

# LIFE LINES

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## A huge step for the World Health Organization



For years the UN has extolled abortion as needed by women for health reasons. In the course of enforcing treaty provisions, it has frequently used the treaties as pretexts for pushing countries to allow for legal abortion. It agrees with American spokesperson Hillary Clinton who said, “You cannot have maternal health without reproductive health and reproductive health includes contraception and family planning and access to legal, safe abortions.”

The World Health Organization (WHO) has been echoing Planned Parenthood’s claims of the safety of “safe abortions” and of women’s need for access to abortion.

However, in an editorial in the newest Bulletin from the WHO, they reconsider the definition of “unsafe” abortion. Formerly, if abortion was legal, they considered it safe. Because of the difficulty of obtaining data about abortion, especially in third-world countries, this was perhaps the only way, however faulty, to be able to make the claim of “safe.”

However, the article acknowledges the shortcoming of the definition and opens the door to a discussion of the factors that make abortion risky.

The WHO article concludes, “This emphasizes that the termination of pregnancy is neither as simple nor as safe as some advocates of abortion would have the public believe. Moreover, the incidence of such complications as infertility, recurrent miscarriages, premature labor, ruptured uterus or emotional manifestations cannot be assessed at this stage.”

Their comment that the risk of complications “cannot be assessed” is belied by the flood of articles detailing precisely those risks, even under excellent medical care. The risks can indeed be assessed; it’s just that WHO doesn’t want to do it.

However, the fact that they would even acknowledge the existence of the risks is a huge step forward.

Article by Pat Buckley: [www.europeanlifenetwrok.blogspot.ie/2014/03/who-concedes-that-making-abortion-legal.html](http://www.europeanlifenetwrok.blogspot.ie/2014/03/who-concedes-that-making-abortion-legal.html)

## Israel policy change bodes ill

Be’ad Chaim is a pro-life counseling service in Israel, offering desperate pregnant moms help with their pregnancies and also providing formula, diapers, and furniture for their child’s first year. So far this year their “Operation Moses” has celebrated the birth of 23 baby boys and 26 baby girls who otherwise would be likely to have perished in abortion.

The National Director of Be’ad Chaim, Sandy Shoshani, says that there were about 45,000 abortions performed in Israel last year, compared to 160,000 live births, every fifth baby being aborted. She says that unfortunately “recent changes in health department policy will fund abortions for women under 33 and over 40 for virtually any reason.”

Be’ad Chaim’s Life Gardens offer “a place of reflection and memory for women and families that have lost a baby.” Some were miscarried but most were aborted. Women and families can plant a tree in memory of the child who was lost.

Spring newsletter from Be’ad Chaim [www.beadchaim.com](http://www.beadchaim.com)

## One-child policy meets the Internet

Chinese parents facing the birth of an unapproved child have turned to the Internet to find childless couples interested in adoption.

The Chinese government recently cracked down on the private adoption industry, saying that people should use the official government adoption agency instead. Websites like “A Home Where Dreams Come True” were closed and 1,094 people were arrested. The website said 37,841 babies had been adopted through the website between 2007 and August of 2012.

One unnamed couple said they would have had to pay “family planning fines” of \$8,000 to \$12,800, which they could not afford, for a third child. Their post on an adoption website drew 40 responses.

Many of the 10,000 children abandoned every year are girls and disabled children. Source: Reuters, published in [www.trust.org/item/20140330203801-z7sgr](http://www.trust.org/item/20140330203801-z7sgr)

Have you signed up for the pro-life speaker training day? It’s Saturday, April 26. Details on page 5.

## Pelosi honored for abortion work

At the Planned Parenthood gala, Nancy Pelosi was honored with the Margaret Sanger Award for her work pushing abortion “rights.” In accepting the award, she spoke of pro-life people and the Supreme Court. Huffington Post reports Pelosi’s remarks:

*"When you see how closed their minds are or oblivious or whatever it is — dumb — then you know what the fight is about," Pelosi said. "Whatever happens with the court...we must remember these battles will not be the end of the fight," she added.*

Margaret Sanger was the founder of Planned Parenthood. She was, like many, in the eugenics movement, concerned that those she regarded as inferior were out-reproducing the “desirable” class of people like herself.

