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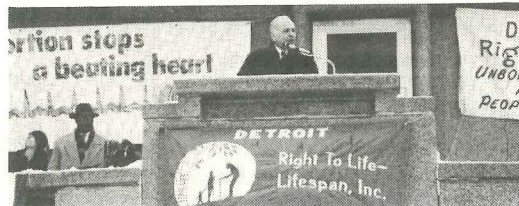


RALLY FOR LIFE

Sunday, January 16, 2000

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Downtown Royal Oak Municipal Area
(Behind Police Station, Next to Library)
at 11 Mile Rd. and Williams St.



News Notes

Man not guilty

In a case hinging on the legal definition of life, a San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge ruled that a drunken driver was not guilty of the vehicular manslaughter of a baby who was delivered prematurely after a crash and declared dead after hours on life support.

Judge Mary Fuller said Olivia Taylor Garcia did not meet the definition of a viable human being when she was delivered in the eighth month by emergency Caesarean section.

Therefore, Antonio Ortiz is not guilty of vehicular manslaughter.

—*Detroit Free Press*
November 25, 1999

Top 25

The December 6, 1999 *Fortune* magazine listed its third annual "Power 25," a listing of the top 25 lobby groups in the United States. National Right to Life (NRLC), for the third year, ranked in the top 10, coming in at number 8. National Right to Life is the only pro-life organization listed in the top 25 in this year's survey. No pro-abortion groups ranked in the final 25. "Pro-lifers should be proud that their effectiveness is recognized by Washington leaders," stated Wanda Franz, Ph.D., president of the National Right to Life Committee, "We believe that the strength of our organization is our effective grassroots network."



Good Day?

Woke up. Got out of bed.
Wanted donuts. Got
burnt bread.
Walked to school in
pouring rain.
Teacher seemed to
be insane.

Flunked a quiz.
Took a test.

Results of which were not my best.
Lunch looked great. Forgot my money.
This day wasn't very funny.

Tripped myself. Scraped my knee.
Friends were making fun of me.
After noon it broke my heart
When we had Gym instead of Art.

Walked home. More rain came down.
Mother said, "My, what a frown!"
At dinnertime I hoped stew.
Instead I got some bean curd goo.

Went to bed and with great care
I said a final evening prayer:
"It may surprise You as I pray,
But thank You, Lord, for this
great day."

—*From Miracle on Alaska Street*
by A. J. Wagner, an auditor for
Montgomery Co., Ohio

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Seeking Mother of the Year 2000

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, in May 2000, we will be honoring a "Mother of the Year."

We are looking for nominations from among our members or others for this tenth annual award. The nominee must be a resident of Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County and able to attend the award dinner (date to be determined) at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Nominations must be submitted in writing explaining why you feel this person qualifies for "Mother of the Year." Nominations must be received no later than noon, **Wednesday, March 15.** No nominations by, or for, Right to Life - Lifespan board members will be considered.

Our "Mother of the Year" will be an honored guest at the dinner. She will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a \$200 gift certificate to J.C. Penney's.

If your nominee is chosen, you will also receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket, and the nomination letter will be printed in the dinner program and *Lifespan News*. You will also be asked to read your nomination letter at the dinner.

In nominating the 2000 Mother of the Year, please include your name, address and phone number and also the name, address and phone number of your nominee.

Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year" to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152 for receipt no later than noon on Wednesday, March 15.

For more information on dinner reservations, call (248) 777-9090.

Pro-Life Student Essay Contest Winners

Three metro Detroit teens won savings bonds in Lifespan's Pro-Life Student Essay Contest on Abortion, Infanticide or Euthanasia. The first-place prize of a \$1,000 savings bond will be awarded to **Kevin Kardel**, 15, a sophomore at Trinity Christian Home School in Canton. Kevin is the son of Dan and Laura Kardel. The second-place prize of a \$400 savings bond will be presented to **Andrea Wilkins**, 17, who is a senior at Inter-City Baptist Christian High School in Allen Park. Her parents are Dwight and Reba Wilkins of Flat Rock. The third-place winner of a \$200 bond is **Megan Nichol**, 17, a senior at Clawson High School; Megan's parents are Tom and Kathy Nichol of Clawson. The savings bonds will be awarded at the Rally for Life in the Royal Oak municipal center, at 11 Mile Rd. and Williams St., on January 16.

We want to thank the judges who had such a difficult job choosing the winners from so many excellent entries: **Cathy Miannecki** is the president of Michigan Catholic Home Educator and the mother of four children, all of whom are home-schooled graduates; she also promotes natural family planning in the Couple to Couple League; **Charles Rivetto** is a Social Studies and English teacher at Waterford-Kettering High School and is a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Waterford; **Teresa Tomeo** is a local radio and TV commentator.

First-Place Essay A Gift From God

As I briskly walked down the hall to my mother's second floor suite at the hospital, I could not wait to see my newborn baby brother. I quietly opened the door and peeked into my mom's room. The nurse was standing over my baby brother giving him a bath. He was crying; small precious tears were rolling down his pink cheeks. He was the cutest baby: a true gift from God. He had thin brown wisps of hair to go along with the most adorable blue eyes. He had the most petite fingers that were balled up in a fist which waved back and forth as he cried.

laughed at the thought of having to play with dolls and attend ballet classes with my baby sister instead of playing sports with my brother.

