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The UK's new PM has voted pro-life

After the Brexit vote in Great Britain, Prime Minister David Cameron resigned and was replaced by Theresa May. She is the second woman appointed to the position, following the legendary Margaret Thatcher. ITV said she “has earned a reputation as a tough and experienced political operator with a thick skin and traditional conservative views...”

The new prime minister has a history of voting with the pro-life lobby, according to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Paul Tully, their General Secretary, points out that she has so voted on issues of embryo research, sex-selective abortion, and assisted suicide. Possible negatives include speaking in support of mandatory sex education.

SPUC said that “Pro-lifers will continue to watch as the new government continues to take shape and ministerial appointments are announced.”

www.spuc.org.uk/news/news-stories/2016/july/where-will-theresa-may-new-government-stand-on-pro-life-issues

www.itv.com/news/2016-07-11/theresa-may-a-profile-of-britains-next-prime-minister/

Some birthdays are offensive



Question: What's offensive about a birthday cake with three candles on a parade float?

Answer: Apparently the sign on it that said “Everybody deserves a birthday.”

The organizers of the centennial parade in the town of Westlock in Alberta, Canada, denied entry to the float belonging to Pembina Pro-Life. The first

reason given was that the float didn't include the historical theme. Then they said it was because the pro-life group didn't answer a letter, then it was because there was no more room, then finally because the float was pro-life.

A former resident, Claudelle Key, said, “If this had been another group that had been denied entry, this would be in front of Alberta's human rights commission right now.” She felt strongly about the injustice and wrote a letter to the local paper. She said her letter was refused.

LifeSiteNews attempted to contact the mayor, with no results. They also attempted to contact the local newspaper, also with no results. Rochester Area Right to Life has also not received a response from either of them.

Westlock's Mayor Ralph Leriger can be reached at rleriger@westlock.ca and by phone at: 1 (780) 349-6769

www.lifesitenews.com/news/alberta-town-bans-float-from-parade-over-pro-life-message-pro-lifers-say

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For President



Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



Donald Trump

Hillary Clinton

Abortion on Demand

The 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. There have been more than 59 million abortions since then.

“Let me be clear -- I am pro-life... I did not always hold this position, but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me.”

In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion for any reason. In 2016, Clinton said, “*The unborn person doesn’t have constitutional rights,*” later adding she believed this to be true even on the unborn child’s due date.

Partial-Birth Abortion

The partial-birth abortion procedure -- used from the fifth month on -- involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007, in a 5-4 decision.

In 2000, in his book *The America We Deserve*, Donald Trump wrote that after consulting with doctors about the partial-birth abortion procedure, he concluded that he would support a ban on that method.

In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (voted to allow partial-birth abortions to continue) every chance she got.

Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint three or four justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In May 2016, Donald Trump released a list of eleven conservative judges whom he would consider for a Supreme Court vacancy, saying, “*By the way, these judges are all pro-life.*”

Hillary Clinton has said that she would only nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold the decision that legalized abortion on demand. “I would not appoint someone who didn’t think *Roe v. Wade* is settled law.”

Vice Presidential Candidates

Mike Pence

Mike Pence had a solid pro-life voting record on abortion during 12 years in the U.S. House, including votes for passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. As governor of Indiana, Mike Pence championed many pro-life measures.

Tim Kaine

Tim Kaine voted against the pro-life position in the U.S. Senate every chance he got. He voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Tim Kaine co-sponsored a bill (S. 217) that would nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including late abortions.

Party Platforms

The Republican Party Platform affirms “that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life,” opposes using government funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund abortion providers, and supports legislation to assist babies who survive abortion.

The Democratic Party Platform supports abortion on demand, and calls for repeal of the Hyde Amendment (which restricts the use of federal funds for abortion). The platform also supports government funding of abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.



Come join us for RARTL's Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2016

6:00 PM Potluck supper and exhibits (doors open at 5:30)

7:00 Program

Featured speaker: Dr. Brian Heppard, MD, CMD

“Compassion – reflections of a geriatrician”

In considering the assisted suicide bills up for action in the New York Legislature and elsewhere, the word “compassion” is frequently used to explain why death is the prescribed solution. Dr. Heppard will explain how he sees it.

For questions or to RSVP, call 621-4690 or e-mail
RARTL@righttoliferoch.org.

If you can bring a dish to pass at the potluck supper, please call Pat at 621-4690 and let her know what you're bringing.

