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## Congratulations 1994 Mother of the Year Mary Babcock

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner on May 5, we honored our 1994 Mother of the Year. She was nominated by her daughters Cindy Gauvin and Sharon Widman. Reprinted below are the letters of nomination for Mary.

At the age of 15, my mother was stricken with rheumatic fever and was bedridden for one year. As a consequence of her illness, my mother was told she should never have children as childbearing could further harm her health. However, after having become pregnant ten times; having threatening miscarriages. Her faith harrowing times. He also summed up who learned to scrimp through parochial grade help send her children to were taking expensive vacations, she was con- on us. After her last baby, her last miscarriage, my baby in the family again. she became a foster children stay with us for When our first foster child mother after almost two was beside herself with still able to see him occa- had abandoned him. All the home experienced a religious went to Church on Sundays, prayed When our second foster child left, we Ann insisted they say a prayer of grace or Another foster child who was retarded, would call us kids to the dinner table by clapping and grasping her raised hands because she knew we had to pray before we ate. Two other girls stayed with us for a short time. My



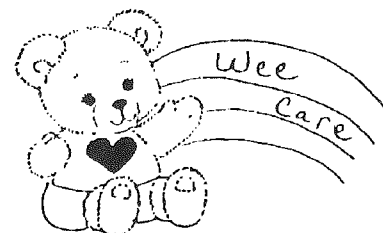
met and married my father, my mother six live births and four severe life- in God sustained her through these tained her as a stay-at-home and save to send six children school, high school and to college. While her friends cations and refurbishing tent to spend her money my brother Shawn and mom yearned to have a It was at this time that mother. We had three extended periods of time. was placed back with his years with us, my mother grief. Although we were sionally, she felt like she children who stayed at our Christian upbringing. They before meals and at bedtime. later heard from her father that Lee thanks before eating a mere popsicle!

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# NEWS NOTES



## Europe is dying

The average woman in Europe now is bearing 1.48 children in her lifetime. In order to maintain a level population with replacement births, the average woman in her lifetime must bear 2.1 children. Malta, Ireland, Poland, and surprisingly Sweden, are the only countries reproducing themselves. Sweden does it mainly through births to immigrants and postponed births. In what had been Soviet Russia, now called the Commonwealth of Independent States, only the five Muslim countries are replacing themselves by natural increase.

Italy has the lowest birthrate in the western world with only 1.23 children per woman. Spain is next with 1.26, Germany and Austria with 1.3. The lowest country of all is Russia proper which is around 1.0 although exact figures are not available.

—*Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati Newsletter, April 1994*

## Extinction \$\$\$

University of Chicago public policy professor Don Coursey listed our favorite endangered species based on what's spent **PER INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL** to keep them from going extinct (emphasis added). The amounts are determined by his formula and government statistics. A sampling: Florida panther—\$4.8 million; California condor—\$1.5 million; Whooping crane—\$329,527; Key deer—\$216,691; Grizzly bear—\$184,000; Peregrine falcon—\$78,092; Bald eagle—\$12,057.

—*Detroit Free Press, February 16, 1994*  
**Editor's note: AMERICANS SPEND \$742 MILLION ANNUALLY TO KILL THE MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES, UNBORN CHILDREN.**

## "Garbage?" disposal

Eric Harrah, operator of a women's clinic in New Castle, Delaware, faces five misdemeanor counts and is accused of flushing the remains of abortions down garbage disposals. The state has

given contradictory advice on disposal he said...

—*USA TODAY, March 14, 1994*

## Baby K

After months of legal wrangling between the mother of an anencephalic baby girl who requires ventilator treatment from time to time on an emergency basis, and Fairfax (VA) Hospital, which does not wish to provide the baby with such treatment, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled on February 10 that Baby K, when in respiratory distress, is deserving of the same emergency medical treatment that would be provided to any other patient. She is, after all, a person.

—*American Life League, Communiqué April 1, 1994*

## Abortions in Canada

May 14 was the 25th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in Canada. Section 251 of the Criminal Code was amended in 1969 to allow abortion for "health" reasons; since that time 1.5 million preborn Canadian babies have been legally killed.

—*Windsor-Essex Co. Right to Life Newsletter, Jan./Feb., 1994*

## No members

Catholics for a Free Choice, chaired by Frances Kissling, frequently gets extensive media coverage for its continual criticism of the Catholic church's teaching in the field of sexuality. It has been known for a long time that the major contributors to this organization are the Unitarian church and other ACLU types, who have no remote loyalty to, membership in, or acceptance of Catholic teaching. Now we have finally heard this lady admitting on the *Jeanine Graf Show* that Catholics for a Free Choice "has no members." In the past it has claimed thousands of members nationwide.