Now that my sister is two and my brother is four, I have enjoyed watching them grow. I will never forget their cherished first steps or their attempted first words. Nor will I forget the heartwarming moment when my baby sister looked me in the eye for the first time and said, "I love you."

The gift of life is so precious. Just being able to experience the joy of life firsthand with my little brother and sister has impacted me forever. Why an individual would deny an infant of this wondrous opportunity is beyond me. Why abort an

my parents decided not to abort my brother or my sister. I can hardly imagine what life would be like without my two younger siblings. ■

(The following essay is fiction.)

Second-Place Essay A Deadly Choice

My name is Angela. Two years ago, I thought I owned the world. I was the head of the cheerleading squad of the second largest school in the state. My grade point average was far above average and so was my list of offered scholarships. I was popular and loved by everyone. Basically, I was the All-American teenager—until Jason.

We met at my friend's Fourth of July party over the summer. It was unforgettable. He told me he loved me and would never let me go—well, until September when he found out I was carrying his child. He dropped me like a hot potato.

What was I going to do? Eventually, everyone would know about the mistake I had made. So, I told my best friend, Jessie, and she suggested that I get an abortion. I thought it over, and it made perfect sense. It was the only way out. If my secret was let out of the bag, I would lose my scholarships, my future, and worse, my parent's trust in me.

So, I did it. I brought myself to terms with the fact that the only way to take care of my problem was to eliminate it. I walked into a "family planning" center (such a warm-sounding name, right?) and stood in line like I was waiting for meat at the deli. I was just supposed to walk in when it was my turn.

**Kevin Kardel, 15,
is a sophomore at
Trinity Christian
Home School in Canton**



Just two years later, I went through the same emotions. As I jogged down the hospital hall, thoughts ran through my mind about my new baby sister. I wondered what she would look like and how small she would be. I crept into my mom's suite and saw the tiniest person I had ever seen. She was resting adorably in her little bassinet. Snoring peacefully, she was lying on her back with her priceless arms resting by her side. Inside the bassinet everything was feminine: pink blanket, pink socks and a pink onesie. A tear rolled down my cheek as I tried to imagine what it would be like to have a baby sister. I

innocent child? If you did not want a child, you should not have placed yourself in that position in the first place. Plus, who gave us the right to play God? Who gave us the right to say "Oh, well. I do not want a child. It is not my life anyway." That child is alive inside of you. If I were to kill my neighbor, it would be unlawful, and I would be sent to prison; but if a mother aborts her child, she is free to walk away. Where do we draw the line? I believe that line should be drawn right when a baby is conceived inside a mother-to-be.

What an awesome gift of life that God has given us; I am extremely thankful that

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Right to Life - Lifespan 2000 RESOURCE BOOK

Advertising Contract

This book will contain informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for Lifespan's educational efforts. Fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included. **Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 15, 2000.**

Advertising Contract: I wish to publish _____ page ad for the sum of \$_____
Please run _____ last year's ad; _____ enclosed, new ad.

Full page (7 x 10) \$250 Back cover (inside) \$300 Back cover (outside) \$500	1/4 page (3.5 x 5) \$100	1/8 page (3.5 x 2.5) \$50
	Half page (7 x 5) \$150	

Please attach copy-ready advertising slick, business card, business letterhead or typed copy of ad. Black and white is preferred. Add an additional \$10.00 if ad is not copy-ready and/or a photograph is included in the ad. Payment must accompany ad and contract. All advertisers will receive a copy of the Resource Book. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.

A complimentary dinner ticket to the 2000 Mother's Day Dinner in May (date to be determined) will be given to any individual for every \$200 worth of new ads obtained for the Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the contract below when the ad and remittance is received by Right to Life - Lifespan.

Contact Person _____	Phone (area code) _____
Name of Advertiser _____	
Address _____	City _____ Zip _____
Ad Seller's Signature _____	Phone (area code) _____

Make checks payable and mail to:

Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152

For further information, call (248) 777-9090

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Second-Place Essay

A Deadly Choice

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Right before the procedure, the doctor assured me that I was doing the right thing and that I wouldn't regret it. I woke up an hour later feeling emptier and lonelier than I had ever felt before. I looked around me at all the tools used to perform these operations, and I suddenly felt sick to my stomach. I rushed out of the room and dashed toward the restroom. On my way there, I suddenly realized a black garbage bag just laying in a closet. Well, I have one of the most curious minds in the world, so I began to open it. It was full of dead babies. I began to sob and wail like a toddler. What if one of those babies was mine? It was no longer a blob of tissue, but a part of me—a human life. I took a real,

was the most frightened 17-year-old you have ever met.

I returned home, ready to face what would eventually have to happen: I would have to tell my parents. I walked through the front door and sat down next to my mother, the city treasurer, and my father, the pastor of the largest Bible church in our district. I looked them in the eyes, and all that passed through my mind was how humiliated they would feel, and worse, disappointed.

"Mom, Dad, I have something to tell you. This is not easy for me to say, but I have to. I had an abortion."

They did the normal reaction and cried and stayed silent, which is worse than being yelled at. But then my father wrapped his arms around me and said one thing. "God wants you to say you're sorry to Him and to realize that He is the one who can help you get over this."

