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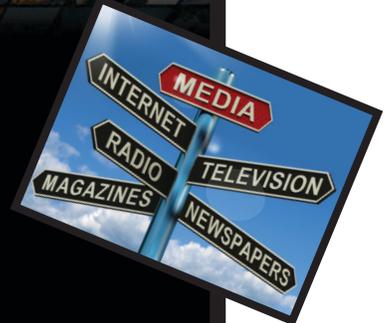
Right to Life -LIFESPAN's Fall Breakfast

Saturday, September 7, 2013

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Registration 8:15 a.m.

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Kristan Hawkins
Students for Life of America



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Legislative Update

On June 18, the House of Representatives approved a bill that bans abortions from after 20-weeks of pregnancy up to the day of birth.

The vote for the bill broke down on mostly partisan lines with Republicans supporting the ban on late-term abortions and Democrats opposing it.

The House approved the bill on a 228-196 vote with 6 Democrats voting for the bill and 6 Republicans voting against it.

The bill, if it receives a vote in the Democrat-controlled Senate, is not expected to pass and pro-abortion President Barack Obama has issued a veto threat.

But pro-life groups hope to use the measure as an election tool in 2014 in an attempt to wrest the Senate from abortion advocates.

Leading pro-life organizations issued statements praising the House for the vote.

"I would hope that stopping atrocities against little babies is something we can agree to put an end to," Rep. Kristi Noem of South Dakota said during the debate. "We're talking about babies who, if they were born

and simply given a chance, they could survive outside the womb."

Rep. Chris Smith, the head of the pro-life caucus in the House, spoke eloquently from the House floor.

"The brutality of severing the spines of defenseless babies—euphemistically called "snipping" by Gosnell—has finally peeled away the benign façade of the billion dollar abortion industry" he said.

"Like Gosnell, abortionists all over America decapitate, dismember and chemically poison babies to death each and every day. That's what they do. Americans are connecting the dots and asking whether what Gosnell did is really any different than what other abortionists do."

Another bombshell dropped during the hearing came from Dr. Maureen Condic, who is Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine. She testified that the unborn child is capable of reacting to pain as early as 8-10 weeks. This is when most abortions in America take place.

—LifeNews.com, June 18, 2013

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Steven Ertelt, founder, editor and CEO of LifeNews.com will talk to us about media bias and its intended and unintended effects on today's culture.

Join us for a wonderful breakfast and learn about some things you probably DIDN'T see or hear about in the media.

For more information or questions, please call: 734.422.6230 or 734.524.0162.

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Testimony of Jill L. Stanek, RN

HR 1797, Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee
on the Constitution and Civil Justice, May 23, 2013

When I testified before this committee in 2000 and 2001, it was to tell of my experience as a registered nurse in the Labor and Delivery Department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois, where I discovered babies were being aborted alive and shelved to die in the department's soiled utility closet.

Among other familiar faces I see today is Congressman Nadler, who was a member of the committee then. He said he was "appalled" by the incidents I described and found them "heart-wrenching."

Indeed, I was traumatized and changed forever by my experience of holding a little abortion survivor for 45 minutes until he died, a 21/22-week-old baby who had been aborted because he had Down syndrome.

Since then, other appalling stories of abortion survivors being either abandoned or killed have trickled out.

In 2005, a mother delivered her 23-week-old baby in the toilet at EPOC Clinic in Orlando, Florida, and was shocked to see him move.¹ Abortion staff not only refused to help but turned away paramedics, who her friend had notified by calling 911.² Angele could do no more than helplessly sit on the floor rocking and singing to her baby for 11 minutes until he died.

In 2006, Sycoria Williams delivered her 23-week-old baby boy on a recliner at A Gyn Diagnostic Center in Hialeah, Florida. When he began breathing and moving, abortion clinic owner Belkis Gonzalez cut the umbilical cord and zipped him into a biohazard bag, still alive.³

The Kermit Gosnell case provides further evidence that the lines between illegal infanticide and legal feticide, both via abortion, have become blurred. This abortionist was convicted only last week of three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of three born babies whose spinal cords were "snipped."⁴

Also last week came the revelation and photos from three former employees who allege that abortionist Douglas Karpen in Houston, Texas, routinely kills babies after they are born by puncturing the fontanel (the soft spot at the top of the head), or impaling the stomach with a sharp instrument, twisting the head off, or puncturing the throat with his finger.

It is easy to be horrified by heart-wrenching stories such as these, and to imagine the torture abortion survivors endure as they are being killed.

But it is somehow not so easy for some to envision preborn babies the same age being tortured as they are killed by similar methods.

Today, premature babies are routinely given pain relief who are born at the same age as babies who are torn limb from limb or injected in the heart during abortions. The World Health Organization goes so far as to recommend analgesia for preemies getting simple heel pricks for a couple drops of blood.

Likewise, prenatal surgery is becoming commonplace, and along with it anesthesia for babies being operated on, even in the "middle of pregnancy."⁷ Meanwhile, babies of an identical age are torn apart during abortions with no pain relief.

