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Pro-Life News



November/December 2006

In Memory of Rose Lee Pisciotta 1912-2006

From conception until
natural death . . . respect life.



1973 -2006 - 33 years of abortion.
Over 47 million babies killed.

National News



Election Comments

The November 7th elections brought many disappointments for the pro-life movement.

Referred Law 6 in South Dakota, which had the potential to protect pre-born children and women from the

scourge of abortion, was defeated. Amendment 2, passed in Missouri. This will allow researchers in the state to clone human beings, experiment on them, and then kill them.

Our opposition in South Dakota poured millions of dollars and used distortion of the facts to garner votes. For example, a successful scare tactic that pro-aborts use is to tell voters that any restriction on abortion, whether it is parental consent to protect teens or normal health inspections of abortion clinics, will restrict their rights to ALL abortions.

No one said this battle for life would be an easy victory. Polls show Americans are becoming more aware of life issues and are more pro-life--especially younger Americans who are abortion survivors. More women who have been damaged by abortion are speaking out.

Also, many elections were won by slim margins, which indicate a need for pro-lifers to redouble their efforts. Other political and social issues had a bearing on the outcome of many elections meaning voters did not necessarily vote primarily on life issues. The defeat of Sen. Rick Santorum of PA was not necessarily a defeat of a pro-life candidate as much as a defeat of his stance on other issues. His opponent also claimed to be pro-life.

In 87 highly contested races for the House and Senate, pro-life candidates won 53 percent of those contests. The pro-life group, Susan B. Anthony List, indicated that 59% of its federal campaigns won elections.

By contrast, Emily's List, the leading pro-abortion political action committee, won 43% of its federal races with 13 of 30 endorsed candidates prevailing on Election Day.

As a result of the November elections, the Democratic Party will take control of both the

U.S. House and Senate beginning in January. Nancy Pelosi will become the first woman to be speaker of the House. Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards once served as deputy chief of staff for Mrs. Pelosi. We can expect Planned Parenthood to be more involved than ever in pushing for more taxpayer money and more unlimited access to abortion.

Now, more than ever, pro-life individuals need to get involved. Continue writing letters and editorials that expose Planned Parenthood's agenda and raise awareness of life issues. Continue contacting your legislators and insist that government funding of Planned Parenthood be cut. Continue to educate yourself on life issues and to support pro-life candidates.

The race for the 2008 elections has begun and the future of the unborn child is on our hands.

Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act Blocked in U.S. House

The December 6 vote in the U.S. House of Representative was 250 to 162 in support of his humane legislation. However, this procedural vote was short of the 2/3 required to cut off debate.

The bill would have required an abortionist to inform mothers about the pain unborn children feel during abortion. Requirement of the bill would apply for abortions past 20 weeks of gestation. Once a mother was informed about fetal pain, the woman would either request or refuse (by signing a form) the administration of pain-reducing drugs directly to her unborn child.

A 2004 Zogby poll found 77% support for "laws requiring that women who are 20 weeks or more along in their pregnancy be given information about fetal pain before having an abortion" by a 77-16 percent margin.

Following the vote, Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America, stated, "Regrettably, congressmen—many who denounced use of torture against suspected terrorists—have voted to not let women know that abortion will torture their innocent unborn babies."

Texas Alliance for Life, 12/4/06
Catholic News Service, 12/6/2006



New (Pro-Life) Family Planning Advocate

The Bush administration has picked the medical director of an organization that opposes pre-marital sex, contraception and abortion to lead the office that oversees federally funded teen pregnancy, family planning and abstinence programs.

The appointment of Eric Keroack, a Marblehead, MA obstetrician and gynecologist, to oversee the federal Office of Population Affairs and its \$283 million annual budget has angered family-planning advocates.

Keroack currently is medical director of A Woman's Concern, a Christian nonprofit group. The Dorchester, MA-based organization works to "help women escape the temptation and violence of abortion," according to its statement of faith. And it opposes contraception.

Keroack's appointment does not require Senate confirmation. He is expected to start work in the next several weeks.

AP, 11/18/06

Democrats Will Resurrect ESCR Bill



New House Speaker
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

With control of Congress, Democrats plan to make a bill that would force taxpayers to pay for embryonic stem cell research one of the first pieces of legislation put forward next year. However, they may not have enough votes, even with the election results, to overturn a veto from the president. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says a measure similar to the one President Bush vetoed earlier this year will be voted on during the first 100 business hours of the next congressional session that begins in January.

Bush vetoed the previous bill in July and the House voted 235-193 in favor of overriding the veto. This was 65 short of the two-thirds necessary to override the veto. The Senate voted for the bill 63-37, four votes short of being able to override a veto.

A Gallup poll just after the veto found 50 percent of Americans either supported it or were

not upset by it. Pelosi admitted that the elections probably did not provide enough votes to override a second veto and she told the *Washington Post* Democrats hope to "build public support for a signature."

