its way through the town to protest the advent of abortions being performed at the hospital. Hospital criticizes an association press release that identified one of the area abortion providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 2 - Convicted killer James Kopp says he wants a court-appointed defense attorney who shares his anti-abortion views, at taxpayer expense. Kopp will meet with a federal magistrate on Dec 9 to formally make the demand. Dec 2 - A jury convicts Dr. Brian Finkel on 22 counts of sex abuse of patients at his Phoenix abortion clinic but acquitted him on 34 other counts, including six counts of the more serious charge of sexual assault. More than 60 women complained Finkel inappropriately touched them during abortions and examinations. Dec 3 - Anti-abortion extremist Clayton Lee Waagner convicted for mailing envelopes containing fake anthrax to over 700 abortion clinics in 24 states in the fall of 2001. Jury deliberated only 2-1/2 hours. He was found guilty on 51 of 53 counts, including the most serious charge: threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction. Sentencing will be in about 6 months; Waagner faces life in prison. Dec 9 - Convicted doctor killer James Kopp tells federal judge that he wants a "speedy trial" and opposes government motions "to dismiss all the charges." Kopp told judge he has letter saying federal prosecutors would dismiss charges, but prosecution said there is no such effort and Kopp's own attorney says that Kopp "misspoke." Judge appoints new public attorney for Kopp, John F. Humann. Dec 10 - Eric Rudolph defense tries to block prosecution's request to subpoena recordings of Rudolph's phone conversations since he has been jailed in Alabama (on charges of bombing a Birmingham abortion clinic). Dec 11 - U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft authorizes prosecutors to seek death penalty against Rudolph. Trial date set for Aug 2/04. Dec 11 - Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute (CFAM) announces it has obtained

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 14 - Female anti-abortion protester arrested outside Oromocto Public Hospital in New Brunswick. RCMP said the woman (unidentified) allegedly began shouting at a crowd before rushing over to a man and striking him in the chest. He was not injured. Dec 15 - Alliance for Life Ontario announces huge fund-raising initiative for 2004. Goal is to raise \$750,000 to air anti-choice advertisements between Nov/04 and Feb/05 in Ontario. They have \$100,000 in the bank now. Dec 16 - 22-yr old Yellowknife man is fined \$500 in territorial court after pleading guilty to one count of assault. He repeatedly punched his pregnant girlfriend during a drunken rage last July 26. His lawyer said her client became upset after his girlfriend told him she wanted to have an abortion and her hit her repeatedly in the upper torso. The woman did not sustain any serious injuries. Dec 19 - Denise Mountenay of Edmonton launches National Silent No More Awareness Campaign, to make public aware that abortion is "harmful emotionally, physically and spiritually to women and others." Campaign involves collecting legal affidavits for possible use in litigation from women on their abortion's negative impact. The group plans rallies in major cities encouraging women to join campaign. (Lefty Lucy and Pro-CAN start mirror counter campaign at www.clarification.ca) 	<p>internal memos from the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) detailing a "stealth" strategy to develop "international pro-abortion laws that can be imposed and enforced throughout the world -- ultimately government financed abortion on demand worldwide."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 15 (week of) - Milwaukee County prosecutors consider criminal charges against a 34-year-old woman who police say falsely signed a parental consent form so her juvenile son's 15-year-old girlfriend could get an abortion. The girl's mother found out and went to police, who investigated and referred a potential charge of false swearing to prosecutors. Wisconsin has parental consent law for abortions on minors. Dec 16 - A U.S. advisory panel votes to recommend allowing the Plan B emergency contraception to be sold without prescription, nation-wide. Food and Drug Administration will make final decision in few weeks, but FDA usually follows the advice of its advisory panels. Anti-abortion groups protest, saying EC is form of abortion. Dec 17 - the federal U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, in 2-1 decision, upholds Ohio's "partial-birth" abortion ban, which has very narrow exception for women's health (only if the woman's life or health would be endangered by a "serious risk of the substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.") Dec 22 (week of) - Appeal for granting bail on firearms and explosives charges denied for David Wayne Hull of Pittsburgh, by 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Ku Klux Klan leader planned to attack abortion clinics when he was arrested on Feb 13/03. He is charged with giving a disassembled pipe bomb to an informant.
Jan 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 12 - American "news" agency Lifenews.com reports on a letter that Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada circulated to donors and others, which said that Canadian pregnancy help centers intimidate women and tell them that abortion is illegal and is "performed only by doctors who can't qualify to practice medicine." Letter was written by Barb Hestrin. Jan 21 - Evra, a contraceptive patch approved 18 months ago by Health Canada, becomes available at Canadian pharmacies. It was approved for sale by Health Canada nearly 18 months ago. It is a transdermal contraceptive, worn as a patch, and provides the same protection as birth control pills. Jan 26 (week of) - The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (a union) proposes that the province cut costs by not paying for abortions. The suggestion was among 169 ideas put forth by union members. NAPE president Leo Puddister submitted the ideas to Finance Minister Loyola Sullivan during pre-budget consultations. Newfoundland is grappling with a projected \$827-million deficit and is looking for ways to cut costs. The union does not have a policy on abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 1 - New Texas law comes into force. Women needing an abortion must be presented with anti-abortion propaganda on "medical risks" of abortion, wait 24 hours, and go to hospital or emergency care facility for abortions of 16 weeks or more. The law effectively bans abortions after 15 weeks in Texas. Clinics in surrounding states start receiving a flood of patients from Texas. In mid-Jan, new <i>Prenatal Protection Act</i> is passed that extends personhood to fertilized eggs and criminalizes homicide of fetus except by abortion; however, law may also require doctors to report whether a fetus is being harmed by anyone including the pregnant woman. Jan 1- Arson at A Women's Center clinic (former Ladies' Center) in Pensacola Florida, at 2:30 am. Fire set in three locations on perimeter of building. Passerby spotted fire before it got out of control. Jan 2 - Abortion provider Dr. Brian Finkel of Phoenix sentenced to nearly 35 years in prison. He was convicted in Nov on 22 counts of sexually abusing patients. He must serve at least 29 years behind bars. Finkel denies his guilt, blaming the accusations and his conviction on what he called his bluntness and poor bedside manner. Jan 6 - Federal prosecutors withdraw a request to listen to private phone conversations of serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph recorded at the county jail. Jan 6 - Anti-abortion extremist John Burt's prosecution for molesting a teenage girl at his home for unwed mothers moves ahead with a March 22 trial date. Prosecutor says he is attempting to arrange for Burt's 16-year-old accuser, who now resides in Northern Ireland, to testify by live satellite link. A new treaty between the US and UK to allow such testimony takes effect in March. Jan 8 - Convicted killer James Kopp claims he has been threatened by other inmates at the

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		<p>U.S. federal detention centre where he is being held pending trial on other charges in the Dr. Barnett Slepian murder case. Kopp asked a judge for better access to federal marshals, and expressed a desire to be kept in the general population, not in solitary confinement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 8 - Bishop Raymond Burke of La Crosse Wisconsin decrees that state and federal lawmakers who support abortion rights can no longer receive Holy Communion in the Diocese of La Crosse. Priests of parishes where such lawmakers attend Mass must withhold communion from them until the lawmakers publicly renounce their support of abortion rights, Burke said. He also has written letters to three Catholic lawmakers, telling them they risked their faith if they continued to vote for measures he termed "anti-life," including abortion and euthanasia. Jan 15 - Michigan voters begin process to ban "partial-birth" abortion by seeking to overturn Gov. Jennifer Granholm's veto of that state's anti-abortion bill. A petition drive will collect 350,000 signatures to force the Michigan Legislature to override the veto. Jan 15 - The Texas State Board of Health approves abortion regulations that include a requirement for women to provide identification or sign an affidavit to prove their age before undergoing the procedure. Jan 16 - President Bush sidesteps Congress and installs extremist right-wing Mississippi judge Charles Pickering to the federal appeals court after a two-year battle marked by racial and religious arguments, and Democrat filibustering. Bush elevated Pickering by recess appointment, simply putting him in office while Congress was out of session. Such appointments bypass the confirmation process and are valid until the next Congress takes office, in this case, January 2005. Jan 17- Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, announces plans to erect a bronze statue in Washington DC to counter the March for Women's Lives on April 25 in Washington, DC. The \$200,000 statue titled "The Reconciliation" will depict Jesus holding an aborted child with the mother at his feet seeking forgiveness. He plans to place the statue at a church over the graves of two aborted fetuses. On Jan 20, Terry is hit in face by chocolate pie while holding a press conference outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in New York City. Jan 22 - Democrat senator Barbara Boxer and pro-choice leaders introduce federal <i>Freedom of Choice Act</i> legislation to establish statutory right to choose abortion. Law would strike down any restrictions placed on abortion except those in Roe v Wade. Jan 22 - Annual March for Life in Washington DC, with about 100,000 marchers. President Bush addresses crowd by telephone. Anti-choice groups complain of media blackout of march. Jan 23 - Convicted killer James Kopp's attorney, John Humann, announces he is ready for the federal trial, has dropped all pre-trial motions, and wants to set a date. Kopp faces federal charges under the FACE Act for murdering Dr. Barnett Slepian. Jan 23 - Three pharmacists at a drug store in Denton refuse to fill a prescription for emergency contraception for a rape victim. One pharmacist lectured the woman, saying, "I can't give it to you because it ends life." The company fires all three on Jan 29 for going against company policy. Jan 24 - Operation Rescue West, headed by Troy Newman, picket Dr. George Tiller's clinic in Wichita Kansas, and earlier in week and last week, the residences of two clinic staff

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		<p>members, administrator Carrie Klage and nurse Yolanda A. Yoho. Newman's anti-abortion truck was given citation for violating a municipal ordinance banning portable signs in the city, after he parked truck in Klage's neighborhood. He faces six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Newman plans 12-month siege of clinic and all staff members' homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 28 - U.S. District Judge in Portland upholds \$109 million in punitive damages imposed in 1999 against two anti-choice organizations and 12 protesters who created Wild West-style Wanted posters and the Nuremberg Files Website targeting abortion providers. Jones said that the damages were not unconstitutionally excessive, and that the posters and the website were threatening enough to justify the total amount. He also ruled that the punitive damage awards issued against each defendant were not disproportionately large, in "view of defendants' egregious, unrelenting, and unapologetic conduct." Jan 28 - Attorneys for serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph file motion asking that his trial for the fatal 1998 bombing at a Birmingham abortion clinic be moved out of Alabama and possibly out of the Southeast. They said most people in north Alabama have heard of the case and believe Rudolph is guilty and should be sentenced to death, and that this constitutes "intolerable bias" against Rudolph.
Feb 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 19 - Alberta Premier Ralph Klein issues warning that his Tory government may break the Canada Health Act to save public health care. The government may consider delisting services and charging fees to visit doctors. He said Alberta would be prepared to pay substantial federal penalties, and that abortion is on the table. Feb 23 (week of) - At Senate committee hearings, Canadian representatives of the Jewish and Islamic faiths rally behind federal legislation that would allow embryonic stem cell research, saying the promise of medical breakthroughs is worth destroying surplus human embryos. Bill could become law before the spring election. Feb 28 - Media reports that, according to IMS Health, a Montreal company that tracks the prescription-drug industry, the number of prescriptions for Depo-Provera in Canada more than doubled between 1999 and 2003, from about 304,000 to more than 624,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 2 - A federal judge strikes down Virginia's ban on "partial-birth" abortion, saying the law violated privacy rights and failed to make an exception for the health of the woman. The judge called the ban "impermissibly void for vagueness." He had blocked the law last July, the day it went into effect, calling it a "no-brain case." Feb 10 - South Dakota's House passes a bill that would outlaw most abortions unless a woman's life is in danger. It makes no exceptions for rape victims or health. Feb 12 - Attorney General John Ashcroft defends his government's subpoena of patients' medical records, minus their names, in a lawsuit over <i>Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act</i>. At least six hospitals and several Planned Parenthood clinics were targeted by subpoenas weeks ago, in New York, Michigan, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Washington DC. PP and the hospitals refuse the requests due to privacy concerns. The Justice Department claims it is trying to determine whether the abortions were medically necessary, and whether the plaintiffs can be considered experts on the procedure. Feb 13 - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will delay by 90 days a decision to sell Plan B without prescriptions, to give time to seek more detailed information on use of the pills by 16- and 17-year-olds. FDA reportedly caved to anti-abortion and White House pressure. A ruling had been expected next week on the pills. Feb 13 - Stephen John Jordi pleads guilty in federal court to one count of attempted arson. He is accused of plotting to firebomb abortion clinics, churches and gay bars (see Nov 11). He faces a prison sentence of five to 20 years, plus a fine of up to \$250,000 when sentenced April 30. Feb 15 - 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans agrees to hear arguments March 2 in the case of Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision. She wants to reopen the case to overturn legal abortion. Feb 17 - Florida anti-choice activist John A. Burt's trial on molestation charges is scheduled to start on March 29, and the alleged victim will testify via satellite from Ireland. Feb 18 - Over 60 American scientists, including 20 Nobel Prize winners, release a report

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		<p>blasting the Bush administration for suppressing and manipulating scientific evidence in order to promote a predetermined agenda. Examples include removing condom info from a website and info saying that abortion does not cause breast cancer. Report was "Restoring Scientific Integrity in Policymaking," by the Union of Concerned Scientists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 20 - President Bush installs anti-choice extremist William Pryor to 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, bypassing the normal Senate confirmation procedure. He used a recess appointment process, which was probably unconstitutional. Pryor had been successfully filibustered by Democrats because of his hostile record to women's rights. Feb 23 - Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) begins "Key States Initiative" - tour with trucks with pictures of aborted fetuses on side, starting in Florida, and continuing through 19 states before national election in November. Feb 24 - California Department of Health Services release report after investigating death of 17-year-old Holly Patterson, who died on Sept 17 of septic shock after a mifepristone abortion at a Planned Parenthood clinic. The report said the hospital where Patterson died failed to report the death as an unusual occurrence. It also said that the PP clinic didn't obtain Patterson's signature on one of three forms required by the clinic, and that it didn't give Patterson full information and education on how to administer the drug. Feb 26 - Federal House votes to pass Unborn Victims of Violence Act, to treat attacks on a pregnant woman as separate crimes against both her and her fetus. It gives fertilized eggs and fetuses personhood, although it exempts abortion. Feb 26(?) - South Dakota House passes bill banning all abortions except to save woman's life or prevent "substantial and irreversible physical impairment." No exceptions for rape, incest, fetal deformities, or woman's mental health. Republican Gov. Mike Rounds will sign it. Bill says life begins at conception and state has "compelling and paramount" interest in protecting "all human beings, born or unborn." Abortion is "the taking of a guiltless human life" and performing or assisting in abortion can be prosecuted as Class 5 felony. Backers of bill want to enact tough ban to get Supreme Court's attention and force it to rethink Roe vs. Wade. But outside analysts say law is unconstitutional and has no chance of surviving early legal challenges, much less getting to Supreme Court. Mar 9 - Governor requests change to bill to ensure that South Dakota's existing laws restricting abortion will not be put in jeopardy if the current legislation is successfully challenged in court. Mar 15(?) - bill is voted down, with help of National Right to Life Committee.
Mar 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 5 - After a year, Ontario Press Council (OPC) rejects a complaint about an article and two columns by Globe and Mail's Heather Mallick, re Henry Morgentaler and his Toronto clinic. OPC said it "saw the column as falling within the bounds of its policy statement, which says it believes it is appropriate for columnists to exercise wide latitude in expressing their opinions, no matter how controversial or unpopular the opinions may be." Complaint was filed by Interim associate editor Tony Gosnach; he cited "seven separate journalistic conventions that were violated" by the Globe and Mallick. Mar 10 - Senate gives final approval to Bill C-6, <i>An Act Respecting Assisted Human Reproduction and Related Research</i>. It allows stem cell research on human embryos left over from fertility clinics. Mar 11 - Garry Breitkreuz, MP for Yorkton-Melville, introduces Private Member's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 1 - California Supreme Court rules 6-1, that "Catholic Charities" must provide employees with birth-control coverage despite its opposition to contraception. Court said it is not a religious employer because it offers secular services to the general public. Mar 3 - Bel Aire Kansas drops charge of violating a city ordinance against portable signs, against Operation Rescue West's Troy Newman, for parking its "Truth Truck" in the neighborhood of an employee of Women's Health Care Services. Mar 3 - Study publicized showing that teens who make a pledge to remain virgins until marriage catch sexually transmitted diseases as often as those who don't pledge abstinence (because they tend not to use condoms when they do have sex). Mar 31 - another study is released showing that teens with access to emergency contraception at home are not more likely to have unprotected sex. Mar 4 - Papers of the late Supreme Court Judge Harry Blackmun, who authored the Roe v.

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	<p>Motion M-560 calling on the government to create a new criminal code offence for the "murder of an unborn child". Motion states: "That, in the opinion of this House, the government should introduce an amendment to the Criminal Code of Canada creating a new offence to ensure that any person who murders a woman knowing that she is pregnant, shall be charged with the murder of the unborn child."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 16 - Alberta Court of Appeal refuses to grant interim application by serial woman batterer Jean-Guy Tremblay for a publication ban on an upcoming appeal. Tremblay's request to have the judge excuse herself from hearing the case was also rejected. Tremblay was abuser who got Quebec court injunction against Chantal Daigle to stop her from having abortion in 1989. • Mar 17 - Genocide Awareness Project displays appear at several universities in Canada, including University of British Columbia, University College of the Cariboo, Okanagan University College, University of Alberta, University of Manitoba, University of Toronto, and Carleton University in Ottawa (local campus anti-choice groups sponsor GAP, in conjunction with Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform). At U of A and Carleton, the university administration refused access to GAP, but GAP sets up display anyway, a couple feet off university property. U of Toronto set restrictions which GAP disobeyed. • Mar 23 - Halifax regional school board members vote to allow "Sex?" handbook to be given to students in grades 7 to 12, but with some restrictions. High school students will get copy if they request it from their guidance counsellor or from the public health officer in their school's youth health centre. Junior high students will get one only after their parents ask for it and see it themselves. Schools will send a letter to parents asking for their permission. • Mar 24 - Anti-choice protester Jim Demers of Nelson BC files petition with Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear his appeal Sep 25/03. Demers' case began in 1996 when he was arrested and convicted for violating <i>Access to Abortion Services Act</i> in Vancouver. • Mar 24 - Anti-choice intervenor coalition, Coalition for Life and Health, argues in court for intervenor status in Morgentaler lawsuit against New Brunswick to fund his clinic. Coalition represents eight groups and is headed by Peter Ryan; they want to argue that abortion should not be funded. Groups include: New Brunswick Right to Life, Focus on Family, and Catholic Diocese of Saint John. • Mar 31 - Statistics Canada releases data on abortions in 2001. Canadian women obtained 106,418 abortions in 2001, a slight increase of almost 1%, from 105,427 in 2000. The rate of abortion also marginally increased from 15.4 abortions per 1,000 women in 2000 to 15.6 abortions per 1,000 women in 2001. • 	<p>Wade decision in 1973, are released. They reveal the Court came close to overturning Roe v. Wade in 1992 abortion case Planned Parenthood v. Casey. Decision was 5-4 to overturn Roe, with Rehnquist having already written the majority decision, when Justice Anthony Kennedy changed his mind and sided with pro-Roe judges. Blackmun's authorship of Roe v. Wade brought him more than 60,000 angry letters and repeated threats on his life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 5 - Federal judge in San Francisco rejects Justice Department's attempt to obtain abortion records from Planned Parenthood Federation of America. The ruling should halt demands for as many as 1,000 patient files from clinics and hospitals around the country, which the Bush admin wanted to try and prove that "partial-birth" abortions are not medically necessary. (see Feb 12). Mar 12 - A federal judge in Michigan orders the University of Michigan Health System to produce patients' abortion records, with personal information removed, for possible evidence in the PBA lawsuit. Mar 19 - Federal judge in Manhattan orders New York-Presbyterian Hospital to turn over its abortion records, saying the disclosure would not unduly harm the hospital or the privacy of its patients. (Also in March, judges in Illinois, Philadelphia, and Chicago judge side with local hospitals.) • Mar 9 - Scientific study released of 12,000 adolescents shows that teens who pledge to remain virgins until marriage have the same rates of sexually transmitted diseases as those who don't pledge abstinence. While those who pledge abstinence delay sex, have fewer sex partners, and get married earlier, they are much less likely to use condoms when they do have sex, leading to similar rates of STD's as non-pledgers. • Mar 11 - Pregnant woman in Utah, Melissa Ann Rowland, is charged with murder and "depraved indifference to human life" after one of the babies is stillborn (other twin survives). She allegedly ignored medical warnings to have a Caesarean section, which she denies. Her lawyer says she has history of mental problems. Mar 15 - she pleads innocent. Mar 16 - prosecutors drop child endangerment charge to facilitate murder charge. • Mar 17 - A judge declines to strike down <i>Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act</i>, saying the question of whether they are sometimes needed to protect a woman's health should be decided at trial, which is set for March 29 (three separate trials for the 3 separate injunctions against the law). Mar 19 - Same judge says he will allow a pediatrician to testify that a fetus may experience pain during the late-term procedure. • Mar 21 - Convicted anti-choice terrorist Clayton Waagner announces from his jail cell his strategy to use his appeal case to overturn Roe v. Wade. (Sentencing for his Dec 3 conviction is scheduled for late June.) • Mar 25 - Senate votes to make it a separate crime to harm a fetus during commission of a violent federal crime. The 61-38 vote on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act sends the legislation, after a five-year battle in Congress, to President Bush for his signature. The White House said in a statement that it "strongly supports protection for unborn children." The House passed the bill last month. • Mar 28 - Anti-abortion extremist John Burt goes on trial on charges of molesting a 15-year old girl at a home he ran for troubled girls and women in Milton Florida. Burt pleads innocent to four counts of lewd and lascivious molestation and one count of lewd and lascivious conduct. Victim testifies via satellite video link from Northern Ireland. A second victim also testifies. • Mar 29 - three federal trials begin in New York, San Francisco and Lincoln NE over

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		<p>challenges to 2003 <i>Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act</i>. Trials expected to last 4 weeks. Lawsuits brought by American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Wilmer Cutler Pickering LLP on behalf of National Abortion Federation (NAF) and other doctors; Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) on behalf of its member affiliates; and Center for Reproductive Rights on behalf of Dr. LeRoy Carhart and other doctors. Defendant is Attorney General John Ashcroft. Doctor testify that the federal ban would outlaw not only abortions that are safest for women in the 3rd trimester, but most 2nd trimester abortions because of vagueness of law. It does not contain exception to protect women's health. Testimony concludes April 9, final arguments April 16, decision expected mid-August.</p>
Apr 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 2 - The request by the Coalition for Life and Health to intervene in the case of Morgentaler vs. New Brunswick is denied by Mr. Justice David Russell. The Coalition was formed in response to Dr. Morgentaler's lawsuit against the province of New Brunswick because of its refusal to fund his clinic. The judge said the coalition's issues had nothing to do with funding. He ordered the group to pay Morgentaler \$500 in court costs. "The intervenor's focus is the morality of abortion as reflected in the material presented on this motion," he said. • April 7 - Dr. Morgentaler sells his clinic to a group of 18 Winnipeg women, who rename it Jane's Clinic, turn it into a non-profit, and announce their intentions to bill the province for abortion services. Chair of the new clinic is Amanda LeRougetel. The new owners must increase abortion prices from Dr. M.'s discount of \$265 to at least \$400 to cover costs. Apr 8 - Jim Rondeau, Minister of Healthy Living, says province will not cover abortions at the clinic; instead they plan on opening their own new clinic. • Apr 8 - Planned Parenthood in Fredericton opens new health clinic, to provide women with information and solutions to sexual and reproductive problems. The clinic will be open one night a week, and will offer health care services to women over the age of 24. Executive director is Beth Paynter. • mid-April - Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott of Edmonton launches civil suit against the Prince Albert, Sask. police for what he claims is "bad application of the law" after his arrest for displaying graphic and anti-abortion posters. He is seeking up to \$50,000 in damages after he was arrested and jailed in August 2003 by police in Prince Albert. He had refused police orders to stop displaying five-foot posters of aborted fetuses in a residential area, and was charged with obstruction of police. Prince Albert police cited an outstanding \$34 parking ticket from the city of Regina as grounds for putting Whatcott in jail. • April 17 - Hamilton Spectator series on James Kopp, "Sniper" begins publishing. • Apr 17-21 - Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott of Edmonton visits Toronto area to blitz downtown with 8000 of his anti-choice and anti-gay flyers. He targeted MP Bill Graham's constituency because Graham is pro-choice and possibly gay. • Apr 19-20 - Anti-choice "Show the Truth" demonstration with large GAP-style signs in Hamilton Ontario. The dozen protesters demonstrated outside 8 locations, including 4 high schools and McMaster University. Protesters included Rosemary Connell, Bill Whatcott of Edmonton, Dr. Carmelo Scime of Hamilton, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early April - Catholic priests and bishops across America are urged by members to refuse Communion to John Kerry, the first Catholic to run for the presidency since John F. Kennedy. The sanction would be imposed until Mr Kerry abandoned his permissive views on abortion and other issues such as gay marriages. Apr 11 - Washington Archbishop Cardinal Theodore McCarrick calls for Kerry to follow the teachings of the church. • Apr 1 - John Burt, 66, is convicted of five counts of lewd or lascivious molestation or conduct. He faces a range of probation to 15 years on each count. Sentencing set for May 12. (see Mar 28). • Apr 1 - Accused bomber Eric Rudolph's defense attorneys claim that a nurse who was nearly killed in a 1998 abortion clinic bombing shouldn't be allowed to testify about whether Rudolph deserves the death penalty if he's convicted. In court documents, the defense claims that "highly inflammatory evidence" about Emily Lyons would unfairly prejudice jurors against Rudolph and is barred by past Supreme Court rulings. • Apr 1- President Bush signs into law the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which gives fetuses and embryos personhood, as separate victims of crime when a pregnant woman is attacked. • Apr 5 - James Kopp, the convicted killer of Dr. Barnett Slepian, files a civil complaint accusing the facility where he is being held of depriving him of his right to practice religion. In a complaint in U.S. District Court, Kopp names President and Laura Bush, the former President George Bush, and the companies contracted to supervise recreational activities at the Buffalo Federal Detention Facility in Batavia, where Kopp is awaiting his federal trial. Roman Catholic detainees are not allowed to "attend weekly Mass, fulfill their spiritual obligation and exercise their God-given constitutional right to freedom of religion," according to the complaint. The facility also "did prevent weekly confessions from being heard." The complaint seeks an immediate line of communication to the local diocese and weekly access to clergy. • Apr 12 - Cherise Mosley Hughes, 17, of Houston Texas, and her father, Fredrick Mosley, testify in court for their lawsuit against a southwest Houston abortion clinic for performing an abortion in violation of Texas' 1999 parental notification law. Under the law, parents of a teenage girl must be notified 48 hours before an abortion takes place. Hughes gave false ID to the clinic. Apr 14 - jury finds the girl 90% responsible and clinic 10% responsible. No damages were awarded. • mid-April - Media reveals that Curves, the workout chain with outlets across North America, is headed by anti-choicer Gary Heavin, who uses some of his profits to fund

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	<p>Chris Selmys of Etobicoke, Robert Hinchey of Toronto .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week April 19 - BC anti-choice activist Gordon Watson has charges laid against Vancouver Sun publisher Dennis Skulsky, columnist Pete McMartin, Prime Minister Paul Martin, Premier Gordon Campbell, and Const. Sheila Vanstone of the Vancouver police. They are being charged on one or two counts, one for peddling newspapers without a licence, and/or for "soliciting funds for charity without required licence, contrary to a Vancouver city bylaw. On Sept 25, 2003 as part of the Sun' Raise-a-Reader campaign, they had sold newspapers on the sidewalk. Watson complained about his arrest outside Everywoman's HealthCentre for distributing pamphlets (for violating the Access to Abortion Services Act), and if it was against the law for him to do that, others should be held to the same standard. He petitioned a judge to lay charges, which judge reluctantly did. May 20 - charges stayed. • Apr 20 - Alberta legislature considers bill letting baby sue for damage suffered in womb. 3-year old Brooklynn Rewega, appeared before the Private Bills Committee of the Alberta legislature. Her lawyer urged MLA's to pass a law that will allow Brooklynn to sue her mom, Lisa Rewega, for injuries she suffered in a car accident before she was born. The family hopes to get more than the \$200,000 that has been offered by the insurance company. The law would apply only to that family, but Alberta Justice fears it carries broader implications, perhaps even encourage lawsuits against moms who drink while pregnant. • Apr 23 - an anti-choice resolution is brought forward by an anti-choice member at the Annual General Meeting of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, to lobby the Ontario government to stop funding Planned Parenthood. The resolution dies on the floor before being voted on. • Apr 24 - The number of women going to pharmacists for emergency contraception appears to be growing in Sask. Between September, 2003 and Feb. 22, 2004, 607 Saskatchewan women bought 679 prescriptions for emergency contraceptives at Saskatchewan pharmacies without having to get a prescription from a doctor. • Apr 25 - Canada's Day of Action for Choice - Pro-choice marches and events happen in various cities across Canada, including Vancouver, Ottawa, Halifax, and St. John's NF. About 200 people march in Ottawa, about 150 in Vancouver. One-day conference also in Vancouver on April 24. Events sponsored/ coordinated by Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada and Pro-choice Action Network. At Ottawa rally, Dr. Henry Morgentaler receives "Lifetime Achievement" award. Planned Parenthood scholarships in his name are also announced for 4th year medical students who plan to go on to perform abortions. Later in the day, some anti-choice protesters stage their own protest at the same site in Ottawa. • Apr 27 - A Canadian-led resolution on the elimination of violence against women is adopted by consensus at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. Despite attempts by the U.S. to weaken the language proposed by Canada, including language related to women's sexual rights, the Commission on 	<p>Crisis Pregnancy Centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 16 - Judge delays a hearing where he will consider whether to move the trial of alleged serial bomber Eric Rudolph out of Birmingham. Originally set for three days beginning June 14, US District Judge Lynwood Smith pushed back the hearing a week to June 21. • Apr 22 - A federal appeals court temporarily blocks enforcement of a federal judge's order that a New York hospital should turn over records of women who have had "partial-birth" abortions to the Justice Department. • Apr 24 - Anti-choicer Jeff White, of Operation Rescue West, arrested and jailed for holding a two-inch vial containing the remains of a first trimester fetus outside Planned Parenthood in Washington, D.C. He was charged with a misdemeanor, unlawful possession of human remains. • Apr 25 - March for Women's Lives takes place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. An estimated 1,150,000 participants counted by organizers, although media reports say less, up to 800,000. Higher number would make it largest march in history for any cause. Many celebrities and pro-choice leaders spoke. March was organized by seven groups: American Civil Liberties Union, Black Women's Health Imperative, Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood Federation of America. About 500 anti-choice protesters line the streets alongside the march. • Apr 26 - Federal government drops its efforts to get abortion records from a New York hospital. Federal lawyers told the judge they don't want to delay a ruling on the constitutionality of the <i>Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act</i> which prompted the request for the records. Pro-choice leaders credit the power of the March for the gov't's capitulation. The decision does not affect other subpoenas for other hospitals and clinics. • Apr 29 - 17-year-old Jeffrey Cameron Fitzhenry, the boyfriend of a patient, opens fire inside Women's Health Clinic, an abortion clinic in Palm Desert California, wounding his 16-year old girlfriend. Fitzhenry was captured and arrested about six hours later. Girl was shot in neck and becomes quadraplegic. Anti-abortion protesters outside at the time, and Fitzhenry had spoken to them before the shooting. May 6 - family of girl files \$50 million lawsuit against Fitzhenry. • Apr 30 - Douglas Williams is sentenced to seven months in prison for trying to help convicted anti-abortion terrorist Clayton Waagner escape from prison in Feb 2001. •

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	<p>Human Rights reaffirmed its support for the Beijing Platform of Action. The adopted resolution states that "...women have the right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on matters related to their sexuality...".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 28 - An anonymous medical student in his last year at the University of Manitoba Medical School, is reinstated in good standing. He was threatened for years with failure for his unwillingness to partake in any abortion-related activity. The Christian student had lost three successive appeals on a failing grade in an Obstetrics and Gynecology portion of his program for his refusal to perform or refer for any abortive procedure. 	
May 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May - new pro-choice group forms in Ottawa, Canadians for Choice, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to ensuring reproductive choice for all Canadians, through education, research, training and public policy. • May 9? - New Brunswick Right to Life Association holds its fifth annual March for Life rally to make the public aware of the abortion issue. More than 80 people gathered in front of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly Building. • May 12 - Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz brings forward petition in House of Commons re Woman's Right to Know Act, signed by 3,263 Canadians who support the act. Breitkreuz's private-member's bill says all women who consider abortion be granted full disclosure from the physician of potential risks. The act also proposes penalties for doctors who fail to obtain fully informed consent, as well as penalties for doctors performing abortions unnecessarily. • May 13 - March for Life in Ottawa, organizers estimate 3,500 participants. Almost 20 MP's attend and most of them speak. March and rally followed by Silent No More Awareness campaign. Protesters also picket Morgentaler clinic on Bank Street. • May 13 - In Manitoba lawsuit by two women who had to pay for their abortions at the Morgentaler clinic in Winnipeg, the lawyer for the province argues in court that women do not have the right to dictate when and where they can have abortions. The women claim the resulting delays in accessing treatment violate their Charter rights. They are seeking unspecified damages. • May 13 – Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott says on CBC Television, "I will continue to, as would other colleagues here, bring forth bills of a pro-life nature." • May 14 - 40 anti-choice protesters attend a protest on the steps of the Alberta Legislature. Organized by Edmonton Pro-Life, they protested that pregnant females do not require consent to have an abortion, and that Alberta's health insurance will pay for it, said director Karen Richert. • May 18 - Health Minister Pierre Pettigrew proposes amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations to allow a 0.75 milligram dose of levonorgestrel (emergency contraception, morning after pill) to be available without a doctor's prescription. This would allow provinces to make the pills available after consultation with pharmacists. BC, Quebec, and Saskatchewan already do this. There will be 75 days of consultation before amendment takes place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 4 - Annual meeting of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) in Philadelphia is invaded by small group of anti-choice extremists who entered a session titled "Innovations in Contraception and Abortion." The group included Jonathan O'Toole, who attempted to videotape the physicians in attendance including their nametags with their full names and the locations of their practices. The infiltration was called an act of domestic terrorism by the incoming president of ACOG. • May 6 - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rejects over-the-counter sales of morning-after birth control, saying said there wasn't evidence that teens younger than 16 could safely use the pills without a doctor's. They left open the possibility they will reconsider. Pro-choice movement accuses FDA of bowing to conservative political pressure, noting that the agency had overruled its own scientific advisers, who had overwhelmingly called easier access to emergency contraception a safe way to abortion. • May 11 - Florida's Dr. James Scott Pendergraft pleads not guilty to a federal charge of conspiracy, the last count remaining from a 2001 conviction for extorting Marion County that an appeals court later threw out. He operates the Ocala Women's Center and four other clinics statewide that provide abortion services. Trial scheduled for July 19. • May 11 - Trial begins in Pittsburgh for David Wayne Hull, leader of a Ku Klux Klan splinter group. He is accused of possessing unregistered firearms, giving parts of a bomb to another man and building those parts. Hull planned to blow up abortion clinics. • May 13 - Anti-abortion extremist John Burt of Florida sentenced to 224 months in prison (almost 19 years) on five counts of lewd or lascivious molestation or conduct with a child under 16. May 21 - Burt is released on a \$10,000 bond, pending an appeal of his conviction. • May 13 - Federal prosecutors ask a judge to sentence Stephen John Jordi of Coconut Creek, Florida as a terrorist for planning an abortion clinic bombing spree. They say the charge doesn't reflect the nationwide campaign of terror he planned to unleash to force abortion clinics out of business. They want more than the mandatory minimum term of five years. Jordi was arrested on Nov 11/03 and pled guilty to attempted arson in February. • May 14 - Bishop Michael Sheridan of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Colorado Springs pronounces that Catholics in his diocese who vote for politicians in favor of abortion rights, stem-cell research, euthanasia or gay marriage may not receive Communion until they recant and repent in the confessional. Several other bishops agree with him. Some bishops have previously said they would deny Communion to Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic, because he supports abortion rights. On May 18, the

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 19 - Gary Bourgeois of Montreal sentenced to one year in jail on charges of aggravated assault and administering a toxic substance for causing his former girlfriend to miscarry at 14 weeks. He had slipped methotrexate into her vagina in September 2000, after she had refused to have an abortion at his encouragement. When she began having stomach cramps and bleeding, he drove her to hospital and left her at the emergency room. She miscarried shortly after. May 20 - Charges stayed in case where BC anti-choice activist Gordon Watson tried to lay charges against politicians and publishers for selling the Vancouver Sun on city sidewalks. (See April 19) May 27 - Alberta Court of Appeal panel rules that serial woman abuser Jean Guy Tremblay will not be declared a dangerous offender (just a long-term offender). Tremblay got an injunction against his former girlfriend Chantal Daigle in 1989 to prevent her from having an abortion. May 31 - Campaign for federal election on June 28 heats up with abortion issue. Conservative MP Rob Merrifield from Yellowhead, Alberta (Health Critic) says that independent counselling would be "valuable" for women contemplating abortion because "people who take part in it may only be seeing one side of it." CPC Leader Stephen Harper responds by saying "A Conservative government led by me will not be tabling abortion legislation...or holding a referendum." But he says he would allow free vote on abortion for private member bills. May 31 - At a Catholic high school in Saskatoon, a student asks Paul Martin how to stop abortion: "What can we do to decrease the amount of lives that are lost each year?" He replies: "It is a huge problem. The issue is obviously one of consulting and of comfort, of setting an example and of essentially doing all of those things in terms of prevention that I know that here, at this school, that they are trying to do." (Martin did not advocate independent, third-party counseling.) 	<p>coadjutor bishop of Orlando Florida, Thomas Wenski, published a pastoral statement calling pro-choice Catholics who demand to receive communion "boorish and sacrilegious."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 14 - Accused bomber Eric Robert Rudolph's defense team seeks postponement of his Aug. 2 trial on charges he bombed a Birmingham Alabama abortion clinic Jan. 29, 1998. Lawyers said they have not had enough time to prepare for the case. May 18 - ; Prosecutors said they would provide government laboratory data to Eric Rudolph's lawyers, who are looking for signs that tests linking him to an abortion clinic bombing were flawed. May 20 - Republican Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) introduce the <i>Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act</i>, which would require doctors ending pregnancies beyond the 20th week to inform the woman about the "pain" the fetus would feel during the abortion, and to give the woman the option of having pain-killers administered directly to the fetus. May 22 - Hamilton Spectator reports that convicted antiabortion sniper James Kopp has undergone a psychiatric evaluation to determine if he is competent to stand trial in U.S. federal court and assist in his own defence. Kopp was flown to a federal correctional centre in San Diego for the evaluation. The results have not yet been released publicly. May 28 - Prosecutors oppose Eric Rudolph's bid to postpone his trial in a 1998 abortion clinic bombing, claiming potential witnesses already have died and more delays would only hurt their case.
Jun 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 1 - Liberal PM Paul Martin says he supports a woman's right to choose and would strongly discourage private member bills on abortion. Liberals go in attack mode, criticizing CPC for its right-wing agenda on gay marriage and abortion. Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan said that if Harper truly supported abortion rights, he would fire his health critic. Harper refused, saying Merrifield was merely expressing a personal opinion. Jun 1 - Liberal PM Paul Martin says he supports a woman's right to choose and would strongly discourage private member bills on abortion. Several Liberal MPs go in attack mode, criticizing CPC for its right-wing agenda on gay marriage and abortion. Jun 2 - Sources say that Paul Martin's senior strategists directed cabinet ministers to ambush Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and disrupt his events, despite public statements that they did it on their own. Immigration Minister Judy Sgro screamed at Harper over one of his caucus members' views on abortion and Veterans Affairs Minister John McCallum tried to shove a letter into Harper's hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 1 - The federal "partial birth" abortion ban signed into law by Bush last year is ruled unconstitutional by Federal District Court Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton in a San Francisco court. It cannot be enforced. The ban, challenged in <i>Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) v. Ashcroft</i>, could have outlawed abortions as early as 12 to 15 weeks in pregnancy, including safe ones that are the best to protect women's health. (Rulings in two other lawsuits still pending, NAF and Carhart in Nebraska.) Justice Dept indicates it will appeal. Jun 1 - Christian Defense Coalition (anti-abortion groups) agrees to drop its lawsuit over the permitting process for protesters at the upcoming Democratic National Convention after the city agrees to simplify the process and add guidelines for spontaneous demonstrations. The coalition sued in federal court last month, claiming the city's permitting process was too restrictive and violated First Amendment rights of protesters. Jun 3 - Senate Judiciary Committee holds hearing on Child Custody Protection Act. Jun 7 - Center for Bioethical Reform begins 3-week tour in Chicago area with its graphic airplane banners and trucks. Jun 7 - Center for Reproductive Rights files lawsuit against a New Orleans anti-choice

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 2 - The BC Coalition of Women's Centres issues press release calling on women across BC to force federal Conservative Party candidates to reveal their real agenda on women's reproductive rights. Jun 3 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler issues open letter to Stephen Harper challenging his party's anti-choice leanings, saying that if a Conservative government under his leadership were elected, abortion rights would be in jeopardy. Jun 4 - Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics holds press conference to protest Conservative Party's right-wing stance on abortion, and to tell people to vote for the Liberals. Speakers include author and editor Doris Anderson, broadcaster and journalist June Callwood, actor Shirley Douglas, social activist Norma Scarborough, Kathryn Waters of the Canadian Federation of Students and others. Jun 4 - Pro-Choice Action Network issues press release exposing the Conservative Party's anti-choice agenda, and listing eight different private members' bills trying to regulate abortion, most within the last two years. Jun 7 - Conservative MP Cheryl Gallant (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, Ontario) is quoted by Western Catholic Reporter as saying the beheading of American contractor Nicholas Berg by terrorists in Iraq is "absolutely no different" than abortion. She made remarks at May 13 March for Life rally in Ottawa. Stephen Harper distances himself, and she is muzzled by party, not allowed to go to all candidates meetings etc. Jun 9 - Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) tells group of high-school students "We shouldn't have abortion open-season for all nine months." And: "I think there should be some restrictions." He later told The Star Phoenix "Right now, there isn't any limitations on abortions." Jun 11 - Pro-Choice Action Network issues press release revealing that 86% of Conservative Party incumbents are publicly anti-choice, but only 12% of Liberal incumbents are. The release includes a listing by name of anti-choice incumbent MP's. Jun 11 - Campaign Life Coalition publishes evaluation results of federal election candidates' stand on abortion on their website. Jun 11 - Ottawa Archbishop Marcel Gervais has private phone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin on his Catholicism and the "wrong" positions he has taken on the election trail on abortion. Jun 12 - Barry Yeates, ex-director of political operations for the Canadian Alliance, quits Conservative Party because of the "vacuous platform and social conservative agenda now being purveyed" by some MPs. Jun 12 - Bloc Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe announces he would not hesitate to bring down a Conservative government if it moved to abolish the right to abortion. "We cannot ignore the rights of women in order to keep our seats. I will not accept that the Conservatives abolish the right to abortion." Jun 14 - Cassandra Parlee, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student and activist from Vancouver, launches Women Demand Better group and website, to denounce 	<p>activist William A. Graham accusing him of running the Causeway Center For Women as a sham to keep women from using their right to an abortion. The suit accuses Graham of pretending to set up appointments at bargain prices, but stringing women along until it is too late. The plaintiffs, four women and a physician, ask court for class action status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 8 - Pat Mahoney of Christian Defense Coalition files lawsuit against City of New York over various issues relating to protesting during the Republican National Convention in August. Jun 8 - Dr. James Scott Pendergraft IV, operator of Ocala Women's Center in Florida, accepts plea deal to close the federal government's conspiracy case against him. He pleads guilty to one count of accessory after the fact to "making a false statement" that "knowingly and willfully assist(ed) . . . Michael Spielvogel, in order to hinder and prevent (Spielvogel's) trial and punishment." (See Feb 1, 2001) Jun 9 - Accused bomber Eric Rudolph's lawyers file brief asking that his trial scheduled for Aug 2 be postponed till June 2005. They say they have too much material to go through and not enough time to conduct forensic investigation and interview potential witnesses. Court agrees to postpone trial to March 24. Jun 11 - two children in Ramsay NJ find anti-abortion note in a box of cereal saying "All abortions, including by pill, kills babies. Pray to Jesus Christ, the son of God, an Mary for peace and mercy." Jun 14 - John Mikula of Buffalo, New York arrested after sending a letter to his sister saying he was going to kill "feminazi's." Police found a list of numerous names including a local abortion provider and a clinic escort. Authorities searched Mikula's home and found weapons, possible bomb making materials, and maps to the homes of law enforcement officials who had been involved in a previous legal case involving Mikula. Mikula is charged with stalking and remains in custody where he is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation. He will remain in custody with no bail at least until his next hearing date in late July. Jun 16 - 12 anti-choice demonstrators arrested at Women's Health Care Services in Wichita Kansas, after trespassing on the clinic's driveway and parking lot and refusing to leave. Two were also charged with resisting arrest. Jun 17 - Kentucky Supreme Court rules that a viable fetus is a person under the state's homicide law, so killing a viable fetus can result in murder or manslaughter charges. Christopher Morris caused a traffic wreck 3 years ago that killed a pregnant woman on her way to the hospital to give birth. Police filed separate homicide charges for the mother and for her fetus. Jun 18 - U.S. bishops release statement saying that Catholic politicians in the U.S. are morally obligated to work against legalized abortion, but individual bishops have the final word on whether to deny Communion to dissenting politicians. Jun 18 - Federal prosecutors in Philadelphia argue that anti-abortion convicted anthrax hoaxer Clayton Lee Waagner must be sentenced to life in prison for his terrorism against women's clinics. Jun 25 - sentencing delayed. Jun 22 - At a hearing in Huntsville Alabama, Eric Rudolph' lawyers request change of venue for his upcoming trial for bombing a Birmingham clinic in 1998. Judge decides trial

