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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

News & Notes

Paralyzed Man Walks— Without Embryonic Stem Cells!

By Wesley J. Smith

“Embryonic stem cells are the only hope!”

Remember? Please do, because it was *always a lie* and the embryonic hypes knew it. And they castigated those who painted a broader, more accurate portrait of regenerative medicine possibilities.

Now, a paralyzed man is walking after transplant of his own olfactory cells. A man who was completely paralyzed from the waist down can walk again after a British-funded surgical breakthrough which offers hope to millions of people who are disabled by spinal cord injuries.

Polish surgeons used nerve-supporting cells from the nose of Darek Fidyka, a Bulgarian man who was injured four years ago, to provide pathways along which the broken tissue was able to grow.

The 38-year-old, who is believed to be the first person in the world to recover from complete severing of the spinal nerves, can now walk with a frame and has been able to resume an independent life, even to the extent of driving a car, while sensation has returned to his lower limbs.

More research is to be done, but it turns out that embryonic stem cell “deniers” were right all along. Color me not surprised.

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—*LifeNews.com*, October 21, 2014

She Immediately Regretted Taking Abortion Pill, Doctor Reversed It Before It Killed Baby

By Steven Ertelt

One of the most fascinating and little-known aspects in the debate over the RU-486 abortion pill is the fact that, in some cases, the abortion drug process may be reversible. It's not commonly known that the RU-486 abortion drug process can be reversed if a mother changes her mind about the abortion in time.

However, a protocol has already been developed for helping women who changed their minds about going through with a multi-day second-trimester abortion after it's been started. The process, which involves reversing a second trimester abortion by removing the laminaria, can be used as long as the abortion practitioner has not yet done the lethal injection that destroys the life of the unborn baby.

The protocol for these sorts of abortion drug reversals was created back in 2007.

The following is a story about a young woman named Rebekah Chaveste. As soon as she swallowed the abortion pill, she regretted her decision.

“I was crying and I was alone,” recalled Chaveste, a 20-year-college student who lives in the Sacramento area. “Thank God for smartphones,” she told *Catholic San Francisco*.



She was sitting outside the abortion clinic after taking the abortion drug and immediately looked online to see if she could undo her decision. *LiveActionNews* has more on what happened from here:

Sitting in her car outside the Planned Parenthood, “I googled RU-486” and found a website for RU-486 reversals, abortionpillreversal.com.

Chaveste thought it was fake, but called anyway and even though the website was for an organization based in San Diego, the woman on the other end of the telephone found a doctor nearby to help her, Chaveste recalled.

Abortionpillreversal.com is a website of Culture of Life Family Services which has a nurse on call 24/7, a toll-free telephone number (877) 558-0333, and a network of 200 participating physicians around the country.

Miraculously, Chaveste was able to save her baby (both are pictured above) because of a recently developed medical protocol that has been able to save more than half of the babies whose mothers had been administered the first pill for a RU-486 chemical abortion and received the reversal therapy. Chaveste's son, Zechariah, turned 1 on October 20.

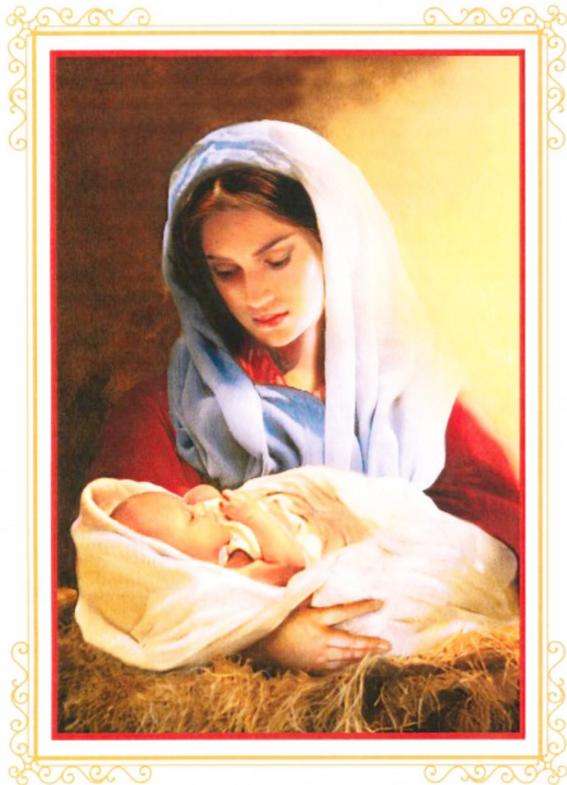
“There have been more than 50 deliveries of healthy babies with no birth defects after the reversal protocol and more than 100 other women are pregnant with apparently normal pregnancies after successful reversals,” said Dr. George Delgado, medical director of the Abortion Pill Reversal Program. Delgado is co-author with Bay Area obstetrician Dr. Mary Davenport of a medical journal article on RU-486 reversals, “Progesterone Use to Reverse the Effects of Mifepristone,” published in *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*, December 2012.