LifeNews.com 11/13/06

Pro-Abort Lawmakers Manipulated Records



On Oct. 27, the Committee on Government Reform released an official review finding Democratic Rep. Henry Waxman's December 2004 report, *The Content of Federally Funded Abstinence-Only Education Program*, to be misleading and inaccurate description of abstinence until marriage programs.

The new report, *Abstinence and Its Critics*, released by Rep. Mark Souder, clearly shows that abstinence programs are effective. The report further indicates "the value of abstinence for young people cannot be overestimated, and it is the duty of Congress to support programs that serve the interest of America's youth."

Prepared as a minority report without the endorsement of the full committee, the Waxman Report fails to include a fair evaluation of abstinence until marriage curricula. It also precludes any review of so-called "comprehensive" sex education and seems to imply that these programs are the only worthy recipient of funding. Indeed, such programs already have a disproportionate funding edge despite their dangerous message and questionable results.

Abstinence Clearinghouse, 11/5/06

OTC Morning After Pill



Pharmacies across the United States began selling the morning-after pill over the counter in November. This marks the first time the Plan B drug has been available without a prescription since the Food and Drug Administration allowed over-the-counter sales in August.

The drug can be sold to anyone 18 and over. The price varies from \$25 to \$45

New problems with OTC sales will emerge such as teens getting someone older to purchase the drug for them, the lack of warnings that the pill provides no protection against sexually transmitted diseases, and the dilemma of pro-life pharmacists having moral problems dispensing a drug that could cause abortions.

Despite claims that Plan B will reduce abortions, studies show that this is not the case and that abortion figures in England and Scotland show that abortions have reached their highest point ever despite over the counter sales of Plan B.

LifeNews.com, 11/8/06

Texas News



Amarillo from 19 down to 1



News from the Texas panhandle is that Planned Parenthood has closed its clinic in Cactus and now operates just one full-time clinic in Amarillo. In addition, it operates another clinic that is open only two days a week. This part-time clinic is called the Women's Wellness Center. Planned Parenthood does not even identify this as a PP facility on its external signs.

Amarillo and the Texas panhandle had 19 Planned Parenthood clinics in 1997, but concerted efforts by pro-lifers have caused closings of these clinics so that Planned Parenthood is now down to just these two!

Congratulations to all who have challenged Planned Parenthood in the Texas panhandle. May there be many more Planned Parenthood clinic closings around the nation as pro-lifers expose their immoral and deadly agenda.

STOPP Report 11/8/06

'40 Days for Life' Vigil Outside Houston PP Clinic



On September 29, Houston's Coalition for Life completed its first '40 Days for Life' vigil outside the busy Houston Planned Parenthood Clinic which boasted 6,376 abortions performed in 2005. From August 15 at 7:00 am to September 29 at 5:00 pm (Sundays not included), a minimum of two peaceful and prayerful protesters maintained a vigil on the sidewalk of the busy street in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic that performs abortions on women from all over Southeastern Texas. Trained pro-life sidewalk counselors were present during all hours that the clinic was open for business.

This specific time of year was chosen for the vigil, despite blistering heat reaching as high as 99 degrees, in an effort to combat Planned Parenthood's expansion plans for their Houston clinic. As it stands right now, Texas Law mandates that abortions performed after a baby is in its 16th week of development must be performed at a surgical ambulatory center. The Houston Planned Parenthood clinic is moving to a new location that will include such a center so that they will not lose revenue by having to refer 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions to another facility.

LifeNews.com, 10/2/06

Texas Lawmaker Wants Pharmacies to Educate on Plan B Drug

A Texas lawmaker, Rep. Frank Corte, has a response for the Food and Drug Administration, which ruled in August that the morning-after pill could be sold over the counter at pharmacies. The proposed legislation would require pharmacies to post a sign telling potential customers that the drug could work as an abortion agent. The sign would be 18x24 inches in size and would include an explanation saying the Plan B drug can work as an abortion pill by preventing a developing human embryo from implanting in his or her mother's womb.

Elizabeth Graham of Texas Right to Life told KHOU-TV in Houston that human life "does begin at fertilization" when a sperm and egg meeting and produce a unique human being. "I think Rep. Corte's intention is to make sure that women understand if the egg has already been fertilized they could be at risk of undergoing a chemical abortion," she told the CBS television station.

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Lifeneews.com, 11/22/06

The Courts



Possible Retirement?



