



VIVA LIFE

MAY 2005
Vol. 23, No. 5

Visit Our Web Site At:
www.rtlnm.org

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO

THE RIGHT TO LIFE CONFERENCE: A GREAT SUCCESS!



If you didn't come to our Education Conference several weeks ago, you not only missed learning wonderful new information, but you missed a very good time.

I don't know why many of you do

not take the opportunity to come and learn, to arm yourself with information that could change others' hearts and minds. Do we think we know it all? I know I don't. Even though I've been in the movement for 35 years, I am still learning and sharing. This is my moral duty and responsibility if I'm to say I am pro-life.

For those of you who came, I know you are now empowered to teach and involve others. Thank you for caring enough about the issues to come and learn.



We who are pro-life must run with the ball whenever the opportunity arises. When we all do that, we will change our society. Please watch for more educational events to which you can "go to the well." Each one of us must be educated and guided.

Tapes of the conference can be purchased through Avista Video Histories located at 5353 Wyoming Blvd. NE #C, Albq. NM 87109 or call 505-828-2100. There are tapes of the workshops (Euthanasia Today, Virtue Media, and Roe vs. Wade) and the banquet speech by Dr. & Mrs.

Levantino. Tapes cost \$10.00 each. To request an order form via email, drop us a message at info@rtlnm.org.



Coming Events

→ **NATIONAL RTL CONVENTION: JUNE 16-18, 2005 – MINNEAPOLIS, MN:** There will be many wonderful workshops provided on every aspect of the issues of abortion (cloning/stem cell research), infanticide, and euthanasia (assisted suicide, rationing of health care, and living wills). It is a must meeting for those who want to be informed, pro-life supporters. To see details, please check our web site at www.rtlnm.org.

→ **DONA ANA COUNTY RTL EDUCATIONAL DINNER - JUNE 10, 2005 – LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO:** Mark Crutcher, President of Life Dynamics, Inc., will be the guest speaker. This organization has done groundbreaking research on the abortion industry and has conducted several unique undercover investigations that have exposed scandalous and illegal activities in abortion clinics. Mark is also the co-host of LIFE TALK, a television show in Denton, Texas and is the author of "Lime 5," a book that is an expose on the abortion industry. The cost is \$25.00. For more information, call: (505) 496-1700, (505) 526-9225 or (505) 523-6923.

→ **STATE FAIR: SEPTEMBER 9-25, 2005 ALBUQUERQUE:** This Fair is the third largest fair in the nation. It is an opportunity, through our booth, to educate many people in our state and from all over the country, so we hope you not only visit the booth but will volunteer to work at it. An opportunity to volunteer will come via the newsletter in the future. We need supervisors to work 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. (10 p.m. on weekends) and volunteers for shifts of two hours starting at 9:00 a.m. each fair day. Mark your calendar now so that we have enough people to take on this very large but important project.

→ **BORN TO RUN: SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 KIT CARSON PARK, ALBUQUERQUE:** This will be our 4th annual event, and it is growing every year. It is a 5K/10K Run/Walk and a 1 mile Run/Walk, so everyone can participate. Right now we are seeking sponsors for this event, and you can help if you know a business, politician, or an organization that would like to sponsor our event while getting publicity for themselves. There is a brochure in this newsletter with details. A registration brochure for walkers/runners will be in a future newsletter. Now and later, your help is needed. To get more brochures, call the state office at 505-881-4563.

As the blossom can't tell what becomes of its fragrance, so a man can't tell what becomes of his influence.

THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT WELCOMES POPE BENEDICT THE XVI

The Catholic Church has once again picked a dedicated pro-life pope. Benedict XVI views abortion as a social and moral abomination, repeatedly referring to it as a “grave sin.”

Last June when Senator John Kerry and President Bush were running neck and neck in the presidential race, then Cardinal Ratzinger issued a letter that prohibited priests from giving Holy Communion to a Catholic politician who is “consistently campaigning and voting” for permissive abortion laws.

In July the pope released a “Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on Collaboration of Men and Women”. Representing a brilliant and incisive critique of feminist theory, the letter zeroed in on its two fundamental flaws.