—*RTL of Greater Cincinnati Newsletter, February 1994*

## Wee Care

We would like to thank everyone for all that they have done for Wee Care this past month! The baby shower gifts from various churches, the Lenten collection from another, and the individual families that donated their used clothing—all of these made it possible for us to help so many new moms and their precious little ones.

Because of all of you—we were able to help a young mother who was burned out of her apartment, a very pregnant mother, who took two buses with her small son from the depths of the inner city to pick up her package (we had so much for her that we had to arrange transportation to get her and her layette items home), and a very special mom who called us from the hospital asking for help. She said that she had thought about having an abortion, but thanks to the television message about choosing life, she changed her mind. She said that every time she looks at her precious little daughter, she is filled with so much love, she starts to cry. When she came in and saw her baby's layette, she was so grateful and just kept hugging us. Every day is filled with stories like these. I wish I could share all the hugs, the "God bless yous" and the sincere gratitude that we receive each day at Wee Care—again, it's all thanks to you!

Now, for my begging part! Once again, our "cupboards" are almost bare! We have a never-ending need for newborn - 6 months clothes, infant bedding and towels, bibs, diapers, bottles, etc! We are happy to take up to size 3T in both new and "gently-used" clothing. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store infant furniture with the exception of baby bath tubs.

If you have any questions, please call us at (313) 533-2727.

Again, there are no words to adequately express the gratitude that not only the new moms feel, but we do too!

From all our hearts—thank you!

—*Karen Patrosso, Director Wee Care*

# Distortions and Dangers in the Euthanasia Debate

**T**he cover story in the April 25 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* chronicles how a two-decades debate on euthanasia has led to Jack Kevorkian's "suicide machine." The news magazine also probes more deeply: "For many," writes Joseph P. Shapiro of *U.S. News*, "the public dialogue over death and dying has become badly distorted...too often, death is viewed as inevitably painful, suicide is seen as an act of logic and courage and euthanasia is treated as a civil right."

But Shapiro says "a growing number of doctors and bioethicists are challenging these attitudes" and promoting other ways to "take the pain and financial ruin out of most deaths." He quotes a medical specialist on aging and dying, Dr. Joanne Lynn: "It is an outrage for us to seriously discuss killing the sufferer rather than relieving the suffering."

The *U. S. News* feature story discusses five "dangers" in legalizing physician-assisted suicide:

## "Danger 1: Losing Focus"

The media have focused attention on individual cases of extreme suffering and suicide among the seriously ill. At the recent Kevorkian trial, testimony emphasized the suffering which led Thomas Hyde, a patient with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), to seek Jack Kevorkian's assistance in suicide. But "in a survey of 89 people with ALS even more advanced than Hyde's, Dr. John Bach of the New Jersey Medical School found that only two said they regretted being alive or dependent on a respirator." Similarly, "almost everybody who gets a terminal diagnosis goes through a momentary period where they think of suicide," according to hospice nurse Maggie Callinan, but very few request assistance in suicide; she fears this would change if suicide were readily available. Many wishes for death are due to poor pain control and other deficiencies in care that have their own solutions—according to specialists, "nearly 100 percent of cancer pain is controllable."

## "Danger 2: Physicians as Killers"

Allowing healers to kill could undermine societal trust in physicians and open the door to involuntary euthanasia. "Physicians are always tired by patients slipping or not getting better," says Dr. Leon Kass of the University of Chicago. "Once they think of death as a treatment option, then physicians simply give in to their weaknesses." For evidence one might observe how euthanasia practice has developed in the Netherlands: "In slightly more than half of euthanasia cases," notes *U. S. News*, "doctors kill *without the patients' knowledge or consent.*"

## "Danger 3: The Slippery Slope"

While some euthanasia initiatives supposedly apply only to those expected to have six months or less to live, Kevorkian's own attorney Geoffrey Fieger notes that no doctor can make such a prediction with certainty. Dutch euthanasia has moved rather quickly from the terminally ill, to handicapped newborns, to physically healthy people in "unbearable emotional misery."

