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Rev. Scott Manganella

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To date, PRECIOUS LIFE has ministered to over 20,000 women and their families. Over 250 women have changed their abortion plans and carried their babies to term.



News to Know

Maryland Orders Dangerous Abortionist to Stop Practicing

Troubled abortionist Steven Chase Brigham has been issued a cease and desist order by the Maryland State Board of Physicians. The order demands that he stop the illegal practice of medicine, including abortions, at five locations throughout Maryland because he does not and never has been licensed in that state.

The order, dated August 25, 2010, indicates that Brigham has been practicing illegally in Maryland since January, 2010. The document referred to an incident that occurred on August 13, 2010, where Brigham had begun a surgical procedure presumed to be an abortion, since that is the sole focus of his business. However, something went wrong and Brigham instructed the woman to travel to his abortion clinic in Elkton to complete the procedure "on an urgent basis."

Brigham has been under investigation and discipline throughout his entire 20-year career. He voluntarily retired his medical license in Pennsylvania while under investigation just six years after graduating from medical school. Since then, Brigham had medical licenses revoked in New York and Florida, and received disciplinary action in California and New Jersey. He served 120 days in jail in 1998 for Medicaid fraud.

In Pennsylvania, in July [2010], the Pennsylvania Department of Health ordered Brigham to shut down four of his abortion centers for reportedly employing medical staff who were not properly licensed with the state.

Brigham was forced to give up his license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania some years ago because of botched abortions. He was also taken to task for employing Harvey Walter Brookman, who did abortions at a State College abortion facility known as State College Medical Services and at the Erie abortion center known as American Women's Services under Brigham's employ. Brookman, was only permitted to treat himself and his family because he holds what is called an "active-retired" medical license in

Pennsylvania. Brookman has also had trouble maintaining a valid medical license in other states.

The Pennsylvania state health department took its latest action on July 7, when Deputy Secretary of Health Robert Torres permanently banned Brigham and any corporation he owns or runs from doing abortions in the state.

That could allow for a significant reduction of abortions in Pennsylvania as American Women's Services does about 3,600 abortions annually at its centers in Pittsburgh, Allentown, Erie and State College.

—*LifeSiteNews.com, August 31, 2010*
—*LifeNews.com, September 3, 2010*

Abortion Doulas

Lauren Mitchell struggled to adjust to her new role as a doula. She is one of many trained, as the Greek term literally means, to assist in childbirth. "What you get very used to is this weird mix of tragedy and relief and sex and death—this wild variety of emotions," she says. "There's always this interesting mix of remorse and relief."

If that doesn't sound like a traditional birth experience to you, you're right. Lauren is an abortion doula, taught to coach mothers not in the birth, but killing of children. She is one of dozens of volunteers with The Doula Project in Manhattan. The group covertly works in two unidentified abortion mills, including one that specializes in late-term abortions.

One doula says her job is to "offer patients whatever they need: someone to joke with, someone to cry with, maybe someone to rub their feet." Another described how she helped a mother by simply blocking her view of lethal injection syringes and an ultrasound monitor with her soon-to-be dead baby's image on it. She considered that a successful intercession. But where will these abortion helpers be when, days, months or years later, these hurting mothers are faced with an inescapable sense of loss, depression and regret? What jokes will they distract them with then?

This phenomenon is a tragedy of wolves in sheep's clothing. Not only

does the masquerade deny women the true support they need, it also presents an ironic problem for the abortion community itself. They've spent decades claiming that terminating pregnancies does not bring difficult, painful or troubling consequences. Promoting this service is the ultimate admission they were wrong.

Unfortunately, the existence of the abortion doula could be the start of a bigger push. These helpers could soon be the ones to fill in for a nationwide shortage of abortionists by administering the lethal drugs, too. If so, you can count on us to push right back. We'll always champion for baby birthdays, not death days—and that's something every doula should be doing, too.

—*Bradley Mattes, Executive Director*
Life Issues Institute, September 3, 2010

Colorado Abortionists Campaign Against Personhood

Planned Parenthood and pro-abortion medical practitioners kicked off a campaign to snuff out the Colorado Personhood initiative, which aims to extend personhood to all human beings from the beginning of their biological development, as it heads to voters in November.