(Can't bring a dish? Can't RSVP? PLEASE come anyway.)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church at
5000 Mount Read Blvd., Rochester 14612
Enter at the rear of the church.
No charge. All are welcome.

AMA to reconsider assisted suicide policy

In June, the American Medical Association (AMA) decided to study the possibility of taking a neutral position on doctor-assisted suicide. They had always firmly opposed it in the past.

Dr. Jeff White, of the Louisiana State Medical Society, said after the vote that such a change threatened “the future of the integrity of the medical profession” and, among other things, “could have a lasting negative impact on ... the doctor patient relationship of trust, and the true autonomy of underprivileged persons.”

News from Louisiana Right to Life published by www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2016/06/american-medical-association-to-explore-policy-change-on-assisted-suicide/

Events of interest to pro-lifers

Wednesday – Saturday, August 10 – 13 RARTL's garage sale.

Saturday, August 27 Chicken barbeque for Focus Pregnancy Center.

Half chicken, salt potatoes, mac salad and roll for \$10.00. Parking lot of Archangel School, 2400 Chili Ave, Rochester, 14624. 4 - 7 PM.

Thursday, September 8 Father Peter Van Lieshout speaking at a Focus fundraising event. Complimentary catered meal of deli sandwiches and salads at 6 PM at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 115 Maple Ave., Victor, NY. RSVP themays73@yahoo.com or call Rick at (585) 489-9555

Sunday, September 25 Chocolate Gala and silent auction for Carenet in Canadaigua. Details: Donna Besler director@carenetcan.org.

Wednesday, September 28 40 Days for Life fall campaign begins. Mark your calendar! (Ends Nov.6) For other information or to help with the planning, contact Rick Paoletti (585-489-9555) or roc40df@gmail.com

Saturday, October 1 Rochester Catholic Men's Conference: “Strengthen our brothers” Registration and information online at <https://rcmc.dor.org> Register by 9/1 for the Early Bird Special. Questions: call (585) 270-0850 or e-mail Exultrochester@gmail.com

Sunday, October 2 Life Chain in downtown Rochester, 2 - 3 PM. Call Mary at (585) 200-9477 for more info.

Friday, October 7 Leo Holmsten Human Life Award Dinner 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM at DoubleTree Inn by Hilton at 1111 Jefferson Rd., Rochester 14623. For information or to order tickets e-mail info@lhhl.org or call Dorothy Hayes at (585) 342-4175. Tickets available online at www.lhhl.org/event/20th-annual-lhhl-award-banquet/

Monday, October 17 Kristan Hawkins of Students for Life of America, at Roberts Wesleyan College, Hoyt Hall. For more info, call Kelly Fasoldt, 594-6113, Administrative Assistant, Fasoldt_Kelly@roberts.edu

Wednesday, October 19 RARTL Annual Meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows Church on Mount Read Blvd. Supper and speaker – come one, come all! (See above for details.)

Tuesday, November 8 Election Day. Vote!

Comment from Catholic Men's Conference attendee Jose Rivera

“I would have to say that it is really invigorating to see so many men (there were over 500 at the first conference) come together who share in our faith. If you are worried about how things are going crazy around the world, coming to this conference will give you hope that, in our Rochester community, God is working to bring His Mercy and Love.”

Belgium and the Netherlands combining euthanasia and organ donation

Many people in the US have signed up to donate their organs after death for transplanting. Occasionally the dying people in the hospital are pushed to sign organ donation forms, because the transplant teams feel the urgency of the whole process. Sometimes because of the urgency, the pressure on patients becomes downright unethical.

That is one ethical issue.

However, there's an additional problem, a conflict of interest, in Belgium and the Netherlands, where euthanasia by injection has become commonplace.

There, selected euthanasia candidates, who are not dying, are asked to go to a hospital rather than receive their lethal injections at home. At the hospital, they are killed in a room adjacent to an operating room. After being pronounced dead, they are then wheeled into the operating room for the organ removal.

One wonders: at any point, does any medical staff feel any responsibility for the well-being of the donors? Or are donors just spare parts?

One also wonders: does this process influence a doctor who is discussing the pros and cons of euthanasia with a patient? Does it help the doctor to regard the patient in a human being? Or does he find himself seeing this patient more as simply a collection of spare parts for somebody else?

www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2016/04/euthanasia-by-organ-harvesting

Remember little Simon Crosier?



You met him in the spring issue of LifeLines.

Simon's mother and father gave a talk at the National Right to Life Convention in July of this year, where it was very sympathetically received. Probably everyone there could understand the agony of having a new baby with medical problems and discovering that the doctors were not really trying to help him.

