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"As Americans, we are led by the power of our conscience and the history of our country to defend and promote the dignity and rights of all people. Each person, however frail or defenseless, has a place and a purpose in the world." President George W. Bush, Proclamation of National Sanctity of Human Life Day, January 18, 2004

The 10th District of the Knights of Columbus presents the

ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY

Where:

Gate of Heaven Council

224 Wall Street

Huntington, NY 11743

When:

Sunday, February 6, 2005

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

OPEN BAR AND REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

Unique Original Oil Painting Prize:

"Northport"

(From a recognized Huntington Artist)

Admission: Cash Donation / Baby Needs Gifts

Guest Speaker: Fr. Conrad,

Friars of the Atonement

Contact: Henry Rainone (631) 423-4784

Sponsored By:

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BIRTHRIGHT Inc. of Nassau & Suffolk

ANNUAL **COCKTAIL PARTY**

"Helping Moms & Their Babies"

Sunday, February 27, 2005 3:00-6:00 PM

PRIZES! FOOD! CASH BAR! MUSIC BY DANNY ROBINSON!

Sponsored by & held at:

Holy Innocents Knights of Columbus Council #3581 Jeffries Rd., Levittown, NY 11756

ADMISSION: \$17.50 per person Includes 2 free drinks, Buffet & Prizes.

Tickets available at Council or contact John Columbo (516) 735-0241.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU-SUFFOLK INC.

To volunteer at Birthright call 516-785-4070.





YOU'RE INVITED!

The Long Island Coalition for Life monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 28th from 7:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. Beginning at 8 p.m. we will welcome our guest speaker, Dr. Dan Farcasiu. Dan is active with the pro-life group at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, Glen Head, N.Y. He has worked as a research scientist all of his professional life and is presently working for a pharmaceutical company. Dan will explain his Embryonic Stem Cell Research Pledge and Petition project. A related article appeared on Page 2 of 1/05 LIFE NEWS.

The meeting will be held at the Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus Hall located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. For directions call 631-243-1435.

All welcome.

Correction and apology: Dr. Dan Farcasiu's name was misspelled on Page 2 of 1/05 LIFE NEWS.

BEWARE THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

The following appeared in Newsday, 10/30/04:

Graduates talk sex

By Rhoda Amon

It was brief as graduations go, though it had all the ingredients: the ribbon-tied diplomas, the proud parents, the laughter and the hugs.

But this ceremony had something more: The nine graduates, ages 14 to 17, got business cards identifying them as "Teen Advocates" - their reward for completing 40 hours of training with Planned Parenthood of Nassau County.

At ceremonies held Wednesday in the group's Hempstead Health Center, chief executive Karen Pearl reminded them of their mission to educate other teens to make responsible decisions. "You can reach more kids then we are able to reach," she said.

The Teen Advocate Project, called TAP, has graduated more than 200 teenage boys and girls during the past 20 years. "Not one has gotten pregnant" while with the program, said program coordinator Danielle Varney. TAP graduates, she said, provide "honest factual information" designed to prevent unintentional pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

The graduates, who become part-time Planned Parenthood staffers earning \$7 an hour, reach out to peers in schools, workshops, conferences, health fairs and teen hangouts.

Teens, who may have difficulty talking to parents or any adult, feel more comfortable talking about sex with someone their age, Varney said. "Our goal is prevention" of unwanted pregnancies.

After the ceremony, the Nassau teens talked

informatively over a chicken buffet. There were no self-conscious giggles.

"If you can't handle a conversation about sex, you shouldn't be doing it," said Erik Libonati, 17, of MacArthur High School in Levittown. He said he got interested in the program after a friend told him she had "engaged in unsafe sex with her boyfriend and was worried." He admonishes students, "Don't do it because you think it's a cool thing to do."

Rebecca Bailin, 16, of Levitown, has developed a Web site Q&A in which she gives frank answers. "Kids have told me it changed their lives," she said.

Varney, 29, said the program teaches young people "other lessons beyond sex education. They gain in self esteem and communication skills," she said.

