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**PRESIDENT BUSH  
STATEMENTS & ACTIONS  
NATIONAL SANCTITY OF  
HUMAN LIFE DAY 2005**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that all Americans are endowed by the Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. On National Sanctity of Human Life Day, we celebrate the sacred gift of life.

We have a responsibility in America to defend the life of the innocent and the powerless. Our Nation has made significant progress in recent years toward building a culture of life. I signed into law the Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004, which provides that any person who causes death or injury to a pregnant woman commits two separate offenses. I worked with members of both parties to ban the brutal practice of partial-birth abortion, and I signed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. Working with Congress, my administration has halted spending of tax payers' money on international programs that promote abortions overseas. We continue to promote abstinence education, adoption programs, crisis pregnancy programs, and other efforts to help protect life.

My administration remains committed to the steadfast belief in the dignity of every human being and the promise of every life. Across our country, we must continue to encourage our citizens to make ours a more just and welcoming society in which every child is born into a loving family and protected by law. We will work with decency and respect to change hearts and minds, one person at a time. In doing so, we will build a lasting culture of life and a more compassionate society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United State of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 16, 2005, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon all Americans to recognize this day with appropriate ceremonies in our homes and places of worship and to reaffirm our commitment to respecting the life and dignity of every human being.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of American the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

— GEORGE W. BUSH

**PRESIDENT BUSH CALLS "MARCH FOR  
LIFE" PARTICIPANTS**

12:11 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Nellie (Gray), thank you. Thanks a lot for inviting me to speak. I know it's chilly there in Washington, but weather hasn't stopped thousands of participants from

marching for life for the past 32 years, and it did not this year either. And so I'm honored to be a part of this tremendous witness that is taking place in our Nation's Capitol, and it's good to hear your voice again.

You know, we come from many backgrounds – different backgrounds, but what unites us is our understanding that the essence of civilization is this: The strong have a duty to protect the weak.

I appreciate so very much your work towards building a culture of life — a culture that will protect the most innocent among us and the voiceless. We are working to promote a culture of life, to promote compassion for women and their unborn babies. We know – we know that in a culture that does not protect the most dependent, the handicapped, the elderly, the unloved, or simply inconvenient become increasingly vulnerable.

The America of our dreams where every child is welcomed in law, in life, and protected in law may still be some ways away, but even from the far side of the river, Nellie, we can see its glimmerings. We're making progress in Washington. I've been working with members of the Congress to pass good, solid legislation that protects the vulnerable and promotes the culture of life. I signed into law a ban on partial birth abortion. Infants who are born despite an attempted abortion are now protected by law. So are nurses and doctors who refused to be any part of an abortion. And prosecutors can now charge those who harm or kill a pregnant woman with harming or killing her unborn child.

We're also moving ahead in terms of medicine and research to make sure that the gifts of science are consistent with our highest values of freedom, equality, family, and human dignity. We will not sanction the creation of life only to destroy it.

What I'm saying is we're making progress, and this progress is a tribute to your perseverance and to the prayers of the people. I want to thank you, especially, for the civil way that you have engaged one of America's most contentious issues. I encourage you to take heart from our achievements because a true culture of life cannot be sustained solely by changing laws. We need, most of all, to change hearts. And that is what we're doing, seeking common ground where possible, and persuading increasing numbers of our fellow citizens of the rightness of our cause.

This is the path to the culture of life that we seek for our country. And on its coldest days, and one of our coldest days, I encourage you to take warmth and comfort from our history, which tells us that a movement that appeals to the noblest and most generous instincts of our fellow Americans and that is based on a sacred promise enshrined in our founding document, that this movement will not fail.

And so on this day of compassion, where warm hearts are confronting the cold weather, I ask that God bless you for your dedication, and may God continue to bless our great country. And thank you for letting me share this moment with you, Nellie.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH

**LIFE:** "Because a society is measured by how it treats the weak and vulnerable, we must strive to build a culture of life. To build a culture of life, we must also ensure that scientific advances always serve human dignity, not take advantage of some lives for the benefit of others. We should all be able to agree on some clear standards. I will work with Congress to ensure that human embryos are not created for experimentation or grown for body parts and that human life is never bought and sold as a commodity. America will continue to lead the world in medical research that is ambitious, aggressive, and always ethical."

