

...and the Struggle Continues

In early April, we were contacted by a local prolife legislator regarding an amendment to HB12-1335, a budget bill that was being discussed.

We put out an Action Alert for prolife Coloradans to call their state representatives, asking them to oppose Amendment 41.

Fortunately, Amendment 41 failed in the State House of Representatives. Many thanks to all who were able to contact their representative.

Amendment 41 would have allowed public funds for contraceptives. Planned Parenthood then would have received state and federal funds because they "provide" contraceptives.

In 1984, Colorado voters amended the State Constitution to prohibit the use of public funds to pay for abortions. Amendment 41 was a backdoor attempt to modify the intention of those voters.

New Blood Vessels for Angela

Angela Irizarry was born with one functioning ventricle in her heart. She needed a new blood vessel to route blood from her lower body directly to her lungs.

Last August, doctors at Yale University implanted in Angela's chest a bioabsorbable tube designed to dissolve over time. The tube was seeded with cells, including stem cells harvested from Angela's bone marrow.

Since then, the tube has disappeared, leaving a conduit produced by Angela's cells that functions like a normal blood vessel.

Angela, who had little stamina before the operation, now has the energy of a regular kid. Though she is on several medications, she is expected to be able to start school in the fall.

More great news about adult stem cell research and about little Angela!

Excerpts: Taylor, Rebecca; "Adult Stem Cells..."
LifeNews.com; 20 March 12

The UN & Ten-Year-Olds

In April, the United Nations Commission on Population and Development was to hold its final negotiating session regarding international "sexual and reproductive health and rights" for children as young as ten.

Intl Planned Parenthood (IPPF) and Ipas (a global pro-abortion group) both support "rights" language that includes contraception and abortion. They also oppose parental involvement in the sexual health of their children.

Even UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon has said: "Young people, as much as all people, share the human right to health, including sexual and reproductive health."

Will the United States agree with and accept this position and attitude?? We've not yet heard the final word.

Excerpts: Herrmann, Timothy; "UN considers..." C-FAM, 30 Mar 12

"Safe and Legal"

Often we've heard someone – particularly politicians – say they support abortion, so long as it is "safe and legal."

Abortion was judged to be a "constitutional right" and has been "legal" since 1973 in the United States. How often, however, have we heard about injuries to or deaths of women during an abortion?

Abortions are NOT safe – not in the United States nor around the world!

Even though abortion advocates and United Nation agencies have claimed for many years that 13% of all maternal deaths are due to "unsafe" abortion, the fact is that no one really knows.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), reliable data on causes of death are not available for the majority of the world's population. Much of the world doesn't report the cause of death at all.

President's Corner – Thoughts on Voting #2

Last month we looked at what a candidate must understand to be qualified to hold office – ***that the primary duty of government is to protect the inalienable right to life and that no government has the authority to declare any part of the human family to be non-persons!***

Let's now consider why this is critical by looking at three approaches to ethics – moral relativism, post-modernism, and utilitarianism – as illustrated by a politician's stand on abortion. How will this affect how he will govern?

First, let's look at a politician who personally opposes abortion but feels he doesn't have the right to impose his belief on anyone else, thus abortion needs to be legal. He believes that there is no objective ethical truth; that ethics is not a reality that transcends individuals, governments, and cultures.

If ethics is subjective, how can he uphold any human rights? On what basis can anyone criticize the state? What would restrain him from becoming a tyrant?

Another politician says he is not pro-abortion, he is pro-choice. This is a post-modernist position – we construct our own reality. His view on the subjective basis for truth is the same as the ethical relativist above, but with an interesting addition.

Cultural institutions are power constructs; the group in power imposes its will on others. Government is therefore oppressive and we can expect this politician to govern accordingly.

How about a politician who claims to be pro-life but supports embryonic stem cell research? He reasons that killing embryonic human beings is justified if their stem cells could help cure diseases. This is a utilitarian approach to truth – what is important is what is useful, not whether or not it is objectively true. *The end justifies the means.* This is the philosophy of tyrants.

A politician's position on the sanctity of human life also shows whether he is a constitutional strict constructionist or a judicial activist. Will he protect the weak, the helpless, and the unwanted? The sanctity of human life is the underlying principle that reveals truth about all issues.

Mario

If our favorite candidate doesn't believe in "legislating morality," he or she is obviously speaking about abortion. How might we respond?

Aren't we all glad that morality IS legislated; that we have laws against stealing, killing and lying; also, fraud, violence and slander?

Because child abuse, spousal abuse, and incest may occur behind closed doors, should we not legislatively protect the vulnerable victims? To discard such laws is unthinkable.

Isn't it time that we again also protect, by law, the most vulnerable and helpless of our human family, the pre-born child?

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A special thank-you to those of you who responded to our April fund-raising mailing.

No amount is "too small!!"

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.

An 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!"
contact@ppcitizensforlife.org

"40 Days for Life" Saving Babies & Hearts & Minds

The 2012 springtime campaign for prayer outside of abortuaries began on February 22. People around the world took part in those 40 days.