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	<p>Harper and the Conservatives stance on abortion. Also, Coalition for Women's Equality launched in Ontario by Pam Kapoor; releases "pink paper" discussing women's issues it feels are being ignored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 14/15 - Party leaders have live televised debates in French then English. Harper is attacked by Martin and Layton for being willing to endanger a woman's right to choose. • Jun 18 - Leading pro-choice activists hold press conference to encourage Canadians to cast their ballot against Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party. Speakers were Dr. Henry Morgentaler, June Callwood, Carolyn Egan, Jessica Forbes (university student). • Between Jun 20-25 - Vandals target a large Timmins, Ontario anti-choice billboard, defacing the "Justice for the Unborn" message with a spray-painted "Pro-Choice" slogan. The sign, located on a busy thoroughfare and worth \$2000 dollars, was erected in October with funding from the Knights of Columbus and Campaign Life Coalition Timmins. • Jun 25 - More than 4,000 Canadian women sign petition opposing Stephen Harper's Conservatives. Petition released at a ceremony on Parliament Hill. • Jun 25 - Vancouver Sun reports that Velma Cole of the Fraser Valley attended an all-candidates meeting at which she claims Abbotsford MP Randy White said that under a Conservative government, there would be no more abortions and no more same-sex marriages in Canada. White later said she was lying. Filmmaker Alexis Mackintosh contacted her and arranged a polygraph, which Cole passed. Mackintosh went to media with her own story of what White said during an interview for her documentary. • Jun 25 - Vancouver Sun reveals that during a May 19 interview with documentary film maker Alexis Mackintosh, Abbotsford MP Randy White said Conservatives would "not be shy" about invoking the notwithstanding clause in the Constitution over gay marriage and abortion, because the courts have "usurped the laws of the nation." Because of the courts, he added, Canada now has "abortion on demand." • Jun 28 - Prime Minister Paul Martin wins minority Liberal government with 135 seats. Conservatives win 99, NDP 19, Bloc Quebecois 54, and one Independent (Chuck Cadman of Surrey) • Jun 28 - A 17-year old Kitchener boy who threatened to kill his 5-months pregnant girlfriend when she refused to get an abortion or give her baby up for adoption pleads guilty to assault. He will be sentenced in August. Initially he had faced a charge of assault with a weapon. He tried to slit her wrists on March 19. • Jun 29 - BC Court of Appeal judge John Hall rules that anti-choicers Gordon Watson and Donald Spratt may appeal their convictions for violating the <i>Access to Abortion Services Act</i> in 1998, on freedom of expression grounds, and whether the Act's restriction of free speech is justified under Section 1 of the Charter. Judge says freedom of expression argument was not fully developed in previous cases. He rejects other issues raised by defendants, including fetal rights and provincial jurisdiction to enact the law. 	<p>will stay in Birmingham, but jury will be selected from throughout northern Alabama.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 22 - U.S. Supreme Court declines to hear case of Jane Roe 11 v. Aware Woman Center for Choice in Florida. Anti-choice activists brought case alleging that clinic violated FACE Act by not allowing a woman to leave the clinic during the middle of an abortion. Lower court ruled that clinic did not violate FACE. • Jun 29 - W. David Hager, a Kentucky obstetrician and outspoken opponent of abortion will be reappointed to the Food and Drug Administration's advisory panel on reproductive drugs, despite loud protests from abortion rights advocates in Congress and the women's health community. •

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 29 - Kingston anti-abortion group protests outside Ambassador hotel where Kingston General Hospital governors hold their annual meeting. Around 20 protesters held anti-abortion placards. Mary Ellen Douglas, Kingston president of the Campaign Life Coalition and a longtime governor of the hospital, said the protest was an effort to persuade a majority of the governors not to approve the directors' actions and thus force a review of Kingston General Hospital's policy on abortions. Jun 30 - Campaign Life Coalition reports that election resulted in gains of at least 10 more anti-choice MPs. Virtually all anti-choice incumbents also re-elected. 	
Jul 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 1 - After years of discussions between the clinic and various provincial governments, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority begins to fully fund abortions performed at Jane's Clinic, the Winnipeg abortion clinic formerly owned by Dr. Henry Morgentaler. Vice-president of the WRHA said that Jane's Clinic will ultimately function as the abortion arm of a new and expanded Women's Health Clinic. An interim funding deal was struck with Jane's Clinic while negotiations on expanding the Women's Health Clinic continue. Jul 7 - At the Conservatives' first post-election caucus meeting Wednesday, party leader Stephen Harper acknowledges the need to put a more moderate stamp on the party and include more members from the Progressive Conservative tradition in his inner circle. After the election, the media had blamed the Conservative loss on missteps by right-wing Conservative MPs, and the Liberal's resulting fear campaign against the Conservatives. The media also said that Harper must moderate his party to make it more electable. July 8 - Harper announces he will stay on as party leader. Jul 8 - Maples Surgical Centre in Winnipeg complains to media about unfairness of Jane's Clinic being funded. They are a private clinic and have been denied funding. Jul 12 (week of) - Show the Truth anti-abortion tour across Durham Region in Ontario, sparking outrage from residents because of offensive graphic signs. Group spokeswoman was Rosemary Connell. Jul 15 - Women's working group of BC Health Coalition launches campaign on reproductive rights. Includes backgrounder and petition to safeguard women's primary health care and reproductive rights, and fact sheet called "Impacting women: Provincial government cuts to health care." Jul 17 - Insiders in Ontario Conservative leadership candidate John Tory's camp say a nasty email pointing to his support for gay marriage, abortion and tax increases is a sign their chief rival, MPP Jim Flaherty, has gone negative. The email, written by a Flaherty campaign worker, appeals to an unknown number of people "not to return to the wishy-washy Progressive Conservatism" espoused by Tory. The writer casts aspersions on Tory's Conservative credibility, labeling him a "Liberal" and portraying him as left-leaning. The email states Mr. Tory is "pro-abortion," where "Jim is pro-life." The party will choose a new leader on Sep 18. Jul 20 - BC Supreme Court awards \$60,000 to a Prince George BC single mother 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul - In Mississippi, a bill becomes law that admirers and critics consider the nation's most sweeping "conscience clause." It allows all types of health care workers and facilities to refuse performing virtually any service they object to on moral or religious grounds. Jul 2 - Rudolph's lawyers attack a key prosecution witness saying his testimony is filled with "inconsistencies and discrepancies", they claim there is no direct evidence that Rudolph planted the abortion clinic bomb, and point to witnesses who saw a group of three people who could have done it. Jul 2 - Late-night arson at the Women's Care Center in Fort Worth, Florida. Clinic had been site of repeated protests since it opened about seven months ago. No injuries, but the building was damaged extensively and its windows were broken out. Explosive device had been tossed through window. Clinic will rebuild in new location. Jul 5 (week of) - James Kopp's lawyer John Humann files court papers asking that federal charges against Kopp for killing Dr. Barnett Slepian be dropped. Reasons: Kopp is already likely to spend the rest of his life in prison; law is unconstitutional because of double jeopardy, and the trial would be a costly, time-consuming ordeal. Humann also filed motions to question the forensic and eyewitness evidence that convicted Kopp in the state trial, and the federal government's renegeing on a promise to free Kopp's jailed anti-abortion activist friend Loretta Marra in exchange for Kopp's confession. Federal prosecutor Kathleen Mehltritt will file papers on Jul 30 to counter the motions. The Department of Justice wants to go ahead with the federal trial because there is no parole in the federal system and they want to eliminate any chance that Kopp could be released. The federal trial likely won't be for several months. Jul 6 - Arkansas lawyer Leon Holmes narrowly wins Senate confirmation to be a federal judge, overcoming concerns over his insulting and extremist right-wing views on abortion and women. Jul 8 - Former Army Ranger Stephen Jordi sentenced to five years in federal prison for plotting to blow up abortion clinics and gay bars. The judge ruled that his actions did not amount to terrorism (because there was no international component), which could have doubled his prison sentence. He was arrested in Nov 2003 and pled guilty in February. Jul 12 - week of - Center for Bioethical Reform drives a dozen "Truth Trucks" through St. Paul and Minneapolis. They go through Iowa between early to mid August, also Missouri, then Oklahoma by the end of August to early Sept. They are on a 22-state tour. Jul 13 - Operation Rescue West holds press conference to announce their exposure of the "Top Fifty Abortion Collaborators" - businesses that have dealings with late-term abortion provider Dr. George Tiller and his clinic, Women's Health Care Services of Wichita Kansas.

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	<p>who had an abortion in 1997 but found out 3 months later she was still pregnant. Dr. Ronald Harold Dabbs performed the abortion at Prince George Regional Hospital. Later, Dabbs offered to pay for a late-term abortion at an American clinic, but she refused. Judge turned down her petition to be compensated for the costs of raising the child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 20 - Ujjal Dosanjh, former premier of BC, is appointed new federal health minister in Paul Martin's cabinet. He vows to stem privatization of health care. • Jul 22 - Stephen Harper announces his Conservative shadow cabinet. • Jul 28 - Planned Parenthood Federation of America's decision to sell "I had an abortion" T-shirts draws the sharp rebuke of Calgary Roman Catholic Bishop Fred Henry, who calls the promotion "callous" and a sign of the "deadly blindness come upon our society." He said it is tantamount to someone wearing a T-shirt that says "I killed my baby." Issue sparks public debate and countless letters to newspapers across Canada, mostly from outraged anti-choicers. • 	<p>Tiller responds by personally visiting each of his suppliers to thank them; many other providers send letters of support to the businesses. Most businesses prove not to be supportive of ORW's agenda; some even throw them off premises. ORW also claims that several clinic staff members have quit because of their pressure and home picketing, but Tiller denies it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 14 - Clayton Waagner loses his appeal of his 19-year prison sentence on firearms and theft charges. He was also convicted of mailing fake anthrax letters to abortion clinics in 2001 after escaping prison, but has yet to be sentenced on those charges. He was arrested in December 2001. • Jul 14 - The Republican-run House Appropriations Committee votes to make it harder for government officials to take action against hospitals, health insurers and others that do not provide or cover abortions. The language was added to a bill providing \$142.5 billion next year for health, education and labor programs, and the committee approved that overall bill by voice vote, sending it to the full House. Its fate in the Senate is unclear. • Jul 15 - Judge rules that federal prosecutors may not see sealed documents filed by defence lawyers for suspected serial bomber Eric Rudolph. Judge said he and a federal magistrate judge were "fully capable" of monitoring items filed by Rudolph's lawyers. Prosecutors had wanted the judge to review dozens of defense documents to see if they included material prosecutors should be allowed to see. • Jul 17-24 - Operation Save America National annual event in Columbus Ohio. Part of Walk Across America event that began March 2 in California and will end in Wash DC on Aug. 28. About one hundred OSA members were joined by 25-50 local demonstrators for a week of protesting at local Ohio abortion clinics, government buildings, and the United Way office. Early in the week, the sidewalk outside one clinic was vandalized with red paint. On Friday, July 23, groups of the protesters trespassed at several clinics and briefly blockaded at least one. A couple of arrests were made. • Jul 19 - 11th Circuit Court of Appeals rules against anti-choice extremist Meredith Raney in his attempt to bring a RICO charge against three Florida abortion clinics. The Circuit Court upheld the District Court's decision to dismiss the claim. • Late July - Outrage from anti-choice groups is sparked by Planned Parenthood's sale of a T-shirt with the slogan "I had an abortion."
Aug 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 5 - Gilles Grondin of Montreal dies. He worked at Ottawa office of Campaign Life Coalition for several years before establishing in Sept 1989 Campagne Quebec-Vie, the Quebec branch of CLC. He was President of Campagne Quebec-Vie until retiring in 2002. • Aug 13 - The media reports that an Ottawa woman and her husband are suing the Ottawa Morgentaler Clinic for a "botched" abortion. According to the suit filed in early Aug, she got an abortion on Aug 8/03. The suit names one doctor and five nurses and claims that the abortion was performed without anesthetic due to an inability to insert in IV. She was admitted to an Ottawa hospital to have a placenta and remains of the baby removed. The suit says the woman's periods remained irregular for seven months and she continues to experience bleeding, and had marriage problems. The couple wants \$185,000 in general damages and compensation for out-of-pocket expenses, loss of income, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 2 - Department of Justice files appeal seeking to overturn U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton's decision (June 1) that declared the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional. • Aug 7 - A four-month pregnant woman, Rakhee Gupta, commits suicide at her home in Santa Cruz California. Police said she hung herself from the roof of the house while her husband, a rickshaw driver, was away. The woman apparently wanted to have an abortion but the husband would not allow it. • Aug 9 - A federal judge removes 2 lawyers from the defense team of accused serial bomber Eric Rudolph, at their request. They gave no reason for the request. Judge appoints former Unabomber lawyer Judy Clarke to the case. Aug 13 - Alabama Supreme Court upholds a court ruling that Rudolph must pay \$115 million to nurse Emily Lyons, who was maimed in the 1998 blast. Rudolph tried to get it dismissed saying he wasn't properly served with the lawsuit (while he was a fugitive hiding in the woods). Lyons had

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	<p>legal costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 17 - A teenager who threatened to kill his pregnant girlfriend after she refused to get an abortion or give up the baby for adoption is sentenced to 90 days' deferred custody. The 17-year-old pleaded guilty in June to assault and making threats. He knocked the girl to the ground, pinning her legs while they were together in a park in Kitchener Ontario on March 19. • Aug 24 - LifeSite Daily News reports that Planned Parenthood Alberta says on its website it plans to soon publish a list of anti-choice doctors, to allow women to choose only non-judgmental and friendly professionals. The website warns women that anti-choice doctors will only "delay you from seeking appropriate services" and "scare you with misinformation about the dangers of abortion." Planned Parenthood Alberta encourages women to send a formal complaint about their doctor to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. • 	<p>filed the suit to prevent Rudolph from profiting from his crimes. Aug 13 - Defense lawyers for Rudolph say they don't want their client tried before a totally anonymous jury. Aug 16 - Prosecution accuses defence of misrepresenting evidence and relying on "mere speculation and guesswork" to attack government witnesses in the abortion clinic blast. Aug 23 - Judge gives Rudolph attorneys more time, until Sept 15, to reveal their defense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 18 - At least four gunshots fired at Planned Parenthood clinic in Lufkin Texas. No one was hurt, but bullets broke windows and damaged the front door, walls, and a computer. The shooting is being investigated by Lufkin Police and the FBI. Anti-abortion protesters had started protesting there in recent months. Abortions are not performed there. Daniel Gerald Bryan arrested on Nov 30 after bragging about the crime to friends. • Aug 20 - A judge delays sentencing indefinitely for Clayton Lee Waagner, who was convicted of mailing fake anthrax to women's clinics, saying the Supreme Court must first clarify the legality of federal sentencing rules. He was convicted in December and is already serving a 49-year term for car theft and weapons violations. • Aug 20 (about) - A woman in Scotia, New York says she feels "terrorized" after 50 anti-abortion activists showed up at her house. The protesters thought they were demonstrating outside the home of an Albany, N.Y.,-area doctor who performs abortions. Instead, they chanted and held posters of mutilated fetuses outside the home of a couple with a 2-month-old daughter, using a bullhorn to yell "Evil dwells here." Police were called but say the protesters broke no laws. • Aug 22 (about) - A group of black and Hispanic employees file a federal lawsuit alleging racism of officials at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Los Angeles. The complaints were made by several male staff members. The former staffers say the abortion clinic is directed by white women who have created a hostile workplace environment for men and minority employees. • Aug 24 - At Title X Grantees Meeting in Atlanta, the US Office of Population Affairs (OPA) informs all Title X grantees that the focus of the program will change from preventing pregnancies to preparing families for pregnancies. The OPA said that AIDS prevention would be more thoroughly integrated into the Title X program and that condoms does not prevent AIDS. They also stated that the biggest predictor of teenage risk taking was parental involvement and that encouraging and creating parental involvement would become more of a program priority. Although abstinence, mandatory reporting, and parental involvement are already a part of how the program is administered, Title X dollars will be redirected away from core family planning activities such as prevention, contraceptive care, STI screening and treatment, etc. and towards fulfillment of OPA's newly emphasized priorities. • Aug 26 - Federal Judge Richard Casey in New York rules that a federal law banning "partial-birth" abortion is unconstitutional because there is no exemption for a woman's health. Legal challenge was brought by National Abortion Federation and 7 doctors against the Nov/03 ban. But Casey also found that "the testimony at trial and before Congress establishes that D&X [partial-birth abortion] is a gruesome, brutal, barbaric, and uncivilized medical procedure." And that there is "credible evidence that [such] abortions subject fetuses to severe pain." • Aug 26 - An explosion blows out some windows at a Boston-area laboratory in

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		<p>Watertown, Massachusetts (Amaranth Bio) specializing in stem-cell research. Police say it was caused by a pipe bomb and that someone broke into the facility. No one was wounded and no arrests have been made. The lab focuses on organ regeneration and cures for diabetes and liver disorders. Brad Karger, 29, arrested on Sep 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 30 - Republican Party approves a platform that calls for a constitutional amendment declaring personhood from conception, which would ban all abortions, and a constitutional amendment against gay marriage, including civil unions. • Aug 31 - Houston Coalition for Life mails 1,000 letters asking local construction companies not to work on new abortion clinic for Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas Inc.
<p>Sep 2004</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early Sep - A Calgary teen who hid her pregnancy from family members gives birth in her bedroom while her younger siblings were watching television, then cooked them dinner before leaving her newborn in a garbage bag on the street. The full-term baby boy, wrapped in bloody blankets, was found alive by a woman walking her dog. The teen will not be charged and may take back the baby. • Sep 8 - Conservative Leader Stephen Harper says he'll be tougher on loose-lipped caucus members who trample party principles, including those who comment on abortion outside of the Party platform. • Sep 10 - Quebec health officials announce they hope to have a doctor in place next year that will offer late-term abortions to women six months or more pregnant. Media reports say that women currently go to Kansas, Colorado and Washington State for abortions after 22 weeks. Chantal Daigle speaks to the press in support of the availability of 3rd trimester abortions in Canada. • Sep 13-15 - Campaign Life Coalition has a protest picket at the provincial Premiers meet in Ottawa to protest health care funding of abortion as. The group is calling on the Premiers and Health Ministers to halt funding of abortion with public funds. • Sep 16 - Quebec's Roman Catholic bishops denounce provincial government plans to permit late-term abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy. The bishops issued a statement from Trois Rivières pointing out that Canada has no law governing abortion, and until it does it is unethical for Quebec to make it easier to obtain abortions. • Sep 20 - In a Fredericton murder case, court is told that a murder suspect's estranged wife, who later turned up dead, had an abortion without his knowledge and it enraged him. Dr. Kadamby Jayaram, a Fredericton psychiatrist, testified that Abdul Bari was referred to him by his family physician in April 2003 for depression. Bari is on trial for the July 16, 2003, murder of his wife, Shaila Akther Bari. She was found dead in her apartment 6 days later. • Sep 27 - Pamela Prior-Glen and her husband James plead guilty to criminal negligence causing the death of their prematurely-born newborn son, Jessie, on May 24, 2003, four days after he was born at home in a toilet. The couple failed to seek medical help for him, or tell authorities about his birth because they were worried their nine children would be taken away. Justice Norman Douglas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 1 - A federal appeals court says anti-abortion activist Bill Purdy of St. Paul Minnesota, violated trademark law by registering a slew of domain names, including drinkcoke.org, mycoca-cola.com, mymcdonalds.com, mypepsi.org, and my-washingtonpost.com. Purdy had purchased those and other domains and pointed visitors to anti-choice websites with pictures of aborted fetuses. • Sep 1-3 - Paul Hill Memorial Tour, organized by extremists Drew Heiss and Jonathon O'Toole. A small band of extremists who support violence against doctors and clinics travel from Tallahassee Florida to Pensacola to commemorate first anniversary of doctor murderer Paul Hill's execution. • Sep 6 (week of) - A provision clears the House of Representatives that would prohibit local, state, or federal authorities from requiring any institution or health care professional to provide abortions, pay for them, or make abortion-related referrals, even in cases of rape or medical emergency. The provision would prevent government officials from using any coercive means, such as a funding cutoff or permit denial, to ensure abortion-related services are available. This proposal has a better chance of passing than a similar bill 2 years ago, because it was sent to the Senate as part of a broader appropriations bill and will at least go to a House-Senate conference committee. Opponents say the provision's impact would be felt primarily by low-income women who depend on federally subsidized health care and use Roman Catholic hospitals. This provision mirrors a growing trend for anti-choice health professionals to refuse to dispense contraception as well. In 2004, 12 states took steps to try to introduce so-called conscience clauses that would allow pharmacists to refuse to dispense drugs, including emergency contraception and the Pill, on moral grounds, without losing their jobs. In many states, anti-choice groups and Pharmacists for Life are encouraging pharmacists to refuse to distribute EC. • Sep 8 - Federal U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Lincoln Nebraska, rules the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional because it does not include a health exception for the woman. He said that Congress ignored the most experienced doctors in determining that the banned procedure would never be necessary - a finding he found "unreasonable." The ruling followed similar decisions earlier in two other cases (Judges Casey in August and Hamilton in June). Anti-choice groups and the government vow to appeal to the Supreme Court. • Sep 14 - A three-judge panel of a federal appeals court dismisses a motion from Norma McCorvey, the original plaintiff in Roe v. Wade, to have the landmark 1973 abortion case

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	<p>gave the couple an 18-month conditional sentence of house arrest and three years of probation. He also ordered Prior-Glen, now five months pregnant with her 11th child, to undergo pregnancy tests for the next 18 months. For the next 4-1/2 years, the couple must report any pregnancy to Family and Children's Services within 24 hours of learning about it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 28 - Anti-choice group Life Canada reports that Ontario taxpayers paid \$400,000 last year to send 56 women to the United States for late term abortions. The Ontario Ministry of Health provided the figures after stories last week claimed 15 women were sent from Ontario and 30 from Quebec. 	<p>overturned. McCorvey's motion asserted she had new information that would affect the case, but the panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana, rejected her claim. The court said her claim was moot, since the Texas statutes declared unconstitutional in Roe have since been repealed, and one cannot enforce two different sets of laws. They did not look at her "evidence" that women suffer from abortion or the question of fetal viability. However, Houston judge Edith H. Jones, blasted Roe v. Wade, accepting as "evidence" anti-choice propaganda and anecdotal reports against abortion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 14 - Supreme Court declines to allow a Wisconsin anti-choice group to run political radio and television ads this fall that criticize Democrats. Wisconsin Right to Life's ad mention Wisconsin Democrat Sen. Russell Feingold, despite a campaign finance law's restrictions on election-time political commercials. A lower court last month ruled the ads were illegal, but the Wisconsin group asked Chief Justice William Rehnquist to grant an injunction allowing the ads to air pending an appeal. The group contends the ads are not political campaigning. In a two-page order, Rehnquist said the group had not provided enough evidence that the law violated free speech rights to justify the high court's intervention. Sep 20 - Accused clinic bomber Eric Rudolph's lawyers say in court that police had no probable cause to arrest him when he was found hiding amid milk crates behind a store in North Carolina in May 2003. The lawyers asked the judge to suppress evidence gathered during his arrest, saying his capture was "the result of an illegal detention and arrest." They also argued that Rudolph should not face the death penalty if he is convicted because he should have been charged under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances or FACE Act, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, rather than under the Anti-Arson Act. Sep 27 - James Kopp's lawyer John Humann argues in court that the government should not be allowed to use Kopp's confession at his upcoming federal trial, because Kopp only confessed to shooting an abortion provider to win the release of Loretta Marra, the woman who helped him evade capture. Humann said the confession was the result of a deal between Kopp's former attorney and the government that trampled on Kopp's rights. The former attorney, Bruce Barket, was also representing Marra at the time Kopp made the statements to reporters, which was a conflict of interest, Humann said. U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mehlretter denied a deal was ever finalized or that the government influenced Kopp's statements to the press. Sep 28 - The Justice Department announces it will appeal a Nebraska judge's ruling striking down the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf declared the ban unconstitutional Sept. 8, saying it interferes with the right to an abortion and fails to allow exceptions when a woman's health is in danger. The Justice Department will challenge ruling on both counts before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.
Oct 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 1-2 - Nova Scotia provincial pro-life conference held in Port Hawkesbury, hosted by Strait Area Right to Life, in conjunction with its 25th anniversary. Speakers included Dr. Joel Brind, Rebecca Wasser Kiessling, family law attorney, Jakki Jeffs, president of Life Canada, and Dr. Ian Dowbiggin, author of A Merciful End: The Euthanasia Movement. Christian musician David MacDonald also performed and spoke. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 1 - President Bush withholds \$25 million in funding from U.N. Population Fund. The funding could have prevented 1.5 million unwanted pregnancies and 588,000 abortions worldwide. Bush ordered the money transferred to a State Department program designed to combat human trafficking and prostitution. The Bush administration has denied more than \$90 million to the U.N. Population Fund since 2002 at the urging of conservative groups and lawmakers, who wrongly insist that it funds forced abortion in China.

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Dosanjh said he's "very concerned" that New Brunswick is consistently ranked among the most difficult provinces for a woman to get an abortion. He said NB has a responsibility to cover the cost of all abortions performed by doctors in the province. "You have right across the country, provinces saying (abortion) is a medically necessary service. And when it's a medically necessary service, whether it's provided in a hospital or a clinic, it must be funded." 602 women paid between \$500 and \$750 to have an abortion at the Fredericton clinic in 2003. Oct 12 - Bill Whatcott's appeal heard in Prince Albert Sask for a conviction he received in 2003, related to a July 2002 protest in that city. He and a group of protesters from Christian Truth Activists were showing aborted fetus pictures and preaching. He was arrested for being a traffic hazard and refused to put away his sign. He was jailed for a day and fined \$500. Oct 14-16 - Annual pro-life conference held in Winnipeg by Campaign Life Coalition ("Alive and Loving It"), along with League for Life and Life Canada. About 275 attendees. Conservative Justice Critic Vic Toews and Conservative MP Rob Merrifield address conference. Denise Mountenay speaks along with other women who regret their abortion for "Silent No More" at press conference. Voices for Choice, an ad hoc Winnipeg pro-choice group, organizes a counter-demo at Women's Hospital (40 anti-choicers and 20 pro-choicers), as well as a counter-conference of its own. Oct 15 - Garry Breitkreuz, CPC Member for Yorkton-Melville, introduces Private Members Motion M-6, to grant pregnant women the right to full disclosure from their doctors of the "dangers" of abortion. The Motion asks the House to introduce legislation that would provide "penalties for physicians who perform an abortion without the informed consent of the mother or perform an abortion that is not medically necessary." Oct 18 - Right-wing parents in Woodstock, New Brunswick, attend school forum to complain about their grade 6 to 8 schoolchildren being subjected to "explicit sexual education curricula, even though the provincial curricula went through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 5- Center for Reproductive Rights releases study saying that 30 states would be poised to make abortion illegal if Roe v. Wade was overturned. It said 18 states had pre-Roe laws banning abortion totally or partially that probably could be enforced right away. Another 21 states are at "high risk", and 9 states of "medium risk" of banning abortion within one year. About 20 states would likely retain legal protection for abortion. Oct 5 - A federal judge says he will review handwritten FBI agent notes in the Birmingham Alabama abortion clinic bombing to determine if there's any merit to defense claims of inconsistencies in witnesses statements. The notes were used to compile typed witness statements challenged by attorneys defending Eric Rudolph against death penalty charges. Oct 11 - Wisconsin pharmacist Neil Noesen attends disciplinary hearing for refusing to fill a college student's birth control prescription in July 2002 and refusing to transfer the prescription elsewhere, because of his anti-choice beliefs that the pills cause abortions. The student filed a complaint with a state regulatory agency. Oct 12 - 1st U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston denies second appeal by anti-abortion protesters challenging the legality of a state law creating a "buffer zone" around abortion clinics. In arguments earlier this year, a lawyer for the three protesters argued that the buffer zones, which extend in an 18-foot radius from a clinic's entrance, have unfairly become a place where only abortion-rights rhetoric can be uttered. The unanimous three-judge panel ruled that the law has been enforced fairly. Oct 15 - Marc Balestrieri of Wash DC, Director of Catholic group De Fide, announces that John Kerry is excommunicated from the Catholic Church because of his support for abortion rights, after receiving a letter from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith affirming that Catholic politicians who persist in supporting the right to abortion are "automatically excommunicated." But Vatican officials deny the claim, saying Balestrieri misrepresented them, it has not officially excommunicated Kerry, and had not seriously investigated doing so. mid-Oct - An independent study by an ethics professor, Glen Stassen, of Fuller Theological Seminary, finds that abortion has risen during Bush's presidency and that the increase is linked to economic policy. The study found credible linkages between economic hardship and abortion. Two-thirds of women who abort say they cannot afford a child; half of women who abort say they do not have a reliable mate and co-breadwinner; and women of childbearing age are overrepresented in the 5.2 million additional persons without health coverage since 2000. Oct 18 - The Supreme Court declines to resurrect a lawsuit by three California women who say Planned Parenthood withholds information linking abortions to breast cancer. The court, without comment, let stand a decision by the California Supreme Court dismissing the suit and ordering the women to pay more than \$130,000 in attorneys' fees for Planned Parenthood. The lawsuit charged that PP's clinics repeatedly dismissed research suggesting links between abortions and breast cancer. It asked a judge to order the clinics to provide the information during counseling. Oct 26 - A Virginia state lawyer tells the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that a judge lacked sufficient medical evidence to declare a law banning "partial birth" abortion unconstitutional, and asks to send the case back to U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams

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	<p>heavy review with parents, teachers, and students, and it's what a vast majority wanted. The controversy continues through Nov and Dec, in various school districts. In early Dec, Education Minister Madeline Dubé promises to review the curriculum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 21 - New Democratic Party leader Carole James promises local elections to fill some spots on the regional health boards. She said they were needed to make the boards more accountable to communities. In 1997, Joy MacPhail had made regional health boards appointable to prevent takeovers by anti-abortionists. James advisor said, "Anyone who thinks the pro-life movement in the province has the support necessary to elect people to anything beyond dog catcher is out of touch with how far we have come as a province in the past 12 years." Hilda Thomas expressed surprise that the NDP would restore elections for spots on health boards and said that anyone who thinks the anti-abortion movement is a spent force in this province ought to come talk to her first. Oct 22 - Bill Whatcott wins his appeal (see Oct 12) stemming from his arrest in July 2002 and subsequent conviction for obstructing police. Prince Albert Court of Queen's Bench (appeal court) upholds his right to publicly protest on abortion, and that police wrongly restricted his free expression. Whatcott is now trying to get his signs back that police confiscated, and plans another demonstration for Dec. 1. Oct 25 - Prominent anti-abortion protestor Michael O'Malley is elected to the Catholic School Board in Calgary . He has been arrested more than a dozen times during protests. He says he will push for stronger religious teachings in the schools on topics such as abortion and homosexuality. Oct 26 - A poll commissioned by Life Canada, and conducted by Environics Research in September and October 2004, shows that 68% of Canadians polled said Canadian law should protect human life before birth. 33% of the 2,027 polled said legal protection should begin at conception. 24%, said it should begin after three months of pregnancy, and 11% said after six months of pregnancy. 28% said legal protection should begin at birth. 54% said abortions should be paid for by taxpayers "only in medical emergencies such as a threat to the mother's life or in cases of rape or incest." 18% thought paying for abortions should be a private responsibility. 55% said parental consent should be required before minors under the age of 18 could have an abortion. 42% opposed parental consent. Oct 27 - Statistics Canada reports that teen pregnancy rates in 2001 were 30.6 pregnancies for every 1,000 women, down by a third from 1974 (45.5). Pregnancy rates for women in their 30's went up by more than a third over the same period. Oct 28 - Denise Mountenay from Silent No More (Edmonton) speaks at UBC. 	<p>for a trial. Williams blocked enforcement of the Virginia law on July 1, 2003 and six months later declared the law unconstitutional. The Virginia statute, like the Nebraska and federal laws, lacks a health exception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 29 - A 53-year old woman from Berwyn Heights Maryland douses herself with gasoline, then walks to an abortion clinic and sets herself on fire in an apparent anti-abortion protest. She was hospitalized in critical condition, and died the next day. Her name is being kept confidential pending investigation. Police said a nearby officer saw the woman and used a fire extinguisher to put out the flames. Police found another can of gasoline in the woman's car, along with an envelope with a note inside it. A Washington television station reported the envelope had the word "Kerry" written on it and may have been intended for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.
Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> early Nov - A residence worker at the University of Western Ontario's Catholic college is fired for providing condoms to students. Third-year student Daniel Grace of King's University College, a publicly funded university affiliated with Western but operating on Catholic principles, would not agree to stop making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2 - President Bush wins election by over 4 million votes. Kerry concedes on Nov 3 after election too close to call on election night. Ohio was the big swing state, with Florida easily going to Bush. Bush vows to continue conservative mandate. Media says many voters were mobilized by "moral values" - God, gays, and abortion were more important

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	<p>condoms available in the dorm. Later in November however, Queen's Human Rights Office ruled that forcing religious students to pay for a pro-choice campus organization is discriminatory. The AMS will be required on request to redirect the .85 cent fee to other recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 4 - Queen's University Judicial Committee rules that mandatory contributions to the pro-choice Sexual Health Resource Centre did not violate religious freedom of anti-choice students. Dennis Crawford had appealed an AMS decision to support the campus group with a minimal contribution from each student at the university. Crawford argued that the decision violated the university's constitution which protects from discrimination based on religion. Nov 8 - Anti-choice intervenor coalition in New Brunswick, Coalition for Life and Health, announces appeal of April decision by judge who denied their intervenor application in the Morgentaler lawsuit against the NB government to force it to fund his clinic. Nov 11 - New Brunswick Right to Life Association accuses some physicians at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton of defrauding medicare by performing abortions not covered by provincial law. Hospital officials deny the charge, saying all the rules of the Medical Services Payment Act are being followed. NB legislation prohibits medicare payment for an abortion unless it is medically necessary, said association executive director Peter Ryan. "Elective abortions - that is, an abortion simply because pregnancy is unwanted - are not covered," he said. Nov 16 - Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott (formerly of Regina, now in Edmonton) is found guilty of unprofessional conduct by the disciplinary committee of his professional association, the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (SALPN). The charges stemmed from Whatcott's public demonstrations against Planned Parenthood in Regina, who filed allegations of professional misconduct, which went to a SALPN hearing in August 2003. Penalty still forthcoming, to be announced Jan. 14. Nov 17 - Lifeline anti-choice students at UBC put up Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) display on campus, equating abortion in Canada to genocide in Nazi Germany, Rwanda and Cambodia. Pro-choice protesters were required to stay outside a 9.75-metre bubble zone, under university rules for the GAP display. Paul Sutton, safety coordinator for the UBC student society, said that GAP displays have led to a spike in student visits to counselling services. Nov 18 - American manufacturer of Depo-Provera, Pfizer, announces warning that it may cause brittle bones and increase the risk of osteoporosis, after more than 2 years of use, and changes may be irreversible. Nov 19 - During Alberta provincial election campaign, Alberta Alliance candidate Eleanor Maroes says controversial questions of abortion and same sex marriage should be put to a province-wide referendum. Maroes says it was her personal belief that a women have the right to choose but questioned whether taxpayers should fund abortions. Nov 26 - Queen's University Human Rights Office rules that forcing religious 	<p>to many Bush voters than the war on terror or the economy. All 11 anti-gay marriage bills pass in 11 states by wide margins, including Ohio. Florida bill restricting privacy rights of teen girls also passes, to help pass law for parental notification on abortion. Critics claim election fraud in favour of Bush, especially in states/counties that used electronic voting machines, particularly Ohio and Florida. Early exit polls predicted a significant Kerry win, and exit polls are almost never wrong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2 - Attorney General John Ashcroft resigns. Nov 4 - Bush announces his pick of Alberto Gonzales to replace him. He is anti-choice and has said: "I believe Roe versus Wade as an original matter was wrongly decided." He also advocates torture of prisoners and rejects the Geneva convention. Nov 2 - The defense for accused clinic bomber Eric Rudolph argues that the searches of his trailer, truck and storage unit, days after he was linked to an abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham, went too far and improperly seized items, so these items should not be admissible in court as evidence. They also claim that Rudolph's arrest and detention were illegal. Prosecution replies that warrants were valid and Rudolph gave up any rights to privacy when he abandoned his property by fleeing into the North Carolina wilderness. Nov 4 - defense lawyers claim that federal agents, not Rudolph, may have spread traces of explosives from a deadly abortion clinic bombing in Alabama to his North Carolina home, because they didn't swab their hands beforehand. However, they did shower and change their clothes. Nov 14 - Attorneys argue over whether to introduce evidence from the Atlanta bombings Nov 5 - Senator Arlen Specter, who is being considered for the next chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, tells reporters that "judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturn Roe v. Wade, "probably would face problems" in the Senate. Specter said: "I would expect the president to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning." Conservative groups launch massive Internet and phone campaign to lobby against his appointment. However, he is appointed near end November. Nov 15 - FDA announces new "black box labeling" safety warning for Mifeprex (mifepristone, RU-486) to warn of rare but serious side effects. The black box is being changed to warn of the rare risk of serious bacterial infections, sepsis, bleeding, and death that may occur following any abortion, including with Mifeprex. The FDA and the drug's manufacturer, Danco Laboratories, received reports of serious side effects, including several deaths. However, Mifeprex is extremely safe compared with other drugs, and the labeling was likely prompted by political pressure from anti-abortionists and a lack of financial backing for the drug from its foreign manufacturer. Nov 15 - Michigan state police find an aborted fetus buried at the home of a 16-year-old Richmond Township boy. Officers are investigating an allegation that the teen used a baseball bat to repeatedly strike the stomach of his 16-year-old girlfriend to cause a miscarriage in early October. The girl told a counsellor about the miscarriage and the counsellor went to police. A law in Michigan legally protects a pregnant woman if she tries to take abortive measures, so police said an assault charge might not apply because the girl apparently cooperated and was not injured. The boy is charged with a felony under the Prenatal Protection Act, " intentional conduct against a pregnant individual resulting in miscarriage or stillbirth". Feb 7 - Michigan Legislator Bill Van Regenmorter says he plans to amend the law so that the girl can be charged with a felony too.