"A girl has a right to say no," said Latoya Dixon, 15, of Uniondale. Her grandmother, Gale Biggins, 62, said she was glad her granddaughter was an advocate because "if she makes other children aware, it will keep her aware herself." Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, which includes Suffolk, has a similar program in Wyandanch called Teen Information and Peer Services.

Why does Planned Parenthood-the nation's largest abortion provider work so hard to become a "best buddy" to teens?

(See page 4 for related article)

Speakers Available

The Education Committee of Long Island Coalition for Life is made up of education professionals prepared to address all areas of pro-life concern. Call (631) 243-1435 to have speakers address your meeting, school, religious education class, church, or community organization.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On January 22, 2005, it was 32 years since the US Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the USA. How long will the media continue to distort the event of that day by stating that abortion in the first three months is legal. This often leaves the reader or listener to assume that abortion is not legal during the remaining 6 months. The real truth is that abortion is legal for any reason during the entire 9 months of gestation.

SOME ADULT STEM CELL RESULTS

Amazing recoveries continue to be reported by pioneering scientists and physicians using adult stem cell transplants to treat paralyzed patients. Hwang Mi-Soon, a South Korean woman, 37 years old and bedridden for over twenty years, was now able to take steps using a walking frame at an 11/25/04 press conference. Doctors injected stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood into her damaged spine.

The Canadian newspaper, the Montreal Gazette, writes about 23 year old Marie-France Coallier, confined to a wheelchair, unable to walk or feed herself and dying from a rare form of rheumatoid arthritis. However, 3 months later, she is up and running, hiking, working full time and loving every second of her new life. surgery she underwent in Royal Victoria Hospital "is actually an infusion of her own stem cells culled from her blood, purified, and then reinjected." This surgery was the first such transplant in Quebec. Doctors expect the procedure will prove useful for hundreds of those suffering from autoimmune illnesses especially infants, who respond poorly to conventional drug therapy.

A rheumatologist from McGill University Health Center who interviewed Mrs. Coallier expressed hope the bone marrow stem cell transplant ""will lead to other transplants for rheumatoid arthritis, but any arthritis would be a possibility." Source: Life Advocacy Alliance 2004.

THE CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Action-Sample Message: Please support the Child Custody Protection Act making it a federal crime to take a minor over state lines for a secret abortion in violation of a parent's right to be notified.

Action—Contact information:

US Senate, Wash., DC 20510

Ackerman 718-423-2154

Local Phone # DC Phone & FAX

Schumer	212-486-4430	202-224-6542/228-3027
Clinton	212-688-6262	202-224-4451/228-0282
US Hous	e of Representativ	ves, Wash, DC 20515
Bishop	631-696-6500	202-225-3826/225-3143
Israel	631-951-2210	202-225-3335/225-4669
King	516-541-4225	202-225-7896/226-2279
	y 516-489-7066	202-225-5516/225-5758
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For information on Federal legislation call John Healy 631-598-0430.

CORRECTION

In last month's column the statement was made that "cloning always kills a human embryo." This is incorrect as cloning actually creates an embryo. However, the most common reason used to justify cloning is stem cell extraction which always kills the embryo from which stem cells are extracted.

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION



On the first day of the 2005-2006 Session 22 representatives of the Long Island Coalition for Life Legislative Committee were in Albany speaking with members and staff of the Assembly and Senate outlining our pro-life concerns. Some of the information printed below was in the letter we delivered to the office of each Senate and Assembly Member.

Your intensive lobbying against "Clone and Kill" bills was successful last year causing this legislation to die in the Senate. Hundreds of calls and letters are needed again this year. Please educate your legislators and your friends concerning this issue. Feel free to omit sections of this letter if writing or calling. However, those who are able to make an appointment in their Representatives' local offices may want his information. In addition, see Page 4 of 1/05 LIFE NEWS, Health & Science: The Stem Cell Debate.