First is the tactic of provoking gender conflict. Feminists try to convince women to “make themselves adversaries of men,” explained the Cardinal, which “leads to opposition between men and women.”

Second is the concept of androgyny, what Ratzinger denounced as the “obscuring of the difference or duality of the sexes.” This flawed theory of gender “has inspired ideologies which...call to question the family in its natural two-parent structure of mother and father.”

Once again we will have a strong supporter for life and family. We need this support!

Information: NewsWithViews.com

WHAT DOES ABORTION DO TO WOMEN?

Dauneen Dolce, Editor

There are basic facts that will be provided, but abortion has gone far beyond these terrible facts to new dimensions. Groups like *Silent No More* can tell the “rest of the story.” It is not a pleasant story, and it is not told enough so that women can make an “informed choice” - something that those who support abortion do not want them to have.

BASIC FACTS: Reports are made that say that there are no immediate complications from abortion. These reports derive their information from university medical centers, which are clean and have highly qualified surgeons performing abortions. However, 90% of abortions are done in free-standing, for-profit abortion clinics or in doctors’ offices. The reporting of any complications from these abortion mills is very unlikely. That would bring bad publicity and loss of business. More than likely, the woman is sent home and if bleeding or septic infection takes place, she does not return to the abortion clinic but goes to a hospital. The Center for Disease Control does not get reports on complications. An excellent book has been written about this called *Lime 5 - Exploited by Choice* by Mark Crutcher and published by Genesis Publishing Company in 1996, particularly Chapter 4.

SHORT TERM COMPLICATIONS

MISCARRIAGES: A woman wishing to become pregnant has a two to three fold increase of miscarriage in the first trimester if she previously has had an abortion, as an incompetent cervix increases the possibility of having a miscarriage 30-40%. In the second trimester, there is a ten fold increase of miscarriage, and according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*, there is a double incidence of miscarriage.

UTERINE RUPTURE: 1% of women who have an abortion develop a uterine rupture.

URINARY INCONTINENCE: 23.7% suffer urinary incontinence compared to 12.6% of those who go full term.

MENSTRUAL SYMPTOMS: An excess of menstrual symptoms showed in all age groups.

SYNECHIA (FREQUENT UTERINE ADHESIONS) showed up in great numbers with women who had two or more abortions. Remember, 50% of women have a second abortion.

INFECTION: This is very common and can cause infertility and even death.

HEMORRHAGING: A great deal of blood can be lost due to perforation of the uterus and if not attended by care in a hospital immediately, death can occur. There is also an increase in blood clots, endometriosis, and placenta previa (when the placenta covers the womb so serious that cesarean section is required).

ECTOPIC PREGNANCY: In 1970 there were 4.5 ectopic pregnancies per thousand live births; in 1980 there were 14.5 for a total of 52,200. In 1992 there were 108,800 with 28 women dying. An ectopic pregnancy is where the fertilized egg implants in the fallopian tube.

LONG TERM COMPLICATIONS

INFERTILITY: Due to scarring from a perforated uterus or from scraping off the previous pregnancy from the wall of the uterus and/or from infection creating blockage in the fallopian tubes and other reasons, many women - up to 15 % from their first abortion - will never have another child.

BREAST CANCER: There have been more than 40 world-wide studies done on this association in countries that had abortion before the United States. The irrefutable evidence shows that women who have abortions on their first pregnancy are more likely to have breast cancer than those who did not abort. If there is an added factor of breast cancer in her family history, the woman is now playing Russian roulette.

EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS: Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS) is one of the leading mental illnesses in our country resulting in the impairment of a woman’s functioning and well-being individually, socially, and within her family. Symptoms are denial, anger, guilt, withdrawal from social relationships, despair, depression, child abuse, and the inability to forgive one’s self or others. Many times the grief felt at some point after the abortion has the woman preoccupied with death that is often associated with the date of the abortion. Relationships are terminated, and suicide tendencies increase.

NOW LET’S LOOK AT OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THOSE WHO SUPPORT ABORTION, AS WELL AS OTHER SOURCES.

