

LifeLine

July 2012

PP Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family – young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

Abortions – Again & Again

Some 11 years ago, Andrea Yates drowned her four young sons and infant daughter, one after another, in the family's bathtub. The horror of this crime is unimaginable. Yates was arrested, prosecuted and convicted for those murders.

However, if she had aborted each baby before birth, it would have been labeled "a choice," "reproductive freedom" or a "legal right."

Today, due to the propaganda that abortion is a "medical procedure," a "choice," many women have come to use abortion as a form of contraception, destroying their babies one after another.

Under the current pro-abortion administration, our country not only continues to permit serial killing within the womb, but also, will force us to provide the funding.

In 2006, the [pro-abortion] Guttmacher Institute found that 48% of women having abortions have had a previous one.

Under the HealthCare Act, we will be forced to pay up to \$8 million per week here in the U.S. for the estimated 575,000 repeat abortions annually.

Those who promote abortion continue the lies, falsely claiming their efforts are to support so-called "women's health."

Even one abortion is a tragedy. When we consider the grave impact repeat abortions have in destroying families and dehumanizing motherhood, the tragedy is compounded.

We cannot afford to be silent. We must take this issue to heart and to the ballot box to protect the lives of babies and their mothers.

Excerpts: "Repeat Abortions;" Life Issues Institute; 18 May 12.

Parental Involvement Laws & Teen Suicide Rates

The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA) was approved by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee in May.

CIANA would make it illegal for any non-parent to circumvent state-level pro-life parental involvement laws by taking a minor girl across state lines for an abortion.

A study by Joseph Sabia and Daniel Reese published in the Economic Inquiry journal showed solid evidence that the suicide rate for female teens in states with parental involvement laws is reduced anywhere from 11% to 21%.

The authors contend that such laws reduce the incidence of stressful life events, which include sexual intercourse, STDs, pregnancies, and abortions.

This study contributes to a growing body of peer-reviewed research documents the positive public-health impact of pro-life parental-involvement laws.

"Webcam" Abortions & RU-486

The internet has become a favorite tool of abortionists to promote and sell abortion pills. Beginning with an online "meeting" between the abortionist and an expectant mother, RU-486 is prescribed (2 pills).

Mifepristone is taken immediately. Misoprostol, the second pill, is taken two days later. The woman delivers her [dead] baby in her own home.

At nearly \$500.00 per prescription for RU-486 Planned Parenthood 'rakes in the dough.' We'll look at the numbers of injured women next month.

Excerpts "The Miracle of Technology" – National ProLife Alliance

The President's Corner

We are at a time of momentous decisions. As of press time the primary election in Colorado is only days away (though, with an all-mail ballot, most people will cast their ballots before Election Day). We hope the political candidate survey results, published in our June newsletter, were a help to your decision-making process for this election. The defense of Life is easier when our representatives in government are pro-life.

By the end of June the United States Supreme Court should be publishing their decision on Obamacare. Unless the Supreme Court entirely rejects Obamacare, there will most likely be significant repercussions from this decision for those of us defending human life, not only at its beginning but at all stages of its existence. We will keep you informed regardless of the direction taken by the Court.

The HHS Mandate is to take effect on August 1. Among other problems, this mandate will force Americans, directly or indirectly, to subsidize the use of abortifacients. Depending on what the Supreme Court decides on Obamacare, many pro-lifers may be faced with the serious decision of canceling their health insurance.

On the horizon is the general election. In our continuing effort to keep you informed, we will again publish survey results from the candidates in all the races being run in the Pikes Peak region, including the presidential race. Since the consequences of actions taken by our political representatives can extend far past their terms in office, it is important that we make fully-informed decisions when we cast our ballots.

Matt

Former Band Member Now Pro-Life

Brad Fischetti was part of the successful Lyte Funky Ones (LFO), beginning in 1995, a 3-man pop/rap group, which broke up in 2009.

Today, you can find him "tweeting" about his conversion and realization of the horror of abortion. He does pro-life sidewalk counseling at the Orlando Women's Center abortuary in Florida.

"Just because abortion is legal does not make it right. Abortion is not the answer.

"Although I regret not having stronger convictions when I had a platform [with the LFO], I wouldn't change anything. I am content with who I am and where I am."

Jill Stanek, writing for Life News, May 25, asks for prayers for Brad "as he walks down this unknown path of speaking out against abortion to pro-abortion peers and fans."

~~~~~

### **And - again - Our Ongoing Proposition**

If you have e-mail, would you like to receive your newsletter by that mode? If so, e-mail your name and address (for positive identification) to "join the crowd!" Send to: [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)

### **Memorial Gifts**

*Received from*

*Robert & Mary Payne*

*in loving memory of*

**Bobby Payne**

~~~~~  
Thank you

PPCFL Officers & Advisors

President – Matt Niedzielski
Vice President – Lynne Gilsdorf
Secy – Bernadette Johnston
Treasurer – John Combs
At-Large – Ann Burger

Development – Jack Johnston
Newsletter – Cleta Jasper

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life
707R N Nevada

Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Ph – 630-1999; Fax – 630-8880

e-mail: contact@ppcitizensforlife.org
web – www.ppcitizensforlife.org

Farewell & Welcome

Mario Branciforte retired from the presidency of PPCFL, after serving faithfully the past five years.