In later communications, Sheryl Crosier reminded RARTL that Simon needed heart surgery, not brain surgery. Heart problems are common with Trisomy 18, as is apnea. The Adivan, which he was given twice before he died, is contraindicated in apnea.

Other parents, faced with a poor prenatal diagnosis of trisomy, can begin to educate and equip themselves by going to www.trisomy.org, also known as SOFT (Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13, and Related Disorders).

Trisomy 18 is not an immediate, automatic death sentence. As a matter of fact, a new study out of Ontario, Canada, suggests that birth defects "are not always as lethal as doctors have advised parents." If you want to read an inspiring story, read about Donnie (<http://trisomy.org/?our-story=donnie-heaton>), who died at 22 years old. And while you're there, look at those happy children on the landing page.

For anyone with a concern for those with a poor prenatal diagnosis, read some of the stories on www.benotafraid.net. Most are uplifting and inspirational. Simon's website is www.simonismyname.com www.stream.org/new-study-social-media-humanize-disabled-babies-doctors-left-die/

Freedom Fest and Fire Jump RARTL's booth was there

You saw in the Sunday papers on July 24 a story of a daredevil cyclist who jumped a bicycle over a gap, onto a burning platform, and through a burning wall. That was at the Freedom Fest held at the Faith on Fire church at 319 Browncroft Blvd. on Saturday, July 23. (The picture at the right is a similar but wider jump at a fair.)

The daredevil cyclist was Pastor John "Mercury" Morgan, who had invited us to bring our display to his outdoor event. Our information was well received for such an informal atmosphere and the atmosphere was completely cordial. One of the things Pastor Morgan said to the crowd in commenting on life and faith was, "It doesn't matter how you begin, it matters how you end." A good reminder for us all.

Unusual events like this also prompt a thought of gratitude to all of RARTL's donors, whose dollars make it possible to supply materials for the display in the shelter of the tent, which was purchased with other donor dollars. Gratitude goes also to those who staff our display at various indoor and outdoor venues. You know who you are and we are so grateful! This would not happen without you.

www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2016/07/23/daredevil-pastor-rides-through-fire-and-brimstone/87438726/



Planned Parenthood investigators cleared

A Texas judge dismissed the last charge (falsifying identification) against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt. The Houston Chronicle said, “In a surprise move before a hearing on the legitimacy of the indictment, prosecutors dismissed the charges.”

Daleiden, president of the Center for Medical Progress, had made a series of videos which he posted online. The videos showed Planned Parenthood personnel negotiating price with what they thought was a possible purchaser for body parts obtained from aborted babies.

An attempt was made to prosecute Planned Parenthood for selling baby body parts for profit, but instead the grand jury indicted the investigators for, among other things, falsifying government identification.

A House Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives was convened and has produced information that Planned Parenthood has indeed made a profit from the sales. Planned Parenthood has, however, not yet been charged with breaking the law.

www.foxnews.com/us/2016/07/26/last-charge-dropped-against-anti-abortion-duo-behind-planned-parenthood-videos.html

Report on the Hearing on the Pricing of Fetal Tissue

<http://docs.house.gov/meetings/IF/IF04/20160420/104822/HHRG-114-IF04-20160420-SD004.pdf>

www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Charges-dismissed-against-Planned-Parenthood-8422998.php

Single payer system to take away options?

“U.S. District Judge Jean Hamilton ruled last week that the federal government cannot force Paul and Teresa Wieland -- an American mom and dad -- to violate their religious beliefs by compelling them to purchase a health insurance plan that covers sterilizations, contraceptives, and abortion-inducing drugs and devices.”

Originally, the Wielands purchased a Missouri plan opting out of such coverage. However, Obamacare requirements later forced the company to include the coverage. The Wielands sued and were assisted through several appeals by their own lawyer and the Thomas More Society of Chicago.

However, it is worth noting that the Justice Department lawyers arguing the case say that there would be no opportunity for a religious freedom challenge in a single payer system where the government provides all the coverage and requires Americans to pay premiums. Time will tell, if the US goes in that direction.

www.townhall.com/columnists/terryjeffrey/2016/07/27/singlepayer-system-stops-religious-freedom-challenges-to-abortifacient-mandate-n2198468

Recent assisted suicide progress – not!

