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NRLC Health Care Up-Date

Please note that this information was sent via e-mail July 10. If we had your email address, you would have received the information sooner. Please send us your email address at info@rtlnm.org.

by Doug Johnson, NRLC Legislative Director

The two central healthcare reform bills currently moving in Congress – the Kennedy bill and the House Democratic leadership bill – each contain provisions that would, if enacted, represent the greatest expansion of abortion since the Supreme Court handed down its *Roe v. Wade* ruling legalizing abortion in 1973. These bills contain multiple provisions that would result in federally mandated insurance coverage of abortion on demand, massive federal subsidies for abortion, mandated creation of many new abortion clinics, and nullification of at least some state limitations on abortion.

During the week of July 19, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee is expected to consider a number of NRLC-supported amendments offered by Republican senators that would remove the pro-abortion mandates and subsidies from the Kennedy bill. House committees will consider

similar amendments during markups of the House Democratic leadership bill, which is also planned for that week.

On July 9, Cong. Chris Smith (R-NJ), co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, distributed to his colleagues a letter (text on www.nrlc.org/AHC/2009July9SmithDearColleague.pdf). He gave them a collection of statements by Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and five pro-abortion organizations confirming their intent to greatly expand access to abortion on demand using healthcare reform as a vehicle.

If President Obama, congressional Democratic leaders, and the abortion advocacy groups were to succeed in mandating vast expansions of access to abortion with federal funding, the predictable result would be a great increase in the number of abortions performed – this, from a president who assured the American people that he would pursue policies to reduce abortion.

The Harvest Is Plentiful, But the Laborers Are Few

by Dauncen Dolce, Executive Director of RTLNCNM

The Right to Life Committee is very grateful for the many people who support our organization financially. However, there is another area that is going unattended – volunteer activities and actions. We just don't have enough volunteers to carry out the mission and goals of our organization.

A good example of the need is our chapters. In this issue of *Viva Life* there is an application for members to run for the board of directors in the chapter in their areas. We barely have enough people to carry out their educational duties and need additional help. Many have been doing yeoman's work for years and would like relief. However, they know if they step down there may not be enough people to keep the chapter together. So, tired but dedicated, they stay on. This is happening in areas where there are hundreds of pro-lifers in our files, but they

can't find the time to be pro-life in action as well as word.

There are many areas (counties) where we don't have a chapter, yet we are supposed to educate people to change their attitudes and actions. They should just vote right without any information or guidance. Last November showed all of us what happens when the pro-life issues are not put under everyone's nose. They ignore them and make mistakes by voting for those who do not value life. Now they are upset at what is happening.

The only requirement for being a chapter director is being a member of RTLNCNM. Just fill out the application and get it to the state office no later than September 1, 2009.

If you live in one of the following counties, you have a chapter that is having elections: Bernalillo, Torrance (and Edgewood and Stanley), Cibola, Lincoln, Los Alamos, Sandoval, ([more, page 2](#))

FINAL INNINGS FOR RAISING FUNDS AT 2009 ISOTOPES GAME

Bet you thought it was too late to volunteer at RTLNCNM's concession stand at Isotopes Park. That couldn't be farther from the truth! We need a minimum of 25 volunteers for every game. For 34 games, that's at least 850 bodies for the season. There are still many openings for every single remaining game we work. If you've misplaced your schedule, it's available on our website www.rtl-nm.org or listed below.

Won't you join us? This is such a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for Life – funds that won't come from your pocket. But we do ask for your time, a very precious commodity. You'll be working with the greatest people on the planet: other pro-lifers. If you have questions or to volunteer, contact Betty at eeichenseer@bigplanet.com or call 821-9101.

RTL game dates in August: 7, 8, 9, 22, 23, 24, 28 and 29. Also September 2 and 3.

REMEMBER: Funds raised educate the public on pro-life issues and the current abortion agenda in Washington, DC.

PEARCE BRIEFS PRO-LIFERS ON CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE



Former Congressman Steve Pearce gave a wonderful talk on "The Current Political Scene and Life Issues" at our last education seminar. More people attended and learned a great deal. These seminars sponsored by RTLNCNM's Education Committee are very important to you and your families. Please find the time to get informed and ask your questions. An informed, involved populace is the answer to our country's current pro-death agenda.