Women who choose medical abortion and regret it within the first two days before they take the second drug have a chance to save their baby, Davenport said. The RU-486 reversal procedure has been successful in 59 percent of cases from May 2012 to June 2014, according to statistics collected by the Abortion Pill Reversal Program, headed by Delgado and nurse manager Debbie Bradel.

—*LifeNews.com*, October 21, 2014

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Madonna and Child

This beautiful card depicts a profound image of the Madonna and Child that encompasses the wonder of not only bringing a Child into the world, but Her Son, Jesus Christ. The Madonna, in a red robe with pale blue, almost white, veil is unusual and striking. The detail of the Child, loosely wrapped in a blanket, is amazing. This outstanding rendition is on a high quality, smooth finish, ecru-colored card. Gold-lined matching envelopes are included in a box that coordinates with the color of the Madonna's robe.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 7-7/8"

\$17 per box of 20

Verse: *Once upon a Miracle
A tiny Infant's birth
Brought love into the world,
Heaven's Joy to earth*

*Celebrate Life
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

Wise Men Still Seek Him

This captivating card brings us the Nativity scene in striking detail. The bright star over Bethlehem draws the viewer's eye to the loving scene of Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus. From the three wise men wearing robes and head coverings that are accurate to the time period and contain vibrant, yet tasteful colors, including green, purple, red and blue, to the small shepherd boy and his flock of three lambs, the scene is rich in detail. White envelopes are included. This will be a card that you will want to continue to look upon.

Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

\$7 per pkg. of 10

Verse: *Wise men still seek Him
The Light of the world
The Lord and Giver of Life*

*May His love shine upon you
this Christmas and always.*



Both cards are made in the U.S.A.

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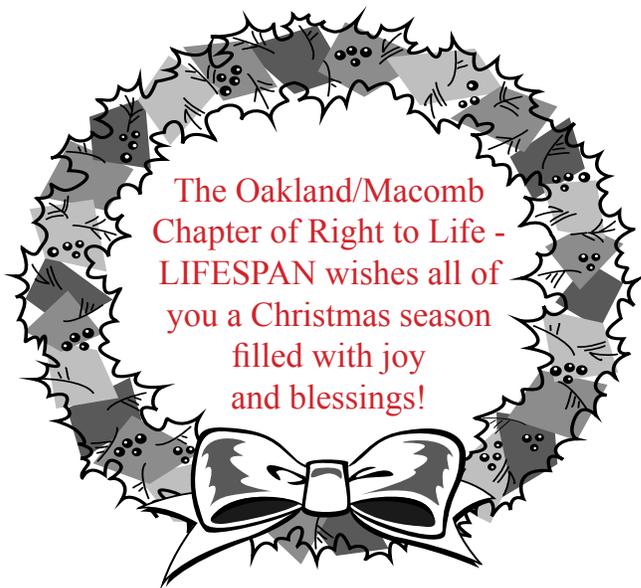


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Music plays
Energy rises
Relations visit
Recall good times
Yule log burns

Christ is born
Holy angels sing
Ringing bells sound
Innumerable blessings
Stillness of the night
Tangible proof
Miracle of birth
Acknowledge our King
Surrounded by love



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Happy Thanksgiving!

There are mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings who will be counting their blessings this Thanksgiving because they have had support, in one way or another, from LIFESPAN.

At LIFESPAN, we will be counting our blessings for all of you! We don't receive any federal or state dollars and depend solely on donations to continue our work. Without you, there is no LIFESPAN; so we will be saying thanks for YOU.

Whether you make monetary donations, buy Christmas Cards or Entertainment Books, donate goods to Wee Care, support the Movement in Motion Bus Trip or volunteer your time—YOU are amazing, and we are so very THANKFUL for YOU!

Merry Christmas!

Here are our Christmas gift list suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness
To an opponent, tolerance
To a friend, your heart
To a customer, service
To all, charity
To every child, a good example
To yourself, respect.

—Oren Arnold



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Wee Care

Oh my gosh! I can't believe the holidays are just around the corner! Well, actually, I can—once Fall arrives, my supplies really start to get scarce, so I look forward to Christmas, cross my fingers, say a prayer—actually a lot of prayers—and hope that my Christmas Miracle happens and my shelves are filled once again for our precious babies that are due in the new year!