In Massachusetts a bill legalizing assisted suicide was “recommended for further review,” which means it will not progress further. Three previous versions of the bill met the same fate and in all three, the bill failed to make it out of committee. A voter referendum also failed, but by a relatively narrow margin.

www.newbostonpost.com/2016/06/29/physician-assisted-suicide-bill-fails-to-advance/

By a 5 - 0 decision, the New Mexico Supreme Court upheld patient protection from assisted suicide. In 2012 by two doctors, who were then joined by a stage-3 cancer patient with a terminal prognosis, initiated the case, challenging the 1963 Suicide Act. The cancer patient, Aja Riggs, is now in remission.

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2016/07/new-mexico-supreme-court-unanimously-upholds-law-protecting-citizens-against-assisted-suicide/

Vermont doctors from two different medical groups have filed suit against what they perceive as a legal requirement that they (1) counsel terminally ill patients about assisted suicide and (2) either assist a patient who decides on assisted suicide or refer him to someone who will assist. They consider either of those an ethics violation.

www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jul/21/vermont-doctors-push-back-against-assisted-suicide/

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Castorina's maiden voyage hits stormy weather

Freshman Assemblyman Ron Castorina gave what was reported as his "maiden" speech in the New York State Assembly opposing an expansion of abortion in NY State. After he referred to the effects of abortion as "African-American genocide," Democratic and black Assembly members took turns asking him to yield his time so they could object to what he was saying. They also did not like his statement that, but for abortion, "the African-American community would be 36% larger today." To each yield request he said, "Respectfully, no."



One member, Democrat Diana Richardson, said she was offended "as both an African American and a woman" and hoped that future conversations would be more respectful.

But is it not respectful to bemoan needless loss of innocent human life? Castorina's offensiveness was not a lack of respect. It was that he dared to speak in forthright disapproval of the needless loss of life in abortion.

Bravo Ron Castorina!

Castorina's speech can be heard at http://bcdownload.gannett.edgesuite.net/westchester-mobile/201606/1259/37861007001_4930673459001_4930665990001.mp4 www.lohud.com/story/news/politics/politics-on-the-hudson/2016/06/08/video-ny-lawmaker-likens-abortion-african-american-genocide/85593524/

The Hyde Amendment is turning 40!

Over a million lives saved!
THANK YOU, HENRY HYDE

Did you realize that the Hyde Amendment will be 40 years old on September 30 this year? The Hyde amendment prohibits Medicaid funds from being spent on abortion, with exceptions only for rape, incest, and the life of the mother. During that time, it has saved over a million lives, according to a social media campaign called *Hello Hyde*. As they say, "Medicaid should cover birth, not death." On the website they've set up, www.hellohyde.org, they're inviting those who received prenatal and/or birth care through Medicaid to submit their photos.

Hello Hyde is a new project from the group Secular Pro-Life. Secular Pro-Life participates in the March for Life. They want to break the stereotype that pro-lifers are all Christians, and so they welcome those with any belief or none at all. They can be found at www.secularprolife.org.

(Secular Pro-Life's) goals are to celebrate, preserve, and expand the Hyde Amendment.

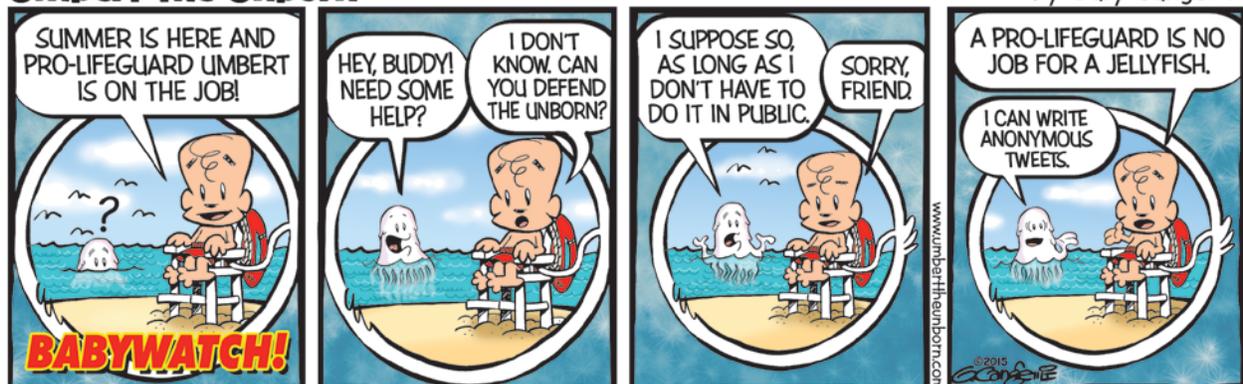
- Celebrate the lives saved by the Hyde Amendment and the lives of all Medicaid kids.
- Preserve the Hyde Amendment against attacks from the abortion lobby.
- Expand the Hyde Amendment to cover children in every state and children conceived through violence, and cut the abortion industry off from all sources of taxpayer funding (not just Medicaid).