San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Sorro, and Valencia.

Dona Ana, which was just restarted, is in particular need of help. Are you in that county? Can you give some time to help this group save lives?

Counties that have no chapters are Colfax, Taos, Union, Quay, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Roosevelt, Chaves, Lea, Grant, Otero, Sierra, Catron, Mora, Rio Arriba, Guadalupe, McKinley, Harding, Hidalgo and Luna. A lot of people don't get consistent, truthful, and adequate information on the subjects of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. The question is, will they ever? They won't unless those who are pro-life and who love this state and country decide to get involved.

I have been doing this work since 1970 along with raising a family and

doing other activities in my church, etc. I now have a grown family and have limited my other involvements since becoming a fulltime executive director in 1985. I have learned this: The payoff for giving time to this cause is great. The results are even greater. We can make a difference. We MUST make that difference for ourselves, our children, our grandchildren, and the future of this nation. E-mail me at info@rtlmm.org. I will be glad to answer your questions and work with you. In the meantime, those who live where we do have chapters, please consider filling out an application to be a board member - you will not regret it. **REMEMBER, THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.**

The Abomination of Obama

The anti-life agenda of the Obama administration marches on. Many issues under discussion deal with life issues and the pro-life movement, many of which have been settled. Unfortunately, they are against life and will remain this way until there is a replacement for this president. These decisions are policies, not laws; thus the people have no say on the matter. The first subject is the U.N. Population Fund.

New Probe Shows Obama's Funding of UNFPA Supports Kidnapping Babies, Abortion

by Steven Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute

Our own Colin Mason is back from China. His week-long undercover investigation revealed fresh abuses in China's One-Child policy and new proof of the U.N. Population Fund's complicity in these abuses. Remember that the UNFPA has been in China since 1979 helping the Beijing authorities implement their program. Colin visited three counties where the UNFPA claims to run "voluntary" family planning programs and found that they were anything but.

What struck me about his investigation, as someone who has been following the policy for three decades, was how the fines for "illegal" children have been increased in recent years. The fines for having an illegal child are now three to five times the family's income. The equivalent fine in the U.S. would be \$150,000 to \$250,000. Couples have to mortgage their future for decades - literally - in order to be able to borrow enough money to pay

off these fines. The government insists on calling this extortion "social compensation fees" - as if the parents were simply defraying the cost to society of another child - but in reality they are heavily punitive. Faced with the prospect of such a fine, many couples "voluntarily" submit to an abortion and sterilization.

What happens if you don't pay the fine? In Guangxi Province, what reportedly happens is that illegal newborns are taken into custody by government officials who hold the infants until the parents are able to scrape together enough money to pay the huge fine. In other words, the babies are kidnapped and held for ransom! What happens if the parents can't pay the fine? One can only imagine.

Colin's findings are consistent with the results of earlier investigations carried out by the Population Research Institute (PRI). In 2001, for example, PRI sent a team of investigators into China to look into the UNFPA's "model family planning" program, specifically its claim that forced abortions and forced sterilizations are a thing of the past.

While in country, we interviewed over two dozen victims and witnesses of coercion, videotaping and audio taping their answers. Those interviewed stated that voluntary family planning does not exist in UNFPA's "model" program and that forced abortions continue to occur.

Even the U.S. State Department, not known for its pro-life sentiments, concurred in 2002 that China's heavy fines were coercive in nature and that UNFPA was complicit in this coercion. (*more, page 3*)

VOLUNTEERS LIVE LONGER

Pitching in to help others may add years to your life, according to a study presented May 2 at the American Geriatrics Society annual meeting in Chicago. Researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital found that individuals who volunteered had a death rate of 12% compared to 26% among those who did not volunteer. 6,360 retirees over 65 were in this study, so please volunteer. You can help save lives as well as your own. Such a deal!

OBAMA'S FEDERAL BUDGET ELIMINATES FUNDING FOR ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION

Before he took over the White House, President Obama made it clear he would cut abstinence funding. He has followed through, as his new budget eliminates all federal funding for abstinence-only education and replaces it with sex education. The budget eliminates funding for CBAE (Community Based Abstinence Education) and Title V Abstinence Education Program.