Sanger worked tirelessly to see the acceptance of birth control and sterilization to decrease the number of undesirables. Today Planned Parenthood is the largest single abortion provider in the US and works extensively in US high schools to make itself seen as a friend to turn to in case of problem pregnancies.

[www.politico.com/politicopulse/0314/politicopulse13441.html](http://www.politico.com/politicopulse/0314/politicopulse13441.html)

“... In this matter, the example of the inferior classes, the fertility of the feeble-minded, the mentally defective, the poverty-stricken classes, should not be held up for emulation to the mentally and physically fit though less fertile parents of the educated and well to do classes. On the contrary, the most urgent problem today is how to limit and discourage the over-fertility of the mentally and physically defective.” Margaret Sanger in the Birth Control Review, Oct. 1921, p. 5

## Planned Parenthood and the NAACP

Ryan Bomberger is an Emmy Award-winning Creative Professional, who founded The Radiance Foundation. A product of rape, he was adopted as an infant, and so has reason to be fervently pro-life.

He and the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) are currently suing each other over Bomberger’s characterization of NAACP as being in favor of abortion. NAACP’s Benjamin Jealous wrote: “On the issue of abortion, NAACP has not supported abortion but rather supports a woman’s right to choose.”

Given that Planned Parenthood honored NAACP at their recent awards dinner, there can’t be much doubt where the NAACP stands. Planned Parenthood does not honor neutrals.

[www.theradiancefoundation.org](http://www.theradiancefoundation.org) [www.theradiancefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/22-Declaration-of-Benjamin-Todd-Jealous-ISO-Def-Response-in-Opposition-to-Pltfs-MSJ-5-13-13.pdf](http://www.theradiancefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/22-Declaration-of-Benjamin-Todd-Jealous-ISO-Def-Response-in-Opposition-to-Pltfs-MSJ-5-13-13.pdf) [www.lifenews.com/2014/03/28/naacp-and-hollywood-celebs-receive-big-abortions-highest-honor/](http://www.lifenews.com/2014/03/28/naacp-and-hollywood-celebs-receive-big-abortions-highest-honor/)

## Hobby Lobby

On March 25, lawyers for Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood appeared before the Supreme Court in their fight to be free to follow the moral principles of the owners. Each side was given 45 minutes to present its case. Pro-life observers have expressed guarded optimism based on the questions posed by different Justices. A decision is expected in June.

Justices Kagan and Sotomayor saw no reason why Hobby Lobby shouldn’t simply stop paying health care benefits completely, pay the fines, and raise the wages so that the employees could buy their own coverage.

Ironically enough, just a few days after President Obama’s much-publicized meeting with the Pope, Steven Green, president of Hobby Lobby met privately with the Pope, but much more quietly. Green is also the president of the American Bible Society, which currently had an exhibit in St. Peter’s Square. One can imagine that during that audience the topics of Hobby Lobby, abortifacients, and religious freedom did receive at least a small mention.

Mother Jones reported that a large portion Hobby Lobby’s retirement investment options involve companies that are involved in the production of some of the drugs that Hobby Lobby calls abortifacients. These investments are in mutual funds in various 401K retirement plans. Financial advisor Dave Ramsey pointed out that the mutual funds in 401K plans do not benefit the companies invested in by the mutual funds. Stock purchases route money from one investor to another investor, not from one investor to the company.