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	<p>students to pay for a pro-choice campus organization is discriminatory (see Nov 4). The AMS will be required on request to redirect the .85 cent fee to other recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 28 - Eight-month pregnant woman, Aimee Wilson of Vancouver, 25, loses fetus in a car accident; it is removed by C-section. Wilson lashes out at law, saying her unborn son was not a human under the law. She believes the driver of the other car, a 21-year old man from Burnaby, killed her son and wants him charged accordingly. Police say such charges cannot be laid because under the Criminal Code, a fetus does not become a human until it is born alive. The man is cooperating with police. Nov 30 - Anti-choice intervenor coalition in New Brunswick, Coalition for Life and Health, goes to provincial Supreme Court to try and get decision overturned that denied them permission to intervene in a lawsuit between the government and Dr. Henry Morgentaler. The coalition lawyer said the judge applied his discretionary power arbitrarily and that he misconstrued the scope of the lawsuit and the nature of the coalition's interest. The judge reserves judgment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 18 - Jeffrey Cameron Fitzhenry, 17, is found guilty of attempted murder by shooting his pregnant girlfriend at an abortion clinic on April 29, making her a quadriplegic. Decision by Riverside County jury (California). The 16-year-old victim testified that he repeatedly threatened her before the shooting, saying that she was "depriving him of his unborn child." When she went inside the Palm Desert clinic, Fitzhenry followed her, argued with her, and shot her in the neck. He had told her a week before: "If you take something of mine, I'll take something of yours." He will be sentenced in January. Nov 18 - Bomb threat made against a Somerset, New Jersey abortion clinic. A note was left at the employee entrance of the multi-tenant therapy center housing GYN Choices of Central Jersey, an abortion clinic that has regular anti-choice pickets. The note said, "If you don't stop killing babies, this building will be bombed on Jan. 22, 2005." Police secured the building, conducted a search of the premises, and found nothing. There are no suspects. Nov 20 - Congress passes major anti-abortion bill, the Weldon Amendment, by inserting last-minute clause into \$388 billion budget bill. The sweeping clause permits health care entities to collect federal, state and local tax dollars while refusing to provide abortion services, counseling, or referrals (even in cases of rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life). The clause undermines state laws requiring hospitals to provide abortions. The provision is expected soon to be signed into law by President Bush. The passage of the bill caps a two-year campaign by Catholic bishops and anti-abortion organizations. Nov 30 - Justice Department appeals Nebraska decision by U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in September, that the "partial-birth" abortion ban is unconstitutional because it does not allow any exception for the health of the woman. The government says the court ignored Congressional evidence that the procedure is never medically necessary.
Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec - Surrey-Delta Pro-Life Society announces in their newsletter that they and Campaign Life Coalition are launching campaign to defund abortion in BC, in conjunction with the upcoming provincial election. They plan to raise \$68,000 via Coffee Parties, for radio ads and other initiatives. Dec 1 - Bill Whatcott demonstrates in Prince Albert Sask with 7 other "Christian Truth Activists" against abortion, using graphic signs. He also delivered 700 copies of his flyer to PA mailboxes, and 600 to U of Saskatchewan and U of Regina. Dec 1 -- International Co-operation Minister Aileen Carroll announces that Canada is increasing its annual \$13.1-million contribution to the U.N. Population Fund to \$67.4 million over four years - about \$16.9 million each year. Most of that will go toward core financing of the program that has been seriously damaged by the U.S. boycott over the past three years. Dec 4 - Globe & Mail journalist Ian Brown reports that 62% of women aged 18-34 said they had never heard of Dr. Henry Morgentaler. Of those who had at least heard of him, 27% couldn't accurately identify him. So 73% of 18-to-34-year-old Canadian women have either not heard of Dr. Morgentaler or couldn't identify him accurately. Dec 23 - In Manitoba class-action suit filed by 2 women (Jane Doe's) on behalf of MB women, Judge Jeffrey Oliphant rules that MB government has committed a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 1 - Congressional study released by Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.), a critic of the Bush administration, which found that of 13 most commonly used abstinence-based sex-ed curricula, only two were accurate and 11 others contain unproved claims, subjective conclusions, or outright falsehoods regarding reproductive health, gender traits, and when life begins. ACLU calls for extensive review, and Lambda Legal announces a state-by-state investigation into "abstinence-only" education programs to see if they meet medical accuracy laws. Dec 5 - Eric Rudolph case: Defense files court motion citing their suspicion that the government and investigators altered Rudolph's photographs to appear "unsympathetic or malevolent" to the public because they thought his actual picture looked too much like Jesus. They asked prosecution to hand over evidence of any alterations made to photographs. Authorities deny the accusation. Dec 15 - Prosecutors respond to defense requests that additional evidence be handed over by saying most of what Rudolph seeks already has been provided. Defense suggests that someone else may have been behind the 1998 Birmingham abortion clinic blast that Rudolph is charged with. They also said the abortion clinic blast might be linked to a bomb found outside Birmingham police headquarters in 1996, which used a similar bomb to the Olympic blast in Atlanta 1996 (for which Rudolph is a suspect). No one was ever charged with planting the police station bomb, which was disarmed. The judge tells prosecutors to turn over information about the police bomb to defense. Rudolph's attorneys also challenge evidence seized from

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	<p>"gross violation" of women's rights by refusing to fund private abortions. Decision strikes down sections of MB's Health Insurances Act on the grounds they violate the Charter. 1000's of Manitoba women who paid out-of-pocket to terminate their pregnancies may now seek compensation from the province. Oliphant ruling said, "In my view, legislation that forces women to have to stand in line in an overburdened, publicly funded health-care system and to have to wait for a therapeutic abortion, a procedure that probably must be performed in a timely manner, is a gross violation of the right of women to both liberty and security of the person." Government lawyers had argued during the hearing in May that women do not have the right to dictate when and where they can have therapeutic abortions and claimed there was no substance to the Jane Does' claim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 23(?) - Federal Conservatives in 32 Greater Toronto Area ridings adopt policy resolutions that support a woman's right to choose abortion and that would prevent the use of the notwithstanding clause to override a Supreme Court decision extending civil marriage to gays and lesbians. The amendments carve out clearer and more moderate positions on these issues than party leader Stephen Harper has taken. Another resolution aims to blunt Liberal accusations in any upcoming election that the party has a "hidden agenda." It requires "full disclosure" in the party's election platform of any intention to amend, overturn or limit any existing Charter right or freedom, or any intention to hold a referendum on such limitations. 	<p>several search warrants executed at his North Carolina trailer and storage unit, including a Bible. Prosecutors said Rudolph underlined a violent Bible quotation and wrote the word "bombs" in large letters in the margin. The judge says that the evidence was properly seized and can be used at his trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 6 - During James Kopp court appearance, Amherst Police Department detective Raymond Nitche said witnesses are able to place Kopp in the Amherst neighborhood where the fatal shooting of abortion doctor Barnett Slepian took place. Nitche said he spoke to a man who claimed he briefly spoke to Kopp as he was jogging through the neighborhood. Other residents called in descriptions to police that matched Kopp. Dec 9 - California's attorney general Bill Lockyer announces he will file a lawsuit to block the Weldon Amendment passed by Congress on Nov 20, which would deny states federal funds if they enforce laws to protect women's rights to abortions and related care. The law would take away the state's ability to enforce its own laws protecting women's reproductive health and rights. Dec 13 - The National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, a family planning group, asks a judge to halt the new Weldon Amendment, because it conflicts with Title X law that requires health care providers to inform women about abortions. The NFPRHA says the Weldon amendment could cost states, hospitals, clinics, and doctors billions of federal dollars in grants. Dec 13 - President Bush nominates Republican Mike Leavitt to replace Tommy Thompson as Secretary of Health and Human Services. Leavitt is a former Governor of Utah and currently the head of the Environmental Protection Agency. He is anti-choice but not a fanatical extremist. Dec 13 (week of) - Monty and Deborah Patterson, parents of teenager Holly Patterson, file wrongful death and product liability lawsuits. After an abortion by mifepristone, Holly developed an infection and died in hospital in September 2003. The lawsuit names Population Council, which sponsored the development of mifepristone; Danco, the New York-based company that distributes mifepristone; Planned Parenthood Golden Gate, the clinic where Holly got the abortion pill; and ValleyCare Health System, which runs the hospital where Holly died. Dec 17 - Judge in Eric Rudolph case says investigators did not overstep the bounds of search warrants, and the Bible and other evidence should be admissible as evidence. Rudolph's attorneys had argued that books, a sales receipt, cash, two daggers, bayonets, and pistols were not within the scope of the warrants. But the judge said Rudolph lost his "reasonable expectation of privacy" by abandoning his possessions during his "flight from justice." Dec 21 - Judge orders the government to show serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph's defense any "final versions" of bomb replicas or sketches that it plans to use in his federal death penalty trial. Dec 17 - Virginia legislator John Cosgrove introduces state bill on "Fetal death" requiring women to report all miscarriages to police within 12 hours, and provide detailed information on the fetal death and circumstances. Penalty for not complying is up to one year in prison and a \$2,500 fine. He withdraws bill after widespread national protest and outrage. Dec 22 - Ricky Lee McDonald, 48, who has paranoid schizophrenic, is sentenced to 5 years

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		<p>in jail for setting fire to an Albuquerque Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on May 1, 1989. He was also sentenced to 30 months in 1996 for setting fire to another clinic. In 1995, he chained and padlocked the doors of another Albuquerque clinic and later set fire to the building twice before his arrest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 23 - The White House announces that President Bush will renominate 20 unconfirmed judicial candidates, including six filibustered by Senate Democrats because they were extremists. This ensures that the highly partisan battle over judges will continue next year. Four names were not resubmitted, but only because they voluntarily withdrew: Miguel Estrada, Charles Pickering, Carolyn Kuhl, and Claude Allen. Renominated judges will include William Pryor, Janice Rogers Brown, Priscilla Owen, and Brett Kavanaugh. Dec 28 - Female clerk at offices of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii opens a suspicious letter and some white powder spills onto her hands and dress. Workers were evacuated from the building. Police and HAZMAT work to identify substance, but it was not anthrax. Letter was postmarked from Colorado with no return address.
Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 5 - "Choice: The Henry Morgentaler Story", a docudrama of Dr. M's struggle to legalize abortion, is shown on CTV. Jan 14 - Bill Whatcott is sentenced by the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses Tribunal to a 45 day suspension and ordered to pay \$15,000 costs for the trial. He has refused to pay costs so suspension will probably be permanent. He was found guilty of professional misconduct in November by the SALPN, after a complaint about his defamatory protests by Planned Parenthood Regina. Jan 17 - Bill Whatcott is arrested at University of Calgary after leafleting high-rise residential towers in downtown Calgary, then going to campus and leafleting car windshields. He distributed over 3,000 leaflets. Campus police arrested, jailed, and charged him with trespassing. They released him on condition he stop leafleting, and gave him lifetime prohibition for coming onto campus. Court appearance Feb 17. Jan 19 - Calgary Herald reports on Whatcott's flyers, quoting disgusted residents. Jan 23 - week of(?) - At a Regional Policy meeting in Ottawa for Ontario members of the Conservative Party of Canada, a partial birth abortion ban moved a step closer to the CPC Policy Convention floor in Montreal in March. A motion to completely ban the abortion procedure passed muster at the policy meeting, with a vote of 85 to 14. Resolution "will support a ban on the performing and funding of third trimester partial birth abortions, also known as dilation and evacuation." Author is Connie Wilkins. Jan 23 - week of - A coalition of anti-abortion groups, Coalition for Life and Health, loses its second attempt to get intervener status in Dr. Henry Morgentaler's lawsuit against the provincial government. The appeals tribunal rendered its written decision, dismissing the appeal and awarding Morgentaler costs of \$1,500. In April, a Court of Queen's Bench judge denied the coalition's application because of its irrelevant preoccupation with the morality of abortion. The judge said the lawsuit was focused primarily on financial issues. Jan 26 -Federal Health Minister Ujjal Dosanjh announces he will take action to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 3 - Police charge a 16-year-old Michigan boy in the death of his girlfriend's fetus, alleging he caused a miscarriage by repeatedly beating her abdomen with a souvenir baseball bat. The charge is "intentional conduct against a pregnant individual resulting in miscarriage or stillbirth," which is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Jan 4 - Lawyers for Eric Rudolph (Birmingham Alabama abortion clinic bombing suspect) dispute government's claim that he planned to turn fugitive after the 1998 bombing, arguing that he would have taken more provisions if he anticipated a life on the lam in North Carolina woods. Jan 14 - Rudolph's lawyers want court to throw out handwriting analysis of his Bible, which has the word "bombs" scribbled beside a passage describing hail from heaven. They say the analysis by a federal expert doesn't meet scientific standards. They also want to block the testimony of a government handwriting expert who analyzed the Bible. Jan 18 - Judge rejects defense claim that prosecutors waited too long to announce they would seek the death penalty against serial Rudolph. Jan 6 - Justice Department releases new guidelines for treating rape victims, but the detailed procedures make no mention of emergency contraception. Scores of advocacy groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood, protested and sent letters. (More than 300,000 women are raped annually in the US, and about 25,000 become pregnant. Nearly 90% of rape pregnancies could be prevented if victims had prompt access to emergency contraception.) Jan 6 - 18-year-old Jeffrey Cameron Fitzhenry is sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. He was convicted of attempted murder for shooting his ex-girlfriend in a Palm Desert California abortion clinic while she waited to have an abortion. Jan 7 - Bill introduced in North Dakota legislature: Anyone who performs an abortion may face a murder charge. It would apply to a doctor who performed an abortion, or to a woman who took a drug intended to induce abortion. The North Dakota Right to Life Association and North Dakota's two Roman Catholic bishops opposed the measure, because they felt only the doctor should be punished. Jan 9 - Arson causes extensive damage to Eastside Women's Health Clinic in Olympia Washington, where abortions were performed. The fire damaged the roof of the and caused heat, water and smoke damage inside the building. No suspects.

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	<p>end longstanding dispute with New Brunswick over its refusal to fund abortions at the Fredericton Morgentaler Clinic. Dosanjh had told provincial Health Minister Elvy Robichaud in a private meeting that the Canada Health Act will be enforced. He says if it can't be settled amicably, the dispute avoidance and resolution process will be invoked, and financial penalties may apply from the feds. Dosanjh publicly repeats his threats on Jan 31. He said, " This is about a fundamental issue of a right to choose and the right to choose is meaningless unless you fund abortions adequately and appropriately across the country. There is no exception to that rule."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 27 - Manitoba government appeals a court ruling ordering it to pay for abortions in private clinics to protect its right to decide how health-care dollars are spent. Health Minister Tim Sale said the case reaches far beyond the abortion debate. He said the case could be the "death of medicare", ultimately forcing the province to pay private clinics to provide a myriad of health procedures, taking away provincial independence to decide how best to run the health system. Jan 31 - Pro Choice Action Network issues press release applauding Dosanjh's stand against New Brunswick, and exposing NB's regulation on abortion as illegal and unconstitutional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 18 - Norma McCorvey, the former Jane Roe (of Roe v Wade) announces she is formally asking U.S. Supreme Court to take her case and reverse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, or at least, order a trial on the merits. Her case cites the sworn testimony of more than 1,000 women "hurt" by abortion. Jan 19 - Troy Newman and Operation Rescue launch new campaign to "expose" Wesley Medical Center's participation in Dr. George Tiller's abortion clinic. They also target La Quinta Inn, where his patients stay and receive after-care. Newman is arrested and briefly jailed on Jan 21 for throwing items on clinic property, including dolls and blankets. Jan 20 - Bush inauguration, accompanied by many protests in Washington, including pro-choice and anti-choice. Jan 21 - Abolition of Abortion Federation, new international anti-choice group forms, launches itself with press conference in Washington DC. Jan 21 - The manufacturer of emergency contraception, Barr Pharmaceuticals, announces that the FDA is delaying the decision whether to allow women to buy the morning-after birth control pill over the counter. The same day, the Center for Reproductive Rights sues the FDA for failing to approve Plan B for over-the-counter access. Jan 22 - Pro-choice and anti-choice activists march in demonstrations across the country to mark the 32nd anniversary of the Roe v Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal. Large march San Francisco. Jan 23 - Catholic Vigil Mass for Life and National Prayer Vigil for Life takes place in Washington DC. Jan 24 - A Catholic church in Boulder Colorado buries ashes from hundreds of aborted fetuses. A mortuary hired by Dr. Warren Hern's abortion clinic to dispose of the fetuses had been giving the ashes to the church for years to be buried at a memorial, without Dr. Hern's knowledge. He was furious, said his patients were very upset, and that his contract required the mortuary to bury the ashes in its own plot. The church agreed to return the remains of 300 to 500 fetuses that had been cremated in November. The church had been planning to bury up to 1,000 fetuses, but buried about 500. Seven bags containing remains from miscarriages also were buried. Jan 24 - Annual March for Life in Washington DC. Estimated 100,000 people. President Bush speaks to the crowd by phone. Jan 24 - President Bush says he supports congressional proposals requiring abortion providers to warn women having abortions at 20 weeks or later that their fetuses will feel pain (Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act), and banning adults from helping pregnant minors cross state lines to circumvent abortion laws requiring parental notification (Child Custody Protection Act). Both bills are coming up for passage this spring. Democratic lawmakers have introduced a bill to increase access to family planning services and contraception "Putting Prevention First Act), which an anti-choice leader denounced as "sex-drenched". Also on the agenda this year: legislation making it harder for consumers to erase their debts in bankruptcy court, with a clause that abortion protesters cannot declare bankruptcy to escape court fines. Jan 24 - Senator Hillary Clinton speaks to 1000 abortion rights supporters at the New York State Family Planning Providers conference, with a theme of a more moderate stance on

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		<p>abortion, saying abortion "'in many ways represents a sad, even tragic choice to many, many women." And that "people of good faith" on both sides should seek "common ground." Her speech makes national headlines, and is seen as an attempt to soften her image so she can run for Pres in 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 31 - Pieces of the bomb that killed a police officer outside an Alabama abortion clinic matched a detonator described in an explosives book ordered by serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph, prosecutors said in court papers. The government also for the first time revealed that its handwriting expert matched Rudolph's writing to cryptic notes jotted in his Bible, which included the words "eye for eye" and "Bombs." Prosecutors asked judge to reject a defense request for a hearing on whether some scientific testimony should be allowed in Rudolph's upcoming trial.
Feb 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 2 - David Little of Fredericton, New Brunswick goes to court to face three counts of refusing to pay his taxes. He entered no plea and asked for an adjournment till March 2. He says his tax money should not be used to fund abortions. He has not paid taxes for 7 years. He wants to use the Charter's guarantees of freedom of religion and conscience clauses to make his arguments, and would like to ultimately go to the Supreme Court of Canada. Mar 2 - he gets adjournment to April 13 when he will enter a plea. Feb 4 - Toronto-area members of the Conservative party want the party to tell Canadians at its Montreal policy convention next month it has no "hidden agenda" to re-criminalize abortion or trample on minority rights. They believe if this became party policy, it could help combat things like Liberal attack ads and threats of the use of the notwithstanding clause from Harper. Feb 5 - Saskatchewan Party has convention in Regina, with major changes made to party's health-care policy. There was a pre-convention decision to delete a resolution calling for a province-wide referendum on abortion if requested. Party Leader Brad Wall denied it was a symbolic attempt to purge any reference to abortion from the party's policy book. Instead, he called it "pragmatic, saying there's no reason to state it outright since the Sask Party already supports the referendum law of Saskatchewan. Feb 8 - Anti-abortion groups blast Assumption University in Windsor Ontario for inviting Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, to be a speaker Sunday as part of its Christian Culture Series. Lewis describes himself as "deeply pro-choice" but his speech is on the plight of Africa. He denounced the coalition's demand that he be excommunicated from the Catholic Church as "profoundly intolerant". Feb 13 - Lewis speech goes ahead and draws large crowd. Small band of anti-choice protesters outside. Feb 9 - A couple out walking along the coastline at Herring Cove just outside Halifax discovered a premature fetus buried beneath a pile of rocks. Police said they spotted what looked like a "makeshift grave." Police found a number of other items found at the scene. The fetus was found wrapped in a white, mesh-like cloth, and was taken to the medical examiner's office for examination. It turned out to be a stillbirth that someone buried in a little ceremony. Feb 10 - Student Society at University of Victoria holds vote on whether to delete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb - In his fiscal year 2006 budget, which drastically slashes spending on hundreds of other social programs, Bush proposes increasing funding for abstinence by US\$39 million to US\$206 million, rising to US\$270 million by 2008. Feb 1 - Operation Rescue apparently succeeds in some intimidation against Dr. George Tiller's clinic in Kansas. He used La Quinta Inn to house abortion patients who had to fly in from other parts of the country, reportedly having nurses attend to patients while in the hotel. Operation Rescue complained to La Quinta head office, and La Quinta told Tiller he could not provide medical services inside the hotel, or use the hotel's name in its publicity. Feb 1 - A former FBI whistleblower tries to help Eric Rudolph (charged in the 1998 Birmingham Alabama abortion clinic bombing) to fight death penalty charges by challenging the work of another federal agency, according to documents filed in court. Frederic W. Whitehurst has supplied the Rudolph defense with a sworn statement questioning the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' model of the nail-laden bomb that exploded outside the clinic. He was once the FBI's top expert on bomb residue. Feb 2 - Rudolph's lawyers question a black man's claim that he saw Rudolph near the scene of a deadly abortion clinic blast, citing research into the shakiness of "cross-racial identifications." Feb 4 - Judge T. Michael Putman gives preliminary approval for prosecutors to seek the death penalty against Rudolph. Feb 2 - Kansas governor Kathleen Sebelius calls for an investigation into death of a young Texas patient at Dr. George Tiller's clinic on Jan 13. Dr. Tiller is subpoenaed, but media reveals that investigation centers on events in Texas, not on her death at Tiller's clinic. Feb 11 - The U.S. Justice Department says that the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act" declared unconstitutional by three federal judges does not place an undue burden on women seeking abortion. The department is appealing all three rulings. It made the argument in briefs filed with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the September ruling by U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln. Feb 14 - Eric Rudolph won't use an insanity defense to fight the death penalty if jurors convict him in the Birmingham Alabama abortion clinic bombing, according to a defense document. Feb 16 - Judge agrees to a March 28 hearing on whether prosecutors can show jurors a model of the bomb. Feb 14 - President Bush re-nominates 20 anti-choice judges for federal appeals and district courts. Some of the names include those who were previously filibustered by

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	<p>their pro-choice policy. The anti-abortion group Youth Protecting Youth, made the motion to delete the policy saying the Society should be more "neutral". A panel of speakers appeared on the evening of Feb 9 to defend the policy and help get out the pro-choice vote. The motion is defeated by a wide margin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 11 - Statistics Canada releases abortion figures for 2002. Canadian women obtained 105,154 abortions, down one per cent from 106,270 in 2001. The rate of abortion fell marginally to 15.4 abortions per 1,000 women in 2002 from 15.6 abortions per 1,000 women in 2001. Feb 11 - Jack Layton, leader of Canada's federal NDP Party, addresses students at King's College, a Catholic college at the University of Western, in London, Ontario tonight. Campaign Life Coalition complains futilely. Feb 14 (week of) - At Conservative Party caucus meeting, some Conservatives, including Stephen Harper, voice a fear that outspoken opponents of gay marriage and abortion could hijack the Montreal convention by causing a media circus on these hot-button issues. Connie Wilkins has proposed a resolution banning "partial-birth" third-trimester abortions in Canada. Media reports there has been a "steady thrum of low-level grumbling on Conservative websites and message boards about restrictive rules for the convention, which will likely squelch resolutions like one calling for a ban on late-term abortions." Feb 15 - Li Min Lai, a Chinese "family-planning manager" who forced an abortion on a worker who was seven months' pregnant is denied refugee status in Canada because she committed a "crime against humanity." Even though was not motivated by cruelty and was just doing her job enforcing China's one-child policy, she cannot be accepted as a refugee because forcing women to have abortions is a crime against humanity, Federal Court Justice Sandra Simpson ruled. Feb 15 - NDP Leader Elizabeth Weir in New Brunswick harshly criticizes Health Minister Elvy Robichaud for the province's stance on abortion and urges Ottawa to follow through on its threats to penalize the province for refusing to provide adequate access to abortion. Feb 19 - <i>Ottawa Citizen</i> story publishes story about wish of Christian Association of Pregnancy Support Services, which represents about 70 pregnancy crisis centres across the country, to put ultrasound equipment in CPC's. Chair Jurgen Severloh said his group is watching developments in the U.S. with interest, even Canadian CPCs can't offer ultrasounds due to regulations over the use of such diagnostic equipment. Feb 22 - CBC's The National shows segment on Canadian group "Silent No More" and its head Denise Mountenay. Coverage lengthy with short shrift to pro-choice viewpoint. 	<p>Democrats in the Senate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 22 - Two Kansas clinics ask Kansas Supreme Court to limit or halt a secret inquiry into the medical records of women who have had abortions. Documents filed by lawyers in Wichita and Topeka reveal details of closed-door court proceedings that have been going on since fall. The action "arises out of a secret inquisition of nearly 90 women who obtained abortions at two Kansas clinics in 2003," the legal brief says. Kansas Attorney General Phil Kline, an anti-choice fanatic, subpoenaed complete, unedited records of women getting abortions at least 22 weeks gestation, and abortions on girls under 16. He wants patient's name, medical history, details of her sex life, birth control practices and psychological profile. Kline wants to search for evidence of crimes against laws that limit late-term abortions and require mandatory reporting of suspected child sexual abuse. Feb 25 - Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and a group of female Democratic lawmakers criticize Attorney General Phil Kline for seeking medical records of women and girls who have had abortions. They said Kline's actions were an invasion of privacy. Feb 28 - Prosecutor in Eric Rudolph bombing case defend government crime laboratories and investigators against claims by Rudolph that their work was shoddy. Rudolph's attorneys also claim scientific evidence that could link him to the bombing should be thrown out.
Mar 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 2 - Leaked copy of Conservative Party's resolutions to be debated at March convention shows Conservatives will discuss a motion indicating a future Tory government will "not initiate any legislation to regulate abortion" but also entertain a clause calling for a "ban on the performing or funding of third trimester partial birth abortion." On Feb 28, Party leader Stephen Harper said 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar - Democratic lawmakers introduce a bill, the <i>Putting Prevention First Act</i>, to increase access to family planning services and contraception in order to prevent abortion. However, anti-choice legislators defeated it in a 53-to-47 vote, with one denouncing the Act as "sex-drenched". Early Mar - Jerry Flores, the 18-year old boyfriend of a 16-year old Texas girl is charged

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	<p>the party leadership will back a resolution that would institute an official policy of not taking any position on abortion, same-sex marriage or other social conservative issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 7 - Conservative Party moves five resolutions, P-91 to P-95, concerning marriage, abortion and conscience issues from Friday sessions at upcoming convention to Saturday agenda, but immediately after National Caucus resolution P-90 supporting democratic accountability and free votes, which if passed would kill consideration of the five resolutions. After much protest by right-wing elements, the resolutions are de-linked from P-90 so they can be voted on separately. • Mar 14 - About 5,000 subscribers to a Canadian conservative Web site, Free Dominion: The Voice of Principled Conservatism, are told "YOU WILL DIE SHORTLY" in a massive spam attack. The threats angered the site's operator Connie Wilkins, who advanced an anti-abortion resolution at this week's Conservative Party convention. Someone hacked into the site's server and used its software to send the e-mails, 6 times each, to everyone in the database, about 5,000 subscribers. • Mar 18 - University of Western Ontario announces that Dr. Henry Morgentaler will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Western Ontario on Thursday, June 16. Anti-choicers ask the administration to reconsider, but UWO says no. Anti-choice protests occur, including a "silent march" on the campus week of April 4, but also much pro-choice support. • Mar 19 - At the convention for the federal Conservative Party of Canada in Montreal, delegates formally reject re-opening the abortion debate when they voted not to try and pass new legislation regulating abortion. The convention's 2,900 delegates voted 55% in favour of maintaining the status quo on abortion, with 45% opposed. The move was an endorsement of the stand taken by leader Stephen Harper, who earlier announced he would not introduce legislation to regulate abortion if he was elected prime minister. A second motion had also been up for debate, calling for a "ban on the performing and funding of third trimester partial birth abortions, also known as dilation and evacuation." This motion was not voted on after the first motion passed. A resolution to "restore democratic accountability in the House of Commons by allowing free votes" specifically allowing them on issues such as "abortion, the definition of marriage and euthanasia" passed. Removed from the party's platform were planks calling for referendums for constitutional amendments and general referendums for issues of national importance. • Mar 22 - According to anti-choice source, a man attacks an anti-choice GAP display put up by anti-choice students outside a subway entrance near the University of Calgary. The man ripped three 4x8 foot displays. He was arrested, and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. After the arrest, a second man approached and vandalized a remaining sign. The students were protesting at the subway stop after being barred from demonstrating on campus property. Campus security told the students they would be charged with trespassing if they brought the GAP signs onto campus. 	<p>with murder under a new Texas state law protecting the unborn, after helping her self-abort by stepping on her stomach over a period of weeks. She had been trying to self-abort herself and finally asked him to help her. The girl can't be charged because the law bans prosecution of mothers on the grounds that they have a legal right to end pregnancies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 1- Frank Lafayette Bird Jr. of Houston, accused of ramming his car into a Houston abortion clinic In March 2003, fails for the second time to have the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act banning violence against abortion clinics declared unconstitutional. 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturns a lower court's dismissal of charges against Bird. • Mar 1 - New book, "Hunting Eric Rudolph," claims that the 5-year manhunt for Eric Rudolph should never have happened. Authors Henry Schuster and Charles Stone explain that a miscommunication between the FBI and a North Carolina sheriff on Jan. 30, 1998, allowed Rudolph to slip away from his trailer, because the FBI told the local sheriff to wait. • Mar 3 - Judge refuses to throw out the death penalty case against Eric Rudolph, rejecting defense claims that the serial bombing suspect should be tried under a law that doesn't allow capital punishment. Jury selection will be April 6. • Mar 4(?) - Federal legislation is reintroduced by Republican lawmakers that would at least temporarily pull mifepristone from U.S. markets. "Holly's Law" would suspend Food and Drug Administration approval of mif until the federal Government Accountability Office scrutinizes the process by which the drug came to U.S. markets in 2000. • Mar 8 - Senate rejects an abortion-related amendment within a new bankruptcy laws, which had doomed the legislation 2 years ago. The Senate voted 46-53 to reject the proposal that would have prohibited abortion protesters from filing bankruptcy to avoid paying court-ordered fines. The bankruptcy bill will make it harder for people to abandon their debts by filing for bankruptcy. • Mar 9 - Kansas Supreme Court lifts gag order against abortion clinics that Attorney General Phill Kline had placed on them, preventing them from discussing the case in the media as well as informing their patients that their medical records were being handed over to the state. • Mar 12 - U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice describes her personal position on abortion as "mildly pro-choice" and "libertarian" She told the Washington Times the government should not be "forcing its views" about abortion. "I've tended to agree with those who do not favor federal funding for abortion, because I believe that those who hold a strong moral view on the other side should not be forced to fund it," she said. "I am a strong proponent of parental notification. I am a strong proponent of a ban on late-term abortion. These are all things that I think unite people and I think that that's where we should be." Rice will not run for President in 2008. • Mar 18 - In a study released in the Journal of Adolescent Health, Hannah Brückner and Peter Bearman report new results that show that young adults who took virginity pledges as adolescents are as likely to be infected with STDs as those who did not take virginity pledges. Sexually active pledgers were less likely to use condoms at first sex than non-pledgers. Most pledgers were sexually active, and 88% of these have sex before marriage. Pledgers were also less likely to seek and obtain STD-related health care.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 23 - According to the Campus Pro-Life club, campus security at University of Calgary set up a checkpoint at the main entrance while blocking off a nearby entrance. In addition, campus security escorted anti-choice students off campus for putting up 8x11" posters, including Natalie Sanesh, scheduled to give a public address on Mar 24. Although the university indefinitely banned Sanesh and other non-student volunteers from campus, they allowed her to present her lecture if she departed immediately after. However, according to UofC, the group was asked to move off campus weeks in advance of the event because up to 200 six- to 16 year-olds were visiting for an arts festival, and for security issues. The group was told it could protest on campus with "scaled-back" posters, inside MacEwan Hall with their large posters, or off university property. Pro-choice students mounted a small counter protest. Mar 24 - The Bank of Montreal asks Life Canada-Vie Canada of Ottawa to remove a link on their website asking members to sign up for a fundraising "affinity" MasterCard, after receiving angry complaints from the pro-choice movement. Carroll Rees is executive director of the group. E-mails were circulating across the country, calling on pro-choice supporters to cut up their MasterCards and boycott the bank. Rees said the group complied with the bank's request but she was puzzled about the timing of the complaints, since the group has used the credit card as part of their fundraising for over 10 years. Both anti-choice and pro-choice people across Canada send blitz of emails, after Heather Mallick publishes great column in rabble.ca on April 2. About 250 anti-choice protesters hold "silent" march on campus on April 6. UWO says it will not back down from giving honorary degree. Mar 29 - Canadian Medical Association Journal publishes study "Effects of making emergency contraception available without a physician's prescription: a population-based study" Study showed that EC use in BC more than doubled between introduction of over-the-counter EC in 2000, and 2002. About 550 unwanted pregnancies were avoided. Mar 29 - New Brunswick Telegraph Journal reports that a staff change last April at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax is forcing some Nbers living in Halifax to pay nearly \$600 for an abortion, or return to NB to have the procedure done here. That's because the gynecologist who was performing abortions at the hospital stopped because of other work commitments, and only an OB-Gyn can perform a funded abortion according to NB's illegal regulation under the Medical Services Payment Act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 21 - Operation Rescue files suit against the Sedgwick County Emergency Communication Department to gain access to the audio file of a 911 call made by Dr. George Tiller on February 17, 2005, when a woman was transported by ambulance to hospital and later died. Mar 28 - Supreme Court rejects without comment an appeal to reinstate an Idaho state law requiring girls under age 18 to get parental consent for abortions except under the most dire of medical emergencies. The court let stand a lower court ruling that struck down the Idaho law because its provisions on emergency abortions were too strict. Mar 28 (week of) - Roman Catholic Church establishes its first religious society devoted exclusively to fighting euthanasia and abortion. The male-only Missionaries of the Gospel of Life — is founded in Amarillo Texas by Father Frank A. Pavone, an outspoken opponent of abortion rights. The group will train priests to conduct voter-registration drives, use the media to get out their antiabortion message, lobby lawmakers to restrict abortion rights, and lead demonstrations outside abortion clinics and family-planning clinics. Mar 29 - hearing in Huntsville begins for Eric Rudolph, accused in bombing Birmingham abortion clinic. Prosecutors file court papers claiming Rudolph had ties to a Tennessee church led by an anti-abortion activist. Hearing reviews explosives evidence and questions ATF protocols. Mar 30 - jury selection begins for trial in June, with 100's being interviewed. Mar 30 - Arson attempt at Planned Parenthood office in Bloomington Indiana. The fire burned out before causing significant damage. It was the second apparent act of vandalism there in two weeks; burned papers were found near the office on March 19. The FBI has joined local police in investigating the fire. Late March - anti-abortion extremists and groups descend on Pinellas Park, Florida to demonstrate and hold vigils outside Terri Schiavo's hospice. Terri has been in persistent vegetative state for 15 years, and judge George Greer ordered her feeding removed according to her wishes and her husband Michael's wishes. Randall Terry previously of Operation Rescue is primary spokesperson for Schiavo's Roman Catholic parents, Bob & Mary Schindler, who want to keep Terri alive. Anti-choice groups use case for fundraising and political grandstanding. Richard Alan Meywes of Fairview, North Carolina is arrested on March 26 for offering \$250,000 for someone to kill Michael Schiavo and Judge Greer. Terri dies March 31. Anti-choice groups condemn "judicial activism" and secular judges.
Apr 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 5 - New Brunswick's Education Minister Madeleine Dubé announces its sexual education program for middle school students will remain largely unchanged after the provincial government refused to bow to pressure from some parents who complained the program was too explicit. The message of abstinence will be strengthened in the sex ed program for Grades 6, 7, and 8 in the anglophone sector. Apr 8 - Bank of Montreal announces they will not renew affinity card for LifeCanada when it expires in July 2006, due to a "small" number of public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April - Some states introduce conscience clause bills allowing pharmacists to shirk their duty by refusing to fill prescriptions that go against their personal moral beliefs. States include Arizona, California, Indiana, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and South Dakota already have such laws. Other states introduce bills or temporary measures to require pharmacists to dispense or refer appropriately, including California, Missouri, and Illinois. A federal bill was also introduced requiring pharmacists to fill prescriptions. Apr 6 -- President Bush's nominee to lead the Food and Drug Administration is blocked

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	<p>complaints. In June, Saskatchewan MP Maurice Vellacott called for a boycott of the Bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 13 - Anti-choicer David Little pleads not guilty to three charges of failing to file income tax returns for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, during a court appearance in Fredericton, though he admitted not paying his taxes to protest against publicly funded abortions. Little says he won't file a tax return until the Canada Health Act is changed, or the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms is amended to recognize the right to live for the unborn. Little wants a jury trial but probably won't get it. Trial set for Oct 4. • Apr 14 - Federal Health Minister Ujjal Dosanjh confirms that the federal government is going ahead with its formal challenge of New Brunswick's strict abortion policies. Dosanjh said he is just "days" from invoking the new federal-provincial dispute avoidance resolution process with New Brunswick to solve the impasse under the <i>Canada Health Act</i>. NB Health Minister said he would not bow to threats. • Apr 19 - Edmonton's Capital Health announces that Royal Alexandra Hospital will stop performing abortions on May 13, except for emergency or high-risk cases. All abortion care will be transferred to the Morgentaler clinic, which already does 70% of the city's abortions, and will now do all of them. The Royal Alex did not provide the best abortion care to women. The abortion space at the hospital will be converted to a fertility clinic. • Apr 19 - Health Canada announces that emergency contraception is available over the counter effective immediately. A signed federal order-in-council strips prescription-only status from the drug levonorgestrel. This allows pharmacies across the country to dispense emergency contraception (Plan B). Pharmacists who want to dispense it will be trained. British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Quebec had already independently enacted provincial legislative changes to allow dispensing without a prescription. • Apr 21 - Supreme Court refuses to hear an appeal from serial abuser Jean-Guy Tremblay against the decision of the Alberta courts to declare him a long-term offender for assaulting women. Tremblay came to national attention in 1989 when he took an ex-girlfriend, Chantale Daigle, to court in a failed bid to stop her having an abortion. • Apr 26 - Alberta legislature's private bills committee considers law that would allow Brooklynn Rewega to sue her mother for injuries from a car crash when the woman was pregnant. Rewega is blind and brain-damaged. Her family wants her to have the ability to sue so that the mother's auto insurance company will cover some of the costs of her daughter's injuries. The committee will seek advice from the Justice Department and reconsider the issue during the fall sitting. • Apr 26 - Teenage girls in Quebec can now get a prescription for birth-control pills directly from a school nurse or at a community health clinic, without having to see a doctor or seek parental permission. The new policy adopted by the College des medecins du Quebec is designed to make it easier for sexually active girls to 	<p>from Senate confirmation by two Democrats who said they would hold up a vote until the agency settled the question of whether emergency contraception could be sold over the counter. The Democrats, Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Patty Murray of Washington, met with the nominee, Dr. Lester M. Crawford, to discuss the foot-dragging over EC. An expert panel of scientists recommended over-the-counter sales in December 2003, but the FDA has yet to issue a final ruling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 8 - Accused clinic bomber Eric Rudolph reaches plea deal. He will plead guilty on Apr 13 to four bombings in exchange for dropping death penalty. He also leads investigators to caches of 250 pounds of dynamite buried in North Carolina mountains. Bombings include: 1996 Atlanta Olympics where a woman was killed; Jan 1997 bombing of Atlanta abortion clinic; Feb 1997 bombing of Atlanta gay/lesbian nightclub; and Jan 1992 bombing of a Birmingham abortion clinic killing off-duty policeman and seriously injuring a nurse. • Apr 13 - Eric Rudolph pleads guilty to a 1998 abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham Alabama that killed a police officer and seriously injured a nurse, as well as 3 other bombings (2 separate hearings). Rudolph will receive four consecutive life terms without parole, instead of facing the death penalty. Rudolph showed no remorse, displayed pride in his criminal actions, and read out an 11-page rambling statement, which was a grandiose and defiant right-wing manifesto against abortion, government, and homosexuality, filled with hate, intolerance and self-justification. Rudolph admitted planning many more bombings than he was able to carry out. Sentencing will be July 18. • Apr 14 - Justice Dept argues before a federal appeals panel in St. Louis that "partial birth" abortion is not necessary to protect a woman's health and a federal judge was wrong to rule that the <i>Partial Birth Abortion Act</i> was unconstitutional. Gov't seeks to overturn a ruling by a U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Nebraska from September. Kopf had ruled that Congress ignored the most experienced doctors in determining that the banned procedure would never be necessary. He said the ban did not contain an exception when the health of the woman is at risk. And he ruled that the ban posed an undue burden on a woman's right to an abortion. A decision isn't expected for 3-6 months. • Apr 11 - Federal judge Hugh Scott refuses to throw out federal charges against James Kopp, convicted in state court of killing Dr. Barnett Slepian, or to move the trial to a different city. Judge rejected defense arguments that Kopp is charged under an unconstitutional federal law, and said he will allow prosecutors to use Kopp's previous statements, including a 2002 confession to the 1998 shooting death of Dr. Slepian. Kopp could face life without parole if convicted of violating the <i>Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act</i>. The judge ruled that Kopp could be charged under the act because abortion-related violence and a shortage of abortion doctors have forced many women to cross state lines for procedures. • Apr 13 - The House Judiciary Committee approves the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, which would bar the transportation of minors across state lines for the purpose of evading state abortion parental notification or consent laws. The bill would authorize fines or up to one year in prison for people who violate the measure. Doctors would also be subject to penalty. The measure includes an exception if an abortion is necessary to save the life of a pregnant minor and would allow minors to gain judicial bypass from a judge in their home state to avoid parental notification.

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	<p>access birth control, and thereby reduce the abortion rate. In women under 19, 40,000 unwanted pregnancies occur a year, half of which end in abortion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 27 - Federal government sends New Brunswick's provincial Department of Health and Wellness a letter initiating an official dispute avoidance resolution process to attempt to settle the issue of the province not funding the Fredericton Morgentaler clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 18 - Life Dynamics president Mark Crutcher of Texas says his organization provided the evidence that led to Kansas Atty. Gen. Phill Kline's controversial investigation of two abortion clinics. Crutcher said he had callers pretending to be 13-year-old girls call abortion clinics across the country, including four clinic offices in Kansas. The group says its tapes from the telephone conversations prove the clinics are operating illegally, by not reporting sexual assault of minors. Apr 18 - The Supreme Court declines to consider the constitutionality of state laws that regulate speech and activities within a buffer zone around abortion clinics. Without comment, justices let stand a lower court ruling upholding a Massachusetts law that was passed after the 1994 fatal shooting of two abortion clinic workers. mid-April - Alan Guttmacher Institute reports that over 770 measures relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights were introduced in state legislatures during the first quarter of 2005; 60% of these bills relate to abortion. By the end of March, 12 new laws had been enacted, including measures to make abortion illegal if <i>Roe v. Wade</i> is overturned (in South Dakota), require parental involvement for minor's abortions (in Arkansas and South Dakota), create "Choose Life" license plates (in Ohio), define a fetus as a person for purposes of a state's murder statute (in West Virginia), require hospital emergency rooms to provide emergency contraception (in New Jersey), and restrict embryo research (in Virginia). Also, 7 states are considering measures to require parental involvement in minors' abortions. 12 states have introduced measures to allow pharmacists to refuse to dispense medication because of their religious or moral beliefs. 4 states have introduced measures to require pharmacists to dispense medications when requested by a customer. 18 states have introduced measures to require physicians to inform women that a fetus has the capacity to feel pain at a specified point in pregnancy and to offer anesthesia for the fetus when performing abortions after that point. Apr 21 - Right-wing extremist judges Priscilla Owen (Texas) and Janice Rogers Brown (California), who were blocked by Democrat filibuster threats during Bush's first term, go up for approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Apr 24 - Senator Bill Frist, the majority leader, joins prominent Christian conservatives in a telecast ("Justice Sunday: Stop the filibuster against people of faith") portraying Democrats as "against people of faith" for blocking President Bush's nominees. Frist is on a crusade to change the rules and end filibustering as a means to block nominees. He needs 50 votes from his Republican caucus to make the rule change, which would give control of the judiciary to one party, ending the constitutional separation of powers and the system of "checks and balances" between legislature and courts. Motive behind the rule change is to appoint anti-choice judges to courts and Supreme Court to overturn <i>Roe v Wade</i>. Senate vote will occur on May 24. Apr 26 - 13-year old girl's abortion request blocked by Department of Children & Families in Palm Beach County Florida, when DCF went before a juvenile judge, describing her as too young and immature. ACLU files emergency appeal next day. Legislators and advocates weigh in on the case in light of state and federal efforts to pass a parental notification law that would apply to pregnant teens. On April 28, girl insists on abortion at a hearing, saying to judge " Why can't I make my own decision?" Judge rules in her favour and she has abortion.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 27 - House passes the <i>Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act</i> (270 to 157) making it a federal crime for any adult to transport an under-age girl across state lines to have an abortion without the consent of her parents. A Senate vote is expected by summer, and it will likely pass. The law creates a bureaucratic nightmare for all who need to adhere to it because it works in concert with similar state laws. • Apr 27 - a boyfriend of a patient shoots and kills himself in the parking lot of an abortion clinic in Madison Wisconsin, after the completion of the state required 24 hour session. The boyfriend was distraught and the girlfriend came running back into the clinic asking the staff to dial 911. No one else was injured.
May 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2 - Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission finds Bill Whatcott guilty of inciting hatred against gays/lesbians by distributing flyers exposing them to hatred and ridicule. He is ordered to pay \$17,500 to four gay complainants for hurt feelings and loss of dignity and self-respect. (Between 2001- 2005 he distributed tens of thousands of flyers across Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta condemning "homosexuality from a Biblical and a sociological perspective".) He is also forbidden from distributing the flyers or any similar material that promotes hatred against individuals because of their sexual orientation. Whatcott appeals, and two weeks later distributes more hate flyers in Saskatoon. Appeal to be heard May 26. • May 3 - Anti-choicer Bill Whatcott protests outside Edmonton Morgentaler Clinic along with his wife and Robert Hinchey (from TO). According to Whatcott, there was much pro-choice objection, and he called police after being "attacked" by a boyfriend of clinic patient. Police threatened to arrest protesters if they didn't remove signs. Eventually they moved a few feet away onto some grass and police left. • May 3 - Statistics Canada releases studies showing about 12% of girls and 13% of boys have had sex before they reach 16. The agency says the trend toward early intercourse has been increasing since the early 1980s. The agency also says almost 4 in 10 youth aged 15 to 24, who reported having sexual intercourse with multiple partners in the previous year, said they did not use a condom. • May 6 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler sends open letter to New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord offering to end his lawsuit against NB's government if it buys his private clinic and continues offering abortions there. Dr. M's lawsuit was launched in October 2002, to get province to pay for abortions at his Fredericton clinic. • May 6 - Media reports that a \$2-million bequest to the University of Western Ontario has been withdrawn, along with other pledges, and other alumni are threatening to cut their ties with the school, because they are outraged by the university's decision to award an honorary doctor of law-s degree on June 16 to Dr. Henry Morgentaler. He is one of 10 people selected by the university's senate committee for the honorary awards. • May 8 - 200 anti-choice activists hold rally at Mic Mac Park in Windsor Ontario and then march to Windsor Regional Hospital Western Campus where a moment of silence was observed and a pink and white wreath laid in memory of "all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 6 - Anti-abortion activist Neal Horsley (Nureberg Files website) appears on Alan Colmes FOX News radio show, and admits to having had sex with mules in his youth on a Georgia farm. • May 12 - Dr. David Hager, right-wing anti-choice extremist that Bush appointed to a federal Food and Drug Administration advisory committee on reproductive health, says he does not expect to be appointed to a third term, after a Nation article exposed that he regularly forcibly sodomized his wife, now remarried to someone else. He also claimed that he wrote a minority opinion opposing the approval of emergency contraception over the counter, which influenced the FDA to veto it. • mid-May - Alan Guttmacher Institute releases analysis showing that U.S. abortion rates have continued to decline in 2001 and 2002, although the rate of decline has slowed since the early 1990s. AGI estimates that 1,303,000 abortions took place in the U.S. in 2001—0.8% fewer than the 1,313,000 in 2000. In 2002, the number of abortions declined again, to 1,293,000, or another 0.8%. The rate of abortion also declined, from 21.3 procedures per 1,000 women aged 15–44 in 2000 to 21.1 in 2001 and 20.9 in 2002. • May 18 - The U.S. Senate begins formal debate on Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen's nomination for a seat on the federal appeals court, moving the chamber one step closer to a historic vote on the future of the judicial filibuster. Majority leader Bill Frist plans to use the debate as a prologue for pushing through his "nuclear option" of ending filibustering. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said that if the judicial filibuster is eliminated, his party would bring much of the Senate's business to a halt. • May 20 - A Palm Beach Florida woman is charged with evidence tampering and child neglect after arranging an abortion for her 17-year-old daughter during an incest investigation. The girl's 40-year-old stepfather was charged with familial sexual battery. Detectives wanted to perform a paternity test on the fetus, but the mother took her daughter to a clinic for an abortion without notifying them. • May 23 - American Life League announces the launch of a new campaign to target abortion proponents amongst legislators, called "You Can't be Catholic and Pro-Abortion." They will speak out against Catholic legislators who support abortion. • May 23 - Center for Bioethical Reform targets Orlando Florida with its large billboards and flying banners of aborted fetuses. • May 23 - The Supreme Court agrees to hear a New Hampshire appeal seeking to reinstate a law requiring parental notification before minors can terminate their pregnancies. Justices will review a 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that struck down NH's parental notification law as unconstitutional because it didn't provide an exception to