**JUDGES:** "Because courts must always deliver impartial justice, judges have a duty to faithfully interpret the law, not legislate from the bench. As President, I have a constitutional responsibility to nominate men and women who understand the role of courts in our democracy and are well qualified to serve on the bench – and I have done so. The Constitution also gives the Senate a responsibility. Every judicial nominee deserves an up-or-down vote."

### **ACTIONS:**

**JUDGES:** President Bush will renominate twenty pro-life judges for key federal court positions. The decision sets the stage for a fierce debate with Senate Democrats over abortion. President Bush hopes to have 60 votes to stop filibusters that were previously used by the Democrats to block judges they opposed. Although President Bush has a larger majority, a mostly unified Democratic Party could still block the nominees. With that in mind, Senate Republican leaders are considering several ideas to push through the judicial picks on a majority basis - including rewriting Senate rules to disallow filibusters on judicial confirmation votes.

**PRO-LIFE BILLS:** A White House spokesman has indicated that President Bush will back two pro-life pieces of legislation that will be at the forefront of efforts by pro-life groups and lawmakers to further reduce the number of abortions. The first bill, the Child Custody Protection Act, has received House approval before but never had a vote in the Senate. Under the measure, states would be required to honor the parental involvement statues of other states by preventing anyone other than a teenager's parents or legal guardian from taking her to another state for an abortion. Abortion facilities located in states with no parental involvement laws have been criticized for finding staff members to take girls from another state across the border for secret abortions.

The Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act requires abortion practitioners to tell women considering an abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy that the abortion procedure will cause significant pain for the unborn child. Once told, the mother will have an option to allow the baby to receive anesthesia should she go ahead with the abortion. "President Bush supports both pieces of legislation," said White House Deputy Press Secretary Trent Duffy.

**YOUR LOBBYING IS NEEDED NOW! PLEASE WRITE TO SEN. JEFF BINGAMAN AND SEN. PETE DOMINICI AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT HR 4420/S 2466 THE HOUSE AND SENATE BILL FOR THE UNBORN CHILD PAIN AWARENESS ACT. S.8 IS THE CHILD PROTECTION ACT, WHICH IS THE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BILL. THE ADDRESS TO WRITE TO IS:**

SENATOR \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

**TO CALL: CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD: 202-224-3121**  
Please use your most positive, polite lobbyist techniques.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you have provided us with an e-mail address, you will have received communications with regards to the legislation RTLNCM is backing. That gives you an opportunity to do a very important job: contact your legislator. We can't keep writing letters or sending out newsletters, but we can do an e-mail to everyone within 5 minutes. **SO, IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE DO SO NOW!** By the way, when you change your e-mail, please inform us. Our e-mail is: [info@rtlncm.org](mailto:info@rtlncm.org).

## THE RIGHT TO LIFE OFFICE HAS NEEDS

Many people like to give an "item" as their donation. There are two needs that the state office has. The first is an "apartment" sized refrigerator sized 5 ft. high and 2 ft. wide. The second item is a television that has both a VCR and a DVD to be used for educational purposes. All new donations will be handled as an in-kind donation, and if the price is available, a letter showing that it is a tax-deductible donation. If you have questions, please call **505-881-4563**. Hope you know someone in the appliance business who will work with you. Thank you.

## THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO'S ADS

I hope you got to see the TV ads that were played around January 22, 2005. I and many people did, and we got a very positive response. Now we want to do more ads around Mothers Day. However, we need funds to be able to do this. If you want to help in this venture, please send a check to: RTLNCM-MEDIA FUND, 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Suite 107, Albq. NM 87110. Your donations will be used only for the media activity.

## CLAIMS THAT ABORTIONS INCREASED UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH ARE WRONG

Just before last November's election, a researcher said that President Bush's economic policies have led to an increase in the number of abortions during his administration, a last-minute effort to call into question President Bush's pro-life credentials. This claim is still being touted by Sen. Hillary Clinton. Here are the facts! A leading pro-life expert on abortion statistics says the study is flawed and sometimes uses old data or wrong numbers to draw conclusions. Stassen, the pro-abortion researcher, found that abortions increased in 11 states and claimed abortions must be on the rise nationwide. But Randy O'Bannon, Director of Education at the National Right to Life Committee, says these figures are wrong. In Illinois, for example, Stassen used only one year of data and ignored the substantial decrease in the number of abortions from 2002 to 2003. In Wisconsin, Stassen says abortions increased, but the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services says there were 436 fewer abortions performed in Wisconsin in 2002 than in 2001. In South Dakota, Stassen points to a one year increase in abortion of 2.1%. However, that's the figure for the increase in the number of babies born during that period. Figures from the State's Health Department revealed a 9.7% decrease in the number of abortions during that time. **Source: LifeNews.com**

**May all the pastors in the pulpit and pro-abortion Senators who have been giving this wrong information stop spreading untruths!**

## THE PRO-LIFE ADVANTAGE

Exit polls made since 1998 have shown that being pro-life is an advantage for a candidate.