In Obama's FY 2010 proposed budget, he calls for at least \$164 million in funding contraceptive-only education. The \$50 million in new money mandates condom grants to states, tribes, and territories.

The National Abstinence Education Association said Obama's anti-abstinence budget "disregards the growing body of evidence supporting the effectiveness of abstinence education," including research showing "a 50% decrease in sexual onset among teens that are enrolled in abstinence programs."

"At a time when teens are subjected to an increasingly sexualized culture, it is essential that common-sense legislators from both sides of the aisle reject this extreme attempt to de-fund the only approach that removes all risk," said NAEA Executive Director Valerie Huber.

The abstinence funding included \$110 million per year in discretionary spending and \$50 million per year in mandatory spending often referred to as Title V funding.

This is the second time Obama has called for less abstinence funding. In the Omnibus spending bill Obama signed earlier in the year, abstinence programs received \$95 million, a substantial reduction from the \$151 million they previously received.

"Do not wait to strike till the Iron is hot; but make it hot by striking."

William Butler Yeats

Presented with our evidence, President Bush did the sensible thing and withheld funding from UNFPA for seven years, costing the rogue agency some \$200 million.

Now along comes Obama. The new president pledged during the campaign to restore funding to the UNFPA. On March 11 he signed the 2009 Omnibus spending bill, which includes \$50 million for the UNFPA. Two weeks later the State Department announced the formal resumption of contributions to the UNFPA. And only a few days ago (May 15/09) the U.S. Secretary of State (Hillary Clinton, remember her?) appeared before the U.S. House of Representatives and, in sworn testimony, praised the U.N. agency, now flush with U.S. cash.

Can the funding be cut off again now that new evidence of the UNFPA's com-

plicity with coercion and kidnapping has come to light? Frankly, I don't know. The anti-life mentality that pervades the new administration may prove impervious to both facts and reason. But we at PRI will continue to demand that Americans not be forced to fund these abuses.

Furthermore, we will continue to argue that forced abortion should not merely be anathema to pro-lifers. It should be rejected by those on the side of the abortion debate as well. Human rights groups of all stripes should be urging President Obama to zero out all UNFPA funding. American tax dollars must not be used to fund an organization that violates the basic human rights of women around the world. And apparently condones kidnapping

Update on Stem Cell Activities

BAD NEWS:

Rules on Stem Cell Research Eased

by Shankar Vedantam

(WASHINGTON POST, JULY 7, 2009) Hundreds of embryonic stem cell lines, whose use in the U.S. had effectively been curtailed by the Bush administration, can be used to study disorders and develop cures if researchers can show the cells were derived using ethical procedures, according to new rules issued by the federal government yesterday.

President Obama had promised during last year's campaign to ease restrictions on the use of stem cells in research, and he has cited the promise of stem cell research in finding cures for disorders that have so far proved intractable.

The use of embryonic stem cells was not prohibited under the Bush administration, but federal funding was limited to a very small number of stem cell lines, which choked off most research. The new guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) permit federal funding for research using many of the approximately 700 embryonic stem cell lines that are believed to be in existence.

In a move that drew praise from advocates of stem cell research and bitter criticism from opponents, the NIH said it will allow the use of any existing stem cell line that was created ethically. Acting NIH Director Raynard Kington said an NIH committee comprised of scientists, ethicists, and advocates will evaluate older lines to assess how each was derived. He said all embryonic stem cell lines that qualified for federal funding would have to meet a series of ethical

requirements. The embryo that was destroyed to create a line must have been discarded after an in-vitro fertilization procedure, and the donor must have been informed that the embryo would be destroyed for stem cell research and made fully cognizant of their choices, including donating the embryo to another couple who want a baby. No donors could have been paid for an embryo, and no threats or inducements could have been used to nudge couples toward making a donation.