It has been a pleasure and a blessing to our Board to work with such a committed warrior for Life. We will miss Mario.

Matt Niedzielski has attended our Board meetings for many years and been a committed volunteer.

Matt left his last elected position of Member- At-Large to accept the presidency at our spring election.

Welcome to Matt. We look forward to working with him.

Both men have strong pro-life backgrounds and a quick willingness to staff booths, speak out for the babies, and do administrative work. [ed,]

When Your Baby is Diagnosed with a Fatal Condition

Maria and Joe Keller were expecting their fourth child. At 20 weeks, baby James Nicholas, was diagnosed with a genetic bone disorder. He was expected to live just seconds or minutes after birth.

Maria was urged to abort by a high-risk obstetrician, who told her if she got pregnant again, an early screening for fetal abnormalities would allow her to abort before she got emotionally attached to her child.

Her reaction was: "How is my killing this baby going to make it all better...[or] make me happier?" The Kellers never considered abortion.

According to Joe Keller, "[James] has taught us so well to not be afraid and to enjoy each moment we have.

"We're spending more quality time together as a family; we're loving each other more as a family. And we can thank James Nicholas for that."

Women who abort babies with disabilities have special counseling needs. Most of the pregnancies are "wanted" until the disability is detected.

The grief associated with disability abortion is often made more intense by the fact that most disability-related abortions take place in the second or third trimesters.

Be Not Afraid began as an online outreach to parents who receive difficult prenatal diagnoses.

Their website, benotafraid.net, has family stories; articles and information to help women with difficult pregnancies find counseling.

Nancy Mayer-Whittington tells the story of her daughter, Angela, in her book, "For the Love of Angela."

Angela was diagnosed prenatally with Trisomy 18, having a life expectancy of 30 days or less. She lived only a few minutes after birth.

Mayer-Whittington wrote: "Seeing Angela alive, holding her, telling her I loved her, had made everything worthwhile...I now had the face of my infant daughter forever etched in my memory."

Excerpts: Allott, Daniel; "When Seconds Count;" 2 Dec 11

Sex-Selection Abortions

Co-sponsored by our own congressman, Doug Lamborn, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA), HR 3541, was defeated in the House of Representatives on May 31.

Opposed by President Obama, HR 3541 would have made it a federal offense to knowingly (1) perform an abortion, at any time in pregnancy,...

..."knowing that **such abortion is sought** based on the sex or gender of the child" or **any abortion being forced** upon a woman because of the sex of the child.

"Sex-selection abortion is cruel and discriminatory and legal. It is violence against women. Most people in and out of government remain woefully unaware of the fact that sex-selection abortion is a violent,..."

"...nefarious and deliberate policy imposed on the world by the pro-abortion population control movement. It's not an accident. The Congress can – and must – defend women from this vicious assault today." Testimony: Rep. Chris Smith, New Jersey

A recent poll by the Lozier Institute found that 77% of respondents would support laws prohibiting abortion in cases where "the fact that the developing baby is a girl is the sole reason for seeking an abortion."

Smith, Rep. Chris; "Sex-Selection Abortion: A War on Baby Girls," LifeNews; 31 May 12

The President & Abortion

During three end-of-May campaign stops, President Barack Obama publicly supported abortion and Planned Parenthood.

On May 23 in Denver, he said: "We certainly don't need another political fight about ending a woman's right to choose, or getting rid of Planned Parenthood, or taking away access to affordable birth control.

"I want women to control their own health choices, just like I want my daughters to have the same opportunities as your sons."

Only 12% of Americans agree with the President's position that "abortion should be available to a woman anytime she wants one during her entire pregnancy."

Excerpts: Ertelt, Steven; "Obama Promotes..."; LifeNews, 28 May 12

Summer Time is "Fair Time"

The El Paso County Fair

Saturday, July 21 – Saturday, July 28

Your help is needed. **Please** staff a 3-4 hour shift!

~~~~~

Be a defender of Life! We do know of a number of booth visitors whose minds have been changed. It may be that you are just the one who is needed at the booth at one particular time.

~~~~~

The Colorado State Fair

Friday, August 24 – Monday, September 3

Your helping to staff a shift at either or both fairs is, indeed, a great blessing to us at PPCFL.

Please let us know the days/hours most convenient for you. Call 630-1999 or e-mail us at: contact@ppcitizensforlife.org

Pro-life of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, will work with PPCFL to fill all the shifts at the State Fair.

Lolo Jones, a Model for Life

Lori (Lolo) Jones was denied her life-long dream of Olympic Gold when she clipped a hurdle in the Beijing Games in 2008.

As a child, Lori attended 8 schools in 8 years. Her mother worked two jobs to make ends meet for a family of six. An alcoholic, her father spent much of his time in state prison. Home for the 3rd grader was the basement of a Des Moines Salvation Army church. She overcame that tough upbringing.

Jones is saving herself for marriage. Staying a virgin before marriage, she says is: "Harder than training for the Olympics – harder than studying for college."

Some people are unhappy with her declaration. Abortionists don't want impressionable youth getting any weird, stupid ideas about...ugh... chastity.

Lolo Jones is an enemy to some for her stance. Not only for her sexual preservation, but also the most glorious institution of marriage! How old-fashioned! **How new and exhilarating!**

Excerpts:
Goddard, Damian: "The Olympic Hurdler..." LifeSiteNews, 28 May 12