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MSU and Nazi Germany

By Allan Carlson

“Do the people of Michigan know that they are in the death business?” I was in Zurich, Switzerland, to deliver a lecture and was visiting a school for special needs children run by my hosts. The questioner, a giant of a man, was clearly agitated. He had been introduced to me as a patent attorney from Germany.

“You mean the Jack Kevorkian business?” I replied blandly, referring to Michigan’s infamous angel of death.

“Not at all,” he retorted. “I mean they are themselves in the business of human euthanasia.” He produced a sheaf of papers from the European Patent Office, showing that on April 10, 1996, a patent had been awarded for “Euthanasia solutions which use the anesthetic gamma-hydroxybutramide (embutramide) as a basis for formulating the composition.” The proprietor: Michigan State University.

I examined the papers. This new invention claimed to be an improvement on a product known as T-61. Unlike the latter, the Michigan compound did not contain a barbiturate, making it easier to store and transport. It also avoided several disturbing side effects, such as “a stiffening of the forelimbs” and an overstimulation of the brain. On the other hand, it had not fully overcome the problem of “agonal breathing,” still found in about 40 percent of the research subjects.

“But look here,” I said, pointing in relief to a passage indicating that these euthanasia compounds were for use in lower mammals. “This is for veterinary needs.”

“No,” the giant replied. “It goes much further.” He produced another document, dated March 1, 1994, from the Examining Division of the European Patent Office, raising challenges to MSU’s initial application. It included this passage:

“The Examining Division notices that the subject matter of the claims is not limited to the provision of euthanasia in lower mammals. The attention of the Applicant is drawn to the fact that humans are a mammalian species, and that as a

result of the wording of the claims the Applicant is seeking protection for an agent for committing euthanasia on humans as well.”

The Examining Division went on to note that “[a]ctive euthanasia is a felony under the law of many countries, and the provision of an agent for providing euthanasia in humans probably will have a similar position under those laws.” MSU was asked to give “an explicit statement” on this, “or to limit the claims of the present application.”

Given this choice, Michigan State responded (through a European law firm) on July 1, 1994:

“The compositions of the present invention are intended for use in lower animals. There is no intent to violate the laws of any country in reference to use in humans. *Nevertheless, if it should ever become legal to use the compositions in human beings, the patent claims should encompass the use of the compositions of the present invention for this purpose.* (emphasis added).”

Patent guidelines, MSU showed, allow that “a product could still be manufactured under a European patent for export to states in which its use is not prohibited.

Elsewhere in the document, Michigan State challenged excessive concern over the “agonal breathing” found in some research cases. MSU noted that “it is probably a last ditch or final reflex response in lower and higher animals, including humans, to breathe following very low oxygen levels in respiratory centers of brain and thorax.”

The award of patent, moreover, listed 12 relevant journal references, four of which focused on human use. They included “Veterinary euthanasia drugs as suicide agents” and “Euthanasia: a comparison of the criminal laws of Germany, Switzerland and the United States.” Possible human application appears to have been on the minds of whoever crafted these documents.

Michigan State has confirmed these facts. A spokesman for the “intellectual property” office, Fred Erbis, explained that

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NEWS NOTES

Reduction common

The recent controversy regarding the woman in England who aborted one of her twins brings attention to the fact that this has been a common practice in the U.S. since the early 1980s.

Dr. Mark I. Evans, vice chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Wayne State University, was the first in the nation to do such a procedure, at Detroit's Hutzel Hospital in 1986.

Now he reduces about 100 pregnancies each year, most from four or more fetuses to two, which he says safely increases the odds of successful birth. Now and again, though, he has reduced twin fetuses to one for nonmedical reasons.

Fetal reduction is accomplished by lethal injection. This "method involves injecting potassium chloride into the heart of a [preborn] baby...to cause cardiac arrest."

—*American Life League communiqué*,
September 6, 1996

—*Detroit Free Press*, August 8, 1996

Missing girls

The aborting of unwanted female fetuses is an open secret in Korea where many women consider having a son a matter of duty.

For every 115.4 boys born in 1994, there were only 100 girls, giving South Korea the highest boys-to-girls birth ratio in the world, according to the Census Bureau's most recent figures.

That translated into 30,000 female fetuses aborted that year because the mothers did not want a daughter, the Planned Parenthood Federation of Korea says.

"Perhaps we were more successful than we should have been," said Park Soon-jung of Planned Parenthood.

