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National LIFE CHAIN Sunday



October 3, 1993

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Woodward Ave.

From 7 Mile Rd. to 13 Mile Rd.

On National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 3, 1993, thousands will line the sidewalks of Woodward Ave., from 7 Mile Rd. in Detroit to 13 Mile Rd. in Royal Oak forming a "LIFE CHAIN" approximately seven miles long. The event will take place from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Metro Detroit LIFE CHAIN will be one of over 600 held across the United States on that day.

Last year's local LIFE CHAIN involved 7,500 people from over 150 churches united in this peaceful, prayerful activity. Participants simply stand in place holding signs. Uniform signs which state, "Abortion Kills Children," will be passed out to and held by all who attend. We encourage all ages to participate, including children under the watchful eyes of their parents. No one will march, but rather, stand or sit, in the case of seniors or handicapped. We hope for sunny skies and mild temperatures, but the LIFE CHAIN will go forward regardless of weather conditions.

Churches are assigned specific areas of the route, and those planning to participate must register by calling 533-9090. Individuals are also welcome and can pick up signs at one of the following locations after 1:30 p.m. on October 3: Epiphany Lutheran Church (1/2 block east of Woodward on 7 Mile Rd.), St. James Church (between 8 and 9 Mile Rds. on Woodward), Crisis Pregnancy Center, 3231 Woodward (south of 12 Mile Rd., near Denny's Restaurant). For more information, call 533-9090.

LIFE CHAIN of Metro Detroit is co-sponsored by Right to Life - Lifespan and Christian Activist Network.

NEWS NOTES

Breast cancer

New research has linked a sharp increase in the chance for breast cancer to women who have had an abortion in their teens. Further, such concerns occur much earlier in life than might have been the case otherwise. The leading researcher in this area is Professor Joel Brind, head of the Barouc College Biology/Chemistry Dept.

He says recent studies "suggest" that women who abort their first baby significantly increase their chance of getting breast cancer. In contrast, those who carry their first pregnancy to term have a significantly decreased risk. Those who have consecutive early abortions have the greatest risk.

Dr. Marc Lippmann, a Georgetown University cancer researcher says, "There is evidence that an abortion before the first full-term pregnancy increases the risk of breast cancer."

Holly Howe, in the *International Journal of Epidemiology* in 1989, found a 90% increase in the risk of breast cancer associated with aborting the first pregnancy and an even higher risk in consecutive abortions. Drs. Collen and Lippman in their textbook published in 1989 state: "Women with full-term pregnancies before the age of 20 have half the cancer risk of women who have not had children, while women who undergo first trimester abortions have a "doubled cancer risk."

Dr. Joel Brind included in his research a study of women in upstate New York who "were four times more likely to have breast cancer if they had a history of repeated interrupted pregnancies with no intervening live birth."

The results seem to indicate that it is not so much the abortion itself that does this, but the fact the woman does not complete her pregnancy.

—*Life Issues Institute, July 1993*

Mother dead

New York abortionist, Elyas Bonrouhi, is the man allegedly responsible for a botched abortion and the death of 33-year-old Guadalupe Negrón.

Working at an unlicensed facility, the Metro Women's Clinic, and according to an autopsy report, he lacerated her cervix and perforated her uterus. She died on the table.

—*Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati Newsletter, August 1993*

Russia

In 1920, Russia was one of the first countries to legalize abortion as part of the social policy of Lenin and other Communist leaders. Russians have grown up with legal abortion.

The Bolsheviks wanted to keep women on the farms and in factories. This meant ensuring that they were not pregnant. Also, it was necessary to destroy traditional values and institutions. The family was one.

Now Russia faces a demographic catastrophe. The average woman in Russia has six abortions but it is not uncommon to encounter those who have had thirty. Usually families have only one child.

—*Vitality, July 1993*

India

The practice of aborting female fetuses in India has led Bombay authorities to limit prenatal testing to women 35 years and older or those with a family history suggesting the possibility of birth defects.