ACTION-Sample Message:

I urge you to support legislation BANNING ALL HUMAN CLONING, TO OPPOSE FUNDING OF EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH and to help those suffering from disease by SUPPORTING ADULT CELL RESEARCH.

The best kept secret of the intensive campaign for taxpayer funding of embryonic stem research is that more than twenty years of research using human embryonic stem cells has NOT helped one human patient.

There is simply no evidence—nor justification for expenditure of taxpayer funds—to support the killing of human embryos for cures that are extremely unlikely to materialize.

ADULT STEM CELL CONTRARY ON THE RESEARCH—WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN LIFE—HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED.

Adult stem cells found in umbilical cord blood, circulating blood, fat, and various other tissues are currently being used to treat genetic diseases in children, spinal cord injury, heart attack (and heart injury) damage, blindness, diabetes, Crohn's disease, Systemic Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Sickle-Cell Anemia and other diseases.

Contact information:

N.Y.S. Assembly N.Y.S. Senate Albany, NY 12247 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-4100 518-455-2800

Albany Bill Status Hotline 800-342-9860.

To discuss N.Y. State legislation call Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852.

HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT GETTING TO KNOW PLANNED PARENTHOOD



Jim Sedlak's STOPP International has monitored the Planned Parenthood organization for the past 20 years. The following is his analysis of Planned Parenthood Federation of America's 2003-2004 Annual Report. Surgical abortions rose to 244,628 in that year, an increase of 6.1% over the previous year. Planned Parenthood has aborted 3.5 million children since 1970. An estimated \$104 million of their \$302.6 million clinic income is attributed to surgical abortions. 138 children were aborted by Planned Parenthood for every 1 adoption referral. Even though Holly Patterson was killed by complications from an RU 486 abortion at a Planned Parenthood clinic, they (PP) continued to sell this pill over 95,000 times at 203 clinics. Government funding accounted for about 33% of PP's \$810 million income. For the past 18 years, Planned Parenthood has turned a net profit. The past year saw a \$35.2 million profit, bringing its total profits over the past 18 years to \$538 million. The number of Planned Parenthood clinics has decreased from a high in 1995 of 938 clinics to 849 this past year. Private donations decreased for a second time in three years. Contributions and bequests dropped 17% to \$191 million. Jim Sedlak stated, "This report shows the public is increasingly rejecting Planned Parenthood's radical agenda, but apparently our elected officials haven't gotten the message. Now is the time for Americans to expand the growing efforts to close Planned Parenthood clinics and to put pressure on politicians to stop the obscene amount of taxpayer money that is being funneled to the nation's largest abortion chain." (ALL Press Release 15 Dec 04)

A recent Consumer Reports rated two of the condoms Planned Parenthood distributes as substandard – the worst of 23 varieties tested. Planned Parenthood "distributes between 7 and ten million condoms a year and performs more abortions than any other business. The controversy has led some to speculate that Planned Parenthood's faulty condoms are likely to increase the abortion rate at Planned Parenthood centers. 'Increases in abortions, more money from taxpayers' pockets, and bigger profit margins – all while clinics are closing down and donations are dwindling. That is the state of Planned Parenthood.,' stated Jim Sedlak." (www.lifenews.com 1/10/05)

Delaware County Right to Life, (DCRTL) has been fighting a family planning educational contract that Delaware County, NY has with Planned Parenthood. Through the Freedom of Information Law, DCRTL learned that Planned Parenthood got \$300 per client to provide education about "family planning". Quarterly reports showed that PP infiltrated a county employment training program. From 10/2000 to 9/2003, PP "educated" 165 employees on "family planning" and "reproductive health". "Planned Parenthood is particularly interested in finding potential customers whose income would qualify them for government assistance for 'family planning' services. Thus, Planned Parenthood makes special efforts to integrate itself into the fabric of the county's social services structure by cultivating contacts within the social services department who are sympathetic to Planned Parenthood's goals...Planned Parenthood has accessed the...WIC Program... Here again we see Planned Parenthood positioning itself so it can gain access to lower income people, who are also likely to be eligible for 'family planning' services subsidized by tax dollars. Such targeting of the poor is completely consistent with the philosophy of Planned Parenthood's eugenicist founder, Margaret Sanger, who believed the human race could be improved if certain people used birth control so they would not reproduce." (Ryan Report, June 2004)

Planned Parenthood has a special task force to study how it will continue if Roe v Wade is ever overturned. One of the options they are considering is providing abortions where federal laws don't apply. These locations include Native American reservations, ships offshore (similar to the Women on the Waves initiative) and opening affiliates along the border in Canada.