ABORTION BUSINESS ATTORNEY: WOMEN DON’T NEED TO KNOW ABORTION RISKS

In a stunning admission, an attorney representing a national group of abortion businesses admitted that women don’t need to know of the risk of premature delivery in a pregnancy following a partial-birth abortion. During his closing arguments on behalf of the National Abortion Federation, attorney Stephen Hut discussed a study with Judge Richard Casey that showed an increase in the number of early term (premature) deliveries subsequent to a partial-birth abortion being performed. Judge Casey brought up the study and asked Hut whether someone performing a partial-birth abortion has an obligation to tell women of the risk. “There is certainly no obligation to report the results” to women considering abortion, Hut said. “How can they give informed consent if you don’t tell them?” Judge Casey responded. “Aren’t we putting thousands of women and their babies at risk if we don’t have an obligation to tell women who are considering abortion?” “Absolutely not,” Hut replied.

(continued on page 3)

What Does Abortion Do To Women?...

(continued from pg. 2)

Judge Casey said he was concerned that if he overturns the ban on partial-birth abortions, medical malpractice cases would result where abortion practitioners are sued by women faced with the physical damage it has done to them – damage they were not forewarned would happen. Casey asked Hut, “The best I can do is let it go on and let malpractice cases resolve what perhaps this Court should be facing up to?” Hut’s response was a surprising revelation: “Rather than let the Congress deprive thousands of women of a safe property, sure.” [How Crass!]

Source: LifeNews.com/na606.html

ABORTION HAS STRONGER EMOTIONAL IMPACT ON WOMEN THAN MISCARRIAGE: OSLO, NORWAY

Researchers in Norway have found that abortion has a more significantly damaging and emotional impact on women than miscarriage. The study found that women who had an abortion years ago were more likely than women who had miscarriages to be suppressing thoughts and feelings about the death of the baby. Overall, the study revealed that approximately 17% of 80 post-abortive women surveyed scored highly on a scale measuring “avoidance” symptoms. Such symptoms include avoidance of what happened or “intrusion,” such as flashbacks or bad dreams. Women who had induced abortions were more likely to experience regret and feelings of “guilt and shame,” the study’s authors said. Only 3% of women who suffered from miscarriages had such symptoms. Georgette Forney, an abortion survivor who is the co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign - a group that urges women who regret their abortions to speak out - is glad more research is being conducted into abortion’s aftereffects. “My experience is that women who miscarry are usually given a small window of sympathy, but women who have abortions often resort to using drugs and alcohol to cover up the pain because the people who told us it was ok to abort our babies don’t want to listen to our crying afterwards,” Forney explained.

Source: LifeNews.com

ABORTION ADVOCATES DISCOUNT EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS AFTER ABORTION: Washington, D.C.

The pro-abortion lobby is attempting to discount scientific evidence showing a link between abortion and psychological problems. One of the nation’s leading pro-abortion researchers, Nancy Russo of Arizona State University, recently told a science reporter from the *Toledo Blade*, “As far as I am concerned, whether or not an abortion creates psychological difficulties is not relevant...it means you give proper informed consent and you deal with it.” The Elliot Institute, which studies the after-effects of abortion, responded, “Maybe Russo wasn’t quoted exactly right, but it sounds harsh to say the emotional pain millions of women experience after abortion is ‘not relevant’ and they should just deal with it.” A researcher at Bowling Green State University, Priscilla Coleman, says approximately 10% of women who undergo abortions experience psychological problems as a result. “It’s that 10% with a common procedure that just keeps nudging at me. I think that’s a group we really need to look at more closely. Ten percent of 1.3 million women, how can we ignore that? If it was any other medical procedure it would get more attention,” Coleman said.

Source: LifeNews.com

U.N. OFFICIAL ADMITS LEGAL ABORTIONS AREN’T SAFE FOR WOMEN: New York, NY:

At an international population conference, a World Health Organization (WHO) official admitted that legal abortions aren’t safe for women. While U.N. leaders and abortion advocacy groups claim the unsafe nature of illegal abortions in many countries around the world ought to require legalization of abortion, they are often reluctant to acknowledge the damaging role legal abortion plays in the lives of women. “Up to 20% of maternal deaths are due to abortion. Even in those situations where abortion is legal, there is a question whether ‘safe’ abortion is safe,” said Dr. Gunta Lazdane, the European Regional Adviser to WHO on Reproductive Health and Research, according to a fax. Lazdane’s statement is contrary to the WHO’s regular claim that legal abortion is safe, and only illegal abortions are unsafe – a position that pro-life advocates have pointed out is not backed up by facts.