—*Detroit Free Press, July 21, 1993*

RU-486

The Wanderer reports that Wolfgang Hilger, chairman of Hoechst AG, has announced his retirement. There has been intense public pressure for him to resign due to a number of accidents at the Hoechst AG plants in Germany, and a 28% plunge in profits during the first quarter of 1993. *The Wanderer* also reports that his opposition to the sale of the abortion pill RU-486 in the U.S. may have played a role. It is important for pro-life groups to keep the pressure on this firm and its many subsidiaries.

—*The Wanderer, June 24, 1993*

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For almost fifty years, women have trusted Bethany to be their partner in making some of the most difficult decisions in their lives. Their professional staff is trained to help pregnant women and their families through a crisis pregnancy by offering:

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Defying the odds

No one expected John Sullivan to come out of his coma after he was struck by lightning on a golf course eight summers ago.

Except his family.

After the accident, Marlette, the Michigan Thumb town where the Sullivans live, grieved for what Sullivan had been at 17, when the lightning struck: tall, handsome, athletic, smart, president of his senior class.

Great things had been expected of him.

But after so many doctors, including a neurologist who said Sullivan was in "a persistent vegetative state," offered so little hope, townsfolk wanted Sullivan's parents to put him in a nursing home. They feared that the three younger Sullivan children would be neglected.

Marcia and Dick Sullivan wouldn't listen. They devoted their lives to taking care of their son, selling all but three acres of the 280-acre dairy farm that had been in the family for three generations to pay for his medical care. The family has lived off Sullivan's Social Security disability checks and the \$70 a day the state pays them to take care of him.

All the time, they insisted Sullivan would get better.

He did. Over the years, he slowly has emerged from his coma.

He's still fed through a tube to his stomach. He's bathed. He's dressed.

And where once his body was rigid and bent into the

anguished postures of the comatose, today it is relaxed. Sullivan's hands remain twisted, useless, but his feet and legs are straight and true. He can stand, support his own weight, but he cannot balance himself.

One of his doctors, C. Barry Dehlin, of Lansing General Hospital gives all the credit to Sullivan's parents.

"This family has rearranged its whole life to take care of John," he said. "I don't know of any other family that's ever been able to do this."

But what about John Sullivan's mind?

Tests show little brain damage, his father said, but Sullivan doesn't speak.

His parents say his brain is working as well as ever. Others are uncertain.

In 1990, Sullivan was tested by the Marlette Community Schools. When shown a row of pictures, all the same but one, he did well picking out the odd one. When a word was spoken to him, he was able to pick out which of four pictures illustrated the word. Given a sentence to read, then shown four pictures, one of which matched the sentence, Sullivan usually picked the right picture.

The test report, written by Oscar Bridgewater when he was the school psychologist, said Sullivan "possesses intellectual capability far beyond past estimates." It also said he understands abstract concepts, problem solving and has an inner language.

"He readily displays satisfaction and humor, is

often playful and joking in his interpersonal behavior," the psychologist concluded.

Sullivan can play simple computer games using a foot switch. In one, a plane flies across the computer screen. If he presses the foot switch in time, the plane is blown up and the pilot parachutes down.

brothers doing?

All still live at home—and all ended the school year with academic honors.

Kirsten 22, graduated magna cum laude from Hope College with a double major in English and French. She's looking for a high school teaching job.

Surprising naysayers, family fights back after son is struck by lightning

Darlene Vacca, a special education teacher who works with him on the computer, wonders what goes on in Sullivan's head.

"There've been three or four times when Dick and I or Marcia and I have talked about the accident, and each time tears start down his face," she said. "So you wonder, what is he really understanding?"

"I have a chalkboard; a magic slate thing, and one time I...wrote 'yell,' and he did.

"I don't know if it was just coincidence, but I said do that, and he did."

Lots of people—doctors, teachers, townspeople—still wonder what will become of Sullivan, but they don't call the Sullivans crazy anymore.

"I know he's going to go a lot further," his father said.

And how are Sullivan's younger sister and two

Matthew, 17 finished his junior year at Marlette High, was named the most valuable player on the varsity basketball team and was on the honor roll.

Ryan Patrick, 12, got an honors certificate from Marlette Middle School.