It must be that some people inexplicably think the uterus provides a firewall against fetal pain, or that babies marked for abortion are somehow numb, while their wanted counterparts aren't.

This thinking is better suited for the Middle Ages than for modern medicine.

Yet, while NARAL Pro-Choice America eventually expressed neutrality on the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which provides legal protection to born babies no matter what their gestational age or circumstance of birth, NARAL opposes legislation protecting babies of the same age from barbaric abortions after the point they are known to feel pain.

Abortion proponents attempt to portray abortionists who commit abortions past 20 weeks as rare. This is a myth.¹⁰ The National Right to Life Committee analyzed data published in 2008 by the Guttmacher Institute, which is an arm of the abortion industry, and found there were "at least 300 abortion providers who will perform abortions after 20 weeks LMP (last menstrual period)," and that of these, "at least 140 abortion providers willing to abort pain-capable unborn children at 22 weeks LMP (20 weeks post-fertilization)."

As for the number of late abortions committed in this country, no one knows. There are no standardized nationwide mandatory abortion-reporting requirements, and some of the most liberal jurisdictions, such as California, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., don't. Beyond that, it is questionable how many late abortionists comply with these requirements, and how much enforcement there is of these laws.

For instance, when the Elkton, Maryland, office of abortionist Stephen Brigham was raided in 2010, investigators found 35 fetuses in his freezer,¹² but there were no medical records documenting 33 of those abortions, much less state reporting.

The Gosnell Grand Jury Report¹³ states that from 2000 to 2010 Gosnell reported a total of one second-trimester abortion to the state. Yet he may have performed thousands during that decade.

No one knows how many abortions are committed after 20 weeks, so it is false for anyone to assert they are "rare."

It is also a myth that late abortions are mostly committed on babies with handicaps, although being handicapped is certainly no excuse for torture.

Dr. LeRoy Carhart, who commits late abortions at Germantown Reproductive Health Services only 30 miles from here, was just caught on tape by Live Action stating he routinely commits elective abortions at 26 weeks: "Saw four this week," Carhart quipped to Live Action's pregnant investigator, also joking that he uses a "pickaxe" and "drill bit" to kill older babies.

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Obama's War on Girls

This column by Students for Life of America President Kristan Hawkins originally appeared on CNSNews.com.

President Obama is waging a War on Girls by allowing young children to get Plan B without a physician or parent's care or knowledge. Use of Plan B does NOT reduce abortion rates, but it does increase a whole host of dangerous risks. This is not "reproductive justice;" this is child abuse.

Common side-effects of the morning after pill include nausea, vomiting, lower abdominal pain, fatigue, headache, and dizziness—not fun for your kiddo to go through—but, it can also have fatal side-effects because Plan B has been known to cause blood clots, heart attacks or strokes.

Most alarmingly, when emergency contraception fails and a girl becomes pregnant, which Plan B says happens one out of eight times, it triples the risk of ectopic pregnancy. Children cannot understand these risks and, without a doctor's supervision, an ectopic pregnancy could continue, every day becoming more and more dangerous to her health and life.

Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards was predictably excited about any attempt to sacrifice women and children's health on the altar of "choice":

"This is a huge breakthrough for access to birth control and a historic moment for women's health and equity. The FDA's decision will make emergency contraception available on store shelves, just like condoms, and women of all ages will be able to get it quickly in order to prevent unintended pregnancy."

The doublespeak in this statement is remarkable: "women's health" and "women of all ages." It is important to note that this decision lowered the age for obtaining the morning after pill over the counter from 15 years old and older to ANY age. This new policy does not affect "women," it affects little girls!

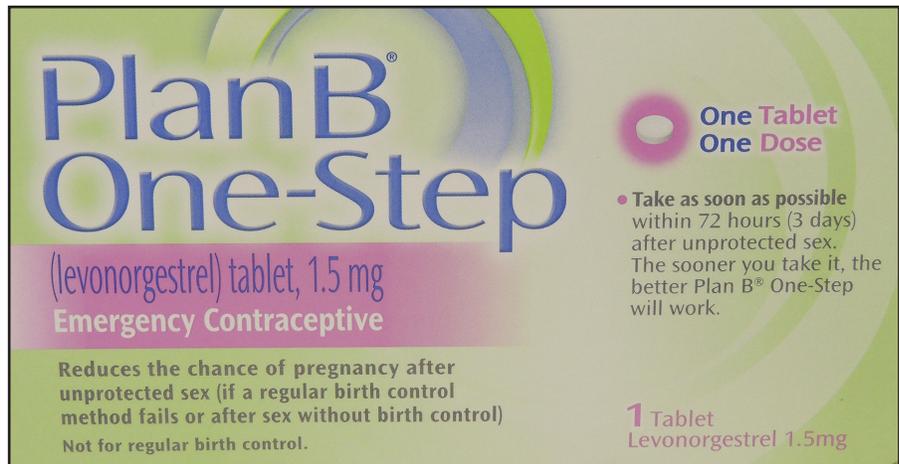
And, of course, Richards tries to emphasize the words "prevent unintended pregnancy" without telling you that it can also end the life of a pre-born child that has already begun.