The new guidelines achieve Obama's vision to expand stem cell research in the U.S., while also strengthening ethical standards in conducting the research, Kington said. Explaining the new guidelines, he added that during the years that George W. Bush was president privately funded researchers in the U.S. and some foreign laboratories had used a variety of protocol to obtain informed consent from donors. He said it did not make sense to reject such stem cell lines because the ethics procedures used were slightly different from the specific procedures that are to be used from now on. Earlier cell lines, he said, may have derived through different procedures the same standard of ethics the government plans to enforce.

Kington indicated that once the NIH committee established that the procedure for any one stem cell line matched the new ethics requirements, all the lines that used similar procedures could see expedited approval. He said the NIH would set up a website that would list all the approved stem cell lines. (more, page 4)

MS SYMPTOMS EASED

GOOD NEWS: A preliminary study that examined the use of the cells retrieved from a patient's own fat tissue to combat the symptoms of multiple sclerosis shows very promising results. Although there were only three patients in the study, all three showed drastic improvement in their conditions, and further controlled trials have been proposed.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that affects about twice as many women as men; approximately 400,000 people in the U.S. and more than 2,500,000 people worldwide. It is an autoimmune disorder, which means that a person's own immune system incorrectly attacks healthy tissue. The immune system of a multiple sclerosis patient targets the protective covering of nerve fibers in the central nervous system, and the fatty myelin sheaths are destroyed. Blurred vision, slurred speech, poor coordination, fatigue, and memory problems – and in rare cases, blindness or death – can result.

The team of researchers composed of scientists based at the University of Western Ontario and other institutions reported that one patient regained, in a matter of months after treatment, enough balance and coordination to be able to jog and to ride a bicycle. The painful seizures that had plagued another patient for three years stopped completely, and the spasmodic movement of his arms and legs were reduced. The third patient showed great improvements as well, especially in mood and energy level.

Adipose (fat) tissue has held great interest to researchers as an alternate source of stem cells to bone marrow since the publishing of a landmark paper in 2001 by *Zut et al* that showed that adipose-derived stem cells could be induced to differentiate into many different tissue types, such as bone, cartilage, and muscle. Researchers have found that stem cells are easier to extract from fat tissue than from bone marrow and are found in higher quantities in fat tissue than they are in bone marrow.

The authors of this study wrote in their published report: "The ability of [mesenchymal stem cells] to inhibit immune response, while offering the possibility of inducing/accelerating healing of tissue that has already been damaged, makes this population attractive for treatment of autoimmune disorders."

COMCAST CABLE TV

Albuquerque Public Access Channel 27
Pro-life broadcasts Mondays at 10 p.m.

Aug. 3: Teens and Abortion

Aug. 10: Life Talk July 2009 — Pro-Life America news show

Aug. 17: The Miracle of Life

Aug. 24: The Silent Scream and The Answer

Aug. 31: The Right to Kill

"I think it is a huge step forward," said R. Alta Charo, an ethicist at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. "They are making it absolutely possible to move this field forward and fund the research in a responsible way."

Stem cells have been widely hailed as a research tool that could one day lead to cures for many illnesses. These cells have the capacity to grow into a variety of cells and tissues. More recently, scientists have managed to obtain stem cells from adult cells, a process that does not require the destruction of an embryo. Critics of stem cell research prefer that the field be restricted to non-embryonic stem cells; advocates for the research say that this would stymie the field's medical potential.

Kington said the NIH would also be charged with reviewing stem cell lines developed abroad. Lines obtained through procedures that matched or exceeded the rigor of U.S. ethics requirements would be acceptable, and scientists using such lines for research could be eligible for federal funding.

The use of stem cells in research has become the subject of bitter national controversy with advocates suggesting it is immoral for the federal government not to fund research that could save lives and with opponents arguing it is immoral to fund research that requires the destruction of embryos.

"For the first time in history, the federal government will encourage the destruction of human life at a very early stage for federally funded research," said Richard Doerflinger of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "These guidelines encourage researchers to go out and destroy embryos for taxpayer-funded research... You and I were once human embryos, and each embryo has the inherent potential to grow into someone like you and me."

PLEASE NOTE: *There are several types of stem cells: embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells. Adult stem cells can come from ourselves or other human beings, from umbilical cords, amniotic fluid, and the placenta, and they can come from animals such as pigs. Adult stem cells are derived ethically and without destruction, thus are supported in use. Embryonic stem cells are derived from a baby in the embryonic*

state and are destroyed. This is NOT ethically or morally right.