Source: lifeneews.com/nat525.html

DRUG, ALCOHOL ABUSE HIGHER FOLLOWING ABORTION, A NEW STUDY SHOWS: Springfield, IL

Women who have abortions are more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol, a new study shows. Those who did not have an abortion of a first unintended pregnancy were less likely to engage in substance abuse. Researchers from the Elliot Institute and Bowling Green State University surveyed 746 women who had unintended pregnancies and 1,144 women who had never been pregnant. David Reardon, PhD, the study’s lead author, suggests that giving birth, even to a child born from a mother who was not ready to become pregnant, may produce a “protective effect” for the baby because of the mother’s increased sense of responsibility. The study’s authors say the higher substance abuse rates may result from “higher levels of anxiety, depression, and unresolved grief which have been measured in other studies of women with a history of abortion.” “It seems most likely that we are looking at a cluster of interrelated reactions, not a simplistic, isolated cause and effect reaction,” Reardon said. According to Reardon, 21 previous medical studies also confirm the link between substance abuse and abortion and show increased rates for both consumption of alcohol and drug use for women who have abortions.

Source: lifeneews.com/nat592.html

INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON 47 DEATH CERTIFICATES OF U.S. WOMEN WHO DIED FROM CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED LEGAL ABORTION: 1972-1992

These are excerpts from Research Bulletin Vol. 17, No.4 by the Association for Interdisciplinary Research in Values and Social Changes published Sept/Oct-2003. All 50 states plus New York City and Washington D.C. collect death certificates. Information from death certificates may be used to determine the underlying cause of maternal deaths.

The most important element in assigning the correct underlying cause of death is the information recorded on the death certificate. If this information is inaccurate or incomplete, the codes subsequently entered will not reflect an accurate description of events that led to the death and will result in misclassification of the cause of death. Various studies have documented the fact that physicians frequently sign death certificates containing errors or omissions. In one study, 59% of death certificates contained errors because only the mechanism of death was reported and not the cause of death. The authors pointed out that this would lead to considerable statistical misin-

What Does Abortion Do To Women?...

(continued from pg. 3)

formation. If a woman of reproductive age dies in New York City, the certifying physician is required to fill out a section on the death certificates stating whether or not the woman had been pregnant within the last six months. Yet a study of death certificates found that 40% of the certifying physicians failed to do so. A survey of the 52 vital statistics registration areas in the United States found that at least 23 of the areas did not fulfill the minimum cause of death query guidelines recommended by the National Center for Health Statistics.

In the case of identifying abortion deaths, the value of vital statistics as a source depends on the physician's determination of the cause of death on the death certificate. In order that abortion be mentioned on the death certificate, the certifying physician must know that an abortion has taken place, must warrant it important enough to be mentioned, and then must actually list it on the certificate. Vital statistics information has been found to contain a smaller number of reported abortion deaths than actually take place. Inadequate physician documentation on the death certificates has been identified as a primary reason for this. Abortion-related deaths are defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as deaths resulting from the direct complication of an abortion, an indirect complication of an abortion caused by the chain of events initiated by the abortion, or an aggravation of a pre-existing condition by the physiologic or psychological effects of the abortion. Any death attributable to abortion is considered by the CDC to be abortion-related, regardless of how long it occurred after the abortion. Legal abortion is defined by the CDC as an abortion performed by a licensed physician or someone acting under the supervision of a licensed physician. The CDC has acknowledged that all states do not report on each variable.

WOMEN'S GROUP: BREAST CANCER ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE ABORTION LINK: Washington D. C.

