

LifeLine

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Happy Fathers' Day!

Fathers have the power to shape their children for life!!

Along with loving, consistent discipline, fathers can strongly influence their children with frequent words of love, encouragement and affirmation.

A father's loving time and attention develop a child's self-respect – and ultimately – the respect for all human life so vital to our entire human family.

National Health Care

In April, nonpartisan, independent actuaries at the Dept of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released their analysis the recent health care bill.

Included in their analysis were various topics some of which are:

* **Cost Increases:** "National health expenditures under the health reform act would increase by a total of \$311 billion [between] 2010 and 2019..."

* **Medicare Cuts:** of "\$575 billion." [affecting both seniors and people with disabilities.]

* **Long Waiting Lines:** "...a significant increase in demand for health care [from] a relatively fixed supply of health care providers and services."

Just as importantly, the **conscience rights** of medical people to refuse to assist in an abortion and still keep their jobs is highly questionable.

The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) brought a suit against Mt Sinai Hospital in Brooklyn on behalf of a nurse who was forced to take part in a 22-week abortion.

When ADF notified the Health and Human Services (HHS) that the hospital had received \$200 million in federal funds every year and had violated the conscience rights of the nurse,...

HHS responded that it wasn't sure whether it even "has the authority and is able to take action" to enforce conscience laws.

Bowman, Matt, (ADF), www.washingtonexaminer.com

Declining Fertility's Effect

The UN Population Division – not part of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) – recently released a report which details the current global trend of fertility decline and an aging population.

This trend is expected to have devastating economic and societal effects on the developing world, particularly on women who are now targeted by UN agencies to further reduce fertility.

Evidence in the report also shows that UN programs aimed at reducing fertility in the developed world will do the most harm to women who will have fewer children to support them in their old age.

In stark contrast, the UNFPA has continued to call for increased efforts to reduce fertility to combat climate change.

Yoshihara, Susan, "UN Aging Report..." C-FAM, 4 Mar 10

According to Colin Mason of the Population Research Institute (PRI), the rationale is simple.

If overpopulation is the issue, then the suffering of thousands is just collateral damage for the cause of saving the planet.

The sterilization of faceless, nameless poor in faraway lands is an acceptable alternative to doing the same to women in the West.

The core of the matter is that "overpopulation" is just another way to say "poor people." [Just as] "reproductive health" is often just another way to say "ethnic cleansing."

Memorial Gift

Received from
Mary Lou Bedee
in loving memory of
Al Bedee

Thank you

It's "Fair" Time Again!

Please, please help!!!

PPCFL will have our usual display booth at the **El Paso County Fair** beginning **Saturday, July 24, thru Saturday, July 31.**

Daily hours vary with opening between 10:00 and noon, closing between 8:00 & 10:00 p.m. with mostly 4-hour work shifts.

Ideally, two people work each shift. New volunteers will be scheduled with experienced people.

For the second year, PPCFL will sponsor the prolife booth at the **State Fair in Pueblo.**

Friday, August 27 thru Monday, Sept 6, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Pro-Life of Southern Colorado, (PLSC) will be foundational in the staffing of the booth.

PPCFL will fill 4-hour time slots as preferred by our volunteers, and as needed.

Please, call us with any questions and/ or time preferences. 630-1999

Your help is **greatly** needed and **greatly** appreciated!

States "Opting Out"

In early May, Florida was reported to be the fourth state to pass "opting-out" legislation regarding funding of abortion.

Using the *Abortion-Mandate Opt-Out Act* drafted as a model by Americans United for Life (AUL), legislatures in Arizona, Tennessee, and Mississippi had already passed similar bills.

AUL had contacted elected leaders and groups in 28 states, encouraging those states to opt out of the abortion funding mandate in the recent federal healthcare act.

The Florida legislation made clear that abortion would not be included as a benefit in federal-ly required health care.

The health care act will not go into effect until 2014, allowing states now to exercise their right to opt out of some of the abortion funding.

We salute the pro-life leaders and legislators who thus far have worked hard to stop as much abortion funding as possible in their states.

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### **Not to be Forgotten**

"Abraham Lincoln recognized that we could not survive as a free land when some men could decide that others were not fit to be free and should therefore be slaves.

"Likewise, we cannot survive as a free nation when some men decide that others are not fit to live and should be abandoned to abortion or infanticide."

**Ronald Reagan** *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation*

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We are most blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the love of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome any time.

If you itemize your donations on your income tax return, please make your check payable to PPCFL Education Fund.

If you don't need a specific tax deduction, please make your check payable to PPCFL.

## **Are You Being Called?**

...to reach out in love to abortion-minded mothers and fathers on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood?

### **Sidewalk Counseling Workshop**

Saturday, July 10

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

PPCFL office  
707-R North Nevada  
630-1999

For more information, call  
Stephanie – 481-4355

## **Good News**

Pregnancy Resource Centers now out-number abortion clinics and are doing everything they can to help women choose life.  
2010 – Feminists for Life

## **Gendercide – the War on Baby Girls**

Xinran Xue, a Chinese writer, described visiting a peasant family in the Yimeng area of Shandong province, where the wife was giving birth. She wrote, "...in the kitchen, we heard a moan of pain from the bedroom.