## "Danger 4: Blurring Suicide's Line"

Researchers find that "new suicide options" popularized by groups like the

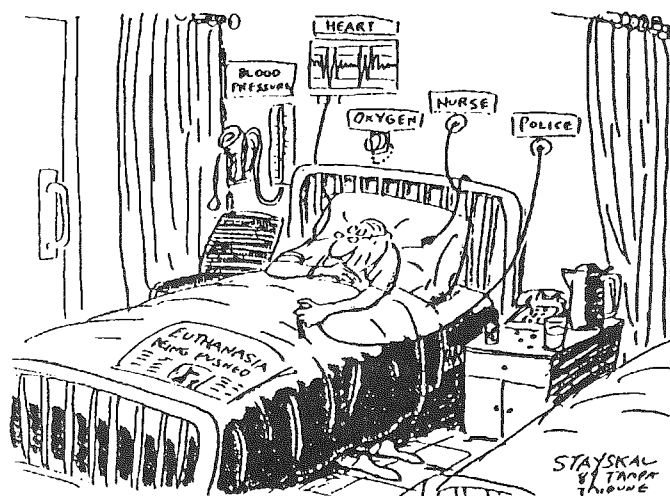
Hemlock Society "are mostly used not by the terminally ill but by the treatably depressed," including teenagers and the elderly. Experts in suicide discount the idea of "rational suicide," arguing that the terminally ill, like others, commit suicide only when suffering from clinical depression; depression in these patients is no less treatable than for anyone else.

## "Danger 5: Making it a Duty to Die"

This fear was fueled by President Clinton's recent remark that promoting "living wills" may be one way to "weed out" excess health care costs. The concern that young Americans may pressure their parents or grandparents to die because of the economic burden of their care gains credence from opinion surveys: "Polls show it is the young and healthy—not the old and sick, as is widely assumed—who clamor for a right to die."

The report concludes by noting that euthanasia proposals in Washington and California gained broad support in early polling, but were ultimately rejected by the voters. "Americans there, as elsewhere, have found that the more they consider euthanasia, the more difficult it becomes to resolve its dangers."

—*Life at Risk*, April 1994



## Mother of the Year

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mother had great "vision." When SIECUS or another sex education program was going to be implemented in the public school curriculum, mom had the courage to testify against the "experts" who thought it would be a good idea. This was in the late 60s, early 70s. Now more than twenty years later, and after the sexual revolution, her unheeded words of wisdom would make good advice.

She also went against the tide when she became involved with People Taking Action Against Abortion and introduced us to the cruel reality of abortion.

She took all of us to the Howard Johnson's Restaurant downtown to picket a Zero Population Growth convention being held there. We encountered hardened pro-abortion people who moved their protest lines so close to us that we were forced out into the busy road.

She picketed Jimmy Carter, who was then the Democratic pro-abortion candidate for president, at the Hyatt in Dearborn.

She taught her children how to courageously stand up for what is right against all opposition.

Throughout all these years, for we are all now grown and married with children of our own, my mother was very proud of us, even the little accomplishments. She was and is our greatest fan!

—Cindy Gauvin

In the *Reader's Digest* Family Word Finder, the origin of the word "mother" from the original Indo-European language is dated by experts as prior to the fifth millennium B.C. "Mother" has been with us in forms much like our modern-day English language form for the past 6000-7000 years, and possibly longer! These forms include using "mother" synonymously for "care for, rear, raise, tend, mind, nurse, nurture, protect, give birth to, bear, produce and conceive."

Mary Babcock, my mother, has probably never looked up the word "mother." No woman receives any more than on-the-job training from their own mom, or from their own experience to be a mother. Yet Mary Babcock raised six children and took in almost as many foster children, as if she were born to be a mother. Even children from the neighborhood or school

could find comfort or guidance from my mom.

In my teen years, our backyard abutted two other homes, each housing "broken" families. The one young man, Mike, was living with his grandparents while his divorced mother tried to put her life in order. The other family had suffered the loss of their mother due to cancer. One of the fellows from this household, and Mike, became regular visitors at our house. They came under the pretense of visiting one of us kids, but would tease Mom and say they couldn't live without her "sermons." Even though there was a comfortable atmosphere, they walked away with good advice on respecting themselves and others.

Mom was never content to just raise her own brood of six. After suffering her fourth miscarriage, she realized she probably wouldn't be blessed with any more babies. Through Catholic Social Services, she became a foster mother. She took in children who were hard to place due to age or race mixture. When the Social Services discovered how children flourished under Mary's care, they began to send special-needs children, the last being a black child who had a club foot, cerebral palsy and a drooping eyelid. Even though she was 1-1/2 years old, she functioned like a newborn, not even able to hold up her head. She would cry non-stop day and night, her only way to communicate.