There are so many ways that you can help make this happen! Churches can have a Giving Tree filled with tags with suggestions for baby gifts.

Businesses/offices can collect baby items or gift cards.

Preschoolers can collect small, cuddly stuffed animals, grade school students can collect warm blankets and cute sleepers and high schoolers can have a dress down day for \$1 donation.

Scouts, big and little, and American Heritage Girls can collect baby towels and baby lotions or bibs and tiny socks.

Afghans could be crocheted—we love them!
Someone could hold a Diaper Drive—we always need them!

A loving family could adopt another less fortunate and make Christmas happen for them!

The ideas are endless! From a tiny pacifier to a warm snowsuit, from a \$10 gift card to a beautiful handmade afghan or quilt—we appreciate anything for our little ones, and our moms are so grateful beyond words!

Christmas is such a special time of the year to help our precious babies. As we celebrate the birth of a very special baby, born in a stable and wrapped in swaddling clothes so many, many years ago, we can reach out to our moms (some of them—homeless) and provide warm clothes and soft blankets and so much more including your love—which means so much!

If you have any questions, please give me a call!

Love, Karen

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Lights for Life Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 2013

Place a Light on the "Lights for Life" Tree

Celebrate with us this Christmas Season, remembering those you love. In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, LIFESPAN invites you to help illuminate our "Lights for Life" Tree by donating a light in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love. Your tax-deductible contribution may be made throughout the Christmas Season. The Tree will be illuminated December 5 through the first week of January. **Join us for the Lighting Ceremony, December 5, 6:30 p.m. where we will join together to sing Christmas carols. The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz, 39050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, Michigan.** Contributions will be used to benefit projects like Wee Care, a LIFESPAN outreach program for moms and their babies.

Honorees' names will appear in *LIFESPAN News*. For more information, call **734-524-0162**.

Photos/video may be taken at this event and may be used on the web, in publications and/or other media. If you prefer that your image not be included, please contact Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Main Office at 734-524-0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.



Yes, please place lights on the "Lights for Life" Tree!

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Note "Lights for Life" on your check memo and mail to Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150.

Pro-Life Sidewalk Chalking at Oakland University!

By Mirna Awrow

Fifteen to twenty students with hectic schedules waited until 8 p.m. on September 11 to chalk positive, pro-life messages on Oakland University's campus. One member told me that she finished class at 3 p.m. and tried her best to kill time until she could chalk! That's pure passion that the pro-abortion students lack.

Organizing a chalking is a very simple way to reach a large amount of students with little time all while making a BOLD statement. On our part, all we had to do was purchase six buckets of chalk from Meijer (we got them on sale too)! We used social media and sent emails reminding the students that we will be doing this activity on campus beginning a week in advance.

We were met with hostility immediately after we were done chalking. Two students decided it was a good idea to take their water and dump it on our chalkings. Beyond that, they altered some of our chalkings into malicious phrases. I, along with the vice president and another member, approached these students and had a tranquil conversation about why it's so important that everyone should be able to voice their opinions. We told them that we would be okay with

them writing their own messages, but completely erasing what we spent over two hours doing wasn't fair. I told them that this reminded me of the Nazi book burning where writings were burnt if they had ideologies that varied from the Nazi Party. We made sure to be respectful throughout the entire conversation even though they weren't because we knew that they would only listen to us if we treated them with dignity. We shook hands and they proceeded to laugh and pour water. At this point we walked away, but returned ten minutes later and fixed their destruction.

As expected, the next day, we found some pro-choice slogans such as "My body, my choice."

