

Lifespan

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you.” Jeremiah 1:5

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Worldwide News... [Source: SPUC]

Australia—An abortion clinic anesthesiologist is facing criminal charges for intentionally infecting women with hepatitis C at the abortion clinic where he was employed. James Latham Peters is suspected of infecting at least 44 women during the course of abortions he assisted with at the Croydon Day Surgery Center; doctors have confirmed that the strain of hepatitis C found in the victims is a genetic match to Latham’s hepatitis C. Hepatitis C causes a chronic inflammation of the liver which can eventually lead to cirrhosis or liver cancer. Health officials have determined that the infection was deliberate although Latham’s motives are unknown. Known facts, however, include Peters’ criminal background. Peters was previously convicted for drug use and was recently sentenced for having pornographic pictures of children. In 1996, he was also convicted of forging prescriptions. These facts were known to the Croydon Day Surgery abortion business before they hired Peters.

Britain—The desperate state of socialized medicine is highlighted by a case that was reported on recently in the London Daily Mail. Derek Sauter, 60, was hospitalized for a chest infection. His prognosis was not good and as such, Sauter was relegated to low priority status at the hospital. After being deprived of water for some time, the desperate man called the hospital switchboard using his cell phone and begged to see a doctor. The doctor, upon arriving, was turned away by the ward nurse, Caroline Lowe, who claimed that Sauter was overreacting. She then threatened to confiscate the patient’s cell phone. Eight hours later, the grandfather of three was dead. Instead of offering sympathy to Sauter’s wife of 41 years, the same nurse told the grieving woman that her husband, now dead, could have been prosecuted for “harassing” the doctor on call.

Canada—University of Calgary officials have continued to harass and threaten pro-life students on campus involved in a recent display highlighting the realities of abortion. Eight members of Campus Pro-life placed graphic photos of aborted babies on campus grounds. Security demanded that the photos be turned inward so they could not be viewed by students passing by. The group refused, noting that no university by-laws or regulations had been violated by the display. The college then charged the students with criminal trespassing on their own campus to prevent the students from speaking out. The bogus criminal charges were later dropped, but when the students erected a new display, they were threatened with expulsion. A hearing was held, but the students were not permitted to speak in their defense. Currently, the matter is yet unresolved.

Ireland—In response to a Supreme Court decision in December of 2009 that declared the human embryo prior to implantation to be a “non-person,” a poll was commissioned to determine the position of voters on the issue. The poll clearly showed that a strong majority of Irish supported protection of human embryos from deliberate destruction either by experimentation or methods of assisted reproduction. The Supreme Court ruling was a response to a case filed by a woman who wanted to implant frozen embryos and give birth despite the wishes of her estranged husband. The Court’s ruling however, has awful implications if the rationale were to be applied to the question of abortion, which is illegal in Ireland. If the human embryo is a non-person prior to implantation, then methods of abortion that prevent implantation could be argued to fall outside the scope of the current prohibitions against abortion. Using only the respondents who expressed an opinion to the question of protection for embryos, 83% supported legislation to protect embryos and 17% did not.

Italy—Italian researchers reported that adult stem cells were successfully used to treat people who were blinded or suffered vision impairment. Adult stem cells were used to treat 107 eyes; the treatments worked completely for 82 and were partially successful for 14 more. In essence, the treatment was wildly successful, but can only be applied to individuals whose eyes were damaged by chemicals, not from normal deterioration, such as macular degeneration. Also, the patients must have some sight since their own eye stem cells are used in the process.

Sri Lanka—A new study conducted by researchers in Sri Lanka yet again confirms the link between breast cancer and abortion; it is the fourth epidemiological study, joining others conducted in the U.S., China and Turkey, in 14 months to affirm the correlation. The Sri Lankan study found that women more than triple their risk of developing breast cancer if they have an abortion. The study was published in the journal, *Cancer Epidemiology*, and found a 3.42 odds ratio against women having abortions compared with those who carried their pregnancy to term. Interestingly, researchers also found that breastfeeding significantly reduced the risk of breast cancer and that the reduction was directly proportional to the length of time spent breastfeeding. In other words, those women who gave birth and nursed between 12–23 months afterwards had a 66.3% risk reduction as compared to women who did not breastfeed or nursed for 1–12 months after birth. The risk reduction climbed to 87.4% for the 24–35 month group and 94% for the 36–47 month group.

United Nations—Delegates seeking to raise \$30 billion for international family planning in the coming months are upset by the findings of scientists who claim that there is no evidence to support the idea that family planning improves maternal health. The medical journal, *Lancet*, published a study in April that refutes the 20 year old UN claim that maternal deaths remain unchanged. In fact, countries that legalized or expanded access to abortion demonstrated an increase in maternal deaths.