—*Steven A. Ertelt (ertelt@prolife.org)*
Infonet, July 1, 1996

Psychologist fined

As reported in the Washington Times, when Dr. Douglas Anderson, a Seattle-area psychologist, was approached by a patient for his opinion of her impending abortion, he felt he had

to tell her one thing—that it was wrong. For speaking his mind, Dr. Anderson was fined \$1,500 by the Washington State Examining Board of Psychology, placed on a year's probation and required to take a series of ethics courses.

The Board ruled last August that Dr. Anderson had acted "incompetently" and committed malpractice." Currently on his third lawyer, Dr. Anderson has spent \$10,000 defending himself so far.

—*Steven A. Ertelt (ertelt@prolife.org)*
Infonet, August 17, 1996

Without their consent

On October 1, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to review the assisted suicide cases of *Washington v. Glucksberg* and *Quill v. Vacco*. This decision means that the nation's highest court will soon decide not only whether voluntary assisted suicide must be legalized but also whether incapacitated people who have never asked to die can be killed by their legal guardians.

"The lives of older people with Alzheimer's disease, children with disabilities, and even mentally ill homeless people now hang in the balance, depending on the decision of seven men and two women sitting in Washington, D.C.," said David N. O'Steen, Ph.D., Executive Director of the National Right to Life Committee.

In the Netherlands, the only nation in which euthanasia is now legal, statistics from an official government report demonstrate that over half of the roughly 12,000 people killed each year never gave their consent.

If the same percentages as in the Netherlands were to be applied to the United States, that would mean 195,930 cases of active euthanasia annually (537 daily) with 100,142 of these occurring without the patient's consent (274 daily).

The Supreme Court is likely to hear oral arguments on the two cases in January, 1997.

—*National Right to Life Committee, Inc.*
Press Release, October 1, 1996

Shoppers, beware

In doing your holiday shopping, remember that the following corporations are ardent financial supporters of Planned Parenthood, the world's largest provider of abortion.

Dayton-Hudson—Operations include Dayton's, Hudson's, Target, Mervyn's and Marshall Field's. Write to: Mr. Robert J. Ulrich, Chairman & CEO, Dayton Hudson Company, P.O. Box 1392, Minneapolis, MN 55440. Phone: (612) 370-6948.

Esprit—Operations include: apparel and apparel stores. Write: Mr. Jay Margolis, Chairman, Esprit, 900 Minnesota St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Phone: (415) 648-6900.

Hewlett-Packard—Operations include: electronics (including computer-related equipment and service). Write: Mr. Lew Platt, Chairman, President & CEO, Hewlett-Packard Company, 3000 Hanover St., Palo Alto, CA 94304. Phone: (800) 752-0900 or (415) 857-1501.

Levi Strauss & Company—Operations include: apparel (primarily jeans, Britannia & Dockers). Write: Mr. Robert D. Haas, Chairman, Levi Strauss & Company, P.O. Box 7215, San Francisco, CA 94120. Phone: (415) 544-6000 or (800) 872-5384 (consumer affairs).

Tandy—Operations include: electronics retailer & manufacturer, and appliances through several outlets (Radio Shack, VideoConcepts, Appliance Supercenters, McDuff Electronics, The Edge in Electronics, Computer City. Write: Mr. John V. Roach, Chairman & CEO, Tandy Corporation, 1800 One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Phone: (817) 390-3700.

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January 22nd Activities

March for Life

"No one can serve two masters." No one, with impunity, can speak in support of uncompromising life principles and then act to serve the secular world's evil abortion mentality.

On Tuesday, January 21, the March for Life Education and Defense Fund will hold a convention at the Hyatt-Regency Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C. Rates at the Hotel are \$99 for up to 4 persons per room; call the hotel directly for reservations (202) 737-1234.

Pro-lifers by the thousands, from all over the U.S., will gather for the annual March for Life on Wednesday, January 22, beginning at noon, with a Rally in the Ellipse, just south of the White House.

The March proceeds along Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court. Marchers are then urged to lobby their legislators. A Rose Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

For more information about the Convention, March or Rose Dinner, please call (313) 533-9090 or (202) 543-8202.

Bus transportation is being planned for this Washington trip. If you are interested, please call (810) 615-4180.

Say it with roses!

In conjunction with March for Life activities, live red roses will be delivered to each Member of Congress, the Supreme Court, the President and Vice President, along with an individualized letter to educate them about the humanity of each

unborn child.