"In communities all across the US, Planned Parenthood pushes itself as the provider of medically accurate sexuality education for our young people. PP gets into schools, Girl Scout troops, 4-H clubs and elsewhere, portraying itself as 'healthcare professionals.' A PP sexuality educator and peer education coordinator in Indiana has the following bio: 'Kelly...is a respected, forward-thinking leader in the sexuality community. (She) has had a wide exposure to numerous aspects of South Central Indiana's expression of sexuality. From her more unusual positions as an adult book store clerk, BDSM dungeon monitor and escort service phone dispatcher; to her more professional positions at the Kinsey Institute as a research assistant and associate archivist. and at Planned Parenthood as a sexuality educator, (she) has 'seen it all.' Her experience allows (us) to operate from a broader, more open definition of sexuality'...So here you have a person trained in the acceptance of sexual deviance and she is the one PP is sending to teach our children about sexuality! So Kelly not only gives talks to teens, she actually trains some teens to go out and preach to their friends. Wonder what they will say to their friends? Just read her bio again." (Ryan Report, Nov 2004)

"Federal regulators are suing PP, alleging the organization failed to act when a physician sexually harassed one of its employees. The Houston PP office also retaliated against the employee, Aymara Castro, by pressuring her to resign after she filed a discrimination charge...Several black and Hispanic male employees of PP Los Angeles have filed multiple complaints of racism against the organization, charging they were the subject of constant slurs in a hostile, anti-male environment controlled by white women... Another female employee, reacting to knowledge of racism at PP, said under oath, 'There was a sense that any employee who was not a white female was going to be carefully watched...I am an African American who witnessed and experienced it...It upset me because if they allowed her to call him one, they were probably calling all of the African American[s] nigger too.' The employee also corroborated the claim that PP prominently displayed anti-male propaganda throughout the office." (Ryan Report, Oct 2004)

At PP's Waco, TX 'Nobody's Fool' 2004 Conference, for children ages 10-14, parents were barred from attending because PP "knows that parental participation would have hampered its efforts to indoctrinate these children into its world of lies and propaganda...Children in grades 7 through 9 also received a free copy of the book, It's Perfectly Normal. This so-called 'educational text' is nothing more than pornography in comic book form. Planned Parenthood believes that it has the right to decide if our 12-14 year-old children should own a manual that contains detailed explanations on how to perform sexual acts (both with others and alone)...This is irresponsible at best and child abuse at worst." (Ryan Report, Aug. 2004)

Talk to your children and grandchildren – know who's 'teaching' them!

Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568



Sts. Philip & James Church
St. James, NY
Directly following the 5.00 Mass on
Saturday, February 12, 2005

The Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Family Spaghetti Dinner in the Auditorium. Dinner will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, soda, and dessert. BYOB (wine only please).

We hope to see you there!
Tickets are: \$8 per person
\$25 per family
\$7 for senior citizens

If you have any questions, call Betsy Carey (631) 862-9208 or Mary Ann Tangel (631) 979-6653. What Are They Learning? Sex Ed Programs and Their Effects on Students' Lives

❖ PLACE: Molloy College, Reception Room

Rockville Centre, NY

♦ DATE: Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 ♦ PROGRAM TIME: 7 PM

(Come at 6:30 PM for Light Refreshments)

PRESENTATIONS:

Prof. Dolores Edwards, Nassau Community College; Roosevelt High School

Testimonies by Students
Affected by Abortion
Contact:
Jane Gilroy
(516) 678-5000 ext 6139
jgilroy@molloy.edu

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NATIONAL PRAYER FOR LIFE

by Ed Brennan

We came forth from many quarters,
Two hundred thousand strong,
To focus our nation's conscience
On a gross and serious wrong.