Amendment 62, which has been certified for Colorado's ballot once again after a failed attempt in 2008, has drawn vitriol from abortion groups eager to dismiss embryonic human life as "fertilized eggs" unworthy of the dignity of personhood. A No on 62 rally drew about 100 abortion advocates to the steps of the state Capitol, and was backed by the Colorado Medical Society. The group has vowed to raise \$1 million to fight the personhood initiative.

While even the U.S. federal government has acknowledged that embryos are human beings at the earliest stage of development, opponents dismissed the lives the amendment aims to protect with dehumanizing terms.

"[Amendment 62] is a sneaky attempt to provide constitutional and legal rights to a fertilized egg," said Fofi Mendez, campaign director for the

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March for Life

Washington, D.C.

Monday, January 24, 2011

In 2011, the anniversary date of the *Roe v. Wade* decision will fall on a weekend, a time when lawmakers are typically away from Washington. March for Life organizers want to make sure that the pro-life pilgrimage to our nation's Capitol has maximum impact on our elected leaders and that the Marchers have an opportunity to visit with their Congressional delegations in order to press their pro-life message. For those reasons, the March for Life will be held on Monday, January 24, 2011. Please plan now to attend. Your presence, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of *Roe v. Wade*, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America's future.



Some of the participants in the March for Life in 2010 decided to put red tape with the word, "LIFE," in black over their mouths as a way of remembering the many precious unborn babies whose voices will never be heard because they were aborted. This young lady is taking a few moments to pray outside the nation's Capitol Building.

For more information about the March for Life, go to www.marchforlife.org/



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for Human Life
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November elections appear to favor conservative Republican candidates

Both nationally and in Pennsylvania, it appears that the Republicans will have a distinct advantage over their more liberal, Democratic counterparts.

According to Larry J. Sabato, Director, U.Va. Center for Politics as of September 2nd, 2010, Republican candidates are looking to sweep the house with at least a 47-seat pick up of congressional seats.

Here in Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District, Rep. Bill Shuster is expected to easily defeat his write-in challengers, Democratic Tom Connors and Independent Chad Cloppers.

The two contests that Pennsylvania voters are focused on are the Pennsylvania U.S. Senate seat and the Pennsylvania Governor's race.

Former Congressman Pat Toomey of Lehigh Valley is the pro-life candidate who is poised to defeat his pro-abortion challenger, Joe Sestak. Sestak is behind Toomey by at least 9 points in three of the previous four public polls released. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee has reserved \$5.7 million for the Pennsylvania race. By contrast, the National Republican Senatorial Committee has reserved \$2.5 million for the open-seat contest between Sestak and Toomey.

The very liberal Joe Sestak has been endorsed by the pro-abortion political action committee, NARAL. In choosing to endorse Sestak, NARAL Political Director Elizabeth Shipp said that Sestak's voting record on abortion rights' issues during his two terms in the House makes clear his support for abortion rights.

In stark contrast, conservative Pat Toomey has been endorsed by the National Right to Life and the Pennsylvania Pro-life Federation.

Toomey has stated, "Children should be welcomed into the world and protected by its laws." According to Karen Cross, director of the NRLC, Pat Toomey had a solid pro-life voting record.

On the other hand, his opponent, Joe Sestak, voted against pro-life legislation every chance he had. Cross went on to say that Sestak even voted to enact President Obama's pro-abortion healthcare legislation, which will provide government funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will promote the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments."

She went on to say, "Toomey has proven his commitment to protect our most vulnerable citizens—our unborn children. Toomey's pro-life record should earn him the support of all voters who are concerned with the right to life and with the protection of the most vulnerable members of the human family."

The other political contest commanding the attention of Pennsylvania voters, is the race between pro-life Repub-

lican candidate Tom Corbett and his pro-choice counterpart Democratic challenger, Dan Onorato.

A new Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of "Likely Voters in Pennsylvania" finds Republican Tom Corbett leading his Democratic challenger, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, 50% to 37%. Three percent (3%) of voters prefer some other candidate and 10% are undecided.

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation noted Corbett and Lt. Governor Candidate Jim Cawley's primary election victories and said the pair would be running as a "pro-life team."

Corbett was one of the sponsors of the 2008 Celebrate Life Banquet benefiting the work of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Education Fund.

The organization applauded him in 2008 when he joined with attorneys general from across the country in objecting to a special \$100 million dollar deal for Nebraska included in the Senate's pro-abortion health care bill.

The Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor, Scott Conklin, is pro-life.

Finally, according to the Pennsylvania Pro-life Federation, Blair County, Pennsylvania voters have no contest in the 30th Senatorial District seat held by pro-life Republican State Senator, John Eichelberger, and three state Representative seats held by Pro-life Republicans, Rick Geist, of the 79th district (Pennsylvania Pro-life Caucus member), District 80, Republican Jerry Stern, (Pennsylvania Pro-life Caucus Co-Chair) and Republican Michael Fleck from the 81st District.

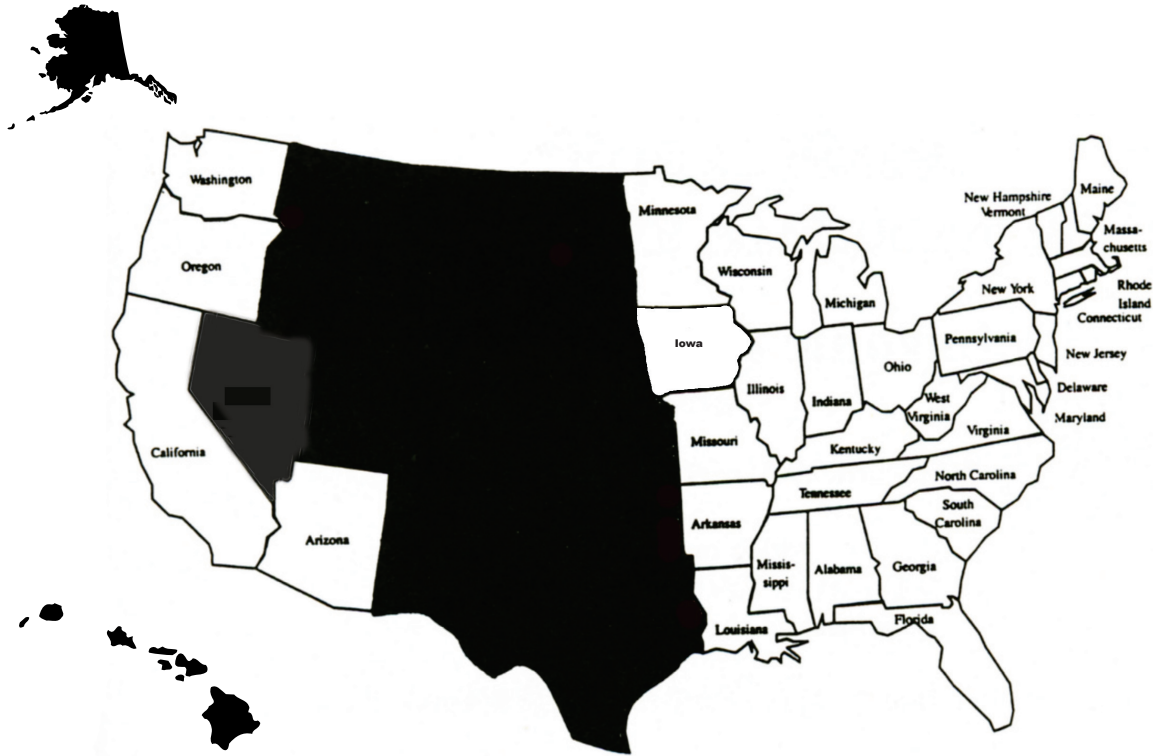
*Beth Britz, Political Action Chair
Citizen's Concerned for Human Life of Blair County*

Editor's Note: Citizens Concerned for Human Life does not endorse candidates.



Analysis Shows 52 Million Abortions Since Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade Decision

The Shadow of Shame What We Have Lost With Abortion



U.S. Abortion Statistics

Texas	24,782,302	Idaho	1,545,801
Colorado	5,024,748	Hawaii	1,295,178
Oklahoma	3,687,050	Montana	974,989
Kansas	2,818,747	South Dakota	812,383
Utah	2,784,572	Alaska	698,473
Nevada	2,643,085	North Dakota	646,844
New Mexico	2,009,671	Wyoming	544,270
Nebraska	1,796,619		

52,064,732 U.S. Census Bureau 2009 Estimate

**Equivalent to the Combined Population of the
Shadowed States**

2010 estimate is a staggering 52,008,665 babies aborted in the U.S. since 1973

—National Right to Life Committee

PAIN *of the* UNBORN

What does an unborn child feel during an abortion?