If you too would like to "say it with roses," send your name, address, city, state, zip and phone, along with a tax-deductible contribution (\$3.00 per rose is suggested), to MARCH FOR LIFE, Box 90300, Washington, D. C. 20090.

Memorial candles

Pro-life homes across the metro area will remember the millions of aborted babies by burning candles on the eve of January 22.

Right to Life - Lifespan chapter offices have candles for your use; contact your local office for information and/or to obtain the luminaries for yourself or members of your church.

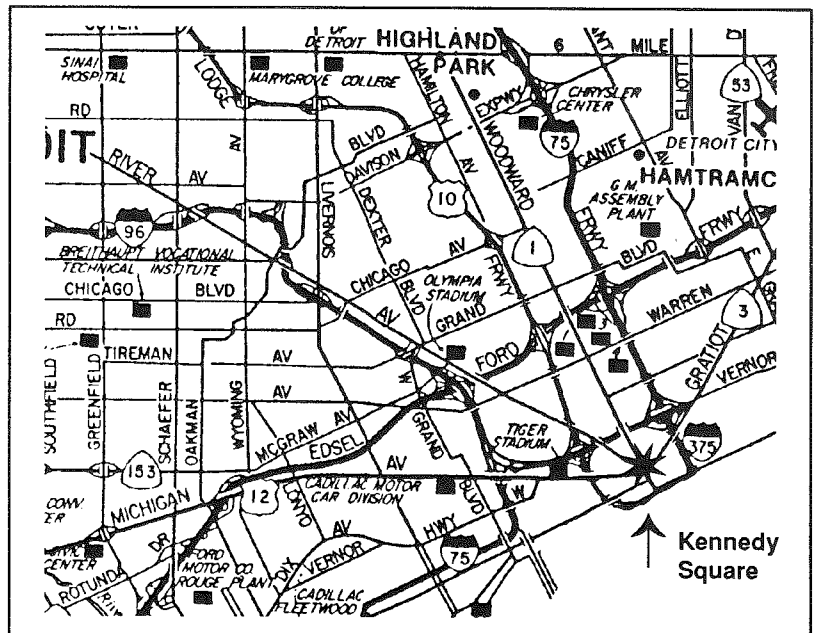
Rally for LIFE

Sunday, January 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Kennedy Square, Detroit

A Rally for Life will be held on January 19, 1997 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Kennedy Square in downtown Detroit. This annual pro-life rally is hosted by the Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit.

Each year on the Sunday before the January 22nd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, pro-lifers gather to memorialize the 1973 Supreme Court decision. 1997 will mark the 24th year of legalized abortion on demand. Since January 22, 1973, on the day of infamy when the U.S. Supreme Court stripped the unborn child of his right to life, 34.5 million babies have been killed by abortion.

Let's join together at the "Rally for Life" to protest the last 24 years of legalized abortion and to publicly reaffirm our belief in the value of all human life. The rally is a family event so bring your children. Metro-wide support of this rally is crucial. For more information, call (313) 874-0432 or (313) 533-9090.



Please complete this form and return it as soon as possible to Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, 48152.

_____ Yes, we are interested in attending the Rally for Life!

_____ Church Bus _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Yes, please list my church/organization as a co-sponsor of the Rally!

Your Name

Your Phone

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

Church/Organization Name

1996 Christmas Cards

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call: Detroit Chapter at (313) 874-0432, Oakland/Macomb Chapter at (810) 816-1546 or Wayne West/Downriver Chapter at (313) 422-6230.



Jesus, the Light of the World

(full color, trimmed in gold foil border)

Inside Verse:

*As we reflect on the beautiful face
of the newborn Saviour
may we look on all Life
as a beautiful reflection of God's promise
Wishing you a blessed Christmas
(Actual size 7" x 5")*

