

VIEWPOINT

Mother's Day raises many issues

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I want to take you inside a hospital operating room. Can you visualize the large sterile room, the smell of antiseptic and anesthetic, the bright lights, doctors and nurses, machinery - life giving equipment.

Picture if you will a heart surgeon. Twenty-five years of dedicated learning, using every skill, every piece of scientific equipment available to him, plus the support team of highly trained medical personnel. Picture this surgeon using all the vast resources of a modern hospital to save the life of the tiny human lying before him.

In the tiny opened chest, a heart the size of a large walnut lies exposed. It will require all his skills to correct the defect in this tiny pulsating organ before him - to give this tiny month-old infant life. Life - the ultimate striving of a doctor's skill and dedication.

In another hospital, in another sterile antiseptic operating room stands another doctor. He looks down on the tranquil fact of a 19-year-old girl. She trusts her doctor - his skill - his judgement. After all abortion is a relatively simple procedure.

The method used is a saline solution - but unfortunately the child is born alive. The doctor knows full well the potential for brain damage and low suit, the almost certainty of handicap. But the child lives - the baby breathes. The doctor applies pressure to the throat of the small form struggling for life.

strangulation four times before the struggling heart ceases to beat. Abortion - just a simple procedure.

Picture if you will that it were. Both cases have occurred. The abortion case is under trial in the United States. Dr. William B. Waddill Jr. is being sued for 17 million dollars by 19-year-old Mary Weaver. Ms. Weaver claims "she was never advised that she might give birth to a living child and if she had she would not have chosen abortion." Abortion is such a simple procedure.

In Canada in 1976, 54,536 therapeutic abortions were performed. That does not take into account the ones slipped in under other procedures - and that was in 1976. The figures have increased not decreased.

The crass commercialism of the Canadian medical profession that now offers abortion as a possible choice to pregnant mothers is a national disgrace.

Dedication to life - or money in the pocket? When a woman is told of the relatively simple procedure of abortion she is not told of the possibilities of that "what if's". What if your child is born alive? What if you suffer permanent damage? What if you hemorrhage?

Children are the life blood of any nation - the life blood of humanity. God help the nation that destroys its children. East Germany is now paying a bonus of \$500 for each child produced, with additional monthly payments of \$10 to \$25 for each new baby, with loans of up to \$2500 that don't have to be repaid if enough children are produced. Why? A declining population is the death knell to a country.

Remember we are talking about life - human life. Don't be misled by pseudo-intellectual mumbo jumbo talk of embryo of foetus. That embryo has everything from the instant of conception that, if allowed to develop will produce a never before or never again duplicated human being. Babies have survived when the mother gave birth at only 4 1/2 months of pregnancy. No one handled the mother a foetus. She has handled her "baby".

What about social conditions? What about "quality of life" you ask? So many barren couples exist. So many potential mothers and fathers who through cruel tricks of fate will never bear their own offspring.

You will never bury from your memory. Gracian tells us "the things we remember best are those best forgotten." That's another cruel trick of human nature.

Every time you see a tousel headed chubby faced tyke in the park, the mother who aborts has a flash of "how would my son or daughter have looked?" - a flash of pain of "loss of your own". No solaced is to be had in the possibility of a warm adoptive home with the love of adoptive parents. Only the barbaric sterility of a green garbage bag coffin and the plastic procedure of a trained butcher rationalizing, justifying his so-called dedication to life.

On the eve of Mothers Day the Hallon Pro-Life Society will stage a silent vigil to remember the 283 babies aborted at Joseph Brant hospital this year. A memorial service - a silent plea against destruction of life.

Can you still call abortion a relatively simple procedure?

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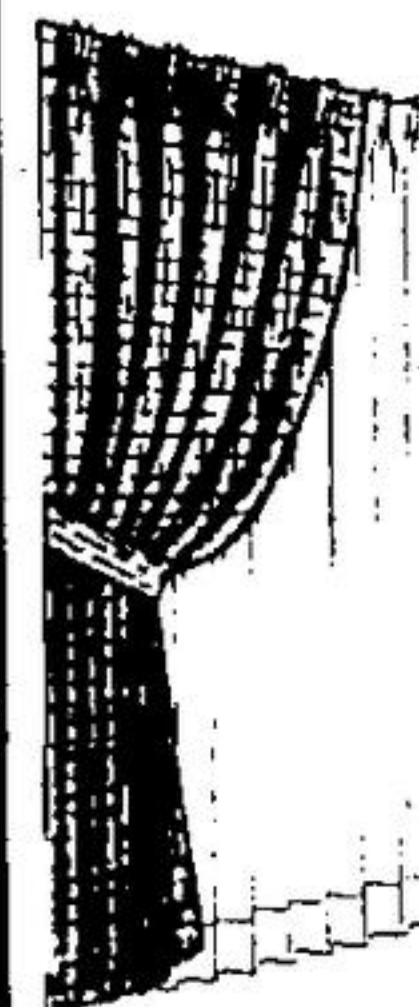