A woman's group that monitors the link between abortion and breast cancer says her group wonders what groups who raise millions of dollars to fund breast cancer awareness have done to reduce the breast cancer rates in the last three years. "Every year, sneakered women raise billions for cancer businesses that are more interested in research than disease prevention," says Karen Malec, a 15-year cancer survivor and spokesperson for the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer. Despite the money, breast cancer rates are on the rise. More than 211,000 cases of invasive breast cancer and 59,000 cases of in situ breast cancer are expected this year. One in 7.5 American women develops the disease in her lifetime. In 1970, one in 12 women developed the disease. Malec says the incidence of breast cancer is on the rise because of induced abortions, and she blames leading anti-cancer groups for refusing to acknowledge that fact. Only a third trimester process in pregnancy matures a woman's breast tissue into cancer-resistant tissue. An early, first, full-term pregnancy before age 24 is the most important strategy a woman can adopt to prevent breast cancer, according to Malec's group.

Note: I personally send a letter to all cancer fundraisers and tell them I will not give a penny until they recognize the connection and share the information.

CONCLUSION: I will refer to this bulletin for more details on this subject in future newsletters. I wish to make the point that all abortions are done by doctors in New Mexico, and most are done in an abortion clinic. There is no informed consent required before an abortion is done on any women at any

age. When there has been an attempt to pass a law (which most states now have), abortion advocates work to defeat the law. It is hoped in the future to get such a law passed, but it is one of the most difficult ones to pass in the current New Mexico legislature. **WOMEN DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO CHOOSE, ONLY A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ABORTION WITH NO FACTS OR ALTERNATIVES.** This is a crime and it must be addressed.

LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BILL: H.R.748, sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), the House version of the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, passed the House 270-157. It now goes on to the Senate where the bill has 38 sponsors (37 of them being Republicans). Ben Nelson (D-NE) is the only Democrat sponsor.

The bill, if passed, would have it against the law to move minors from one state to another without a parent's permission.

The Senate Democratic Caucus is trying to obstruct the legislation, despite the fact that 75% or more of the public wants passage of the Parental Notification bill. President Bush is encouraging passage of this bill.

Congressman Steve Pearce voted for the bill, and Congressman Tom Udall voted against it. Congresswoman Heather Wilson was absent.

Sen. Domenici is going to vote for S.8 sponsored by Sen. John Ensign (R-NV). Letters need to go to Sen. Jeff Bingaman asking for his support. Write to: Sen. Jeff Bingaman, 702 Hart Senate Bldg., Washington D.C. 20510. His telephone is: Albq.: 505-766-3636, Las Cruces: 523-6561, Roswell: 622-7113, and Santa Fe: 988-6647. His e-mail is: senator-bingaman@bingaman.senate.gov

FLORIDA JUDGE APPROVES ABORTION FOR 13-YEAR OLD

West Palm Beach, FL: A judge has ruled that a 13-year-old girl at the center of an abortion fight with the state may terminate her pregnancy, and Gov. Jeb Bush said Tuesday, May 3, that the state will not appeal further.

Juvenile Judge Ronald Alvarez ruled on Monday, May 2, 2005, that the teen, who has been in state custody for four years, would not be physically or emotionally harmed by the procedure. Last week, Alvarez blocked the girl's abortion until a psychological evaluation was completed. "He ruled that she is competent, that she has made a decision, and that she has a right to act on that decision," said Howard Simon, Executive Director of the Florida American Civil Liberties Union, which represented the girl.

It was unclear whether the girl, 14 weeks pregnant and known only as L.G. in court papers, had yet undergone an abortion. Calls seeking an update from the girl's attorneys were not immediately returned.

State Department of Children & Families spokeswoman Marilyn Munoz said the agency would "respectfully comply with the court's decision." She declined to provide further detail. "We are working for the best interest of the young girl," Munoz said.

The teen became pregnant after running away from the DCF shelter where she lives.

"It's a tragedy that a 13-year-old girl would be in a vulnerable position where she could be made pregnant, and it's a tragedy that her baby will be lost," Bush said in Tallahassee. The department had argued that the girl was too young and

(continued on page 5)

Florida Judge Approves...

(continued from pg. 4)

immature to decide for herself to have an abortion.