*Andrea Wilkins, 17,
is a senior at
Inter-City Baptist High School
in Allen Park*

human life and terminated it to go along with my convenience. It hit me like a ton of bricks: you are a murderer. You have taken something that didn't belong to you, and you can never return it.

Three days later, I returned to school, after I got over the physical weakness resulting in my abortion. Jessie passed me in the hall. "Did you do it?"

"Yes," I replied. "I did it. But I want you to know just one thing. I have never felt so lonely, empty and shameful as I do now. And I know that I will have to face this guilt from murdering my child for the rest of my life. Not to mention I have done some research, and do you know what I found? There is a five to ten percent chance that I will never conceive a child again. And even if I do, the chances of carrying that child full-term and delivering it alive, are even less. So I just wanted to thank you, Jessie, for advising me to take a very permanent answer to my temporary problem.

She was dumbfounded. I just turned with tears in my eyes and walked away. I

I broke down. The only thing worse than letting my parents down, I now know, is letting God down. Right then and there, I humbled my heart before God and begged His forgiveness, and He gave it to me.

I am now nineteen-years-old and going into my sophomore year of college. I will never be able to get over what I did, but with God's help, I can get through it, one day at a time. ■

Third-Place Essay

America's Misguided Conception

Bob walked into a convenience store at 3:30 a.m. expecting the store to be deserted, but a young college student was moonlighting behind the counter. Bob was surprised to find an affluently dressed man buying some junk food and a magazine from the young woman behind the counter. She seemed to reflect the glowing radiance of the gold

band and small solitaire diamond on her left hand. She and the man were discussing her recent wedding of just over a year ago. Bob didn't pay much attention to this for there was a greater task at hand. Bob needed money—now. Just as Bob reached behind him to pull out his gun, the woman looked up. She saw the look in his eye and knew immediately what he was there for. "Give me the money," Bob demanded. She gave him all she had in the drawer, forty-three dollars, and the man gave him the twenty-six dollars left in his wallet. This wasn't enough, but Bob knew they had nothing more to give. He fired some haphazard shots in the direction of the two young people, which eventually killed them both. From the description they gave at the hospital, the police were able to eventually catch Bob and turn him over to the courts. Bob is now facing a trial where he is charged with three counts of second-degree murder. The third charge is for the young woman's expected child who died as a result of the bullets fired from Bob's gun.

When an expectant mother is attacked, and her unborn child is killed, she can successfully prosecute her attacker in a wrongful death suit. Why can she be successful when her child is not a child at all but just a fetus, a mass of cells with no soul or presence of life? Because an unborn child is just that, a child. They are a living, breathing, eating being that, given the chance, will grow into a teenager and give their parents joy and happiness. They will become a young adult and go through college and make a life for themselves outside of their parents' home. They will probably get married on a beautiful day that they will remember for the rest of their lives. A child is a child whether it is inside of a womb or outside it.

One of the several pro-abortionists who circulated the falsified 1972 figures of illegal abortions performed in hopes of legalizing the procedure had this to say about abortions after performing over 75,000 of them:

"Until birth, the fetus is invisible...if the abdominal wall of the pregnant woman were transparent, what kind of abortion laws might we have?"¹

The list of laws that protect an unborn child against unknown attackers is amaz-

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January Activities

27th Annual March for Life

On Saturday and Sunday, **January 22-23**, the March for Life Education and Defense Fund will hold a convention at the Hyatt-Regency Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Then, on Monday, **January 24**, beginning at noon, pro-lifers by the thousands, from all over the U.S., will gather for the 27th annual March for Life, with a Rally in the Ellipse, just south of the White House. The March proceeds along Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court. After the March, participants are urged to lobby their legislators. Afterwards, a Rose Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.; the cost is \$65.

For more information about the Convention, March, Rose Dinner or accommodations, call **(202) LIFE-377**.

Youth bus trip to Washington

The Lifespan Oakland/Macomb Chapter has chartered a bus for a trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. It will be leaving the Troy office the night of January 23rd, and arrive in D.C. the

morning of the 24th. It will depart Washington, the evening of the 24th and return to the Troy office by 7:00 a.m. on the 25th. There will be one adult for every six youth; the cost is \$70 per person. Call **(248) 816-1546** for more information.

Say it with roses!

In conjunction with March for Life activities, live red roses will be delivered to each Member of Congress, the Supreme Court, the President and Vice President, along with an individualized letter to educate them about the humanity of each unborn child. If you too would like to "say it with roses," send your name, address, city, state, zip and phone, along with a tax-deductible contribution (\$3.00 per rose is suggested), to MARCH FOR LIFE, Box 90300, Washington, D. C. 20090.

Memorial candles

Pro-life homes across the metro area will remember the millions of aborted babies by burning candles the evening of **January 21**.

Right to Life - Lifespan chapter offices have candles for your use; contact your local

office for information and/or to obtain the luminaries for yourself or members of your church.

Bells for babies

Throughout the country, many churches will be ringing their bells at 12:00 noon on Friday, **January 22**. You may wish to ask your church to participate in ringing their bells on this occasion. We urge you to pray at this time, asking God to heal our land.