After six months, Penny was able to feed herself, crawl, sit up—all what you'd expect of a developing youngster. No miracle occurred, except the one brought about by constant, loving attention and care.

I remember as a 13-year-old, joining Mom and the local prolife group, picketing outside Howard Johnson's where a Zero Population Convention was being held, shortly before the *Roe v. Wade* decision. We would pass literature to voters at the polls. We learned the sanctity of life through Mom's commitment to making the public aware of the reality and horror of abortion; her commitment to us, foster children, religious education groups she taught, her sorrow each time she lost a baby through miscarriage. All this from a woman who had been told to never bear children due to a heart damaged by rheumatic fever. A woman who then bore ten children, birthed six, but mothered multitudes.

When it became necessary for her to have a radical hysterectomy due to a precancerous condition, she mourned the loss of the "first cradle that rocked (her) babies." She treasured our births and rejoiced in sharing the miracle of creating new life.

For me now, as an adult, my mom is there still to mother me and my children. She didn't cut the ties when I flew from her nest, but rather strengthened them by giving me my freedom, along with her example of selfless love. When I am in need, somehow she knows, even though we are separated by 1500 miles. She has come to my aid more times than I could ever hope to repay. Her example is a difficult one to emulate—it asks so much of the giver.

Sometimes I wonder if God had pre-ordained that she should be named "Mary," for surely her life's effort has been patterned after the best Mother model of all—Blessed Mary.

—Sharon Widman

Lifespan wishes to thank our four judges: Mary Ann Clos (1993 Mother of the Year), Cecilia Barna (Detroit Chapter), Sherri Rasmussen (Oakland County Chapter) and Shirley O'Connell (Wayne West/Downriver Chapter).

It was a difficult task to select one honoree from among the many wonderful tributes submitted. The other nominees for Mother of the Year were:

Sherri Aubuchon	Evelyn Ginn
Kathey Thornton	Frances Tamm
Joanne McMurray	Theresa Husak
Loretta Kings	Judy Lynn Street
JoAnne Sibley	Dorothy Stewart
Ruth Ormeo	Jean Lee
Mary Shive	Susan Dirian
Cecilia Cunningham	Victoria Begeny
Janette Karr	Margie Baldwin
Carol Ann Copland	Karin Ball
Rosemary Pietka	Marge Moleck
Antoinette Ozdych	Mary Joann
Stella Dreslinski	Rodibaugh
Marlene Vincent	





# 1973 Was a Bad Year for Birthdays

By Brian Higgins

Imagine a place without any children. Not a place filled with surreal landscapes of empty swingsets and sandboxes or sunbleached plastic dolls, but a place conspicuously devoid of kids. No happy playtime laughter or games of hopscotch. I have grown up in a world conspicuously absent of more children than I can imagine. The number "thirty million since 1973" doesn't really fit in my head any better than the enormity of the Jewish Holocaust; all I can really comprehend is the number "four thousand a day." I go to school with about four thousand other kids. And while I still can't imagine how I would feel if I was told that everyone in my school had been killed while I was away, I can tell you that four thousand kids a day for a week would overflow the senior high schools in Clay County. For a month, the junior highs as well. On and on until you realize that more kids than you will ever meet will die between oil changes on your car. And it's been going on for twenty-one years.

Twenty-one years is a long time for me. I wasn't even born twenty-one years ago; my sister had three years still to be an only child. She was born nine months after they began to kill her classmates. By the time I was born,

there were less children at the playground and there was always an empty swing. There were many, many boys who would never have a secret crush on a girl, never hold a girl's hand. They never would play with a truck or dig a hole in the ground. I have many dead friends. Some of them are little girls who never have dressed a doll or passed a note. Some would have been tomboys who played rough games. I have some dead friends who should be teenagers now, growing up painfully and joyously. They should be going on dates and getting jobs. Instead, they tasted life inside a mother's womb until the world made it inconvenient to have her child. None of them were allowed to see the sun.

Think back to that world empty of children. It has not one location, but many. The seat across from me in my science class. The seats next to me in my last class. It is a varied land, made of empty chairs and swings. Closets full of empty clothes hangers and cribs that went unbought, diapers unsold. This year, four thousand children a day will not come of age. Their parents will not weep for them. 1973 was a bad year for birthdays.