1998: Wirthlin Worldwide post-election poll found that 22% of all voters said abortion affected the way they voted. Thirteen percent voted for candidates who opposed abortion, while 9% voted for candidates who favored abortion, giving pro-life candidates a 4% advantage.

2000: Wirthlin Worldwide post-election poll found that 42% of the voters said that abortion affected their vote. Twenty-three percent voted for pro-life candidates, and 19% voted for abortion candidates — a 4% advantage for pro-life candidates in general.

2002: CBS/*New York Times* poll (November 20-24) found that abortion tied for second place as the biggest vote-getter for Republican U.S. House candidates. Six percent of those voting for Republican U.S. candidates cited abortion as the most important issue in deciding their vote, while zero percent of those who voted for Democrats U. S. House candidates cited abortion as the reason.

2002: Zogby International post-election poll conducted in nine states with hotly contested Senate races found that 41% of the voters said the abortion issue affected their vote. Twenty-three percent voted for the pro-life candidate, while 16% voted for the pro-abortion candidate – a 7% advantage for the pro-life candidate.

2004: Wirthlin Worldwide post-election poll found that 42% if the voters said abortion affected the way they voted. Twenty four percent voted for George W. Bush, while 15% voted for John Kerry, giving President Bush a 9% advantage on the abortion issue.

Eight percent said abortion was the “most important” issue in their voting. Six percent voted for George W. Bush, while 2% voted for John Kerry – a 4% advantage for President.

## NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE

By this time I hope EVERYONE has contacted their legislators to support the bills that RTLNCM is supporting. If you haven't, do so immediately. Call 505-986-4300 and ask for your legislator and tell him/her to sponsor the bills listed below and ask for a reply. Share their answers with RTLNCM by calling 505-881-4563 or e-mail to [info@rtlncm.org](mailto:info@rtlncm.org). Do this a.s.a.p. HB 111 has been tabled and is not likely to have further action taken on it in this legislative session.

SB 126 has not been heard in Consumer Affairs in the Senate. However, I believe action will be taken on this bill soon. Your State Senator needs to hear from you even if he/she is pro-life. That helps him/her to sell why we need to support this parent's right bill.

As soon as the bill is finished in the Senate, it will go over to the House. There again, all representatives need to hear from us so that they will be guided to vote for the bill when it gets to the committees assigned and then when it gets to the floor.

So the bill we are working for and you should communicate about is SB 126. Please assist this lobbyist and the many good Democrats and Republican legislators who are behind this bill. We are counting on you.

*Knowledge is knowing a fact. Wisdom is knowing what to do with that fact.*



## COMING EVENTS

### ★ THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO'S STATE CONFERENCE

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO – APRIL 23, 2005  
WYNDAM HOTEL - AIRPORT

Reservation forms will be going out in March's Viva Life.

Workshops will take place in the morning and end around noon.

**The workshops are: *Roe vs. Wade*** given by **Mary Spaulding Balch** from National Right to Life. Her husband, Burke Balch, will give a workshop on ***Euthanasia*** with all the current information we all need to know.

The third workshop will be by **VirtueMedia** who did our television advertising campaign. They will show other ads and speak on why this is important and what everyone can do to help.

The banquet speaker on Saturday evening will be **Dr. Anthony Levatino**, a former abortionist, who with his wife Cecilia will give a presentation on his walk and conversion to being pro-life, etc.

So, mark you calendar, **April 23, 2005** and plan to fill out a reservation for the whole event. You can only be an effective pro-lifer if you are an informed one.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A FUNDRAISER FOR THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE BOOK WILL BE COMING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

★ MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** WHEN **BORN TO RUN** WILL TAKE PLACE. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING IN FUTURE VIVA LIFE NEWSLETTERS.

★ **NATIONAL RTL CONVENTION** – MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. **JUNE 16-18**. More information will be provided at a later date.