Mass for the unborn

A Mass for the Unborn will be said at St. Raphael Church, on the west side of Merriman Rd., just north of Ford Rd., in Garden City, on Friday, **January 21**.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 p.m. A Rosary will be said at 6:00 p.m. and Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m.

(There will be no first Wednesday Mass for the Unborn in January or February.)

27th Annual Rally for Life

Sunday, January 16 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Royal Oak Municipal Center
(Behind Police Station, Next to Library)
at 11 Mile Rd. and Williams St.

An outdoor Rally will be held on Sunday, January 16, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the downtown Royal Oak municipal center at 11 Mile Rd. and Williams St., behind the Royal Oak Police Station and next to the library.

This 27th annual pro-life rally is hosted by Right to Life - Lifespan. This year's Rally will feature several guest speakers. The Lifespan Student Essay Awards will also be presented, and we will again enjoy the music of Richard Hovey and the Midnight Choir.

We would like all those who believe in the sanctity of human life to be present for this occasion. For more information, call **(248) 777-9090**.





Chapter

Office hours

MW 10-2; TThF Closed
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Mgr.

Thank you, faithful church reps

To all those who worked so hard to sell our Christmas cards and gave so generously of their time and to all of you who bought our cards, we extend our most heartfelt thanks. Special thanks to our eastside card distributor, Betty Queen. Betty has lovingly been in charge of this important fundraiser for the past umpteen years. We couldn't have done it without you! May the New Year bring all of you the best of health and happiness. God bless.

Rally for Life

Lifespan needs you, your family, your friends, your church and your organizations to come to Lifespan's Rally for Life on January 16. We must send a powerful message to the people of metro Detroit that...No, after 27 years, we are NOT discouraged, we will NOT give up on our pro-life struggle until all of our citizens are guaranteed the Right to Life which is stated in our U.S. Constitution. The Rally will only take an hour of your time and you may just help save a life. See details on front cover and enclosed flier.

Membership renewal

Make it a New Year's resolution to renew your membership in Lifespan and also to ask a friend to become a new member. The news media is known for its biased reporting on most pro-life issues.

Through membership in Lifespan, you will be updated on all life issues. Renew today; call (313) 640-8534.

Church reps needed

Lifespan Detroit has 85 churches which receive our monthly church bulletin notices, but out of those 85 churches, we have only 25 representatives. If you belong to a pro-life church, but your church does not have a Lifespan rep, please consider becoming one. Without our church reps, we wouldn't be able to educate a city that desperately needs to hear the pro-life message. Consider becoming a church rep, call (313) 640-8534.

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New Year news

The news for this New Year is familiar—it is our wish that you each enjoy a year filled with peace, happiness and good health.

For our country, our wish is also familiar—that all members of our human family find protection and respect within our Constitution.

We not only celebrate a new year, but the beginning of a new century. Let us work toward making this century one that values all human life and that we find better ways of solving human problems than by destroying human life. We can do it!

Lights of love

There is still time to order candle luminaries for display on the eve of January 22. Lighting these candles is a visible way to remember those lives that have been touched by an abortion decision. These decisions are made so often because people sense a lack of love in their lives. Lighting these candles offers a little "light of love" that can provide encouragement to those in darkness. The candles can be ordered from the Oakland/Macomb office.

Cross caretaker

Our crosses need a little attention. They must be inspected to determine what repairs, if any, are required and to be sure that the entire display is ready when needed. If anyone has a few hours to spare to do the inspecting, we would be so grateful. Please call the Oakland/Macomb office.

Drivers desired

We also have a need for someone who can bring things from our Oakland/Macomb office to the other Lifespan of-

fices. This is an occasional kind of thing—done at your convenience. Items brought to the Oakland/Macomb office for Wee Care need to be taken to the Seven Mile Rd. office; fliers and stationery often need to come from the Livonia office on Schoolcraft Rd. to our office. It doesn't happen every day, but to know there is someone we could call on when needed would be a tremendous help. If you are that someone, please call the office.

Christmas card cascade

In this case, the cascade is the number of people who purchased the 1999 Christmas cards. You turned out in record numbers, and our card season was a great success. Thanks to all who purchased and all who sold the cards. Your efforts brought Lifespan's name and message to thousands of people.

Oakland/Macomb Chapter

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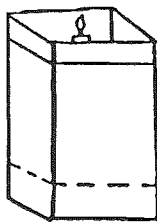
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M-Th 10-4; F Closed
Patricia Holscher, Director
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

Light a candle for LIFE

Join other pro-lifers by placing a luminary outside your home on the evening of Friday, January 21, 2000, to burn throughout the night. This custom acknowledges that 38 million babies have been killed through abortion since the January 22, 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which allowed abortion on demand throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy.

Kits include a candle, bag and instructions. All you need for the bottom of the bag to weigh it down is a little sand, kitty litter, potting soil or baking soda.



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← sand level

Call now to reserve candle kits for personal use or for church congregations. This is not a fundraiser; though donations are gladly accepted, they are not tax-deductible.

Thanks, supporters

The 1999 Christmas card season was a great success mainly due to the cooperation of many pastors, church representatives, distributors and helpers who spent countless hours making Lifespan cards available to church members,

their families and neighbors; and thanks, certainly, to those who purchased the cards.