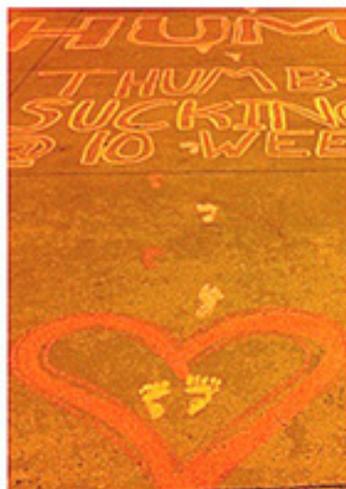
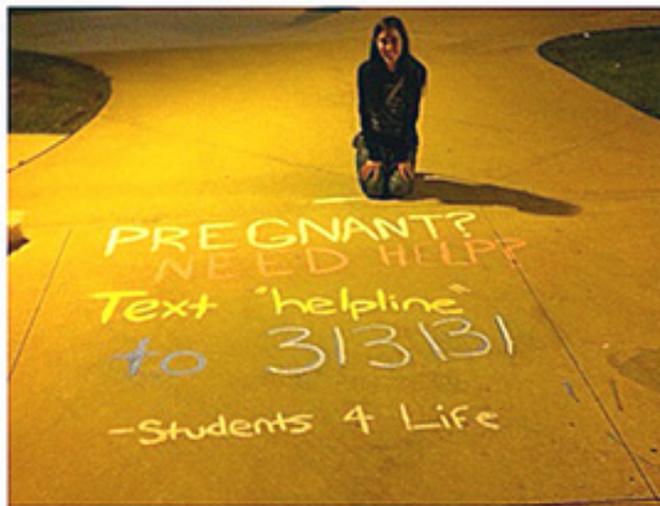
However, we will not be discouraged! We will continue to chalk in the future because people are



reading our messages. It's a good thing that people are reacting to what we are saying because it means that they have read what we wrote. Plant a seed and who knows what kind of plant will grow.

SAVE THE BABIES! :)

Mirna Awrow is president of Students for Life, Oakland University.



Sandra Cano, Doe of *Doe v. Bolton* Abortion Case, Passes Away

By Steven Ertelt

When most Americans think of abortion, they frequently refer to the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court case that legalized it. However, it is a lesser known case that helped make abortion so prevalent: *Doe v. Bolton*.

Sandra Cano, the “Mary Doe” of the infamous case, never wanted an abortion. But, like Norma McCorvey, the Roe of *Roe v. Wade*, she was used to topple pro-life laws across the country.

Cano had been critically ill in a hospital outside of Atlanta dealing with throat cancer, sepsis and heart failure.

One pro-life activist reports: Sandra Cano, Mary Doe in the *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court Decision a companion decision to *Roe v. Wade* has lost her battle with cancer. She passed away September 30, 2014.

As the companion case to *Roe v. Wade*, the *Doe* decision saw the high court define “health” to include “all factors—physical emotional, psychological, familial and the woman’s age” that may prompt someone to have an abortion. Pro-life groups have since opposed health exceptions in any pro-life legislation because it would essentially call for all abortions to remain legal.

Cano eventually filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn *Doe v. Bolton* but was unsuccessful.

Kristan Hawkins of Students for Life of America told *LifeNews*:

Most young adults in this generation don’t know about the companion case to *Roe v. Wade – Doe v. Bolton*, in which Sandra Cano was Mary Doe.

Both cases were instrumental in launching an entire movement dedicated to overturning both decisions and making abortion illegal. *Doe v. Bolton* specifically defined “health” as “all factors—physical emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age” which meant that a woman could essentially have an abortion for any reason whatsoever and claim it was for her “health.”



Sandra Cano became pro-life, however, and she wanted nothing more than to see her case overturned. Her fight is one that Students for Life of America will continue to fight for her. “We pray for her soul and thank her for her fight to end abortion in this country. May she rest in peace.”

Father Pavone of Priests for Life recalled that during a 1997 event at the National Memorial for the Unborn in Chattanooga, TN, Sandra said: “I pledge that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America.”

Calling her statement “a lasting hope for our nation,” Father Pavone said: “Sandra’s work to overturn that devastating decision that was based on lies will not end with her death. When life ultimately triumphs over death, Sandra will share in that victory.”

Cano told the *Catholic Register*, “It’s a nightmare to be connected to a case that I never wanted to be connected to. *Doe v. Bolton* allows abortion up to the ninth month. This case takes children’s lives.”

“Back in 1970,” Cano begins, “I had a very complicated marriage and had two children in foster care. I was pregnant and wanted to get my babies back from foster care. I was poor, uneducated and ignorant. My life was very unstable. I was in a survival

state. I went to Atlanta Legal Aid to get a divorce. Whoever was there to try to help me, I trusted. That’s how I became unknowingly involved with *Doe v. Bolton*. Never once did I know that we were going to kill babies.

“I can’t understand how a case like this could go to the Supreme Court without anyone knowing or speaking to me to find out if what the attorney was presenting to the court was true. I was so ignorant I didn’t know that there were two cases that legalized abortion.

“I ran away to Oklahoma to keep from having an abortion. They knew I was against abortion. Grady Memorial Hospital said I had gone before a panel of nine doctors and nurses to seek an abortion. I never sought an abortion. The hospital has no records because I never went to the hospital.

“It was only later that I learned that, through Margie Pitt Hames, I had sued Georgia Baptist Hospital to have an abortion.”