MORE BAD NEWS: A young boy from Israel treated with human fetal stem cells developed tumors on his spinal cord and in his brain that were genetically linked to the donated cells.

The boy, who had the fatal neurological disease called ataxia telangiectasia, was treated in 2001 at the age of 9 and again in 2002 and 2004 at a Moscow hospital with fetal neural stem cells that were injected into his brain and also into the fluid surrounding it.

Four years later, because of recurrent headaches, the boy underwent MRI scans at Sheba Medical Center in Israel. These scans revealed abnormal growths in his brain and spinal cord. A year later, a DNA analysis of the mass removed from his spinal cord showed a genetic match to the human fetuses whose cells were used in the treatment. The tumor in the boy's brain has continued to grow slowly and is compressing his brain stem.

Dr. Bernadine Healy, the health editor of U.S. News and World Report, wrote in March about his case calling human embryonic stem cell research "obsolete" because of its proven dangers and in light of the many "major wins" of adult and cord blood stem cell research. She pointed out that many years of research in animals have "dashed hopes" that "tiny, human embryos" will provide stem cells that can be used safely for "grown-ups." The tragic case of the Israeli boy is proof of what happens when that research is ignored.

Embryonic cells, being younger and harder to control than fetal stem cells, might be expected to be even more likely to cause tumors. Many top scientists, including the scientist who discovered embryonic stem cells, Dr. James Thompson from the University of Wisconsin, have moved to adult stem cells. He said, "The world has changed" due to the discovery of induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells (adult stem cells reprogrammed to behave like embryonic stem cells). He now has switched his own commercial laboratories over to using iPS cells rather than embryonic stem cells.

Information from *The Stem Cell Research Report* – Vol. 5, No.4 – May-June 2009

COMING EVENTS

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS:

LOCATION: Glory Christian Fellowship at 2417 Wyoming Blvd NE in Albuquerque. Look for signs and balloons on the west side, between Phoenix and Claremont, second building to the south where there is a bus stop. Parking is in the back and overflow can be in the Fellowship Hall parking lot.

DATES AND SPEAKERS:

Thursday, Aug. 27: 6-7:30 p.m.: "Health Care, Rationing and Euthanasia" by Tom McBride (*Please note change of date from previous schedule*)

Saturday, Sept. 19: 10-11:30 a.m.: "Our Youth and the Pro-Life Issues" by Bob Cornelius and Ryan Cangioli

Saturday, Sept. 26: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Speakers Training at state office for dues-paying members

Saturday, Oct. 24: "Stem Cell Research Update" by Dr. Frank Maldonado

OTHER EVENTS:

Sept. 11-27: State Fair: RTLCNM booth in Manuel Lujan Bldg. Please fill out the enclosed volunteer form and send in to the state office before September 1, 2009.

Friday, Nov. 6: San Juan County RTL Annual Dinner: Speaker Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr. Location: San Juan Country Club. To be a sponsor for this event, call San Juan RTL at 505-320-2906.

Saturday, Nov. 14: Born to Run at Balloon Fiesta Park in Albuquerque

MORE PREMATURE BABIES SURVIVING, LIVING LONGER

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN—Researchers in Sweden have published a new study showing survival chances have greatly improved for premature babies. Dr Karl Marsal and colleagues of Lund University Hospital published their findings in the latest issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. They found that approximately 70% of the babies born alive between 22 and 26 weeks gestation in Sweden now survive past the age of one thanks to advances in modern medicine.

On the down side, the authors say more must be done because half of the babies who survived experienced serious health problems. The researchers examined the birth of all infants born before 27 weeks gestation in Sweden from 2004-2007 and found the overall perinatal mortality of death rate was 45%.