Plan B® One-Step's website says it "works similarly to regular birth control pills," but with a larger dose. One of the primary ways it works is by "Altering the endometrium, which may inhibit implantation." Translation: it can cause abortions by preventing the zygote, a tiny human in its most vulnerable stage of development, from implanting.

The morning after pill is a megadose of the birth-control pill, which has been categorized by the World Health Organization as a Group I carcinogen. That's the highest possible ranking—cigarettes are also in Group I.

So why are drugstores required to put cigarettes behind the counter and ask for a photo id to stop minors from purchasing them, but President Obama is now ordering the morning after pill be sold over the counter to minors, next to candy bars and packs of gum?

President Obama has said in the past that his administration "could not be confident that a 10-year-old or an 11-year-old going to a drugstore should be able—alongside bubble gum or batteries—to buy a medication that potentially, if not used properly, could have an adverse effect. And I think most parents would probably feel the same way."



What has changed in the last year and a half to give him that confidence?

This is not a victory for feminism. It is perpetuating violence against women and rape culture by allowing rapists to continue to prey on children and then cover up their crimes.

Dr. John Bruckalski, an OB-GYN and advisor to our medical outreach organization Med Students for Life (Med SFLA), has said of allowing Plan B access to minors, "With partner violence at epidemic levels, the possibility for abuse of this powerful steroid in an at-risk population of our younger women is profound. This is another example of how medicine is moving away from the doctor-patient interaction because of political expediency. Abusive partner relationships [could] affect our children throughout their lives; increasing pelvic pain and infertility via sexually-transmitted diseases will increase because of this legal maneuver."

Dr. Mary Catharine Maxian, another Med SFLA advisor, agrees and says children "are also at risk of the severe emotional distress of a breakup after having done something very intimate with another person. It is also possible that the teenager is having sex because they are a victim of rape. The only one of these risks that is addressed by any form of contraceptive pill is pregnancy. Emergency contraception covers up very risky behavior. Making it available to anyone may cause us to miss the opportunity for parents to step in and help protect these

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A Pro-Abortion Reversal of *Roe*?

By Wesley J. Smith

Pro-lifers continually pray for the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. And with many on both sides of the abortion divide now agreeing that the decision is badly flawed, that could happen one day. But what if the overturn comes *from the other direction*?

The potent possibility of a “reverse reversal” (if you will) hit me while listening to pro-life lawyers discuss the current status of abortion litigation at a University Faculty for Life Association Convention, at which I had been invited to speak. Not being involved with abortion jurisprudence, I was interested to hear about the current state of the law in this contentious field.

Roe and its progeny cases, such as *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, left room for pro-life advocates to deploy subversive legislative and litigation strategies that have opened significant cracks in the once unbreachable judicial wall around the abortion right. For example, court rulings have permitted the outlawing of most late-term abortions, a ban on “partial birth abortion,” mandatory waiting periods, ultrasound testing, and building code regulation of abortion facilities—all contributing to a substantial reduction in annual terminations.

Almost as an aside, one of the seminar presenters noted the implacable opposition of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to this limited right to regulate status quo. Ginsburg believes adamantly that women are denied “equal citizen stature” by boundaries placed around access to abortion. Not only that, but in an angry dissent to the 2007 Supreme Court ruling upholding the federal ban on partial birth abortion, she (joined by Justice Breyer among the current justices) railed against the majority allowing “moral concerns” to “override fundamental rights.”

That sounded to me as advocacy for an unfettered right to abortion at any time and for any reason. So, I asked

expert anti-abortion attorney Clarke D. Forsythe—the senior counsel for Americans United for Life—whether Ginsburg’s view would abolish all abortion regulation. Yes, he told me: If the right to an abortion were based on “equal protection of the law,” as opposed to other constitutional standards, it would “permit no regulations at any time,” perhaps even, “requiring [government] abortion funding.”

In other words, even though the most well-known anti-*Roe* efforts are aimed at overturning the case to permit greater state regulation, a significant—if quieter—counter-push seeks to (essentially) overturn *Roe* by making the abortion right virtually absolute. At the very least, it would repair those cracks in the protective wall.

As an article in the *UCLA Law Review* supportive of the equal protection standard put it, “Crucially, once the Supreme Court recognizes that people have a right to [abortion] by virtue of equal citizenship,” the right would be “on a stronger legal and political footing,” making it far less susceptible to the current pro-life strategy of “chipping away.”

As if that weren’t enough, I thought about how *Roe* had permitted some limits on abortion based on the “important and legitimate [state] interest in protecting the potentiality of human life,” an interest that the Court ruled becomes “compelling” at the point of fetal “viability.”

But many powerful voices no longer consider “human life” to be a morally relevant category. For example, the mainstream bioethics movement argues that what matters morally isn’t being “human” but possessing sufficient mental capacities—such as being self-aware—to be considered a “person.” In this view, only persons have a right to life. Since a fetus does not possess personhood capacities at any time during gestation—contrary to *Roe*—the state has no interest in protecting fetal life even after viability.