—National Right to Life Committee  
Religious Outreach Newsletter  
January/February 1994

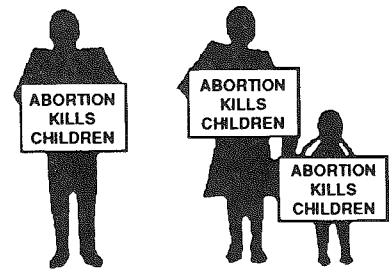
## In memoriam

The International Right to Life movement suffered a great loss with the April 3 death of Professor Jerome Lejeune. The 67-year-old Lejeune was a giant among geneticists, a firm friend of those with disabilities, and an unbridled advocate for the unborn. The entire world has mourned his loss as a distinguished scientist, and justly so.

He was honored in many countries for his original research, most notably the *Prix Essec de Cancer*, the Kennedy Prize and the *Grand Prix Scientifique de la ville de Paris*. Hewas best known for his discovery of the extra chromosome which is present on the 21st pair in children with Down syndrome, hence the technical name for the condition "Trisomy 21." Most of his life was devoted to a search for a method to prevent Down syndrome or treat children born with this and associated genetic conditions.

Those of us in the prolife movement will feel his loss even more deeply than will his much loved patients. For a quarter of a century, Dr. Lejeune fought the evil of abortion. He traveled the world to preach on the importance of loving all of God's children, born and unborn.

—National Right to Life News, May 9, 1994



We are proud and excited to announce that Right to Life - Lifespan will again sponsor **NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY** in the metro Detroit area. The fifth annual **LIFE CHAIN** will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 1994, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

Thousands of people will line the sidewalks of Woodward Ave. from 7 to 13 Mile Rds., all silently holding signs stating "Abortion Kills Children." **LIFE CHAIN** is a peaceful, prayerful event. It is a visual statement of unity by the church community that abortion is wrong. Last year over 200 churches participated.

If your church/organization is planning on participating, please return the Registration Form on page 7 as soon as possible to **LIFE CHAIN Committee, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152**. Our FAX number is (313) 533-3556.

Also, if your church/organization wishes to be a co-sponsor of **LIFE CHAIN** and have its name listed on the promotional flier, please have your Pastor/President sign the Registration Form. Co-sponsoring is not a pre-requisite for participation.

Please feel free to call us if you need more information. Our number is **(313) 533-9090**.

Let's make October 2nd a great day for God, for America and ALL human beings.

# **LIFE CHAIN REGISTRATION FORM**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1994**

**2-3:30 p.m.**

Name of Church/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appointed Contact Persons for LIFE CHAIN**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

City

Zip

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Phone (Best Time to Call)

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Phone (Best Time to Call)

LIFE CHAIN signs leftover from '93 \_\_\_\_\_

Please include my church/organization as a co-sponsor of LIFE CHAIN '94 which means my church/organization will be listed on a flier promoting LIFE CHAIN Sunday:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's/President's Signature  
(only if co-sponsoring)

Comments/Questions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please make a copy for your records and return as soon as possible to:

**LIFE CHAIN COMMITTEE  
28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127  
Livonia, MI 48152-3736  
Phone: (313) 533-9090  
FAX: (313) 533-3556**

Your prompt return of this Registration Form is appreciated.



# Chapter

detroit

oakland

## Office hours

MWF 10-2; TTh Closed  
Carol Smith, Chairman  
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Mgr.

## Office closed

The Detroit Chapter office will be closed the week of June 20th. We will reopen June 27th.

## Baby showers

We would like to thank St. Matthew Catholic Church and Assumption Grotto Catholic Church for hosting the 5th annual Baby Shower.

## Office hours

M, T, Th, F 12-3; W 10-4  
Diane Fagelman, Chairman  
Clare Schneider, Secretary  
Mary Murphy, Adm. Asst.  
Theresa Koehler, Membership

## Thanks

Our sincere thanks to the Dinner Committee and to all who attended our 1994 Mother's Day Banquet, also for the many who gave generously to our Resource Book ads. Your support allows us to continue our much needed prolife educational activities.

Our Mother's Day Dinner is always the week before Mother's day, so mark your calendar—we have already started planning next year's dinner for Tuesday, May 9th.

## Welcome

The Oakland County Chapter is pleased to announce a new staff member,

Area Pregnancy Help Centers received many beautiful new and almost new items to help their many requests for assistance.

Special thanks to Ann Thomas and Marge Bradley for the many hours of time and devotion they spent in organizing this wonderful tradition.