There is speculation that a pro-abortion member of the Supreme Court may be planning to step down soon. The head of a judicial watchdog group says political observers believe Justice John Paul Stevens may retire. Stevens, an 86 year-old judge appointed in 1975, has been battling health problems. Stevens is a member of the five justice bloc of judges on the high court who back legalized abortion and his retirement could potentially pave the way for the confirmation of a justice who could be the deciding vote in overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

President Bush will likely have a tough time securing the nomination of a justice who would strictly interpret the Constitution and not read a so-called right to abortion into it with the new Congress. Sean Rushton, the executive director of the Committee for Justice, writes about the Stevens retirement possibility in a national editorial yesterday. "It points out what could be a once-in-a-lifetime chance for the 20-year movement to recast the court with a constitutionalist majority," Rushton said. Rushton urged voters to consider the potential for a Stevens's retirement when they vote and to keep control of Congress in pro-life hands.

LifeNews.com 11/7/06

High Court Will Again Weigh Health Exception on PBA

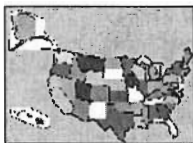


The Supreme Court is again in the midst of hearings on the federal partial-birth abortion ban. They will consider whether or not such a ban needs a health exception, or if the gruesome abortion procedure is unnecessary to protect the mother's health. When Congress drafted the national partial-birth abortion ban, it did not include a health exception and a leading pro-life congressman discussed the implications of such an exemption. "The problem with the health exception is we have a number of abortionists who have testified that any pregnancy is a risk to a woman's health," Rep. Steve Chabot, an Ohio Republican who shepherded the ban in the House, said. "So if you have a health exception in there, in essence, you have a phony partial-birth abortion ban," explained. Chabot said doctors told Congress that partial-birth abortions don't serve any useful medical purpose and there's never an instance where the abortion procedure would protect a woman's health. "We had extensive medical testimony indicating that a partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary, and, in fact, is actually oftentimes harmful to the woman. And that's the reason we did not include a health exception," Chabot.

A decision must come by June 2007 and possibly as early as January 2007.

LifeNews.com, 11/06/06

In the States



Marriage Amendments

These states approved bans on homosexual 'marriage' November 7th: Colorado, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee and Virginia and Wisconsin. Arizona, however, became the first state to vote down a constitutional ban on homosexual 'marriage'.

So far, 27 states have approved such bans. In addition to the seven states above, the following states have approved the measure: Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Nebraska, Missouri, Michigan, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama.

Dave's Digest, 11/06
LifeNews.com



Alabama - An abortion facility has agreed to go on probation over several violations found by state health inspectors including tests not being done on women before

abortions and the abortion facility's administrator taking narcotics from the facility for her own personal use.

The Birmingham New Woman All Women Health Care is the latest abortion center to come under fire after two others in the state were found to have numerous violations. An attorney for the Alabama Department of Public Health confirmed that New Woman agreed to probation over the problems found in September. Some of the violations included patients who were not given medications on time, failing to verify if ultrasound or pregnancy tests had been conducted before abortions, and the administrator's personal use of the abortion center's drugs. The administrator has since been fired and state health inspectors are monitoring the abortion facility's misuse of the drugs.

LifeNews.com, 11-28-06



New Jersey has joined California, Maine and Pennsylvania to become the fourth state to reject federal funds for abstinence-only education, reported the *Newark Star-Ledger* Oct. 26. New Jersey health and education officials said they rejected the funding because new rules will not let teachers talk about contraception and that the strings attached to the money contradict the state's own sex education and AIDS education programs.

Women's News Online, 10/29/06
<http://www.womensnews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/2941/context/archive>

Abortion



Human Rights Watch Becomes Pro-Abortion



An organization that is supposed to monitor international human rights abuses is instead furthering the pro-abortion agenda and has issued comments responding to a new report condemning various states in the U.S. for their pro-life laws that place sensible limits on abortion.

Human Rights Watch condemned the laws in some states that it says is infringing on the so-called right to an abortion.

"The mounting obstacles to abortion services include in some states a legal requirement to provide medically inaccurate information as part of obligatory pre-abortion counseling," Marianne Mollmann, of the group's women's rights division, told *UPI*.

The group condemned laws that require abortion practitioners to tell women about abortion's link to breast cancer.

However, Dr. Joel Brind, a professor at New York's Baruch College, conducted an analysis of all research on abortion and breast cancer done to date and concluded that women

who had an abortion before their first term child had a 50% increased risk of developing breast cancer. Women who had an abortion after their first child sustained a 30% increased risk.

Mollmann's comments come in response to a new report issued by a group affiliated with Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business.

The *Alan Guttmacher Institute* attacked state laws that tell women about various aspects of abortion -- from the pain a baby may feel during the abortion to the medical and emotional risks abortion presents to referring women to pregnancy centers for alternatives.

This isn't the first time Human Rights Watch has listed limiting abortions as a so-called human rights violation.

Despite daily violations of human rights occurring daily around the world -- from the genocide in Darfur to the extreme poverty due to the North Korean regime -- HRW will soon reward a Mexican activist who helps raped women obtain abortions.