Internationally, **258 cities** participated. As of April 2, **668 babies** are known to have been saved. At least, **61 employees** had conversions and left their jobs in the abortion industry.

Back in "Business" with PP

In our March newsletter, we reported the high profile battle between the Komen Foundation and Planned Parenthood.

Komen had announced they would no longer be funding PP. The reaction was a resounding battering of Komen by PP, including PP supporters across the nation and in Congress.

In mid-April, Komen announced their resumption of funding for Planned Parenthood in 2012.

Apparently, a major reason for Komen's original announcement was a significant drop in their donation income.

Prolifers again are called to boycott the Komen Foundation for their refusal to admit any connection between breast cancer and abortion and their renewed support of Planned Parenthood.

Inside the United Nations

Imagine being 25 years old and approaching a UN Ambassador from a foreign country in the halls of the U.N. You approach him to ask if he would help you strike anti-life language from an official UN document.

Will he welcome you? You don't know, yet you do it anyway. You do it every day.

The Friday Fax is a weekly written report from these amazing, tough young Christians – the only one of its kind, coming from C-FAM, the only Christian organization working full-time at the UN to stop the killing of unborn babies.

Some members of the United Nations want to make abortion-on-demand the law of the world. They include the most powerful countries: the U.S., France, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

Also anti-life are powerful UN agencies like the UN Population Fund, UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

Aiding these agencies are wealthy foundations like Ford, Rockefeller, Gates and Soros.

See "The UN & Ten-Year-Olds" on pg 1. Find out more about C-FAM at www.cfam.org. Support these workers with your prayers.

PP Defrauds the Government

Finally public in March, 2012, a lawsuit was filed in 2009 by Abby Johnson, alleging that Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas (now PP Gulf Coast) filed at least **87,075** false, ineligible or fraudulent claims for Medicaid reimbursements.

More than **\$5.7 million** was paid to that PP affiliate for these false claims. Johnson is suing under the Federal False Claims Act and the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act.

The lawsuit claims that PP held a meeting three years ago to inform its clinic directors about the false billings.

Abby Johnson, then a clinic director, asked, "What are we going to do about the fraudulent funds received? Her supervisor's response was "Well, we are going to hope we don't get caught."

The Alliance Defense Fund is representing Johnson in the case. Senior Counsel, Michael J. Norton, says: "PP...certainly isn't entitled to a penny of public funds, especially if it is committing Medicaid fraud." Gilbert, K. LifeSiteNews, "Abby..." 3/10/12

In California, a 2004 audit found that Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties overcharged the government **\$5,218,645** for oral contraceptives.

In New York, a 2008 federal audit of state family planning claims found that the state of New York had overbilled the federal government **\$17,151,156** by claiming procedures as "family planning" services when they were not.

Providers improperly claimed such services as those to pregnant women, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, and counseling visits unrelated to family planning services.

In New York City, a 2009 Medicaid audit found that PP's Margaret Sanger Center overcharged Medicaid **\$1,254,603**, which included double billing. Medicaid was billed for services provided to patients who were enrolled in the provider's HMO network.

In New Jersey, a 2008 federal audit found that the state had overcharged the federal government **\$597,496** for Medicaid claims billed as family planning.

Adding together just these cases that have become public, we are picking up the tab on **\$19,921,900!!** LifeNews, Ertelt, Steven, "Whistleblower..." 2/14/12

~~~ *For Mothers* ~~~

Before you were conceived I wanted you
Before you were born I loved you
Before you were here an hour I would
die for you.

This is the miracle of love
Maureen Hawkins

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### The Chosen One

Not flesh of my flesh  
Nor bone of my bone,  
But still miraculously my own.  
Never forget for a single minute,  
You didn't grow under my heart – But in it.  
Anonymous

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There is no friendship, no love, like that
of the mother for the child
Henry Ward Beecher

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No language can express the power  
and beauty and heroism  
of a mother's love.  
Edwin H. Chapin

***Happy Mother's Day!!!***

## **The Wonder of God's Creation**

“*From Conception to Birth*” is a YouTube video put together by Alexander Tsiaras, an amazing scientist, in which the development of the pre-born baby is “visualized.”

One can watch the joining of the sperm and the ovum, moving along by minutes, days, weeks, and months. [Granted, each of us looked a bit strange as we grew inside our mothers.]

Among others, two amazing and breathtaking facts are:

Around 40 days the new little human being has exploded in size. According to Tsiaras, if the baby continued to grow at this rate, he or she would weigh one and a half **TONS** at birth!

The second fact is that at nine months the newborn infant is full of veins, arteries, and capillaries, with 59,000 **MILES** of vessels inside his or her body with 1,000 miles on their body surface.

If you have access to a computer and/or an offspring who is computer-savvy, go to: [youtube.com/watch?v=fKyIjukBE70](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKyIjukBE70) and watch the **incredible wonder of God's creation!!**