United Kingdom—UK scientists have used nuclear transfer cloning technology to create a 3-parent human embryo having

one father and two mothers. The technique employed sacrifices two embryos in order to create the genetically engineered third. The rationale for the experiment was to attempt to eradicate diseases caused by problem mitochondria, the little energy generating factories in each cell. The race to cure imperfections however, needs to be weighed against the cost; any means to an end is not justifiable. The technology used by the UK team is a further step towards tampering with the essence of humanity and demonstrates a contempt for life—not only by the destruction of the embryos involved in the process—but the arrogant belief that we can tamper with the genetic makeup of our fellow human beings.

National News... [Source: SPUC]

California— San Diego school officials have adopted a new policy that allows for teenagers to have access to a host of activities, including abortion, without parental involvement. Marge Kleinsmith, who oversees sex education for the school district, said the change was necessary to conform to state law. According to Kleinsmith, *“Some school nurses and staff have been allowing students to be released for these kinds of appointments- could be for suicide counseling, could be for an STD test, could be for pregnancy, could be for a lot of things—because they knew state law said they could...Others have been strict about not letting students do this. This gives us much needed clarity.”*

Connecticut—A 41-year-old man was arrested after admitting to police that he punched his girlfriend multiple times after she refused his demands for her to abort their child. Autro Rojas was charged with third degree assault and is being held on \$95,000 bond while awaiting trial. The Rojas case, however is only one of thousands throughout the nation, in what can be called a growing epidemic. Last month, a Memphis police officer was arrested for murdering his pregnant mistress after she refused to abort the child and demanded financial assistance for the care of the baby. Phyllis Malone, 31, was found shot to death in her car. The Elliot Institute, a pro-life think-tank, conducted a survey to determine the extent of the epidemic. The resulting report, *Forced Abortion in America*, revealed that most abortions in the U.S. are unlikely unwanted or coerced. One survey of women who had abortions revealed that **64% felt pressured by others to abort**. The same survey found that **80% of women who aborted did not receive the counseling they needed to make an informed decision**. Studies of death rates in the U.S. have found that homicide is the leading cause of death among pregnant women.

Pennsylvania—A 13-year-old girl reportedly conducted a self-abortion using a lead pencil after her much older boyfriend subjected her to statutory rape. The 30-year-old “boyfriend” then buried the body of the dead baby in the woods after the abortion was completed. Michael James Lisk, the father of the baby, has since been incarcerated for rape and concealing the death of a child lieu of \$50,000 bail. The un-named minor girl has not been charged with a crime. The case has apparently upset abortion supporters who are using the story as propaganda to lobby for safe, accessible and confidential abortions for minors. Sadly, they are the same people who disregard the fact that the young girl was subjected to statutory

rape—a rape that would have gone unreported had she gone to a Planned Parenthood facility. Had the girl obtained the ‘safe, legal abortion’, Lisk would remain unpunished and his abuse of a minor would continue.

New York—The premier of a pro-life movie entitled “Blood Money” was cancelled due to threats from abortion advocates. Roman Jaquez, an independent film maker and artist, produced the documentary to expose the deceitful tactics used by the abortion industry to increase profit without regard to ethical considerations. Despite the sold-out premier, the debut showing was cancelled for safety reasons and the ticket sales refunded. A rescheduled opening was planned for May 14–20 at the Madison. To learn more about this film, go to www.bloodmoneyfilm.com.

Virginia—The principal and a staff member at Oakwood Elementary School in Norfolk were put on administrative leave for distributing scientifically-accurate fetal models to a class to aid in discussions. The models, depicting an unborn baby at 12 weeks gestation, were apparently threatening to the pro-abortion minded school board members who found the reality of unborn life unacceptable. The irony of the situation is glaring—the same 6th grade class is taught sex education and given anatomically correct dolls to teach the challenges of parenthood. One might think the school board is afraid that those same bright 6th graders may discover that the unborn fetus is actually a baby!

Washington D.C.—The U.S. Federal Court of Appeals has reinstated the lawsuit filed by a collection of pro-life advocates against the Obama Administration over its executive order to restore funding of embryonic stem cell research with tax dollars. In its decision, the Court found that doctors working with adult stem cells have “competitive standing” to sue to preliminarily enjoin and ultimately overturn the controversial guidelines for public funding of embryonic stem cell research that the NIH issued in July of 2009 to comply with Obama’s executive order.

Did You Know?...