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	<p>babies killed by abortion."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 9 - BC NDP MLA Joy MacPhail sends open letter to Premier Gordon Campbell complaining about Yale-Lillooet Liberal candidate Lloyd Forman who questioned current abortion laws during a radio debate the previous week. When asked by a caller if abortion services were being threatened by Medicare funding problems, Forman replied: "What has to happen, I believe on all these issues is, the community has to drive these things, and I believe historically the communities haven't been heard. I think these things are driven from special interest groups—they're driven from a few people here and there, and that's the change I'd like to see - that we go straight to the community and we discuss these things on a level." <li>• May 9 - Stephen Thomas Dawson of Barrie ON, a family physician who became infamous in 2002 when he refused to prescribe birth control pills to single women, is stripped of his medical licence for his "shameful" sexual abuse of an emotionally vulnerable patient. The woman, a 41-year-old government employee from Barrie, lashed out at his "distorted thoughts of Christianity," which he used to "groom" her for his sexual pleasure. He admitted sexually abusing her, in that they engaged in oral sex and masturbation while he was still her doctor, but maintains it was fully consensual. He was also formally reprimanded and ordered to pay \$2,500 in legal costs to the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. <li>• May 10 - University of Western Ontario announces restricted access to event giving degree to Dr. Morgentaler on June 16, for security reasons. Graduates can have only two guests each and guests must bring ID. The university also sends out a press accreditation form to journalists requesting that all media attending the convocation fill out the form by June 3. Also, the Chair of the Board of Governors at the UWO writes an open letter of protest regarding the awarding of the degree, falsely suggesting that President Davenport as chair of the committee, 'railroaded' the process. <li>• May 11-13 - March for Life in Ottawa. March on May 12 attracted 6,000 marchers, 60-70% youth. May 11 was candle-light vigil held at national human rights monument, which also attracted a small rowdy group of pro-choice protesters. Some MP's spoke. Silent No More Awareness Campaign also took place after march. <li>• May 12 - About 40 Right to Life supporters protest at Confederation Building in St. Johns Nfld to mark the 36th anniversary of the 1969 legislation easing criminal abortion law in Canada (May 12, 1969). <li>• May 14 -15 - Knights of Columbus host its second annual "On Fire for Life" weekend in Tignish PEI. Father Peter West is keynote speaker for the weekend. Conference involves various Knights of Columbus councils, Catholic Women's League and Right to Life Councils of Prince County. Main goal to establish a "means to move forward together on pro-life issues and work together to promote a culture of life." Events include a youth rally and concert. <li>• May 15 - About 150 anti-abortion demonstrators gather at the home of Western 	<p>protect the minor's health in case of medical emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 24 - House votes to lift limits on embryonic stem cell research, a measure supporters said could accelerate cures for diseases but opponents viewed as akin to abortion. Bush called the bill a mistake and said he would veto it. The House approved the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005 by a 238-194 vote, far short of the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override a veto. In August 2001, Bush restricted stem cell research to a few existing cell lines, which greatly hampered research. <li>• May 24 - 14 Democrats and Republicans in the Senate strike a deal that puts the so-called "nuclear option" off the table, at least for now. The deal allows filibusters to be used against judicial nominees in "extraordinary circumstances." But the deal also allows a simple majority vote on three of the most anti-women's and civil rights judicial nominees to the federal Circuit Courts of Appeals: Janice Rogers Brown, Priscilla Owen, and William Pryor. <li>• May 25 - The Senate confirms Priscilla Owen as a federal appellate judge, ending a 4-year partisan battle. The 56-43 vote to appoint Owen to the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a consequence of an agreement reached earlier this week that temporarily averted a bitter dispute over Democratic use of the filibuster to block Bush's judicial choices. <li>• May 25 - Former militant anti-choice activist Terry Randall, founder of Operation Rescue, will launch a GOP primary challenge against longtime moderate Republican leader of the Florida State Senate, Jim King. <li>• May 31 - A judge rules that Planned Parenthood of Indiana has to show state investigators the medical records of 80 patients younger than 18. The judge rejected PP's contention that disclosing such records could have a chilling effect on patients, and denied PP's request for a preliminary injunction. Since March, Attorney General Steve Carter has been seeking the records, saying his Medicaid fraud unit is trying to determine whether molesting incidents were not reported to the authorities as required. <li>•

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	<p>University's president, Paul Davenport, to protest plans to give Dr. Henry Morgentaler an honorary degree on June 16. Protesters were mostly elderly people. They called for his resignation as city and university police looked on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 22 - Anti-choice activist Steven Parker, a Constable with the Delta Police, dies of cancer. In 1995, he abused his position to run license plates of staff and patients at Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver. • May 25 - Humanist Association of Canada starts online petition to support UWO's decision to award Dr. Morgentaler honorary doctor of laws degree. • May 26 - media publicizes new right-wing think tank aimed at promoting "traditionalist" values, including anti same-sex marriage and anti-abortion. The Institute for Canadian Values is being founded by Charles McVety, president of Canada Christian College in Toronto, and Joseph Ben-Ami, formerly of the Jewish advocacy group B'nai Brith. They received a \$250,000 donation to start. The institute plans to launch an annual poll of social issues across the country "to see what the opinions of Canadians really are." The institute hopes to gain influence on Parliament Hill by enlisting support from MP's like Stockwell Day, Jason Kenney, and Pat O'Brien, one of the 37 Liberals opposed to same-sex marriage. • May 27 - A small number of anti-choice supporters demonstrate in front of the Regina General Hospital to bring public attention to the number of abortions performed at the hospital last year. Robert Waldegger, executive director of the Regina Pro-Life Association said: "We have been doing this on the last Friday of every month for the past six months to help educate people about how many abortions are going on in the hospital and the harm it does to women and so on." The Association claims the General Hospital performed 877 abortions last year according to info obtained under the <i>Freedom of Information Act</i>, but a health region official said it was 850. • May 30 - The Catholic school board in Peterborough Ontario demands that the money its schools raise in this year's Terry Fox Run do not go towards embryonic stem cell research. • May 30 - A group of about 30 anti-choice demonstrators from "Show the Truth" show up without warning at several high schools in Windsor Ontario, and hold graphic signs denouncing abortion along the sidewalk. Group's Windsor co-ordinator is Earl Amyotte. High schools included Forster High School and Assumption (a Catholic school). • May 30 - Hamilton Ontario mother of two, a landed immigrant, is released from jail on \$5,000 bail after being charged with failing to provide the necessities of life and criminal negligence causing bodily harm, because her child has HIV. Police allege the 29-year-old lied about her HIV status before delivering her second child in Sept 2004 and then failed to take precautions to protect the baby. She is accused of not following medical advice, including having a C-section and taking retro-viral drugs. Bail condition was agreeing to take her anti-viral drugs and attend appointments at the Special Immunology Services Clinic at McMaster University Medical Centre. 	
Jun 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun - Health Canada approves NuvaRing, a once-a-month contraceptive. It's a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun - media reports there is proposed legislation in 15 states that would protect a

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	<p>transparent vaginal ring that delivers a steady, low dose of estrogen and progesterone. It is 99% effective, with the lowest dose of any combined hormonal contraceptive available in Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 6 - Bill Whatcott delivers 2,000 copies of an anti-gay flyer in Anne McLellan's riding in Edmonton. It calls McLellan a liar for her position on same-sex marriage, and calls Bill Graham a "pedophile." It also lays out his anti-homosexual views. • Jun 7 - an informant for the FBI tells NBC that it took a long time to get his \$1 million reward for helping to find and arrest convicted sniper James Kopp. He provided key information that led to Kopp's arrest, including a Western Union receipt that revealed Kopp's alias and where he was hiding in Dinan, France. He received \$50,000 immediately from FBI, but had to wait nine months after Kopp's conviction to get \$100,000 more, and June 2004 to get another \$500,000. The rest of the reward was supposed to come from Canada, but Canada has refused to pay because there were no Kopp convictions in Canada. • Jun 8 - Bill Whatcott is under investigation by Edmonton police for hate crimes, for distributing 2,000 leaflets attacking gays and lesbians. The flyers refer to gay marriage as "sodomite marriage" and use graphic language to describe the alleged sex practices of homosexuals. The handouts also used derogatory terms to describe federal Defense Minister Bill Graham. Whatcott stuffed his pamphlets into mailboxes in the riding of Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan, and some recipients complained to police. All of the flyers bore Whatcott's name and phone number. "The material is offensive and it's an affront on the basic tenets of our society, which is about multiculturalism, tolerance and peaceful co-existence," Const. Steve Camp, of the Edmonton police hate crimes unit, said. • Jun 9 - Supreme Court by narrow majority finds that Quebec's ban on private insurance for insured health services violates the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms. The 1988 Morgentaler decision is cited and discussed by the judges for 2 pages in the ruling. • Jun 10 - At the World Breast Cancer conference in Halifax (Jun 9-12), an anti-abortion group called Positive Options for Women (from Fall River NS) dedicated to "lobbying for reproductive health for women", was asked to remove its display after several delegates complained about its insensitivity. The group was advocating a link between miscarriage, abortion, and breast cancer and were handing out pamphlets. • Jun 16 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler receives his honorary doctor of laws degree at University of Western Ontario in London, as part of graduate convocation, and he gives a speech to two standing ovations (a first for UWO). A group of about 500 anti-choice protesters, mostly bussed in from U.S., stage protest outside before convocation. A celebratory pro-choice rally attended by about 200 people was held the night before with several speakers, including Judy Rebick. There was an anti-choice petition of about 12,000 names vs. a pro-choice one of 10,000 names. UWO president said about 70% of mail they got was supportive. NDP MP's Andrea Horvath (NDP -- Hamilton East) and Marilyn Churley, the party's women's issues critic, gave their public support to the award. Up to 	<p>pharmacist's right to refuse to fill prescriptions on "moral" grounds. Wal-Mart refuses to stock emergency contraception at all. Federally meanwhile, Bill 849, which passed the Senate in May, would allow women to buy EC from pharmacists without a prescription. Bill 756, which also passed the Senate, would require insurance coverage for prescription contraceptives. Both bills are stalled in the House. The American Medical Association voted (week Jun 20) to support several legislative initiatives around the country that would require pharmacies to fill legal prescriptions, or to provide an immediate referral to another pharmacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 1 - A federal judge strikes down a Mississippi law that barred early 2nd-trimester abortions at clinics. The law would have required patients to go to hospitals or outpatient surgical facilities for abortions starting after 12 weeks (instead of the current 16 weeks). The state said the law was to improve patient safety. However, abortions after 13 weeks are not available anywhere else in the state except that clinic. Judge declared the law unconstitutional, siding with the Jackson Women's Health Organization, Mississippi's lone abortion clinic, and the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York. • Jun 3 - 4th Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a ruling that Virginia's "partial-birth" abortion ban is unconstitutional. Judge in original decision called it a "no brain case" and "unconstitutional on its face." The appeals court, in upholding this ruling 2-1, agreed that it violated constitutional law "because the Virginia Act does not contain an exception" to protect a woman's health. • Jun 6 (week of) - A House subcommittee approves a spending bill which calls for increased federal funding for abstinence education by \$11 million in fiscal year 2006. • Jun 6 - 19-year-old Gerardo Flores of Lufkin, Texas is convicted of two counts of murder and sentenced to life in prison (40 years) for causing his teenage girlfriend to miscarry two 4-month fetuses by stepping on her stomach, at her request. The teens could not obtain an abortion in Texas because of a law restricting abortions past 16 weeks. Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty, although it was available under the state's 2003 fetus protection law. Erica Basoria, 17, acknowledged asking Flores to help end her pregnancy; but she could not be prosecuted because of her legal right to abortion. The defense said that Basoria punched herself while Flores was stepping on her, making it impossible to tell who caused the miscarriage. • Jun 8 - California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown is confirmed 56-43 by the Senate for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. She is probably the most conservative of Bush's judicial nominees. Brown was one of three appellate court nominees whose confirmations were assured after a group of moderate senators reached a May 23 deal heading off a maneuver by Republicans to end the judicial filibuster. Under the agreement, Democrats agreed to cut off debate and vote on Brown, Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen, and former Alabama Attorney General William Pryor. • Jun 9 - The Senate votes 53 to 45 to confirm William Pryor, Jr., to a lifetime appointment with the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. The vote made permanent the position the former Alabama attorney general has held since Bush, in response to Democratic-led filibusters, placed Pryor on the court by recess appointment last year. • Jun 13 - The "American Atrocities Tour," conducted by Missionaries to the Preborn of Milwaukee, visits Battle Creek Michigan. They are on a 17-city campaign through the

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	<p>200,000 Catholic high school students in Ontario observed a minute of silence to protest the award. Dr. M gives exclusive interview to Globe & Mail, saying he's surprised at the "hullabaloo"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 23 - Federal health minister Ujjal Dosanjh says New Brunswick has ignored a 60-day process of fact finding and negotiations to solve the long-standing dispute over whether NB must pay for abortions at the Morgentaler clinic in Fredericton. He threatens to take next step, appointing a three-member panel to hear the two sides' arguments and render a ruling within another 60 days. Jun 24 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler addresses the Humanist Association of Canada at their annual conference in Ottawa. He receives a standing ovation after talking about his campaign to ensure women access to clinical abortions. Dr. M. is the founding president of the association. Jun 27 - New Brunswick's Health and Wellness Minister Elvy Robichaud says he will defend NB's strict abortion policies before a new 3-member panel aimed at solving federal-provincial disputes over public health care. He told federal health minister Ujjal Dosanjh that NB always wanted to go directly to that step in the new Dispute Avoidance Resolution process, rather than engage in prior negotiations. Jun 30 - Bill Whatcott wins appeal, overturning a conviction that he caused a disturbance by shouting and resisted arrest while engaged in an anti-abortion protest on a Moose Jaw street corner 3 years ago. Court of Queen's Bench Justice Wayne McIntyre noted that Whatcott did not break the law, the protest was conducted on a busy street at a busy time of day, and there was no evidence Whatcott's shouting created a traffic hazard or interfered with anyone. 	<p>state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 13 (week of) - James Kopp federal prosecutors back in court to press case for FACE charges against Kopp in 1998 killing of Dr. Barnett Slepian in New York. Defence says the federal prosecution is "a waste of time," given Kopp's state conviction on murder charges. Kopp is currently serving 25 years to life. mid June - "Face the Truth" by Defend Life from Baltimore tours through Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C with anti-abortion signs. Jun 17 - President Bush provides a videotaped message at the National Right to Life convention in Bloomington Illinois. He thanked the audience for their work in fighting to protect the lives of those threatened by abortion and discussed the measures he's signed into law. "Because of your hard work and dedication, we're making progress," he said. "We've reduced the number of abortions in American and introduced new laws that save lives." Jun 20 - American Medical Association, at their annual conference, objects to some pharmacists' conscience-driven refusal to sell the morning-after pill, and suggests doctors may fill the void by dispensing medications themselves. According to a resolution AMA passed, any pharmacist who objects on the basis of conscience to filling any prescription must make an "immediate referral to an appropriate alternative dispensing pharmacy without interference." Jun 21 - Center for Bioethical Reform takes their GAP trucks through Bucyrus, Ohio. They are touring state . Jun 23 - Army of God website (Donald Spitz of Virginia) publishes a transcribed 5,500-word story written by convicted abortion clinic bomber Eric Rudolph documenting how he scrounged for food while living in the woods of western North Carolina. He promises more instalments. In early July, Rudolph's mother shares more than 200 pages of letters from Rudolph with <i>USA Today</i>. Jun 27 - U.S. Supreme Court grants a petition filed last March by Thomas More Society, Pro-Life Law Center, for Joseph Scheidler and other Chicago abortion protesters. The Court agreed for the 3rd time (see Feb 2003) to review Scheidler vs. NOW -- the class-action lawsuit that has twice gone through all 3 levels of the federal courts. It was filed 19 years ago by NOW and abortion providers in June 1986, as a federal antitrust case (protesters "conspired to restrain trade") against Scheidler, his Pro-Life Action League and other activist leaders and groups. Later, the suit was amended to add new charges under the federal racketeering (RICO) and extortion laws, and new defendants including Randall Terry's Operation Rescue, which remains a co-defendant. OR's counsel ACLJ filed another petition for review in April 2005, which was also granted on Jun 27. Jun 27 - Dennis Malvasi and Loretta Marra, the Brooklyn couple convicted of harboring James Kopp, killer of Dr. Barnett Slepian, seek an injunction to stop feds from obtaining DNA samples from them as required by law. They argue that submitting blood samples would violate their 4th Amendment right against illegal search and seizure, and also suggest that "overzealous government agents" could use the DNA to frame them. Their lawyer Bruce Barket filed a legal brief.
Jul 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul - Health Canada issues warning that Depo-Provera birth control injection should only be used as a last resort and for a short amount of time after studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 1 - Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman ever appointed to Supreme Court, announces her retirement. She is the swing vote on a range of social and

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	<p>revealed it can sap calcium from bones, causing fractures and osteoporosis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 17 - Body of young 4-months pregnant mother, Liana White of Edmonton is found in ditch by husband's search party. She went missing Jul 11 and had been subject of intensive police search. Her husband Michael White has been charged with 2nd degree murder in her death, and committing an indignity to a body for leaving it in a ditch. Anti-choice groups and individuals call for double murder charges to encompass the fetus as well, including Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Velacott, investigating Detective Michael Campeau, Campaign Life Coalition, and Western Standard magazine. • Jul 23 and 31 - Ottawa Citizen publishes articles on roadblocks to mifepristone approval in Canada, and deaths from infection in North America, including details of death in Sherbrooke Quebec in 2001. • Jul 25 - newborn infant boy found dead in brush in Brantford ON. A few days or a week later, teenage mom later writes anonymous letter to police explaining what happened and promising to get in touch with them shortly. • Jul 31 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler named the recipient of the 2005 Couchiching Award for Public Policy Leadership for his efforts on behalf of women's rights and reproductive health issues. The award will be presented to Morgentaler on Aug. 5 during the 74th annual Couchiching Conference in Orillia, Ont. The Couchiching Award is presented to a nationally recognized Canadian who has demonstrated leadership in a public policy field, often in the face of public opposition, and whose initiatives have had a positive impact on Canada or a community within Canada. • 	<p>political issues, including abortion rights, which she has upheld. Fierce battle begins over nomination and confirmation process to appoint new judge. A new anti-choice judge could tip balance of court to overturn Roe v Wade. On Jul 6, President Bush said he will not select a Supreme Court nominee based on his or her views on abortion or other hot-button political issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 4 - Arson attack on Presidential Women's Center in West Palm Beach, Florida at about 11pm. Perpetrator set fire on roof using accelerant, extensive damage to mostly inside of building. FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives join local authorities in investigation • Jul 5 - Judge rules that James Kopp's detailed public confession of how and why he shot an abortion provider can be admitted into his federal trial. Kopp's attorney John Humann tried to have excluded from his upcoming federal trial, the incriminating statements Kopp made to reporters and during his 2003 state murder trial. Humann argued Kopp was coerced into confessing that he shot Dr. Barnett Slepian by his former attorney, who was looking for lenient treatment for another of his clients, Loretta Marra, who helped Kopp after the 1998 shooting." The judge noted that Kopp had previously waived any potential conflict claims against Bruce Barkett, his previous attorney. • Jul 5 - City of Long Beach California, and the local school district, agree to pay a total of \$130,000 to four anti-abortion protesters who were forced from a public sidewalk outside Millikan High School in Sept 2002. The settlement ends a First Amendment dispute involving Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, which holds demonstrations on school campuses throughout Southern California, often with graphic signs and leaflets depicting aborted fetuses. • Jul 7 - Clayton Lee Waagner sentenced to 19 years in federal prison for fake anthrax attacks on abortion clinics in Sept/Oct 2001. In December 2003, a federal jury convicted Waagner of charges stemming from his filling envelopes with flour or white insecticide. Enclosed letters told recipients that the powder was anthrax. • Jul 8 - U.S. Court of Appeals for Eighth Circuit upholds (3-0) a lower court's ruling striking down <i>Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003</i> because it did not make an exception for preserving the woman's health. The ruling upholds one of 3 permanent injunctions against the federal ban signed into law by Bush in 2003 - the Nov 2004 decision by U.S. District Court for District of Nebraska in <i>Carhart v. Gonzales</i>, brought by Center for Reproductive Rights. Other 2 cases: Aug 2004, a NY judge struck down the ban in a challenge by NAF and 7 individual physicians, represented by ACLU and others. In June 2004, a San Francisco judge struck down the ban in a challenge by Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Both cases are still in appeal, with arguments to be heard later this year. • Jul 8 - More than a dozen doctors who helped provide illegal abortions before <i>Roe v. Wade</i> said today in a joint statement issued by <i>Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health</i>, that they fear the country will repeat "a dark chapter of its history" if a justice who opposes legal abortion replaces Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. • Jul 12 - 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Portland, Oregon hears arguments in an appeal filed by antiabortion advocates who were ordered to pay more than \$100 million in damages for printing the photos, names and addresses of abortion providers on Old West-

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		<p>style "Wanted" posters and the Internet. (Clinics and doctors first filed suit in 1999.) The same court in May 2002 ruled that the posters and the related Nuremberg Files Website, which published the names and addresses of abortion providers and then crossed them out if they had been killed, are not protected forms of free speech under the First Amendment. Although the Supreme Court in June 2003 denied an appeal by the antiabortion advocates, their attorneys are asking the 9th Circuit to reconsider the case because they say recent Supreme Court rulings have narrowed the definition of a threat of violence. Also, In the Supreme Court recently ruled that a protester must obtain property from an abortion provider to be convicted of extortion under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and attorneys for the defendants say they did not obtain any property from the abortion providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 15 - Operation Save America begins a week of events condemning abortion in Colorado, calling Colorado "the ground zero of the abortion holocaust." They hold rally at the state capital, seminars and protests outside abortion clinics. They target Dr. Warren Hern with a hateful flyer delivered around his neighbourhood on Jul 19. Dr. Hern takes out two full-page ads in response calling the flyer terrorism and a threat on his life, garnering significant community support. In the 2nd ad, he reprints many of his support letters. • Jul 18 - Eric Rudolph sentenced to two life sentences without parole for Birmingham clinic bombing. Judge also ordered him to pay \$1.2 million restitution to the victims. In August, Rudolph will be sentenced to two more life terms in Atlanta for attacks on another abortion clinic and a gay club and at the 1996 Olympics. Nurse injured in bombing, Emily Lyons, publishes new book "Life's Been a Blast" released today. • Jul 18 - Senate approves Lester Crawford to head the Food and Drug Administration after a long delay. The breakthrough came after Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt announced that FDA would make a decision by Sept. 1 on whether to give emergency contraceptive over-the-counter status. That announcement prompted two Democratic senators--Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Patty Murray of Washington State--to lift a hold they had placed on the nominee to protest the agency's inaction on the decision. • Jul 18 - President Bush names federal appeals court judge John G. Roberts Jr. to a seat on the Supreme Court. Roberts is a conservative with a short track record, but in 1990 co-wrote a brief that said: "The Court's conclusion in <i>Roe</i> [v. <i>Wade</i>] that there is a fundamental right to an abortion ... finds no support in the text, structure or history of the Constitution." In a 1991 Supreme Court brief he co-wrote for the 1st Bush admin: "We continue to believe that <i>Roe</i> was wrongly decided and should be overruled." At his 2003 confirmation hearing, he said: "<i>Roe</i> v. <i>Wade</i> is the settled law of the land. It's a little more than settled. It was reaffirmed in the face of a challenge that it should be overruled in the <i>Casey</i> decision. Accordingly, it's the settled law of the land. There's nothing in my personal views that would prevent me from fully and faithfully applying that precedent, as well as <i>Casey</i>." He has also supported a prayer service for fetuses, and supports prayer in public schools and is against advancement for women, including pay equity and equal opportunity. His lawyer wife, Jane Sullivan Roberts, has been active in Feminists for Life. Both pro-choice and anti-choice groups mobilize against and for the nominee. • Jul 18 - Danco Laboratories LLC, manufacturer of mifepristone releases statement saying five women who took the abortion pill have died from bacterial infections since its U.S.

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		<p>introduction nearly 5 years ago. "No causal relationship between these events" has been established with the drug," Danco said. "Childbirth, menstruation and abortion, whether spontaneous, surgical or medical, all create conditions that can result in serious and sometimes fatal infection, and there is no evidence that Mifeprex and misoprostol present a special risk of infection." Three of the cases involved a rare bacterium known as <i>Clostridium sordellii</i>; the other 2 cases are as yet undetermined. A 6th death was due to undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul 25 - Bomb scare at Bossier Medical Suite Abortion Clinic in Louisiana triggered by unattended backpack found on back steps of clinic. A fire dept. robot opens the backpack with a water shot and it contains only a pair of boxer shorts. • Jul 27 - Longtime Florida abortion protester John A. Burt is jailed after losing an appeal of his molestation conviction. The 3-judge panel 1st District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee unanimously upheld Burt's April 2004 conviction on four counts of lewd or lascivious molestation and one count of lewd or lascivious conduct for groping a 15-year-old girl and giving her a crude note asking for oral sex and intercourse. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison. Burt had been free on bond and was tracked by an electronic monitoring system during the appeal process. He plans to appeal again. He objected to the victim being allowed to testify at trial by satellite from her native Ireland, denying him due process because he was not able to face his accuser. Burt also appealed the decision to bar the victim's medical records at trial.
Aug 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 4 - 16-year old girl in Calgary gets one year's probation for abandoning her baby girl after giving birth alone in her home. She was remorseful and didn't want to burden her mother, who was in an abusive relationship. Baby was found Sept 7, 2004 suffering from hypothermia. Baby now being raised by teen and her mother. She pled guilty in June for failing to provide the necessities of life. • Aug 5 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler receives the 2005 Couchiching Award for Public Policy Leadership for his efforts on behalf of women's rights and reproductive health issues. During his acceptance speech at the 74th annual Couchiching Conference in Orillia, Dr. Morgentaler criticized both the Catholic Church and the Muslim religion for opposing women's rights. • Aug 13 - Peter Seland, deputy registrar of ethics of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC says he is horrified by a new gender testing kit available over the Internet that claims to be able to determine the sex of a fetus five weeks into a pregnancy. He thinks gender selection is immoral. • Aug 15 - B.C. Health Minister George Abbott says he plans to contact Federal Health minister Ujjal Dosanjh this week to express his alarm about a test kit available for sale over the Internet that makes it possible for a woman to find out the gender of a fetus as early as five weeks into her pregnancy. He is concerned about the reliability of the test, as well as the fear they could be used to have gender-based abortions. • Aug 24 - Options for Sexual Health launch a new sex-ed campaign across BC, including street booths, and a "Back to School" flyer promoting safe-sex education sent to all households in BC. Campaign launched due to increasing AIDs infections and lack of consistent and adequate sex-ed in schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 1 - 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules that terrorism against civilians does not need to cross international boundaries for a terrorist to receive a longer sentence than suggested by federal sentencing guidelines. The unanimous decision reversed a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., federal judge's finding that he could not reach a higher sentence by treating Stephen John Jordi as a terrorist on his guilty plea in an alleged plot to firebomb abortion clinics in Florida. The ruling could mean stiffer sentences for domestic terrorism against civilians. Jordi (of Coconut Creek Florida) was arrested in November 2003 just before the firebombing campaign was to begin. He pled guilty to attempted arson and was sentenced to 5 years prison in July 2004. • Aug 4 - New poll by Pew Research Center for The People & The Press shows that 65% of Americans continue to support the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, but almost three-quarters favor restrictions such as requiring parental consent for minors. The poll found views on abortion continue to be remarkably stable after 30 years, with a consistent majority supporting a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy, even as many express ambivalence. 35% of respondents believe abortion should be "generally available"; 23% support stricter limits on abortion; 31% say it should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life of the pregnant woman; and 9% think it should be illegal in all circumstances. • Aug 8 (week of) - Anti-choice movement goes ballistic over an 8-minute animated satirical cartoon posted on Planned Parenthood Golden Gate's web site. The cartoon features a pro-choice female 'superhero' who, among many other things, drowns an abstinence educator in a trash can, vaporizes clinic protesters with a condom bazooka, and beheads a protestor. PPGG later pulls the cartoon from their site with no explanation. • Aug 8 - Bush Administration calls on Supreme Court to uphold parental notification

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 31 - Catholic Civil Rights League urges federal government to stop funding "anti-religious bigotry" through its Status of Women Canada Department, or any other fund-granting agency. An Access for Information request by Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott recently found that B.C. Pro-Choice Action Network received \$27,400 in fiscal 2004-05. The CCRL claimed that Pro-CAN often employs vitriolic, anti-Christian language in its publications, routinely dismissing abortion opponents as "religious fanatics" who are "anti-woman and anti-child"; who do "little or nothing for children once they are born" and whose views breed "intolerance, hate crimes and war." 	<p>requirements for minors seeking abortions (see May 23). Solicitor General Paul Clement says the New Hampshire case could have a bearing on a federal law banning "partial-birth" abortions. The high court is considering whether the NH law should be overturned because it doesn't allow exceptions to protect a minor's health in a medical emergency. A federal appeals court has declared the measure unconstitutional on those grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 9 - Abortion-rights groups (FMF and NAF) opposed to conservative Supreme Court nominee John Roberts urge the White House to release documents, including a legal brief in which he argued for the senior Bush administration that civil rights laws do not protect women denied access to abortions by violent protests. Roberts said clinic protests do not constitute discrimination against women. Pro-choice leaders noted that the gov't voluntarily submitted the brief when they didn't have to take sides at all. Aug 10 - NARAL begins broadcasting a \$500,000 anti-John Roberts ad. Using footage of 1998 clinic bombing survivor Emily Lyons, an announcer says, "Supreme Court nominee John Roberts filed court briefs [1991] supporting violent fringe groups and a convicted clinic bomber." [Michael Bray; Operation Rescue] The ad also says, "America can't afford a Justice whose ideology leads him to excuse violence against other Americans." Anti-choice movement goes ballistic and ad is criticized as "false" and "misleading." Although NARAL defends the accuracy of the ad with an excellent rebuttal, they pulled the ad on Aug 11, because they said the controversy over the ad is a "distraction" from the issue the ad was trying to highlight. NARAL loses moral high ground by doing so, with anti-choice groups freely attacking their credibility. Aug 18 - The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules it can't force U.S. Navy to pay for an abortion for a military wife from Everett Washington ("Jane Doe") carrying a severely deformed fetus with no brain or skull. Doe's doctor had said the child would be "permanently unconscious ... and have no sensory perception." And said, "knowingly carrying a non-viable fetus to term can cause severe psychological distress." Aug 22 - Eric Rudolph sentenced to two additional life terms in Atlanta for the Olympic Park bombings in Atlanta in 1996. He gave a statement where he apologized and expressed remorse for the bombing, but not for the other bombings of abortion clinics and a gay night club. He also got 2 life terms for the Birmingham clinic bombing on July 18. Aug 24 - Journal of American Medical Association publishes review study on fetal pain, concluding that nerve connections in brain are unlikely to have developed enough for a fetus to feel pain before 29 weeks. The 5 authors reviewed about 1500 scientific papers. The finding poses a direct challenge to proposed federal and state laws that would compel doctors to tell women having abortions at 20 weeks or later that their fetuses can feel pain and to offer them anesthesia specifically for the fetus. Anti-choice groups immediately dismiss study because 1 author is a pro-choice legal activist and 1 is an abortion provider. Aug 26 - The Food and Drug Administration postpones for 60 days a final decision on how to allow non-prescription sales of the morning-after pill called Plan B just to women 17 or older. The decision is wholly political, since there are already pharmacy rules in place on how to sell cigarettes only to adults, and also because the decision not to sell Plan B to minors was also a political and indefensible position in itself that goes against all medical evidence and common sense. Aug 31 - director of the FDA's Office of Women's Health,

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Sep 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 3-4 - Bill Whatcott and Robert Hinchey (of Toronto) deliver 6,500 flyers to households in Saskatoon, Sask, " exposing the murder of babies at Saskatchewan's hospitals who survive their abortions and are killed afterwards." They also host an anti-abortion demonstration on Sep 3 with offensive posters and pictures including GAP-style pics, along College Avenue, near U of Sask. Deanna Ogle, a second-year student, organizes counter pro-choice protest with about 20 people. Sep 9 - Head of the Regina General Hospital Women's Health Clinic says the waiting list of up to six weeks to get an abortion is too long for safety and is caused by a doctor shortage. Southern Saskatchewan has only five doctors who perform abortions, and only two are able to perform later-term abortions. Sep 12 - Ethicists, Catholic bishops speak out against June 7 rule change by Canadian Institutes of Health Research to explicitly allow stem cell researchers to use fresh human embryos. On June 9, a Toronto research team headed by Dr. Andras Nagy announced it was not only working with fresh embryos but had used them to create Canada's first human embryonic stem cells. Dr. Jeffrey Niskier of University of Western Ontario called for an "immediate moratorium on fresh embryo donation until professional practice guidelines and other national regulations are developed." He says the invasive process can decrease women's of future pregnancy. Sep 22 - Globe & Mail reporter Andre Picard writes column announcing that Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada is changing its name to Canadian Federation for Sexual Health. Sep 28 - New Brunswick and the federal government are going ahead with an unprecedented three-member panel to settle their dispute over the province's refusal to pay for abortions at the Morgentaler clinic. Federal Health Minister Ujjal Dosanjh said he will "very soon" submit a federal candidate for the new panel process after receiving word that the province is also ready to name its candidate. The two panelists would then have to agree on a third candidate. Under this new Dispute Avoidance Resolution (DAR) process, the panel will have 60 days to hear arguments and render its non-binding ruling. Sep 30 - The Manitoba Court of Appeal overturns a lower court decision (Dec 2004) that forced the government to fund abortions in private clinics (because the province's refusal to pay for their abortions outside of hospital constituted a "gross violation" of the women's rights). The appeal court judge said the matter is too complex to be decided by a judge alone and needed to go to trial. "The charter issues in this case are complex and involve developing areas of law, with important policy implications. Where the law is developing, a full trial record is often important." The case involved two women who paid for abortions at the private Morgentaler Clinic because they felt the wait was too long at a hospital, where the abortions would have been publicly funded. 	<p>Susan Wood, resigns in protest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sep 2 - Fire at building housing several apartments and Hagerstown Reproductive Health Services, in Pennsylvania. Sep 3 - Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist dies of thyroid cancer, setting stage for another heated confirmation battle for his replacement. Sep 6 - President Bush announces he is nominating John G. Roberts as Chief Justice, meaning the new nominee will replace Rehnquist instead of O'Connor. Sep 6 - The federal 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously and substantially reduces the \$108 million in punitive damages a Portland, Ore., jury awarded in 1999 to abortion doctors and clinics harassed by abortion opponents. The 3-judge panel called the activists' actions reprehensible, but reduced the judgment to \$4.73 million to conform with a Supreme Court precedent limiting damages that financially punish persons or corporations for misconduct. An attorney for many of the 12 anti-choice terrorists who created Wild West-style posters and "Nuremberg" website targeting abortion doctors said the damages should be reduced further, saying they were exercising their "First Amendment rights." Sep 12-14 - Confirmation hearings for John G. Roberts as next Chief Justice of Supreme Court takes place. Roberts gave a preview of how he would overturn Roe v Wade. As grounds for overturning a precedent, he cited both "extensive disagreement" with a decision and a growing consensus that a core holding has become "unworkable." Both arguments are made regularly by abortion opponents. Senator Specter's "super stare decisis" (relating to precedent) implies there's a very high wall to be surmounted to overrule Roe. But Roberts repudiated this by reconceiving the single high wall as two successive hurdles that can be cleared far more easily: 1) the precedent in Planned Parenthood v. Casey on whether or not to revisit Roe. 2) the precedent in Roe, as modified by Casey, on what abortion regulations are permissible and the standard of review to be applied to them. Sep 15 - Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline says he doesn't need the names of abortion clinic patients whose records are the subject of a Kansas Supreme Court case over access to two abortion clinics' medical records (see Feb 22/05). Sep 22 - Senate Judiciary Committee's votes to confirm Judge John Roberts as the next Supreme Court chief justice, making approval by the Senate a probable rubber-stamp. Sep 23 - Embattled Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Lester Crawford resigns abruptly, telling his staff that at age 67 it was time to step aside. However, it's widely believed the resignation is because of Crawford's political decision not to approve emergency contraception over the counter. President Bush appointed National Cancer Institute's director, Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, to be the FDA's new acting commissioner. Also in Sept, Dr. Frank Davidoff, editor emeritus of the Annals of Internal Medicine, and consultant to FDA's Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee, resigned in protest of the FDA's handling of Plan B. Davidoff said the agency is ignoring science in favour of politics in delaying approval of the drug for over-the-counter sales. Sep 26 (week of) - The family of a California woman who died last year after taking mifepristone sues Danco, the drug's U.S. marketer, alleging Danco did not sufficiently warn women of potential risks. Hoa Thuy Tran, 21, a student from Fountain Valley, died in

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		<p>2003 after taking mifepristone and misoprostol to end a pregnancy. She is one of four Calif. women reported to have died of infection after taking the pill (and one from Canada).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Sep - teen pregnancies and births are down about a third nationwide from their peaks in 1991, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and recent study.
Oct 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - LifeCanada, a national "educational pro-life group" mount a billboard campaign across Canada with the message "Stop the cover-up" and a web address, http://www.abortionbreastcancer.ca. The campaign is also sponsored by pro-life groups across the country. Later in the month, an angry backlash comes from the public, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Oct 2 - About 100 anti-choice protesters demonstrate in front of the Health Sciences Centre women's pavilion in Winnipeg to protest abortions performed inside the hospital. New Brunswick Right to Life group holds one-hour Life Chain demonstrations at two abortion sites in Fredericton: the Morgentaler Clinic and the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Other Life Chains take place in 5 NB communities. The events were part of Canada's annual Life Chain, sponsored by Campaign for Life. Life Chains occurred in various cities across Canada. Oct 14 - Anti-choice <i>Interim</i> newspaper columnist Frank Kennedy may be ousted from Toronto's Queen's Park press gallery. The executive held a closed door meeting to put in a recommendation to the members to call for a vote to oust him, for placing a pro-life bookmark in reporters' drop boxes. Nov 2 - compromise reached: Kennedy will be allowed to remain as part-time accredited journalist but will receive written reprimand for his "inappropriate activism". He also agreed to no longer distribute anti-choice literature, including <i>The Interim</i>, in the mailboxes of press gallery members. Oct 18 - Minister Liza Frulla, Status of Women Canada, responds to letter from MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon/Wanuskewin) accusing Joyce Arthur and the Pro-Choice Action Network of "anti-religious bigotry" on its website and demanding that SWC stop funding Pro-CAN and issue a "public apology to all Christians and pro-life Canadians" for contributing financially to the spread of Pro-CAN's "hate-filled message." Frulla replies simply saying that Pro-CAN's funded projects met all the dept's objectives and criteria. Oct 19 - New national political pro-choice group Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada / Coalition pour le Droit à l'Avortement au Canada (ARCC-CDAC) launches with press conferences in Ottawa (Oct 19) and Montreal (Oct 20). Group will work to improve access to abortion and increase number of providers. ARCC founders include Joyce Arthur, Carolyn Egan, Catherine Megill, Judy Burwell, Shannon Stettner, Dustin Costescu, Celia Posyniak, Dawn Fowler, and Pat Powers. Oct 24 - Alberta's Court of Appeal overturns a conditional sentence given to Patrick William Coulthard, who assaulted his girlfriend Tia Grahn last Nov 16 for refusing to have an abortion. The judge said the 18-month sentence was 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct - Jonathan Flora, a Walt Disney producer, announces he has written and directed an independent 35-minute film on "partial-birth" abortion, called "A Distant Thunder," a supernatural courtroom thriller. The film is well-received by the anti-choice movement. Oct - extensive media coverage of the battle for California's Proposition 73 to be voted on on Nov 8. It would require parental notification before girls under age 18 could get an abortion. A poll by the Public Policy Institute of California in August showed that 44% of voters support the measure, and 48% oppose it. If it passes, California will become the 35th state to require some parental involvement when a girl under 18 seeks an abortion. Oct 3 - President Bush nominates his close friend and personal lawyer, White House counsel Harriet Miers as his nominee to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She has no judicial experience and a sparse public record. As president of the Texas State Bar in 1993, Miers urged the American Bar Association to put the abortion issue to a referendum of the group's full membership, questioning whether the ABA should "be trying to speak for the entire legal community" on an issue that "has brought on tremendous divisiveness" within the ABA. Miers is an evangelical conservative Christian, who once donated money to Texans for Life Coalition. Nevertheless, conservatives are very unhappy with the choice and protest to Bush. They had wanted a more high-profile conservative with a clear track record who can be counted on to overturn <i>Roe v Wade</i>. Oct 6 - Merck announces first large study of experimental cervical cancer vaccine finding it was 100-per-cent effective in the short term, at blocking the most common cause of the disease. Merck's genetically engineered vaccine prevents cervical cancer by blocking infection from the human papilloma virus strains that cause 70 per cent of cervical cancers. By Oct 31, health experts recommend inoculating all pre-teen girls; however, anti-abortion and right-wing groups are against it, saying such inoculation would encourage premarital sex. Oct 12 - An abortion rights organization and the State of New Hampshire file Supreme Court briefs for the first abortion case in the Chief Justice John G. Roberts era. The case involves a New Hampshire law barring the procedure for minors without parental consent, a provision opponents say fails to protect the health and well-being of the woman. Last year, in <i>Planned Parenthood of Northern New England v. Heed</i>, a federal appeals court found in favor of Planned Parenthood and its allies, ruling a New Hampshire parental notification law unconstitutional due to its failure to account for the pregnant woman's health. The decision followed a similar ruling by a lower court in 2003. The current Supreme Court appeal will be decided in late November. Oct 14 - The U.S. Supreme Court temporarily stops a pregnant inmate in Kansas City Missouri from getting an abortion by blocking a federal judge's ruling that ordered Missouri prison officials to drive the woman to a clinic for an abortion. Justice Clarence

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	<p>warranted, but reduced it to 10 months because Coulthard has already served a portion of his two-year conditional sentence.</p>	<p>Thomas, acting alone, granted the temporary stay pending a further decision by himself or the full court. Missouri state law forbids spending tax dollars to facilitate an abortion. On Oct 17, the Supreme Court lifts the temporary stay without comment. She gets the abortion on Oct 20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 14 - American Girl, manufacturer of a highly popular line of dolls and children's books that empowers girls, becomes the target of conservative activists threatening a boycott unless the toy maker cuts off contributions to a youth organization that supports abortion rights and acceptance of lesbians. Oct 18 - In a belated and transparent attempt to look "balanced," Kansas Atty. Gen. Phill Kline, who launched a criminal investigation last Feb. into two abortion clinics, announces he also is investigating instances of live births to mothers as young as 10 years old. Most of the patient records he has requested from abortion clinics, however, are of late-term abortions done on adult women. Oct 20 - A Springfield Missouri abortion clinic leading a legal challenge against a new state law unexpectedly shuts down, leaving Missouri with just two abortion clinics. The Springfield Healthcare Center had won a temporary restraining order in Sep from a federal judge against a new Missouri law requiring abortion physicians to have clinical privileges at a hospital within 30 miles. But clinic administrator Michelle Collins said the sudden decision to close the clinic after about 30 years of business "has nothing to do with the lawsuit whatsoever" She described it as a business decision unrelated to finances. Oct 20 - Bush administration urges a federal appeals court to overturn a judge's decision nullifying the 2003 Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. The case before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is one of three in which federal judges have ruled that the ban is unconstitutional. Last month, the Bush admin. asked the US Supreme Court to hear another of the cases. Abortion rights advocates say the law is vague and could halt almost all second-trimester abortions. The government argued that Congress determined the procedure is never medically necessary but the judge noted that there was conflicting testimony from doctors in lower courts. Oct 27 - Harriet Miers withdraws her nomination to be Supreme Court Justice, citing the need to keep White House legal papers confidential, and that her nomination and confirmation process "presents a burden for the White House and our staff that is not in the best interest of the country." Oct 31 - President Bush nominates Samuel Alito to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on Supreme Court. Judge Alito currently serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Conservative groups are uniformly delighted by the nomination. He is anti-abortion, even dissenting from the majority opinion in Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1991), arguing that a Pennsylvania that required women seeking abortions to inform their husbands should have been upheld. He said, "Pennsylvania has a legitimate interest in furthering the husband's interest in the fate of the fetus." However, he has also ruled on the pro-choice in 3 cases, based on adhering to federal and Supreme Court precedent. It is not certain he would vote to overturn Roe v Wade. In 1985, he advocated a legal strategy of chipping away at Roe v Wade.
Nov 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2 - Comparative Program on Health and Society holds seminar, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 1 - Frank L. Bird, 64, convicted of violating the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic

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	<p>"Conscientious Objection to Abortion: Demanding Publicity" by Carolyn McLeod, Professor of Philosophy at University of Western Ontario. Her work focuses on philosophical issues in health care ethics including reproductive ethics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 3 - Alberta Justice Minister Ron Stevens announces he will introduce a bill later this month to allow a child to sue its mother for injuries suffered in the womb during a car accident. The family of Brooklynn Rewega pushed for the bill. She was born with brain damage, blindness and cerebral palsy after her pregnant mother lost control of her car and crashed it. Stevens says the Alberta law will be narrowly restricted to only cover kids hurt in motor vehicle accidents, and the liability will be limited to the amount of the mother's insurance policy. Ryan Dobson's mother Cynthia Dobson of New Brunswick supports the law. She went to Supreme Court in 1999 and lost a similar case. Nov 3 - A Court of Queen's Bench justice sentenced 23-year-old Nicole Anderwald to 90 days on charges of causing the death of a baby by neglecting to obtain assistance in childbirth (on Aug 9, 2004) and another 40 days for disposing of the body of her child. She had been in custody for 3-1/2 months. so judge let Anderwald go free with two years probation. Psychiatric reports show she was mentally unbalanced when she secretly gave birth. Judge also ordered the woman to submit the results of quarterly pregnancy tests to her probation officer, to ensure that if she gets pregnant, she'll get help. She pled guilty to the charged on Oct. 7. Nov 7 (week of) - University of Lethbridge says it will create policy for use of screen savers after a screen saver with photos of undeveloped fetuses was shown on about 100 communal computers across campus earlier in the week. University groups use the screen savers to announce upcoming events and this particular message was posted by an anti-choice student group. When administration learned of the pictures through complaints, it pulled them from the site, because they created impression university supports one point of view on the issue. Nov 15 – Male partner goes to court in Vancouver and gets injunction to stop his 18-yr-old fiancée's abortion until a doctor could determine whether, under the terms of B.C.'s Health Care (Consent) Act of 1996, she was properly consenting to the procedure. Male partner feared she was being coerced by her family. Judge sets aside injunction 4 days later at request of woman and male partner agrees because relationship has ended. She has abortion at CARE Nov 24. Nov 16 – St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal cancels its venue for the national anti-choice conference Nov 17-19, citing concerns of violence from protesting groups including pro-choice and pro-gay groups, even though police reportedly said they could protect the church and the conference-goers. The Oratory is a church run by Holy Cross Fathers, a Roman Catholic order. Emile Colas, a lawyer for Campagne Pro-Vie Quebec, says he will seek between \$500,000 and \$1 million in moral, legal, and financial damages from the Holy Cross Fathers. Nov 16 – Woman presents for abortion at CARE Program clinic at BC Women's Hospital in Vancouver with a BC Supreme Court injunction ordering mandatory 	<p>Entrances Act, which bans the use of force, threats or blockades to interfere with access to reproductive health care. He rammed his van into the front doors of an abortion clinic in Houston Texas in 2003. Bird had told an FBI agent he crashed into the clinic "because they are killing babies in there." He will be sentenced in January and faces three years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine. Bird previously served a year in federal prison for throwing a bottle into the car windshield of a physician at another Houston clinic in 1995.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 8 - PBS Frontline airs "The Last Abortion Clinic" a programme about the successful anti-choice strategy of closing clinics in Mississippi. Nov 8 - California's Proposition 73 fails by margin of about 52% to 48%. It would have required parental notification of abortions by minor girls, as well as enshrined fetal personhood language into law, and made public names of abortion doctors. Nov 14 - Congressional investigators at the Government Accountability Office release a report saying that the Food and Drug Administration didn't follow its usual review process in deciding to reject over-the-counter sales of Plan B, the morning-after pill, proving that the decision was politically motivated by anti-choice ideology. The probe found that high-level FDA officials were more involved than is usual for decisions for drug approval. Also, they found conflicting accounts as to whether the decision to reject the application for OTC use was made before the agency's reviews were finished. Also, 3 FDA directors who normally would have been responsible for approving the decision to reject the application did not do so because they disagreed with it. Nov 21 – Extremist anti-choicer Paul de Parrie arrested at Portland State University for "harassment" for displaying offensive fetus anti-abortion signs. Nov 22 - Federal drug officials at FDA announce that all four women in California who died after taking mifepristone and misoprostol suffered from a rare and highly lethal bacterial infection caused by <i>Clostridium sordelli</i>. Officials from the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will convene a scientific meeting early next year to discuss the mystery. Anti-abortion groups step up pressure to have mifepristone taken off market. Nov 28 - Walgreens puts four Illinois pharmacists on unpaid leave for refusing to fill prescriptions for the "morning after pill." Illinois has a new law relating that requires pharmacies to fill these prescriptions in a timely manner. Abortion foes call for a Walgreens boycott. Nov 28 - A 3-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis upholds a 2004 decision striking down a Missouri ban on "partial-birth" abortions. The 1999 law was put on hold by a federal judge one day after the General Assembly enacted it by overriding a gubernatorial veto. A District Judge declared the law unconstitutional in July 2004, citing the lack of a health exception. Nov 30 – Supreme Court hears arguments for <i>Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England</i>, involving New Hampshire's parental notification law on abortion, which requires doctors to notify parents before an abortion, unless she gets a judicial bypass, or unless the minor's life is in danger. There is no health exception for emergencies, so Planned Parenthood is suing. New Chief Justice John Roberts questioned the need to strike down an entire abortion statute based on a single factor-- the lack of an exception for the health of the mother. So one key issue is whether the women's health exception -

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	<p>counseling and a 5-day waiting period for her abortion. The injunction was obtained by her estranged boyfriend who told judge he thought she was not of "sound mind."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 17-19 - National anti-choice conference in Montreal, co-sponsored by Campagne Quebec Vie, Campaign Life Coalition, Canada and Life Canada. Speakers included Michael O'Brien, Stockwell Day, Archbishop Adam Exner, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Peter Stockland, and Ghislain Lebel. MP Pat O'Brien also attends.. After St. Joseph's Oratory cancelled their venue, another venue was quickly found: La Bible Parle Protestant Evangelical Church in suburban Cartierville. Nov 19 – The Pro-Choice Ottawa Committee organizes a pro-choice support action on Parliament Hill in Ottawa at 1:00 pm. Supporters marched to Rideau and Dalhousie to create a life-chain of support for women who have had or will have an abortion. The chain participants carried signs with messages of support. The event was in conjunction with Womyn's History Month. Nov 19 - Alberta Socreds approve a policy centring around "positive alternatives to abortion" at its annual general meeting in Red Deer. It says that innocent human life, at all stages, should be given priority in all proposed laws and practices. About 20 party members voted on the policy. Leader Lavern Ahlstrom said his party backs helping women to keep their unborn child or to give the baby up for adoption. Nov 23 - Long-time anti-choice campaigner, Ottawa physician Dr. W. André Lafrance, 68, dies. Dr. Lafrance collapsed as he walked away from Parliament Hill and police were unable to revive him. He had a history of heart disease. Dr. Lafrance had been on Parliament Hill praying with Fr. Tony Van Hee immediately before his collapse. Fr. Van Hee is the Catholic priest who regularly prays and fasts at Parliament. Dr. Lafrance retired in May from his career as a dermatologist. Dr. Lafrance was a board member for Canadian Physicians for Life, and long-time member of Ottawa-based Action Life. Nov 27 - Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott from Sask. says he is drafting a law that would allow murder charges to be laid in the death of a fetus. His private member's bill was inspired by the slaying of pregnant Edmonton woman Liana White this summer. If re-elected, he will pursue the bill. Nov 30 - Dec 1 - Institute for Canadian Values holds Symposium/Conference with guest speaker with Ralph Reed, who was first Executive Director of US Christian Coalition, and now a political strategist and close advisor of President George Bush. The banquet was attended by many Christian, Jewish and Muslim groups and leaders of social conservative groups such as Campaign Life Coalition and Canada Family Action Coalition (co-sponsors of the event). Nov 30 – Winnipeg Sun reports that Manitoba Health Minister Tim Sale has passed a regulation to revise government policy to allow private abortion clinics to receive provincial funding for the procedure. This institutes a change set in motion in 2004 when Jane's Clinic opened in April 2004, which has now been funded for about a year. 	<p>can be absent from laws that restrict abortion. Also, if PP loses the case, the standard for challenging laws restricting abortion will be lowered to the point that a woman would have to actually be harmed before the law could be challenged by an actual plaintiff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 30 - Supreme Court hears arguments involving use of federal anti-racketeering law, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), against violent and intrusive protesters outside abortion clinics. It previously ruled 8-1 in 2003 that it did not apply to abortion clinic protests, and remanded the case to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, which decided the high court had not dealt with four of the 121 violations of federal and state law committed by demonstrators as determined by a federal judge. The judge had said those 4 acts involved threats of violence. The anti-choice radicals, Operation Rescue and Joseph Scheidler, national director of the Pro-life Action League, appealed to Supreme Court, and the justices again agreed to accept the case. This is the third time the Supremes have ruled on the case. It first issued a procedural decision in 1994, returning it to the lower court.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 30 - Campaign Life Coalition Manitoba expresses anger at the St. Boniface Hospital and Research Foundation hospital for honouring Stephen Lewis, Canada's former UN ambassador. The Catholic hospital recognized Lewis Nov 29 for his contribution to the fight against HIV and AIDS. But Campaign Life said that in 1969, Lewis spoke in favour of the passage of a law that helped make abortions legal in Canada. 	
Dec 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 2 – Media reveals that Canadian Pharmacists Association posted guidelines to advise pharmacists to collect a woman's name, address, phone number and details about her sexual activity before they dispense Plan B (emergency contraception). (this was done after Heath Canada made it an over-the-counter drug). Women's groups such as the Canadian Women's Health Network are asking that the drug be made available in grocery and variety stores in order to protect women's privacy. Dec 8 - Ontario College of Pharmacists says it will not require pharmacists to use the screening form that asks personal info from women. Dec 12 - The Canadian Medical Association Journal is charging its CMA owner with interfering with the journal's editorial independence over a censored news report about women being questioned about their sex lives at pharmacies when they tried to buy emergency contraception. The CMA censored the story after a complaint from the Canadian Pharmacists Association because it said the story invaded the women's privacy and went against scientific research standards. CMAJ reporters had asked 13 women across Canada to try to buy Plan B from drug stores and report back what happened. It was discovered pharmacists were collecting names and addresses and asking women such questions as how often they had unprotected sex. Some pharmacists refused to sell the pills because of their personal beliefs. Hoey ran a heavily edited version of the story. Dec 14 – NDP Leader Jack Layton indicates that he would include private abortion clinics in halting funding for "for-profit" health care and doctors working in it, "Any private clinics is what we are talking about here." In private talks however, his team said he would not close existing private abortion clinics, but would prefer to bring them into public system. Dec 16 - The New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women asks the province's ombudsman, Bernard Richard, to look at whether or not it constitutes an invasion of privacy for most pharmacies in New Brunswick to ask for a woman's name, phone number, date of birth, and personal questions about their sex lives before dispensing the drug. Dec 19 – <i>Edmonton Sun</i> reports on Mary Talbot's crusade to pass law that would allow police to lay charges in the killing of a fetus. Her daughter Olivia Talbot, 19, was 27 weeks pregnant when she was shot dead in her Edmonton home on Nov. 24. Her family believes that the man who allegedly killed Olivia should be charged with two counts of murder. The family says they've already collected more than 1,000 signatures from across Canada in support of the law. On Dec 19(?), Talbot went to a Conservative Party rally to seek support for her petition and claims she was harassed, manhandled, and threatened with removal by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 9 - U.S. District Judge Richard Arcara calls for a hearing into talks that led up to anti-choice terrorist James Kopp's 2002 confession to reporters that he fatally shot an abortion provider. The judge wants to explore claims by Kopp's lawyer that his former attorney, Bruce Barket, steered Kopp toward the confession in order to win leniency for Loretta Marra, who helped Kopp evade capture following the 1998 shooting. Dec 12 - attempted arson attack by young woman at Hope Medical Group in Shreveport, Louisiana. She used what appeared to have been a Molotov cocktail, but no harm done except for scorched spot on sidewalk by front door. Woman and her driver caught on camera. FBI gets involved in investigation on Dec 21. Suspects arrested Dec 31: Shreveport couple Patricia Hughes, 24, and Jeremy Dunahoe, 18. Police spotted their car at their home; they confessed to crime. Dec 16 - A federal judge calls for a hearing to review the circumstances surrounding James Kopp's confession of killing Buffalo abortion provider Barnett Slepian. Kopp was convicted in 2003 under state 2nd-degree murder charges after he admitted he shot Slepian in October 1998. He currently is serving 25 years to life in prison. Kopp's attorney, John Humann, told U.S. District Judge Richard Arcara that Bruce Barket, Kopp's former attorney, advised Kopp to confess to the shooting in order to win leniency for his other client, Loretta Marra, who served two years in prison for helping Kopp escape authorities after the shooting. Humann is seeking to have Kopp's confession stricken from the record in his upcoming federal trial on related charges of violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. If convicted, Kopp could be sentenced to life in prison without parole. Dec 19 – The right-wing American Center for Legal Justice sues in federal court to abolish an Illinois rule requiring pharmacies to fill prescriptions for emergency contraception, Dec 20 - The "first official" anti-choice society for Catholics forms, founded by Father Frank Pavone, the head of Priests for Life. The Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, a new Society of Apostolic Life, will "train priests, deacons, and lay missionaries to work full time to end abortion in America and worldwide." Dec 21 – The American Civil Liberties Union says the government is blocking efforts to learn why the first-ever Justice Department guidelines for treating rape victims do not mention emergency contraception as a way to avoid an unwanted pregnancy. Louise Melling, director of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project said there was no scientific or medical reason not to include emergency contraception in the guidelines aimed at helping the between 4,000 and 25,000 women annually who are estimated to become pregnant as a result of rape. Dec 21 – In an Alan Guttmacher survey of women surveyed in 2002/03 American women of childbearing age said that 14 percent of their recent births were unwanted at the time of conception, compared to 9% in 1995. Anti-abortion groups attribute it to a "pro-life shift" while reputable researchers say it likely means less access to abortion.

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	<p>staff, after they told her it was illegal for candidates to sign petitions. She spoke to Harper who said he didn't have a position on this issue yet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 21 - A House subcommittee chaired by Rep. Mark Souder (R.-Ind.) begins an investigation into the safety of mifepristone. His letter to FDA Acting Commissioner Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Souder seeks physician, autopsy, and other FDA records so that the subcommittee can conduct its own review, also info about the off-label regimens often used with mifepristone, and why "it took so long" for the drug's maker, Danco Laboratories, to add the risk of bacterial infection to the drug's warning label. • Dec 22 – A federal judge says a lawsuit attempting to force the government to allow nonprescription sales of Barr Laboratories' emergency contraceptive Plan B can continue. The FDA had in May 2004 issued a "not approvable" letter in response to Barr's application to authorize nonprescription sales of Plan B, citing inadequate data on its use among girls under age 16. After the FDA announced a delay in its decision on Barr's revised application in Jan 2005, Barr sued, claiming the FDA did not follow its procedures when it first denied the application The lawsuit also says that by not approving nonprescription sales, the FDA violated women's right to equal protection and privacy.
<p>Jan 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 9 – Campaign Life Coalition reports that growing numbers of Conservative Party candidates in Ontario, Alberta, and BC are refusing to answer anti-choice group questionnaires, based on an apparent gag order from campaign headquarters. LifeSiteNews.com acquired a copy of a signed email from Conservative Party headquarters specifically telling a Conservative candidate not to answer the questionnaire. Fringe lobby groups are playing along: Hermina Dykxhoorn, president of Alberta Federation of Women United for Families, said she's "willing to not talk about those issues during the election if it means electing a Conservative government." MPs like Gallant and Merrifield have been curiously "unavailable for comment" throughout the campaign, showing that Tories appear to have a strategy to draw as little attention as possible to candidates whose past remarks have been fodder for negative stories. • Jan 10 - University of Regina pays an undisclosed amount of money to anti-gay and anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott for damages related to slander. Whatcott took legal action against U of R to force removal of a statement from its Web site stating that Whatcott "dvocates that all sodomites should be killed." It was part of an ad for a gay rights conference "I could not speak my heart" in Oct. 2004. He will use the money to pay his \$170,000 legal fees. He owes another \$17,000 to 4r people who complained to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal about anti-gay pamphlets put into mailboxes in Regina and Saskatoon between Dec.01 and Apr 02. The former nurse was also ordered to pay the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses \$15,000 for the cost of investigating and trying him for professional misconduct after receiving a complaint from Planned Parenthood in Regina. Both matters are under appeal. Whatcott is also suing members of the Prince Albert police force for malicious prosecution and breach of Charter rights. • Jan 11 - Harper insists he would not reopen the abortion debate. "A Conservative government will not be bringing forward, will not be supporting, and will not be debating the abortion laws in this country. I've been clear on that and, frankly, I think that's put the matter to rest." Harper dismissed Paul Martin's Jan 11 speech accusing the Tories of having a secret agenda to trample minority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 6 – The Society of Adolescent Medicine, in an exhaustive review of government-funded abstinence-only programs published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, rejects current administration policy that promotes abstinence as the only sexual health prevention strategy for youth in the US and abroad. "We believe that current federal abstinence-only-until- marriage policy is ethically problematic, as it excludes accurate information about contraception, misinforms by overemphasizing or misstating the risks of contraception, and fails to require the use of scientifically accurate information while promoting approaches of questionable value. Based on our review of the evaluations of specific abstinence-only curricula and research on virginity pledges, user failure with abstinence appears to be very high." The report also says that abstinence-only programs negatively impact other federal policies. • Jan 8 – Anti-choice groups hold their third annual Justice Sunday event to urge anti-choice advocates to pay attention to and get involved in the political process. It is broadcast from Philadelphia nationwide to other churches on Christian television and radio. Speakers include Focus on the Family's James Dobson and Sen. Rick Santorum, R.-Pa. • Jan 9 – Confirmation hearings begin for Judge Samuel Alito, nominated to Supreme Court to replace Sandra Day O'Connor. He is a Catholic right-wing extremist who does not support most constitutional rights in the Bill of Rights. He refused to disavow a statement he made in 1985 that the Constitution does not protect the right to a legal abortion. He also indicated he might be willing to revisit Roe v Wade. He said that Roe must be treated with respect because it has been reaffirmed by the high court several times in the past three decades. However, he when asked if the ruling was "the settled law of the land," he responded: "If 'settled' means that it can't be re-examined, then that's one thing. If 'settled' means that it is a precedent that is entitled to respect ... then it is a precedent that is protected, entitled to respect under the doctrine of stare decisis." ("to stand by that which is decided.") • Jan 12 –Richard E. Hoke II, 46, of York Pennsylvania is convicted of making harassing phone calls to an abortion clinic, Women's Health Center. He has previous convictions on 14 counts of harassment for calling the same clinic in 2004, which are under appeal. He was sentenced to two years probation for the earlier phone calls. Hoke made continuous

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	<p>rights including a right to an abortion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 11 – Media reports that Conservative Party president Don Plett had said that a backbencher MP would likely introduce anti-abortion legislation if the Conservatives win the next government. "When we form a government, we can rest assured that there will be a private member's bill on this," he wrote in a November e-mail to a Quebec party member. Jan 17 – Family of pregnant Edmonton woman, Olivia Talbot, who was shot to death last November, launches a petition for the creation of a law to protect "unborn victims of violence," in association with LifeCanada. Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) has been drafting a law since Nov. that would allow double murder charges to proceed when a pregnant woman is slain. Vellacott's private member's bill was inspired by the slaying of another pregnant Edmonton woman, Liana White, last summer. If re-elected, Vellacott said he will pursue his bill. Jan 13 – A new "Think Twice" coalition of social advocacy and citizens' organizations holds a news conference to release a statement expressing concerns about the implications for Canadian social programs and equality rights of a potential Conservative victory in the election. Think Twice includes numerous citizens' organizations, including child care, aboriginal, women's rights, health care, human rights, arts, trade union, environmental, housing, disability, and minority advocacy groups. Among many other dangers to rights and social programs, they include: "new risks to Canadian women's right to reproductive choice and access to abortion." Jan 13 – Liberal party reveals that Conservative Justice Critic Vic Toews told the National Pro-Life Conference on Sept. 8, 2004, in a speech entitled "Abuse of the Charter by the Supreme Court," that abortion issue is part of a broader social landscape under attack by "activist judges" using the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to implement their own social policy. He said the Conservative Party wants to open up the process for appointing judges, and he attacked the political "activism" of appointed judges. He said the ability to pass legislation must be coupled with the ability to appoint judges more favourable to the social conservative viewpoint. He also directly attacked the Charter, criticizing it as anti-democratic. In an appearance on right-wing Christian radio in June 2003, Toews said he would seek to use the Notwithstanding Clause to overturn Supreme Court decisions that promoted the Court's "radical agenda." Jan 13 - Action Canada for Population & Development (ACPD) publishes in their newsletter an essay "Actions an Anti-Choice Government Can Take to Limit Your Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services" most of which are not related to legislation, such as stopping abortion funding, or changing health polity to make access harder in various ways. Jan 14 – Globe & Mail reports that dozens of Conservative and Liberal candidates have offered Campaign Life Coalition a written pledge (on their election questionnaire for candidates) to support a law banning abortion if elected. When asked, "If elected, will you support measures to introduce and 	<p>calls on Sept. 12, asking to speak to a doctor there. Hanna Triplett, the clinic's front office supervisor, told the jury she had dealt with Hoke numerous times in the past and had warned him not to call again. The clinic only performs abortions for reasons of severe fetal anomaly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 13 – Pro-choicers trash and destroy anti-choice ads on hundreds of BART public transportation system trains in San Francisco. A Bart spokesperson said that the ads are constitutionally protected as free speech and are not BART's endorsement of any political viewpoint. The ads were bought by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland's Respect Life Ministry, and they critique the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings protecting the right to an abortion and urge a "second look" at the issue. The transit company has received 100's of complaints. Jan 18 - The Supreme Court rules unanimously in <i>Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England</i> that a lower court was wrong to strike down New Hampshire abortion restrictions, steering clear of a major ruling on whether such laws place an undue burden on women. The opinion was written by retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Justices said a lower court went too far by permanently blocking the law that requires a parent to be told before a daughter ends her pregnancy. However, the Supreme Court implemented a new standard, saying that lower courts should find a way to remedy flaws in anti-abortion laws without necessarily declaring the entire law unconstitutional. An appeals court must now reconsider the law, which requires that a parent be informed 48 hours before a minor child has an abortion but makes no exception for a medical emergency that threatens the youth's health. Jan 20 - Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito tells senators that he sees protection in the Constitution for privacy, but he refused anew to divulge his thoughts on <i>Roe v Wade</i>. He is undergoing confirmation hearings. He also said on Jan 10 that the Constitution protected a right to privacy and that court precedents upholding the right to an abortion were "an important part of the law." Jan 20-23 – Anti-choice and pro-choice demonstrations across the country for <i>Roe v Wade</i> anniversary on Jan 23. President Bush spoke to 100,000 anti-choice marchers in Washington Jan 23, saying they are pursuing "a noble cause" and making a real difference in the campaign to recruit more Americans to stand on their side. "These principles call us to defend the sick and the dying, persons with disabilities and birth defects – all who are weak and vulnerable – especially unborn children." Jan 24 - Judiciary Committee favorably recommends Samuel Alito's Supreme Court nomination to the full Senate on a party-line vote, ensuring prospects the conservative jurist will join the high court bench. All 10 Republicans voted for Alito, while all 8 Democrats voted against him. The full Senate will take a final vote on Alito's nomination shortly. Jan 26 - A pharmacist from St. Charles Missouri, Heather Williams, files a federal complaint after she was fired from a Target store for refusing to dispense emergency contraception. Until recently, the company accommodated her objection to dispensing the morning-after pill, her attorney said. On Feb 13, Williams tells the Senate Judiciary Committee that pharmacists should have the same right as doctors and nurses to refuse to help with procedures they believe help end life.

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	<p>pass a law to protect every unborn child from the time of conception (fertilization) onward?" 18 Conservative MPs replied Yes, as did 24 Tory candidates, 10 Liberal MPs and two Liberal candidates. CLC said that after election, they will push MPs who signed favourably to support "incremental" measures, such as ending public funding for abortions and banning abortion pills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 14 - Belinda Stronach, Liberal Human Resources and Skills Development Minister, said that the Conservative plan to have a backbencher introduce a private member's bill on abortion is typical of the way Stephen Harper's Conservatives reach deals with social conservative allies behind closed doors. "There is a 'culture of conspiracy' in Mr. Harper's Conservative Party in making secret deals with the single-issue social conservative interest groups; prominent social conservatives themselves confirmed not long ago that they will stay quiet to allow the Conservative Party to be elected, and then collect their agenda." Jan 16 - Dr. Henry Morgentaler testifies in Quebec Superior Court in Montreal that the Quebec government should reimburse women who have abortions in specialized clinics and women's centres. Morgentaler said it's "criminal" and a "flagrant injustice" for the province to do otherwise. He was testifying as part of a class-action lawsuit filed by the Association for Access to Abortion (a coalition of clinics) in 2002 against the Quebec government. The group wants an end to Quebec's policy of requiring women to pay between \$200 and \$600 for a timely abortion in a private or non-profit clinic when waiting lists are too long in the public system. Jan 16 – Dr. Henry Morgentaler warns voters not to vote Conservative. "I don't trust the Conservative party and I don't think women in Canada or people who love women in this country should trust the Conservative party as far as abortion rights are concerned." He also said: "The front rank of the Conservative Party is chock full of people who are violently opposed to the rights of abortion, like Stockwell Day and similar guys, who will put pressure on Mr. Harper to reopen the issue." Jan 17 – In response to Dr. Morgentaler's comments. Stephen Harper says: "The Conservative government won't be initiating or supporting abortion legislation, and I'll use whatever influence I have in Parliament to be sure that such a matter doesn't come to a vote." "I will use whatever influence I have to keep that off of the agenda, and I don't see any likelihood of that in the next Parliament." Jan 18 – Global TV challenges Harper on abortion, asking him: "On the issue of abortion, will you pledge that there will be no legislation covering abortion? There will never be a free vote in Parliament on that issue?" Harper replied: "Never is a long time. What I'm saying is I have no desire to see that issue debated in the near future. We're saying very clear in our platform we're not going to support or initiate abortion legislation, and frankly, I don't want this parliament to have an abortion debate." When asked about his personal views on abortion, Harper said: "I've always said my own views on the abortion issues are complex. I don't fall in any of the neat polar extremes on this issue. But... No, I don't need to [explain them] because I'm not proceeding with an abortion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 27(?) - Americans United for Life (AUL) files lawsuits on behalf of four Illinois pharmacists who were fired from Walgreens for their opposition to filling prescriptions for the morning-after pill. The plaintiffs were asked to sign a paper agreeing to dispense the drug, and when they refused to sign, they were terminated. Those firings violated the Illinois Rights of Conscience Act, AUL claimed. Jan 27 – 66% of adults in the U.S. do not want to see the Supreme Court overturn its landmark 1973 decision Roe v Wade, according to a Gallup poll. Jan 27 - Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., says he will support a filibuster against Samuel Alito. Senator Hillary Clinton joins her support as well. However, a filibuster requires 40 votes out of 100 members to block action on the Senate floor. Jan 20 – Alan Guttmacher Institute reports that of the 195 state-level abortion restrictions adopted since 2000, one-quarter were enacted in 2005 alone. 29 states mandate that a woman seeking an abortion be given counseling including information intended to discourage her from obtaining the procedure. 24 states require a woman seeking an abortion to wait a specified period of time, usually 24 hours, between counseling and the procedure. 33 states and District of Columbia prohibit the use of public funds to pay for abortion for low-income women, even when medically necessary, generally making exceptions only in cases of life endangerment, rape, or incest. Only 17 states use their own funds to pay for all or most medically necessary abortions for Medicaid enrollees. 34 states require parental involvement in a minor's decision to have an abortion: 21 states require one or both parents' consent, while 13 require parental notification. Jan 21(?) – Los Angeles Times reports that lawmakers in several states are trying to force the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit the landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling issued 33 years ago today. A bill under consideration in Indiana would ban all abortions, except when continuing the pregnancy would threaten the woman's life or put her physical health in danger of "substantial permanent impairment." Similar legislation is pending in Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, South Dakota, and Kentucky. At least a dozen other states have old criminal laws banning abortion, which could in theory take effect immediately upon a reversal of Roe vs. Wade. Jan 30 - A federal trial begins in Wichita Kansas over whether a Kansas law prohibiting virtually all sexual activity by people under age 16 means health care professionals and educators must report such behavior to state authorities. Health workers in Kansas launched a class action lawsuit against the directive, saying it would stop many teenagers from seeking contraception or treatment for STD's. Kansas is one of 12 states where sex under a certain age is illegal regardless of the age difference between the participants. The state's Attorney-General, Phill Kline, an anti-choice extremist, interprets the law to focus mainly on the reporting duty of abortion providers, arguing that any pregnant, unmarried minor by definition has been the victim of rape or abuse. On Feb 3, the Kansas Supreme Court temporarily stops the state attorney general Phill Kline from looking at records from two abortion clinics, saying such a review could violate patient privacy. The Court ordered a lower court judge to first make sure that Kline has the right to see the documents in his investigation of potential violations of state restrictions on abortion and suspected rapes of children. If that judge determines Kline does have that right, he must still ensure that the patients' privacy is protected, the court said. Kline was cited for

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	<p>agenda."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 18 - Action Canada for Population and Development issues press release "Stand Up and Choose Your Canada " stating that the Conservative Party does not have to pass legislation in order to roll back women's rights, according to Katherine McDonald, Executive Director. ACPD identified examples of how an anti-choice government in Canada can limit access to reproductive health services domestically and internationally. Jan 19 – Stephen Harper said that Canada's court system is influenced by Liberal-appointed justices who pursue a social activist agenda. He said that when choosing judicial appointees: "What we will be looking for is what I call the judicial temperament. And that is the ability to competently and shrewdly and wisely apply the laws that are passed by the Parliament of Canada." Justice Minister Irwin Cotler called Harper's comments "disrespectful of the rule of law, of the independence of the judiciary, and the administration of justice." Harper also believes that the Senate should defer to Parliament, instead of its duty to act as a check on Parliament. It should play "a useful technical role" he said, but should not "try and interfere with the democratic will of the elected House." Jan 19 - Prime Minister Paul Martin launches attack on Stephen Harper, suggesting that Harper would stack the courts with socially conservative judges to overturn Charter rights such as gay marriage and access to abortion. He said: "Never have we seen a major political party with such as conservative agenda as this one," Martin said, portraying Tory Leader Stephen Harper as an enemy of the courts who sees judges as preventing him from attaining absolute power. He continued the attacks on Jan 20 saying "What's going to happen after the election? Are these social conservatives going to stay in hiding ... (or) are they going to come out and start expressing their views, advancing their causes?" Jan 19 - Manitoba's ombudsman announces investigation into whether pharmacists are violating the privacy rights of women by asking personal questions before dispensing the morning-after pill. Since Plan B became available without prescription in April, pharmacists across Canada have asked customers their names, addresses, and information about their sex lives. Manitoba ombudsman Irene Hamilton hasn't heard complaints from women quizzed by pharmacists, but she opened a file after her Ontario counterpart persuaded pharmacists in that province to stop last month. Jan 20 – Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada issues press release "Harper's Reassurances About Abortion 'Don't Mean a Thing' ." Pointing out that he can't control his MPs, a majority of whom want to legislate against abortion, and that there are many other ways that abortion can be restricted besides through law. Jan 20 – Press conference in Toronto held at Morgentaler Clinic, featuring Dr. Henry Morgentaler, Carolyn Egan of ARCC-CDAC, Heather Mallick, June Callwood, and Kim Walker of Students for Choice. "Beware! Fundamentalist Conservatives at the Gates! Callwood, Egan, Mallick, Morgentaler and Walker warn against a Conservative majority." And against a socially conservative agenda, including restrictions against abortion and women's rights. 	<p>violating a court gag order and for his "defiant" attitude.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 31 - Two federal appeals courts declare the <i>Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act</i> unconstitutional, saying the measure lacks an exception for cases in which a woman's health is at stake. The first ruling came from a 3-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in California, which wrote that the court had no choice but to "invalidate" the entire abortion ban statute. Hours later, a 3-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan issued a similar decision in a 2-1 ruling. The NY decision affirmed a 2004 ruling by a judge who upheld the right to perform the procedure. Jan 31 - U.S. Senate votes to confirm Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 21 – CanWest publicizes that a Jan 19 email has been widely posted among U.S. conservative groups, warning them not to talk to Canadian journalists before Monday's election for fear of scaring off voters and hurting Stephen Harper's chances. The email, from right-wing commentator Paul Weyrich, says he received a call from a prominent Tory (conservative Calgary lawyer Gerald Chipeur). The e-mail reads: "He said the Canadian media, which is trying to save the current Liberal government, has a strategy of calling conservatives in the U.S.A. in the hopes that someone will inadvertently say something that can be hung around the Conservatives. ... Canadian voters have been led to believe that American conservatives are scary and if the Conservative party can be linked with us, they perhaps can diminish a Conservative victory. Chipeur asks that if Canadian media calls, please do not be interviewed until Monday evening at which point hopefully there will be reason to celebrate." Social conservatives are said to be "thrilled" at the prospect of a Conservative victory. Jan 22 – Anti-choice press reports that Conservative candidate Vincent Veerasuntharam (Scarborough South West) and campaign workers verbally harassed and physically threatened family of LifeSiteNews.com director Steve Jalsevac, who were distributing pro-life candidate evaluation sheets outside Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Catholic Church in Scarborough. Jan 23 – Stephen Harper and Conservatives win minority government, with 124 seats. Liberals win 103, NDP 29, Bloc Quebecois 51, and one Independent. Jan 24 – Campaign Life Coalition reports a "modest" increase in the number of anti-choice MP's – about 100 now, in both Conservative and Liberal parties. Jan 28 – ACPD reports a new total of 90 anti-choice MPs from all parties, 16 Liberals and 74 Conservatives. There are 5 fewer anti-choice Liberal MPs and only 4 more anti-choice Conservative MPs. 65 MPs have not stated their positions, (42 Conservatives, 23 Liberals). Also, there are 3 more pro-choice Conservative MPs, for a total of 8, and a total of 64 pro-choice Liberals. ACPD says that abortion rights should be safe during this Parliament, because of the minority of potential anti-choice votes. Jan 30 – Media reports that over half the pharmacies in the town of Steinbach Manitoba refuse to stock Plan B emergency contraception. Steinbach is a predominantly Christian community with strong roots in the Mennonite tradition. Even in Winnipeg, about a quarter of the pharmacies contacted by the Winnipeg Free Press said they did not carry the drug. Health Canada made Plan B available without a prescription in April 2005. It is kept behind store counters and dispensed by pharmacists. Pharmacists have the right to refuse to dispense the drug as a "matter of conscience," but they must refer customers to another pharmacist who does carry it. 	
Feb 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 6 – Stephen Harper appoints his Cabinet. Health Minister is Tony Clement, Justice Minister is Vic Toews, and Status of Women Minister is Bev Oda. Oda is pro-choice, Clement is somewhat pro-life but wouldn't act to restrict abortion, and Toews is an anti-choice, anti-gay extremist who doesn't believe in the Charter of Rights or an independent judiciary. LifeSite Daily News reports that 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 1 – Anti-choice members of Congress hold press conference to discuss new "research" showing 8 women internationally have died from using mifepristone, including 5 in the U.S, and more than 840 women have also experienced "sometimes life-threatening" complications from using the drug. Maryland Congressman Roscoe Bartlett was joined by more than 12 members of Congress who are backing his effort to suspend

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	<p>of the new Cabinet ministers (out of 26) are anti-choice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 16 - Institute of Family and Marriage Canada launched in Ottawa at the Human Rights Monument in Ottawa. Spearheaded by American Focus on the Family, it says it will provide "research" for MPs on gay marriage and abortion. They advocate: a "war" on equal marriage, referring to abortion as "the baby holocaust", establishing abstinence only sexual health programs, conversion therapy for gay, lesbian and bisexual people through "Love Won Out" seminars, and a stance against universal childcare. Their current goal is to influence the upcoming in parliament on same sex marriage. Feb 17 - A Saskatchewan judge reserves judgment in Bill Whatcott's case, an outspoken anti-abortion and anti-gay activist who wants his nursing licence back. Whatcott was fined and suspended from nursing in 2002 after picketing Planned Parenthood Regina. The Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses suspended him for making false statements. Whatcott's lawyer Thomas Schuck argued that public debate around sexual politics should not be grounds for suspension. Whatcott has led protests across Sask and Alberta against abortion and gays and has been fined by a Sask Human Rights Commission tribunal for distributing offensive leaflets. Feb 18 - Nova Scotia's new premier elected, Rodney MacDonald. He openly declares himself to be anti-choice in an interview with Steve Murphy of CTV News. Feb 20 – Health Canada says that New Brunswick's refusal to pay for abortions done at Morgentaler's Fredericton clinic will soon be addressed by the Conservative government. Feb 20 - The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) fires its top two editors of the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ), editor John Hoey and Senior Deputy Editor Anne Marie Todkill, noting the need for a "fresh approach." However, the decision came after the journal went head-to-head with the CMA over a controversial article about Plan B, causing board members to say the popular editors were fired to undermine editorial independence. The article showed that the Canadian Pharmacists Association was advising pharmacists to collect personal information – including sexual histories – from women seeking the morning-after birth control pill Plan B at Canadian pharmacies. The CMA received criticisms about the survey from the pharmacists group, and "leaned on" the journal to either suppress or change the article. The journal published the piece, but modified it to be less critical of the Pharmacists Association. Feb 23 - The Supreme Court of Canada refuses to hear an appeal by two women in Manitoba who asked the province to pay for timely abortions outside publicly funded hospitals. The women started a class-action lawsuit against the NDP government in 2001. They contended they had to pay for abortions at a private clinic because the wait for a procedure at a public hospital was eight weeks. The province now pays for abortions at Jane's Clinic, a non-profit clinic. A Court of Queen's Bench judge ruled in December 2004 that the province's funding system violated the charter rights of the women. They said they turned to a private 	<p>sales of the drug while its safety is investigated. Bartlett has introduced HR 1079, otherwise known as Holly's Law, named after Holly Patterson, who died after using the drug. The bill has 79 other co-sponsors. Arizona Congressman Trent Franks is also spearheading efforts to support the bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 1 - Three Boston women sue Wal-Mart Stores Inc, claiming that the retailer's pharmacies refused to fill their prescriptions for the morning-after contraceptive pill. The lawsuit seeks an injunction requiring Wal-Mart pharmacies in Massachusetts to carry the Plan B contraceptive, saying that Wal-Mart's failure to do so is in violation of state law. On Feb 3, a coalition of women's groups and family-planning organizations urges Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to change its policy and start stocking emergency contraceptive pills in its pharmacies. The groups, claiming a total membership of 10 million women, called on Wal-Mart Chief Executive Lee Scott to stop blocking access to a legal medication. Feb 2 - A study by Catholics for a Free Choice finds that 35% of staff at 94 facilities in New York, California, South Carolina, and Washington said no emergency contraceptive treatment is available at their hospital. All hospitals in those states are required to counsel patients about emergency contraception, make sure they know it is available, and dispense it upon request. 7% said emergency contraception is available upon request for all women, another 20% either tried to evade the calls, hung up on the callers or scolded them, according to the poll. Only 53% gave the caller the name and telephone number of another facility where EC might be available, but only 53% actually led to a facility that provides EC. Feb 3 - Federal judge Richard J. Arcara set a May 9 hearing date to hear from James Kopp's former attorneys to determine if Kopp's Nov 2002 confession to newspaper reporters that he killed Dr. Barnett Slepian can be used against him in his upcoming U.S. District Court trial. Kopp's new attorney John Humann says the confession should be suppressed, as well as comments Kopp made when he was sentenced. Humann said attorney Bruce A. Barket, Kopp's lawyer in the state homicide case, induced Kopp's confession to aid Barket's other client, Loretta Marra, who with her husband, Dennis Malvasi, was charged with aiding Kopp's run from authorities. Humann said Barket's representing both Kopp and Marra was an unwaivable conflict of interest meaning Kopp's confession can't be used. However, Kopp wanted to ignore his lawyer. "I cannot denounce the contents of the article which contains truths of my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," Kopp wrote in a letter to the judge, which was read in court. Kopp later reluctantly agreed to let Humann pursue the motion. Feb 6 – The Ultimate Coalition for Unborn Children in Biloxi, Mississippi, starts a petition drive to get before Mississippi voters a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit abortions except when necessary to prevent the death of the woman. The attorney general's office approved the wording of the initiative in January and it has been published in Mississippi newspapers. Feb 7 – USA Today reports that State "fetal pain" bills are proliferating amongst states. They were introduced in 19 states in 2005, and were passed in Arkansas, Georgia, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Wisconsin bill was vetoed by the Democratic Governor Jim Doyle, who said it failed "to reflect a consensus of medical opinion" and "intrudes on the doctor-patient relationship." However, fetal pain bills have been passed by House members in Utah and Indiana and are headed to their Senates. Fetal pain bills also have

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	<p>clinic for the abortions because the long waits for hospital procedures would cause them psychological and medical harm. In September, a Court of Appeal allowed part of Manitoba's challenge to that ruling, and said the case could proceed to trial. Health Minister Tim Sale asked the top court to protect the government's right to decide how health-care dollars are spent, and how long waiting lists are handled. The high court's refusal to hear the case means the issue can only be decided in Manitoba as a class-action trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 23 - New Brunswick Right to Life calls upon federal health minister to investigate possible Medicare fraud by provinces that fund private abortion clinics. It also wants Health Canada to drop its abortion dispute with NB over its refusal to fund the M clinic. Executive director Peter Ryan says Medicare only covers abortion in cases of medical necessity. The group says that six provinces are violating the Medicare provisions of the Canada Health Act by funding private clinic abortions under the guise of medical necessity, including Newfoundland, Manitoba, BC, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. Feb 27 - New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women urges that emergency contraception be available on shelves of retail outlets instead of behind the counter at pharmacies. The council says the form with questions that women must answer may intimidate some women who need the drug, including victims of sexual assault, and that could affect accessibility. So it's supporting a national coalition of organizations that's calling for Plan B to be available without pharmacist intervention. The coalition, spearheaded by Women and Health Protection and the Canadian Women's Health Network, plans to ask the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) to address the issue. The advisory council has encouraged at least 2,500 New Brunswickers through an electronic newsletter to offer their support by adding their name to a list. The council says tThe Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada considers Plan B safe enough to be available on the shelf. Feb 27 - Marshall Rothstein, the first Supreme Court candidate in history to face questions from a committee of MPs, said judges should stick to the law and leave social agendas to elected politicians. Rothstein was on a short list from former PM Paul Martin, and he was nominated by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to be the newest member of the Supreme Court of Canada. Rothstein tempered his remarks by observing that legislation must always be measured against the Charter of Rights. Feb 26 – Calgary Herald editorial calls for a new abortion law in Canada to place gestational limits on abortion. It says: “Nor is this about restricting women's right to choose. Rather it is a matter of asking for that choice to be made in a timely and responsible manner; and a recognition that there is a date after which the state has a legitimate interest in the life of the fetus.” Feb 27 - Seven staff members at the Canadian Medical Association Journal sign their names to an editorial in which they "disagree with and protest" the recent decision to fire their editor in chief and senior deputy editor. Feb 28 - Prime Minister Stephen Harper, in an interview in Maclean's 	<p>been introduced this year in Arizona, Iowa, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Most would require doctors to tell a woman whose fetus is at 20 weeks or more gestational age that her fetus could feel pain during an abortion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 10 - The federal government announces a scientific conference to look into two related bacterial infections, <i>Clostridium sordellii</i> and <i>Clostridium difficile</i>. The former killed 4 California women who took an abortion pill and the latter caused outbreaks of diarrhea and colitis in hospitals and nursing homes across the nation. 15 to 20 scientists who have studied the bacteria have been asked to present their research at the May 11 conference, an FDA official said. There will be very tight security at the conference. Feb 7 – A new study by political science professor Robert Carp at the University of Houston reports that judges appointed by President George W. Bush are the most conservative on record when it comes to civil rights and liberties, significantly more conservative than the very conservative voting record of jurists appointed by Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bush Sr. Feb 14 - Wal-Mart announces it plans to start stocking and selling emergency contraception Plan B at its 44 Massachusetts pharmacies after receiving a directive from state regulators. The retailer said it is also giving serious thought to carrying the drug at all of its 3,700 pharmacies nationwide. The only other state where Wal-Mart sells the so-called morning after pill is Illinois, where a state law requires it. Elsewhere, Wal-Mart has refused to stock the drug for undisclosed "business reasons." The store had been under tremendous pressure from pro-choice advocates to stock it. On Feb 16, Connecticut state Comptroller Nancy Wyman asks Wal-Mart to stock emergency contraception pills in its 20 Connecticut pharmacies. Feb 21 - Supreme Court says it will decide a Bush administration appeal urging the justices to uphold the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 that bans most 2nd trimester abortions. The justices agreed to review an appeals court ruling that declared the law is unconstitutional because it lacks an exception to protect the health of a pregnant woman. The law was never put in effect because it was struck down by judges in California, Nebraska and New York. Feb 21 - In a Feb 7 letter to a federal court, jailed doctor-killer James Kopp stands by published statements detailing his shooting of an abortion provider, and says he wants to halt efforts to keep them out of his next trial. Kopp, imprisoned in NY for murdering Dr. Barnett Slepian, faces charges in U.S. District Court for violating the FACE law protecting access to abortion. In the letter, he said he changed his mind about a decision to go along with his lawyer's efforts to suppress the damning statements. Feb 22 - South Dakota Senate passes the nation's most far-reaching ban on abortion, setting the stage for new legal challenges that may lead to an overturning of <i>Roe v. Wade</i>. The measure passed the state Senate 23 to 12 and makes it a felony for doctors to perform any abortion, except to save the life of a pregnant woman. Gov. Mike Rounds said he is inclined to sign a bill. As of March 3, states introducing similar bills include Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Kentucky. Some bills include exceptions for rape and incest. Feb 23 - A man convicted of crashing a van through the door of a Houston abortion clinic is sentenced to 10 months in prison and ordered to pay about \$8,000 in restitution. Frank