One of Sullivan's parents—usually his father—is with him every minute. His father sleeps in a chair or on the floor beside Sullivan's bed.

"We'd do the same any child of ours who needed us," said Dick Sullivan.

Donations made to Sullivan's cause are tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to Sullivan Trust-St. Elizabeth and should be sent to the trust in Marlette, Michigan 48453.

—Detroit Free Press

June 7, 1993

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The Plague of Media Bias

By Beverly Ann Thewes, RN

Freedom of the press is a cornerstone of democracy. It is not difficult to understand that if a country is to remain free, its people must have accurate, objective information on which to base political judgments and decisions. A lack of such information can lead to unwise decisions in support of ideas that undermine freedom and lead to oppression and tyranny.

But censorship of the press can be either external, that is, government mandated, or internal, which involves a press that slants information to fit its own personal biases. Internal censorship is accomplished not only by what is said but also by what is not said.

It is this latter method that is used a great deal in the issue of abortion. This is especially true when it comes to violence related to the issue. The media is quick to report any real or alleged violence associated with those who are pro-life, but fails to report the violence of pro-abortionists. To have knowledge of pro-abortion violence, one must either be active in the pro-life movement or have access to conservative news sources.

Such knowledge was recently gained through a conversation dealing with the billboard campaign of Right to Life - Lifespan. Ann Thomas, president of the organization, said that Lifespan's main office received a bomb threat and hate-filled telephone calls because of last year's billboard which simply stated, "Abortion stops a beating heart." When surprise was expressed at these incidents, Ann said that they are not uncommon and that she herself has received death threats. She also said that the other Lifespan offices receive similar threatening calls.

Fr. Paul Marx, president of Human Life International, has experienced the same animosity from pro-abortionists. In Special Report No. 101, May, 1993, he tells of the "angry phone calls and filthy letters" his staff has had to put up

with over the years because of pictures that show the reality of abortion.

Conversations with those involved in rescues at abortion clinics also reveal pro-abortion violence. They tell of being shoved, kicked and punched by pro-abortionists. One young man linked arms with other men to form a human chain to protect those who were praying. He was kicked and punched in the back. Incidents such as these are never reported by the media. Violence connected to the issue of abortion is always made to look like it is only pro-life people who are involved.

By failing to report such pro-abortion violence, the media are denying the violence inherent in their own positions (abortion is a violent act). And in only reporting the violence, real or alleged of those who are pro-life, the media are using the defense mechanism of projection. They are attributing to the pro-life movement a characteristic which they, as members of the pro-abortion movement, exhibit.

The violence of the pro-abortion movement is exhibited not only in overt acts but also in covert acts such as legislation which supposedly protects access to abortion clinics but in reality threatens the Constitutional rights of those who oppose abortion to demonstrate and educate at abortion clinics.

An example of media support of such psychological violence occurred on the editorial page of the *Detroit Free Press* in its May 20, 1993 edition. The paper supports the creation of legislation "that would make violence or threats against abortion providers a federal crime." Note the specificity of their support. The violence and threats of pro-abortionists against those pro-lifers who are exercising their legitimate rights of protest and freedom of speech would not be subject to prosecution. The *Detroit Free Press* admits that "the bill is indeed narrow, but if other groups take up the same tactics of intimidation, it could be amended or broadened to include violent and threatening acts aimed at stopping any practice." But

what is the possibility of its being "amended or broadened." The fact that the pro-abortion media have trouble admitting to their own violence leads one to the conclusion that such a bill would never be broadened to include pro-abortion violence. This is especially true because Attorney General Janet Reno and the Clinton Administration, who are promoting such a bill, are themselves pro-abortion.

But the real intent of such legislation becomes clearer in a bill introduced by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.). His bill would punish any person who "by force or threat of force of physical obstruction...attempts to injure, intimidate, or interfere with" any person who is seeking "abortion services" or who is aiding other person to obtain such services.

The phrases "physical obstruction" and "interfere with" could easily be applied to peaceful, legal sidewalk counselors. And the term "intimidate" is highly subjective. Counseling could easily be interpreted as intimidation. Such legislation reveals the animosity that pro-abortion legislators feel toward the pro-life movement. They are targeting people who are actively pro-life and in this way intend to destroy the movement by destroying the constitutional rights of its most active members.