Our sincere thanks for another job well done. Your love for the unborn never falters.

Pro-life literature

Because of your prayers, pro-life efforts and financial support, we are able to provide students and others with the pro-life materials needed for speeches, debates or general information. Three students from Schoolcraft College, one from Fordson High School and one from Divine Child High School were in just last week gathering factual information for school assignments. All five of these kids felt good about themselves and their presentations and happy that we were here to help them.

Please encourage your children to select abortion and euthanasia for topics whenever possible. Let them be ambassadors for the unborn, elderly and medically challenged as they educate their peers on the LIFE issues.

Rally 2000

Will you take the time to spend one hour, **2 - 3 p.m., on Sunday, January 16**, to be a visible witness against the "culture of death" mentality that permeates our state and nation? Please join other pro-lifers at our annual Rally for Life. (See front cover and enclosed flier.)

Dress warmly. It's usually cold, but your heart will be warmed by the genuine love for the helpless, born and unborn, that you share with other participants. Call for information about carpools or buses.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with love and hope!

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From the President's Desk

My dear pro-life friends,

May this New Year, and the New Millennium, find you and your families blessed with Peace, Health and Happiness. These three gifts—peace, health and happiness—enable us to live our lives fully and to share our talents with our families, communities and country.

Soon, Right to Life - Lifespan will celebrate 30 years of pro-life activity. We were originally named People Taking Action Against Abortion. After the *Roe v. Wade* decision, we realized that not only the unborn child was at risk, but so too were the aged, the handicapped and the ill. This knowledge led to a name change, and we became Right to Life - Lifespan, reflecting our concern for human life at every stage. After 30 years, I must ask if Lifespan and the pro-life movement also enjoy peace, health and happiness.

Our leaders and membership have worked diligently to maintain a peaceful balance of education and action. It is a mark of the dedication of all of us that we have been able to foster this peaceful balance and to move forward these many years with sustained membership and sustaining members, working toward a common goal.

The health of any non-profit organization is best reflected in its ability to meet its goals and sustain itself financially. Our generous members have always helped us with the funding needed for projects such as our billboards, legislation for informed consent and parental notification and securing death with true dignity. When times are lean—and they have been and will be again—the membership of Lifespan has always helped us keep the doors open and the lights on.

As to the gift of happiness, let me share a little saying with you. "Happiness is not a destination but a way of traveling." Happiness certainly cannot be associated with the death of

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Baby Body Parts

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To what extent is the profit motive driving this business (despite a federal law that supposedly restricts profiteering in organs)?

Is the need for "fresh" and intact specimens being met, in some cases, by partial or complete delivery of live premature infants?

Can a mother ever properly consent to the donation of all or part of a child she has chosen to abort?

Are current practices for obtaining "consent" to donate informed, unpressured and solicited apart from consent to the abortion or subsequent to the abortion?

Will published claims of potential research benefits from the use of aborted babies become a significant, or even a deciding factor, among women conflicted over the abortion decision?

Will the research demand for a steady supply of baby body parts "legitimize" abortion and further degrade the dignity of human life?

How big is the current and anticipated demand?

Will continued research using fetal organs and tissues outpace the supply available in the U.S., driving up demand in developing countries where the economic pressures on the world's poorest populations could lead to even greater exploitation of their bodies and their children?

Specifically, in light of the following passage from the October 23 edition of *World* magazine, what deficiencies in current law, or the enforcement thereof, need to be corrected?

Money paid by fetal-tissue providers to abortion clinics is termed a "site fee," and does not, Mr. [Brent] Bardsley [AGF executive director] maintains, pay for baby parts harvested. Instead the fee compensates clinics for allowing technicians like Ms. Ying to work on-site retrieving and dissecting dead babies—sort of a Frankensteinian sublet.

"It's clearly a fee-for-space arrangement," says Mr. Bardsley. "We occupy a portion of their laboratory, use their clinic supplies, have a phone line installed. The site fee offsets the use of clinic supplies that we use in tissue procurement."

Before looking into these concerns, here is a precis of some of the evidence

that has surfaced:

(1) a videotaped conversation with "Kelly" (a pseudonym) who claims to have been on the AGF payroll, working inside an unidentified abortion clinic, performing duties similar to AGF technician's Ms. Ying;

(2) excerpts of recorded telephone conversations allegedly with Mrs. Brenda Bardsley (AGF president and co-founder with her husband James Bardsley) and with Dr. Miles Jones, founder and president of AGF competitor Opening Lines (OL), late of West Frankfort, Illinois;

(3) a collection of about 50 "protocols" or purchase orders from medical researchers which list the fetal organs and tissues needed, frequency needed, and the details of retrieval, preparation for shipment and delivery;

(4) copies of AGF's and OL's fee-for-services schedules; and

(5) OL's aggressively (some might say ghoulishly) cheerful marketing brochure, explaining to prospective parts suppliers in the abortion industry "HOW YOU CAN TURN YOUR PATIENT'S DECISION INTO SOMETHING WONDERFUL."

Kelly's descriptions of her job and the business of AGF seem credible and are corroborated on some points in the protocols. Some of them stipulate that organ retrieval must be accomplished within 10 to 20 minutes of the cessation of blood circulation. This makes it reasonable to assume that some methods of "abortion" are preferred over others.