## WRAP UP OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES FOR 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE

**WASHINGTON D.C.** Hundreds of thousands came out in the cold to join in the March For Life that took place on January 24, 2005. The day started with a mass and a youth rally at MCI Center featuring thousands of young Americans from across the nation. From there, marchers heard from a number of pro-life members of Congress who talked about past accomplishments and future plans. “The end of abortion on demand has started in America. In its place, a spring of life has begun,” Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas said. Many pro-life advocates say the re-election of President Bush gives them hope that more progress can be made to stop or reduce abortions in the next four years.

**Editor's Comment:** Despite travel coming to a stop by air and train, many, many young people came and represented the largest group. We have new wonderful troops. They were cheerful, polite, and so enthused. We must join with them.

**SANTA FE:** Hundreds of New Mexicans representing many pro-life organizations showed up at the State Capitol. Pro-life legislators such as Sen. Bill Sharer addressed the group. It was a positive assembly addressing the hope for the future.

**ESTANCIA VALLEY RTL:** This chapter had its second Luminaria Memorial in Moriarty. Over double the number of people showed up for this reflective occasion.

**ALBUQUERQUE RTL:** Albuquerque RTL held a Luminaria Memorial on Saturday, January 22, 2005 at Calvary Cemetery. Children from local schools, youth groups, and churches

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## Wrap Up...

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decorated 1,000 bags with five names on each bag commemorating the 5,000 + babies aborted in New Mexico each year. Rev. Easton from Faith Lutheran Church talked to us of the importance of each of us reaching out to just one person – a family member, a neighbor, and a co-worker – and the difference it can make for us and for that other person. After processing past the lighted luminaries to the grave marker for the Unborn Child, the choir from MountainSide Church of Christ led us in singing “Amazing Grace.”



## UPDATE ON CLONING/EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

There is much activity on both of these issues. Today, on February 8, 2005, it was announced that the British government has given permission to the people who cloned “Dolly” the sheep to now clone a human embryo. The purpose is to use it for human parts.

Research on embryonic stem cells is being voted on or established in our country and throughout the world.

### ACTIVITIES:

In our country, the Wisconsin governor is asking for taxpayer funding for embryonic stem cell research. There is a funding bill in the Illinois legislature that would fund embryonic stem cell research. A national doctors group, the Christian Medical Association, that monitors bioethics issues has come out in opposition to the bill that would allow cloning to create and kill human embryos for scientific research. The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, headquartered in Illinois, has also come out in opposition.

California passed Proposition 71 in November. Californians plunged headlong into a \$6 million quagmire of debt in a quixotic quest for “miracle cures” from human cloning and embryonic stem cells. They did this while voting against a proposition that would have added a modest tax to phone bills to keep the state’s endangered emergency rooms and trauma centers from shutting down. While these centers can save lives, there is no proof at all that embryonic stem cells can save lives. This won’t be used for adult stem cell research, which has a proven record in more than 120 treatments for patients suffering from various diseases and ailments. I guess the hype given by “movie stars” is more important than scientific facts. The first checks will probably start being sent out in May through grants that Citizens Oversight Committee, a nonprofit group who is facilitating research forums and identifying who should get grants.

In Arizona a bill that would make sure state taxpayer funds are not used to fund any type of human cloning is in the Arizona State House. It has passed one committee.

### GEORGE W. BUSH

Meanwhile, George W. Bush has made it very clear that taxpayer money will not go to fund embryonic stem cell research, a policy he established in 2001. He does not want new human life destroyed. In his State of the Union Address he reiterated that position. Much pressure has been put on both Democrats and Republicans in Congress to pass a bill to override this policy. However, with the gain of additional pro-life votes in the Senate, it is much more likely to have legislation that will ban embryonic stem cell research.

Immediately after the State of the Union speech, a Bush administration official said that the President plans to pursue stricter limits on human embryo research. The Bush administration told Reuters that the White House would pursue limits on embryo research conducted by “rogue scientists.” According to Reuters, the unnamed Bush spokeswoman mentioned an experiment conducted by Dr. Norbert Gleicher of the Chicago-based Foundation for Reproductive Medicine. Gleicher injected male cells into female embryos. “This would prohibit that type of experimentation as well,” the official said. President Bush also plans to unveil a more detailed plan on bioethic issues in the near future, the Bush official said. In addition, confirming Bush’s State of the Union address, the official said the President will not compromise on his stem cell research policy.