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	<p>newsmagazine, has insisted he will do nothing to change the legal status of abortion in Canada. “In my entire career, I’ve made it clear that I have no intention of getting into the abortion issue. It has not been my issue in my entire career. And it won’t be in the future.” In response to the “hidden agenda,” he told Maclean’s, “There’s no evidence that it’s true. And it will become very apparent now that I am prime minister that this argument was a lie. And it will not be me having to explain this next time. It will be the other party, when it engages in misrepresentation.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Feb - survey figures from the Canadian Association of Adolescent Health show that almost one in three Grade 9 boys (32%) and one in four Grade 9 girls (22%) have taken part in oral sex. 	<p>Lafayette Bird plans an appeal that he hopes will end with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act is unconstitutional. He was found guilty in November of ramming a delivery van into the Houston Planned Parenthood Clinic on March 7, 2003.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 23 - Tammy Skinner, a 22-year-old full-term pregnant woman from Suffolk Virginia, shoots herself in the stomach to kill her fetus, and the baby dies. She at first claims she was shot, then after a police investigation, confesses to shooting herself. On Feb 28, she is arrested and charged with illegally inducing an abortion, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and filing a false police report. If convicted, Skinner faces up to 13 years in prison and more than \$100,000 in fines. However, the only charge that may stick is filing a false police report. On May 8, a judge dismissed the charge of inducing an abortion. • Feb 23 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agrees to stop federal funding of the Silver Ring Thing, a national program supporting abstinence until marriage, in a settlement with the New York-based American Civil Liberties Union. The group organizes events for teens that involve skits, music and inspirational speeches. At the end of the program, participants sign an abstinence vow and receive a silver ring as a symbol of their promise. The ACLU filed a lawsuit in May 2005 to stop a \$75,000 grant because the Silver Ring Thing promoted Christianity in its programs. • Feb 26 – Baltimore Sun reports that the battle over emergency contraception has intensified in many state legislatures because the FDA has failed to act for five years and has now indefinitely delayed deciding whether to allow sales of the drug without a prescription. More than 60 bills have been filed in state legislatures already this year. Abortion-rights groups have been lobbying state lawmakers to increase access to the morning-after pill since 2000, and 16 states have already passed laws that do so in some form. Another 16 states are considering bills to ease Plan B access although some are not expected to pass. Antiabortion forces have proposed measures in over 20 states that would permit pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions. Four states: Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Dakota -- already have such laws on the books. • Feb 28 – Alan Guttmacher Institute releases new research ranking states according to their efforts to serve women in need of contraceptive services, allocate public funding to family planning, and adopt laws and policies that promote access to contraceptive information and services. Highest-ranking states include California, Alaska, South Carolina, Alabama and New York. Lowest ranking include Nebraska (lowest), North Dakota, Indiana, Ohio and Utah. Researchers found that 33 states made access to contraception and reproductive health services more difficult or expensive for women. From 1994 to 2001, many states passed laws restricting access to birth control, cut funding to state family planning services, and moved to abstinence-based sex education programs in schools. • Feb 28 - The Supreme Court deals a setback to abortion clinics in a 2-decade-old legal fight over anti-abortion protests, ruling that federal extortion and racketeering laws (RICO Act and federal Hobbs Act) cannot be used to ban demonstrations. The 8-0 decision ends a case that the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had kept alive despite a 2003 ruling by the high court that lifted a nationwide injunction on anti-abortion groups led by Joseph Scheidler and others. Anti-abortion groups brought the appeal after the appellate court sought to determine whether the injunction could be supported by charges that

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		<p>protesters had made threats of violence. In today's ruling, Justice Stephen Breyer said Congress did not intend to create "a freestanding physical violence offense" in the federal extortion law known as the Hobbs Act. Instead, Breyer wrote, Congress chose to address violence outside abortion clinics in 1994 by passing the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which set parameters for such protests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 28 - President George W. Bush says his view on abortion differs from that of a South Dakota law that would ban the practice in all cases except when the woman's life was at stake. Asked about the provisions in the state law, Bush replied, "Well, that, of course, is a state law, but my position has always been three exceptions: rape, incest and the life of the mother." Feb 28 - A bill banning abortion in most cases is approved by a House committee in Mississippi, and heads to the Mississippi House for a vote. Under the bill, abortion in Mississippi would only be legal in cases where the mother's life is at risk, and in cases of rape and incest. Mississippi is one of 12 states where lawmakers are considering an abortion ban. South Dakota passed a complete abortion ban on Feb 22.
<p>Mar 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 1 - A Fredericton man who refuses to pay his taxes to protest government funding for abortions asks a judge for more time to prepare his defence, for family health reasons. David Little, 60, is charged with failing to file income tax returns for the years 2000, 2001, and 2002. He refuses to pay taxes because he says tax money is used in part to fund abortion procedures, arguing that to force him to indirectly participate violates his rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Little has failed to provide the court with required documents, including written notice of the constitutional arguments he plans to raise, a list of expert witnesses he intends to call, information regarding their qualifications and nature of their testimony, what steps he has taken to retain counsel, or evidence as to his family's health problems. Mar 3 – Editor of The Lancet, one of the world's leading medical journals, and the former editor of the world's leading medical journal, the New England Journal of Medicine, independently call for the Canadian Medical Association to fire publisher Graham Morris of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, over their firing of the editor and deputy editor because of a story on Plan B that was censored by the publisher. (See Feb 20). The embattled CMAJ was further rocked this week when Dr. Stephen Choi, a deputy editor who agreed to serve as acting editor, quit along with a fourth editor, Sally Murray. The CMAJ now has no full-time editors at all. Mar 8 – Canadian Federation for Sexual Health launches “Uh Oh” Emergency Contraception Awareness Campaign across Canada. The campaign aims to educate Canadians regarding EC, specifically changes to access, including the availability of emergency contraceptive pills from a pharmacist without a doctor's prescription. The media campaign includes innovative postcards and posters, a new national toll-free line and updated EC website information. Mar 14 – GAP displays show up at Hamilton's McMaster University, put up all around campus by LifeLine, the McMaster anti-choice group. The project was entitled “Unmasking Choice.” Johanna Miller is president of LifeLine. Prochoice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 1 - James Kopp's attorney John Humann says that Kopp's recent letter to a federal judge saying he does not want to contest his confession that he killed Dr. Barnett Slepian, doesn't matter for now. Humann, a federal public defender, filed legal papers saying as long as he is Kopp's lawyer, he speaks for Kopp. The court will now consider whether Kopp should represent himself. Mar 3 - Wal-Mart announces it will begin stocking Plan B emergency contraception at all of its pharmacies nation-wide effective March 20. The announcement comes after Massachusetts last month ordered Wal-Mart to stock Plan B following a lawsuit by 3 Boston women. Illinois also requires pharmacies to carry it, and those are the only 2 states where Wal-Mart has so far stocked the drug. The company said it will maintain its conscientious objection policy, which lets employees who don't feel comfortable dispensing a prescription to refer customers to another pharmacist or pharmacy. Mar 6 – South Dakota governor Mike Rounds signs a complete abortion ban into law, with an exception only if the woman's life is at risk. The law is designed to directly challenge Roe vs. Wade. Under the new law, to take effect July 1, doctors in South Dakota will face up to five years in prison if they perform an abortion unless they can show the procedure is necessary to save the woman's life. Planned Parenthood vows to challenge the ban in court, and also to continue doing abortions at the only SD abortion clinic in Sioux Falls, which does 800 abortions a year. Some anti-abortion groups are against the new law, saying it's too soon to challenge Roe v Wade and the case could backfire. Mar 9 - Internal documents are made that raise new questions about the federal government's continued refusal to allow over-the-counter sales of the emergency contraceptive "Plan B." The documents, obtained by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., show that in February 2004, policymakers at the Food and Drug Administration found no problem in allowing the so-called morning-after pill to be sold without a prescription to women of all ages. Yet 18 months later, former FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford cited concerns about selling the drug to younger teens as a major reason for blocking the move. Mar 9 – The National Center for Men files a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Michigan on behalf of Matt Dubay. The NCM has nicknamed the suit “Roe v Wade for Men” because it

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	<p>counter protests take place, and a debate takes place on Mar 15 between the McMaster debating society and Stephanie Grey, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, on "Should abortion be legal".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 15 – StatsCan releases abortion stats for 2003. A total of 103,768 abortions were performed in 2003, down 1% from 105,154 in 2002. The abortion rate went down from 15.4 abortions per 1,000 women in 2002 to 15.2 in 2003. Among teen-agers, the abortion rate in 2003 was 14.5 per 1,000 women under the age of 20, down from 15.7 in 2002. The teenage abortion rate has declined gradually since 1997 when it was 18.4 per 1,000 women under the age of 20. The crude birth rate for teenagers has also continued to fall. In 1997, there were 16.8 live births per 1,000 women under 20. By 2003, this had declined to 12.1. The number of induced abortions per 100 live births decreased to 31.0 in 2003, from 32.1 in 2002 Mar 17 – Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, criticizes the Canadian Cancer Society for "withholding" information about the link between hormonal contraception and cancer. Vellacott said, "If the Canadian Cancer Society is not telling Canadians the truth about the birth control pill's link to breast cancer, what else is the Canadian Cancer Society withholding?" Vellacott's comments came in an interview with the CBC's Wendy Mesley's documentary, "Chasing the Cancer Answer" which aired recently on CBC's Marketplace. Mar 21 - Stephanie Gray, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, speaks at King's University College in London Ontario, invited by the Live for Life group. The CCBR operates the Genocide Awareness Project, a program that likens abortion to genocide. Women's Issues Network co-ordinator Julia Kerr said giving Gray a voice on campus "validates violent anti-choice rhetoric." Over 30 WIN members stood through the two-hour presentation with their backs to Gray, holding signs with messages ranging from "Choice" to "This is not a debate." Certain activists were vocal during the presentation as well. Comments ranged from "shame on you" to "you are speaking nonsense." Mar 27/28 – GAP display at University of Calgary, sponsored by Campus Pro-Life (CPL), with "debate" on Mar 28. Security fencing and uniformed guards protected the display, but pro-choice protestors dumped bags of cow manure in front of the display on the 28th. Mar 27 - Selena Stevenson, 28, of Manitoba, pleads guilty to infanticide and is given an 18-month conditional sentence. Her pregnancy resulted from being raped at a party. She considered an abortion but couldn't afford to come to Winnipeg and pay for the procedure. Stevenson gave birth in a toilet in the early morning hours of Jan. 2, 2003 while her husband slept in another room. She suffocated the baby moments after it was born, then discarded his body into a dumpster. The Crown agreed to reduce the charge from 2nd-degree murder to infanticide, which carries a 5-year maximum. The charge is used in cases of mothers who kill their newborns while in a "disturbed" state of mind immediately after giving birth. Late March – Campaign Life Coalition newsletter announces that Fr. Frank 	<p>seeks to allow men a legal right to decline the responsibilities of fatherhood to the same degree that women can currently decline motherhood through abortion: that is, absolutely. Dubay wants to relinquish all legal connection to a daughter borne last year by an ex-girlfriend who had assured him she was infertile. Specifically, he doesn't want to pay \$500 a month in child support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 10 – The Argus Leader reports that an anti-abortion activist is posting Internet pictures of women entering an abortion clinic in Fargo, North Dakota. Martin Wishnatsky, who is banned from going within 150 feet of Fargo's Red River Women's Clinic, said he usually stands on a street corner to take the photos. Mar 14 – Media reports that a feminist blogger has posted explicit directions online for a surgical abortion, in reaction to the new South Dakota law all but banning the procedure. At her "Molly Saves the Day" weblog, http://mollysavestheday.blogspot.com, the 21-year-old Florida resident uses the pseudonym Molly Blythe. She has posted directions for a dilation and curettage -- or D and C -- abortion, and plans to next place online the steps for a vacuum aspiration abortion. Mar 14 - An out-of-state abortion rights group starts a petition drive that would stall South Dakota's new abortion ban and give voters a say in the matter. The group, Basic-Abortion-Rights Network of Waukesha, Wis., filed paperwork for a ballot petition that would ask voters if the abortion ban should be overturned. The group withdraws its petition on Mar 16, at the urging of a South Dakota political group, Focus: South Dakota, which said it wanted to spearhead its own petition drive and have it be "a totally South Dakota operation." Mar 15 - President Bush nominates Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach to serve as FDA commissioner, but the dispute over Plan B means the nomination may go nowhere for months or even years. Dr. von Eschenbach was appointed acting FDA commissioner in September. He has led the National Cancer Institute since 2002 but will now resign. With a nomination pending, Dr. von Eschenbach can lead the F.D.A. indefinitely. Hillary Rodham Clinton invokes senatorial privilege to bottle up Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach's nomination until the FDA releases a ruling on over-the-counter distribution of Plan B morning-after contraceptives, which has been held up for 3 years. Mar 17 – The FDA announces that two more women have died after using the abortion pill RU-486, and warn doctors to watch for a rare but deadly infection implicated in earlier deaths. At least seven US women have died after taking the pill, sold since 2000. The FDA cannot prove the drug was to blame in any of the cases. The latest 2 deaths were reported to have similar circumstances to the previous deaths. Both abortions were performed at Planned Parenthood clinics. PP announces on Mar 18 that they will alter their regimen to start using misoprostol orally instead of vaginally. Mar 20 - A Kansas City federal judge orders David Reardon's Elliot Institute website shut down after ruling that the site illegally copied a Web site that supports cloning research. The judge issued an injunction against the Elliot Institute for Social Sciences Research for violating copyrights. The injunction stemmed from a suit against the institute filed by the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures, which is gathering signatures in support of an initiative that would protect all forms of stem-cell research allowed by federal law. The coalition accused the Elliot Institute of copying the coalition's Web page as a way to sow

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	<p>Pavone of Priests for Life USA will be keynote speaker at the Rose Dinner in conjunction with the 9th Annual Canadian National March for Life in Ottawa, Thursday May 11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<p>confusion among the public about the purpose of the stem-cell initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 22 – James Kopp sends second letter to judge and prosecutor saying he wants to act as his own attorney at his federal trial. The judge had previously refused to allow Kopp to override his appointed lawyer's authority in a dispute over whether Kopp's newspaper confession should be allowed as evidence. Public defender John Humann has fought to have the 2002 statements and others kept out of Kopp's upcoming trial on charges that he violated the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act by killing Dr. Barnett Slepian in 1998. Government prosecutors want the statements allowed and Kopp agrees, saying they contain the truth. Mar 25 - An abortion-rights coalition called the South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families say they will challenge the state's near-total ban on abortions by collecting enough petition signatures to bring it to a statewide vote. The coalition has to gather the signatures of 16,728 registered voters by June 19 to put an initiative for repeal of the law on the Nov. 7 ballot. includes representatives of Planned Parenthood, Pastors for Moral Choices, Hadassah, NARAL Pro-Choice America, the South Dakota Network for Women and the Native American community, as well as state legislators, doctors, nurses, clergy, students and others. Mar 29 - The Mississippi legislature fails to pass a bill to ban most abortions, with exceptions for rape/incest/life endangerment. Senate and House negotiators were unable to reach an agreement. Mississippi already has very poor access to reproductive health care. 98% of counties have no abortion provider, and Mississippi ranks 30th in the nation in its efforts to help women avoid unintended pregnancy. Mar 29 - Rep. Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland and Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina, both Republicans, have introduced measures in the House and Senate to take the abortion drug mifepristone off the market while the FDA investigates the deaths of seven women in the U.S. who have died from using the drug. "It's appropriate that the Congress intervene and remove this drug from the market until it goes through the proper testing procedure," said Bartlett. He urged an immediate vote on his bill, HR 1079, "Holly's Law," which would force the FDA to remove the drug from the market for further investigation. Mar 30 - Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat, introduces a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to create a rule prohibiting anti-abortion pregnancy centers prohibit fraudulent advertising of abortion services. Maloney was joined by 11 co-sponsors in unveiling the Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act. The ACLU backs the measure. Late March - Cecelia Fire Thunder, the first female president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, announces she will establish an abortion clinic on an Indian reservation, within reach of women who need the service but outside the reach of the strict new abortion ban in South Dakota. American Indian tribes are not generally required to abide by state law, so a clinic could operate lawfully even with a ban in place, as long as the providers doing the abortions are native.
Apr 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early April – Newsletter of Surrey/Delta Pro-Life Society describes two campaigns: a fundraising campaign to raise money for radio ads to defund abortion in BC, and a letter writing campaign to Health Minister Tony Clement urging him to drop the funding dispute process with New Brunswick, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April – Operation Rescue targets Dr. George Tiller of Kansas with a grassroots petition effort to convene a Kansas Grand Jury to investigate possible criminal wrongdoing by Dr. Tiller and his staff in the death of 19-year old Christin Gilbert. Dr. Tiller had already been completely cleared in a previous inquiry. On April 7, Operation Rescue releases their "The

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	<p>and to allow the province to NOT fund the Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 2 – Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott of Edmonton posts on Freedom.ca advocating the damaging or destroying abortion clinic property. He says: “It is my view those MPs in the Conservative Party of Canada who believe human life begins at conception and is worthy of legal protection should endorse rather than condemn those who choose to break unjust laws and vandalize abortion clinic property in the defense of innocent human life.” • Apr 4 - Montreal's St-Luc Hospital ordered to pay \$45,000 in damages to a woman who gave birth to twins, several weeks after undergoing an abortion. In 1999, Saoudat Batoukaeva went to the hospital to have an abortion, but hospital staff confirmed a continuing pregnancy 3 weeks later. They were unable to contact the woman, who had moved to Toronto. The babies were born after 25 weeks of gestation. Quebec Superior Court Justice Michel Caron concluded that although doctors followed the rules, more should have been done to find the woman. He noted Batoukaeva was also at fault for not going for a required follow-up appointment. He awarded her only half of the \$90,000 sought. • Apr 4 – New protester seen at the Kelowna clinic in BC, a big burly dark haired man not previously seen. His sign stated in bold letters: “Men: It’s your body too”. • Apr 6 – Anti-choice activist David T. Little, 60, ask judge to delay his trial so he can retain a lawyer. He is due to go to trial May 23 on charges that he hasn't filed tax returns for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. He contends that paying income tax is tantamount to supporting abortion since some government revenue goes toward the procedures. Little had requested an open-ended adjournment at a hearing in provincial court in Fredericton the previous week, arguing his wife and stepdaughter were unwell and he needed to focus on their health. He said his family members were afflicted by "diabolical" and "demonic oppression" and needed to undergo exorcism sessions. • Apr 6 - An Ontario mother is convicted for hiding her HIV status, which denied doctors the chance to treat her baby and possibly prevent her newborn son from being infected. The mother of two pled guilty to failing to provide the necessities of life. She was sentenced to a six-month conditional sentence, followed by three years of probation. The baby tested positive for HIV when he was 2-1/2 months old. He turns 2 in Sept. • Apr 7 – Anti-choice demonstrator is allegedly assaulted by unknown female passer-by. Rose Mawhorter of Campaign Life Coalition BC, was protesting with graphic images across the street from Everywomans Health Centre in Vancouver when she was hit from behind and thrown to the ground. The assailant ripped Rose's signs from her neck and ran down the street. She threw the signs into traffic and turned back to the scene to swear at the people coming to assist Rose. The incident was captured on video tape with the tape turned over to Vancouver Police. • Apr 11 – Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott of Edmonton agrees in court to curtail some of his activities. Planned Parenthood Regina was seeking a contempt of 	<p>Tiller Report II” which they say is “carefully researched and documented” and “contains up-to-the-minute information about Women’s Health Care Services and its owner, late-term abortionist George R. Tiller of Wichita, KS – information the abortion industry does not want the public to know.” By May, Operation Rescue has successfully gotten enough signatures, and a grand jury will be convened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 1 - New York Times article reports on deaths of two more women after mifepristone abortions and says that some doctors are increasingly uneasy about prescribing them. The drug has been used in more than 560,000 abortions in this country, so the reported risk of death is a bit more than one in 100,000. Some deaths may have gone unreported, meaning the real risk may be even higher. By contrast, the reported risk of death associated with surgical abortion is one in a million, according to studies — one-tenth as high. Many providers are quitting provider medical abortions, or are changing their protocols. • Apr 3- National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF), an association of grassroots groups that raises funding for low-income women seeking abortions, announces the launch of the National Reproductive Justice Fund to help low-income women affected by the South Dakota and other state abortion bans. • Apr 7 - Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) introduce the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), a landmark piece of legislation that would protect women’s lives and health for generations to come. FOCA would codify the protections guaranteed in <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and safeguard women’s reproductive freedom, regardless of the actions of an anti-choice administration or state legislature, even if <i>Roe v Wade</i> is overturned. NARAL and NAF endorse the bill. • Apr 7 – Associated Press reports that an anti-abortion group plans to picket the homes of all employees of a Bellevue Nebraska abortion clinic. The group Rescue the Heartland recently picketed the home of one, Karen Pender, until she received a protection order against the group’s director, Larry Donlan. The group sent at least two letters to employees of the clinic run by Dr. LeRoy Carhart, giving the employees two weeks to quit or face protests at homes. The group has protested at the homes and businesses of doctors who perform. They also picketed outside horse shows held at a stable run by Carhart’s daughter. Donlan said he wants to expand the protests to anyone who does business with Carhart’s clinic. • Apr 10 – FDA reports that of the two most recent deaths after mifepristone abortions, one has been determined to be unrelated to an abortion or to the use of Mifeprex and misoprostol (rumoured to be related to recreational drug overdose). The other had symptoms of infection and continues to be under investigation. The FDA also said it has tested batches of Mifeprex and misoprostol and has not found any contamination with the type of bacteria involved in the previous four deaths in California. • mid-April - Randall Terry, radical anti-abortion activist who founded and directed Operation Rescue, converts from evangelical Christianity to join the Catholic Church. Now president of the Society for Truth and Justice and a state Senate candidate in Florida, Terry, 46, told the National Catholic Register that his conversion began when he became friends with Catholic clergy. • Apr 18 - A federal judge rules that Kansas law does not require health care workers to

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	<p>court order against him, but the two sides instead signed a consent order. Under its terms, Whatcott agrees not to make representations about Planned Parenthood Regina; not to use or reference the name, job title, or any photographs of Barb McWatters, the executive director of the Regina office; and to refrain from picketing at the agency and at all times remain 50 yards away from the agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 27 – National post reports that Amnesty International is proposing advancing abortion rights around the world. In documents sent to AI members for feedback, the organization's chiefs identify three areas of the abortion debate where they say it should begin fighting for women's rights. They call for the global decriminalization of abortion and say there should be abortion on demand in cases involving sexual assault or risk to a woman's life. Finally, they say women who suffer medical complications after an illegal abortion should have the right to proper medical care. Cheryl Hotchkiss, women's rights campaigner with AI in Ottawa, spoke in support of the initiative. • Apr 27 - BC Court of Appeal hears testimony from anti-choice and civil liberties interveners in the case of Gordon Watson and Don Spratt, who were arrested in December 1998 for having stood inside the bubble zone in front of Everywoman's Health Centre in Vancouver. The two men are appealing convictions of violating BC's Access to Abortion Services Act. Interveners applying to intervene in the appeal case include the BC Civil Liberties Association, which argues the bubble zone law is a violation of freedom of expression. Also intervening are Canadian Nurses for Life (Sissy von Dehn), the Canadian Religious Freedoms Alliance, a coalition of religious groups including the Catholic Civil Rights League and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and on the pro-choice side, a coalition of abortion clinics and pro-choice groups. Judgment was reserved. • Apr 28 – Question Period in Parliament, on Status of Women program and funding. MP Maria Minna: "Mr. Speaker, Conservative-minded groups are actively campaigning to have the Status of Women program disbanded. Can the Minister reassure the House that the Government will take no such action and that no cuts will be made to the budget of this very important program?" Minister Bev Oda: "Mr. Speaker, I thank the Member opposite for her question. It gives me the opportunity to indicate that this Government recognizes the important of the women, they represent 50% of all Canadians. We will support them in their endeavours and ensure that the resources they require to support them so they can fully participate in Canadian life will be assured." 	<p>report to the authorities sexual activity by people under age 16, invalidating a 2003 opinion by the state's attorney general, Phill Kline. The judge said the reporting of consensual sex among similarly aged teenagers would deter young people from seeking medical care and overwhelm the state authorities. The ruling blocks Kline's advisory opinion from guiding the enforcement of Kansas' law requiring the reporting of abuse that causes injury. The opinion suggested that any pregnancy, STD, or request for contraception fell under the law. Kline appeals on May 16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 18 - Anti-abortion extremist Clayton Waagner, 49, agrees to plead guilty to carjacking, robbery and other offenses. The new plea deal calls for Waagner to receive a total of 33 years and 4 months in prison. The sentence would run concurrent with the federal sentences he already is serving for other crimes. Waagner was sentenced in 2003 to 19 years in prison for sending fake anthrax letters to women's clinics. At the time, he was already serving a 49-year sentence for firearms and escape conviction. • Apr 24 – Anti-abortion demonstrators including extremist Ron Brock, protest at a fundraising dinner for a clinic in San Diego, California. • Apr 26 - Anti-abortion extremist James Kopp, who was convicted of the 1998 sniper killing of a doctor, tells a judge that he was thinking about defending himself against federal charges even before he and his lawyer clashed over trial strategy. Should Kopp represent himself, it is unlikely he would take up his current attorney's fight to keep his detailed public account of how and why he shot Slepian out of the federal trial. Public defender John Humann has fought vigorously — including seeking a court investigation into allegations of prosecutorial misconduct — to prevent the government from using Kopp's confession to seek a conviction. The decision came in a class-action lawsuit on behalf of doctors, nurses, therapists and sex educators. • Apr 26 - A federal grand jury in Birmingham Alabama indicts Dalton Ray Skinner, 43, of Tuscaloosa, on charges of damaging an abortion clinic in Tuscaloosa. Authorities say a car slammed into the front of the West Alabama Women's Center on January 19th. No was inside the building at the time, but a door and a wall were damaged. Skinner was taken into custody early Jan. 19 after being shot and wounded by Moundville police, after he led police on a high-speed car chase. • Apr 26 - Louisiana's state Senate approves a near-total ban on abortion, rejecting a move to allow the procedure for victims of rape and incest. Senators rejected the amendment with a 17-20 vote, then sent the bill to the House with a vote of 30-7. The bill would outlaw all abortions except to save the life of the mother. Sen. Ben Nevers, the sponsor, argued against adding any other exception, saying his "heart goes out to" sex crime victims but their wishes are less important than his goal of preventing abortion.
May 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – MP's offices begin receiving emails based on a campaign started in February by Peter Ryan of New Brunswick Right to Life: "Private Clinic Abortions Constitute Medicare Fraud. Take Action: Politicians Must Order an Investigation." They claim six provinces are violating the Canada Health Act by funding clinic abortions under "guise of medical necessity," including Newfoundland, Manitoba, BC, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. ARCC sends position papers on clinic funding to all MP's on May 18. • May 11 – national March for Life takes place in Ottawa, with about 5,700 people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1 - A Rochester Hills teenager who allegedly stabbed his mother 111 times because she interrupted his "mission from God" to kill pedophiles, abortion doctors, and U.S. Sen. John Kerry, is sentenced to 25 to 37½ years in prison. As part of a sentencing agreement to avoid trial, Christopher Dankovich, 16, pled guilty to second-degree murder in the April 24, 2005 death of his mother, Diane Michele. Investigators said Michele, 49, was stabbed 111 times by Dankovich after she confronted him about visiting pornographic Web sites on his home computer and finding weapons-making materials under his bed. • May 1 - The Supreme Court refuses to hear an appeal by anti-abortion protesters who

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	<p>They also hold rally at Parliament Hill, a Youth Conference, and Rose Dinner. Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life in NY is keynote speaker at dinner. 13 Conservative and 3 Liberal backbench MPs, along with several senators, spoke at rally, urging the crowd to keep up their fight to restrict abortion and calling on Harper gov't to pass restrictions. The March was covered by at least 6 major newspapers, CP, CTV, and Global TV. On June 30, LifeSite Daily News lists all anti-choice MPs who attended. All spoke except Epp, Doyle, and Forrestall: Conservatives: Harold Albrecht, Norm Doyle, Ken Epp, Brian Fitzpatrick, Royal Galipeau, Gary Goodyear, Jason Kenney, Pierre Lemieux, James Lunney, Kevin Sorenson, Paul Steckle, Brad Trost, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa. Liberals: Paul Steckle, Paul Szabo, Tom Wappell. Senators, both Conservatives: Gerry St. Germain, Mike Forrestall. Also present: Former liberal MP Pat O'Brien. MPs in the crowd who did not join those on the stage area and did not address the crowd: Gord Brown, Cheryl Gallant, Tony Martin (NDP). Conservative MPs at the Rose Dinner Following the March: Harold Albrecht, Rob Anders, Rod Brunich, Dean Delmastro, Rick Dykstra, Ken Epp, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jason Kenney, Pierre Lemieux, James Lunney, Colin Mays, Andrew Scheer, Maurice Vellacott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11 - Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott and Liberal MP Tom Wappel appear live on a CTV panel on the "pro-life debate" and tell CTV's Mike Duffy the issue should be reopened and laws should be rewritten. No pro-choice people were on the panel. • May 11 - Just before the March, Maurice Vellacott and Liberal Paul Steckle, hold a news conference at Parliament to promote the false link between abortion and breast cancer. They invited Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a breast cancer surgeon from New Jersey and anti-abortion activist, to press their point that abortions are bad for women's health. Vellacott and Steckle say they are part of a parliamentary pro-life caucus but refused to indicate how many others belong to that group or provide their names. The Globe & Mail reports the press conference. • May 16 – National Abortion Federation holds press conference at Parliament to announce launch of Launch Canadian Public Policy and Outreach Program. They announce their public policy goals and how they will work to improve abortion access for women in Canada. Additionally, NAF announced increased direct assistance to Canadian women through their national toll-free hotline (1-800-722-9100). Speakers included: Vicki Saporta, NAF President and CEO, -- Dawn Fowler, NAF Canadian Policy and Outreach Director; Pat Smith MD and NAF Board Chair; Sen. Lucie Pepin, and MP's Dr. Carolyn Bennett, Irene Mathysen, and Penny Priddy. • May 16 – Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton, which is the only New Brunswick hospital doing abortions, will stop performing all abortions as of June 30 (all three doctors are quitting for personal or political reasons). It was doing about 400 abortions a year. The hospital says their obstetrics department is understaffed and overworked, and doctors there are cutting the abortion service to ease their load. This leaves only the Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton for which women have to pay out of pocket. ARCC issues press release from Fredericton urging NB gov't to act to replace services. NAF also issues press 	<p>used "wanted" posters to target clinic doctors. The activists created Wild-West style posters that identified abortion doctors on a Web site. Those targeted sued 12 activists and two anti-abortion groups under the racketeering law and the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. The later law criminalized those who incite violence and threaten abortion doctors. The doctors and clinics were awarded \$108 million in punitive damages by an Oregon jury, an amount that was reduced by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The activists appealed to the Supreme Court to reduce the amount even further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 4 – New Guttmacher Institute study released, showing that contraception use has declined strikingly over the last decade, particularly among poor women. The decline appears to have slowed the reduction in the national abortion rate that began in the mid-1980's. Among sexually active women who were not trying to get pregnant, the percentage of those not using contraception increased to 11% from 7% from 1994 to 2001, according to data from the National Survey of Family Growth. The rise was more striking among women living below the poverty line: 14% were not using contraception in 2001, up from 8% in 1994. 10% of better-off women did not use any in 2001, up from 7% in 1994. The number of white women not using contraception increased to 9% from 7%; Hispanic women not using it increased to 12% from 9%; and black women not using it increased to 15% from 10%. The rate of unintended pregnancies, which had declined 18% from the early 1980's to the mid-1990's, has leveled off since about 1994. That reflects a diverging trend: among poor women, the rate rose 29%, but among better-off women, it declined 20%. The rate of unintended births — unintended pregnancies carried to term — rose by 44% among poor women from 1994 to 2001, but declined by 8% for wealthier women. • May 8-10 – Anti-abortion extremists protested at the annual American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists conference in Washington, DC. Daniel Holman was dressed like a doctor in bloody clothes, holding a doll with a syringe stuck in the head and others held a sign praising James Kopp for murdering Dr. Slepian. Other protesters included Chuck Spingola, Matt Trewhella, Joshua Graff, and Donna Holman. • May 9 - Catholics for a Free Choice files a complaint with Internal Revenue Service alleging abuse of the 501(c)(3) tax status of Priests for Life, a militant antiabortion group headed by Fr. Frank Pavone. All section 501(c)(3) organizations are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Cffc says that Priests for Life "has issued a direct challenge to the Internal Revenue Service and started recruiting volunteers who want to do some concrete work to elect pro-life candidates in 2006." • May 10 - House of Representatives rejects a measure to allow military members to get abortions at U.S. military hospitals using private funds. It is the tenth year the House has rejected such an amendment to the defense authorization bill. Congress banned abortions -- even if paid for by an individual's private funds -- at federally funded facilities, including military hospitals, in 1996. • May 10 – 7 anti-choice protesters from the group Rescue the Heartland were charged with unlawful picketing for protesting at the home of a clinic employee near Bellevue, Nebraska. A protection order was also issued to the employee against the group's leader, Larry Donlan. The group had previously written a letter to the woman telling her if she did not quit her job at the clinic in two weeks, they would protest at her home, which they

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	<p>release. Morgentaler urges the federal government to act to enforce the Canada Health Act in NB by continuing the Dispute-Avoidance Resolution process. Dr. Christine Hoffman, A Charlottetown doctor, says the Fredericton hospital's decision could affect accessibility for women throughout the region. The New Brunswick government claims it will find a way to provide "medically necessary" abortion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 17 - Conservative MP Leon Benoit introduces in Parliament a bill to recognize unborn victims of violence. Bill C-291, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, saw first reading today. The bill would make it a separate offence to kill or injure a fetus while committing a violent crime against the pregnant woman. IT was inspired by death of Olivia Talbot, a pregnant Edmonton woman killed in Nov 2005 by her ex-boyfriend. • May 19 – National Post reports that demand for the morning-after pill has doubled in the year since the drug was made available in Canada without a prescription, according to sales figures. Shipments of Plan B -- designed to prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex -- soared after the federal government ruled the product could be purchased directly from a pharmacist without a doctor's approval. Dr. Judith Soon of UBC's faculty of pharmacy sciences says there's evidence that easier availability of the pill is leading to significant savings for the health care system. She is now looking at whether broader use of EC in BC has led to a decrease in the abortion rate in the province. On May 25, Paladin Labs reports that sales to pharmacies have risen 78 per cent during the 12 months ending April 30. The drug's revenues increased to \$4.1 million last year from \$2.1 million in 2004. The product couldn't be publicly promoted until Health Canada granted it non-prescription status in April 2005. • May 23 - Dr. Michael Rachlis, a health policy analyst in Toronto, said the New Brunswick provincial government will clearly be violating Canada's Health Act if the Health Department can't find another hospital to perform as many abortions as Chalmers did. He also said he believes that NB is already not complying with a Supreme Court decision. He said that women who want an abortion shouldn't need to have two doctors approve the procedure as being medically necessary. "New Brunswick is the only province in Canada that still requires women to go to a committee within a hospital," he said. "This was expressly thrown out in a 1988 [court decision]." • May 23 – National Post reports that a Toronto anti-abortion man has taken it upon himself to set up an "abortion alternative info hotline" that will refer women to Aid to Women and other anti-choice orgs. Aid to Women does not support the amateur hotline. Henry Benvenuti, a 54-year-old artist, put up posters in the Richmond Street club district and along Queen Street West that read: "I Am Beautiful. Abortion alternative info hotline" and directed people to his own telephone number, which was written in black marker on white paper. Benvenuti says he decided to put up the posters because of his Catholic religious beliefs. • May 24 - Vicki Saporta, president and CEO of National Abortion Federation, writes New Brunswick Health Minister Brad Green to ask that the province pay 	<p>did 7 times over 2 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11 - Bonnie Jones, an attorney for Center for Reproductive Rights tells a Brooklyn federal judge that while Plan B (EC) was pending before the FDA, it was the topic of discussion by a White House official and the then-FDA commissioner. White House consultations seldom, if ever, are part of the FDA drug approval process. The CRR is in court seeking to force the FDA to approve over-the-counter sales of Plan B. Two FDA officials have resigned in protest over the agency's refusal to allow such sales. Jones said "It has come to our attention that Mark McClellan at some point had a meeting with someone from the White House about Plan B." McClellan, now administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, worked as senior policy director for health care in the Bush White House in 2001 and 2002. May 8 - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists launch a campaign urging doctors to explain the morning-after pill to every woman of reproductive age they examine, and offer a prescription to those eligible. • May 11 - Public meeting at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to study infections from <i>Clostridium sordellii</i> and <i>difficile</i>. Officials from the CDC, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institutes of Health seek advice from outside experts to decide what research is needed to understand and track the infections. The cause of increasing rare but deadly bacterial infections, including a handful of cases in women who have taken the mifepristone abortion pill, is still unclear and needs further study, the experts concluded. While infections have been reported in drug users, surgical patients, and accident victims, including men, cases in women who took RU-486 drew the most scrutiny at the meeting. The CDC said it was investigating another fatal case involving a woman who took misoprostol only as part of an abortion procedure. Another fatal infection (see Apr 1) following medical abortion has yet to be confirmed. Ten other deadly infections have been reported in women who had given birth or who had miscarriages. May 17 - A Republican lawmaker convenes a hearing to call for the removal of mifepristone from the market, saying the drug is unsafe. • May 11 - Seven abortion opponents are charged with unlawful picketing for gathering outside the home of a woman who works at a Bellevue Nebraska abortion clinic. They said they were exercising their rights to free speech. Pender said the protesters threatened to picket outside her home if she didn't quit her job as a medical assistant at Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska. She said between March 7 and April 21 the group staged seven protests outside her home, including prayer vigils, video cameras and graphic anti-abortion placards. Pender kept her job. • May 11 - Angus Reid poll: 53% of respondents favour permitting a woman to have an abortion in some circumstances. Conversely, 24% of respondents think abortion should be legal in all circumstances, while 20% believe the procedure should never be performed. • May 15 - A Davenport Iowa man faces assault and burglary charges for allegedly attacking an employee outside the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City and breaking a window to get inside. William Owens-Holst, 32, was charged with third-degree burglary, simple assault, and fourth-degree criminal mischief. Police say he tried to get in the clinic to "break the fingers of the abortion doctors so they couldn't kill babies." He grabbed a female employee by her neck, pushed her against a vehicle, and threw her cell phone to the ground. The employee was not injured and later called police as Owens-Holst smashed a

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	<p>for abortions provided by the Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 24 - Western Standard magazine's June cover story "exposes" practice of sex-selection abortion in Canada, specifically at BC Women's Hospital child. It reports that similar to countries where sex-selective abortions are rampant, the birth ratio in certain communities in Canada with large Indian and Chinese populations is becoming increasingly skewed against girls. It quotes a doctor who while in medical school was the student of Vancouver's Dr. Garson Romalis, who says that Romalis admitted to performing sex selective abortions. It quotes ARCC's position paper on sex selective abortion: "Being pro-choice means supporting a woman's right to decide whether or not to continue a pregnancy for whatever reason, even if one personally does not agree with her reason." • May 25 - David T. Little, 60, a Fredericton anti-abortion activist facing tax charges came under fire in court for leaving his legal matters to the last minute. Little told the court he still hasn't heard from a U.S. based organization about whether his application for funding for his defence has been approved. Little is accused of failing to tax returns for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. He has admitted he did not file returns but said he refuses to pay taxes because he contends tax money is used in part to fund abortions. The judge adjourned the matter to June 23 to set a new trial date, and that will be the final time Little will be given a new trial date. • May 25 - New Brunswick Health Minister Brad Green announces he's found doctors at two different hospitals who have offered to perform publicly funded abortions at different hospitals (not Chalmers). Green said he's found at least one obstetrician-gynecologist at each of those two hospitals willing to provide the service under medicare. He would provide no details and no names, citing safety and privacy concerns for the doctors and hospitals. The Liberal Opposition in NB agrees with the government that publicly funded abortions should only be done in hospitals and with the approval of two doctors. • May 27/28 - Amnesty International's Canadian branch votes at its annual general meeting in Winnipeg to favour decriminalizing abortion, as well as including the right to abortion, in the London-based organization's campaign strategy. The principles backed by the meeting included repealing laws that make abortion a criminal offence, promoting access to "quality services" for the management of complications from abortions, and "safe, legal and accessible medical care" in cases where abortion is requested after rape, incest or threat to a woman's life. A proposal by the international headquarters was sent out to the regional branches of the organization last year asking if they should begin advocating for a global right to abortion. Amnesty International will move forward with its consideration of supporting decriminalization of abortion in Portugal this summer and then on to abortion on request the following year. • May 30 - Conservative MP Leon Benoit's "unborn victims of violence act" - The bill C-291 - that would have charged murderers of pregnant women with 2 counts of homicide has been deemed non-votable and "unconstitutional" by a parliamentary subcommittee dominated by Conservatives. The bill was first proposed May 17. The committee was comprised of Chairman Joe Preston 	<p>second-floor window to get inside offices before the clinic began seeing patients. Police say they negotiated with Owens-Holst for about five minutes before he agreed to leave the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15 - A man assaulted an arriving staff member and then broke a window and entered a clinic in Iowa City, Iowa. The staff member called police, who arrived before the man could do any damage inside the clinic. William Owen-Holst was arrested on the scene and the clinic was told he has a history of mental illness. Owen-Holst was charged with assault, burglary and criminal mischief. The staff member, who he grabbed around the throat, was not seriously injured. He pleads guilty in June (?). Prosecutors are seeking a five year suspended sentence for the burglary and 30 days in jail for the assault. • May 17 - Anti-choice extremist Norman Weslin charged with violating local laws, and the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act by trespassing and blocking the entrance of a Bellevue, Nebraska clinic. The federal trial for Weslin, founder of the anti-abortion group Lambs of Christ, is scheduled for June 22 in Omaha, Nebraska. He faces 18 months in prison and a \$25,000 fine. • May 20 - Paul deParrie, 56, radical extremist anti-choice activist from Portland, dies suddenly of heart failure. He was president of "Believers Against Child Killing, and characterized violence against doctors who perform abortions as "morally justifiable." He regularly shouted outside clinics and in the street, and was arrested many times. He was a long-time leader in Advocates for Life, which disbanded about seven or eight years ago. • May 23 - A 3-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declares a ban on aerial advertising in Honolulu, Hawaii constitutional. The Center for Bio-ethical Reform (CBR), who has towed graphic banners behind planes above Hawaii's beaches, sued to try and have the city ordinance declared unconstitutional. The Court unanimously upheld a lower court's ruling denying CBR's motion. CBR director Gregg Cunningham said they will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. • May 23 - Sniper James Kopp will represent himself in his upcoming federal trial on FACE charges for shooting Dr. Barnett Slepian in 1998. Judge Richard Arcara pleaded with Kopp to reconsider, asking him if anyone was forcing him to do this or threatening him, even flat out telling him, "A trained lawyer would better represent you." Kopp insisted on representing himself, and allowing his past admission to shooting Dr. Slepian in the doctor's Amherst home in 1998 to be included in the trial. Kopp is serving 25 years to life for his conviction on state murder charges. He faces a life sentence without parole if convicted on the federal charge of obstructing access to an abortion clinic. • May 27 - Rev. Johnny Hunter and Flip Benham, along with other Operation Save America (OSA) and Oh Saratoga members, demonstrated with signs, wooden crosses, and sound systems at a clinic in Raleigh, North Carolina over Memorial Day weekend. The group then traveled to the home of the clinic owner to demonstrate at her residence and to hand out posters to pedestrians. The owner of the clinic also owns the clinic that will be the focus of OSA's annual event in July in Jackson, Mississippi. • May 30 - The South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families announces it has secured more than twice the number of signatures needed to refer the abortion ban passed by the 2006 Legislature to a vote of the people this fall. The campaign said they had 37,846 signatures - more than double the 16,728 they needed to get. Those signatures still need to be