Of the 55% of babies who survived, 70% were still alive at the end of one year, which is a higher figure than in previous studies. The study confirmed earlier research showing survival rate in-see **PREEMIES**, 5

**"To sin by silence when they should protest
makes cowards of men."**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Poet (1850-1919)

Consequences of Having an Abortion

It is well known that women seeking an abortion have very little information about the development of their baby, the process of an abortion, the possible complications both physical and mental, and what alternatives there are. Many states have passed laws classified as "Women's Right to Know" laws. Unfortunately, several attempts to pass such laws in New Mexico have been unsuccessful. Having an abortion increases the risk of having a premature birth in a subsequent pregnancy, concluded a European researcher at a medical conference. Lead researcher Dr. Robbert van Oppenraaij presented his findings at the annual European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology in Amsterdam.

He says one induced abortion raises the risk of premature birth in a next pregnancy by 20%. Two or more abortions raise the risk by 90% and double the risk of a very premature birth at 34 weeks or less.

Those numbers present a grave problem given that the repeat abortion rate in some nations, such as the United States and England, is 40% to 50% or more. That means millions of women and children around the globe are at risk of premature birth because of having had an abortion.

In February another study confirmed the link between abortion and subsequent premature births when a woman is pregnant again. Dr. Manfred Voigt led the study published in the German medical magazine *Z Geburtshilfe Neonatol*.

According to the research, women who have one prior abortion boost their risk for a premature birth in a future pregnancy by 30%. For women who have had more than one abortion, the risk increased by 90%.

Canadian researcher Brent Rooney, who has published his own work on

the abortion-premature birth link, says the common criticism from abortion advocates about studies showing post-abortion problems is a concern regarding recall bias. But the Voigt team had access to accurate abortion data from a governmental database without having to interview women about whether they had abortions.

"Deniers of the abortion-preemie risk would like to claim the women with a bad pregnancy outcome may not provide accurate information about their induced abortion history," Rooney said. "Data about women's prior induced abortion history in the Voigt study was extracted from a perinatal data-base."

With the new German study, Rooney says there are now 17 statistically significant studies all confirming the abortion-very premature birth link. Another 105 significant studies report a link between abortion and slightly premature birth or low birth weight babies. This is all referring to first-trimester abortions, the most commonly done. The report has huge consequences for abortion because premature birth can lead to a host of problems, including cerebral palsy for the child and breast cancer for the mother.

Premature births before 37 weeks gestation represent 12.5% of all U.S. births, a 30% increase since 1981.

Black women are three times more likely to have an early pre-term birth before 32 weeks gestation and four times more likely to have an extremely pre-term birth before 28 weeks in comparison with other ethnic groups. While Black women represent 12.5% of all American females, they have 38.2% of all abortions. About 43% of pregnancies in Black American women end in induced abortion.

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

GOOD

Detroit: Abortion Practitioner Alberto Hodari has been fined \$10,000 by a state board in connection with a woman's botched abortion death. One of Hodari's staff did an abortion on Regina Johnson who suffered respiratory and cardiac arrest. The staff at the clinic allegedly failed to help her or call for an ambulance, and she was deprived of oxygen for an extended time. She died a short time later. Johnson is one of several women to have died over the years under Hodari's care.

NOTE: *Is a woman's life only worth \$10,000 in our society?*

San Diego: The owner of a chain of abortion centers in California has been sentenced on a second set of charges that she did abortions without a medical license. Bertha Pinedo Bugarin, 48, took it upon herself to do abortions. She was accused of putting more than a dozen patients at risk by performing abortions or for giving the dangerous RU 486 abortion drug without having any training. Previously (*more, page 6*)

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creases as the pregnancy moves further along. It found 10% of babies born at 22 weeks survived one year compared with 53% of those born at 23 weeks and 85% of those born at 26 weeks. The later the birth in pregnancy, the more likely the baby survived without any major illness, and half of those born at 26 weeks had no serious issues. The study also found babies born at hospitals with the best intensive care facilities had the highest survival rate.

The survival of premature babies is an important research topic if only because the rate of premature births has increased over the years. Some of the increase has been brought on because of abortion.