O'er forty million babies
Were aborted from a womb,
A plastic bag their only shroud,
A garbage can their tomb.

No comrades fought on either flank
No sword or shield did fend.
Their country left them on their own.
...Along they met their end.

No caisson bore them to the grave,
--Less friends and floral, too.
For them no flags were set half-mast.
For them no bugles blew.

...We weep for this our nation, Which turns upon its youth, For its eyes are sadly blinded To equality and truth.

We pray for this our nation,
May this senseless slaughter cease,
So our God who gave it freedom,
May grant to it His peace.

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

SECOND ANNUAL SERIES OF SPEAKERS' MEETINGS

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD: THE FAMILY AND THE CULTURE OF LIFE"

> At—The Immaculate Conception Center 7200 Douglaston Pkway, Douglaston, NY 2 to 4 pm; Light Refreshments 1:30 pm

Sunday, February 13, 2005,

Father Thomas Berg—

Respecting Human Life at the Beginnings: The Current State of Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Cloning in the U.S.

Catholic Books will be available from the Sisters of St. Paul. Orders will be taken for taped speeches.

Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Ministry of the Brooklyn Diocese and the Joint Parish Respect Life Committee of Queens.
Call 718-939-6646 for more information.



The CHILDREN FIRST Foundation, Inc.

The non-profit sponsor of the Choose Life License plate in the tristate area is CFF, Inc. Become a member of CFF or call for a petition to obtain signatures for CFF's lawsuit against NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles to allow the plates to be made available. U.S. District Judge Neal McCurn has allowed the lawsuit to proceed.

For information contact 1-877 FUND ADOPTION www.fund-adoption.org

FEBRUARY 2005 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (M)=monthly (W)=weekly

Pro-Life Witnessing Sites

Prayer vigil schedules at Long Island abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. Please offer your presence and your prayers at one of the listed sites as often as possible. Please call the prayer vigil contact person at the phone numbers listed below before going to a site near you, and never remain at a site alone. PLEASE JOIN US & BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!

NASSAU COUNTY

Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Number	r (516)
540 Hempstead-Fulton Ave., Hempstead	Sa 7:30AM-1PM	741-3405	
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	Sa 10:30AM-1PM	798-2151	IMPORTANT:
175 Jericho Tpke., Syosset	Mon-Sat 8:30am-Noon	334-2569	Peaceful assembly on
123 Grant Ave., Ea. Rockaway	Mondays 4-5PM	887-2458	public property near
244A Old Country Rd., Hicksville	Wed 7-9AM & Sa 8:30-10:30AM	741-3405	abortion site is a lawful
444 Community Dr., Manhasset	Sa 8:00-9:30AM	546-0290	First Amendment
SUFFOLK COUNTY		340 0230	right & privilege.
Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Number	
70 Maple Ave., Smithtown	Wed & Sa 7-11AM	979-7017	5 (001)
2500 Nesconset Hwy., Stony Brook	Sa 8-10AM	751-8217	
595 Hampton Rd., Southampton	Fr 11:30AM	283-6829	
42 First Ave., Brentwood	Sa 8-9AM & 10-11AM	665-3630	PRAYER & WITNESS
			SAVES LIVES!