\$12.00 per box of 18

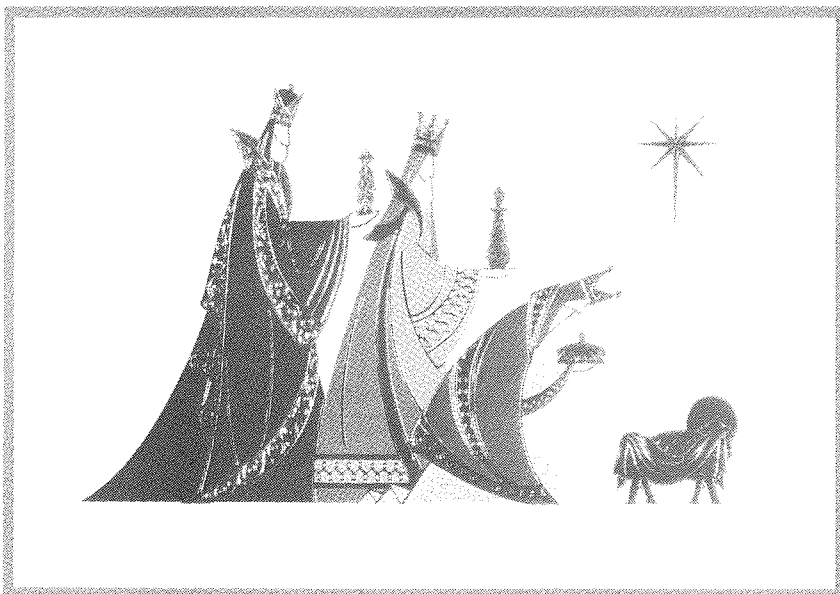
Angels Adore Him (in pastels)

Inside Verse:

*O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord
May our hearts be filled
with the wonder
of God's Gift of Life
this Christmas and always*

(Actual size: 4 1/2" x 6 1/2")

\$6.00 per pkg. of 12



Wise Men in Adoration (in vivid colors)

Inside Verse:

*Wise men still seek
The Light of the world
The Lord and Giver of Life
May His love shine upon you
This Christmas and always*

(Actual size: 7 3/4" x 5 3/8")

\$9.00 per box of 18



Senate Fails to Override Veto

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Chapter

Office hours

MW 10-2; TThF Closed
Carol Smith, Chairman
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Mgr.

Kennedy Square Rally

It's hard to believe that we will again be coming together to memorialize the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. It has been 24 years since our government turned its back on the most innocent and vulnerable of its citizens. It has been a long, hard fight, but we cannot stop!

Lifespan needs you, your family, your friends, your church and your organizations to come to Kennedy Square, in downtown Detroit, and help us send a powerful message to the people of metro Detroit. No, after 24 years, we are not discouraged. We are NOT giving up until all our citizens are guaranteed the RIGHT TO LIFE which is stated in our Constitution.

Come join us at Kennedy Square (on Woodward) on January 19, 1997 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. It will take only an hour of your time and you may save a life! Let's have as many people there as we had for our Life Chain. Dress warmly, for the

weather is usually cold, but you will definitely go away with a warm glow in your heart when you experience the love and concern of all those around you.

Confirmed speakers include Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson, and Regina Williams, pro-life activist.

See page 3 for more details and map, or call the office at (313) 874-0432 if you have any questions. God will surely bless you for your witness.

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Office hours

M-F 9-2:30
Diane Fagelman, Chairman
Diane Trombley, Ofc. Mgr.
Mary Small, Secretary
Clare Schneider, Nwsltr. Coor.

Mailing marvels

Our October membership mailing has finally been entrusted to the tender hands of the post office. Our sincere thanks go out to the many hands of volunteers, ECL and office staff that got it stuffed, sealed, labeled and sent. It was a tremendous task and now the rest is up to you.

If your membership is up for renewal, please take care of it as soon as you can. The little ones we seek to protect will need you more than ever in the coming years.

Partial-birth persistence

When you read in the paper that a partial-birth abortion was necessary for this or that reason, please remember that doctor after doctor has testified

that there is never a medical need for this procedure. Indeed, emergency life-saving procedures do not, by definition, take three days to accomplish as does a partial-birth abortion. Continue to work for a reconsideration of this issue.

Cassettes, cards and CDs

Whether or not you've begun your holiday shopping, don't miss this opportunity to purchase "Christmas Around the World."

It is a professionally performed and recorded collection of international carols from nine countries around the world. The album is presented in solo, choral, bilingual and orchestral arrangements using the talents of music ministers from St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills and St. Andrew's Church of Rochester.

It is a timeless gift that is unique and affordable. Your purchase would represent a double gift—one to your loved one and another to the unborn. What better way to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

You can purchase this musical collection by visiting our office or by mailing \$15.00 for each CD or \$12.00 for each tape to: Oakland/Macomb Chapter, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G., Troy 48084. Shipping and handling costs are \$2.50 for one and \$.50 for each unit thereafter.

Michigan sales tax is included. Include your complete return address and phone number. If you have any questions, call our office at (810) 816-1546.