Earlier this month, HRW announced it will give its highest award to Veronica Cruz on November 2.

Cruz is the founder and head of *Las Libres* (The Free Women), a pro-abortion group in the Mexican state of Guanajuato which directs women victimized by rape to places where they can get abortions.

The actions of human rights watchdog groups have come under increased scrutiny as they have not spoken out on key pro-life issues such as forced abortions in China.

ACTION: Contact Human Rights Watch with your concerns: 350 Fifth Avenue, 34th floor, New York, NY 10118-3299, phone - (212) 290-4700, fax - (212) 736-1300, email - hrwnyc@hrw.org phone - (212) 290-4700, fax - (212) 736-1300, email - hrwnyc@hrw.org

LifeNews.com, 10/30/06,
<http://www.lifenews.com/nat2701.html>;
www.hrw.org/english/docs/2006/10/27/htm

Amnesty International Follows Suit



Amnesty International is coming under fire for considering changing its long-standing position of neutrality on abortion. The group is considering adding abortion to its list of human rights violations.

AI will likely have a discussion and vote on the issue at its annual meeting in Mexico City in 2007 but the debate is already heating up in advance.

AI could adopt the pro-abortion position by a consensus or formal vote or send the discussion back to its affiliates for further consideration.

The group would likely begin filing lawsuits on behalf of women in nations where abortion is illegal. AI's proposal says it will encourage NGOs who lobby at the UN to press for an international document saying abortion is a human right.



"Tiller the Killer" Probe Involves O'Reilly

Two Kansas abortion businesses have asked the Kansas Supreme Court to investigate state Attorney General Phill Kline and Fox News television host Bill O'Reilly. The query by the Overland Park Planned Parenthood abortion center and the abortion clinic run by George (the killer) Tiller concerns statements O'Reilly made during a Friday night program in which he claimed they were doing illegal late-term abortions. Kline appeared on the program.

During the program, O'Reilly announced that an unidentified source provided Fox News with documents showing the abortions were done at the abortion centers because the women involved complained about "temporary depression."

"Our information says that on almost every medical sheet — and obviously we have a source inside here — it says, 'depression,'" O'Reilly told Kline during the broadcast. "I don't know whether you have that information or not — I don't know — but that's what it says." That would make them illegal.

According to state law, abortions done after the baby's viability are only allowed in cases to protect the life of the mother or if continuing the pregnancy would cause "substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function."

Tiller devised his own method of committing late-term abortions on viable babies by injecting digoxin into the baby's heart then inducing labor. After several days, the mother delivers a dead baby who is then cremated in Tiller's own incinerator.

O'Reilly Factor, LifeNews.com, 11/6/06, 11/7/06



Some Abortion Statistics

About half of all U.S. women who had abortions in 2002 had undergone at least one previous abortion, according to a study released on Nov. 21.

Women who had repeat abortions tended to be over age 30 and to have more children, and most were using contraception at the time, the report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute found. The Guttmacher Institute is the research arm of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about half of the approximately 5.4 million pregnancies in the United States each year are unintended. More than 4.1 million babies are born in the U. S. each year.

The CDC said 854,122 legal induced abortions were reported to it in 2002, a number that has been fairly stable after falling steadily from 1996 to 2001.

Globally, 46 million women have abortions each year, with the highest rates in Romania, Cuba and Vietnam and the lowest rates in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland.

Read full Guttmacher report here: www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2006/11/21/or29.pdf Reuters, 11/21/06; LifeSiteNews.com, 11/23/06

More Statistics on Abortion



The U.S. did not legalize abortion in a vacuum in 1973. The Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research division, states abortion laws worldwide were undone "rapidly" between 1950 and 1985.

Guttmacher estimates 46 million babies are aborted worldwide each year. This means almost 1 billion babies have been aborted worldwide just during the past 20 years.

If current world population is 6.5 billion, as the U.S. Census Bureau indicates, all must acknowledge the profound impact of abortion on the human race, no matter where they stand on abortion.

11/22/06

Abortion/Breast Cancer Connection



Catholic Diocese of Phoenix Says No to Komen

The *Catholic Sun*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Phoenix, published an editorial in November, with Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's endorsement, calling on Catholics to protest the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's donations to Planned Parenthood.

The newspaper reported that Komen gave Planned Parenthood of Northern and Central Arizona \$25,000 for breast health education and early cancer detection after the Race for the Cure raised \$1.8 million in October.

Scientists agree that the best way to reduce breast cancer is for women to have children, starting at a younger age, and to breastfeed. By selling contraceptives and abortion, Planned Parenthood is denying women this breast cancer protection and perpetuating Komen's cancer fundraising business.

Planned Parenthood's records show that abortions have increased while breast services have decreased. Most Planned Parenthood clients are too young to develop breast cancer.