While an unborn child cannot verbally express the pain she experiences, all biological indicators suggest unborn children are capable of feeling pain by at least 20 weeks.

● 18 Days Brain

The brain begins to take shape only 18 days after conception. By 20 days, the brain has already differentiated into forebrain, midbrain, and hindbrain, and the spinal cord has started to grow.(1)

● 5 Weeks Pain Receptors

Four or five weeks after conception, pain receptors appear around the mouth, followed by nerve fibers, which carry stimuli to the brain. By 18 weeks, pain receptors have appeared throughout the body. Around week 6, the unborn child first responds to touch.(2, 3)

● 6 Weeks Cortex

In weeks 6-18, the cerebral cortex develops. By 18 weeks the cortex has a full complement of neurons. In adults, the cortex has been recognized as the center of pain consciousness.(3)

● 8 Weeks Thalamus

During weeks 8-16, the thalamus develops, functioning as the main relay center in the brain for sensory impulses going from the spinal cord to the cortex.(1)

“The neural pathways are present for pain to be experienced quite early by unborn babies.”

– Steven Calvin, perinatologist, University of Minnesota



Scientific evidence suggests abortion is excruciatingly painful for the unborn child.

“At 20 weeks, the fetal brain has the full complement of brain cells present in adulthood, ready and waiting to receive pain signals from the body, and their electrical activity can be recorded by standard electroencephalography (EEG)”

– Dr. Paul Ranalli, neurologist, University of Toronto

● 14-18 Wks Nerve Tracts

In week 18, nerve tracts connecting the spinal cord and the thalamus are established, and nerves from the thalamus first contact the cortex in week 20. Nerve fibers not routed through the thalamus have already reached the cortex by 14 weeks. (3,4)

● 18 Wks Stress Hormones

As early as 18 weeks, stress hormones are released by an unborn child injected by a needle, just as they are when adults feel pain. Hormone levels in those babies decrease as pain-relievers are supplied.(7)

● Before 18 Weeks?

Even before nerve tracts are fully established, the unborn child may feel pain; studies show anencephalic infants, whose cortex is severely reduced if not altogether missing, may experience pain as long as other neurological structures are functioning.(6)

● 20 Wks All Parts in Place

With pain receptors, spinal cord, nerve tracts, thalamus, and cortex in place, all anatomical links needed for pain transmission to the brain, for feeling pain, are present.

An unborn child at 20 weeks gestation “is fully capable of experiencing pain... Without question, [abortion] is a dreadfully painful experience for any infant subjected to such a surgical procedure.”

– Robert J. White, MD., Ph.D. professor of neurosurgery, Case Western Reserve University

Highest Pain Receptor Density Before Birth

Between weeks 20 and 30, an unborn child has more pain receptors per square inch than at any other time, before or after birth, with only a very thin layer of skin for protection.(4)

Pain Inhibition Not Fully Developed Until Later

Mechanisms that inhibit or moderate the experience of pain do not begin to develop until weeks 30-32. Any pain the unborn child experiences before these mechanisms form is likely worse than the pain an older child or adult experiences.(4)

The unborn’s experience of pain may actually be heightened

An unborn child has less legal protection from feeling pain than commercial livestock.

In a slaughterhouse, a method of slaughter is deemed legally humane only if "all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical, or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut." (Section 2 of the Humane Slaughter Act, 7 USC 1902).

By contrast, D&E abortions, performed as late as 24 weeks (well after the child begins to feel pain), involve the dismemberment of the unborn child by a pair of sharp metal forceps.⁹ Instillation methods of abortion [performed even in the third trimester] involve the replacement of up to one cup of amniotic fluid with a concentrated salt solution, which the unborn child inhales as the salt burns her skin. The child lives in this condition for up to an hour. In neither of these techniques is the unborn child provided with any form of anesthesia.¹⁰⁻¹³



Maternal anesthesia offers little pain protection for the unborn child.

For maternal anesthesia to provide adequate pain protection for the unborn child, it would have to avoid metabolism by the mother's liver, enter her blood stream, cross the placental membrane, reach the unborn child's circulation system in sufficient concentration, and cross the child's blood/brain barrier. The dose of anesthesia necessary to pass all five steps would endanger the mother.⁴

Only anesthesia administered directly to the fetus can sufficiently curb the pain caused by surgery or abortion. In fact, a *London Telegraph* survey found that 80% of British neuroscientists responding favored the use of fetal anesthesia for abortions conducted between weeks 11-24.¹⁴

The public supports the dissemination of information on fetal pain.