She also describes the process of ruling out children with congenital anomalies or exposure to sexually transmitted diseases to satisfy the requests for perfect tissue often spelled out in the protocols.

Kelly also gives an eyewitness account of an abortionist drowning newly delivered, still-living twins (at 24-weeks' gestational age) after she refused to begin harvesting their organs before they were dead. She referred to other children brought for dissection while their hearts were still beating and others, up to 30 weeks' gestation, who were killed after full delivery. However, there is no independent proof that these episodes occurred.

The recorded telephone conversation with Mrs. Bardsley was apparently genuine (although she maintains that some of her answers were misunderstood) and discusses how the system of fetal purchasing

works with AGF paying a "site fee" for the use of space inside a source clinic, as well as a flat fee for gross dissection, preparation of fetal specimens (based on trimester gestational age), and serology testing and how to avoid problems in overnight shipping by using intentionally vague descriptions of contents.

She confirmed these details in a conversation with *NRL News*. They are consistent with the printed fee schedule, as well as with past statements by her husband which had been reported by the media.

Many of the recorded comments allegedly made by Dr. Miles Jones to an investigator, whom he assumed was a potential research client, relate to Opening Line's fee schedule, financial arrangements with abortion clinics, and Jones's aggressive search for sources of fetal organs and tissue in Mexico and Canada. **The conversation is also consistent with OL's brochure and minutely detailed fee schedule ranging from, on the low end, spleens, ears and eyes for as little as \$50 ("40% discount for single eye"), to the pricey gonads for \$550, "Intact trunk (with/without limbs)" for \$500, "Intact embryonic cadaver (>8 weeks)" for \$600, and a "Brain (>8 weeks)" for \$999, but "30% discount if significantly fragmented."**

Dr. Jones is currently unreachable. Soon after *The Daily American*, the local paper in West Frankfort, Illinois (where Opening Lines was headquartered), devoted a banner headline and front-page treatment to his business (on September 10, 1999), Dr. Jones disappeared, OL phone lines were disconnected, and the doors padlocked.

An employee of OL, who was a long-time resident of the small town, also left, as did the managing editor of *The Daily American* (no forwarding number on his residential phone). Apparently, almost the entire editorial staff left as well. In an interview, the new editor, only three weeks on the job, claims to have no information about any of them.

According to sources, Dr. Jones has sent letters to clients and former clients soliciting their continued patronage at a new location.

Just how bizarre the uses of baby parts can be is illustrated by this passage from the aforementioned *World* magazine article:

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Constraints: Whole intact Leg, include ENTIRE HIP JOINT, 22-24(-) weeks gest. Sterile (clean acceptable). Age of fetus must be determined and noted.***indicate foot pad measurement. 4-6 specimens per shipment. Call with # of specimens before shipment.

Prep.: SPECIAL MEDIA PROVIDED. Wet Ice.

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For example, R. Paul Johnson from Massachusetts's New England Regional Primate Research Center requested second-trimester fetal livers. His 1995 protocol notes that the livers will be used ultimately for "primate implantation," including the "creation of human-monkey chimeras." In biology, a chimera is an organism created by the grafting or mutation of two genetically different cell types.

Additional New Details Add to Picture

By making a number of telephone calls and by conducting a vigorous search on the Internet, new information of great interest was uncovered.

ITEM 1: A copy of a seven-page "Application and Agreement for Human Tissue Research/Education," dated November 10, 1998, between Anatomic Gift Foundation and Gary J. Miller, professor of pathology, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. For his research in human prostate cancer, Dr. Miller ordered "1st and 2nd trimester prostates" in the quantity of "approximately 12 from each trimester per year."

Under "Condition of Tissue Requested," Dr. Miller specified, "To be removed and prepared within 5

minutes...after circulation has stopped." Other specifications state that they are to be "preserved on wet ice," "picked up immediately by applicant," have "low risk no IV drug abuse or known sexually transmitted diseases," and no prescription medications used by "donor" mother. The contract is signed both by Dr. Miller and, for the Regents of the University of Colorado, by "Sharon Frazier, Director of Purchasing," (emphasis added).

The AGF satellite office is just down the road from Dr. Miller.

ITEM 2: A person who identified herself as AGF President Brenda Bardsley, reached by phone at the AGF office in White Oak, Georgia, and a man who

said he was 13-year employee Joe Paparo (who works out of AGF's Laurel, Maryland, office) said they were eager to set the record straight.

Both estimate that about 10% of AGF's current business involves fetal tissue, the balance being in adult organ donation. They claim to have been using only two abortion clinics as sources for some time—the Mayfair Women's Center and an unnamed clinic in Kansas, but they now use only Mayfair. They both asserted that AGF plans to phase that operation out and do only adult organ donation.

AGF's annual revenues have climbed to \$2 million in 1998 from \$180,000 in 1994. Mrs. Bardsley attributes the windfall to expansion of their adult organ donation business. Both insist that AGF's dealings in fetal tissue are a break-even proposition at best.

They both explained that a significant decline in their fetal tissue business followed the firing of a former "technician" who, they said, left with AGF's client list and expertise. In the past few months, several researchers who had been longtime customers of AGF switched over to OL. Mrs. Bardsley said they had told her that OL supplies their needs much more consistently.