The *Sun* pointed out that scientific research links abortion to the later development of breast cancer, making it "tragically ironic" that a foundation dedicated to fighting the disease would support the nation's largest abortion provider.

LifeSiteNews.com, 11/6/06

Pill May Cause Breast Cancer



Oral contraceptives increase the risk of breast cancer by an average of 44 percent, a comprehensive analysis of world studies on the link between breast cancer and contraceptives has found.

Published in the *Journal of the Mayo Clinic* this month, the article examines findings from a careful analysis of studies conducted between 1980 and 2002. Entitled "Oral Contraceptive Use as a Risk Factor for Pre-menopausal Breast Cancer: A Meta-Analysis." The research finds an increased risk for breast cancer of 44%, in pre-menopausal women who took or were taking oral contraceptives prior to their first pregnancy, compared to women who had not used oral contraceptives.

Of the 23 studies examined, 21 showed an increased risk of breast cancer with oral contraceptive use prior to a first pregnancy in pre-menopausal women.

Dr. Chris Kahlenborn, lead author of the report, issued a press release from the Polycarp Research Institute. Kahlenborn said his entire team believes the standards of informed consent demand that women must be warned of the potential risk of pre-menopausal breast cancer before they take oral contraceptives.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer in women worldwide and the most common cause of cancer death in US women between age 20 and 59. The report pointed out that breast cancer rates have risen steadily over the past four decades worldwide, and have risen even faster in developed countries, especially among young women.

The study reinforces the 2005 classification of oral contraception as a Type I carcinogen (cancer-causing agent) to humans by the International Agency for Cancer Research..

www.lifesite.net/ldn/2006/oct/06102502.html

To view the article:

www.mavoclinicproceedings.com/pdf/8110/8110a1.pdf

Capturing at Child Predator at an Abortion Mill



In Arkansas, an unlikely couple helped bring about the capture of one of the state's most dangerous criminals.

When Detective Jimmy Long began investigating the rape of a 15-year-old girl, a tip led him to the Hope Clinic for Women. According to reports, the man accused of sexually abusing the teenager had brought her to the clinic for an abortion. For years, another couple, Daniel and Angela Michael, had spent their days trying to counsel women outside of the clinic. They also took photographs of people and cars in case anything illegal occurred. They kept every picture, including three of the vehicle that police were searching for. Thanks to their cooperation, Long was able to capture Jeffrey Cheshier and charge him with multiple counts of sexual assault.

Prosecutors were relieved to have the evidence, but were frustrated by repeated requests to the clinic itself. The clinic refused to turn over patient records on the grounds of confidentiality. Long was told he couldn't go to the abortion provider for records without first going to court and suing for the rights. This is the same dilemma that Attorney General Phill Kline faced in Kansas. After years of legal hassle, wasting precious time that could have been spent hunting down sexual predators, Kline was finally granted access to local records. What he found was a shocking paper trail of rape, molestation, and coercion--none of which had been released to police. Tragically, other medical records revealed that a few of the young girls struggled during the procedure but were forced to have abortions against their will. Without any government oversight, is it any wonder that these clinics are getting away with murder? In the name of privacy, young girls have been pawns in a political game. And unless we insist on tighter regulations for abortion clinics, these young girls will continue to suffer.

Family Research Council Update, 11/21/06

Stem Cell Research



Stem Cells Banks Receive Funding

\$12 million in contracts to stem cell banks that store umbilical cord blood to obtain adult stem cells for research have been awarded..

The Department of Health and Human Services provided contracts for six institutions to expand their inventory and create a diverse national holding of cells. This announcement follows the late September announcement of an additional \$10 million to build and connect these banks into a National Inventory of Cord Blood--accessible to any physician across the country for transplant use.

The contracts are a result of the Stem Cell Research and Therapeutic Act of 2005 which Congress overwhelmingly approved in December as an alternative to forcing taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research, which destroys human life. The bill authorized a total of \$265 million from 2007-2010 to stock cord blood cells and bone marrow cells, both of which have already been used to help patients, unlike embryonic stem cells. Rep. Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican and the leader of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, was the primary sponsor of the adult stem cell research bill. "These contracts will allow us to turn medical waste into medical miracles for huge numbers of very sick and terminally ill patients, who suffer from such maladies as leukemia and sickle cell anemia," Smith said.

LifeNews.com 11/4/06

ESC Can Cause Tumors

Scientists working with embryonic stem cell research on animals reconfirmed what pro-life advocates have been saying for years.

Researcher Steven Goldman and colleagues at the University of Rochester Medical Center said injecting embryonic stem cells into the brains of patients with Parkinson's disease would cause tumors. Goldman's research team has been injecting the controversial cells into rats that have the disease and the cells turned into tumors afterwards.