Now, add a third element to the equation: *Roe* was intended to settle the abortion issue once and for all. It clearly didn’t do that. Many frustrated pro-choicers still dream of obliterating all impediments to abortion on demand.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo’s recently announced plan to permit the termination of viable fetuses to protect the mother’s “health” illuminates the potential path ahead. *Roe*’s companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, defined “health” broadly as including “all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age—relevant to the well-being of the [pregnant] patient.” Replacing “health” for the current life-of-the-mother legal standard for post-viability abortion, Forsythe warns, would harness *Doe*’s “limitless definition,” resulting in a virtually unlimited late-term abortion license.

Relevant to the overturning of *Roe* from the other direction, Forsythe says that, “As a matter of policy, Cuomo’s bill would do in New York what Ginsburg’s judicial view would impose across the nation.”

Finally, assume a United States Supreme Court in which Justices Clarence Thomas and/or Antonin Scalia have been replaced by Ginsburg-thinking replacements. A new 5–4 or 6–3 majority could then exist to make equal protection the primary pillar supporting the abortion license, perhaps also installing “personhood” in place of “humanhood” as the relevant legal standard for applying a right to life.

That—and not a pro-life reversal—could be the end of *Roe v. Wade*.

Wesley J. Smith is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute’s Center on Human Exceptionalism. He also consults for the Patients Rights Council and the Center for Bioethics and Culture.

—First Things, June 14, 2013



Lifespan Chapter News

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Petition Drive to Opt Out of Abortion Payments

A citizen's petition drive is underway to allow Michigan to opt out of paying for abortions in insurance plans when the Affordable Care Act (ACA) begins in January. We have petitions in the office. If you would like to circulate a petition among your friends, family members or co-workers, call the office and we will send petitions and instructions. This is a great opportunity to educate our friends and families about their right to NOT pay for abortion services and to motivate them to become involved in the pro-life effort.

Email Addresses

There is so much happening with pro-life issues that the only way we can keep you up to date in a timely fashion is via email. Please email us your email address so we can inform you of actions in Washington and here in Michigan.

Candy Bars

We hope that all the dads out there enjoyed their candy bars. Thanks to all who helped us with this project.

Miracle Continues

Our miracle baby, Brayden, weighing only 1 lb., 6oz. at birth is now a whopping 9 lbs., 1 oz.! He has also passed all his tests and evaluations for serious complications. So, Brayden is healthy and enjoying life with Mommy, Daddy and doggie. He is well loved by his extended family of grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. The family thanks each of you for all your prayers and concern, and gives praise to God for those prayers being answered in such a miraculous way!!!

—Great-great aunt Bev Bettega

Petition Drive

Please see back page for up-to-date petition information including date and time for an instructional meeting for the general membership. You must RSVP. Every petition is IMPORTANT, and LIFESPAN is counting on you to help us create an awareness that abortion is not healthcare.

Attention: Church Reps: If you have not responded to your invitation for a private instructional meeting, please call 734-422-6230 ASAP so we can accommodate everyone.

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Pro-Life Breakfast—September 7

LIFESPAN's annual Breakfast (previously called legislative breakfast, town hall meeting or pro-life

Thoughts To Ponder

Not that everyone has read the complete works of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, but the following quote is taken from that work and gives us all real food for thought.

"The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis."

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Hooray—the Entertainment folks are back in business, and we have 2013 books ready for the pre-sale event. Order your 2014 book now, at \$25.00 per book, and get a 2013 book, FREE, to use until November. Call the office to order 248-816-1546.

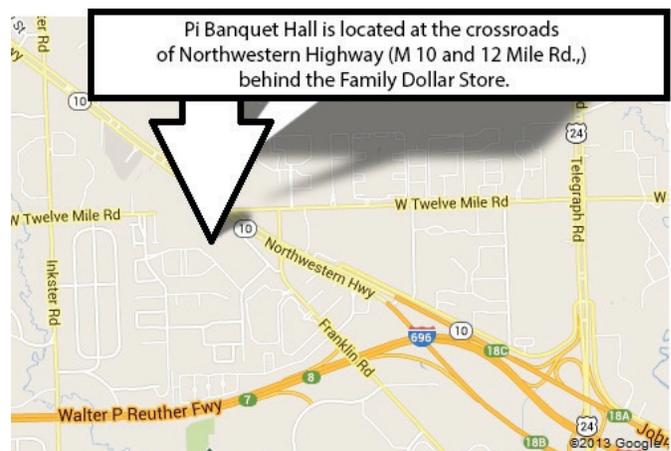
Fall Breakfast

Make plans to attend our Fall Breakfast, September 7, in Southfield. See pages 1 and 4 for details.

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breakfast) is now called the Fall Breakfast. It will be the same wonderful event that it always has been.

We are fortunate to have Steven Ertelt, founder, editor and CEO of LifeNews.com as our guest speaker. Steve is proficient in many subjects. Please refer to his article on the Obamacare's Death Panels on page 10. You have a great opportunity to meet this talented man. Questions and answers will follow his talk. Do not miss out, call for reservations today at 734-422-6230 or 734-524-0162.