Mrs. Bardsley takes this to mean that OL has secured many sources for organs and tissues from second-trimester abortions. The *World* article quotes an estimate by Dr. Jones that OL's parent company, Consultative and Diagnostic Pathology, "processes an average of 1,500 fetal-tissue cases per day"—a figure also found in OL's own brochure.

ITEM 3: Alan G. Fantel, Ph.D., of the University of Washington (Seattle) Department of Pediatrics and Central Laboratory for Human Embryology is listed on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) web site as the contact person in charge of the government's clearinghouse for "human embryonic and fetal tissues." Since the fetal tissue procurement story broke, Dr. Fantel has been inundated with inquiries about the nature of NIH involvement.

The clearinghouse is still operating, but business has dropped to only about 10-15 embryos or fetuses per week. Dr. Frankel's office has a grant from NIH to accept tissues from hospitals and abortion clinics and to distribute tissues to grant-funded sites (excluding for-profits, such as pharmaceutical companies).

Dr. Fantel explained that there is a non-profit corporation in California that is "supplying pharmaceutical companies" with fetal organs and tissues. Over the past 35 years, the Central Laboratory for Human Embryology (CLHE) has supplied several hundred laboratories.

Many researchers now, however, are seeking older fetuses and few of these are being sent to CLHE. Those they get, he said, are "completely fragmented. Almost everything into the 2nd trimester have tissues that are macerated from potassium chloride."

CLHE business may have been redirected to suppliers like Opening Lines, whose brochure promises "a convenient and efficient way for researchers to receive fetal tissue **without a lot of bureaucracy**" (emphasis added).

Opening Lines' sales may account in part for the declining business fortunes of two major players in the fetal tissue supply field—Anatomic Gift Foundation and the Central Laboratory for Human Embryology. But the market demand seems to be growing.

One industry analyst points to a projected annual growth of 13.5% in the

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demand for fetal tissue and cell lines. The consulting firm of Frost and Sullivan put corporate revenues in 1996 from the global market at \$428 million and estimated that they'll reach \$1 billion annually by 2002.

ITEM 4: The identity of other baby body parts wholesalers has long puzzled outsiders. Apparently one is Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc. (ABR). A woman who identified herself as Linda K. Tracy, the founder and president of ABR, conceded that her company acts as an intermediary in the acquisition of fetal organs and tissues from abortion sites and delivery to researchers.

Beyond that, Ms. Tracy refused to elaborate on the business. All the "hoopla," she said, is because of the abortion issue—people "think donations of fetal tissue will encourage abortion, as if women made up their minds on that basis." She declined further invitations to comment, which made it impossible for us to ask her to explain how/whether ABR's practices comport with federal law.

Three remaining points should be briefly addressed. First, might abortionists alter the way they do abortions to obtain fresh tissue even to the detriment of the women undergoing the abortion? It's surely not unthinkable.

Reported procedures performed in Sweden (O. Lindval and A. Bjorkland) and Mexico (I. Madrazo et al. in *Archives of Neurology* 47, 1281-2) describe precisely how women were given abortions under general anesthesia rather than local, and with techniques that took three to four times longer than usual. At least in the case of the Swedish team, the extraction of fetal brain tissue was the event that killed the then-living child *in utero*. A Florida doctor (who wished to remain anonymous) has discussed an abortion procedure he uses to obtain the best and freshest tissue. It takes four to five times longer to perform than the normal vacuum aspiration, increasing the likelihood of pain, discomfort and infection.

Dr. Kathi Aultman, who emerged in recent years as an articulate and tireless opponent of partial-birth abortion, explained that her decision to speak out was prompted by a fear that the demand for

fetal tissue would push more and more abortion doctors into using this far riskier procedure.

Second, could the knowledge that one's aborted child might allegedly "further research to find a cure for a debilitating disease" influence a woman's decision to abort and therefore increase the number of abortions? Certainly, that would rarely be the primary reason why a woman would choose to abort her child.

But a 1995 Canadian study found that 17% of respondents who said they might consider having an abortion if pregnant agreed that they would be more likely to have an abortion if the tissue of their aborted child could be used for fetal transplant research. (D.K. Martin et al., "Fetal Tissue Transplantation and Abortion Decisions: A Survey of Urban Woman," *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, Sept. 1, 1995, p. 545.)

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ing. If a woman is attacked while pregnant and she loses her child as a result of the attack, her attacker can be tried and prosecuted. If a soon-to-be father is killed, any and all inheritance rights will still be awarded to the unborn child he was expecting at the time of his death. These are

ers, as much as possible on the entire issue. Through demonstrations and lovingly expressing our opinions, we can hopefully save some children and unexpecting parents at the same time.

"The...great stumbling block is...the white moderate who is more devoted to "order" than to justice...who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom."²

Our legal system is a little confused on this issue. Abortion is murder, plain and simple. If someone like Bob can be convicted of second-degree murder, then any

Megan Nichol, 17, is a senior at Clawson High School



just two of the most predominant laws protecting an unborn child. The list goes on and on. If the list of laws protecting the child goes on and on, then why doesn't the list of charges of wrongful, sinful deeds of a woman who aborts an unsuspecting child without giving it the choice or chance to live go on and on?