[www.thefederalist.com/2014/03/27/are-you-ready-to-pay-the-hobby-lobby-poll-tax/](http://www.thefederalist.com/2014/03/27/are-you-ready-to-pay-the-hobby-lobby-poll-tax/)  
[www.nationalreview.com/corner/374606/greens-vatican-kathryn-jean-lopez](http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/374606/greens-vatican-kathryn-jean-lopez)  
<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/04/hobby-lobby-retirement-plan-invested-emergency-contraception-and-abortion-drug-makers> [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) Thursday, April 3 radio show

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## Since you asked

by Dcn. Dennis Lohouse

**Question:** If one person is totally dependent on another, does that reduce their value as a person?

**Answer:** Is a person of less value if they are totally dependent on one other person? Certainly the unborn babies are totally dependent upon their mother. They derive their oxygen, food, water, protection, and warmth from their mother's body. So too, the new born and the toddler are totally dependent on others for their sustenance. Would we assign a lesser value to any person who is dependent on another? Would we adjudge our aged parent to deserve any less care because they depend upon us for protection, food, medications? Would we go the next step, that is, deciding that it is best for us to remove this dependency from our lives? Dependency does not reduce the value of any person, nor does it confer the right to elimination. Can we value an infant less than a toddler? Can we therefore assign a lesser value to an unborn child?

**SLED Reminder: Size, Level of Development, Environment, Degree of Dependency**

SLED is the acronym for Stephen Schwartz' list of nonessential traits distinguishing between unborn children and the rest of us. These traits are often used in excuses for why it's acceptable to do abortions.

## Fighter with a heart and a printing press



Carmen J. Viglucci became editor of the Rochester Catholic Courier Journal in 1968. New York was the 16<sup>th</sup> state to liberalize its abortion law in 1970 and became the "abortion capitol" of the nation. Carmen did not hesitate to keep readers informed on this issue and encouraged those who were beginning the movement to protect unborn children and pregnant women who, without help, might turn to abortion.

Jeanne Sweeney, then a member of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, remembers the pro-life articles she wrote for him. The column was called "Capitol Letters" and concerned legislation. She also remembers with joy his kindness and his talent.

He and his wife, Patricia, recently celebrated fifty years of marriage, rejoicing in their three children and seven grandchildren. He died at home, March 9, 2014, at age 81.

## Autism – a long-term alert

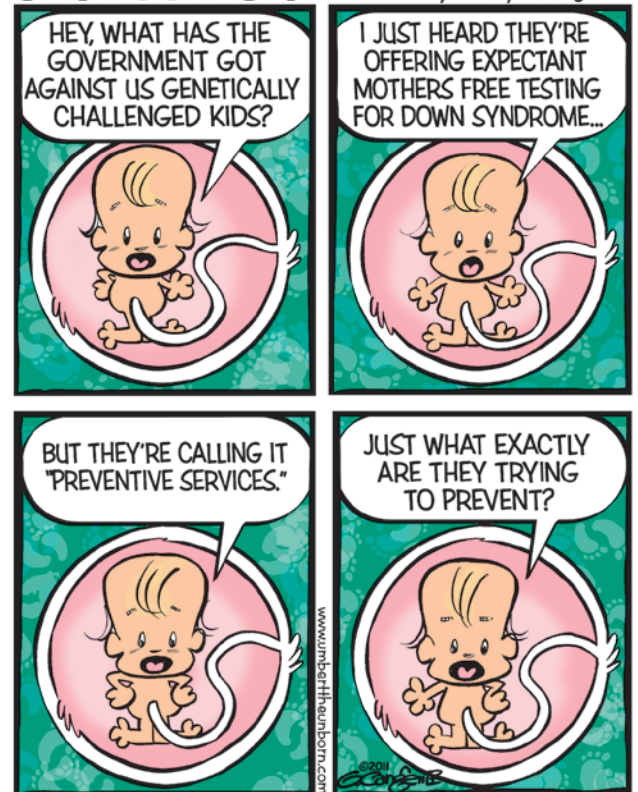
Autism presents a variety of symptoms. A new study, with lead author Rich Stoner of the UC-San Diego Autism Center of Excellence, offers a possible reason for the variety.

The work was based on post-mortem analysis of brain tissue. The study examined more than 12,000 slides of brain tissue from 22 children, half of whom had been diagnosed with autism before they died. The study found patches of cells that were disorganized and had failed to develop normally.