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Wee Care

The sun is shining and the children are finally out of school—Summer has arrived! Hopefully, the weeks ahead will be filled with lots of fun things

to do. Need any ideas? How about an old-fashioned lemonade stand with profits helping our babies? It's not about the money, but about teaching children to care for others.

Anyone need Confirmation or service hours for school? Wee Care is a safe and happy place to fulfill them.

Garage sales, anyone? We can always use sleepers and outfits from 3 to 9 months, and it is fun to shop for babies!

Do you like to crochet or knit afghans? Before you know it, I will need to add them to my packages for colder weather (shudder—don't want to think about that)!

Or, maybe, you just want to daydream about how you or your church, organization or school can help us in the Fall. Little ones can collect teddy bears or blankets, students can have baby clothing drives, schools can charge \$.25 for a dress-down day, groups can have baby bottle coin collections, churches can sponsor Giving Trees at Christmas—the ideas are endless!

Whatever you do in the "lazy days of summer"—may they be filled with much laughter, many hugs and an abundance of God's blessings!

Love, Karen

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Youth News

Hello teens, college students, parents of teens, teachers and principals, school/parish/church Youth Group Leaders and Pro-Life groups, young adults, pastors, deacons, priests, and all volunteers who work with young people!

Thanks to all of you who have signed up to help with our **Used Book Sale** at St. Mary's Church in Royal Oak with set up, sales and take-down/clean-up duties! We most certainly cannot do this fundraiser without the help of young people and adults who are dedicated to the LIFE cause! Drop by the sale if you can on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday—July 11th-14th and check out the books! This fundraiser helps LIFESPAN's outreach center, Wee Care, with providing material assistance to the pregnant moms who have chosen LIFE for their unborn babies and helps fund pro-LIFE educational activities/events for young people like the upcoming "**We are the Pro-LIFE Generation**" Event.

Speaking of this event...If you are in 10th, 11th or 12th grade or are a college student or young adult who wants to be more actively involved with pro-LIFE work, please sign up! It will be well-worth your time and the 15 bucks to register! See the flier in this newsletter on page 2, and register on-line today! Invite others to join you!

Life Decisions International, located in Virginia, puts out an annual Boycott List that identifies corporate supporters of Planned Parenthood. So far, at least 294 corporations have agreed to stop funding them since the List was first published. To order a complete Boycott List, go to www.fightpp.org, call 540-631-0380, or write to **Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 439, Front Royal, VA, 22630-0009**.

Here are some samples of companies on the latest List: Adobe, E-Bay, Hilton (includes Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Hampton Inns, Homewood Suites), Levi Strauss (apparel), Marriott (includes Fairfield Inn, Residence Inn, Ritz-Carlton), *New York Times*, Southwest Airlines, Starbucks, Walt Disney and Whole Foods.

Even though summer is here, those of us who are working for the Life cause are still busy! Here are suggestions from Bryan Kemper of Stand True and Kristan Hawkins from Students for Life of America:

1) Start a youth prayer group at your local abortion clinic—Bryan says "if you and your friends can organize trips to the lake, the beach, the mall, etc., why not organize a trip to pray outside an abortion clinic?" Good point, Bryan!

2) Wear pro-life T-shirts wherever you go—why not be a walking billboard for Life this summer? You can also wear the Precious Feet pin!

3) Hold a car wash or yard sale to support your local pro-life organization / pregnancy help center. Great fun for an all-important cause!

4) Volunteer at your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office or at a pregnancy help center. They are always in need of young helpers! If you want to know where the pregnancy help centers are located and get their phone numbers to contact them, please call the LIFESPAN office at **248-816-1546** or **734-524-0162**.

5) Host a diaper drive/baby bottle drive at your faith community and donate the diapers/money to LIFESPAN for its Wee Care outreach to pregnant moms who have



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ObamaCare's Death Panels Will Be Implemented in Two Years Unless We Act Now

By Steven Ertelt

The Independent Payment Advisory Board is set to go into action later this year. The IPAB is a Medicare cost-cutting board of “experts” legally possessing the power to impose its advice, even over the desires of Congress or the president.

It has been derisively referred to as a death panel because so many have called for it to have health care rationing powers and because its decisions could result in cost-cutting measures that deny lifesaving medical treatment. The Independent Payment Advisory Board was one of the most controversial parts of the Obamacare legislation—mainly because it puts 15 unelected strangers in charge of health decisions for most Americans.

In the name of “cost-certainty,” IPAB would have the authority to limit which specialists you see, what treatments are available, and in some cases, whether you’re eligible for care at all.

Integral to the Obama Administration’s stated mission to drive down what Americans choose to spend for life-saving and health-preserving health care, the IPAB is charged with a key role in suppressing health care spending by limiting what treatment doctors are allowed to give their patients.

David Rivkin, a former Justice Department official during the Reagan administration who represented 26 states in challenging ObamaCare, and Elizabeth Foley, a professor of constitutional law at Florida International University, issued a hard-hitting piece in the *Wall Street Journal* [June 20, 2013] about how the IPAB is gearing up to launch.