Info from MSNBC.com. Note: Please read in this newsletter what can happen to a woman, yet a child, who has an abortion. They won't tell her, and she will suffer the consequences. She is a child and the adults were negligent.

INFORMATION ON PAST LEGISLATION BORN-ALIVE INFANTS PROTECTION ACT

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced certain steps to improve compliance with the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, a law enacted in 2002.

In a press release, Mike Leavitt, Secretary of DHHS, said, "Congress has received testimony that some infants who had been born alive after unsuccessful abortions were left to die... The Act reaffirms the legal principle that all infants born alive are entitled to the full protection of the law. That is a principle I will vigorously uphold as Secretary... We took the first of these educational steps today by notifying relevant entities that we aggressively enforce federal laws that protect born-alive infants. We issued clear guidance that withholding medical care from an infant born alive may constitute a violation of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act and the Medicare Conditions of Participation."

The law (Public Law 107-207) established that in all federal laws and regulations, the words "person," "human being," "child," and "individual" include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development. The law also defines "born alive" as meaning "the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother of that member, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion." President Bush had requested this be done by DHHS.

WHY THIS ACTION IS NEEDED! ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Angele, a single mother in her thirties with two children, thought that abortion was the answer to her circumstances. At almost 23 weeks gestation, she entered the EPOC Clinic in Orlando, Florida. Little did she realize that the next day she would give birth to a live, perfectly healthy boy whom she named Rowan. Cradling Rowan's moving body, her screams for help were ignored by abortion clinic workers while her son took his last breath.

The clinic is known for late-term abortions and its well-known founder, Dr. James Pendergraft. A few years ago he served time in a federal prison regarding an alleged scheme to extort the city of Ocala, Florida by means of his other abortion clinic in that city.

On April 1, Angele was given Valium, and Laminaria was inserted into her cervix to begin dilation. She was told to return the following day. On April 2, Angele took the prescribed medicine to induce labor. Cramping and crying, she went to the clinic and knocked repeatedly on the door. Eventually someone came and directed her to a room that had dried blood on the wall. She was given a blanket that was still wet. She began to bleed and go into labor. Despite her cries, no one assisted her. After one hard push, the baby was born, fully intact and definitely

alive. Angele said, "His right leg moved. He curled up a bit, like he was cold. I screamed but no one came." She pleaded for the clinic workers to call 911, but they did not.

Angele caressed and comforted her son by rubbing his back, tummy, and chest. "I stroked his precious little head and kept telling him I loved him and we would be okay," she said. Still no one came to help. Eventually, Angele, holding the baby still attached to the umbilical cord, ran to get her cell phone. Help did not arrive in time. Rowan took his last breath. "After a few minutes, I realized for certain that he was gone. I picked up my son. I held him to my chest. I rocked him and prayed. I could not stop crying," said Angele. "I felt so bad. I felt so helpless. I had been so wrong to come here... I wanted to fix and change everything once I saw Rowan's precious little face and body. All we needed was someone to get us to safety," Angele said.

Mathew D. Staver, President and General Counsel of Liberty Counsel, which represents Angele, stated: "When I visited baby Rowan at the funeral home and saw his precious little body, fully formed with blond eyelashes and growing fingernails, I wondered, 'How can we continue to kill our children and hide behind the rubric of choice? Rowan's short life will not be in vain if his story can give life and hope to mothers who believe their only choice is abortion. Rowan joins the ranks of thousands of children who die each day by abortion. Most have no names, and we never see their faces. We must restore a culture of life. We must protect our precious, innocent children. We must extend a healing hand to mothers like Angele. The rhetoric and the politics of abortion must be replaced by a culture of life.'" **This article came from Liberty Council April 25, 2005.**

Note: Two complaints have been filed with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. One is against Harry Perper, the abortion practitioner who started the abortion process, and James Pendergraft, the abortion business owner who is charged with violating state law. It is hoped they will lose their license.

This article shows the callousness of those who kill unborn children and use and neglect women. Our society must see what abortion really is. Our society must help women and truly give them a "choice".