PLEASE NOTE: *England, which is having financial problems with their government controlled healthcare, is asking mothers to use mid-wives at home. How does this impact survival of all babies, especially pre-term?*

THE BEAUTIFUL & THE HOPEFUL IN PRO-LIFE NEWS

BEAUTIFUL

CANADA—For the first time in Canada, a baby survived fetal surgery to correct a narrowed heart valve and is now thriving. Oceanne McKenzie was born at 6 lbs 1 oz and is expected to go home soon. Had the defect not been detected at 30 weeks of the pregnancy, the baby could have died of heart failure or would have had a very short life prognosis. The operation took place three days after diagnosis. A needle was inserted in the womb and then into the baby's heart. A tiny catheter was placed in the aorta where it would widen the valve. Oceanne survived the surgery and was born one month later.

HOPEFUL

Pro-Life Democrat Saves Abortion Funding Limits Obama Suggested Overturning

When Obama released his budget suggestions in May, he asked members of Congress to reverse current policy and allow the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) to use tax dollars to pay for pro-abortion litigation. Rep. Alan Mollohan, a pro-life Democrat from West Virginia and a subcommittee chairman, wrote H. R. 2487, the FY10 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill that normally has the Legal Services Corporation abortion litigation limits. He ignored President Obama's suggestion that the language for LSC be loosened to allow LSC grantees to conduct abortion litigation. He also kept limits on using taxpayer funds to pay for abortion for prisoners who reside in federal prisons and prohibitions on patenting human beings for research. *Thank you Rep. Mollohan. May there be other brave-hearted Democrats to join in your pro-life efforts.*

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she was sentenced to three years and four months in prison. Now an additional six years and eight months have been added to that sentence.

Anchorage: An Air Force staffer gets sentenced to nine years and six months in prison in connection with charges that he killed his unborn child. Airman 1st Class Scott Boie of Milton Wisconsin, stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base, tried to cause his wife to have an abortion using an ulcer drug after she refused to have an abortion. He used Miso-prostol, which is part of the RU 486 abortion process. Boie faced two charges in this crime - one for actions against the mother, who survived, and one for actions against the child using the Unborn Victims of Violence Act enacted by Congress in 2004. In addition to his jail sentence, Boie has been dishonorably discharged from the Air Force, demoted to E-1, and hit with a total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

BAD

The IRS has told members of the Coalition for Life of Iowa they would have to give up their 1st Amendment rights in order to be recognized as a non-profit organization, according to a complaint being pursued by members of the Thomas More Society. The organization sent a letter to the IRS stating, "As detailed in its...narrative, the Coalition for Life carries out its tax-exempt work by sponsoring educational forums and coordinating with like-minded groups to educate the public and otherwise promote sanctity of life principles... The Coalition is aware that from time to time individuals who may or may not be involved with the Coalition gather for prayer outside a Planned Parenthood facility. These gatherings are consistently small (ten or fewer people), peaceful, not in any way disrupting, and consist solely of silent and spoken prayers." The IRS has demanded that Coalition board members sign a statement that the Coalition will not picket

or protest outside of Planned Parenthood or similar organizations and will not organize others to do so.

PLEASE NOTE: All pro-life organizations are under great scrutiny, especially under the Obama administration. A C-3 can pray at a clinic. This is not "advocacy" - which a C-3 cannot do.

BAD

The U.N. has moved closer to setting up a new women's "super-agency." U.N. staff has insisted governments approve a new office without providing details on its budget, structure, staffing or mandate. For almost three years the U.N. has discussed reforming its "gender architecture" by creating a centralized office that would be "the leader and voice on gender equality and the empowerment of women" and which would be "adequately resourced and with authority and capacity to drive and hold the United Nations accountable." Presently, organizations within the U. N. are mandated to address gender and women's rights. Radical feminist non-governmental organizations such as Equality, NOW, and the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) have campaigned hard for the new gender office. This move will impact abortion across the world.

UGLY

On July 12, 2009 Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said in a *New York Times Magazine* article: "Frankly, I had thought that at the time {*Roe vs. Wade*} was decided there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don't want to have too many of." The response came in the context of Medicaid funding for abortion for poor women. After all, if poverty partly described the population you had "too many" of, you would want to subsidize it in order to expedite the reduction of unwanted populations. Did Justice Ginsburg endorse eugenic motivation she ascribed to the passage of *Roe vs. Wade* or was she describing it?

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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