Signs of ObamaCare’s failings mount daily, including soaring insurance costs, looming provider shortages and inadequate insurance exchanges. Yet the law’s most disturbing feature may be the Independent Payment Advisory Board. The IPAB, sometimes called a “death panel,” threatens both the Medicare program and the Constitution’s separation of powers. At a time when many Americans have been unsettled by abuses at the Internal Revenue Service and Justice Department, the introduction of a powerful and largely unaccountable board into health care merits special scrutiny.

For a vivid illustration of the extent to which life-and-death medical decisions have already been usurped by government bureaucrats, consider the recent refusal by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to waive the rules barring access by 10-year old Sarah Mur-naghan to the adult lung-transplant list. A judge ultimately intervened and Sarah received a lifesaving transplant June 12. But the grip of the bureaucracy will clamp much harder once the Independent Payment Advisory Board gets going in the next two years.

The board, which will control more than a half-trillion dollars of federal spending annually, is directed to “develop detailed and specific proposals related to the Medicare

program,” including proposals cutting Medicare spending below a statutorily prescribed level. In addition, the board is encouraged to make rules “related to” Medicare.

The ObamaCare law also stipulates that there “shall be no administrative or judicial review” of the board’s decisions. Its members will be nearly untouchable, too. They will be presidentially-nominated and Senate-confirmed, but after that they can only be fired for “neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.”



Once the board acts, its decisions can be overruled only by Congress, and only through unprecedented and constitutionally dubious legislative procedures—featuring restricted debate, short deadlines for actions by congressional committees and other steps of the process, and supermajoritarian voting requirements. The law allows Congress to kill the otherwise inextirpable board only by a three-fifths supermajority, and only by a vote that takes place in 2017 between January 1 and August 15. If the board fails to implement cuts, all of its powers are to be exercised by HHS Secretary Sebelius or her successor.

The IPAB’s godlike powers are not accidental. Its goal, conspicuously proclaimed by the Obama administration, is to control Medicare spending in ways that are insulated from the political process.

What hope is there of stopping the IPAB’s implementation?

While the board is profoundly unconstitutional, it is designed to operate in a way that makes it difficult to find private parties with standing to challenge it for at least its first several years in operation. An immediate legal challenge by Congress might be possible, but also faces standing difficulties. Unless and until courts rule on IPAB’s constitutionality, Congress should act quickly to repeal this particular portion of ObamaCare or defund its operations.

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Only two blocks from the White House, late-term abortionist Cesare Santangelo told a pregnant Live Action investigator he would kill her healthy 24-week-old preborn baby by snipping the umbilical cord,¹⁵ which is akin to cutting the hose of a scuba diver, causing death by slow asphyxiation. The website for his Washington Surgi-Clinic openly advertises dilatation and evacuation abortions up to 26 weeks.¹⁶

Having actually held a little abortion survivor, I cannot imagine standing there in the soiled utility room and tearing him apart to kill him. I expect the thought horrifies all of you as well.

But this is what is done to others like him on a daily basis, their excruciating fate determined simply by geography. Our nation makes progress when we put an end to senselessly disparate treatment of anyone, and certainly of the most vulnerable in our midst. It is time we apply this standard to babies on the threshold of life as well.

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Congratulations, Denise!

Raffle Winner!

The winning raffle ticket in Lifespan's \$10,000 Raffle was drawn at our Celebration of Life Dinner, at the San Marino Club, on May 7.

Denise Gorski is the winner of the \$10,000 Raffle! We are very excited for her and wish her the best of luck with her winnings. She plans to use the money for some home improvement projects.

Thank you so much to EVERYONE who supported Lifespan by taking a chance and buying a raffle ticket! Lifespan is truly the luckiest winner to have dedicated supporters like YOU!



Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, awarding check to Diane Gorski

Obama's War on Girls

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young girls from the other risks associated with sex. It is irresponsible not to care for the whole person. Our young people deserve better than for us to help them hide risky behavior."

Proponents want Plan B available over the counter, but studies show that access to the morning after pill does not reduce abortion or pregnancy rates—whether obtained before or after unprotected sex:

- **Advanced Provision of Emergency Contraception Does Not Reduce Abortion Rates**, in the *Contraception Journal* said, "No effect on abortion rates was demonstrated with advanced provision of EC. The results of this study suggest that widespread distribution of advanced supplies of EC through health services may not be an effective way to reduce the incidence of unintended pregnancy in the UK."

- **Direct Access to Emergency Contraception Through Pharmacies and Effect on Unintended Pregnancy and STIs** published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* began with the context, "It is estimated that half of unintended pregnancies could be averted if emergency contraception (EC) were easily accessible and used," but found that "compared with controls, women in the pharmacy access and advance provision groups did not experience a significant reduction in pregnancy rate."

- **Advance provision of emergency contraception for pregnancy prevention: a meta-analysis** from the *Obstetrics and Gynecology Journal* concluded, "Advance provision of emergency contraception did not reduce pregnancy rates."

Cutting parents and physicians out of the equation further increases the risks to young girls. Dr. Anita Showalter, an OB-GYN and frequent speaker on Med SFLA tours, explains why:

"Contraception management is an opportunity for physicians to counsel patients in regard to their at-risk behavior and test for sexually-transmitted diseases. A concern for the teen is immature decision making which puts their compliance and proper use of this medication in question.