Threat to the Hyde Amendment from Democrat Party Platform

Hillary Clinton's campaign and the current Democratic platform indicate that a priority if she is elected will be repealing the Hyde Amendment so that Medicaid can indeed be used for abortion without restriction. Vice Presidential nominee Tim Kaine's position is not clear.

www.aol.com/article/2016/07/29/kaine-contradicts-clinton-statements-on-abortion-funding/21441651/
www.cnn.com/2016/07/29/politics/tim-kaine-dnc-reaction-donald-trump/index.html

Umbert the Unborn



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:

August: That parents have the courage to teach their children to respect all human life as God’s masterpiece of creation, so the next generation will be armed to carry on this battle.

September: That people have eyes to see that the right to make a personal choice does not include the right to choose killing another human, even if that “other” is in the womb.

October: By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we stand firm in the face of evil disguised as good.

November: Guide us, Lord, as we vote this year. May your will be done.



In Memory

Dorothy Macaluso
by Margaret & Bill Nolan



In Gratitude

**Thanking NYSRTL for 2015
Convention in Rochester, NY**
by Culver Dygert



In Prayer

For the families of the nineteen disabled patients in Japan who were murdered by a former employee.

“...only capable of creating unhappiness.”

“The disabled are only capable of creating unhappiness.” That is the motivation of Satoshi Uematsu, who felt he wanted to “save” them.

He broke a window to get into a residential care facility near Tokyo, Japan, where he had formerly worked. He tied up workers, and took the keys to the residential areas. He then killed 19 people and wounded 26 more. He said he felt “no remorse.”

Have pity on the families who lost members so suddenly and violently. And have pity on one so deranged he would think these residents were better off dead.

www.notdeadyet.org/2016/07/hate-crime-a-killing-rampage-targets-disabled-people.html

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Scam alert! Beware!

One of our members, Peggy Finucane, very recently got a telephone call “on behalf of pro-life groups,” using all the right words but never answering questions. Even after being asked several times what group she belonged to, Peggy got no information. She said it sounded more like a recording than anything else. The woman would pause, Peggy would ask her a question, and then the woman would start talking again even if Peggy was still talking, but never answering the question.

The Caller ID gave the name as D Harris and the calling number as 917-522-6273. Repeated efforts have not gotten an answer at that phone number.

If you get a call from a supposed pro-life organization you’re not familiar with, we’ll be happy to help identify them.

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Supreme Court protected predators, not women

The Supreme Court ruled against women's welfare in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*.

The Texas suit resulted from legislation to put the same health and safety standards into abortion centers as there are in ambulatory surgical centers. It was prompted by the horrifying Gosnell case in Philadelphia, where investigators found themselves in a situation of squalor that included fleas and blood stains. The standards were the ones recommended by the Grand Jury that investigated Gosnell.

The provisions struck down were the requirements for health and safety standards and also the requirement that abortionists had to have admitting privileges at a hospital no more than 30 miles away so that they could provide continued care to patients in case of complications. The ruling held that these provisions constituted an undue burden for women seeking abortions.

The "undue burden," for instance, of minimum corridor width isn't obvious under normal circumstances. However, it can cost precious minutes if an ambulance crew discovers when they arrive for an emergency transport that their gurney will not roll around a corner.

Ryan Bomberger said, "Texas moved to protect women. The Supreme Court moved to protect the predators."

Dr. John Bruchalski, of Divine Mercy Care, in a letter, marveled, "There are those who wish to regulate lemonade stands but not abortion clinics; it doesn't make any sense."

He's right. It really doesn't make sense.

www.townhall.com/columnists/ryanbomberger/2016/07/01/supremely-wrong-court-protects-gosnells-instead-of-womens-health-n2186047 www.nationalreview.com/corner/437259/abortion-pro-life-optimism-after-supreme-court-whole-womens-health-v-hellerstedt www.aol.com/article/2016/06/27/u-s-supreme-court-strikes-down-restrictive-texas-abortion-law/21419717
www.townhall.com/columnists/starparker/2016/06/29/a-disastrous-court-decision-on-abortion-n2185030