The scientists explained their findings in an article in the latest issue of *Nature Medicine*. They said the embryonic stem cell injections helped some of the rats but some of the cells started growing in a manner that would eventually lead to a tumor. "The behavioral data validate the utility of the approach. But it also raises a cautionary flag and says we are not ready for prime time yet," Goldman told the *Washington Post*. He conceded that considerably more research would need to be done to determine whether the tumor problems could ever be overcome.

LifeNews.com, 10/25/06

World News



UK Doctors Recommend Euthanasia for Disabled Newborns

England's leading physician's organization has generated a firestorm of controversy by suggesting that doctors use euthanasia to kill newborn babies who are born prematurely and have severe brain damage or major physical problems.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecology suggests killing the infants is preferable to any extensive surgeries or other treatments. The suggestion came in the form of a list of recommendations to the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, which is looking into ethical issues brought about by advances in medicine.

Euthanasia is prohibited in England but the Royal College insisted it be included in the guidelines and suggested that medical care for extremely disabled babies would be a financial, social and emotional drain on the parents. "A very disabled child can mean a disabled family. If life-shortening and deliberate interventions to kill infants were available, they might have an impact on obstetric decision-making," the group wrote, according to the *London Times*.

Lifenews.com, 11/7/06

Nicaragua Bans All Abortions



Nicaragua's national assembly voted 52 to 0 to ban all abortions, even in cases where the mother's life is at risk, reported the BBC Oct. 26. Nicaragua already had restrictive anti-abortion laws, with women and doctors

who take part in abortions facing prison sentences of up to six years.

Women's News Online, 10/29/06
<http://www.womensnews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/2941/context/archive>



1.5 Million Legal Abortions Yearly in Russia

The number of abortions in Russia is now about 1.5 million annually, just under the number of births there, which number 1.6 million per year.

However, despite abortion's legal status, women continue to be injured by it and as many as 120,000 women experience medical problems following abortions. The number has been alarmingly high for years as Russian women use abortion as a method of birth control.

New figures show that abortions are on the decline there, but some estimates indicate as many as 10-15 percent of all abortions aren't recorded by the government meaning abortions probably still outnumber births there.

Lifenews.com 11/22/06

Planned Parenthood



Al Gore Raises 300K for Planned Parenthood

Former Vice President Al Gore raised \$300,000 for a Minnesota Planned Parenthood abortion business at a dinner he addressed on Nov. 2.

The 2000 presidential candidate talked about a number of political issues but accused pro-life advocates of ignoring science on a number of topics. Gore primary has worked with environmental issues since losing his bid for the presidency. He said pro-life advocates also refuse to acknowledge certain scientific truths. He accused pro-life advocates of trying to "create their own reality" instead of "trying to conform policies and decisions to the best evidence," according to an AP report.

In response to Gore's claims, Bill Poehler, spokesman for Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, said pro-life advocates have science on their side. "There's no tension between science and the pro-life position," Poehler said. "It's a scientific fact that a unique human being begins life at conception, and so based on that scientific fact we believe life needs to be protected."

LifeNews.com, 11/4/06

Planned Parenthood Gives Fatal Instructions

A doctor who has reviewed the seven cases of women in the United States dying after using the dangerous abortion drug RU486 has admitted that it's possible the deaths occurred because Planned Parenthood gave women incorrect instructions.

When the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of the abortion drug in the waning days of the Clinton administration, it said mifepristone should only be used orally. Despite its recommendations, the abortion company told women to use it vaginally, claiming it would produce fewer complications. Planned Parenthood also uses a different dosage of the abortion drug than the FDA suggests. It wasn't until more women had died after getting fatal infections from the abortion drug that Planned Parenthood finally changed its policy.

Beverly Winikoff, MD, MPH, of the Gynuity Health Projects organization has authored an editorial on the abortion drug that appears in the latest issue of *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. She says she doesn't know what caused the abortion deaths but admitted that Planned Parenthood's policy change allows a review to determine if the abortion business' misleading directions played a part.

LifeNews.com, 11/7/06

Pro-Aborts File Lawsuits against CPC's



A pro-abortion group calling itself a watchdog organization has filed a lawsuit seeking information on federal funding of pregnancy centers across the country. The Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) claims that the government is funding centers that are providing misleading information to women.

CREW is one of several pro-abortion groups that have tried to tarnish the reputation of the thousands of pregnancy centers across the nation by claiming they are giving women false information about abortion's risks.

LifeNews.com, 11/2/06;

<http://www.lifenews.com/nat2714.html>

Wounded Women Sue Over Patch

Contraceptive Patch



More than 40 women sued the makers of a popular birth-control patch Nov. 1, claiming the contraceptive caused serious illnesses and at least one death.

One lawsuit alleges that 43 women suffered from blood clots and other health ailments after taking Ortho Evra, one of the fastest-growing forms of contraception in the U.S.