Eric Courchesne, director of the University of California at San Diego's Autism Center of Excellence, said that this failure of cell development probably occurs in the second and third trimester, when the cortex is specializing into layers and developing complex connectivity. The variable locations of these patches of cells could account for the variety of symptoms in the patients. The fact that some children improve over time is an indication of the rewiring that can occur in the brain to compensate for deficits.

**So why should pro-lifers be concerned?** Knowledge is a two-edged sword. The current research progress is focused on getting early diagnosis and developing treatment methods to help the children. However, future research, if it becomes capable of detecting autism before birth, will lead some in the medical field to advocate for abortion "to prevent the problem," just as they do now with Down Syndrome. This method of "preventing the problem" only works when you kill the patient. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-26/autism-begins-as-brain-cells-altered-in-womb-study-finds.html>

## Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



## West Virginia and pain-capable abortion ban

The Democrat-controlled West Virginia legislature passed a ban on abortion after 20 weeks, with an exception for the physical health or life of the mother. Governor Tomblin, reputedly pro-life, vetoed it.

He claimed “that it was unconstitutional and that ‘all patients, particularly expectant mothers, require the best, most unfettered medical judgment and advice from their physicians regarding treatment options.’ “

Kristan Hawkins, of Students for Life of America, commented, “This bill has passed in 10 other states and even the U.S. House of Representatives – none of which considered the bill to be unconstitutional, as the Governor claimed. I believe this was the plan of the Democratic Leadership in West Virginia all along, to allow the bill to pass so their vulnerable Democrat members could vote pro-life before an important election and then have lame-duck Governor veto the bill. That’s not leadership.”

These actions by a “pro-life” governor have produced an angry move toward a special session to repair the veto and a supporting Tweetfest for April 9.

[www.politicaloutcast.com/2014/03/west-virginia-legislature-schools-us-pro-life-betrayal/](http://www.politicaloutcast.com/2014/03/west-virginia-legislature-schools-us-pro-life-betrayal/) [www.nationalreview.com/corner/374536/life-west-virginia-kathryn-jean-lopez](http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/374536/life-west-virginia-kathryn-jean-lopez)

## Other states in action

**South Dakota sex-selection abortion ban.** The ban was passed in the state House (60 – 10) and Senate (30 – 5), and signed into law in late March. It is now the seventh state to have a sex selection abortion ban. The others are Illinois, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Arizona, North Dakota, and Kansas.

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/south-dakota-governor-signs-ban-on-sex-selection-abortions](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/south-dakota-governor-signs-ban-on-sex-selection-abortions)

**Arizona battleground.** Arizona had passed a law on chemical abortions requiring that the RU-486 abortion drug be given in accordance with FDA protocols. The law was contested but was upheld by U.S. District Court Judge Bury on March 31. However, the 9<sup>th</sup> US Circuit Court of Appeals issued a preliminary injunction only a couple of days later blocking its enforcement as Planned Parenthood Arizona challenges it in court.

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/planned-parenthood-arizona-appeals-judges-verdict-upholding-states-ru-486-law-to-ninth-circuit](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/planned-parenthood-arizona-appeals-judges-verdict-upholding-states-ru-486-law-to-ninth-circuit)

**Texas challenges.** Provisions for hospital admitting privileges and abortion center standards were upheld in a court challenge. However, another challenge was immediately filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights.

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/pro-abortionists-file-another-lawsuit-challenging-portions-of-texas-hb-2](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/pro-abortionists-file-another-lawsuit-challenging-portions-of-texas-hb-2)

## Washington: Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act Why is it so important?

Bills that save the lives of unborn children are, by definition, important. However, some bills, in addition to saving lives, also make an impact on public knowledge.

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, for instance, increased public awareness of the brutality of abortion because of the debate that surrounded the bill. The current Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act was crafted to save children’s lives and also increase public awareness of the humanity of the unborn child.

Because it is regarded as a key bill, the Pain-Capable Act was prioritized by the National Right to Life Committee.