## Bouquets of thanks

Our annual Mother's Day silk rose sale was a great success. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and profound gratitude to all our volunteers and churches. Because of your kindness and generosity, we are able to continue our efforts to protect all life—born and unborn.

Theresa Koehler. Theresa will be working on membership and will help to develop a strong membership base. She will be helping Clare and Mary, and, together with myself and the board, will maintain the strong prolife voice of Oakland County.

As you know, we have always been available for your prolife needs and with this new addition to our office, we hope you will hear from us more often.

## Church representatives

We hope next year to have programs as needed in your area. More information will come out regarding this in your monthly notes.

Any member willing to become a church or synagogue rep and bring the prolife message to your religious members, call the office and we will help you set-up your group. You're never too far away. Just call the office for information.

## Spring cleaning!

Just a reminder—any used baby clothes or infant products, i.e., bottles, etc. that you no longer need and would like to go for a good cause—save and

## Congratulations!

Best wishes to Christina Cascos, who is graduating from Regina High School. She has been very active in the prolife cause, especially in helping to found Regina Teens for Life.

We appreciate all she has done. God bless you, Christina!

## From the pulpit

Encourage your pastors to speak out for LIFE! We need their support. Up-to-date literature is available for their use. Call (313) 874-0432.

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**Detroit Chapter**  
5930 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202-3516  
(313) 874-0432

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bring them into our office for our Wee Care program.

I will see that your donations get to the office where Wee Care is located. We have many calls for these items. Thanks. (See article on page 2.)

## Father's Day Candy

We will again be offering our "Life is Sweet, Happy Father's Day!" candy bars for Father's Day. If your church or organization is interested in participating in this project to honor fathers, please call (810) 258-9760.

## Can you help our Canon?

A generous benefactor donated a used Canon 300 copier to our office recently. With many varied features, it should be a great asset to our Lifespan work. However, we need a volunteer repair man to help us realize its potential, i.e., make it work. If you can help us, please call the office at (810) 258-9760; we would be ever so grateful.

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**Oakland County Chapter**  
800 S. Adams, #102  
Birmingham, MI 48009-7005  
(810) 258-9760

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# News

## Office hours

M-Th 10-4

Patricia Holscher, Chairman  
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

## Missing videos

Our video library is missing several videos including, *The Silent Scream*, *Eclipse of Reason*, *The Abortion Providers* and *Molly Kelly on Teens and Chastity, parts I and II*.

If you have ever borrowed any of our videos, please search among your video collection to see if you might have any that belong to Lifespan.

It is imperative that we locate these as they are in great demand by students, and are costly to replace.

You may place a missing video in a plastic bag and gently lower it through the mail slot in our door if you are unable to return it during normal business hours. Thank you.

## In gratitude

For several weeks, volunteers were busy cutting ribbons and tagging over 12,000 silk roses.

We are thankful for all of our volunteers, church reps, salespeople, clergy who gave them to their congregations, pastors who allowed Lifespan members to offer them for a donation in their churches, and to family members who honored their mothers on Mother's Day with these flowers, tagged "Thanks, Mom, for Life."

## Bowling for Life

Marie Gonzales is our new Bowling Chairman. If you can assist her or have any ideas as

to how we can increase bowler participation, please contact the Lifespan office.

Our 12th Annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser will be on Sunday, July 31 at Woodland Lanes from 2 to 5 pm. By collecting pledges, you are eligible to bowl 3 games free and win savings bonds. Prizes for the most pledged money collected are: 1st prize...\$200, 2nd prize...\$100, 3rd prize...\$75, 4th prize...\$50, 5th prize...\$50. Additional prizes: High game scores with handicaps for a Man, Woman and Child...\$100 each and high series with handicaps including Men, Women and Children...\$100.

You don't have to be an excellent bowler to win as bowlers may be sponsored by pin or a set amount of money per game. To be eligible for any of the prizes, at least \$50 in pledges must be turned into our office no later than Monday, August 22, 1994. A gold electroplated feet pin will be awarded to all who have \$50 in pledges. For sponsor sheets, call (313) 422-6230.

## Garage space

Do you have room in your garage to store items we are collecting for two garage sales in September?

## Fairs and festivals

Volunteers are needed to staff educational booths at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville and the Michigan State Fair in Detroit during August and September. Besides the tremendous opportunity to spread the prolife message, they are FUN to work. Don't be reluctant to call as newcomers will be placed with experienced workers. "Try it. You'll like it!"

If your church, school or city is having a fair or festival, could Lifespan have an educational booth? If not educational, perhaps a craft booth. Ask—for the children!