The Register asked how she discovered the truth and she replied, “In 1974, I went to Georgia Right to Life to try to find someone to help me. I told them that I was the woman who was involved in the abortion law, but didn’t know what it was about. They sent me to Fayetteville to seek help. On and off over the years, I would come forward, but when you don’t have money or people willing to help, a lot of people think you’re someone off the nut wagon.

“In the 1980s, I talked to an Atlanta *Journal and Constitution* newspaper reporter. She told me I had to prove who I was. I asked, “How do you do that?” She told me I had to go down to the court to verify that I was the person involved in the case. When I did that, they told me I had to go to the Federal Archives building. When I did that, they gave me this humongous book to look through.

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Sandra Cano passes away

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I didn't understand half of it. I was out of my league. "A week later, Judge Owen Foster called me. He told me, "I don't normally do this, but think you need a lawyer. We're going to be hearing your case." I found an attorney and went down to the court to unseal the records. After unsealing the records I wrote to the Supreme Court. They said that the statute of limitations had passed."

"They connected my name to a case that I never knew about in the beginning, never participated in, never believed in. I carried a guilt for many, many years. I was just a pawn," Cano told *The Blaze*.

—*LifeNews.com, September 30, 2014*

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POLST — More Alphabet Soup

Much of medicine today seems to be broken down into a series of letters, each representing a disease, treatment, test or prognosis. We have CBCs, CHF, COPD, PRN, HCG, and on and on.

One of the newest set of letters we now encounter is POLST. The letters themselves stand for Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment. That sounds beneficial, but a closer examination of the letters shows an unexpected explanation.

A POLST is document filled with the responses to a series of questions regarding treatment. The questions are generally asked of a patient by a "facilitator" about their treatment wishes. The patient's signature or that of a witness IS NOT REQUIRED AND IS OFTEN NOT SOUGHT.

After the questions are asked and recorded, the document is presented to a physician or other designated health care professional for his/her signature. This is not necessarily the patient's own physician, or any health care professional known to the patient. The document is then placed in the patient's record, frequently as the first document seen when the record is accessed. The POLST follows the patient to an extended care facility and even to his/her own home where emergency medical technicians must follow the directives.

Many POLST questions subtly slant toward non-treatment and refusal of life-sustaining treatment. Filling out a POLST document may render the agent a person names as his/her Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care powerless.

The dangers inherent in the POLST are clear. If the patient does not sign the document, there is no way to know for sure that the information given is what the patient wants. The issue of informed consent becomes quite "fuzzy" if the patient does not sign that he/she had really been informed. Patients are frequently asked to answer questions about health care when seriously ill and vulnerable. If the document is attached to the patient's records and he or she recovers from the initial illness, it remains in effect until voided. The next health care episode may have a whole different set of needs or the patient may have changed his/her mind about the original answers and yet the original answers stay in effect.

A POLST is not about ensuring that a patient's medical wishes are honored.

A POLST is not needed for treatment to be provided.

A POLST is presented at a very vulnerable time and little time is provided for thoughtful consideration. This hardly constitutes informed consent.

A prudent course of action is to be sure that a person executes a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, names an agent to implement the DOAHC if he/she cannot and to decline to answer questions or fill out a POLST.

For more information on end of life issues, please visit www.prolifehealthcare.org.

—Diane Trombley, Public Relations Director
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From the President's Desk



My Dear Friends in Life,
 It is time again to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. It has been a busy year and our work continues. My sincere thanks for your continued support.

This is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of a child who came to earth to give hope and purpose to a weary people. It is during this beautiful season when we renew our own commitment to our God, our family, and ourselves.

It is time again to renew your commitment to LIFE. The year 2015 will be our 45th year of working to promote a respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Although we have not stopped the abortion industry from killing our preborn citizens, or the Obama policies from targeting our elderly with future rationing of health care—do not be discouraged. They have not been able to stop the thousands of pro-life voices who have curtailed their efforts.

We are still here, and we will always be here because of good people like you. Whether you have helped with our LIFESPAN projects, helped at a problem pregnancy center, or prayed in front of an abortion clinic—you are engaged and you are part of this wonderful movement called, "The Pro-life Movement."

We will never give up, no matter how weary we become, not until we have brought back a respect for human life to this great country.

So take time out for the celebration of Christmas with family and friends. When the New Year arrives, let's rededicate ourselves and continue the good fight for LIFE. There is more work to be done, but with prayer, hard work and perseverance, WE WILL SUCCEED.

Blessings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Diane Fagelman, President

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