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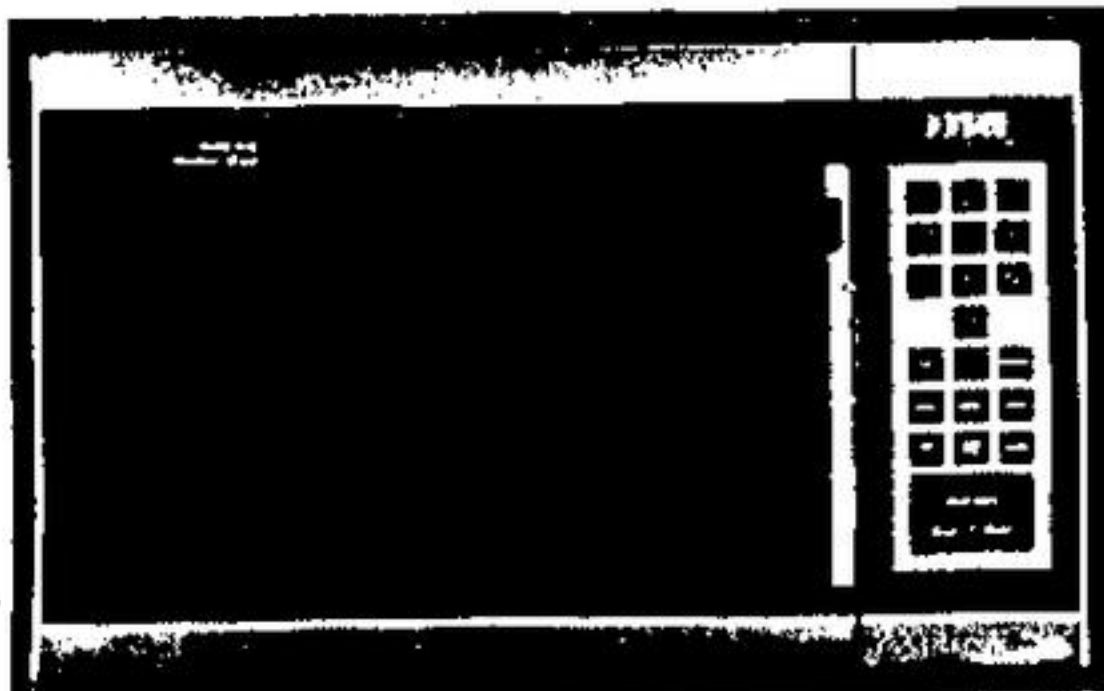
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"Thanks to the quick preparation time afforded by microwave cooking, there is no longer a need to 'cook ahead,'" says Baxter.

If you do decide to incorporate microwave speed and economy into your kitchen, Modern Maid suggests you check for these convenience features before making a purchase:

that poor planning will never interfere with fine dining.

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With over half of the nation's homemakers now in the work force, "quick and convenient" best describes the requirements of today's family menu planning.

Busy schedules leave little time for sit-down meals and even less for preparation, resulting in a trend towards convenience foods that offer little nutrition.

But man cannot live by fast-food alone—and so he created the microwave.

Today's highly developed model goes far beyond its original hot-dog warming capacity to perform gourmet renditions of total meal planning, from soups and sauces to roasts, chops, chicken and potatoes.

According to Jane Baxter, home economist for the Kitchen Appliance Division of McGraw-Edison Company, 95 percent of all foods can be prepared in a microwave oven, with deep fat frying being the only process that cannot be duplicated.

Because they are adept at a variety of cooking techniques, today's microwaves can prepare a well-rounded, multiple-course meal in a matter of minutes.

For example, the new Cook 'N Hold Touch Control microwave from Modern Maid can cook soup, vegetables, roast and baked potatoes in less than thirty minutes, or three hours less than conventional oven cooking.

Next to convenience, economy seems to be a primary reason for the current popularity of microwave ovens, says Baxter.

In light of today's soaring food prices, consumers simply cannot afford to waste food, a problem eliminated by microwave cooking.

"People used to cook more than enough food with the idea of saving the extra for pot luck meals. Microwave cooking has changed all that by allowing people to prepare exactly what they need and eliminate the waste of uneaten leftovers."

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