RU-486 Boycott List

Prescription Drugs

Hoechst Product	*Possible Substitute*
Altace	Prinavil, Capoten, Accupril, Lotensin, Vasotec, Monopril, Zestril
A/T/S/	Erycette, Eryderm, Erygel, generics
Claforan	Rocephin, Other Cephalosporin Antibiotics
Diabeta	Micronase, generics
Lasix	Bumex, Edecrin, generics
Loprox	Lotrimin, Nizoral, Nilstat, Micatin, Mycelex, Monistat, Spectazole
Prokine	Leukine
Topicort	Synalar, Lidex, Diprolene, generics

Prescription Drugs

Copley Drugs (Owned by Hoechst)	*Possible Substitute*
Albuterol	Proventil, Ventolin
Dilteazem	Cardizem, generics
Ethosuximide	Zarontin
Clemastine Fumarate Syrup	Tavist Syrup
R-Tannate	Rynatan, Tanoral, Tritan, Tri-Tannate, Rhinatate, generics

Over The Counter Drugs

Bromatapp	Dimetapp, E.N.T. Tabs, Bromphen, Dimaphen
Doxylamine Succinate	Unisom Nightime Sleep-aid
Lice-Enz Foam Kit	Pyrinyl, RID, R&C, Tisit
Micronazol Creme	Monistat 7, generics
Tolnaftate Soln	Tinactin, NP 27, generics

Veterinary Drugs

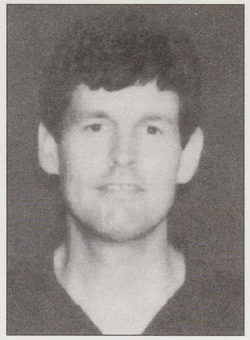
Hoechst Product	*Possible Substitute*
Lasix	Furosemide, generic
Pancur (dog)	Nemex, Pyrantel, Interceptor, Vercom
Pancur (cattle)	Synanthic, Ivomec Valbazen
Pancur (horse)	Rintal, Strongid, Eqvalan, Benzelmin, Dyrex
Safe-Guard (swine)	Atgard, Ivomec, Tramisol
Safe-Guard (cattle)	Synanthic, Ivomec Valbazen

Agricultural Products

Hoechst Product	*Possible Substitute*
Bugel	Prowl
Cheyenne, Dakota, Tiller	Stampede, Assert, Avenge, Fargo
Horizon	Stomp, Asulux
Option II, Option IEC	Fusion, Poast, Pursuit, Scepter, Assure II, Select
Phaser	Asana
Scout	Asana
Whip IEC, Whip 360	Prowl

A modest dinner proposal

by William Kelley Eidem



A couple of centuries ago Jonathan Swift, of Gulliver's Travels fame, wrote an essay that columnist Charles Osgood later referred to as "A Modest Proposal for Preventing the Children of Poor People from Being a Burden to Their Parents or the Country, by fattening and Eating Them." This essay came to my mind upon hearing once again the argument that women should be allowed to have abortions when it wouldn't be fair to the mother or child to bring a child into a bleak world where poverty and squalor are sure to be the child's only experience.

It should be clear to all reasonable people that Swift's proposal of selling fattened infants for use as stew was, on the whole, a reprehensible idea.

On the other hand, a fetus could make for a delectable meal without the drawback of selling infants. For one, a fetus is probably a most succulent meat, extremely tender and boneless. Secondly, the mother would have lowered her own production costs by not having to provide a special diet for the little one in order to fatten it up.

But most importantly, there should be no hue and cry of cannibalism against this suggestion, as could be made against Swift's original proposal because—as any pro-choice advocate will tell you—a fetus is not a human being.

Furthermore, you will be especially pleased to know that this proposition is one of those ideas that possesses a long list of advantages with no visible drawbacks. For example, because there are only about two million abortions a year, dishes such as fetal marinara and ribless babybacks would be likely to be considered a delicacy. Therefore the impoverished mother would be able to charge handsomely for her fetal stuff, thereby helping her to improve her heretofore dire financial situation. On the other side of the dining experience the consumer would know that he or she was turning a potent negative into a lovely and delicious positive. Thus, not only would the food simply provide physical sustenance, it would also fill the diner with a sense of doing good while eating well.

Additionally, research has shown that fetal tissue can have powerful rejuvenative effects. It has even been reported that some very wealthy, famous people regularly travel to Europe to receive injections of fetal sheep cells and get good results including the reversal of the physical signs of aging. If sheep cells can work such wonders, imagine the benefits of ingesting the fetal cells of pre-humans, where chromosome compatability would be a given. (I use the term pre-humans to reiterate the widely contended fact that fetuses are not actually people.) Thus one fetal supper might be worth countless sheep ingestions. But forget the science for a moment and consider the eater's youthful afterglow which could serve as a lasting reminder of his or her good deed. This feature could well make the market worth of those little dinner loafs extremely valuable.

Some mothers and fathers may even opt to save their little magic potion for themselves, instead of going for the cash. Either way the parents would come out way ahead, either with a financial nest egg or with a tasty yet powerful health and beauty treatment that they would not otherwise be able to afford. Another important benefit would be the relief it could bring to many women who might otherwise be emotionally scarred by an unwanted pregnancy. That is, a little fetal feast could turn a miserable minus into a delightful opportunity.

All in all it should be clear to even the most reluctant observer that fetal food is a real winner for psychological, social, health, marketplace and gustatory reasons. If you were to add it all up, what has been a divisive powder keg could potentially become a part of our cultural fabric, a mini-Thanksgiving celebration if you will, for all parties involved. Finally, I must add this postscript. Lest you mistrust my motives in providing such an ingenious yet simple solution to a presently distasteful problem, I am a sin gle male of little means and thus can benefit neither personally nor financially from this potentially lucrative idea. It is my fondest hope that this generous gift is accepted in the same spirit in which it is offered, and that only good comes from it, thereby putting the heretofore vexing abortion debate behind us. *Bon appetit!* ■

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