Magic memories

Christmas is a special time at our house. When they were little, giggling, whispering children could be seen busily hiding things—or finding things that were hidden! One of my fondest memories is of my daughter, Marcia, at the age of four, returning from a shopping trip with Daddy, hurrying to me and whispering, "Don't tell!! We got you slippers."

The children are mostly grown now, but the memories and traditions remain. The best of those traditions is celebrating the season at the children's service at our church. The innocent eyes of children, unclouded by the words or deeds of their elders, reflect the love and joy and peace of the season and stand in awe of the special wonder of the Child whose birth we celebrate. May we all be touched by that same grace and come to recognize the special wonder of every child.—D. Trombley

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We give thanks and remember...

Regrettably, I have accepted the resignation of Marge Hershey, church representative for St. Anselm Parish.

She has served faithfully and honorably for 26 years as the liaison between Lifespan (formerly People Taking Action Against Abortion) and her Parish.

She was always willing to go that extra mile to make things run more smoothly for our office.

Marge, we thank you for the thousands of selfless hours you have spent trying to make this world a safer place for both the born and unborn.

We'll miss you in this position, but know that you will continue your efforts to protect innocent human life as a Lifespan volunteer in another capacity.

Welcome Chris and Ron Kueber who are Lifespan's new church reps at St. Anselm. We are happy to have you!

Garage sale update

Cindy and Mich Gauvin put their pop-up trailer in the driveway, emptied out their own belongings and filled their two-car garage with various donations from many of you for our annual garage sale. It was a huge success, raising over \$900, thanks to Cindy, Mich and their family. Mary Jo Lindback was a real trooper being there constantly. Our thanks also to the many others who came to help and to buy "treasured items"

despite the rain. Lifespan's educational projects continue to thrive because of YOU! May God bless each of you and your families for the sacrifices you make in the Right to Life movement.

Memorial crosses

Concordia Lutheran College stirred up residents of Ann Arbor in mid-October when campus minister, Randy Shields, aided by students, erected 4100 white crosses on the campus grounds. The crosses owned by the Missouri Synod were borrowed from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Walled Lake, and will be passed along to another Lutheran assembly. When residents called to protest being "troubled" by the crosses, they were courteously told that they were only truthful reminders of daily abortions in our country. Thank you, Concordia.

Speaking against euthanasia

I had the privilege of hearing Margaret Kobernik, wife, mother, quadriplegic and speaker for Right to Life - Lifespan.

She has been interviewed by most major news channels and had a national news article written about her. Margaret was contacted by the media for her comments and observations when Jack Kevorkian helped a woman with MS to die. She appeared on *Sonja Live* on CNN opposite Derek Humphrey of the Hemlock Society.

Margaret has lived a very interesting life overcoming many obstacles, some of which have made her the exceptional woman she is today. She is willing to share her concerns and fears for the medically disabled in today's society. She is available for speaking engagements.

Christmas cards

Don't forget to get your pro-life Christmas cards. See flier on page 4.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Some of you, at one time or another, have visited one of Lifespan's chapter offices—maybe to pick up literature or Christmas cards or to volunteer for a mailing. If you haven't, then you should, so that you can take advantage of all the pro-life resources available to you. Our chapter offices have free lending libraries of books, audio and video tapes. We have resource material, fetal models and pamphlets. We can also arrange for a speaker or set up a display at your church, school or meeting. I call them our "full-service" offices.

However, we do have another office, our main office, that most of you have never seen unless you've dropped off items for Wee Care or picked up Life Chain signs.

Our main office on Seven Mile in Livonia (not to be confused with the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter Office on Schoolcraft) is where I work with Marge Bradley. We handle Lifespan's administrative work, coordinate major projects and publish this newsletter.

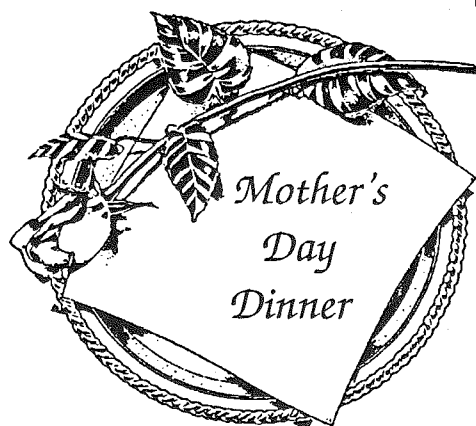
Also attached to our office is the Wee Care program that provides material help to families for their babies. This program is staffed by Karen Patrosso and her dedicated volunteers.