### National Right to Life and State Affiliates

The National Right to Life Committee interacts constantly with Washington legislators, both House and Senate, urging them to support pro-life bills, especially those that both save lives and increase public awareness. Each state has one and only one state affiliate, which is expected to assist in their states with passage of the federal bills that NRLC has prioritized.

Recently the Georgia state affiliate, Georgia Right to Life, lobbied against the Pain-Capable Act, praised the ostensibly pro-life House members who did in fact vote against the bill, and thereby ruptured the relationship of the state affiliate with NRLC.

For this reason, NRLC has replaced Georgia Right to Life with the Georgia Life Alliance as the state affiliate. NRLC maintains a list of the state affiliates on its website, [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org) .



### Disability rights activists helped defeat New England assisted suicide bills

In March, the Connecticut legislature let its assisted suicide bill die in committee, thus rejecting the legislation. Connecticut followed the lead of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Health a week before. Earlier, New Hampshire had “overwhelmingly rejected an assisted suicide bill by a vote of 219-66.”

“It’s a clean sweep,” said John Kelly, New England regional director for Not Dead Yet and director of Second Thoughts Massachusetts. “Throughout New England, assisted suicide proponents simply had no answers to the arguments raised by disability rights advocates. When public health committee members heard from us how discriminatory and dangerous assisted suicide is, they had ‘second thoughts.’”

[www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/disability-opposition-to-assisted-suicide-bills-helped-secure-third-defeat-in-new-england-states-this-session](http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/04/disability-opposition-to-assisted-suicide-bills-helped-secure-third-defeat-in-new-england-states-this-session)

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**Presenter:** LORI KEHOE is the senior congressional liaison for the Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics at the National Right to Life Committee. She is also executive director of the New York State Right to Life Committee.

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## Congratulations!

Pro-lifers and other freedom-lovers took on the IRS and stopped it in its tracks. The IRS had proposed regulations that would have made many 501(c)(4) to perform their missions. Citizens saw these regulations as an effort to silence politically incorrect groups and citizens spoke up!

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said, "During the comment period, which ended in February, we received more than 150,000 comments. That's a record for an IRS rulemaking comment period. In fact, if you take all the comments on all Treasury and IRS draft proposals over the last seven years and double that number, you come close to the number of comments we are now beginning to review and analyze.

"It's going to take us a while to sort through all those comments, hold a public hearing, possibly re-propose a draft regulation and get more public comments. This means that it is unlikely we will be able to complete this process before the end of the year."

A big thank you to all who took the time to put one of those comments in. During the comment period, analysts noted that the comments seemed to be mostly very negative, just what we want. Again, congratulations!

[www.onenewsnow.com/politics-govt/2014/04/03/irs-no-new-501c4-regs-this-year-good-news-for-tea-party-others](http://www.onenewsnow.com/politics-govt/2014/04/03/irs-no-new-501c4-regs-this-year-good-news-for-tea-party-others)

## WEA - Keep watching!

The **Women's Equality Act** seems to be stalled in the New York Legislature. The assumption is that the governor does not have the votes to pass it, at the moment. Thank goodness.

And thanks also to your calls and letters.

## Condic: Three biological parents?

“Mitochondrial transfer is” (pick one):

Alternative A: “a process that would allow a woman who has a particular kind of cell defect to produce healthy offspring.”

Alternative B: “a way for three people who love one other to be genetically related to the baby that they will love.”

Both alternatives refer to the same process.

Basically, the mitochondria are the organelles that generate the energy needed for the cell to maintain itself. They are in cytoplasm, the part of the mother’s egg that is outside the nucleus. If the mitochondria do not function properly, the results can be a bewildering set of health problems, usually in children but sometimes in adults.

Mitochondria contain some DNA. It is this DNA that most concerns researcher Dr. Maureen L. Condic, Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

She outlines three methods of mitochondrial transfer. One method manipulates egg cells before fertilization. The other two manipulate egg cells after fertilization, when they are now early embryos. For both these methods, a nucleus from the embryo with mitochondrial defects is transferred to a donor zygote after the donor zygote’s nucleus has been removed.