While no one argues the need to decrease teen pregnancy rates, making it easier to get emergency contraception means teens are less likely to receive counsel, guidance and screening while engaging in high risk behaviors."

The bottom line is this: Plan B does not reduce pregnancy or abortion—the main reason proponents claim they want it accessible to anyone of any gender at any age.

But, it does increase the risk of cancer, ectopic pregnancy, and side-effects ranging from uncomfortable to fatal, which is made even more dangerous by cutting out physicians and parents from the equation.

This decision abandons our girls to rapists and child abusers and sacrifices their psychological and emotional well-being. This is the real War on Girls.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Summer has finally arrived, yet those of us in the pro-life movement never stop working in order to bring back a respect for the human person, from conception to natural death.

August 1st is approaching fast—this is the date that the "Affordable Health Care Act" (ObamaCare) will kick in. This is when we start to find out just how dangerous this is to the person who is "unwanted" and considered "a drain" on the family and, most especially, society. There are twenty thousand pages within the bill and its regulations, all controlled by the IRS ("the devil is in the details").

It's ironic that one of the reasons we have *Roe v. Wade* as the law of the land is because of the pro-abortion argument for choice. They argued that privacy and a woman's right to choose was her choice! The Supreme Court never considered the choice of the child in the womb. ObamaCare will have a database on the health care of everyone in the U.S. and that will be controlled by the IRS. They will make private insurance so expensive that people will change to the government plan, thus choice of health care will be out of our hands.

Just as in *The Roe v. Wade* decision, ObamaCare was argued on the basis of lies and deceit. It was done because our society has become lazy, ignorant of the facts and complacent to what is happening around them. Self-indulgence, fun and games are the priority.



This is real.
This rejection
message has already
been stamped on
physicians'
recommendations for
needed medical care.

Please tell your friends and family to WAKE UP before it's too late. Space of my column does not allow for the total explanation of the anti-life proposals in this bill, but they are there. Just to mention a few, we will all be forced into paying for abortion (killing of a human person). There will be death panels that will decide which older people get treated or who will not (this is already happening).

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Local Post-Abortion Syndrome Ministries

Brighton Pregnancy Hotline

810-494-LIFE, 866-611-8897

e-mail: info@pregnancyhelpclinic.com

website: www.pregnancyhelpclinic.com

Compassion Pregnancy Center, Clinton Township

586-783-2229

e-mail: info@compassionpregnancy.org

website: www.compassionpregnancy.org

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e-mail: info@detroitrachelsvineyard.org

website: www.detroitrachelsvineyard.org/

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248-545-3542

e-mail: madelynjc@healinghearts.org

website: www.carenetberkley.org

Lapeer Pregnancy and Family Care Center

810-667-0055 or 800-238-4269

website: www.prcol.org

National Post-Abortion Syndrome Ministries

Care Net Headquarters

1-800-395-HELP

e-mail: info@care-net.org

Fathers and Brothers Ministries, Boulder, CO

303-494-3282 or 888-546-0148

e-mail: (Warren) wlvms@comcast.net

Focus on the Family

719-531-5181 or 800-232-6459

e-mail: help@FocusontheFamily.com

National Office of Post-Abortion

Reconciliation and Healing

1-800-5WE-CARE

e-mail: noparh@juno.com

website: www.noparh.org

Rachel's Vineyard

877 HOPE 4 ME

website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

This list has been updated as of June 6, 2013 with the assistance of Mike Stack from Detroit's Rachel's Vineyard.

God's greatest desire is to forgive.

You are precious in His sight.

Do not despair. All is not lost.

Come back to God who is love and mercy.

www.hopeafterabortion.org

From the President's Desk

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It is the fear we had and warned about when we debated the abortion issue in 1970—allow abortion and the slippery slope begins—infanticides and euthanasia will follow! So here we are—we have come full circle, 40 years after *Roe*. We must never stop fighting for the cause. It is time to try again, to act, and attempt to stop the madness.

ObamaCare includes paying for abortion—the pro-life citizens of Michigan will try to get this excluded from the Michigan exchange insurance. We now have at our offices petitions to put into place an amendment to prohibit abortion coverage in the Michigan exchange policy. We have already voted against tax-funded abortions, but like everything else on this issue, the anti-life forces try other avenues to circumvent our vote. We must always stay vigilant.

Call our offices for further details. The petitions cannot be photo copied—we must send them to you or you must pick them up. The harder they make it for us to be proactive, the more we must fight back. Being passive pro-life citizens does not work—we must become militant defenders for the right to life cause. This does not mean becoming violent (we are the most non-violent group on earth today); it means to become engaged and do whatever you must peacefully do to change hearts and minds.

Diane Fagelman, President

Donations have been made—

In Memory of:

Jeff Courtney

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local Lifespan office.

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chosen to let their unborn babies live and for its Youth Outreach programs, or a local pregnancy help center. It's an easy fundraiser for material and monetary donations!