A second complaint claims that 25-year-old Kelly Bracken of Elk Ridge, Md., died of

severe blood clots in her lungs and legs after she started wearing the skin patch.

The lawsuits, filed in San Francisco Superior Court, name as defendants the drug's manufacturer, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Co., a Titusville, NJ-based subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson; and San Francisco-based distributor McKesson Corp.

Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2001, Ortho Evra delivers the hormones estrogen and progesterin directly into the bloodstream through the skin.

Similar lawsuits have been filed on behalf of nearly 400 women nationwide, Khorrami said.

In September, the FDA warned women that their risk of blood clots in the legs and lungs may be higher if they use the Ortho Evra birth-control patch instead of the pill.

The product label was updated to reflect the results of one study that found women using the patch faced twice the risk of clots than did women on the pill.

The case is Bracken-Hodge v. Ortho-McNeil, 06-457523; and Abel v. Ortho McNeil, 06-457524.

AP, 11/2/06;

<http://www.lifenews.com/state1937.html>

Children of God for Life

COG for Life has issued an urgent call to action! In a November 1 press release, the group made known that the FDA is issuing guidelines to the pharmaceutical industry for the development of vaccines using stem cells lines – both ethical sources and those that utilize aborted fetal cell lines. Furthermore, the FDA is inviting public response on the issue.

This is a unique opportunity for pro-life supporters to make their voices heard! A massive pro-life response to the FDA can help bring about guidelines that require the use of only non-objectionable stem cell lines in vaccine production. There are an abundance of ethical sources for such production which can and should be used so that all people can benefit from them without compromising their moral beliefs and pro-life convictions.

Please visit

www.cogforlife.org/fdaalert.htm for further information, a copy of the press release, downloadable bulletin inserts and suggestions and instructions for writing and filing electronically or by US mail. Comments must be submitted prior to December 28. Be sure to pass the information on to your family, friends and colleagues as well!

Children of God for Life Urges Parents: Oppose HPV Vaccine Mandate

Children of God for Life is joining other Christian leaders in urging parents to oppose a mandate of Merck's new Gardasil HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine. On June 29th, The ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) recommended the shot be added to routine vaccination schedules for children as young as 9 years old.

While the vaccine may be an effective method of preventing some types of cervical

cancer and does not use aborted fetal cell lines in its production – a primary focus of Children of God, the group noted it raises other moral concerns.

It is understandable why Merck wants the vaccine mandated. On June 5th, *Fortune Magazine* writer John Simons reported Merck would make \$2-\$4 billion dollars annually if the vaccine is mandated by the states. The shots, given three times over a 6 month period, will cost \$360.00.

While the vaccine may last up to five years Vinnedge believes that could spell trouble for unsuspecting young girls who may have a false sense of being protected when in fact, they are not.

On May 17th the *Washington Post* reported the FDA warning that, "any advantage the vaccine provides in protecting against the four virus types could be offset by infection by any of the multiple [over 100] other types of HPV that the vaccine does not cover." The FDA further noted five cases of children born with birth defects to women vaccinated early in pregnancy.

Linda Klepacki, a Focus on the Family analyst for sexual health, said in a statement to the Associated Press, "By giving its highest level of recommendation, the panel has placed strong pressure on state governments to make HPV vaccinations mandatory. If that happens, state officials, not parents, would become the primary sexual-health decision makers for America's children. That's the way things are done in dictatorships, not democracies."

Vinnedge urges parents to let their state lawmakers know if they oppose mandating the vaccine for school admission. "Once the ACIP recommends it, it is only a matter of time before the states will vote to mandate it."

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Protestant Couples Rejecting "Contraception Revolution"



Young Christian couples are re-thinking contraceptive use and Biblical teaching on human sexuality, in response to a growing awareness of the social damage caused by the sexual revolution, a foremost leader in the U.S. evangelical community told *Christianity Today* last month.

Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., is a theologian and ordained minister, serving as president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the leading educational institution of the Southern Baptist Convention. He said Christian evangelicals are questioning the effects widespread reliance on birth control has had on society.

"In the first place, this generation has now come to adulthood at a time when we can take some stock of the impact represented by the sexual revolution and by the easy access to effective contraception and birth control," Dr. Mohler said.

"And the burden now seems to be, 'What did all of this mean? What was the affect of the birth control revolution? What kind of changes in human institutions and relationships came as a result of the Pill? What about the missing

generation among us of children who would otherwise be present were it not for the easy availability of effective birth control?"

The previous generation's acceptance of a secular understanding of sexuality and marriage is no longer satisfactory to young people, Dr. Mohler said, who are challenging the separation between fertility and sexuality in the popular mindset.

"The second issue is, in this postmodern time, a recovery, among the young, of a Biblical ideal of marriage. They are doing their very best to rethink the basic questions and, in doing so, they are embarrassed by the easy, rather unreflective embrace of the contraception culture that marked evangelicalism in the 1960s and 70s. So they want to rethink all this.