An April 15-17, 2004 Zogby poll of more than 1,200 people found 77% saying that they favored laws requiring that women who are 20 weeks or more along in their pregnancies be given information about fetal pain before having an abortion.

Abortionists callously ignore the suffering of the unborn.

In a lawsuit seeking an injunction on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, abortionist Dr. Timothy Johnson was questioned on fetal pain:

"Does the fetus feel pain?" Judge Richard C. Casey asked Johnson, saying he had been told that studies of a type of abortion usually performed in the second trimester had concluded they do.

Johnson said he did not know, adding that he knew of no scientific research on the subject.

The judge then pressed Johnson on whether he ever thought about fetal pain while he performs the abortion procedure that involves dismemberment. Another doctor a day earlier had testified that a fetus sometimes does not immediately die after limbs are pulled off.

"I guess whenever I..." Johnson began before the judge interrupted.

"Simple question, doctor. Does it ever cross your mind?" Casey pressed.

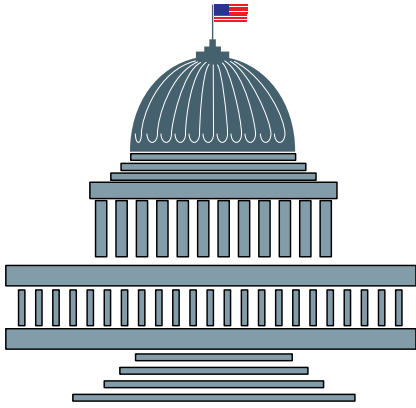
Johnson said it did not.

"Never crossed your mind?" the judge asked again.

"No," Johnson answered. (excerpted from AP, 15)

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◆ On April 13, 2010, the Nebraska Legislature passed the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act." The new law prohibits abortions in Nebraska after the unborn child can feel pain, which happens at twenty weeks. NLRC and Nebraska Right to Life lobbyists successfully worked closely with Nebraska Speaker Mike Flood to make the bill's language as strong as possible. The legislation is the first of its kind. It is being described by observers as nothing short of "landmark." No state has ever passed a similar pain law. The law will save lives. It will protect the twenty-week and older unborn child in the womb from the pain and horror of abortion. It will protect mothers from the grief that so often accompanies the decision to abort. The law is expected to be reviewed by the Supreme Court. If so, it could redefine a state's legitimate interest in protecting the child in the womb.



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Time for “Re-Education” on Pro-Abortion Health Care

Frustrated that Americans are not rallying around the pro-abortion health care plan President Barack Obama signed, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is promoting a “re-education” campaign designed to persuade Americans of its benefits.

In a recent interview, Sebelius told *ABC News Radio* that the Obama administration has “a lot of reeducation to do” heading into the midterm congressional elections in November, where polls show pro-abortion Democrats who voted for the ObamaCare bill are projected to lose by a landslide.

Sebelius blamed “misinformation given on a 24/7 basis” by Republicans and conservative and pro-life groups opposed to the pro-abortion health care measure is making it so Americans are opposed to it. She said seniors—concerned about the rationing in the bill—“have been a target of a lot of the misinformation.”

Sebelius’ desire to lobby voters comes after a new poll showing a sharp drop in support for the pro-abortion, government-run health care plan in August.
— *Excerpted from LifeNews.com, Sept. 2, 2010*

Pennsylvania Senator Promotes Bill to Force Taxpayer Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

With a federal judge having declared the executive order President Barack Obama issued to force taxpayers to finance embryonic stem cell research invalid, a Democratic senator is pushing legislation to overturn the federal law the judge said Obama's mandate violated.

U.S. district court Judge Royce Lamberth granted a preliminary injunction against the funding, which Obama officials appealed.

Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington put on hold that injunction while Judge Lamberth reviews the lawsuit itself.

Judge Lamberth based his ruling on the fact that the Obama order violates the Dickey-Wicker amendment, a federal law that prohibits the federal government from paying for research that involves the destruction of human embryos.

Sen. Arlen Specter spoke on the Senate floor and said he has proposed legislation that would repeal the Dickey-Wicker law and therefore authorize the taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research—which requires the destruction of human embryos, unique human beings days after conception.