The cries grew louder and abruptly stopped. There was a low sob, and then a man's gruff voice said accusingly: 'Useless thing!'

Hearing a slight movement, Ms. Xue wrote: "To my absolute horror, I saw a tiny foot poking out of the [slops] pail. The midwife must have dropped that tiny baby alive into the slops pail."

The police did nothing and prevented Ms. Xue from trying to save the baby. An older woman said comfortingly. "It's not a child; it's a girl baby, and we can't keep it. Around these parts, you can't get by without a son. Girl babies don't count."

Killed, aborted or neglected, at least 100M girls have disappeared and the number is rising. Technology, declining fertility and ancient prejudice are combining to unbalance societies.

China alone stands to have as many unmarried young men – "bare branches" as they are known – as the *entire population of young men* in America.

In any country, rootless young males spell trouble; in Asian societies, where marriage and children are the recognized routes into society, single men are almost like outlaws.

Crime rates, bride trafficking, sexual violence, even female suicide rates are all rising and will rise further as the lopsided generations reach their maturity.

Though the destruction is worst in China, other East Asian countries, including Taiwan and Singapore, former communist states in the western Balkans and Caucasus, even sections of America's population (Chinese and Japanese Americans, for example) have distorted sex ratios.

Gendercide exists on almost every continent, affecting rich and poor; educated and illiterate; Hindu, Muslim, Confucian and Christian alike.

All countries need to raise the value of girls; encouraging female education; allowing daughters to inherit property; engaging women in public life. Mao Zedong said "women hold up half the sky."

The world needs to do more to prevent a gendercide that will have the sky crashing down.

Excerpts: "Gendercide, the war on baby girls," The Economist print edition, 4 Mar 10

## **June – Abortion Awareness Month for Black Americans**

Bishop Harry R. Jackson Jr., an African-American, is the senior pastor of Hope Christian Church in the Washington, D.C. area.

In an excellent article, "Respect Yourself" posted on Townhall.com, he praises the February billboard campaign sponsored by Georgia Right to Life, (GRTL) in their effort to raise awareness in the Black community and their state.

The following are quotes from his article:

"Since 1973, more than fourteen million African-American babies have been aborted. In Georgia, like most communities in America, the black abortion rate is skyrocketing.

"Over half of Georgia abortions (57%) are performed on blacks, who make up only 29% of the population.

"Angry pro-abortion groups and Planned Parenthood have attempted to label GRTL as "deceptive." GRTL is also accused of working against the best interests of young black women.

"Despite opponents' vitriol, GRTL's work is both tasteful and historic.

"How is it historic? First, its...message is direct and hard-hitting. Second, targeting blacks so directly, without condemnation, is revolutionary.

"This is a major course correction in anti-abortion marketing. As a result, it is finally piercing the cultural veil over the issue of abortion in the black community.

"This campaign is controversial, not because of its effect on Atlanta drivers or the average Joe.

"Changing lives by saying, "Respect yourself!" should hardly be controversial.

"The controversy arises from their effectiveness as record numbers of black girls are going to their Website.

"Today, however, a fresh wind is blowing. [emphasis added] Recent studies show that black attitudes about abortion are changing nationally.

"The community is waking up to a truly genocidal trend that cannot be masked by the term "reproductive freedom."

## **A Father Grieves**

I watched him head down the street, alternating between wiping the tears from his face and punching the buildings in anger and frustration as he passed them. Eventually, he headed back toward the parking lot. As he approached I went to him. All I could think to say was that I was so very sorry for his loss. He began to cry again.

Then a truck pulled up, leaving the parking lot with his girlfriend and her mother inside. The girl's mother yelled at him to get in and cursed him as he opened the door. He had one foot inside, then stepped back out and closed the door. As she drove away, he sat down on the curb and cried like a baby. Three of us sat down beside him – all men – and cried with him.

Eventually, he began to talk. He was probably in his very early twenties. He told us that his girlfriend did not want to keep the child because she feared they would not be able to provide for him. He asked her how she could destroy a life based on a hunch. He told her this child had a heartbeat and a soul and deserved to live. He even tried to convince her to, at the very least, put the child up for adoption.

I was struck by the fact that this young man knew all this simply because his heart told him it was true. He was wise beyond his years and he was hurting terribly. I was struck by the clear reality that fathers have so little to do with whether their own children live or die. I also couldn't help but notice that...none of the Planned Parenthood volunteers...approached him.

Before I left him, he stood up to hug me. All I could tell him was what I truly believe – that today his child knows that he fought for his/her life; that to his child, he is a hero and that someday he would know that, also. Please pray for this young man and others like him.

Shared by a 40 Days for Life participant, Houston, TX, 2010