"The third thing is, I think, a deep embrace of a Biblical notion of sexuality, post-the sexual revolution, has led many younger evangelicals to think seriously about this question, and all this adds up to giant question mark in the minds of many young Christians. Can we join the contraceptive revolution? And, if not, how do we think about these things in a way that will strengthen our marriages and be most pleasing to God."

Dr. Mohler said survey indications showing almost half of pro-life Americans support easy access to the abortifacient morning-after pill reveals the lack of consistent thinking among evangelicals on the issue.

"What we face are many evangelicals whose understanding of these things is rather superficial at best and largely influenced by the culture. And so they know how to answer the question about the sanctity of human life correctly, in the main, but they do not know how to apply that to the question of birth control."

Read coverage in Christianity Today:
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2006/octoberweb-only/143...>

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Pro-Abort "Catholics" People Should Refrain from Communion



A new report adopted by the nation's Catholic bishops calls on all people who support abortion to personally refrain from taking communion -- not just politicians. The report says everyone who is out of line with the important church teaching on abortion needs to examine their heart before taking the sacrament. The bishops adopted the new document on communion on a 201-24 vote with two bishops abstaining from voting. The document specifically makes reference to its application to all Catholics, not just candidates or elected officials. The bishops specifically defeated on a voice vote to only prevent pro-abortion politicians from taking communion. According to a Catholic News Service report, the document says a Catholic who "knowingly and obstinately" rejects "the defined doctrines of the

Church" or repudiates "definitive teaching on moral issues" should not take communion.

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- American Bioethics Advisory www.all.org/abac
- American Life League www.all.org
- Baptists for Life www.bfl.org
- Black Americans for Life - bal@nrlc.org
- Breast Cancer Prevention Institute - www.BCPInstitute.org
- Polycarp Research Institute - www.polycarp.org
- Britain's Society for the Protection of Unborn Children www.spic.org.uk
- Children of God for Life (monitors children's vaccines) www.cgl.org
- Elliott Institute (How abortion hurts women) www.afterabortion.org
- Feminists for Life www.feministsforlife.org
- The Heidi Group (Pregnancy Resource Centers support) www.heidigroup.org
- Human Life International www.hli.org
- Life Issues Institute www.lifeissues.org
- Life Decisions International www.ldi.org
- LDI's Planned Parenthood boycott list www.fightpp.org
- Life News - <http://www.lifenews.com>
- Life Site News - www.lifesite.net
- Pro-Life Literature www.heritagehouse76.com www.victorywon.com
- National Right to Life www.nrlc.org
- One More Soul www.oms.com
- Pharmacists for Life - www.pfli.org
- Population Research Institute www.pop.org
- Pregnancy Resource Centers www.pregnancycenters.org
- Pro-Life Information prolifeinfo.org
- Pro-Life Resources - www.interlife.org/pro-life.html
- Priests for Life - www.priestsforlife.com
- STOPP (Stop Planned Parenthood) www.stoppinternational.org or www.all.org/stopp
- Teachers Saving Children - www.teacherssavingchildren.org
- Texas Alliance for Life- www.texasallianceforlife.com
- Vida Humana Internacional (VHI) - www.vidahumana.org
- Violence Against Women - www.abortionviolence.com
- Youth - www.lovematters.com www.rockforlife.org

National Adoption Hotline

800-BABY-Due (800-222-9383)
Or, in Texas, call the toll-free Foster Care and Adoption Information Line:
1-800-284-5315

Natural Family Planning

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2026 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705
(512) 474-2757 or 1-(888)-590-2757
E-mail to: nfp@ifriendly.com
In Waco, TX call: Mitch & Liz DeLaRosa
Couple to Couple League/Waco
(254) 776-8501 nfpworks@sbcglobal.net
4129 Evergreen Circle, Waco, TX 76710

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National Groups:

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Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269Birthright
1-800-550-4900
CareNet 1-800-395-HELP
Catholic Charities 1-800-CARE-002
Good Counsel Homes 1-800-723-8331
Nurturing Network 1-800-TNN-4MOM
Pregnancy Hotline 1-800-848-LOVE
Resources for Women (to be connected to the nearest pregnancy resource center) 1-888-833-8996
Several Sources Foundation
1-800-NO-ABORT
Child AbandonmentProject Cuddle
888-6CUDDLE(628-3353)

Post Abortion Counseling

- Reconciliation and Healing 1-800-5-WECARE
- Redeemed for Life Ministries (headed by Molly White) Belton, Texas. 254-933-8416, www.redeemedforlife.com
- National Office of Post-Abortion Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Counseling - www.rachelsvineyard.org
- Operation Outcry (Silent No More) - www.helpafterabortion.org

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