"There is great uncertainty in the research community as to what will happen," Specter said, according to an *Associated Press* report, and said his bill would resolve it by overturning the law Lamberth used to temporarily put funding on hold.

Specter's bill requires that the research qualifying for funding must involve the destruction of human embryos considered "leftovers" by infertility clinics—even though several adoption centers have sprung up that have allowed parents to adopt them and eventually give birth.

Reps. Diana DeGette, a Colorado Democrat, and Mike Castle, a

Delaware Republican, promise to introduce similar legislation in the House and that chamber may vote on a bill as well.

Meanwhile, Senator Tom Harkin, Iowa Democrat, has scheduled a hearing this Thursday on the issue of human embryonic stem cell experimentation in his Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.

"The hearing was originally scheduled to counter a judge's decision upholding current ethical guidelines on the experiments, Dickey-Wicker, that both President Bush's and Obama's administrations violated," say Tom McClusky of the Family Research Council.

"Now that a higher court has stayed that decision, meaning the unethical research can continue with taxpayer dollars, it is likely no other action will be taken until perhaps a lame duck session. It is still assumed the House will try to pass legislation overturning any reasonable guidelines," he added.

Whether lawmakers will try to push a bill to fund embryonic stem cell research with taxpayer funds is unclear.

They may either decide the time is right now to move the legislation while supporters still have the votes on Congress before a landslide election in which perhaps dozens of new pro-life members are expected to be elected.

Or, they may recognize that polling data shows a majority of Americans don't want their tax dollars used to fund the destruction of human embryos in experiments that have never been tried in humans because of numerous problems associated with animals, such as causing tumors and immune system rejection issues.

A recent *Rasmussen Reports* poll finds 57 percent of Americans oppose the use of taxpayer funds to pay for embryonic stem cell research.

—Steven Ertelt, *LifeNews.com* Editor
September 13, 2010



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2011 Central PA Essay Contest

Students residing in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin and Somerset Counties are invited to write an essay on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research from a pro-life perspective. Enter the Regional and State Essay Contests!

Awards: Cash or Scholarship

Sr. High (Grades 10-12) Essay Contest
Word Limit: 750
1st Place \$200, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$75

Jr. High (Grades 7-9) Essay Contest
Word Limit: 500
1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Regional Essay Contest

Due: February 22, 2011

Mail to:

Pro-Life Essay Contest
c/o Janet Creighton
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with 2011 Essay Contest Entry Form
(available online at www.centralpaprolife.org)

State Essay Contest - Due: March 1, 2011

Entering the Regional Contest does not automatically enter you into the State Contest and visa versa. The region runs its contest before the state does so that the student can use feedback from the Regional Contest to improve their essay for the State Contest. These are two separate contests.

The 2011 Pennsylvania Pro-Life Essay Contest is open to Pennsylvania students in grades 7-12. Students must write a pro-life essay about abortion, euthanasia or stem cell research. Word limit is 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Each essay must include a cover page with the student's name, address, phone number, name of school (or the fact that the student is homeschooled), and grade. Winning essays will receive cash prizes. Deadline for entries is March 1, 2011. Essays can be e-mailed to lifelines@paprolife.org or mailed to the **Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA; 17109.** Good luck to all our student contestants!

National Right to Life 2011 Pro-Life Essay Contest

Senior Essay-Grades 10-12; Junior Essay-Grades 7-9. 1st Place-\$200; 2nd-\$150; 3rd-\$100. Essays should address this question: *What does abortion mean to you and your peers?* Entries must be submitted between December 13, 2010 and January 16, 2011 and be postmarked by January 22, 2011. Please refer to the National Essay Contest details at www.nrlc.org, under the "Special Events" tab.

2011 Central PA Oratory Contest



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- ★ Winner of States Goes to Nationals
- ★ All Expenses Paid!

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Novice (Grades 9 & 10) Oratory Contest
1st Place \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Mail a written copy of your speech along with the 2011 Oratory Contest Entry Form (available online at www.centralpaprolife.org) to:
Pro-Life Oratory Contest, c/o Janet Creighton,
3495 Business 220, Bedford, PA 15522

Oratory Contest Dates

Written Copy Due: February 22, 2011
Regional Competition: March 20, 2011
State Competition in Harrisburg: To be announced
National Competition: To be announced

Speech must be from a pro-life perspective, delivered as written, but need not be memorized.