### ADULT STEM CELLS:

#### Blindness

Adult stem cell research continues to provide positive answers, and this does not require the death of another human being. In Houston, Texas, some amazing developments are being reported in adult stem cell research. Researchers have now shown that transplanted adult stem cells can improve vision in eyes that have been damaged by retinal disease.

Scientists at the University of Toronto and Miami University in Ohio have transplanted stem cells from a human retina into the eyes of day-old mice and chick embryos. When the animal’s eyes developed fully, the scientists found that many of the human cells had survived and grown into specialized cells needed for sight. The eyes appeared to be normal. The researchers are now investigating whether the retinal stem cells from healthy mice will continue to develop when transplanted into blind mice. This research is a key advance in the use of stem cells to treat disorders such as macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa.

### HEART ATTACKS

Researchers are also reporting some major new accomplishments using adult stem cells from a variety of sources, including umbilical cord blood and fat. Stem cells from umbilical cord blood have been used to treat heart attacks in animals. The University of South Florida research team who conducted the study believes that the research could have applications for humans. In the study, researchers injected human umbilical cord blood stem cells into the hearts of rats an hour after a heart attack. The researchers found that the stem cells greatly reduced the size of the damage, restoring the heart’s pumping function to near normal. In addition, scar tissue was minimized.

In another umbilical cord blood development, cord blood transplantation is now a viable option for adult leukemia patients, thanks to research conducted at the University of

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## Update on Cloning...

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Minnesota. These researchers have combined two cord blood units from different donors for transplantation into adult leukemia patients. While stem cell transplants using umbilical cord blood have become standard treatment for blood disorders in children, they have not been available for adults-until now. The Minnesota project will change that.

The language that is thrown around to convince people to support legislation or action is very confusing, thus an "implication" of what is meant can be presented. This isn't an accident; it is purposeful. Confusion breaks down resistance, for when people hear the pure truth, the biotech's political agendas collapse. This is done by using inaccurate words are designed to obfuscate the entire debate.

This is what human cloning is: Definition: Cloning is accomplished via a process known as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). According to the unanimous conclusion of the President's Council on Bioethics, the act of human SCNT creates a "cloned human embryo." Moreover, as the Council rightly reported, "The same activity {SCNT} may be undertaken for purposes of producing children or for purposes of scientific and medical investigation and use." In other words, cloning, is cloning, is cloning.

### THE MORAL ISSUE

Pope John Paul II has said, "Civil progress cannot derive from...the loss of respect for the inviolable dignity of human life. What appears as the progress of civilization and scientific conquest is in many cases, in fact, a defeat for human dignity and society." The Catholic leader also discussed the issue of science and human cloning as he has done many times, which touches on controversial issues such as stem cell research and human cloning. "The truth of man, his vocation since conception to be received with love and in love, cannot be sacrificed to the power of technologies and the equivocation of desires on authentic rights," John Paul II warned.

**In conclusion: There is no need to destroy one human life to help or cure another human life. If we are going to spend money, put it where it is working. Adult stem cell research is proving its worth. Embryonic stem cell research has no proof.**

Sources: LifeNews and AARP - *Your Health* magazine

## UPDATE ON TERRI SCHIAVO

On Monday, January 24, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal of a Florida law that the state legislature passed to prevent Terri Schiavo's estranged husband from starving her to death. The court's decision came without comment and will likely allow Michael Schiavo to remove Terri's feeding tube soon. Gov. Jeb Bush had appealed a Florida Supreme Court decision striking down the law to the nation's highest court. He said the Florida courts did not hold hearings to offer him a chance to defend the law and prove that Terri would not want to die a painful starvation death. Terri's law violated the separation of powers clause of the state constitution by improperly allowing Bush to intervene and restore the feeding tube. "It's judicial homicide. They want to murder her," her father, Robert Schindler, told the Associated Press on Monday in reaction to the decision. "I have no idea what the next step will be. We're going to fight for her as much as we can fight for her. She deserves a chance." Michael Schiavo, who is seeking to end his wife's life and marry his fiancé with whom he is currently living and has two children, now has authority to ask doctors to remove the feeding tube. How soon he can do that

is unclear, as Terri's parents are waging last ditch efforts to prevent her death and replace Michael as her legal guardian based on numerous conflicts of interest.