Wayne County, West and  
Downriver Chapter  
27578 Schoolcraft  
Livonia, MI 48150-2203  
(313) 422-6230

## To Cecilia, with love—

Eight years ago, Cecilia Barna, a social worker, co-founded Pregnancy Shelter, Inc. with the primary purpose of providing shelter for women having problem pregnancies.

They found host families who opened their hearts and homes to provide a safe, non-judgmental, loving atmosphere for the duration of the pregnancy and assistance after delivery with housing and other support that might be needed. Pregnancy Shelter operated out of our Detroit Lifespan office at 5930 Woodward.

Cecilia has had to give up this very valuable work because she has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). This is a great loss to our prolife work and to the pregnant women experiencing fear, isolation, rejection and helplessness.

Pregnancy Shelter has helped several hundred families. Only God can measure the good the P.S. families have done or the lives saved.

The Christian Service Commission of St. Mary of Redford, where Cecilia is a parishioner, is raising funds to purchase a specially equipped computer which includes a program that converts Morse code into words on a screen. It can be activated with small movements of the head.

St. Mary's would like to provide this computer on loan to Cecilia. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to St. Mary of Redford, Handicapped Fund, 14601 Mansfield, Detroit 48227.

Our gratitude, love, support and prayers are with you, Cecilia. Notes of encouragement can be sent to the Detroit Lifespan office, 5930 Woodward, Detroit 48202, and will be forwarded to her.

We're storming heaven for a miracle. Miracles do happen!

# Population and Global Abortion

**W**ith the upcoming United Nations Conference on Population and Development already on a pro-abortion track, the Clinton Administration is working both publicly and privately to push the Cairo conference to go even further—to embrace the position that abortion on demand should be available in every nation. This from an Administration whose chief executive insists he wants abortion to be “rare.”

In preparations for the September 5-13 conference in Egypt, a “Draft Programme for Action” was produced laden with overt and covert pro-abortion proclamations. However, according to a March 16 “action cable” sent by the U.S. State Department to all overseas diplomatic and consular posts, this didn’t go far enough.

The cable called for “senior level diplomatic interventions” in support of U.S. priorities both at the Cairo conference and at a preparatory conference which took place in April in New York.

*Posts are requested to approach host governments to outline USG [U.S. government] negotiating priorities for the final preparatory committee meeting for the International Conference on Population and Development to be held in New York from April 4-22. The priority issues for the U.S. include assuring...access to safe abortion.[...] 17. The United States believes that access to safe, legal and voluntary abortion is a fundamental right of all women. The current text...[of the proposed declaration by the Cairo conference] is inadequate as it only addresses abortion in cases of rape or incest...The United States delegation will also be working for stronger language on the importance of access to abortion.*

But this “vision of a global abortion on demand village is at odds with the values, religious traditions, and laws that prevail in most developing nations,” said Wanda Franz, Ph.D.,

National Right to Life president. “It’s cultural imperialism.”

The Clinton Administration’s policies “also fly in the face of the recommendations that came out of the 1984 International Conference on Population which stated unequivocally that governments should ‘take appropriate steps to help women avoid abortion, which in no case should be promoted as a method of family planning,’” Franz said.

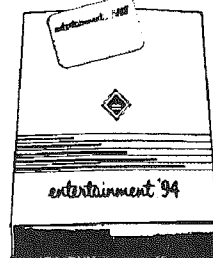
Douglas Johnson, NRLC federal legislative director, said the Clinton Administration apparently intends to use the Cairo conference to pressure developing nations to repeal their protective abortion laws. “That is a goal long sought by private groups such as the London-based International Planned Parenthood Federation—recently the recipient of a \$75 million grant from the Clinton Administration,” he said.

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) said he’d spoken to many delegates, and “There is a very strong resentment building” against the Clinton Administration’s “fixation on abortion” as a “solution” to world problems.

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers has said that the Administration regards abortion as “part of the overall approach to population control,” and the Administration has submitted to Congress a bill that would repeal all restrictions on the use of U.S. foreign aid for abortion. “In his health care bill and elsewhere, the President has preferred to advance abortion-on-demand policies behind a curtain of verbal obfuscations. The policies outlined in the ‘action cable,’” Johnson said, are “part of an accelerating campaign by the Clinton Administration to legalize abortion on demand as a population-control method in developing countries. This ideological crusade will collide with the laws of 95 nations that protect unborn children, including most of Latin America and Africa.”