- Planned Parenthood launched a new scheme to increase abortions. Dubbed the “telemed or vending machine abortion,” abortion practitioners instruct women on how to have an abortion using chemical abortion pills by video conference instead of assisting them in person.
- A new study conducted by researchers at the University of Manitoba, Canada, finds that women who have had abortions are four times more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol than those who carried their pregnancies to term. The study also found abortion is tied to other mental health conditions such as mood disorder.
- A new study conducted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco shows that the growth of the abortion industry has also aided the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. The growing number of abortion providers and abortions has led to a burgeoning fetal industry that uses the tissues of aborted children in the development of new drugs and cosmetics. Many questionable practices exist in this industry but regulation and transparency are often avoided

because of ideological fears of limiting access to abortion on demand.

- A group of pro-lifers protesting outside the Jimmy Kimmel studios in Hollywood were subjected to harassment by the talk show host's film crew. Kimmel's crews hurled taunts and insults at the protesters standing on the public sidewalk. When the pro-lifers refused to leave, the crew then turned the giant, powerful spotlights on the protesters. After being subjected to the harsh lights for over 15 minutes, many of the protesters had mild burns.
- The birth control pill is having a negative effect on our ecosystem! Scientists have discovered that synthetic estrogen is having a devastating effect on the fish population near metropolitan areas. A 2006 study of the Potomac River by the US Geological Survey revealed that 80% of the male small mouth bass had intersex characteristics (growing female reproductive parts) as a result of exposure to municipal waste water containing high doses of estrogen from the urine of women taking the pill. In New Jersey, traces of birth control hormones and other prescription drugs were found in municipal tap water. One must wonder what the long term effects of this exposure can mean and whether or not the rate of infertility may be connected to this.

Political Action Corner...

Stop the Confirmation of Elena Kagan!

Appointments to the Supreme Court are lifetime appointments and the balance of power in the U.S. is under attack by those who wish to fashion a Court that will legislate from the bench as opposed to interpreting the law as is the function of the Court set out by the Constitution. Elena Kagan is an unacceptable candidate in so far as she has demonstrated contempt for the precedent of law and favors using foreign law as a guideline for U.S. policy. Additionally, she is anti-life. Her record:

- Kagan clerked for pro-abortion Justice Thurgood Marshall, whom she lauded, and her writings dating back to college, are filled with accolades for judges who took the law into their own hands and legislated from the bench as opposed to relying on the will of the public through elected officials
- Kagan helped Bill Clinton defend his veto of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban
- Kagan advocated that the Clinton Administration not only ignore but manipulate the opinion of a national medical group that determined that there was no medical justification for the use of the partial birth abortion method
- Kagan has lauded human cloning and assisted suicide and will most definitely promote these practices if appointed to the bench
- Kagan is homosexual and will most certainly advance the cause of homosexual marriage in the U.S.

Please contact your Senators and tell them to vote against the appointment of Elena Kagan. Go [to http://www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) for contact information.

Fight for Choice...

Pro-abortion groups love to say that they support choice. Do they really? NARAL has recently launched a campaign against crisis pregnancy centers by attempting to have them removed from major internet directories. NARAL has targeted YellowPages.com and SuperPages.com with a letter campaign to remove "misleading" CPC ads from their sites. The ultimate goal, according to the group, is to pass a federal bill to "put an end to deceptive CPC ads everywhere."

Please contact the directors at

<http://www.yellowpages.com/about/contactus> and <http://www.superpages.com/about/feedback.html> and tell them to ignore NARAL's request to remove pregnancy center ads!

Keep Abortions Out of Military Hospitals...

Sen. Roland Burris (D) attached an amendment to a bill that was introduced to the Senate Armed Services Committee which would permit abortions to be performed on military bases. The amendment was supported by all Democrats, save one, Sen. Ben Nelson (N) who joined with the committee's Republican members in opposition. **Please urge your lawmakers to remove the Burris language from the National Defense Authorization Act (S.3454).**

Work To Repeal Obamacare...

To date, 29 states have either introduced an opt-out bill, are planning to introduce a bill shortly or are laying the groundwork to introduce a bill as soon as their legislative calendars permit. In addition, the American Center for Law and Justice, a prominent pro-life legal group, has filed an amicus brief with a federal court in Virginia against the pro-abortion health care law signed by Obama. ACLJ is representing 28 members of Congress and 70,000 Americans. This amicus brief is a challenge to the constitutionality of the federal health care law. The ACLJ brief contends that the mandate forcing Americans to purchase health care is unprecedented and violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The attorney generals of 13 states have also filed suit against the bill and dozens of other states have joined in the lawsuit.