Pro-Life Viewing American Family Association cable TV-All Programs channel 20

Call Frank Russo 516-944-3544 or www.afany.org

- The Abortion-Breast Cancer Link -M 2/7, 10PM East Suffolk (RVHD)
- Key Issues Affecting American Families -W 2/9, 9PM Nassau & Western Suffolk
- ▼ Mark Crutcher's <u>LIFE DYNAMICS-'Life Talk'</u> tapes are shown as follows: Brooklyn & Queens -Ch. 34 (Time Warner) or 67 (Cablevision)- Every Mon. at 6PM and Woodbury Ch. 70 - every Friday at 8:30PM. In Hauppauge & Brookhaven - Ch. 20 every Thurs at 5PM. Riverhead-Ch. 20 -every Fr. 1:30PM. www.lifedynamics.org
- ▼ EWTN "Defending Life" with Fr. Frank Pavone W 5:30AM, Fr 10PM . www.priestsforlife.org.
- ▼ SKY ANGEL-Angel 1 Satellite TV: *(W) Priests for Life-The Gospel of Life M-3:30AM, Th 8:30AM Sa 7:30PM (EST)
- (W)Faces of Abortion Su 6PM, Tu 3:30AM and Fr 6:30AM (all CST)
- (W) Voices of Abortion (a Call-in talk show featuring women sharing their abortion experience) M-Th 1PM, Sa 12Noon (all CST)
- ▼ Channel 29 & EWTN Sa 3:30PM, "Rosary for Life".
- ▼RADIO Rev. Duane Motley, New Yorker's Family Research Foundation, Inc. www.nyfrf.org Riverhead 90.7 each 3rd Friday 8-PM WHPC 90.3 FM - The Catholic Alternatives, Mon 5PM & W 10AM

Fr 2/4 3/4	(M) 7:30-8:30PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd., Farmingville, NY
Fr 2/4 3/4	(M) 9:00AM MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE 4PM Benediction, St. Marks RCC, Shoreham, NY
Fr 2/4 3/4	(M) Noon-3PM & 6-9PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, 631-725-5915

Fr 2/4 3/4 (M) 7:30 PM BENEDICTION FOR LIFE St. Boniface RCC, Elmont

Fr 2/4 3/4 (M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park

Fr 2/4 3/4 (M) 3-7AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Su 12/12-7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770

Fr 2/4 3/4 (M) 8:30-10:00PM PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520

Fr 2/4 3/4 (M) 9PM-5AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Fr 2/4 3/4 (M) 8PM-9PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne

Fr 2/4 3/4 (W) 1:00PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540

Su 2/6 3/6 (W) 8-9PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, NY Su 2/6

♥2-5PM BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISING PARTY, Gate of Heaven Council, 224 Wall St., Huntington, NY. (page 1) Su 2/6 (M) DEANERY SIX PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR St. Raymond's RCC, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY.

Call Mary Caffrey at 516-887-2458.

Mn 2/7 3/7 (M) 10AM-4PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)

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(M) 8PM MASS FOR LIFE St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome Mn 2/7 3/7 (W) After 12:05 Mass HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE Notre Dame Church, New Hyde Park, NY Mn 2/7 3/7 (W) 7:30PM ROSARY FOR LIFE follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, NY 516-889-5318 Mn 2/7 3/7 (M) 9:30AM ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN & UNBORN St. Martin of Tours RCC, Bethpage. Mn 2/7 3/7 (M) 9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE Noon-Rosary, Vigil concludes with BENEDICTION FOR Tu 2/8 3/8 LIFE at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue Center, Hampton Bays, NY. ALL WELCOME 631-728-2311 (M) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration) Th 2/10 3/10 (W) After 7PM Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY 516-694-2938 Th 2/10 3/10 ♥6:30PM WHAT ARE THEY LEARNING: SEX ED PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFECT ON STUDENTS' Th 2/10 LIVES Testimonies by Students Affected by Abortion. Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY. (See page 5) (M) 9AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY Fr 2/11 3/11 Call Flo 631-874-2483. (M) ▼1-2:30PM BORO PREGNANCY CENTER MEETING for new & expectant Moms, held twice each month Fr 2/11 & 2/25 at 42-19 Union St., Flushing, NY. Childcare volunteers needed, call 718-961-4357 ♥6PM following 5pm Mass VALENTINE'S DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER, St. James, NY. (See page 5) Sa 2/12 (M) 3PM ROSARY TO END ABORTION, EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY Su 2/13 3/13 (M) 11:15AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Su 2/13 3/13 Floral Park, NY. 718-347-6070 **♥2-4PM EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CLONING SEMINAR, Douglaston, NY. (See page 5)** Su 2/13 (M) 10:30AM EASTERN LI CATHOLICS FOR LIFE MEETING & ROSARY FOR LIFE St. Rosalie Parish M 2/14 3/14 (M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown. Tu 2/15 3/15 (M) 9PM-6AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Chapel Massapequa Park Fr 2/18 3/18 Call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921. ▼RACHEL VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT at Kellenberg Retreat House, Uniondale, NY. For Men & Fr-Su 2/18-20 Women affected by abortion. Call Frank Gariboldi 631-243-2373 and www.rachelvineyard.org (M) 8-9PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY 516-541-3270 Fr 2/25 8AM-Noon - EXTRA HELP NEEDED! Donate an hour or more & help prepare March LIFE NEWS Sa 2/26 3/19 for mailing, St. Joseph RCC - GYM 35 Church St., Ronkonkoma. CALL for directions 631-588-4437. Attention Catechism Students - Confirmation Service Hours Can Be Earned by Helping Fold LifeNews! 3-6PM BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER, K of C Levittown, N.Y. (See page 1) Sun 2/27 (M) 7:45PM - L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING at Joseph Barry Council K of C, Hicksville, NY. (See page 2) Mn 2/28