And the media are aiding and abetting the pro-abortion legislators by molding public opinion in support of oppressive legislation. This is being done by failing to report pro-abortion violence while playing up pro-life violence. The result of this plague of media bias will be a further weakening of the Constitution which will ultimately affect all Americans.

When one understands what abortion is and what it does to both women and their unborn children, the need for pro-abortionists to silence those who are pro-life becomes clear. Pro-abortionists are intelligent people who are capable of the same understanding. But because they have given into their weaknesses,

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The Abortion/Suicide Connection

In the 1960s, when abortions were available only for "therapeutic" reasons, it was not uncommon for persons with the means and know-how to obtain an abortion on psychiatric grounds. In some states, all that was necessary was to find an agreeable psychiatrist willing to diagnose every woman with a problem pregnancy as "suicidal."

Yet all the studies done on this issue show that pregnant women, including those faced with a crisis pregnancy, are significantly less likely to commit suicide than non-pregnant women. This has led some psychiatrists to suggest that pregnancy somehow serves a psychologically protective role. The presence of another person to "live for" appears to reduce the suicidal impulses of a mentally disturbed or deeply depressed woman.¹

Although pregnancy weakens suicidal impulses, there is strong evidence that abortion dramatically increases the risk of suicide. According to a 1986 study by researchers at the University of Minnesota, a teenage girl is 10 times more likely to attempt suicide if she has had an abortion in the last six months than is a comparable teenage girl who has not had an abortion.²

Other studies have found similar statistical significance between a history of abortion and suicide attempts among adults. Thus, the actual data suggests that abortion is far more likely than pregnancy and childbirth to drive an unstable woman to suicide.

This abortion/suicide link is well known among professionals who counsel suicidal persons. For example, Meta Uchtman, director of the Cincinnati chapter of Suiciders Anonymous, reported that in a 35-month period her group worked with 4000 women, of whom 1800 or more had abortions. Of those who had abortions, 1400 were between the ages of 15 and 24, the age group with the fastest growing suicide rate in the country.

Sometimes a post-abortion suicide attempt is an impulsive act of despair. For example, 18-year-old "Susan" writes: "Two days after the abortion I

wrote a suicide note to my parents and boyfriend. I just couldn't fathom how I could possibly live with the knowledge of what I had done. I killed my own baby! I went down to the basement and figured out how to shoot my father's pistol. Hysterical and crying I put the barrel of the gun into my mouth. All of a sudden I heard someone upstairs. For some reason my father had stopped by to pick up something. I stopped what I was doing and went upstairs. He saw that I was upset and asked me if I wanted to have lunch with him at noon. I felt I at least owed him lunch. By the time lunch was over I was too scared to do it."

abortion dramatically increases the risk of suicide

Other times, the suicidal impulses result from years of repression, depression and lost self-esteem. A 1987 study of women who suffered from post-abortion trauma found that 60 percent had experienced suicidal ideation, 28 percent had attempted suicide, and 18 percent had attempted suicide more than once, often several years after the event.³

Sadly, in at least one documented case, an 18-year-old committed suicide three days after having a suction abortion because of guilt feelings over having "killed her baby." Later examination of the clinic's records revealed that she had not actually been pregnant.

Perhaps one reason for the strong abortion/suicide link exists in the fact that in many ways abortion is like suicide. Just as a suicidal person is crying out for help when she tells others she wishes she were dead, so a woman who is distressed over a pregnancy is crying out for help when she tells others she is considering abortion.

Both are in a state of despair. Both are lonely. Both feel faced by insurmountable odds.

Some "right-to-die" groups argue that we should legalize suicide and even create suicide clinics where facilitators would ease people through their suicide decisions. If we did so, there would be no shortage of desperate people willing to exercise their "freedom to choose." Promised a "quick, easy and painless" solution to their problems, suicide rates would skyrocket just as abortion rates did in the 1970s.