Condic considers the destruction of embryos an ethical problem. However, for all three methods, she points out that there is now a mismatch in the DNA in the nucleus and cytoplasm, which can cause health issues in the developing human. In all cases, the resultant embryo now has three parents: the parent who contributed the egg

nucleus, the parent who contributed the sperm, and the parent who contributed the cytoplasm in the donor egg.

Condic says: “...many aspects of embryonic development, and therefore many aspects of the unique individual we end up being, depend on non-genetic components derived from the cytoplasm of the egg.”

### Condic’s concerns: Are they realistic?

Are they realistic? Yes. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has already considered future human three-parent experiments in a meeting last February.

Attorney and bioethics writer Wesley J. Smith warns that “biotech very quickly becomes a tool to facilitate lifestyle desires, not just treat medical dysfunction.”

How about four parents? or ten? How about only one? As technology becomes more advanced, the need is even greater for ethical considerations to be given heavy weight. Smith’s warning seems very appropriate in this case.

*“We Are Not Just Our DNA: The Ethical Dangers of Three-Parent Embryos”* [www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2014/03/12897/](http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2014/03/12897/)  
[www.sciencemag.org/content/343/6176/1208.summary](http://www.sciencemag.org/content/343/6176/1208.summary)  
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## UN holds the line on abortion

In the face of what C-FAM called “massive lobbying” by women’s groups, the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women ended at the UN with no new advancements on abortion rights.

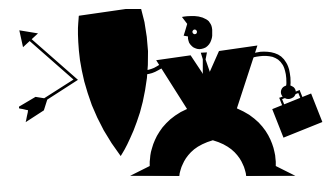
C-FAM said: “Negotiations followed the pattern of recent years where western countries that invest heavily in sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights sought to expand these notions to include abortion, homosexuality and a broad notion of sexual rights.

“Countries from the developing world, especially Africa, pushed back asking for explicit mention of national sovereignty, culture, religion and tradition, to temper any commitments to controversial policies.”

However, the final agreement reused language from the previous year and therefore represented no change. That’s a relief for the pro-life movement.

[www.c-fam.org/en/issues/un-organizations/7783-massive-un-lobbying-by-abortion-groups-yields-status-quo](http://www.c-fam.org/en/issues/un-organizations/7783-massive-un-lobbying-by-abortion-groups-yields-status-quo) C-FAM is the Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute.

## “Media Shield” isn’t a shield



Think “IRS.”

The “Media Shield Law,” formally called the “Free Flow of Information Act,” doesn’t protect the media from government interference. Proposed by Senator Chuck Schumer, it aids “covered” journalists to protect their sources. Unfortunately, the same government that might want to find out about those sources is the government that will decide which journalists are covered and which are not.

The concern is that, like the IRS, the government entities that would decide who was “covered” would be influenced by the political stands of the journalists or the companies they worked for. It is unlikely that pro-life organizations would be “covered.”

The “shield” could be considered another form of government licensing.

[www.politicaloutcast.com/2014/03/media-shield-law-protecting-careers-truth](http://www.politicaloutcast.com/2014/03/media-shield-law-protecting-careers-truth)

### Suggested prayers

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes:

**April:** That conscientious pro-life people seriously consider running for public office.

**May:** That school boards make their policies with the right to life in mind.

**June:** That new high school and college graduates find life-giving paths to follow.

**July:** That the freedoms we celebrate, the rights to LIFE, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, be extended to the unborn.