We really like our office. It has been our home away from home since 1991. The bad news is that our building was sold and our new landlord has practically doubled our rent.

Convenient and inexpensive offices on the westside are hard to find. Can you help us? If you have any suggestions, please call us at (313) 533-9090.



Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit INVITES YOU TO ITS



Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Doors open - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Vladimir's

28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills

Dinner Reservations: \$30 per person/\$250 per table of 10 (one check only, please) received by April 7

\$35 per person/\$300 per table of 10 (one check only, please) received after April 7

Number of dinner reservations _____ Amount enclosed _____. Advance reservations required by May 1.
(Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper.)

Seat with _____. (We will try to accommodate your seating request.)

1997 RESOURCE BOOK

This book will contain informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for Lifespan's educational efforts. Names of Patrons will be listed. Just fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included. **Deadline for submission is April 7, 1997.**

☐ **Gold Patron \$100**

☐ **Silver Patron \$50**

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Please print name (s) exactly as you wish it to appear.

Patron Name _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Advertising Contract: I wish to publish _____ page ad for the sum of \$ _____

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Please attach copy-ready advertising slick, business card, business letterhead, or typed copy of ad. Black and white is preferred. All advertisers will receive a copy of book. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable. **Deadline for submission is April 7, 1997. Remittance must accompany contract.**

IMPORTANT: A complimentary dinner ticket will be given to any individual for every \$200 worth of new ads obtained for the Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the contract below when the ad and remittance is received by Right to Life - Lifespan.

Signature _____ Date _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Ad Seller's Signature _____ Phone _____

☐ Yes, I want to help, but cannot attend. Please accept my donation of \$ _____.

Make checks payable, and mail to: Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia MI 48152
For further information, call (313) 533-9090 (Dinners, personal ads and donations are not tax-deductible)

Book Review

The Hand of God— A Journey from Death to Life by the Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind

by Bernard N. Nathanson, M.D.
Regnery Publishing, Inc.
Washington, D.C., 1996

To the pro-life forces in the late 1960s and 1970s, Dr. Bernard Nathanson was the personification of evil. He was one of the three founders of NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) and had lobbied the states nationwide to abolish all strictures against abortion.

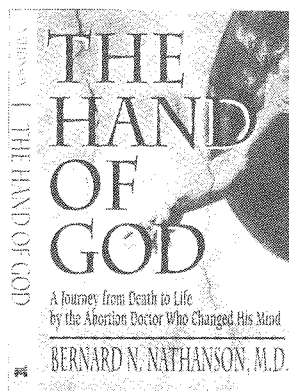
In his candid autobiography, *The Hand of God*, he tells us that, at a dinner party in 1967 he found his table partner to be Lawrence Lader who informed Nathanson that he had written a book about abortion. "We began to talk and the conversation lasted eight years; in that span of time, every abortion law in the U.S. had been struck down and the battle joined. The casualty list of that war at this writing is so long it would take 600 Vietnam Memorial walls to list all who have perished."

In this curious and disturbing book, we are given several windows into the author's mind—the guilt, shame and self-hatred that are the residue of his abortion years, and a close glimpse of his father ("whom I loved deeply and loathed equally") and whose atheism and aggressive Judaism were so faithfully implanted in the character of his son. But no intimate glances at anyone who could be called "family," including his three wives.

In the accounts of his early years, we are told that his father adamantly insisted that he attend the Jewish school three nights a week after regular classes and learn by rote the lessons taught there. Then, once a week, would require the boy to recite all he had learned, after which the father would make fun of the whole thing. His orthodox Jewish mother is a shadowy figure in his life

(despised by his father because her family reneged on her dowry) and without a semblance of influence on the boy. And his father lived until 1990 to the age of 94.

He credits his former table companion, Lawrence Lader, with the impetus for NARAL's lightning campaign to rid New York State of most of its abortion laws and to pave the way for the presence of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health which came to be known as the largest abortion clinic in the western world. It is interesting to note that, in the years of selling abortion "rights" to America, NARAL kept



referring to 5,000 deaths yearly from criminal abortions, whereas the true figure was closer to 300. But the media gleefully reported the false figure along with NARAL's carefully orchestrated hate campaign against the Catholic Church. "Our favorite tack was to blame the church for the death of every woman from a botched abortion."