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	<p>(Conservative), Scott Reid (Conservative), Derek Lee (Liberal), Pauline Picard (BQ), Jean Crowder (NDP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 31 – At 9:35am, a building at 120 Eglinton Avenue in downtown Toronto, home of Right to Life Association of Toronto, was alerted to a bomb on its premises. A second call was made to the administration office shortly afterwards stating bomb was on the 7th floor. The premises were evacuated and over 30 police officers arrived on the scene. It was not stated in either call who the bomb was targeting but police felt likely target was the anti-abortion group. 	<p>validated.</p>
June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 4 – About 30 anti-choice protesters rally in Cornwall, Ontario. Members of the group claim that currently no abortions are being performed in Cornwall because “there are no doctors willing to do them,” but they are frustrated by their inability to bring up the issue at the national level, hence the protest. Jun 6 – MP Leon Benoit appeals the committee decision against his “unborn victims of violence act” - bill C-291 - that would have charged murderers of pregnant women with 2 counts of homicide. Jun 8 –Toronto Star reports that Ryerson University will give Margaret Somerville an honorary degree on June 19. Somerville is an anti-choice "ethicist" at the McGill University Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law. The Ryerson GBLT community organizes a petition demanding that it be withdrawn. Jun 15 – Media reports the committee responsible for the award said that had they known of Somerville’s stand against same-sex marriage it would have resulted in giving them “serious pause before approving the award.” The university said it would go ahead with the award anyway. Jun 9 - Archbishop Raymond Roussin, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Vancouver, speaks out against Amnesty International, condemning the organization’s move to “endorse abortion as a so-called human right”. Last month, Calgary Bishop Fred Henry told LifeSiteNews.com, "The proposal of Amnesty International to enter into abortion advocacy is an ill-conceived and gross betrayal of their mission to campaign for human rights." Jun 9 - National Abortion Federation (NAF) and the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC) hold press conference to protest New Brunswick’s policy/regulation restricting funded abortion, in Fredericton. Vicki Saporta, CEO of NAF said New Brunswick is the worst province, other than PEI, for access to quality abortion care, and compared NB to South Dakota, where abortion was recently banned. Saporta said the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists agreed with NAF that specialists and hospital settings are not necessary for abortions. She said placing these restrictions makes it impossible for the province to meet the reproductive health-care needs of women. Health Minister Brad Green said the province’s policy is long-standing and has support from both the current government and the opposition. Jun 11 – A Leger Marketing poll is released with a finding that 34% of respondents disapproved of abortion - men at 35% and women at 33%. 65% of Canadians said that sex under age 16 is wrong. The poll surveyed behaviour that Canadians consider immoral. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 1 - The tribal council on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota votes to ban abortions on the reservation and introduce legislation to that effect. It also says Tribal President Cecilia Fire Thunder violated tribal ordinances and should be removed from office. Opponents to Fire Thunder’s announcement of establishing an abortion clinic on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation carried out a protest march before the meeting. Fire Thunder said in March that putting an abortion clinic on the reservation would circumvent a new state law that bans most abortions and is set to take effect July 1. Jun 1 - The Louisiana House and Senate approve a near-total ban on abortion, and Gov. Kathleen Blanco said she'll sign it. It awaits one final approval from the Senate of House changes before it reaches Blanco's desk. It only would allow abortion in cases where the woman's life is in danger or when childbirth would permanently harm her health. Jun 18 – Governor Blanco signs the bill into law. However, the bill is a ‘trigger’ law – it will come into immediate effect only if Roe v Wade is overturned. Jun 6 - Four Republican state senators who voted against South Dakota's abortion ban lost their primary elections, raising questions about support for an effort to repeal the controversial state law. The defeat of half of the eight Senate Republicans who opposed the nation's most restrictive abortion law might mean trouble for a planned referendum in November to rescind the ban. The other four had no primary challengers. Jun 8 – Robert F. Weiler Jr., 25, of Forestville Maryland is arrested for making a pipebomb that exploded in a friend’s house in Riverdale Maryland. He planned to use it to attack the Metropolitan Family Planning Institute of College Park, an abortion clinic near Greenbelt Maryland, and to shoot doctors who provided abortions. His parents turned him in after learning of his plans, because they didn’t want anyone hurt (whole family is anti-abortion). Weiler surrendered to police at a rest stop in Western Maryland. Police found a loaded .40 caliber pistol in his car. He told agents where the bomb was and bomb technicians used a remote device to detonate the bomb. Jun 15 - Authorities say there is no evidence that Weiler was part of a network. Jun 19 – Weiler is indicted by federal grand jury on charges of possessing and making an unregistered destructive device, illegally possessing a firearm, and possessing a stolen firearm. Jun 9 - A U.S. appeals court hands a legal victory to medical groups working on behalf of anti-choice healthcare providers who refuse to offer abortion services. The decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals allows private groups of health care providers to partner with the U.S. federal government to defend the federal Weldon Amendment from a lawsuit brought against it by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer. The Weldon Amendment, which Lockyer says is unconstitutional, prevents federal, state and local governments from receiving federal funds if they discriminate against health-

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 12 – 25-30 anti-choice protesters demonstrate outside Kincardine District Secondary School for 45-minutes. They held 6-foot by 4-foot placards showing graphic images of aborted fetuses, lining the street around the school. The organization, 'Show the Truth', demonstrated at high schools across the province. Protester Bob Cyr of Kincardine said high schools were targeted because the largest number of abortions are performed on teenagers and young adults. Jun 12 - a group of anti-abortionists carrying graphic signs of dismembered fetuses demonstrate on the sidewalk in front of Goderich District Collegiate Institute (a high school) in Ontario. The 4-foot high signs sparked outrage from students who confronted the dozen demonstrators. Rosemary Connell organized the "Show the Truth" demonstration and said their organization has studied different age groups and the "little kids didn't notice it." Nancy Bartz of the Goderich Life Centre invited the demonstrators from across Ontario to Goderich. Demonstrator Chris Selmys of Etobicoke said the school was targeted because the highest age group, girls 15 to 19-years-old, are likely to have abortions. Show the Truth holds protests of this nature across Ontario. Jun 15 - National Abortion Federation releases new report on the deceptive and harmful tactics of crisis pregnancy centers. The report, "Crisis Pregnancy Centers: An affront to choice" highlights harmful tactics that keep women from having abortions. The centers, according to NAF, "portray themselves as clinics offering medical services," but do not provide accurate or complete information about contraception and abortion. The report includes extensive Canadian content on Canadian CPC's. Jun 16 - Conservative MP Leon Benoit says his bill for unborn victims of violence that was declared "non-votable" earlier this month will be back for further debates and another vote, in modified form. Private Member's Bill C-291 would amend the Criminal Code to make injuring or killing an embryo or fetus while committing or attempting to commit an offence against the pregnant woman a separate crime under law, carrying equivalent penalties to causing injury or death to the woman. The bill never made it past the five-member Subcommittee on Private Members Business, which deemed it non-votable as it was unconstitutional. Benoit defended the constitutionality of the bill before the Standing Committee on Procedural and House Affairs on June 6, but the committee members voted to uphold the earlier decision and again declared the bill non-votable. It was later reported that just prior to the vote on the issue, a letter was handed out to committee members signed by the Minister of Justice/Attorney General of Canada, anti-choice Conservative Vic Toews, stating that in the opinion of the Attorney General the bill was unconstitutional. And MP James Moore said the problem with the bill was "an accused could be charged with such an offence without knowledge that the mother was pregnant and without the accused intending to injure or kill the child." Jun 20 - New Brunswick Right to Life issues a press release saying that Georges Dumont Hospital in NB will start performing abortions on July 1st after the Everett Chalmers hospital stops on June 30. Peter Ryan of NB Right to Life says 	<p>care providers that refuse to offer abortion services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 12 - Rev. Johnny Hunter's anti-abortion group, L.E.A.R.N., travels from their base in North Carolina to Jackson, Mississippi to protest at the state's remaining abortion clinic. The group is working with Operation Save America in preparation for July's annual protest event, where they will focus national efforts on the Jackson clinic. Jun 13 – An Ohio state bill to completely ban abortion, with no exceptions for rape, incest or to save woman's life, is dropped in a committee hearing as too "sensationalist." Rep. Tom Brinkman, a conservative Republican, sponsored the bill. The bill would also have made it a felony to transport a woman to another state for an abortion. 13 states introduced bills in the last legislative session aimed at criminalizing abortion, including Louisiana, which passed a trigger law last week. Seven states currently have trigger laws on the books. The flurry of activity was sparked in part by South Dakota's passage of a bill criminalizing abortion even when necessary to protect the health of the woman, a direct violation of current federal statutes. Jun 13 – A Charleston, West Virginia clinic receives a bomb threat. The male caller was apprehended a short while later. Staff obtained the man's phone number and contacted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. mid-June - Michigan Citizens for Life are working to secure enough signatures to add a proposed state constitutional amendment to the November ballot. If the signatures are gathered and Michigan voters approve the measure this fall, America's first statewide "totally protective pro-life language" will be in place, said American Life League's Judie Brown, who is leading the effort for the ballot initiative and sponsoring the petition drive. The initiative defines personhood as beginning at conception. The petitioners must secure 317,000 valid signatures by the July 10 deadline to add the amendment to the fall ballot. Jun 15 – National Abortion Federation releases report detailing numerous ways Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) have deceived and intimidated women. Jun 16 - On a PBS program that aired today and was taped in April, new Bush domestic policy adviser Karl Zinsmeister told the host that he would personally support doctors being jailed for performing abortions (with exceptions for rape/incest). He said he preferred to "not to have these rules and these laws that externally oppress people, but instead incorporate these inside people, to have them decide for themselves that they would rather get married than have children without being married; to have them decide for themselves that they'd rather put their child up for adoption rather than have an abortion. You do that in a slow organic process by encouraging and teaching and leading people to try to make more socially constructive choices, and religion is a very important tool for doing that." Jun 16 – Alan Lehman, protesting with a bullhorn at a Spokane, Washington clinic, allegedly makes remarks threatening bodily injury and death to clinic staff. The clinic filed a police report. Jun 19 - The Supreme Court says it will broaden its review of whether the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 is constitutional. The court agreed to rule next term on a California case (Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood) in which a federal appeals court struck down the Act. The court said in February that it would consider a separate case in which a group of Nebraska doctors had challenged the same law. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the

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	<p>he's contacting prominent members of the Acadian Catholic community, and asking them to lobby the Dumont hospital board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 21 – About 75 people, many anti-choice protesters, demonstrate outside the Georges-L.-Dumont Regional Hospital in Moncton to register their opposition to reports the hospital would become one of two hospitals to take over abortion services in the province. Participants included Richard Doucette, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. They held Acadian flags and signs including "Let Our Acadian Babies Live" and "Hospitals Are for Saving Life Not Destroying It." A number of other anti-choicers, including Catholic archbishop André Richard and Peter Ryan of New Brunswick Right to Life, went inside the hospital to pray or attend the annual meeting of the hospital's Board of Trustees. The board remained silent and answered no questions, other than to "reiterate its endorsement of the policy adopted in 1995 by the board of the day." The 11-year old policy says abortions will not be performed "for social reasons" but will be done when a fetus has a physical or genetic defect that seriously threatens its life; when a mother's life or health is in danger; or when the fetus has died in utero. Peter Ryan expressed concern that more abortions would be performed under the "health" loophole. Jun 21 -Parliament saw first reading of a private member's bill by Liberal MP Paul Steckle to re-criminalize abortion. Bill C-338, 'An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (procuring a miscarriage after 20 weeks of gestation), would restrict later abortions performed after twenty weeks. The bill would allow exceptions to save the woman's life and "to prevent severe pathological physical morbidity of the woman." It would impose a prison term of up to five years, and/or a fine of up to \$100,000 on anyone who "uses any means or permits any means to be used" to perform an abortion past 20 weeks. Jun 22 – Justice Minister Vic Toews introduces a bill to raise the age of sexual consent in Canada from 14 to 16, to protect young teens from older sexual predators. Several national organizations say there is no solid reason to alter a legal age that has been in place since 1892. The groups Justice for Children and Youth, the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (formerly Planned Parenthood), the Canadian AIDS Society and Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere say it could drive teen sex underground and would make teen reproductive health care less private and confidential, posing an obstacle to prompt abortion care for adolescents. Jun 23 - Anti-abortion activist David Little of New Brunswick is denied a request to delay his trial. Little refuses to pay taxes to help fund abortion. Little told court that his grant for defence funds was denied, and he needed an adjournment till May 2007 to find new funding to hire a Florida constitutional-law expert to defend him. The court said right to counsel is not unlimited and set a trial date of Nov 24/06. Jun 26 - A group of Acadian women in New Brunswick circulate a declaration in French for Acadian and NB francophone women to sign who are angered at the recent comments of Peter Ryan, Thadee Renault, and other NB 	<p>8th Circuit in St. Louis, ruled in 2005 that the federal ban is unconstitutional because it does not have a health exception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jun 21 - Delegates to the South Dakota Republican Party convention .passed a resolution urging voters to approve an abortion ban of nearly all abortions in the state. After the 2006 Legislature passed the measure, opponents referred it to a statewide public vote in Nov. Jun 21 - Members of Sanctity of Life Ministries demonstrate in front of Summit Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama clinic to celebrate the clinic's closing. One protester, Janet Spear, posted a sign on the door stating "this death camp stays closed." The group also held a press conference to call for an investigation into every Alabama clinic that provides abortions. Jun 24 - The Supreme Court refuses to consider appeals from abortion rights groups wanting to block states from issuing car license plates bearing the message "Choose Life." About a dozen states allow drivers to pay extra for the specialty car tags to show the car owner's opposition to abortion. Justices said they would not look at tag laws in Louisiana and Tennessee, which allow "Choose Life" plates but not pro-choice plates. Abortion opponents contend they have a free-speech right to broadcast their own views on their car tags. Proposals to offer car owners an alternative "Choose Choice" plate failed in both state legislatures. Jun 27 - By a 9-5 vote, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council ousts President Cecelia Fire Thunder for proposing an abortion clinic on the reservation, which would be beyond the reach of South Dakota's strict new abortion ban. The council said that Fire Thunder had acted without council approval, and she was immediately replaced. Will Peters, the council member who filed the complaint, said "The bottom line is the Lakota people were adamantly opposed to abortion on our homelands. The president was involved in unauthorized political actions." Fire Thunder said the council did not handle the action properly and promised to challenge it. Jun 30 - Students for Life of America (SFLA) plans to bring the abortion debate on college campuses across the nation this fall through a series of recruitment programs. They plan to start 100 campus pro-life groups in the coming semesters, which will bring the national total of college pro-life groups to 300. SFLA was founded in 1987 by a handful of students at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and is the only national anti-choice organization that focuses solely on college students. Jun 30 - Police apprehend a man fleeing from a Jacksonville, Florida clinic with an accelerant. Police had arrived at the clinic acting on a tip and the suspect ran when they approached. Richard Stewart Reese, 32, a white male, is currently being held for fleeing from a police officer. Reese was caught with a two-gallon jug of gasoline. Reese's father called the Jacksonville Police Department saying his son had talked about burning down the local clinic. Jun 30 - A possible butyric acid attack occurred at a clinic in Denver, Colorado. An employee's vehicle had a strong vomit-like odor emanating from the passenger seat where the window had been left slightly open. Butyric acid can cause such an odor. There are no suspects in the case.

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	<p>anti-choicers, that providing abortions at the Moncton hospital could be "genocidal for the Acadian people." They also hold a press conference on Jun 29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 27 - National Post reports that the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) will allow the creation of living human embryos specifically for research purposes. The project has been approved with a \$523,000 budget and will be led by researchers in Toronto with teams in Vancouver and Hamilton. The goal is to cultivate embryonic stem cells both from embryos left over and frozen after IVF treatments and to create in vitro embryos specifically for their cells. • Jun 28 – LifeSite Daily News reports that the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), have issued a statement in support of Bill C-338 by Liberal MP Paul Steckle. Also supporting the bill is The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. • Jun 28 (about) - Holly Hutton of Edmonton launches a class-action lawsuit against pharmaceutical Pfizer Inc, saying that their Depo-Provera contraceptive caused her to develop the early stages of osteoporosis. The suit follows a \$700-million Ontario class-action lawsuit launched in December of last year. Hutton, 28, had been taking the drug for three years until early 2005 as a treatment for endometriosis, a gynecological disease that can cause severe pain and infertility, and then developed early stages of osteoporosis. 	
July 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jul – Campaign Life Coalition National News, July 2006 issue, publishes article "Pro-Abortion Lies" - claiming that abortion is not a constitutional right, and that it's a "big lie" when ARCC says it is. The article compares ARCC spokesperson Joyce Arthur to Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief. The article also calls ARCC the "most prominent abortion lobby outfit" in Canada. • Jul 7 - National Abortion Federation says they are studying the idea of suing the New Brunswick government over the issue of access to publicly funded abortions. The government requires a woman seeking an abortion get the approval of two doctors and that a publicly funded abortion be done in a hospital by a specialist. "The only purpose possible for those requirements is to limit a woman's access to publicly funded abortions," said ED Vicki Saporta. "There is no medical reason for those regulations." She said it was premature to discuss a time frame in connection with a legal action, adding any legal challenge would be expensive. • Jul 10 (week of) - Right to Life Association of Toronto begins billboard campaign featuring outdoor ads sponsored by the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. The ads will run on signs across Toronto starting this week and ending in early August. One large billboard and fifteen street level ads will be on display around downtown Toronto. The image on the billboards shows a large group of women who have had abortions and now regret them. • Jul 12 - Globe and Mail publishes op-ed about a Toronto woman, identified as C. Smyth, who told the story of her intention to abort her 19 week old fetus because it was diagnosed as having a chromosomal disorder. • Jul 14 – Anti-choice activist Bill Whatcott's trial occurs in Calgary. He was arrested on January. 17/ 2005 and charged with trespassing, and was banned for life at the University of Calgary after distributing flyers on campus slandering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July -The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's "Key States Initiative" campaign begins from July to November in the battleground election states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Missouri consisting of mobile trucks with graphic signs and aerial banners. • Jul 7 – A state appellate court unanimously upholds the murder conviction and sentence of James Kopp, who fatally shot local abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian at his Amherst NY home in 1998. The five-judge Appellate Division of State Supreme Court in Rochester rejected several contentions, including that Kopp's confession was improperly "orchestrated" by his former attorney, Bruce Barket. The court also rejected Legal Aid arguments that D'Amico erred in allowing Erie County District Attorney Frank J. Clark to use evidence seized from Kopp's car and several homes. • Jul 12 - Patricia Hughes, 24, pleads guilty to leaving a burning bottle of gasoline outside the Hope Medical Group for Women clinic in Shreveport Louisiana in December. She entered the plea to manufacturing and possessing a delayed incendiary device. A clinic surveillance video captured a vehicle circling the parking lot and caught a woman walking toward the front of the building and a fire breaking out after she left. Prosecutors said the device used was a bottle filled with gasoline, a rag and a candle. Hughes faces up to 20 years in prison, instead of 40. State District Judge Ramona Emanuel set sentencing for Aug. 2. • Jul 11 - A federal grand jury indicts a West Virginia man on a charge of making a bomb threat to a Charleston abortion clinic. Jeremy Kiser, 19, of Sissonville, allegedly telephoned the Women's Health Center of West Virginia on June 13, identified himself as "Jeremy" and threatened to blow up the structure, a federal criminal complaint filed June 14 alleged. Kiser, who is free on \$10,000 unsecured bond, was indicted on a charge of using telephone lines to threaten to bomb a building. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted. • Jul 12- Supporters of a South Dakota abortion ban, passed as a challenge to an established

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	<p>Planned Parenthood and showing aborted fetus photos. Whatcott also organized a graphic sign demonstration outside the courthouse beforehand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 16-22 – Bill Whatcott heads to Vancouver after his trial and delivers about 5,000 flyers attacking Hedy Fry, abortion, and homosexuality. He targets primarily target Hedy Fry's Vancouver Centre riding. The flyer is here: http://takebackcanada.com/whatcott2.html His activist group is called Social Reformation. Whatcott has a brief confrontation with Hedy Fry. The RCMP hate-crime squad investigated, but RCMP spokesman Cpl. Tom Seaman said they did not proceed with charges, because “it was determined there was no hate crime committed.” Jul 17 – Ontario anti-choice group Show the Truth arrives in Maritimes for tour of their large abortion fetus signs, starting in Fredericton. Mayor Brad Woodside said he received 2 dozen phone calls at home on Monday, and many more at his office, from residents who were furious that the city allowed the demonstration. Dozens of activists lined main streets in Fredericton showing the graphic images on placards that were about 1½ metres in height. City police also reported receiving hundreds of angry phone calls, but said they couldn't take any legal action against the group, who also took its photos to the Morgentaler clinic Tuesday morning, which prompted clinic director Judy Burwell to call police. Pro-choice supporters rallied in Fredericton on Tuesday afternoon to protest against the tactics. Jul 19 – Show the Truth goes to Moncton. Jul 21 – They protest in Halifax for 2 days. Jul 26 – They return to Fredericton for more protests. A pro-choice counter protest draws about 25-30 people to shield the signs with sheets and umbrellas. Jul 17 or 18 - The front windows of New Brunswick's Right to Life office in Fredericton are smashed, and a sticker reading “choice” affixed to the front door, probably in response to the Show the Truth tour. Jul 18 - A Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench judge dismisses an appeal by Bill Whatcott, who had asked his suspended nursing licence be re-instated. The judge said Whatcott, during a protest, was in breach of a SALPN bylaw governing professional conduct, because he intimidated patients and made untrue statements about Planned Parenthood Regina. Whatcott had appealed a January 2005 decision by the SALPN discipline committee, resulting in a 45-day suspension of his licence and an order to pay \$15,000 in costs. Whatcott had picketed in front of a Planned Parenthood Regina location on several days in 2002 and 2003. Whatcott argued he is free to express his point of view and that he should not be found guilty because he was not "on the job" at the time of the protest. The discipline committee agreed with the view of the SALPN. Jul 27 - Catholics for a Free Choice Canada sends a letter to each of the 308 MPs urging them to oppose the Paul Steckle motion placing restrictions on abortion. (criminalizing abortions after 20 weeks). Jul 28 – Vandals spray paint anti-abortion messages on the walls of the Morgentaler abortion clinic in Fredericton. The messages left in large, black letters included: "Suffer for your selfishness. DNA. Life. Murder is murder. 	<p>U.S. right to abortion, launch a campaign on to uphold the state law in a November referendum. The group, Vote Yes for Life, began a bus tour across South Dakota, stumping for money and volunteers in support of the law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 12 - Patricia Hughes, 24, entered a guilty plea to manufacturing and possessing a delayed incendiary device in court after a December incident in Shreveport, Louisiana. Hughes and her boyfriend, Jeremy Dunahoe, were caught on film circling a clinic parking lot and leaving what was determined to be a molotov cocktail. Hughes' attorneys were attempting to prove that the device was not a fire-bomb, but rather a “memorial” at the clinic where she and her sister had undergone abortions. Hughes faces up to 20 years in prison at her sentencing, which is set for August 2. Dunahoe faces up to five years in prison, and is scheduled to be sentenced August 3. Jul 15 – 22 - Operation Save America and its leader Flip Benham begin an 8-day rally in Jackson Mississippi in attempt to close the last abortion clinic in Mississippi. Benham likened the protest to storming "the gates of hell." Pro-choice forces counter the demos with rallies o their own, and OSA's actions largely fizzle, with small numbers of anti-choice protesters. OSA conducts hateful demos across the city, including at churches and along city streets, generating much anger. There are numerous arrests, vandalism, and other incidents. A bomb threat disrupts a pro-choice rally. On Jul 18, Benham burns a Koran in a church parking lot, along with several Supreme Court decisions, with Norma McCorvey supplying the lighted match. Jul 17 - In one of a series of pretrial motions before U.S. District Judge Richard Arcara, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mehlretter wants to establish ground rules for the trial of anti-abortion extremist James Kopp, who is defending himself against charges related to the killing of an abortion provider. Prosecutors do not want Kopp explaining his reasons—moral, religious or otherwise—for opposing abortion. They don't want him telling jurors about the experiences of former abortion patients, or about how fetuses develop, or showing pictures of aborted fetuses. And they don't want to see abortion-related pins or T-shirts on anyone who shows up to watch the trial. Jul 17 - A new study released by Rep. Henry A. Waxman finds that federally funded pregnancy resource centers often mislead pregnant teens about the medical risks of abortion. Under the Bush Administration, pregnancy resource centers, which are also called “crisis pregnancy centers,” have received over \$30 million in federal funding. The new report assesses the scientific accuracy of the information they provide. Female investigators, who posed as pregnant 17-year-olds seeking advice about an unintended pregnancy, telephoned the 25 pregnancy resource centers that have received capacity-building funds from the Department of Health and Human Services. 20 of the 23 centers reached by the investigators (87%) provided false or misleading information about the health effects of abortion, such as that abortion leads to breast cancer, infertility, and mental illness. Jul 19 - A Davenport Iowa pleads guilty to breaking into an Iowa City abortion clinic and assaulting a worker. William Owens-Holst is awaiting sentencing for third-degree burglary and simple assault. According to a police report, Owens-Holst tried to get in the Emma Goldman Clinic on May 16 to prevent abortions. The report says Owens-Holst grabbed a female employee by her neck, pushed her against a vehicle and threw her cell phone to the ground. Owens-Holst then smashed a second-floor window to get inside

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	<p>Abortion is killing innocent people ..." along with some profanity were scrawled in various places around the building's entrance. The sidewalk in front of the downtown clinic has been spray-painted on a number of occasions, but this is the first time the building has been vandalized. The graffiti was probably a random act, and not directly connected to the Ontario Show the Truth group. Police are investigating, and police will step up their surveillance of the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 29 – Media reports that makers of a contraceptive skin patch are facing a class-action lawsuit amid allegations the company failed to properly warn people of the health risks. The law firm Siskinds LLP has launched the suit against Janssen-Ortho Inc. regarding its birth control skin patch Ortho Evra. The statement of claim alleges doctors and patients were not adequately warned that Ortho Evra has been associated with an increased risk of developing blood clots, pulmonary emboli, strokes, heart attacks, and deep vein thrombosis. Jul 31 – While visiting Fredericton, federal Liberal leadership hopeful Carolyn Bennett says New Brunswick should pick up the tab for abortions performed at Dr. Henry Morgentaler's private clinic in Fredericton. 	<p>administrative offices before the clinic began seeing patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul 25 - By a margin of 65 to 34, the Senate passes Interstate Abortion Bill, to make it a federal crime to transport a pregnant woman under 18 across state lines to circumvent state parental notification laws. The legislation makes an exception for those whose lives are endangered by pregnancy but not for those whose health is in danger. 34 states have some form of parental consent or notification law, though some are not enforced. The president must sign it, but if the measure becomes law, notification would essentially be required in all states. American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the Center for Reproductive Rights, have committed to challenging the bill on behalf of various clients. Next is a conference committee session in which House and Senate negotiators will hammer out differences between the Senate bill and a stricter House version that passed last year. Jul 28 - Senate Democrats use procedural objections to prevent it from being sent this week to final negotiations with the House, which has approved a different version. Jul 31 – FDA revives efforts to widen access to the morning-after pill, but only to women 18 and older, issuing a surprise announcement that it was reconsidering over-the-counter sale of the emergency contraceptive almost a year after it was thought doomed. The FDA notified manufacturer Barr Laboratories Inc. that it wanted to meet within 7 days to iron out new steps the company must take in its 3-year battle to sell the pill, called Plan B, without a prescription to at least some women. Jul 31 - A Sedgwick County grand jury finds no criminal conduct in the death of a mentally retarded woman who suffered a massive infection following a late-term abortion at Dr. George Tiller's clinic in Wichita Kansas,. Women's Health Care Services. The grand jury was dismissed without returning an indictment in the death of 19-year-old Christin Gilbert, a Texas woman with Down syndrome. An autopsy report showed Gilbert died in January 2005 of complications from an abortion. Operation Rescue had orchestrated the grand jury indictment.
<p>Aug 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 3 – Bill Whatcott launches an Appeal to the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan of the Court of Queen's Bench Judgment that upheld the finding of professional misconduct by Whatcott's professional association, the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses Association (SALPN). (see Jul 18). Aug 8 - Vancouver Sun reports that Justice Minister Vic Toews was warned in May by officials that a Tory MP's attempt to make a murderer guilty of multiple homicides if the victim is pregnant could re-criminalize abortion and therefore violate a Tory vow to avoid the issue, according to internal documents obtained by The Sun. However, the minister was given the option of not raising the hot-button abortion issue if specifically asked by the media about Alberta MP Leon Benoit's bill. "Any change to the definition of a 'human being' in the Criminal Code could have the effect of criminalizing abortion," Toews was advised in a May 29, 2006 briefing note on the general issue of whether criminal law should protect a fetus. Aug 8 – Calgary Herald reports that a University of Calgary scientist has conditional approval to extract embryonic stem cells from human embryos for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 1 - Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, nominated to head the Food and Drug Administration, insists at his confirmation hearing that "medical ideology" -- not politics -- guided his handling of proposed over-the-counter sales of the morning-after contraceptive. Senators hammered von Eschenbach about the timing and substance of a surprise FDA Jul 31 announcement that it would again consider expanding access to the emergency contraceptive known as Plan B. His confirmation hinges on the Plan B fiasco. Aug 2 - Patricia Hughes, 25, is sentenced to six years in prison for igniting a small firebomb outside a Shreveport Louisiana abortion clinic in December. She pled guilty last month to a state charge of manufacturing and possessing a delayed incendiary device. Hughes, who had a previous simple burglary conviction, could have received up to 20 years. Aug 3 – Hughes former boyfriend, Jeremy Dunahoe, is sentenced to one year in prison for helping Hughes, and for an unrelated burglary. The judge handed-down a three-year prison term then suspended two years of the jail time. Dunahoe also must serve two years on supervised probation upon his release from prison. Aug 2- Tammy Skinner, 23, was arraigned today in Circuit Court in Suffolk Virginia, on one count of producing a miscarriage or abortion for a self-inflicted gunshot wound in February. Judge Westbrook Parker set a Nov. 2 trial date and ordered it be a jury trial at

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	<p>the first time in Alberta a controversial practice that is already sparking opposition from anti-abortion groups. Dr. Derrick Rancourt expects to begin stem cell experiments on frozen human embryos in the coming months as part of a Canadian project to improve technology that deals with stem cells.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 8 – Calgary Sun reports that the pain and trauma of a “botched” abortion led a city woman to twice attempt suicide before her pregnancy was finally terminated, a lawsuit claims. The court action, filed on behalf of a 28-year-old SAIT student, says the stress even caused the end of the woman’s relationship with her fiancé. A statement of claim, a copy of which was obtained on Thursday by the Sun, says the unnamed plaintiff was referred to the Kensington Clinic after learning she was pregnant in June 2004. • Mid Aug – campaign by REAL Women to defund Status of Women Canada heats up. In April, REAL Women of Canada sent a letter to Canada’s MP’s calling for the defunding and disbanding of Status of Women, something it has long urged, but this time its message is being widely discussed and supported among some in the Conservative Internet community. Aug 25 – Canadian Press reports that several pro-Conservative Internet blogs have signed onto the campaign to eliminate Status of Women Canada. • Aug 18 - Quebec government is ordered to pay more than \$13 million to nearly 45,000 women who had to pay for abortions. Justice Nicole Benard of Quebec Superior Court says the government misinterpreted its own medicare law by paying only a portion of the cost of abortions performed in certain women's health centres and private clinics. The judgment in the class-action lawsuit covers abortions performed between 1999 and 2005. Women who wanted the procedure presented their health insurance card but were then charged between \$200 and \$300. The Association for Access to Abortion argued in court, among other things, that the extra-billing was unconstitutional, and the Quebec government was acting in bad faith because abortions are covered by the Quebec Health Insurance Act. • Aug 19 - Access to Options Caucus of the Fredericton Social Network hosts a Rally for Choice in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The rally cap its month-long letter-writing campaign that has encouraged the people of New Brunswick to write to Provincial Health Minister, Brad Green, regarding the recent changes to abortion services in New Brunswick. The group also encouraged demands regarding access to contraception options and sexual health education in schools. www.citizenspress.org/choice. • Aug 21- Health minister, Tony Clement tells reporters at the Canadian Medical Association's annual general meeting in Charlottetown, PEI that any decisions to be made on federal funding of the private abortion facilities will be postponed until after the upcoming New Brunswick election. Under the Liberal government, health minister Ujjal Dosanjh had threatened to force NB to pay for abortions at the Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton. Clement said: “Certainly we're committed to a resolution of this [dispute resolution] process.” • Aug 22 - University of Toronto's Student Administrative Council (SAC) decides to 	<p>the prosecutor’s request. Skinner shot herself in the stomach to end her full-term pregnancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 3 -Missionaries to the Preborn protest with graphic signs on their “American Atrocities Tour” through Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, and Ohio. The signs provoked reactions by passersby that resulted in two arrests in Ypsilanti, Michigan. • Aug 3- Depositions released today by the Center for Reproductive Rights in its lawsuit against the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) indicate that the Bush Administration sought to unduly influence the agency during the Plan B application review process. One senior FDA scientist, Dr. Florence Houn, testified in July that she was told by Dr. Janet Woodcock, then acting deputy commissioner of the FDA, of the need to appease the "administration’s constituents" by rejecting over-the-counter (OTC) status for women of all ages and then approving it down the road with an age restriction. The Center also released the depositions of two FDA scientists, Dr. Curtis Rosebraugh and Dr. Donna Griebel, who testified to the unusual involvement from senior FDA management at the earliest stages of the Plan B review process. • Aug 9 - Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc, maker of the Plan B "morning-after pill" announces that within two weeks, it will submit an amended petition to sell the emergency contraception without a prescription. The announcement came after a "very productive" meeting Aug 8 with FDA officials, who promised a "quick" response. • Aug 10 – Five abortion clinics in Florida are forced to close after state health boards became concerned by alleged rule and drug violations, including claims of an illegal 2rd-trimester procedure, and failure to get proper authorization for an abortion after tests indicated the fetus had no kidneys or bladder. The Florida Department of Health issued a notice confirming there was an emergency suspension of the license for Dr. James Scott Pendergraft, who runs clinics in Fort Lauderdale and Orlando, for allegedly doing an abortion in the third trimester and not complying with technicalities of the law. Dr. Pendergraft appeals, denying the allegations. Three of the clinics re-open after the suspension order expires. • Aug 12 - William A. Ledee III, 63, of Bismarck North Dakota, pleads guilty to fraud and money laundering, for selling bogus medical malpractice insurance to Fargo's Red River Women's Clinic and other abortion providers He agreed to forfeit \$10 million in cash and property as part of a plea agreement in federal district court in Atlanta. His agreement includes a maximum prison sentence of seven years and six months. • Aug 14 - The Supreme Court announces it will hear arguments in two cases involving the Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 on Nov 8. The justices will consider in back-to-back proceedings Gonzales v. Carhart, an appeal from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood, out of the Ninth Circuit. The Supreme Court is expected to issue an opinion in the cases before it adjourns next summer. • Aug 15 - The NY Civil Liberties Union, on behalf of Planned Parenthood, files complaints against three pharmacists who refused to fill patients’ prescriptions for refill doses of Emergency Contraception. The complaints argue that the pharmacists should be disciplined for putting moralistic judgments before professional responsibilities. The NYCLU filed the complaints on behalf of health care providers in the Mohawk-Hudson region.

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	<p>prohibit anti-choice materials from the official "pro-life" club in its "frosh kit" to new incoming students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 24 - A southwestern Ontario bishop wants Catholics to stay away from a Kitchener fundraiser starring former U.S. president Bill Clinton. Clinton speaks Nov. 8 at a \$500 a plate fundraising luncheon for the Catholic Family Counselling Centre. Clinton's support for abortion, his marital infidelity, and his promotion of condom use for AIDS prevention in Africa have angered some Catholics. • Aug 28 - Rev. Ken Campbell, 72, dies of cancer in hospital in Delta, BC. He was a well known Canadian fundamentalist Christian evangelist and political figure. Campbell rose to prominence in Halton, Toronto and Ontario in the 1970s as a crusader against homosexuality, abortion rights, and what he saw as the "secular humanism" creeping into the school system. He sought office in elections at all levels of government in the 1980s, took over the defunct Social Credit Party, and tried to turn it into the Christian Freedom Party in 1990 but could not raise enough candidates for the 1993 election and the party was deregulated by Elections Canada. A founder of the Campaign Life Coalition in Toronto, Campbell moved his evangelical operations to Tumbler Ridge, B.C. in 1990, where he continued to host conferences and radio talk shows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Aug - Bush administration files legal papers to respond to a lawsuit by the Center for Reproductive Rights, which is seeking internal government documents and records to prove that the Bush administration pressured the FDA to hold up over the counter sales of the morning after pill. (See May 11 entry). • Aug 21 - Loretta Marra and Dennis Malvasi, convicted accomplices of sniper James Kopp, are taken off supervised release. They are now allowed to associate with other extremists. • Aug 23 – Infonline reports that Alabama, Alaska, Oklahoma, South Carolina and West Virginia have passed new fetal homicide statutes this year making it a separate offense to kill a fetus when a pregnant woman is murdered or assaulted. All five new laws apply to fetuses starting at conception. States are using cookie-cutter language in fetal homicide laws, assigning legal rights to fetuses "at any gestational age." A 2004 federal law -- the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act" -- takes the same approach. In all, 37 states have one or more fetal homicide laws, with 24 states defining a fetus as a person and a separate homicide victim. In Maine and 12 other states, the laws apply stiffer punishments for murdering a pregnant woman, but do not make the death of the fetus a separate crime. While most fetal homicide laws in the last three years have given legal rights to fetuses starting at conception, two states have taken the opposite approach. Illinois passed a feticide law last year that specifically stated legal rights were not conferred on a fetus, and Maryland enacted a law that made clear "fetal personhood" was not established. Both laws make the death of only viable fetuses a second homicide in maternal murder cases. • Aug 24 – FDA approves emergency contraception over the pharmacy counter without a prescription for women 18 and older. However, the manufacturer, lawmakers, and other advocates said they will press the government to allow minors to purchase the pills over the counter. The Food and Drug Administration said that women 18 and older and men purchasing for their partners may buy the Plan B pills without a doctor's note, but only from pharmacies. Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. had refiled its application to sell Plan B without a prescription on Aug 18. • Aug 24 -Anti-abortion extremist Joanne Kreipel and two others allegedly use forged credentials to trespass and handout literature in a Denver, Colorado hospital that provides abortions. • Aug 24 - Priests for Life hosts groundbreaking ceremony in Amarillo, Texas, for its new international headquarters and the formation house for its seminarians of the new Society, the Missionaries of the Gospel of Life. Ceremony included a mass in which Fr. Frank Pavone officially became the first member of the Missionaries of the Gospel of Life.
Sep 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 8 - Pope Benedict XVI condemns Canada's gay marriage and abortion laws, accusing the country's politicians of giving in to "the spurious demands of opinion polls." "In the name of tolerance your country has had to endure the folly of the redefinition of spouse, and in the name of freedom of choice it is confronted with the daily destruction of unborn children," the pope told an audience of Canadian bishops in Rome. The 79-year-old pontiff criticized Christian politicians' tendency to "sacrifice the unity of faith and sanction the disintegration of reason and the principles of natural ethics, by yielding to ephemeral social trends and the spurious demands of opinion polls." • Sep 12 – Daily Gleaner reports that New Brunswick Right to Life Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 1 - A Davenport Iowa man arrested for breaking into the Emma Goldman Clinic after assaulting a worker in the parking lot receives a deferred judgment. William Dennis Owens-Holst, 32, pleaded guilty last month to third-degree burglary and simple assault. The judge ordered Owens-Holst to serve five years of supervised probation, to follow treatment recommendations from corrections officials, and to stay away from the Clinic, its staff, volunteers or patients. He received a suspended \$750 fine and must pay \$435 in restitution to cover damages to the clinic and an employee's cell phone. • Sep 11 – Anti-abortionist David Robert McMenemy, 45, of Sterling Heights, Michigan drives his car through the Edgerton Women's Health Center in Davenport Iowa, causing substantial damage, at 4:30 a.m. He drove through the parking lot, past a grassy bermed

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	<p>wants the vandalism of its property in downtown Fredericton to stop. Executive director Peter Ryan said the organization's building has been targeted at least five times over the last few weeks, resulting in up to \$800 in damage. The centre is located next to the Morgentaler Abortion Clinic. The latest incident occurred Aug. 30 and saw exterior signs stolen and flowers destroyed. Ryan said the signs were removed in an aggressive manner. The incidents flared up after the "show the truth" protesters were in Fredericton earlier this summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 13 – Media reports that St. Elizabeth's Catholic hospital in rural Saskatchewan permanently banned the sterilization of women by tubal ligation at the end of June. The hospital decided on the ban citing their intention to move the facility's policies closer to Catholic health care ethics guidelines. Other hospitals in the area, such as Saskatoon's City Hospital, an hours drive from St. Elizabeth's, are still offering the procedure. The Saskatchewan Catholic Health Association owns seven hospitals in Saskatchewan, including the St. Elizabeth in Humboldt and St. Paul's in Saskatoon (publicly funded). A local family physician, Dr. Carrie Levick-Brown, has launched a petition to try to get the ban overturned. The Saskatchewan Government Employees Union (SGEU) organizes a letter-writing campaign. Hospital claims "community right" to impose its doctrines based on constitutional freedom of religion guarantees. • Sep 15 - Quebec government announces it will not appeal a court order to repay \$13 million to nearly 45,000 women who had to pay for their own abortions. The court ruled that the province had "misinterpreted" its own laws when charging women \$200-\$300 extra over the coverage by the province's public health system. The suit was brought by the Association for Access to Abortion. The judgment covers abortions performed between 1999 and 2005. Premier Jean Charest decided not to appeal the ruling, saying "We feel very strongly that Quebec must continue to have a publicly accessible health-care system where medical care that is medically required is accessible to all citizens." • Sep 18 – New Brunswick provincial election gives majority win to Liberals, with 29 seats to Progressive Conservative's 26. Campaign Life Coalition says there are eleven anti-choice Liberals, and 8 anti-choice Conservatives. • Week of Sep 18 - Prime Minister Stephen Harper appoints lawyer David Brown to the Ontario Superior Court bench for the Toronto region. As a lawyer, Brown has represented conservative Christian groups in a number of legal cases. He acted for Focus on the Family (Canada) and REAL Women of Canada in an attempted court intervention during the legal battle over same-sex marriage. He also has acted for other conservative groups fighting abortion rights. According to Carolyn Egan of Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, who told the Globe & Mail: "The Harper government intends to follow in the footsteps of the Bush government in the U.S. with measures like these. In these situations, you find that they not only work for these organizations. From what we understand, he [Judge Brown] holds these views himself. I think people should be aware of the views he has and how they could potentially impact on future decisions." • Sep 20 – Katrina Effert, 20, of Red Deer Alberta, is sentenced to life for 2nd degree murder and concealing a body, for strangling her newborn baby with a 	<p>area, over a paved driveway and through the center's double-entrance doors. The vehicle ended up in the middle of the lobby, where it ignited smoke and fire alarms. He had poured gasoline in the interior of the car and set it on fire after the crash. He surrendered to firefighters at the scene and faces charges of second-degree arson. The clinic does not perform abortions, but McMenemy thought it did. Sep 25 – McMenemy appears in Court on a charge of committing arson against a business affecting interstate commerce. Oct 3 – he waives his right to a preliminary hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 11 - The Internal Revenue Service has revoked its determination that Operation Rescue West of Wichita Kansas is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization no longer qualifies to receive tax-deductible contributions under Code section 170(c)(2). Groups that complained to IRS about ORW included Catholics for a Free Choice, Feminist Majority Foundation, and Maggot Punks. ORW had blatantly engaged in electoral political activities, promising tax deductions for contributions to help defeat Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, and "appoint a pro-life Supreme Court Justice." They planned to use funds raised to hand out literature at the Boston Democratic Party convention. • Sep 15 - Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, acting head of the Food and Drug Administration since Sept 2005, faces new opposition to his nomination as permanent FDA commissioner. Two Republican senators have announced plans to block a vote on nomination. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina is objecting to von Eschenbach because of concerns about the safety of mifepristone. DeMint wants the FDA to suspend sales of the drug and have an independent investigation of the drug's approval. Another senator, David Vitter of Louisiana, opposes von Eschenbach's nomination because he wants the Bush administration to legalize imports of some prescription drugs. • Sep 15 - A Maine couple kidnaps their 19-year-old daughter Katelyn with rope at her wrists and ankles and tries to drive her to New York for an "emergency abortion" apparently because the parents didn't like her boyfriend, who is black and in trouble with the law. The teen's parents, Nicholas Kampf, 54, and his wife, Lola, 53, are being held on \$100,000 bail each in the Rockingham County Jail in New Hampshire and may face federal charges because they crossed state lines. The young woman, who had been living with the father of her unborn child in Portland, was at her parents' home in North Yarmouth when a dispute erupted over her pregnancy. The parents tied up her ankles and wrists with rope and loaded her into the vehicle and proceeded south. The parents also threatened the lives of their daughter, her boyfriend and her boyfriend's family. The woman managed to escape when she conned her parents into making a bathroom stop at a shopping plaza on Route 28 in Salem, N.H. She ran to a Staples store where she dialed 911. Investigators said rope, duct tape, scissors and a .22-caliber rifle were found in the Kampfs' vehicle and Nicholas Kampf had a loaded .22-caliber magazine clip in his pants pocket. The couple were arraigned on Sep 18. Oct 4 – Parents are federally indicted on charges of assault and terrorizing, in addition to kidnapping. • Sep 17 to 29 – Missionaries to the Preborn "head west" campus tour, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota. • Sep 20 - Human Life International (world's largest anti-choice organization with over 90 affiliates in 75 countries), announces the launch of a new website: "ProchoiceViolence.com." The website purports to expose the pro-choice movement as