### In Memory of

#### Lydia Louise Remacle

Mother of RARTL Board member Carol Leary

#### John "Jack" Delaney

Father of Kirsten Smith, Executive Director, Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center

#### Carmen Viglucci

Pro-life editor (retired) of the Diocese of Rochester newspaper

by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Sweeney

#### Fehlner and Curtis families

by Andrew and Bertha Fehlner

#### Frank J. Beahan

by Stella Beahan

#### Catherine and Kathleen Hoysic

by William Hoysic

### Events of interest to pro-lifers

#### Friday, April 18 Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

Starting with 9 AM prayer service at McQuaid Jesuit, followed by peaceful prayerful procession led by priests, deacons, and religious. Bob and Amy Dorscheid 732-8994

#### Saturday, April 26 RARTL Pro-Life Speaker

**Training**, all day, no charge. Persuasive skills for anyone. See page 5.

#### Sunday, April 27 Finger Lakes Life Runners will be

participating in the Flower City Half Marathon <http://liferunners.org> Questions? Contact Dan Mruzek [mruzekdaniell@gmail.com](mailto:mruzekdaniell@gmail.com)

#### Wednesday, April 30 NYSRTL Lobby Day. NOTE

DATE CHANGE. [www.nysrighttolife.org](http://www.nysrighttolife.org)

#### Thursday through Saturday, June 26 - 28 National Right to Life Convention

Friday, August 1 Camp Esther weekend begins, for pro-life teen leaders. [www.nysrighttolife.org/camp-esther](http://www.nysrighttolife.org/camp-esther)

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RARTL expects to have a garage sale this summer. We're hoping to find a location protected from the weather, because torrential rainstorms have enlivened the sale for the last three years. We would love to stay dry!

So if you are running out of room, we would like those discards that are just too good to throw away.

Call Pat at the RARTL office (621-4690) if you have questions or if you would like a call as soon as we can secure a date.

And a big thank you to all of you generous pro-lifers!

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## **Is your health care proxy up to date? Terry Mace's wasn't**

Terry Mace had a chance at life thanks to the Alliance Defending Freedom lawyers and the Texas Center for Defense of Life (TCDL).

Mace had a heart attack on March 6 while in the midst of a divorce. His doctors provided him with a ventilator and a feeding tube for nutrition and hydration.

His soon-to-be-former wife ordered them removed. Although he was able to breathe on his own, he began to suffer serious effects of dehydration. His father and mother, with TCDL were able to obtain a temporary injunction requiring needed life support to be supplied and appointing his father as his guardian.

Unfortunately, the hospital, without getting knowledgeable consent from the father, removed the feeding and hydration tubes a second time. Although a doctor reconnected them on Monday afternoon, March 31, Mace died at 1 AM Tuesday.

Is your health care proxy form up to date? What about health care proxy forms your adult children might have filled out for themselves?

[www.lifenews.com/2014/03/28/judge-stops-mans-estranged-wife-from-starving-him-to-death](http://www.lifenews.com/2014/03/28/judge-stops-mans-estranged-wife-from-starving-him-to-death) [www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/375080/feeding-tube-removed-despite-court-order-wesley-j-smith](http://www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/375080/feeding-tube-removed-despite-court-order-wesley-j-smith)

## **Gosnell – a movie to tell the truth**

Kermit Gosnell's trial was remarkable for the brutality of the acts for which he was being tried, "snipping" the necks of aborted babies born alive and killing one mother. The trial was also remarkable for the virtual news blackout on the mainstream media.

Filmmakers Phelim McAleer and Ann McElhinney were outraged. Calling Gosnell a "serial killer," which he was, they are convinced that the story needs to be told and that if it is to be told they must take action. They say Hollywood will never do it.

They are now engaged in crowdfunding, to raise \$2.1 million that will be required to do a good film. Details can be found at [www.GosnellMovie.com](http://www.GosnellMovie.com).

They are using the crowdfunding site Indiegogo. **Their project will be funded if the entire amount is raised by 11:59 PM on May 12, 2014.** If they do not reach their target, Indiegogo returns all the funds to the donors and the filmmakers will receive nothing.

At the time of this writing, the project has raised over \$406,000, contributed by 5401 donors. Furthermore, their film has just been endorsed by actor Kevin Sorbo and his wife Sam, in a lovely tribute on Youtube.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9xMsKae10w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9xMsKae10w)  
[www.indiegogo.com/projects/gosnell-movie](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/gosnell-movie)