A recent Rasmussen poll found that 58% of likely voters favor the repeal of the national health care plan adopted by Congress in late March. Only 36% oppose its repeal. Don't be fooled—the primary purpose of this health care legislation is a power grab by the federal government and an attempt to control citizens in a way never before seen in our nation. That control will come by way of control over life and death, literally. Denial of care is at the heart of the new health care's cost control mission. The new law contains provisions that will result in large scale rationing of life-saving treatments. **Cost saving health care decisions will be put to the litmus test of quality of life, age, disability and other subjective criteria.** If you doubt this, note who has been chosen to lead the new socialist bureaucracy—Donald Berwick. Berwick, as Obama's nominee for the position of director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services came under much criticism for his rationing views. Instead of choosing to nominate an individual

less biased towards utilitarianism, Obama waited until Congress recessed and then appointed Berwick with due haste. **What can you do? Vote in November—remove the Democrats who did not listen to the American public and encourage your lawmakers to press forward with repeal!**

SAY WHAT!!!!

In March, before the passing of the health care bill, Nancy Pelosi, House Speaker, called on a Catholic saint to help her and her colleagues pass the anti-life bill which contained massive subsidizes for abortions. Not only did Pelosi upset faithful Catholics, but she got the saint's feast-day wrong as well:

"Today is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, particularly important to Italian Americans... It is a day where we remember and pray to St. Joseph to benefit the workers of America and that is exactly what our health care bill will do."

St. Joseph's feast day is May 1st. More importantly, however, the patron saint of a happy death, the holy spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ, would NEVER approve of tax dollars used to murder innocent unborn children in their mother's wombs.

Reflections...

by Fr. Thomas Euteneuer: The Hostile Spiritual Take-over of Our Nation

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Anyone who has watched national politics closely in the past year and a half has seen a panoply of aggressive political moves that are reported about in hostile terms. There are government "takeovers" of huge industries, public officials "moving against" businesses and individuals, court decisions "striking down" statutes and executive initiatives "attacking" fundamentally sane institutions and plans. Even in times of war, I don't think we have ever had such violent social and political maneuvering in our public life. The worst aspect of it is that all the rapaciousness is directed inward. If we were laying waste the enemies of the innocent citizens of our society in the same way we are consuming our own healthy institutions, how different our public life would be! The current hostile initiatives are nothing of the sort, however. They are essentially demonic takeovers of sacred institutions by the pagans who hold the reins of power.

Let me be clear: I am not saying that our public officials are demons. I am saying that they are *acting* like demons. Demons lie, cheat and steal—obsessively. It is their nature. Once the demons rejected God, they fell into a dark world devoid of love and dominated by the ethic of the survival of the fittest where "might is right." The human beings that serve them act in much the same way when they implement their agendas and policies. Whenever they are in control of institutions or governments, they lie, cheat and steal. In their minds, they are right because they have the might—and to the victors go the spoils.

But what did we expect, really? Our nation elected unabashedly pagan representatives who are possessed of a tapestry of unclean ideologies who have an almost religious fervor in advancing their control over greater sectors of our common life and economy. The sad part is that these people who govern us are simply being true to their convictions: before the election, they were not abashed in telling us how radical they are, and now we are reaping the fruits of the demonic agenda of the death and destruction that they have brought with them.

I would despair of this situation had I not met so many decent and God-fearing Americans who do not agree with the mainstreaming of paganism into our culture. I have met the virtuous side of America, and it is to these that I write these words of encouragement: be strong! We must be true to the core Christian principles that made this nation great! Be not afraid of the severe conflicts with the pagan world that we will have to endure in the very near future. We are not alone in this battle. There are many more moral and decent Americans than we realize. It's just that the good ones are busy about raising families and keeping the basic fabric of our society intact. They are not the hedonists and manipulators that strive obsessively to control public discourse and institutions. They are there in the background and form the true foundation of our society.

In time, the proper spiritual leadership will emerge which will bind us together and form us into a fighting force called the Church Militant—the only spiritual force that can truly resist the hostile spiritual takeover of our nation. Let us not forget, however, that we must get down on our knees and beg, plead, and implore God to restore our once-great nation to its grandeur. We will not see the dawn of a renewed nation without prayer and sacrifice. The momentum of righteousness, consisting of all the humble goodness taking place at the grass-roots level of the Church and society, will eventually build, and we will take back our nation—not only at the ballot box but above all in the hearts and minds of all those who love God and are doing their best to love their neighbor. We will then be able to cast out the unclean spirits that are destroying everything that we hold sacred, and society will once again be governed by righteous men. For such an end we place our deepest hope in Christ, our true and only Savior!

Local Events....

Mark your calendars! The Sisters For Life are coming to Lancaster for Respect Life Weekend, October 2-3. The Sisters will join local residents at the annual Life Chain along Rt. 741 and will speak at the following parishes: Sacred Heart, St. Anthony's, St. Leo's and St. James during scheduled masses. Please consult the churches directly for specific mass times. The Sisters will also speak to the students at LCHS on Monday, October 4th.

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