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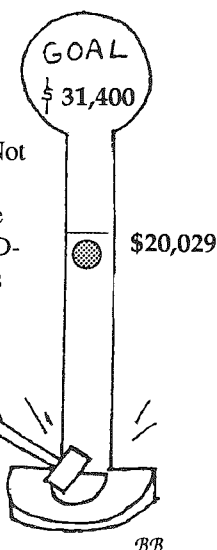
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## Planned Parenthood Strikes Again

Planned Parenthood has sued Governor Engler and the Department of Social Services Director to release state funds for rape and incest abortions. The suit is in federal court (Kalamazoo-Grand Rapids). To date no funds have been released and the governor has indicated he will abide by the 1988 vote of the people.

Send notes to the Governor to thank him for not releasing funds and encouraging him for standing up for the people of Michigan.

Write: Governor John Engler  
Michigan State Capitol  
P. O. Box 30013  
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# Letters Needed: Stop Experiments

**W**ith almost no public notice, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Harold

Varmus, has mounted a totally stacked "Ethics" Panel to decide which uses of human embryos should be federally funded. Although this is being done under the cover of aiding *in vitro* fertilization in service of infertile couples, many of the matters under discussion go far afield of that procedure. The result of legitimizing federal funding for these experiments would open the gate to a frontier of actual Brave New World proportions at taxpayer expense. It is also believed, by some, that the approval of such human embryo experimentation would foreclose any hope of overturning abortion in the United States.

## Human Embryo Experiments Currently Under Discussion

Tiny human beings would be subjected, in part, to the following:

1) Using the eggs from aborted female babies for egg donation for *in vitro* fertilization and pure research.

2) Inducing a pregnancy by stimulating a female embryo's egg—also known as a "virgin birth."

3) Producing human embryos for ex-

5) Experiments that would produce hybridized life forms using both animal and human elements.

6) Keeping only parts of embryos alive in cell culture to provide organs for transplantation.

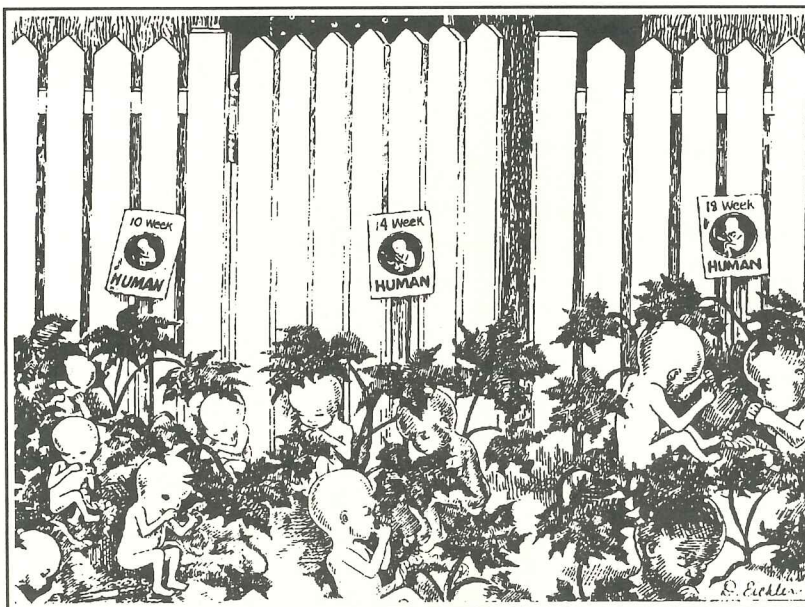
When the National Institutes of Health received 55,000 letters in 1979 regarding *in vitro* fertilization research, that research was cut off! We must make that happen again. Write a letter and protest the human experimentation presently under review—experimentation that will be funded by your tax dollars if you do not protest now.

Write:

Steven Muller, Ph.D.  
Chair,

NIH Human Embryo Research Panel  
c/o National Institutes of Health  
9000 Rockville Pike  
Building #1, Room 218  
Bethesda, MD 20892

Also, let your state and federal elected officials know that the hidden agendas represented by this panel should be investigated. The government should NOT be reviewing the possibility of funding experiments on vulnerable human beings.



perimentation through *in vitro* fertilization as well as using "discarded" embryos unwanted by women and couples undergoing IVF to have a child.

4) Cloning or twinning human embryos. That is making exact physical copies of individual human beings. These could be used for backup for organ donation for a born child; used for backup for a couple that might lose the "original" through death; patented as a "model" child.

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