Like the suicide clinics described above, abortion clinics also exploit desperate people. They promise to release clients from the darkness of their despair. They appeal to our consumer society's demand for instant solutions to all our problems. They pose as places of compassion, but they are actually reaping huge profits through the harvest of the lonely, frightened and confused people who are "unwanted" by society. In place of life, they offer the "compassion" of death.

Granting the wish for suicide or abortion is not an aid to desperate people. It is abandonment. It is a false compassion that protects us from getting entangled in the "personal problems" of others. It is "cheap love."

To those who look deeply, and care deeply, it is clear that people who express a desire for suicide or abortion are really crying out for help. They are crying out for the support and encouragement to choose life, cherish life and rejoice in life. They are crying out for an infusion of hope.

When desperate women tell others, "I want to die," or "I have to have an abortion," their words are a way of reaching out. They are a way of asking, "Does any one truly care what happens to me? Will anyone truly help me?"

In both cases, despairing women need and deserve an answer which exalts the value of their lives, as well as their children's. They need to see the value of their lives reflected in the love of those who would help them preserve and ennoble their lives. They need to hear that they are strong enough to triumph in the life that is theirs, and that whenever they grow weak, we will be

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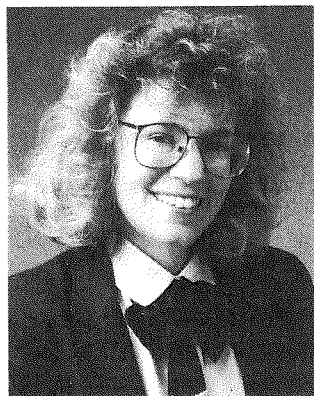


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M, Th 10-2; TWF Closed
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State Fair

Our sincere thanks to all our loyal volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to help at the State Fair Booth.

We are always pleased to have new volunteers respond to our plea for workers at the Fair. It is important that we appear in public places, and being at the Fair is always a positive display. Our volunteers

help make the booth interesting and professional. We thank you for your kind effort.

Think Christmas

It is later than you think and not too early to be thinking about your Christmas cards.

Lifespan will again have a lovely selection of cards, please call to place your order, or if you wish to help sell cards for us, 874-0432 or 775-8776.

Membership renewal

If you have recently received a request to renew your Lifespan membership, please respond promptly.

We need YOU!

Rally for Life

Each January, the Detroit Chapter hosts a Rally in downtown Detroit to memorialize the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Each year we have great speakers and excellent media coverage.

We need you, your friends, your pro-life signs and banners and members of your congregation and organization to help us send a powerful life message to the people of metropolitan Detroit.

If you are interested in working on the Rally Committee, we are looking for you. The next Rally will be held on Sunday, January 16, 1994. Call us, 874-0432 or 533-9090.

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Office hours

M, T, Th, F 12-3; W 10-4
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Memorials

Because of the recent deaths of Lifespan members, it was brought to my attention how inefficient we are when it comes to donation cards at funeral homes.

In the coming months, I hope to assign a volunteer who will try to reach all the funeral homes in Oakland County with our donation cards.

If a death does occur among your family or friends, and the funeral home does not have a Lifespan remembrance card, please ask them to call the office, and we will

get some to the funeral home for you.

So often at the time of death of a loved one, we are so distraught we forget the Gift of Life donation. This is a perfect way for those so inclined to help further the cause of respect for human life. Flowers wither and die, but pro-life work will last forever.

Please remember to call the office or have a friend call to tell us of any changes occurring in your lives. The pro-life movement is alive through its members and functions through the souls of each member. Each member is important and any milestone of life—birth or death—is important to us.

Special note

Our deepest sympathy to Jean Martell and her family at the loss of her husband, Jerry.

For many years, Jean devoted her time and talents putting together the mailing of our Lifespan newsletter. Many times Jerry was at her side to help sort, lift and take the completed mailing to the post office. His defense of human

life will always be remembered. We know that Jerry will be in heaven continuing to challenge us to go on. May God be with you, Jean.

We are also saddened by the loss of David Brown who was another devoted pro-lifer whom God called back to Him at the age of 33. Our prayers go out to Mary, his wife, and their two small children.