LOOKING AHEAD - 2005						
Sa 3/12	▼LICL ORATORY CONTEST East Islip. For information call Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852					
Su 3/13	◆1:30PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Ronkonkoma. Pro-Life groups invited to March with their banner or to march with Families for Life. Call 631-588-0168 for information.					
Mn 3/14	♥7:30-9:30PM RACHEL'S HELPERS Rachel's Helpers will be starting another post-abortion reconciliation and healing small group beginning March 14, 2005 for 11 consecutive Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30 pm, using					
	Forgiven and Set Free, bible study. No fees. Held at Holy Family Parish, Utopia Parkway and 75th Avenue, Flushing. All calls are confidential. Register by calling 718-939-6646.					
Tu 3/15	▼REV. MOTLEY'S NYFRF LEGISLATIVE DAY 2005 IN ALBANY (See page 12)					
Tu 4/5 Tu 4/12	♥9:30AM NYSRTL COMMITTEE, INC. ANNUAL LOBBY FOR LIFE DAY (See page 12) ♥11:30AM-2:30PM N.Y.S. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRAYER RALLY 2005 in Albany (See page 12)					
Sa 4/30	▼ ECUMENICAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE 8:30AM Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary RCC, Centereach, NY. Car pool to Grace Baptist Church, Lake Grove and Procession to abortion facility at 2500 Nesconset					
	Hwy., Stony Brook. Prayer service at Grace Baptist with Pastor Haywood Tolbert presiding. Call 631-585-8760.					

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- Women's Health After Abortion: The Medical and Psychological Evidence, co-authored by lan Gentles and Elizabeth Ring Cassidy, 2002 provides up-to-date, comprehensive, encyclopedic coverage of the medical and psychological impact of abortion on women. The revised second edition, features a 2003 study demonstrating an increased breast cancer risk in women who abort a first pregnancy under age 20. Order online at www.deveber.org or send \$19.95 (plus \$5 shipping) per copy to: the deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research, 3089 Bathurst St., Suite 316, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6A 2A4. Bulk rates available.
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The above sign standing at the entrance to Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre, NY is visible to all walking and driving by. *LIFE NEWS* would like to print other Nassau/Suffolk "Safe Haven For Newborns" signs.

WHY: Many are unaware of the NYS Law allowing parents to leave newborns at "Safe Havens" such as firehouses, police precincts or hospitals. Prosecutors in both Nassau and Suffolk have said they would be reluctant to prosecute new mothers as long as their babies are turned over to a responsible adult.