The student may use a podium and appropriate hand gestures, but may not use props.

Pro-Life Dinner Invite

All winners will be invited to the Bedford County Annual Pro-Life Dinner as our guests.

The top two Varsity winners will be invited to speak at the Dinner, preceding the guest speaker.

A Great Dress Rehearsal For States!
The State Oratory Contest will be in Spring, 2011. The specific date will be announced.

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No on 62 Campaign. Vicki Cowart of Planned Parenthood warned the crowd that the amendment was "dangerous" because of the threat it poses to abortion availability.

The abortion lobby's reaction, says Personhood USA leader Keith Mason, betrays their fear that public recognition of the dignity of the tiniest human lives would ruin the lucrative abortion business. "The biggest funder of the opposition is Planned Parenthood, which in Colorado brings in \$365 million a year—and they would stand to lose the majority of that, because they are the number one abortion provider," Mason said. "This would hinder their business big time."

—Excerpted from *LifeSiteNews.com*, September 3, 2010

Join the Boycott

Help fight Planned Parenthood by refusing to do business with corporations that fund its deadly agenda. Did you know that the following corporations are boycott targets? **Craig Taylor** (shirts), **Whole Foods Market**, **JPMorgan Chase** (including Chase Bank, & Bank One), **Bank of America**, **Lost Arrow** (Patagonia), **Wells Fargo** (including Wachovia), **Chevron** (including Caltex, Texaco, Xpress Lube), **eBay** (including PayPal), **Kenneth Cole**, **Nike**, **Midas** (auto care), **Marriott** (including Courtyard, Fairfield, Renaissance, Ritz-Carlton, etc.), **Johnson & Johnson**, **Staples** (office/school supplies), **Trader Joe's** (markets/supermarkets), **Darden Restaurants** (Bahama Breeze, The Capital Grille, LongHorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Season 52), **Franchise Services** (PIP, Signal Graphics, Sir Speedy), **Ignite Restaurants** (Brickhouse Tavern+Tap, Joe's Crab Shack), **ING** (financial services), **Kohl's** (department stores), **Mrs. Fields** (cookies), and **The Gap** (apparel/accessories). **And this is just a partial list!**

To date, at least 257 corporations have ceased funding Planned Parenthood, which has cost the abortion-committing Goliath more than \$40 million! You may order a Boycott List from **Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 439, Front Royal, VA 22630-0009; Tel: 540-631-0380; ldi@fightpp.org**. The Boycott List includes the name, address, phone number, website address, products, subsidiaries, services, and chief executive officer for every boycott target so that you may contact them and express your disapproval.

President's Message

A Special Life

Life is precious in all its forms. This week, the Miracle League lost one of its most valuable patrons—Kathleen Marie Smith, the wife of the "Announcer Guy," Dennis Smith, who passed away in her sleep.

Kate served as the greeter, the organizer, the photographer and the encourager par excellence for all those young men and women with disabilities who love to play baseball. She and her husband knew the value of each and every life that came before them.

Each of them showed love to those who some might view as the least of our brethren. Dennis displayed it vocally, by using his announcer skills to make each of the players feel special and Kate—behind the scenes—remembered names, took pictures and arranged for the players or special guests to sing the National Anthem or "Take me out to the ball game."

Thank you, Kate, for being a big part of the "Miracle" in the Miracle League, and may the angels lead you into Paradise and comfort the Announcer Guy and all of us who will miss you.

—R. Thomas Forr, Jr., President
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Blair County Chapter, Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Inc. Membership Form

Blair County CCHL believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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_____ Student/Senior Member \$ 5.00

Name _____ Phone _____
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Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Blair County Chapter, CCHL, 2715 Third St., Altoona PA 16601**. For more information, call **814-946-0681**. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

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LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 3, 2010

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**17th St. and 9th Ave., Altoona
at Station Mall Medical Center**

Across the U.S. and Canada, on National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, hundreds of thousands of participants will silently stand in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs we hold deliver the messages that *Abortion Kills Children*, *Adoption is the Loving Option*, *Abortion Hurts Women*, *Pray to End Abortion* and *Life—The First Inalienable Right*. This peaceful, prayerful event provides a visual statement of pro-life unity to passersby. Signs will be provided. Please join us!