Mary's mom, Marge Flannigan, our Lifespan church representative from St. Benedict's, has worked with us for many years. Our thoughts are with you during this sad and trying time.

Thanks

My thanks to the workers who worked for us at the State Fair!

I'm sure you'll all agree it was a very rewarding experience and well worth the effort!

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Legislative Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Saturday morning, November 13 to have breakfast with Congressman Joe Knollenberg (see page 7).

If you can help our Chapter in any way with phone calls to legislators or members, be a host or hostess that morning, help with mailings, work at the literature table, make up packets, etc., please call and offer your time.

Fairs and festivals

Our Chapter has just completed its Fair circuit. There were many members who worked the booths and helped educate thousands of people, emphasizing the humanity of the unborn child. There were definitely good reactions to the fetal models. Many were surprised at the development of unborn children. They took the literature and signed petitions; hopefully some of them will become active in the pro-life movement.

Lifespan's presence at the fairs was very important. Our thanks to each of you who worked and for your dedication to the Life issues.

We need invitations to church festivals and craft sales. If you can request an educational or craft booth for Lifespan at your church or club, please call.

And the winners are...

Fifty four bowlers, including three adult residents from a local adult group home, participated in our 11th Annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser, raising over \$3000.

Most pledges collected (by 8-28-93) and prizes:

1st.....	Jim Astalos	\$750.00
2nd	Kathie Carpenti	276.00
3rd	Jim Kleinbrook	173.00
4th	Jerry Miller	139.08
5th	Carmen Mosquera	138.00

High games for men, women and children with handicap:

Man	Jerry Miller	275
Woman	Renee Beger	260
Child.....	Paul Bowers.....	199

High Series for bowlers 7 years and older with handicap:

Renee Beger	704
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Because of their love and commitment to all innocent human life, born and unborn, ALL OUR BOWLERS ARE WINNERS! Thank you!

Speakers' workshop

If you are interested in a workshop where you will learn to express yourself better, gain confidence in your knowledge of the pro-life issues so that you will speak more confidently on a one-to-one basis with family and acquaintances or would like to become a speaker for Lifespan and speak to groups, please contact 422-6230.

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The following is a press release issued August 20, 1993 following the shooting of Wichita abortionist George Tiller.

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit strongly condemns the shooting of Wichita abortionist George Tiller.

The violence occurring each day inside abortion clinics to mothers and their unborn babies will not be stopped by acts of violence against abortionists.

Right to Life - Lifespan works through education and legislative action to ensure the right to life for the unborn, the handicapped and the elderly.

Right to Life - Lifespan will continue to work for peaceful solutions to social problems, solutions especially directed to helping women and their children, born and unborn.

Lifespan is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of human life. Established in 1970, it is the largest and oldest prolife organization in southeastern Michigan. Lifespan covers Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties.

Plague of Media Bias

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they must suppress any intelligent understanding of this issue. Pro-life people are making such suppression difficult. This gives rise to frustration which results in both overt and covert forms of violence against those who are the cause of the frustration.

But those who are pro-life must not react to violence with violence. It will only make us ineffective and will make the situation worse for both the women being exploited and their unborn children. We must be strong enough to return love for violence. We cannot give into the weakness that produces violence. If we mean to win this battle, we have no choice. We must love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.

—Beverly Ann Thewes is a registered nurse, mother of six children, member of the Oakland County Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan and member of Lifespan's Advisory Council.

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there to strengthen them and even carry them.

This requires us to engage in "costly love," a love that demands a real sacrifice of time, energy and resources. Anything less, they will interpret as "You don't really care." Anything less, and they will be right.

¹Hilgers, et al, *New Perspectives on Human Abortion* (Frederick, MD.: University Press of America, 1981) 156.

²Garfinkel, et al., *Stress, Depression and Suicide: A Study of Adolescents in Minnesota*, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Extension Service, 1986).

³Reardon, "A Survey of Psychological Reactions," (Springfield, IL: Elliot Institute, 1987).