**Please note: In Florida, it is illegal to starve a dog.**

Source: LifeNews.com 1/24/05

## BRITISH STUDY SHOWS MORNING AFTER PILLS DON'T REDUCE ABORTION RATE IN U.K.

Abortion advocates claimed for years that sales of the so-called morning after pill would help reduce the number of abortions. However, a new British study shows that the drug, which can cause an abortion itself, has not lowered the number of surgical abortions. Researchers of Dundee, Edinburgh, and Oxford universities found giving women advanced supplies of the morning after pill did not reduce the abortion rate among that group of women. "Enthusiasm for distributing advanced supplies of emergency contraception may be misplaced as a strategy to reduce unintended pregnancy in the U.K.," explains Sally Wyke of Dundee University and Director of the Scottish School of Primary Care. Though having the drugs did not reduce abortions, Wyke claims that could happen if more women have the pills. Some 18,000 women between 16 and 29 participated in the study and received the morning-after drugs. Approximately 45% of the women used the sometimes-abortifacient, and more than 4,500 gave their supply of the drugs to a friend during the course of the 28-month study.

## CHINA WILL BAN SEX-SELECTION ABORTIONS TO CURB GENDER IMBALANCE

Just one day after hitting the 1.3 billion population mark, Chinese officials say they will ban sex-selection abortions in order to curb the growing gender imbalance problem caused by the country's coercive one-child population control policy. The gender imbalance has grown since the Asian country introduced the population control policies after a post World War II baby boom. Because they are prohibited from having more than one child, some Chinese families opt for abortions when ultrasounds reveal a girl baby. Rural Chinese often kill newborn infant girls, as men are preferred to work farms and carry on the family line. According to the 2000 census, there were about 117 males to 100 females in China, and the latest government statistics show it at 119 to 100. For second births occasionally allowed in rural areas, the national ratio was about 152 to 100. The average rate worldwide is 106 boys born for every 100 girls, and girls are born more often than boys in some industrialized nations. Zhang Weiquing, a minister in charge of family planning, told the official Xinhua news agency, "The government takes it as an urgent task to correct the gender imbalance of newborns. As a new measure, the commission will start drafting revisions to the Criminal Law in order to effectively ban fetus gender detection and selective abortion other than legitimate medical purposes," Zhang said. China has drawn significant concerns worldwide because of the forced abortions, sterilizations, and human rights abuses that population control officials use to enforce the one-child policy.

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*It's more important to redistribute opportunity than it is to redistribute wealth.*

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To understate the case, California's economy is in shambles. The state can't adequately fund schools, programs for the developmentally disabled and the elderly are being cut to the bone, and its roads are increasingly in disrepair. Indeed, the red ink flows so deeply that last March voters authorized the state to borrow \$15 billion just to avoid bankruptcy. Despite all that, biotech firms wanted the state to borrow \$3 billion to pay for human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, fields that private investors generally shun because they are unlikely to bring marketable products to doctors' offices any time soon. Embryonic stem cell research has yet to cure a single patient, while the use of adult stem cells has been a tremendous

success. But the industry's hubris apparently knows no bounds. Last November, industry supporters spent \$20 million to pass the proposal.

<http://www/lifenews.com/bio282.html>

**RESEARCH CONFIRMS  
FORCED ABORTIONS  
& STERILIZATIONS IN PERU**

Records from investigations conducted by the Peruvian Congress, the U.S. State Department, and the Population Research Institute (PRI) have revealed that the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has been actively involved in coercive abortion and forced sterilization campaigns in several countries, despite denial of the charges by the UNFPA's supporters. The U.S. Congress will re-evaluate U.S. taxpayer funding of the UNFPA in the weeks following July 4.

**MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION**

I understand that the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico (RTLNCNM) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to the right to life of all innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death; that this organization takes a stand only on those issues that are directly related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

I support the goals of RTLNCNM, including a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and hereby make application for membership (renewal) as follows:

- Individual — \$20.00
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Signature Required

**Five Alive PROGRAM**

RTLNCNM hopes you will sign up for the *Five Alive Program 2005*, which helps provide a budget to keep our organization operational and meet our basic needs. You can fill out the form below. We will need this a.s.a.p. so that we can mail envelopes out and have you ready to start contributing your tax-deductible donation in January. \$5.00 a month from everyone would allow us to raise money for media and other educational tools, so come on board by sending in the form below...

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