Since I can't force people to believe as I do, I must just express my opinion unwaveringly and educate myself and oth-

woman who chooses to abort an unborn child should have the same fate put on her as well. We have become Hippocratic in the wrong way.

"...I will not give to a woman a pessary to cause abortions."³

¹ Dr. Bernard Nathanson: *Aborting America*.

² Martin Luther King, Jr.: *Letter from Birmingham jail* on April 16, 1963.

³ Hippocrates: *The Physician's Oath*. ■

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38,000,000 or more unborn babies or the deliberate taking of life by euthanasia. It is not a happy thought that resources that might go toward feeding the hungry or assisting the poor must first be used to protect their right to exist. But happiness is found in a Right to Life organization that is strong and viable. Happiness is found in our young people who more and more are rejecting the idea that abortion should be legal, even through the 9th month of pregnancy. Happiness is also found in our successful efforts that prevented doctor-assisted suicide from becoming legal in our state.

So, Right to Life - Lifespan and the pro-life movement do enjoy the gifts of peace, health and happiness. We must continue to strive to maintain our goals. We will continue, with your help, to promote respect for all members of our human family and maybe, just maybe, within the next 30 years, we will secure an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will provide protection for all human life.

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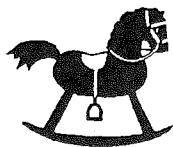
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Showers are usually held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., but may also be held after church services or simply as a gift drop-off shower. If you or your church are interested in co-hosting a baby shower, please call (248) 777-9090.



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Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, also offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide. If a relative, friend or even yourself are in need of this counseling assistance, do not hesitate to call **1-800-281-2102**.

Morning of Reflection

The fourth annual Morning of Reflection will be held Saturday, March 18 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This event offers a time of reflection and renewal to pro-lifers. Call (313) 883-8682 for more information.

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Selling Baby Body Parts

Editor's note: Though this article is lengthy and graphic, I strongly urge you to read it in its entirety, keep it for reference, pass it on to friends and family. We will stop abortion when we stop these heinous crimes against our littlest members.

By Susan Wills

Disposing of fetal remains poses a perennial challenge to abortion clinics. The last thing owners want is dumpsters filled with mangled bodies that look all too human. Solutions to the disposal dilemma run the gamut from the truly repulsive to...the unbelievably repulsive.

There is, for example, Mayfair Women's Clinic in Aurora, Colorado, where former owner-operator Dr. James J. Parks, M.D., reached what one had thought was the nadir of disposal practices: grinding buckets full of 5 to 22 weeks' gestation babies through a hand-cranked, old-fashioned meat grinder until they took the consistency of "multiple tubes of pink toothpaste," able to be flushed down sink drains. (Source: Affidavit of Curtis E. Stover, M.D., dated June 15, 1992, corroborated in depositions of Dr. Parks and clinic staff.)

However, Mayfair Women's Clinic is once again at ground zero for controversy

over its disposal practices because now, it seems, the children aborted there are no longer "unwanted." They are, in fact, very much wanted by one of about five U.S. organizations which provide fetal organs and tissues to researchers.

According to *World* magazine, Mayfair is under contract with an intermediary called Anatomic Gift Foundation (AGF), headquartered in Laurel, Maryland, as a source and site for the harvesting and preparation of baby body parts for shipment to researchers.

**"...spleens, ears...eyes for as little as \$50
("40% discount for single eye")...**

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fragmented."**

An article in *World* (Lynn Vincent, "The Harvest of Abortion," Oct. 23, 1999, found at www.worldmag.com/world/issue/10-23-99/cover_1.asp), illustrates the gruesomeness of the daily grind of AGF "technician" Ms. Ying Bei Wang, who works on-site at Mayfair harvesting fetal body parts:

As Monday morning sunshine spills across the high plains of Aurora, Colo., and a new work week begins, fresh career challenges await Ms. Ying Bei Wang. On Monday, for example, she might scalpel her way through the brain stem of an

aborted 24-week pre-born child, pluck the brain from the baby's peach-sized head with forceps, and plop it into wet ice for later shipment. On Tuesday, she might carefully slice away the delicate tissue that secures a dead child's eyes in its skull and extract them whole. Ms. Ying knows her employer's clients prefer the eyes of dead babies to be whole. One once requested to receive 4 to 10 per day.

The following article—and several other stories appearing in, for example, *Insight* (reprinted with permission in *National Right to Life (NRL) News* (October 12, 1999), *The American Enterprise*, and *Alberta Report*—relies heavily on evidence uncovered [by] Life Dynamics, Inc. (LDI), into unsavory and possibly illegal practices in fetal tissue trafficking by AGF and others, which has attracted not only the attention of the media, but also that of Congress.

A further examination of the evidence accumulated, conversations with several key figures and experts, and documented facts about fetal tissue procurement and research published in the last decade raise many serious concerns.

For example, are abortionists who participate in tissue and organ "donation" altering procedures to best accomplish retrieval of the desired "fresh" organs, without regard to what is safest for the mother?

Are procedures ever delayed (at greater risk to the mother) to obtain more fully developed (thus usually more valuable) organs?

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