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	<p>pair of thong underwear and throwing the body over a neighbour's fence. She was 19 when she killed her baby boy moments after giving birth on April 14, 2005, in her parent's basement. A forensic psychiatrist testified she should be held criminally responsible despite her "unbalanced" state of mind "caused by by the hormonal changes of childbirth and lactation." Crown disagreed, saying she was panicked at the prospect of her parents' shame and disgust, and was not mentally disturbed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 20 - The Brunswickan, student newspaper at University of New Brunswick Fredericton reports that the UNB student union ratified an anti-choice group called UNB Life-Link as one of its clubs and societies, making it eligible for funding. The student union president, Jessica Stutt, said, "The SU neither supports nor opposes their views. ... Our role is to facilitate access to different clubs and societies on campus, not to evaluate their opinions or beliefs." Rose Savidge is named as the UNB Life-Link student representative. • Sep 20 - Health Canada announces it is reviewing the safety of the birth control patch, the same day the U.S. government issued a warning that using the patch could result in a higher risk of blood clots. Canada is reviewing whether safety warnings on the Ortho Evra birth-control patch must be updated to reflect the results of a study that found women who use it were twice as likely to have blood clots in their legs or lungs than those who used oral contraceptives. A second study, however, found no increased blood clot risk. Janssen-Ortho has made a submission to support label changes for Evra in Canada (they market and sell the patch in Canada). The U.S. FDA also said it is updating labels on the birth control patch to warn women about the potential health risks. More than 70 patch users have reported adverse reactions since Ortho Evra became available in Canada in January 2004. • Sep 21 - Liberal MP Belinda Stronach, is quoted in the Toronto Star suggesting that women's groups that do not support abortion should not receive government funding. Regarding right-wing groups such as REAL Women Canada life, Stronach said, "They should be rejected because they're anti-choice and they're also anti-equal rights. They don't support equality." On the same day in the House of Commons, Stronach said: "This is a group that is anti-choice, anti-gay, does not support equality for women and wants to obliterate the Department on the Status of Women. This group's website even has links to sites that suggest that day cares do not care and homosexuality is a psychological disorder." Bev Oda, the Conservative Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women, responded: "This government...listens to all groups, but not only groups. We listen to the mothers of children. We listen to families. We listen to those people who are contributing to the community, unlike the previous Liberal government that only listened to its friends." • Sep 25 – Government announces over \$2 billion in cuts, including \$5 million from Status of Women administration budget (out of their \$13 million budget, but \$11 million grants program not affected), and cutting the Court Challenges Program, which provided women with their only access to the use and protection of their constitutional equality rights. 	<p>"the most violent political movement in United States history." They claim to have documented "over 7,000 acts of violence and illegal activities by those who support or practice abortion," including "269 homicides and other killings committed by the pro-abortion movement."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 20 - President George W. Bush's pick to lead the Food and Drug Administration wins support from a U.S. Senate panel, but still faces opposition from two Republican senators who have blocked a full vote on the nomination. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee approved Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach's nomination to serve as permanent FDA commissioner by a majority voice vote. • Sep 20 - Rep. Lincoln Davis (D-Tenn.) introduces his bill, the Pregnant Women Support Act into Congress. The bill would provide help for pregnant women during and after pregnancy in an effort to cut down on abortions. The bill is sponsored by Democrats for Life of America, which introduced its "95-10 Abortion Reduction Initiative" two years ago, designed to reduce the abortion rate by 95 percent over the next 10 years. • Sep 21 - The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) files an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>, challenging the "Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act" on religious grounds and urging the court to strike it down. Other groups submitting the brief are the American Jewish Committee, Americans for Religious Liberty, the Anti-Defamation League, Disciples for Choice, Disciples Justice Action Network, Episcopal Women's Caucus, Hadassah - the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ, Methodist Federation for Social Action, National Council of Jewish Women, The Rabbinical Assembly, Union for Reform Judaism, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and Women of Reform Judaism. • Sep 26 - House of Representatives passes bill called "Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act" which will make it a federal crime for any person, other than a parent or guardian, to help a teenager cross state lines to obtain an abortion, unless she has already met the requirements of her home state's parental involvement law. The bipartisan vote was 264-153. The House has repeatedly backed similar legislation since the late 1990s, but this year was the first time the Senate voted for a similar measure. Rather than accepting the Senate version and sending it to President Bush for his signature, the House passed a slightly modified bill of its own again, requiring a doctor to notify the girl's parents, even out of state. It now goes to the Senate. • Sep 28 – A new study reports that crime and violence against abortion continues. Statistical analysis of survey forms returned by 361 abortion clinics in 48 states revealed that 7 percent and 9 percent of the clinics (or their medical or support staff) were the targets of major or minor violence, respectively, and that 7 percent had major vandalism, 27 percent had minor vandalism and 44 percent experienced harassment. The report also found that state legislation designed to protect abortion clinics has had no effect on anti-abortion violence. William Pridemore, associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Indiana University Bloomington, and Associate Professor Joshua Freilich of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York are co-authors of the report to be published in <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>. • Sep 28 - Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline says his efforts to obtain abortion clinic

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 26 – Suzie Ryan (wife of Peter Ryan, Campaign Life Coalition New Brunswick (CLCNB) president) arrested, allegedly for holding an aborted fetus image, outside the Fredericton Morgentaler clinic. Ryan was charged with violating s.163 of the Criminal Code about the display of obscene material. She was released after being held in a jail cell for several hours. She must face the charges in court in November. Police confiscated her sign and umbrella. Police Staff Sergeant Kelly said police were acting on instructions from the Crown Prosecutor office after some 35 complaints about the display of abortion images from the Show the Truth tour. • Sep 27 - A “genocide awareness project” display is set up near the main office at St. Michael’s Catholic Secondary School in Stratford Ontario. Organized by University of Toronto Students for Life, Patti Rothwell (student?), and Calgary-based Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR). • Sep 27 – Op-ed piece published in Times & Transcript by Vicki Saporta, CEO of National Abortion Federation, called “N.B. women deserve access to abortion care.” Calling on New Brunswick government to repeal their anti-abortion regulation under the Medical Services Payment Act. • Sep 28 – Forum held at University of New Brunswick Fredericton by National Abortion Federation, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, and Advisory Council on the Status of Women. They call on Premier-elect Shawn Graham to repeal a law that limits women’s access to abortion services in the province. 100 people attended by invitation, along with media. A spokesperson for the Liberal Party said Friday that Premier-elect Graham was unable to comment on the issue, and referred to an online Campaign for Life Coalition questionnaire which stated that “the liberal Party does not foresee any change to the current [abortion] funding practices at the present time.” If the government doesn’t take action soon, the coalition of pro-choice groups is considering legal action. Speakers included Vicki Saporta of NAF, Judy Burwell of ARCC, and Dr. Jo Ann Majerovich. 	<p>records led to a child rape investigation against a Topeka man already charged with molesting a child. However, the clinics said no records have been turned over to Kline yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 30 - Senate Democrats kill Bill S-402, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, by blocking a final vote. The bill would have allowed federal charges against anyone who transports a minor across state lines to evade state abortion parental notification or consent laws. The measure included an exception if an abortion is necessary to save the life of a pregnant minor. In addition, the bill would have barred a father who rapes his daughter from suing anyone who assists in her abortion, as well as barred anyone committing incest on a minor from transporting her to another state to obtain an abortion. The Senate in July voted 65-34 to approve the legislation, which said people who violate the measure would be subject to a fine or up to one year in prison. The House added a provision to the Senate-approved bill that would require out-of-state physicians to provide 24 hours’ notice to a minor’s parents when performing an abortion or be subject to criminal prosecution. The House version also would have authorized fines of up to \$100,000 or up to one year in prison, or both, for people who violate the legislation. The House approved the amended version of the measure Sep 26.
Oct 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 1- Annual Life Chain across Canada. • Oct 3 – Status of Women Minister Bev Oda releases new federal guidelines for funding to women’s programs. They eliminate federal funding for research programs, cut all advocacy and lobbying activities on behalf of women, remove “equality” from the mandate, and require all groups to be incorporated. • Oct 5 - NDP Critic for Status of Women Irene Mathysen demands Bev Oda resign as Minister responsible for Status of Women, saying the changes Oda has made to the funding mandate for the department will severely limit the ability of organizations promoting equal rights for women. “The Minister refuses to face the fact that women have not yet achieved equality in Canada,” said Mathysen. • Oct 17 - Annual meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops takes place in Toronto. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick led a task force of U.S. bishops looking into how to better lobby government and politicians on issues important to the church, including abortion, euthanasia and same-sex marriage. The group decided the most effective method is for bishops to meet regularly with Catholic politicians from their parishes to remind them of the teachings of the church, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of Oct 2 - Pro-choice activists across the U.S. hold potluck fundraisers to fight South Dakota’s draconian abortion bill. The legislation, HB-1215, was signed into law last March by Governor Mike Rounds and calls for a near-complete ban on abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest, or for the health of the mother. The law is designed to challenge Roe v. Wade and advance an ideological agenda that includes limiting access to emergency contraception and abstinence-only sex education in public schools. As part of the pro-choice backlash, 38,416 signatures from South Dakota voters were delivered to the State Legislature on May 30, asking for a referendum, which will be held Nov 7. A flood of right-wing money is flowing into the state to fund anti-choice advertising. • Oct 4 - Sexuality Information and Education Council of the US (SIECUS) releases its fourth annual review of a selection of federally funded abstinence-only education programs. The reviews found that “the curricula are riddled with messages of fear and shame, gender stereotypes, and medical misinformation that put young people at risk.” SIECUS reviewed three abstinence-only curricula (WAIT- Why am I tempted?, Training Why kNOW, and Heritage Keepers) used in over a dozen states. These three programs have received over \$6 million in federal funds since 2001.

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	<p>and to tell them they have an obligation to uphold those teachings when developing public policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 20 – Edmonton Journal reports that an Edmonton anti-choice group has bought the house next door to the Morgentaler Clinic last October, and in January, launched a new program to stop women from ending their pregnancies. Billed as an "11th-hour ministry to abortion-minded women," organizers of The Back Porch program want to remind women they always have a choice, even as they arrive for their appointments. Volunteer co-ordinator Theresa McPike said the program was conceived and funded by Alberta Life Issues Educational Society, a non-profit society and federal charity funded by individual and church donations. • Oct 24 – Anti-choice debater Stephanie Gray lectures at the University of New Brunswick. She's touring the Maritimes to educate people about abortion and debate the controversial issue, but the turnout in Fredericton was low, about 25. Gray had hired two UNB security guards for the lecture. • Oct 30 - Debate on abortion organized by the Pro-life student group at Carleton University in Ottawa takes place between Tracy Davidson from Planned Parenthood Ottawa and Jeanette Doucet from Canadians for Choice, against Stephanie Gray of Canadian Center for Bio-ethical Reform. • Oct 31 – University of Toronto Students For Life set up several display tables outside Sidney Smith, against abortion. Representatives from Aid to Women and Birthright attended. Pro-choice advocates attended as well, voicing their support for "women's right to choose." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 6 - Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye of the New York, Albany-based Court of Appeals rejects James Kopp's request for a hearing to overturn his state murder conviction for the fatal shooting of Amherst abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian on Oct 23, 1998. Kaye agreed with briefs filed by Erie County appeals prosecutor Steven Meyer, who argued there is "no merit" to any of Kopp's contentions that his confession was improperly orchestrated by a former attorney, Bruce A. Barket of Long Island, and about trial court errors in Buffalo. Kopp, 51, already is serving the 25-year-to-life term imposed by Senior Erie County Judge Michael L. D'Amico on May 9, 2003. He is scheduled to serve as his own attorney at his federal trial for the Slepian murder, tentatively set to begin Jan. 3. In that trial before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, Kopp faces a second life term if convicted on federal charges of violating the Freedom of Access to Clinics Act and using a firearm when he fatally shot Slepian through a kitchen window of his Amherst home. On July 7, a state appellate court unanimously upheld Kopp's murder conviction and sentence. • Oct 10 – Ms. Magazine publishes names of women who have had abortions and don't regret it, and signed a petition for Ms. The cover story in its fall issue is titled "We Had Abortions". Ms. executive editor Katherine Spillar said more than 5,000 women have signed the petition so far. The magazine itself published only 1,016 names, but all will be viewable online. Ms. says it will send the petition to Congress, the White House and state legislators. The signatories include Ms. founder Gloria Steinem, comedian Carol Leifer, and actresses Kathy Najimy and Amy Brenneman, but most are not famous names. • See http://www.abortioncarenetwork.org/term-papers/chronology-of-abortion-in-us for post 2006 events.

<p>Nov 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 3 – During Alberta’s provincial campaign for a Nov 25 election, candidate Lyle Oberg publicizes a plan to consider limiting the range of publicly funded abortions. He appears to be only anti-abortion candidate in the race to replace Ralph Klein. He offered the action plan in a survey by a coalition of anti-choice and other moral issue groups. “In order to reduce the numbers of abortions performed, especially repeat abortions, Oberg would look at a tighter definition for medically necessary abortions,” the Family Life Committee reported. • Nov 7 – National Post publishes op-ed by Andrea Mrozek (Manager of Research and Communications at the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada) called “The hidden cost of 'choice' in which she cites a New Zealand study and Times letter saying that young women who have abortions are at risk of mental health problems. ARCC publishes rebuttal letter on Nov 9. • Week Nov 6(?) – Anti-choice debater Stephanie Gray debates pro-choice philosophy doctoral candidate Lyle Crawford at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby in front of about 70 students. Gray is co-founder and executive director of CCBR. • Nov 9 – Former U.S. president Bill Clinton speaks at a fundraising luncheon in Kitchener, Ontario, for the Kitchener’s Catholic Family Counseling Centre (CFCC). Anti-choice picketers were present, saying Clinton supports late-term abortion. The centre raised over \$200,000. • Nov 9 – LifeCanada releases results of their fifth annual poll on Canadians' opinions on abortion. Two-thirds of the 2,021 people surveyed by Environics Research Group support laws to protect human life before birth, increasing support for legal protection to 64% from 60% in 2005. Of those 64%: protection from conception (31 per cent), after three months of pregnancy (23 per cent), and after six months of pregnancy (10 per cent). 3 in 10 support the current situation of no legal protection for fetuses at any stage. 70% supported informed consent laws requiring that women be informed about fetal development and all health risks and complications before an abortion. 55% supported a law requiring parental consent for minors under the age of 18 to have an abortion. Two-thirds said that abortions should either be funded privately (18%) or only funded in medical emergencies (48%). • Nov 9 – Bill Whatcott’s appeal heard by Regina Court of Queen’s Bench over a ruling that followed a 2005 hearing by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal, in which it was decided Whatcott showed “a clear pattern or practice of disregard for protected rights. He proclaimed outside court he will never pay the \$17,500 as ordered by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal last year-even if he fails in getting the decision overturned. Whatcott was ordered to pay the money to four people after they complained about anti-gay leaflets he had stuffed into their mailboxes in Regina and Saskatoon in 2001 and 2002. • Nov 16-18 - Annual Canadian national pro-life conference, changed this year to an International Pro-Life Conference, takes place in Vancouver, called "Healing the Culture: A New Beginning!" Keynote speakers include Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Camille De Blasi Pauley, and Father Robert Spitzer. • Nov 21 - Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) council meeting debate a motion to prohibit anti-choice groups from attaining club status at the University. The "Motion to Amend Discrimination on Campus Policy" reads: 1) CUSA and CUSA Inc. respect and affirm a woman's right to choose. 2) No CUSA resources, space, recognition or funding be allocated for anti-choice purposes. The motion will be voted on Dec. 5. Turns into major controversy with much media coverage, anti-choice groups accusing CUSA of suppressing freedom of speech. CUSA says it's to protect women's safety and prevent harassment, and that anti-choice advocacy is discrimination against women. • Nov 22 - LifeSiteNews.com claims that Conservative Party is again enforcing a policy barring its candidates from responding to questionnaires on moral issues, especially abortion. Despite denials by Conservative Party officials, the policy was in place during the last federal election in January and LifeSiteNews.com obtained a memo from party headquarters forbidding candidates to answer a pro-life questionnaire. The Conservative candidate in the London, Ontario riding where a federal bi-election is currently underway is unexpectedly refusing to answer questionnaires from life and family groups. Dianne Haskett is the only one of seven candidates refusing to answer questionnaires from Citizen Impact London which focussed on family issues and from Campaign Life Coalition which focussed on life issues. • Nov 23-24 – Bill Whatcott in court in Edmonton, but his case delayed for six months on a procedure issue. • Nov 25 – Bill Whatcott displays anti-abortion signs in downtown Prince Albert, Sask and distributes 2500 anti-abortion leaflets. • Nov 26 - Anti-abortion activist David T Little in New Brunswick is granted a 3½ month delay in his trial on income-tax charges, while his new lawyer prepares a Charter argument on religious freedom. Little has stated publicly he refuses to file or pay taxes because his tax money is used in part to fund abortions. Little faces charges that he failed to file tax returns for 2000, 2001 and 2002. He was originally charged in 2005, but the case has been adjourned several times. His lawyer, Douglas Christie of Victoria, BC (Holocaust denier), told court that Little had applied to the federal Court Challenges Program for funding, but the program was recently scrapped by the federal Conservatives. • Nov 27 – An advisor of Elizabeth May, new leader of the Green Party, reveals that she came out as reluctantly pro-choice, and called the right to choose “frivolous” when she spoke at the Sisters of Saint
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	<p>Joseph at Mount St. Joseph's during a November by-election in London North Centre: "So if one group of people say 'A woman has a right to choose', I get queasy, because I'm against abortion. I don't think a woman has a frivolous right to choose. I'd like to do in politics is to be able to create the space to say, Abortions are legal because they must be to avoid women dying. But nobody in their right mind is for abortions. I've talked women out of having abortions. I would never have an abortion myself, not in a million years. I cannot imagine the circumstances that would have ever induced me to."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 28 - An anti-choice group at Okanagan campus of University of British Columbia, loses a vote to ratify the group as an official club. Group leader Marlon Bartram claimed those opposed to the club were not allowed to post flyers. The campus Women's Centre distributed flyers urging students to attend the meeting and vote against club status for the group. The Student's Union had refused to ratify the club, after the group applied, deciding instead to defer the decision to a vote by the student body. About 75 to 80 students attended the meeting and voted about two thirds against the ratification of the club. Nov 28 - Rev. Raymond Gravel, a Catholic priest, is elected to Parliament for the Bloc Quebecois in a by-election in Repentigny Quebec. He has in the past condemned Vatican pronouncements against gay marriage and is pro-choice. Gravel obtained permission to run from his Bishop on condition that he cease priestly functions for the duration of his political career, and that he abstain from voting against the Church on issues such as abortion and gay marriage. Nov 29 - The Conservative government takes axe to Status of Women Canada by closing three-quarters of its regional offices and outraging critics. Heritage Minister Bev Oda says 12 of the federal agency's 16 regional offices will be shut down by April 1. The blow is part of a cost-cutting program announced in September that will see the agency lose \$5-million from its \$23-million annual budget over two years. Nov 30 - Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) threatens to sue Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) because of slander. CUSA's president Shawn Menard was quoted on CFRA radio in Ottawa on Nov 29 as saying, "The Genocide Awareness Project, as you know, is a group that talks about the fact that the Holocaust did not happen." Menard said it was an error, and issued retraction.
Dec 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 5 - Carleton University Students' Association holds member meeting and passes motion by a vote of 25 (out of 32) to refuse funding and other types of support for campus activities linked to anti-choice purposes. It read: "CUSA further affirms that actions such as campaigns, distributions, solicitations, lobbying efforts, displays, events, etc. that seek to limit or remove a woman's options in the event of pregnancy will not be supported." And that CUSA's position is to "respect and affirm a woman's right to choose." More than 125 students packed the meeting. More than 600 students had signed a petition opposing the proposal, while another 800 put their names to a petition in support of it. Council members were harassed and given physical threats. CUSA was also inundated with hateful anti-choice mail from across the country. Dec 6 - Evangelical Fellowship of Canada says they may seek a court injunction to block Carleton's student association policy from being implemented. It has also offered legal representation to Carleton Lifeline, the campus anti-abortion group, should it decide to launch a human-rights complaint against CUSA. Members of Carleton Lifeline say they will wait until January to decide whether to take legal action. Dec 7 - Parliament votes 172-123 against drafting legislation to reinstate the traditional definition of marriage, while respecting the existing marriages of gays and lesbians, signaling that MP's don't want to revisit the debate. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he heard the message and will respect it. "We made a promise to have a free vote on this issue, we kept that promise, and obviously the vote was decisive and obviously we'll accept the democratic result of the people's representatives. I don't see reopening this question in the future." More MPs supported same-sex marriage than in the last vote on the issue in June 2005 when only 3 Tories voted in favour of expanding the definition of marriage. This time, 13 approved the status quo. On the Liberal side, the number of MPs voting in favour of the motion dropped from 32 to 13. Dec 9 - Federal Health Minister Tony Clement tells the New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal that the federal government does not intend to pursue the matter of abortion funding and said the issue is "off the radar." "He said: "We were waiting for the results of the New Brunswick election. I have not heard formally or informally from the new minister of health (Mike Murphy) on the issue and really the ball is in their court to have the discussion. I don't want to preclude any option from him. He has to decide what their stance is on this issue and communicate it to us." Murphy said the issue was not a priority for him. Meanwhile, access has deteriorated. Only 2 doctors are available to do abortions at hospitals, and one of them is away until mid-January. The other can only do 6 abortions a week (hospital policy/bureaucracy). Women must complete lots of paperwork, pay for an ultrasound, and visit the hospital 2-3 times. Dec 11 (week of) - Saskatoon Health Region declares that St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt Sask violated the privacy of two patients after members of the hospital's ethics committee, without permission, looked through the medical files of women who had tubal ligations at the hospital. The hospital is also facing at least one complaint that has been filed with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Saskatchewan. Dec 12 - Quebec health minister Philippe Couillard announces an amendment to a Quebec law to allow abortions to be funded at private clinics. However, women would have to go to a hospital, CLSC, or public women's health centre first, and if they can't get a timely abortion there, then go to one of the private clinics

	<p>and have it funded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 18 - Leann Gunther of Humboldt, Saskatchewan files a human rights complaint with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission after her request to be sterilized was denied. Gunther wanted to have a tubal ligation after giving birth in mid-August. But the St. Elizabeth's Hospital, owned by the Saskatchewan Catholic Health Corporation, banned the procedure at the end of June. Gunther says she wanted the hospital to make an exception because it was too late to make other arrangements. • Dec 19 – St. Elizabeth's hospital in Humboldt, Sask, has withdrawn its ban on performing ban tubal ligations on moral grounds after two doctors announced their resignations over the issue, Dr. Carrie Levick and Dr. Jacquie Bourgeois. St. Elizabeth's hospital is owned by the Saskatchewan Catholic Health Corporation. The hospital board voted at the end of June to ban the sterilization procedure after it discovered through an audit that the procedure was being routinely used as a contraceptive method. However, the new policy states that the hospital will follow Catholic teaching, in particular sections 51 and 52 of the Catholic Health Association of Canada's health ethics guide, which opposes the use of tubal ligation for contraception. Sterilization will only be permitted when "the primary purpose is to benefit the total health of the person." St. Elizabeth's is the largest hospital in that region and serves about 35,000 people from several communities. • Dec 20 – Prominent feminist Judy Rebick withdraws her support from Green Party leader Elizabeth May, for her disrespectful stance towards women and abortion rights. • Dec 20 – Press release from NB's Advisory Council on the Status of Women states that access to abortion in the province has become critically limited, according to the Council, the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada and the National Abortion Federation. "For the last couple of weeks, referrals for abortions in the province have not been possible. No referrals are accepted until mid January by the two physicians who provide the service, and the provincial government is not providing alternate arrangements," said Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, Chairperson of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women. "There have been several cases of appointments cancelled. These women are not then referred to any other service. Women are not being referred to hospitals outside the province. New Brunswick does not have reciprocal billing arrangements. Those who can pay make their way to the Morgentaler clinic. That clinic is struggling to keep up with a 25% increase in procedures." • Dec 21 - 300 people gather for a rally in the parking lot outside St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt Sask to protest the June decision by the hospital to prohibit elective tubal ligation surgery. "We have to stand up for what we believe. That's why we made the decisions we have," said Dr. Jacquie Bourgeois who, along with colleague Dr. Carrie Levick, handed in a resignation notice Dec 19, effective three months from now. "Tonight is how we think about motivating change," Levick told the crowd. • Dec 21 (?) - A family from Rainbow Lake Alberta reaches an out-of-court settlement with their insurance company. In December 2000, Lisa Rewega, while pregnant with her daughter Brooklyn, suffered severe injuries in a car accident. The CBC reported that Brooklyn now requires 24 hour a day care after she was born severely brain damaged and blind, with cerebral palsy and epilepsy. The decision followed the 2005 passage of an Alberta provincial law allowing children who suffered injuries in the womb to sue their mothers for damages. Lisa Rewega was ruled to have been at fault in the accident, which opened the door for the family to pursue insurance compensation to cover the costs of Brooklyn's care. • Dec 22 - The federal government announces it has appointed a new 10-member board to oversee Assisted Human Reproduction Canada, a federal agency with the power to influence both Parliament and medical practices in the most promising and controversial areas of health care and science -- fertility treatments and research on human embryonic stem cells. Most of the new board appointees are anti-abortion and conservative, or affiliated with the Catholic Church. The board will be co-chaired by John Hamm, a family doctor and former Conservative premier of Nova Scotia, and Elinor Wilson, former CEO of the Canadian Public Health Association. It includes a professor of Jewish studies who opposes abortion unless life of the woman is threatened, a social anthropologist who is director of research for the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, a Montreal oncologist who has spoken against euthanasia at an anti-abortion conference, and a Halifax bioethicist who opposes using fresh embryos for stem-cell research. Dec 27 - Health Minister Tony Clement claims he tried to reflect a cross-section of Canadian views when he appointed the board. Dec 29 – Edward Hughes, head of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society says the voices of fertility specialists and infertile patients are entirely absent from the board. • Dec 23 – Catholic priest Jim Roberts, 78, dies from cancer of the esophagus. Roberts frequently challenged Vancouver's Catholic archdiocese over its conservative views on abortion, divorce, homosexuality, birth control and female priests. • Dec 28 – Humboldt Saskatchewan mayor Malcolm Eaton sends a letter to the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority health asking it to take the lead in determining whether a new Humboldt hospital should continue as a Catholic facility, or should become publicly-operated. The city council letter asks the SRHA to review the "operational philosophy" of a planned new hospital following a controversy over tubal ligations. The mayor said the decision by the Catholic board of St. Elizabeth's hospital in July to stop providing tubal ligations for contraceptive purposes caused a lot of concern in the community. The hospital, which is scheduled to be
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	<p>replaced with a new facility, is owned by the Saskatchewan Catholic Health Corp. At least two local municipalities decided to withhold their sharing of funding for the new \$33.5 million hospital. Two family doctors also submitted their resignations, and a recent rally to protest the board's policy attracted 300 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 29 - Langley Advance reports that a Brookswood BC author, Terence Morrissey, 66, has self-published a book called <i>The Death of Granny Doe</i>, an anti-abortion screed. He claims sympathy for alleged rape victim Jane Roe, and the famous Roe vs. Wade court case. He spent 15 years writing the book, which elaborates on his personal views and the subsequent research he did regarding not only abortion, but euthanasia and infant deaths.
Jan 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 9 – Carleton University Student Association (CUSA) votes to grant the campus anti-choice group LifeLine club status. Despite the new policy statement that “actions such as campaigns, distributions, solicitations, lobbying efforts, displays, events, etc. that seek to limit or remove a woman's options in the event of pregnancy will not be supported,” CUSA members voted almost unanimously to approve LifeLine as an official club, with only one vote opposed. Shelley Melanson, vice-president of finance for CUSA, said it was a “misconception” that the policy was adopted because of LifeLine. “It's always been about actions and not supporting certain actions,” she said, adding that the issue was about freedom of speech. “If you look at the policy ... what it states is that it will not support actions that are anti-abortion. It's fine to have your own opinion about when life begins. We are a university, and debate is allowed.” LifeLine will be eligible for funding if members conduct themselves in line with the policy. Jan 15 - A group of pro-choice activists and attorneys led by lawyer Michelle Caron announce they are preparing a lawsuit against the Canadian province of New Brunswick because of its illegal law restricting funding of abortions to hospitals by ob-gyns with the approval of two doctors. The law violates Charter rights to life, liberty and security, and to equal treatment under the law. As a result, only 2 doctors at 2 hospitals perform abortions. Caron told CBC they will launch the suit in the spring if the Jan 31 meeting with the New Brunswick health minister Michael Murphy does not result in a change of policy. Group includes ARCC, NAF, and NB Advisory Council on Status of Women. Caron is a professor at the University of Moncton. Week of Jan 29 - National Advisory Committee on Immunization says all girls and women aged nine to 26, with an emphasis on those nine to 13, should be vaccinated against human papillomavirus. In July, Health Canada approved Gardasil to protect girls and women from being infected with four strains of HPV, including two that cause about 90 per cent of genital warts. Studies have shown the vaccination prevents cancer, since the two other HPV strains cause about 70 per cent of cervical cancer cases. But no province or territory has agreed to pay for the shots. Each vaccination shot costs \$135, not including the \$10 to \$50 pharmacy dispensary fee, and each girl needs three shots to be protected. About 1,400 women in Canada are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and another 400 die. Jan 30 – Poll in New Brunswick released by Omnifacts Bristol Research: 57% think abortion should be available in medical clinics to provide greater access; 43% say access should be limited and be performed only in the largest provincial hospitals. 31% of New Brunswickers think government should not pay for abortions. 42% say government should pay just as it does for other medical procedures, and 26% say government should pay under certain circumstances. Only 6% of New Brunswickers believe women should never have the right to choose an abortion. 49% say women should always have the right to choose. 44% say women should have the right to choose under certain circumstances, and 17% of that group agree with choice if she is “not ready to have the child” and 13% agree if she financially cannot afford the child. Jan 30 - Crossroads, a U.S. national collegiate anti-choice organization that has sponsored annual “pro-life” walks across the United States each summer since 1995, is announcing a proposed expansion to include a walk across Canada in the summer of 2007, provided there are enough Canadian volunteers. This walk would be made up of volunteer students from colleges and universities across Canada and would coincide with the American walks. Jan 31 – Nurses and pharmacists in Quebec can now prescribe birth control. Quebec's professional orders of physicians, nurses and pharmacists announce they've completed an agreement so that Quebec women can walk into a clinic or health centre and ask a nurse for a prescription for birth control without consulting a doctor first. Nurses and pharmacists will be able to act on “collective” prescriptions written by physicians for certain medications - starting with birth control - women of childbearing age will be able to obtain the pill and other contraceptive methods on a same-day basis without seeing a physician or having a medical examination.
Feb 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 2 - Anti-choice crusader Earl Amyotte of Windsor Ontario, dies of kidney failure at age 74. The former U.S. banker and devout Catholic spent 15 days in a Michigan jail in 1990 for his part in Operation Rescue, an attempt to prevent women from entering an abortion clinic in Livonia, Mich. in 1988. He was the only Canadian among 57 activists protesting that day. In 2002 Canada Customs seized two anti-abortion signs Amyotte was bringing back from a protest in the U.S. Though an agent originally deemed them obscene, they were returned two days later. In 2005, Amyotte took part in Show the Truth protests, displaying graphic pictures of aborted fetuses outside high schools. Amyotte was a founding member of the Campaign Life Coalition and was the first leader of the Pro-Life Party of Canada.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 5 - Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (SOGC) recommends that every woman, regardless of age, have access to genetic screening for chromosomal abnormalities such as in Down syndrome. The new guidelines will give all women the choice of having minimally invasive blood tests or ultrasounds to assess their risk. Before, these types of screening methods were reserved for pregnant women 35 and over, who have at least a one-in-400 chance of having a baby born with Down syndrome. Statistics show that one in 800 babies is born with Down syndrome, 80 per cent of whom are delivered by women under 35. There are about 30,000 people with Down syndrome in Canada. • Feb 10 - about 30 anti-abortion protesters gather outside the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax where they said a Medical Students for Choice conference was being held. The demonstrators, many of them from a group called Dalhousie Students for Life, were on the curb across from the hotel at about 1:30 p.m. Protesters believed the doctors-in-training were inside, but a hotel manager said no such meeting was taking place. • Feb 12 - Telegraph Journal publishes an op-ed called "Abortion is legal and a health issue" by Dr. Joann Majerovich, describing the impacts of the New Brunswick regulation and lack of access on women. • Feb 12 - Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion leads an attack in Parliament against the Conservative government, accusing of it trying to pack the country's courts with right-wing judges by manipulating the membership of the advisory committees set up by Ottawa in each province and territory to examine the qualifications of candidates for the bench and make recommendations on their suitability to the federal justice minister. Dion blamed the strategy on Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Gilles Duceppe voiced similar sentiments, as did NDP justice critic Joe Comartin. Prominent academics and lawyers also joined the debate. At least 16 of 31 recent appointments to the panels have Conservative party ties, according to a survey by The Globe and Mail. Others, while not directly linked to the party, have expressed right-of-centre views about the proper role of the judiciary. Justice Minister Rob Nicholson insists the Tories have no such plans. • Feb 14 - Star Phoenix reports that municipal governments in most of the communities paying for a new Humboldt Sask. hospital have passed motions saying they'd prefer the new facility to be a public one, Humboldt's mayor says. Meanwhile, two doctors who resigned over the limits that Catholic health-care principles placed on their practice say they'll only stay on the job if the hospital is on the road to becoming publicly run. Two new doctors are also coming to the city, a hospital spokesperson said. Since July, St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt has not performed tubal ligations because the surgery is not in line with Catholic teachings on contraception. • Feb 16 - Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) publishes a Report Card on the Conservative record on reproductive rights, judging its actions by the ACPD warnings published during the last election: "Actions an Anti-Choice Government Can Take to Limit Your Access to Reproductive Health Services". 10 of 16 warnings have had problematic actions taken by the government www.acpd.ca/acpd.cfm/en/section/elect2006/articleID/366. ACPD also conducted a new analysis to determine where Ministers stand when it comes to women's right to choose, based on the cabinet reshuffling of January 4th, 2007. They found that, out of 27 ministers, 10 are anti-choice, 10 are pro-choice and 7 have expressed no position on the matter. Also, 3 out of the 6 Secretaries of State are anti-choice as are 17 of the 22 Parliamentary Secretaries. Amongst these three groups, it is clear that there is a large number anti-choice majority in key positions in this Conservative government. • Feb 21 - Statistics Canada reports that teenage mothers were far less likely to give birth more than once in 2003 than they were a decade earlier. Between 1993 and 2003, the rate of second or subsequent births to Canadian teens (age 15 to 19) who already had one child was cut in half. It declined from 4.8 to 2.4 births per 1,000. Still, during the period studied, an estimated 25,000 gave birth to their second or subsequent child before age 20. The StatsCan study, which used data from the Canadian Vital Statistics Database, also found the proportion of second or later births that were low birthweight (less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds) was significantly higher for teen mothers than for those age 25 to 34. Birthweight is closely linked to an infant's chances of survival. • Feb 22 - The leader of the anti-choice group Campagne Quebec Vie (Campaign Life Quebec) calls for the defeat of current Health Minister Philippe Couillard for bringing late term abortion into the province. Quebec will hold a provincial election on March 26, 2007. In 2004, the media revealed that some Canadian women were travelling to the United States for late term abortions after six months gestation. About 30 women travelled there for such procedures in 2003. Each of those abortions reportedly cost \$5,000. • Feb 24 - Quebec's Regie de l'assurance maladie du Quebec run ads in newspapers advising eligible women about how to file reimbursement claims for abortions obtained and paid for at private clinics in Quebec between 1999 and 2006. To receive payment, a claim must be submitted by Sept. 7. In August, Quebec was ordered to repay more than \$13 million billed to about 45,000 women who got abortions in private clinics, and paid between \$200 and \$300 each in facility fees. • Feb 28 - Rally held at the Humboldt Uniplex in Humboldt Saskatchewan, about woman's tubal ligation fight at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Almost 2,000 people attend, with several speakers including doctors. Speakers said that talk of abortions and acts of euthanasia being performed at the hospital in Humboldt if it becomes publicly-run is nothing more than fear-mongering. "Euthanasia is illegal across Canada. Therapeutic abortions
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	are only done in tertiary hospitals within the province," said Dr. Jackie Bourgeois. "The claim that public hospitals lack ethical standards is unjustified fearmongering."
March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 1 - L'Association pour l'accès à l'avortement in Montreal protests lack of funding for women who want to come to private clinics. Last fall, health minister Philippe Couillard passed an amendment to a Quebec law to allow abortions to be funded at private clinics. However, women have to go to a hospital, CLSC, or public women's health centre first, and if they can't get a timely abortion there, then go to one of the private clinics and have it funded. This means that women still have to pay if they prefer to go the clinic, even though the government was ordered to pay for all private clinic abortions between 1999 and 2006, as a result of last year's court decision. Dr. Claude Paquin, chair of the Association, said: "We are in this incredible situation where government is obliged to pay the expenses until February 2006, but refuse to pay them since this date." • Mar 2 – Doris Anderson, pioneer Canadian feminist, dies of lung disease. • Mar 6- A group of anti-choice women from Silent No More Canada speak out at the UN. Melony, Lorraine, Evelyn, Maria, and Denise Mountenay told of the "negative impact abortion has had on their lives and bodies." They participated in a workshop at the United Nations' 51st Conference on the Status of Women (CSW) in NY. The workshop, "Breast Cancer & Reproductive HEALTH" featured Dr. Angela Lanfranchi and Dr. Joel Brind, PhD, co-founders of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, an anti-choice propaganda mill. • Mar 8 - A defence lawyer for a Catholic anti-choice activist tells a court his client's lifelong devotion to his cause makes it unconscionable for him to sign his name to an income-tax return anymore. David T. Little, 62, of Fredericton NB, faces charges that he failed to file tax returns for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. From 1987 to 1992, Little filed his tax returns but refused to pay income tax that he owed. The government found other ways to extract the owed money, in part by garnishing funds from people who owed him money. "They (the government) ignored me for five years," he said. "I had to declare bankruptcy because it destroyed my credit." Little said he stopped filing tax returns in 1999. • Mar 9 – Bill Whatcott bombards University of Regina campus with 1000 flyers, "God is not pleased with Academia's Culture of Death" which he has posted on the Army of God website: http://www.armyofgod.com/BillWhatcottFlyer1.htm. Campus security told him the Regina City Police would be called and the University would press trespassing charges if he didn't leave the campus. The manager of security asked him to agree to refrain from leafleting the university or face charges. Whatcott told her if the Student's Union gave him a table, he would refrain from leafleting the parking lots but if not, it would continue. • Mar 12 (week of): Canadian Civil Liberties Association files an affidavit to act as intervenor on behalf of Bill Whatcott, a Saskatchewan nurse sued for demonstrating against abortion. Whatcott was fined \$15,000 in 2004 and given a 45-day suspension after the Saskatchewan Licensed Practical Nurses Association Discipline Tribunal found him guilty of two counts of professional misconduct for picketing in front of Planned Parenthood Regina. Whatcott refused to pay the fine and has been suspended indefinitely. CCLA General Counsel A. Alan Borovoy filed the affidavit defending Whatcott's position, stating that "it is on the issue of Mr. Whatcott's freedom of expression that the CCLA seeks to intervene." Borovoy stated that the CCLA is primarily concerned with the "protection of civil liberties and the promotion and legal protection of individual freedom and dignity against unreasonable invasion by public authority." • Mar 13 – Dr. Henry Morgentaler's lawyers appear before Court of Queen's Bench Justice Judy Clendening, asking the judge to decide if he has standing in the case asks a judge to rule if he has standing to bring his lawsuit challenging the province over its policy not to fund elective abortion procedures at his clinic in Fredericton. Government lawyer John Furey said the rules of court don't allow Morgentaler's lawyers to ask for a ruling on standing. He said that privilege lies solely with the defendant, the provincial government, which can choose to request a ruling on standing at any time. Morgentaler representative Darlene Jamieson said her reading of the rules of court in New Brunswick is the same, but she argued it makes no sense. Leaving the issue of Morgentaler's standing in the case until trial would be a waste of time, she said. The judge seemed receptive to Jamieson's arguments, but had to adjourn the hearing of the motion to May because the government lawyers were "unprepared." • Mar 14 - Health Canada announces recall of faulty pregnancy kits made by Durex Canada, which are being pulled from the international market because of high false positive rates says. Confirm Clearly Smart Pregnancy Test - as well as Confirm Clearly Starter Kits and Confirm Clearly Refills, are being withdrawn from sale after "higher than expected" numbers of consumer complaints that the tests gave false positive readings and "inconsistent" results. • Mar 15 – Vancouver Sun publishes comprehensive and positive article "Rural women still face abortion hurdles" about access problems and progress in BC. • Mar 16 – Dr. Sarah Weddington, lawyer who argued Roe v Wade in U.S. in 1972, is keynote speaker in Vancouver at the annual LEAF Equality Breakfast. About 800 people attend. • Mar 20 - Canada's federal government announces that as part of its 2007-2008 budget, \$300 million will be distributed to the provinces to fund the new HPV vaccination aimed at preventing the Human Papilloma

	<p>Virus (HPV) which causes cervical cancer in women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 21 - A panel of anti-choice advocates spoke to an audience of 38 people at Carleton U in Ottawa about the “dangers” of abortion at an event hosted by Carleton Lifeline. Speakers included an associate professor at Trinity Western University, a registered nurse and two members of parliament, including Maurice Velacott (co-chair of Parliament’s pro-life caucus) and Liberal MP Tom Wappel. Janet Epp Buckingham, director of Laurentian Leadership Centre also spoke. The four panellists spoke about the history of abortion laws, health risks to women who undergo abortions, and proposed anti-choice legislation. Sarah Fletcher, president of Lifeline, said the event was held to clear up misconceptions about Canadian abortion law. The panel said that Canada does not now and never has recognized a constitutional right to abortion. Wappel described the so-called “constitutional right to abortion” as a misstatement of the law and an example of a “big lie” being told so often it has come to be broadly believed. Buckingham said that the Supreme Court decision that struck down the previous law recognized “a legitimate government interest in protecting the unborn.” Mar 26 – Winnipeg Free Press reports that the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) has opened a new large abortion clinic (5,000-square-feet) but is not revealing its location. It is another clinic for the Women’s Health Clinic, which now has two locations. Jane’s Clinic has closed and most staff absorbed by new clinic (part of agreement when new clinic was planned). The facility will perform abortions as well as provide other reproductive health care services. The Winnipeg Free Press reports that the facility's location will not be made public in order to avoid confrontation with pro-life demonstrators. Mar 29 - Hamilton’s McMaster University anti-choice student group, LifeLine, hosts a visit from Silent No More campaign, including two gatherings in the Student Centre, on Mar 29 and Apr 3. The executive of CUPE local 3906, issued an emailed safety notice to members saying the union would support members who refused to work during what the union identified as the “intimidating” and “aggressive” demonstration by “radical anti-choice” women from Silent No More.
April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 2 - Canadians for Choice hosts a Launch in Ottawa for their most current report on the accessibility of abortion services in Canadian hospitals. Speakers are: Dr. Vyta Senikas, Associate Executive Vice-President, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Jessica Shaw, Researcher of Reality Check, and Patricia LaRue, Executive Director, Canadians for Choice. Report is called: “Reality Check: A Close Look at Accessing Abortion Services in Canadian Hospitals,” and is a follow-up study to the original CARAL study in 2003. It uses the same methodology. Some key findings include: Since 2003, the percentage of hospitals with accessible abortion services has decreased from 17.8% to 15.9%; this means that abortion services are only accessible at 1 in every 6 hospitals. 3 out of 4 times, the researcher spoke with hospital staff members who were ignorant about the issue of abortion and the services their hospital provided. 75% of staff members reacted to inquiries about abortion with disbelief, confusion or a complete lack of knowledge. Hospital abortion services are poorly dispersed across Canada, the majority of which are located in urban areas, within 150 kilometers of the American border. Apr 10 – Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada issue press release “New Report Highlights Lack of Respect for Women Seeking Abortions.” Many health professionals across Canada lack basic information about abortion services, and often act disrespectfully to women seeking abortions, according to a new report by Canadians for Choice that documents poor access to hospital abortion services across Canada. Apr 11 - Heather Mallick is keynote speaker on a panel of legal and medical experts, speaks on reproductive rights and the New Brunswick abortion access situation and future actions. Event was attended by over 300 people, at Faculty of Law at UNB Fredericton. It was sponsored by UNB Faculty of Law, Law Students for Choice, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, and ACSW. MP’s Penny Priddy (NDP Health Critic) and Irene Mathysen (NDP Women’s Critic) issue a press release protesting the decline in abortion services. Law professor Julia Hughes was also on the panel, and said it's almost impossible for women in the province to receive a medicare-funded abortion under current legislation, and that could be easily changed. Hughes said the process New Brunswick women must go through to get an abortion takes too long, and that NB women's access to abortion is the second-worst in Canada, after PEI, where the provincial government funds no abortions and no facility in the province performs the procedure. Right now, the New Brunswick government doesn't pay for abortions past the 12th week of pregnancy. Hughes said meeting the criteria to qualify, and then getting an appointment, usually takes several weeks. Apr 11 – On the 25th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a panel of legal experts lists the top 10 Charter decisions of the Supreme Court, in terms of significance and impact. The 1988 Morgentaler decision came in 4th. The panel called it a “blockbuster” decision. It was easily the most publicly recognizable case on the list, and came in fourth place because it was a “significant Supreme Court foray into a highly controversial moral, ethical, and political debate about women's reproductive rights,” said the panel, adding that the ruling “became a symbol of the Charter's hopes and aspirations.” Apr 12 - Justice Minister T.J. Burke will look into a request for an access zone around the Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton. The zone would prevent protesters from blocking access to the abortion clinic on Brunswick Street. The request was made Thursday by the National Abortion Federation, the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (in a press release). The requested access zone would apply to any facilities providing abortion services, residences of doctors, and

	<p>service providers and doctors' offices in New Brunswick, modelled after BC's legislation. "I will bring this concern of theirs to my colleagues' attention and hopefully we have the opportunity to look at it more seriously, consult with the appropriate interest groups and then move forward," said Burke. There is no on-site parking at the Morgentaler clinic on Brunswick Street. "On days abortion services are provided, protesters march outside the clinic carrying signs designed to discourage women from entering," said Simone Leibovitch, clinic manager. "Volunteer escorts are recruited to assist women as they enter and leave the clinic." Vicki Saporta, Pres and CEO of NAF, said abortion clinics and providers in Canada have been targeted for violence and harassment by anti-abortion extremists.</p>
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