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Children of Men

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times of depression and anxiety, when you may be blown up by a terrorist bomb at the next airport, detective stories are reassuring. They provide a firm moral code and affirm the sanctity of life. Mysteries say that even the victim, who usually is pretty unpleasant, has a right to live his life to the last natural moment. What's more, they offer a solution. And it isn't by supernatural means or good luck, it's by human intelligence, courage and endurance."

It's something that Miss Marple might have said. Except, if Miss Marple were a character in *Children of Men*, she would have been euthanized by the state for being "non-productive," and wouldn't have had the chance to make her trademark musings.

Children of Men is a gripping book, but it's not for the faint of heart. To those of us who are concerned about respect for life, it's a nightmare come true.

That's why I cringe when I hear today's do-gooders deem abortion and euthanasia as merely "issues" that should be placed on the same level as the many other problems facing our country, including the economy.

What some people don't understand—what James does understand—is that state-approved killing of children and elders could, in time, bring about the end of civilization as we know it.

The characters in *Children of Men* realize too late that society has taken a fatal turn. Still, they make a stand in defense of life, knowing they have no chance of winning. In the end, their human nature compels them to confront the powers of evil.

It often takes the darkest night to bring our most noble traits to the surface. But, then, Miss Marple could have told you that.

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Student Essay Contest

ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Oakland, Wayne or Macomb Counties, is eligible for the contest except for students in the immediate family of a Board Member of Right to Life - Lifespan.

RULES:

1. Each entry must be the student's original work and shall not have been submitted to any other publisher or in any other contest.
2. Each entry must show the name, address, phone number, age and grade of the student, plus the name of a parent or guardian printed neatly on the reverse side of the entry.
3. All entries must be received by 3:00 p.m., Friday, November 12, 1993, and mailed to: 1993 Student Contest, Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152.
4. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - Lifespan, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - Lifespan.
5. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
6. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
7. The topic of the essay entry may feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide or euthanasia.
8. The essay shall be no longer than 1000 words.
9. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
10. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.

PRIZES:

First prize: \$500 Savings Bond
Second prize: \$200 Savings Bond
Third prize: \$100 Savings Bond
The first prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the 1994 Rally for Life in Detroit, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*.

For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office, 533-9090.

Spaghetti dinner

Christian Activist Network is hosting their fundraising dinner on Friday, October 15, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards Christmas for families in a crisis pregnancy. Welcomed things to bring: non-perishable food, ornaments, a wrapped gift, labeled for mom or baby.

The dinner will be at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, (east of I-275, north of I-96), Livonia. Call Karen at 464-2016.

Rummage/bake sale

Set aside Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Christian Activist Network's fundraiser to help women in crisis pregnancies.

The sale will take place at Trinity Baptist Church, 14800 Middlebelt (south of 5 Mile), Livonia.

Call Kay at 261-9888 to donate items for sale or to help.

Educational Center

As the new school year begins, we ask that all LIFESPAN people renew their efforts to spread the pro-life story. How do we do this?

1. Ask the librarian at your children's school if they would put our materials in the library so that the students could do research for a paper they may want to write.

2. Ask your child's teachers if they would like materials for their classrooms or a speaker from our organization to speak on abortion, euthanasia, post-abortion syndrome, chastity. Many schools have speakers in for their Social Issues, Theology, Biology, Psychology, Family Living classes. Let your son or daughter know that we have speakers for them. If the teacher brings in a

speaker on abortion, have your child ask to bring in a speaker from Lifespan.

3. Ask a teacher to preview a pro-life video. How would it fit into his or her class?

4. What about the youth group at your church? A speaker? A video? What about your CCD classes?

5. How about the students getting a group to go to the LIFE CHAIN on Sunday, October 3?

For more information, call us at 338-1910.

Remembrances

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide.

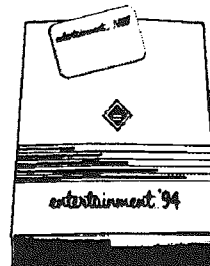
A bequest in your will to Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died. A memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased.

Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

- In memory of **Jerry Martell**, requested by Pat and Bob Holscher and Diane Fagelman.
- In memory of **David Edward Brown**, requested by Joseph and Janice Junglas, Joseph and Patricia Strong, Rosemary Roblin, Dr. Thomas and Mary Anne Voglewede.
- In memory of **Baby Wisniewski**, requested by Laura M. Mason.
- In memory of **Patricia Levos**, requested by H. Sybil Hay.
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- In memory of **Robert Oster**, requested by Marge Bradley.

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Books will be available at Lifespan offices beginning October 7. Call 533-9090 or your local Chapter office to order and pick up your books.

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Right to Life - Lifespan 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 monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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The Children of Men

By Kathleen Howley

I subscribe to the Miss Marple philosophy of life: 1) Justice is long delayed sometimes, but it comes in the end; 2) Things are rarely as they seem; 3) Human nature is the same in every age and every place; and 4) Evil often flourishes in the most pleasant surroundings.

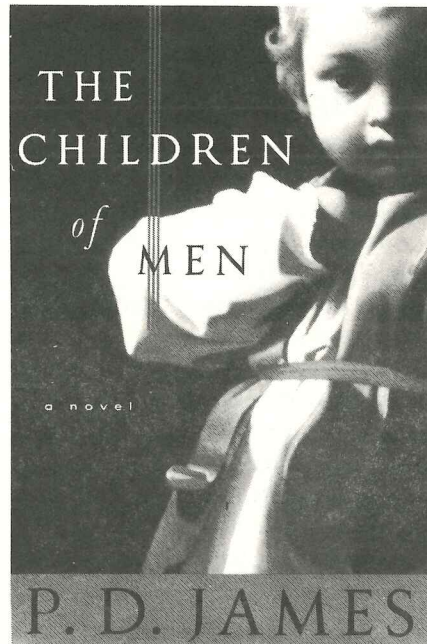
Miss Marple, for those who are not fans of Dame Agatha Christie's series of detective novels, is the blue-eyed, elderly, tea-sipping, razor-brained sleuth who solves murders that stymie Scotland Yard.

"My hobby is studying people. Human nature, if you will," says Miss Marple, from her fireside chair in the village of St. Mary Mead. She explains: "People, I find, are apt to be far too trustful. I'm afraid I have a tendency always to believe the worst. Not a nice trait, but often justified by subsequent events."

Miss Marple garnered her knowledge from a lifetime spent observing the characters in her English hamlet: the butcher boy, the shop assistants, the retired colonels, local businessmen, and, of course, the Vicar. She knows that circumstances may alter, styles may change, but people's basic reactions and passions remain unchanged.

Actress Joan Hickson hit the mark in her interpretation of Miss Marple as part

of the PBS series that aired in recent years. That production, filmed by the BBC, currently is being re-run on the Arts and Entertainment cable station Sunday nights.



British best-selling author P.D. James is often compared to Dame Christie who died in 1976. In recent years James has written an impressive string of hit murder mysteries, such as *Cover Her Face*, *Innocent Blood*, and *A Taste for Death*.

Her latest book, however, takes the cake. *The Children of Men*, published in January, moves us forward in time to

the year 2021. It's theme: respect for life.

Infertility has spread throughout the world like a plague. No child has been born in 25 years. The old people despair. The young, the Earth's last generation, are strangely beautiful, but violent and cruel.

In a secularistic England, the woods are encroaching on abandoned villages and the grass is reclaiming motorways. The busy streets of Oxford no longer ring with the shouts of students. The aging population concerns itself with self-preservation, even to the point of allowing a dictator to mete out a primitive form of justice.

And, yes, state-sponsored involuntary euthanasia is the law of the land, just as it inevitably will be, in real life, if voluntary "mercy killing" becomes widely accepted in our day.

P. D. James, a 70-plus grandmother who worked in the British Civil Service for 30 years, has a keen sense of evil. That's why I tend to think of her as a modern-day Miss Marple.

I won't give away the plot, but in James's book a handful of men and women are willing to stand up for truth and justice. God—that's right, even God plays a part in this new thriller—blesses their work.

In a 1986 interview with *U.S. News and World Report*, James said: "In

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