In 1974, having resigned his directorship of the largest abortion clinic in the western world, he published an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in which he said he had come to realize he had presided over 60,000 deaths. Sacks of mail brought hate messages to him from doctors who had criticized him as the "abortionist" but whose own purses had swelled meantime from the same practice.

When he married his second wife, who was a non-Jew, his father refused to speak to him and continued the bitter breach for ten years. It was during this period that he aborted his own child, feeling no remorse but a satisfaction that he had done a clean job with no physical aftermath. His son, Joseph, was born of this marriage, and it is one of

his genuine regrets that his business absorbed so much of his time that he did not see the boy grow up and now has only a distant relationship with him.

Ultrasound is the magic that brought home to him the pulsing humanity of the fetus and which moved him solidly into the heart of the pro-life movement. He makes the observation that whereas most pro-life people are guided to their position from the roots of their faith in God and their subsequent respect for His handiwork, he has entered their world through a sterile back door. He has come in through his scientific discovery that only the hand of God could account for life's beginning. An excellent writer, he becomes positively lyrical in the section he calls "the Vector of Life" which describes the process of fertilization.

Now looking back on three failed marriages, for which he humbly takes the blame, on the prime of life poured into efforts he now despises, he confesses to suicidal temptations from which he has been delivered by the prayers of his friends and which culminated in his entry into the Roman Catholic Church.

We are reminded of another comparative work of art that was also biographical: *Witness*, by Whittaker Chambers (Random House, N.Y., 1952). Chambers dramatically quit the work of communism and atheism to join the Quakers and what he perceived to be the losing side in the war against communism.

The first step on his path to truth occurred when his wife refused to abort their child. After the birth of his daughter, he observed her ear as she sat in her high chair. Science again played a part in his discovery that the intricate wonders of the human ear could not have happened at random but only by "immense design." And "design presupposes God. I did not then know that at that moment the finger of God was first placed on my forehead."

That same finger has beckoned to Nathanson and led him out of his darkness. This is an excellent book.

—Paula Ervin is a board member of
Right to Life - Lifespan
Church Representative Coordinator and
Committee of Correspondence Chairman

MSU

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these compounds were not initially intended for human use, but that a multinational corporation he could not name had actually taken the lead in securing the European patent. He emphasized that MSU's attorneys had simply sought to secure the best and broadest protection of patent rights for the compound, and that the existing licensing agreement between the university and the unnamed company only permitted animal use.

Still, this business gives reason for pause. As my colleague John Howard warned, once the traditional teaching function rooted in Western humanism had been overwhelmed by the research function, American universities would enter an ethical black hole, no longer able to recognize a moral issue.

"Do the people of Michigan know about this patent?" the German asked once more.

It is unlikely they do. Such actions are usually handled by bureaucracies, cut off from public view.

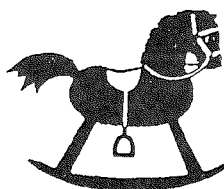
For some reason, this feeble excuse brought to mind the "T4" euthanasia program, implemented in secret (and with government blessing) by German

doctors in 1939. It began with the grant of a "mercy death" to 5,000 mentally and physically handicapped children ("making angels," some called it) and counted 70,000 adult victims as well, before suspicions swelled into a public protest by Bishop Clemens August von Galen and brought the program to a halt in 1941.

"Could you tell them?," the German queried. With a sense of grim irony, I said I would try.

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Baby showers

On Sunday, March 9, 1997, Lifespan will host approxi-

mately 30 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout the metro area for crisis pregnancy centers.

If you or your church are interested in hosting a baby shower, please call our Main Office at (313) 533-9090.



Do you ever wonder what happens to the baby items you do-

nate to Wee Care?

Last week a young mother called—her husband was laid off and her baby was to be christened in four days—she asked if we would have anything her tiny one could wear.

As I told her to come in, I frantically started opening boxes hoping that I could find something. By the time she arrived with her adorable three-year-old and her precious baby, practically everything that she needed had jumped out at me: the beautiful new white afghan that came from a church's giving tree from last Christmas, a tiny, delicate "gently-used" dress that was a leftover from a garage sale, lacy panties, sox and a bonnet that couldn't be passed down to a little brother, crocheted-with-love little booties, a snowsuit to keep her warm, a teddy bear for big sister and even a pink baby cross, all these things and so much more I was able to give to her from you—with all your love.

As always, I wish with all my heart that I could share with you the mothers' gratitude—the smiles, the hugs, the tears in their eyes. Whenever you wonder if the little blanket you donated made a difference—believe me—everything does!