TEEN ABSTINENCE ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The New Mexico Abstinence Education Coalition is sponsoring a contest for teenagers ages 13-18 in New Mexico. The focus of the essay is on the physical, emotional, and social benefits of abstinence before marriage. The 1st place prize is \$1,000.00, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, and honorable mention (5 students) a \$50.00 gift certificate from B. Dalton or Barnes & Noble book store. The deadline to e-mail the essay is June 1, 2005. Winners will be announced July 1, 2005. For details and rules, e-mail to: www.makethebestchoice.org/EssayRules.pdf or call Best Choice at 505-275-6054.

FILIBUSTERS & JUDICIAL NOMINEES

The public needs to be aware and involved in the crisis that is taking place in the U.S. Senate. President Bush is nominating highly-qualified men and women for the U.S. Court of Appeals, powerful courts just one level below the Supreme Court. But Democrat senators are refusing to allow up-or-down votes on the floor of the Senate. They think a minority of just 41 senators should be able to block judicial nominees.

Democratic senators like Barbara Boxer, Hillary Clinton, and

(continued on page 6)

RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO

2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE
Suite 107
Albuquerque, NM 87110-3166

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Albuquerque, NM
Permit #471

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FILIBUSTERS...

(cont. from page 5)

Ted Kennedy would have you believe that these are extremist nominees, but these very qualified men and women have received high ratings from the American Bar Association and their home state legal associations.

Prior to 2003, NO judicial nominee with clear majority support in the Senate had been denied an up-or-down vote because of a filibuster. A nominee should be confirmed if he or she has the support of a majority of senators.

The nominees are pro-Constitution, thus are pro-life under that fact. This is why the Democrats oppose them. Since the courts have been ruling "pro-choice," it is important to replace them with those who uphold our Constitution. Only then will we get the courts' decisions based on rulings with the Constitution as it is written, not their own private agenda. We are only asking for fair, ethical, and legal rulings on pro-life issues.

Deals have been proposed by the Democrats that have been rejected by the President and the Senate Republicans. They said they would vote for "some" of the pro-life nominees if we drop the attempt to stop the filibuster on judicial candidates. This is not acceptable, since all the candidates should have a fair hearing, and we can't have Democrats pick and choose who they want.

YOU CAN HELP. Again, we must contact Sen. Jeff Bingaman and urge him to support an end to filibusters of nominees to federal judgeships. Use the addresses provided in this newsletter under "Legislation in Congress."

You can also help by calling talk show hosts or writing letters to newspaper

editors and share the basic facts provided in this article. There is not an attempt to stop all filibusters, just those on judicial nominees. Eighty-two percent of Americans agree with you, and the Senate should reflect that view.

So do your part and help the President and the pro-life cause. Act quickly, for the vote to stop the filibuster will be soon and the vote is very close.

BRAIN INJURED FIREMAN

Don Hebert was trapped under a collapsed roof as a fireman fighting a house fire in December 1995. He spent 2 1/2 months in a coma and was left blind with little if any memory. For a decade he did not speak. On April 30, 2005, he suddenly asked for his wife Linda. He talked for the next 14 hours before needing sleep. He still has moments of lucidity, which gives his family and the doctors hope for further recovery.

Experts say such cases are so rare that they don't have much information to study. It is to be noted that at one point the family was asked to remove food and water, something they declined to do.

Now, Don Hebert, father of four, can follow commands such as shaking his head, moving his hands, and counting up to 200. I am sure his family is glad to have him back in the fold rather than in the grave.

Don't waste your time and energy setting the hopes for your children higher than your example.

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
- Corporate — \$40.00 - for business organizations
- Family — \$30.00
- NRL News Subscription (\$5.00 with paid membership)

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Wish to: (check one)

- Register to vote
- Re-register

I am a registered: (check one)

- Republican Democrat
- Other

Signature Required

VIVA LIFE! is published by the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico, 2800 San Mateo NE, Suite 107, Albuquerque, NM 87110-3166. Phone: 881-4563. Larry Uhrich, Pres.; Charlene Comba, V.Pres.; Connie Johnson, Sec.; Verna Pochop, Treas.; Dauneen Dolce, National Delegate; Editor: Dauneen Dolce. *VIVA LIFE!* is printed by The Sherwood Co., Inc.