Since this bill was signed in 2000 many babies have been left at "Safe Havens". We are also told of women coming to a hospital to deliver and then walking out and leaving the child.

Still, on 1/27/04 a dead newborn baby boy was found by workers as they sorted donations collected from clothing recycling bins in Suffolk County, NY.

Will you help to publicize the "Safe Haven" law? Perhaps individuals/community organizations would encourage and sponsor "Safe Haven for newborns" signs.

The Mineola, N.Y.-based AMT Children of Hope Foundation offers a toll-free hotline for parents of newborns at 877-796-HOPE. For AMT speakers for your community organization, church or school or for AMT posters, stickers and pocket cards call the AMT business office at 516-781-3511.

The Life Center of Long Island has a similar program called "Dumpster Baby Task Force". Their emergency 24/7 number for parents needing information on how to find a 'Safe Haven', etc. is 1/888/OP4INFANT.

The following is taken from:

Non-cooperation with Abortion Mills

By Father Pavone

National Director, Priests for Life, dated 1/12/2004

In 2002 I called for "conscientious objection" on the part of businesses of all kinds that might be called upon to service abortion facilities.

These articles pointed out that businesses, and the individuals employed by them, should simply refuse to provide their services to the maintenance of a killing center. The legality of abortion dies not create the obligation to participate in it. I called upon plumbers, electricians, office supply companies, delivery services, printing companies, lawn and garden companies, snow removal services, computer consultants, office machine repair services, sanitation workers, roofing companies, taxi drivers, security companies, lock and key companies, cleaning and maintenance services, sign and fence companies, food services, exterminators, and every other conceivable business to simply say no to any request to service an abortion facility.

That is why I, along with so many others, are so encouraged to see what is happening in Austin, Texas. The proposed construction of an abortion mill by Planned Parenthood is at a standstill because plumbers, concrete suppliers, and other workers refused to take part in the project. Eventually, because of this lack of cooperation, the general contractor had to pull out as well. Chris Danze, and "Texas Contractors and Suppliers for Life" have found broad support in the local community and the Churches, who have helped to implore businesses not to get involved and have told them that they in turn would not do business with those who are involved.

It is, in the end, all a matter of free choice. That's what makes the reaction of Planned Parenthood's president, Gloria Feldt, so odd. She describes this whole effort as "bullying" and "fascist tactics." She says they are "repugnant to democracy" and constitute "strongarming everybody else into adhering to [anti-choice] ideology."

But if free choice is valued in our society, why should those who oppose abortion be forced to participate in it?

NOTE: Go to Chris Danze's web-site at <u>www.</u> <u>boycottplannedparenthood.com</u> for the current status of the Planned Parenthood building in Austin, Texas.

Consumer Reports--February 2005 issue

Do you expect to see the methods of abortion described in a magazine rating Boxed Chocolates, Cell Phone Headsets, etc.? What value, if any, does Consumer Reports place on human life?

Many of our readers were horrified to find "Abortion Options" detailing current methods used to end the life of an unborn child as a subsection of the February offering titled "CR'S GUIDE TO CONTRACEPTION". Subscribers are encouraged to contact Consumer Reports at 101 Truman Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703.

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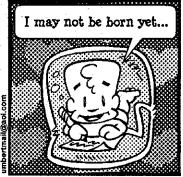
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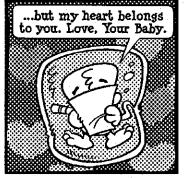
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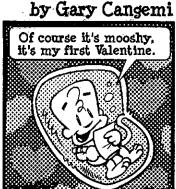
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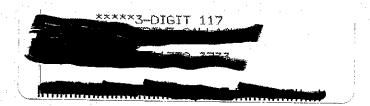
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¹ Bishop Rene H. Gracida, Corpus Christi, Texas. "A Dissent from the "Interim Pastoral Statement on Artificial Nutrition and Hydration" Issued by the Texas Conference of Catholic Health Facilities and Some of the Bishops of Texas." *Diocesan Press*, May 25, 1990, paragraph 2.

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