At this time of year, I am often asked what churches, groups, schools or families can do for our babies at Christmas. Here are a few ideas: a Giving Tree (requesting anything from a \$1.00 bottle to a "coming-home-from-the-hospital" outfit); a collection of blankets, bottles or pacifiers from the littlest ones in school; a family, in lieu of exchanging gifts amongst themselves, deciding to "adopt" one of our moms and her little ones.

What better time to think of our babies at Wee Care than when all the world is celebrating the birth of a tiny, poor baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and held close to His mother's heart.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and thank you for all that you do for our little ones!

—Karen Patrosso, Director
Wee Care (313) 533-2727

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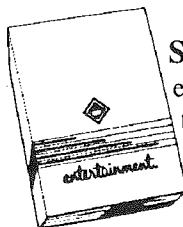
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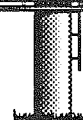
Michigan Nurses for Life has recently begun in the Detroit metro area. Its purposes are to raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect life, to form an educated core of nurses who can speak for life issues, and to promote public education and awareness of life issues.

The group is currently meeting bi-monthly and hopes to have a main event with speaker in the spring of 1997. For more details or membership information, please call or write:

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Expected to be on market by mid-1997

FDA Declares RU 486 **"Approvable"**

On September 18, 1996—six months to the day after the Population Council submitted its new drug application for RU 486—the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an "approvable" letter declaring the abortifacient safe and effective and ready for use in the U.S. once the Population Council provides additional information about "labeling and manufacturing practices."

Precisely what information the FDA still needed, neither the FDA nor the Population Council specified in public statements. The Population Council did say it would be "able to provide the FDA the outstanding information necessary for approval" and would have the drug on the market by mid-1997.

Speculation as to the reasons behind the delay centered on several issues raised at the July 19 hearing of the FDA's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee, such as incomplete data, questionable training proposals, and possible follow-up problems.

Labeling could have been held up by the Population Council's failure to provide

complete data on its recently completed U.S. trial on over 2,100 women. It was obvious at the July 19 hearing that the Population Council wasn't ready to make a complete report on its U.S. study.

Preliminary American results given at the hearing showed that American women, for some unexplained reason, had slightly higher rates of hemorrhage, hospitalization and surgical intervention than did women in the French study. Until final U.S. numbers become available, the Population Council may be unable to calculate the precise risk of these various complications to include on the label.

At the hearing, the panel expressed grave reservations about the training program proposed by Advances in Health Technology (AHT), the new corporate entity created by the Population Council to handle U.S. marketing of the drug. Considering that as many as 5% of the women taking the drugs fail to completely abort after going through the full RU 486/prostaglandin regimen, the

panel wanted to know what steps were being taken to make sure that the doctors giving these pills (in many cases, not surgically trained obstetrician-gynecologists) would be prepared to handle the situation.

AHT President Dr. Susan Allen told the panel the training would be opened up to the broader range of pediatricians, family practitioners, internists, etc., who do not currently perform surgical abortions (nor necessarily any other type of surgery). Not only would they be trained to administer the drugs, Allen said, but they would also be trained to perform "manual vacuum aspiration," that is, perform surgical abortions to handle those chemical abortions which failed. The panel was not nearly so pleased with this part of the proposed training.

Roussel Uclaf, the French company which originated RU 486, "donated" the U.S. patent rights for mifepristone [RU 486] to the Population Council in 1993, claiming it didn't want to be further involved with RU 486 in the U.S., although it did

supply the pills for the U.S. trials. The Population Council spent nearly three years trying to convince a manufacturer to take on the controversial drug.

The whole manufacturing, marketing and distribution scheme proposed for RU 486 is, to put it mildly, unique. For example, the manufacturer and its location is a government-sanctioned secret. Distribution of the drug is intentionally set up in such a way as to bypass pharmacies. Marketing and training is to be handled by a non-profit entity established and run by professionals from the abortion industry.

Despite the FDA's certification of RU 486's overall safety and efficacy, there are a host of side effects, some of them, like extensive or excessive bleeding, potentially quite serious. This, coupled with the inherent compliance and follow-up problems built into the whole two-week, two-drug, three-visit procedure, seems a recipe for medical and legal disaster. Logically, one legitimate area of inquiry the FDA could be pursuing is the question of whether this manufacturer has the financial wherewithal to settle the claims of women sure to be injured by this drug.

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