6) Literature distribution/public witnessing—Pick a public event in your community and organize your friends to pass out pro-life literature (baseball games, concerts, fairs, etc.). This sounds like a really awesome idea! LIFESPAN can provide you some materials to use or to have on an educational table. Please call the LIFESPAN office at 248-816-1546 or 734-524-0162.

7) Hold a pro-life youth rally or event at your faith community and/or start a pro-life youth club if there isn't one established already. You can host a pro-life movie night, research and give a report on a particular pro-life topic, etc.

8) Get everyone you know who just turned 18 to register to vote!

9) Use social media and the internet to share pro-life articles, photos, quotes and statistics. Regular postings will make a difference in educating your peers.

10) Help a local family—Do you know a young mom or family with small children who need help this summer? Offer to babysit, make a meal or two, or help with housework.

11) What ideas can you come up with? The Crusaders for Life Detroit group is doing a fundraiser for the 2014 Bus Trip to Washington, DC in January for the 41st March for Life. They will hold a "Cupcakes 4 Life" weekend in July. Baking and decorating the cupcakes are a lot of work but a lot of fun too! The end result will be great though because it will help those who need some monetary assistance for the trip; it will raise awareness about the March for Life; it will put smiles on many people's faces and the sweet treat will make everyone who gets a cupcake even sweeter! (ha, ha!)

Send photos to me of what you and your friends and/or your pro-life group are doing for Life this summer! Email: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org (put in the subject line – *Summer Youth Activity*). We'll include them in the September issue



Lauren Bennett and Caleb Marquard were married in early April. Lauren came on our Bus Trip years ago when she was a high school student. After graduating from college, she came on the Bus Trip as a Captain/Chaperone, leading her group of students from Mercy High School. She is

planning on leading students again in 2014. She is a wonderful, energetic, committed leader in the Pro-Life Movement! Blessings and best wishes to Lauren and Caleb!

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The dangers of ObamaCare's IPAB are real, as attorney Jennifer Popik of the National Right to Life Committee explains.

"The health care law instructs the IPAB to make recommendations to limit what all Americans are legally allowed to spend for their health care to hold it below the rate of medical inflation. The health care law then empowers the federal Department of Health and Human Services to implement these recommendations by imposing so-called "quality" and "efficiency" measures on health care providers," she says.

"What happens to doctors who violate a "quality" standard by prescribing more lifesaving medical treatment than it permits? They will be disqualified from contracting with any of the health insurance plans that individual Americans, under the Obama Health Care Law, will be mandated to purchase. Few doctors would be able to remain in practice if subjected to that penalty," Popik continues.

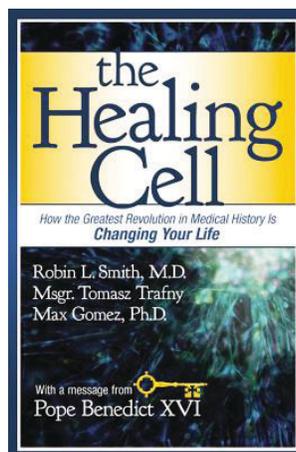
She concludes: "This means that a treatment a doctor and patient deem advisable to save that patient's life or preserve or improve the patient's health—but which exceeds the standard imposed by the government—will be denied even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it. Repeal of IPAB is critically important to prevent this rationing of life-saving medical treatment."

Republicans have taken steps to stop the IPAB, but the Senate must act or be held accountable in the next election.

—*LifeNews.com, June 20, 2013*

The Healing Cell

The Healing Cell, written by Robin L. Smith, MD, Msgr. Tomasz Trafny and Max Gomez, Ph.D., is easy to read, carefully researched, with a clear-eyed view of medicine many decades in the making that is now paying off with treatments that repair damaged hearts, restore sight, kill cancer, cure diabetes, heal burns and stop the march of such degenerative diseases as Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis and Lou Gehrig's disease.



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The federal health care reform law (Affordable Care Act or ACA), enacted in March 2010, requires that insurance exchanges be available in all 50 states by 2014. The ACA contains a special provision allowing the states to exclude

abortion as a covered benefit. The petition drive needs to happen in 2013 so that Michigan can be ready for the federally required health exchanges which begin in 2014.

Michigan's Constitution allows the people to initiate legislation through a petition. The petition seeks to pass the Abortion Insurance Op-Out legislation. The advantage of this approach is that the bill's language cannot be changed by the Michigan Legislature, nor can it be vetoed by the governor. Gov. Snyder vetoed a bill last year that would stop taxpayer financing of abortions under Obamacare.

Twenty-one other states have already excluded abortion coverage as a built-in "benefit" in the insurance exchanges. Abortion is not health care. Abortion ends the life of a baby preparing to be born.

No taxes for Abortion Insurance started collecting signatures in June. The goal is to collect more than 300,000 signatures in 100 days, thus finishing well in advance of the allotted 180 days. Once petitions are approved by the Board of Canvassers and submitted to the legislature, the legislature has 40 calendar days to act.

If a simple majority in both the House and Senate approves the bill, it becomes law without the governor's signature. The law would become effective 90 days after the end of the legislative session. —www.MichigansVoice.com

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