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### **Safely Surrendered Baby Campaign**

*Recently there have been several news reports of newborn babies abandoned and in at least one case the infant died before anyone discovered the abandonment. In an effort to educate the general public, we ask you to read the article below and tell all your friends. Contact this office if you would like additional copies of this newsletter to pass on to friends and family.*

We would like to take this opportunity to make our members aware of a law in California; the **Safely Surrendered Baby Campaign...** A confidential Safe Haven for Newborns...In California, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows an individual to give up an unwanted infant without fear of arrest or prosecution for abandonment. The law does not require that names be given when the baby is surrendered. Parents are permitted to bring a baby within 72 hours (3 days) of birth to any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven in California. The baby will be placed in a foster or pre-adoptive home.

The law allows for at least a 14-day cooling off period, which begins the day the baby is voluntarily surrendered. During this period, the person who surrendered the child can return to the hospital to reclaim the child. (A bracelet will be placed on the baby for identification and a matching bracelet given to the parents. The bracelet will help identify the child if the parent changes their mind during the cooling off period.)

For further information, please go to the following website. <http://www.babysafe.ca.gov/>



**California Right to Life Education Fund  
announces the birth of Mark Francis Hockel  
Son of board members Brian and Beth Hockel  
Saturday July 31, 2004**

### **AROUND THE OFFICE**

Check out our website: [www.calright2life.org](http://www.calright2life.org)! It now includes a listing of upcoming events, the archives of the past couple of years' newsletters, as well as reprints of the major articles from our newsletters and even some of the weekly e-mails.

As time permits we will be updating the links section, so if you have any good pro-life links you would like us to consider including on our website, send them in!

Are you receiving our almost weekly updates and articles? If not, you probably aren't on our e-mail address list! Include your e-mail address on the enclosed slip or send us an e-mail at [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org) and we will add you to our list. We do not share our lists (snail mail or e-mail) with anyone, so your information is secure with us.

**Pro-Life Information Tables** – we are currently staffing pro-life information tables for the fall. If you are interested in joining with a seasoned volunteer to learn how to do an “information table for life” at a local shopping mall or conference, contact our office. We will match you up with a veteran for some “on the job training.” Recently we have been training some recent college graduates as well as teenagers in this important work. We especially need folks fluent in Spanish for our tables at Sunvalley Mall in Concord. Some of our regular volunteers enjoy coming and seeing the new materials we have purchased. Please call the office or send an e-mail to [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org) if you are interested in assisting.

**Media Contacts** – We continue to look for people willing to talk to the media on current events. Ideally we would like to have a person available in the various geographic areas. Our thanks to Cecelia for trying to cover this important area of publicity, however we would like to have some other voices and faces proclaiming the message of life. Contact Cecelia in our office and she can give you further information on this exciting opportunity.

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday September 11, 2004 San Francisco**

St. Mary's Cathedral (Patron's Hall)

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**Annual Respect Life Conference with Guest  
Speakers Wesley Smith and Jennifer O'Neill**

**Wesley J. Smith** is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, an attorney for the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, and a special consultant for the Center for Bioethics and Culture. He was named by the *National Journal* as one of the top ten expert thinkers in bioengineering in the nation, because of his work in bioethics. He will be speaking on "Embryonic Stem Cell Research" with an emphasis on the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act Initiative which will be on the November 2004 ballot.

**Jennifer O'Neill**, the actress who starred in *Summer of '42* among other films, is the national spokesperson for *Silent No More Awareness Campaign*, a campaign that is sponsored by Priests for Life and NOEL, The National Organization of Episcopalians for Life. She will speak out to encourage others to share their stories as part of the healing process, as they work to prevent future abortions.

And if you can't make it to San Francisco during the day, Ms. O'Neill will be repeating her presentation **Saturday September 11, 2004 6:00 PM** at the Quarterly Marin County Respect Life Pot Luck Dinner. For further information call 415-945-0180.

### **WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?**

This is the newsletter of California Right to Life **Education Fund**, a 501-c-3 organization established to educate the public about pro-life issues. We are an affiliate of the American Life League, headed by Judie Brown. Donations to us are **tax-deductible** and can be sent to P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-4343.

California Right to Life **Committee, Inc.** is a 501-c-4 organization providing information on legislative issues affecting the right to life; and pro-life political advocacy. CRLC, Inc. is not permitted, under IRS regulations, to offer a tax deduction for donations. \$24.99 annually is requested for a subscription to the CRLC legislative email updates list and can be sent to 1920 Monument Blvd #309, Concord, CA 94520.

Both share the same "no-exceptions" beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.

**West Coast Walk for Life**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 22, 2005**

**11:00 AM**

**SF Ferry Building to the Marina Green**

**Mark your calendars now**

**Website: [www.walkforlife.info](http://www.walkforlife.info)**

**Women - and all people -  
Deserve better than abortion**

### READERS' CORNER

*If you have recently read a book of interest to the pro-life community that you would like to review for this column, contact us at [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org)*

### **Back to the Drawing Board**

**(The Future of the Pro-Life Movement)**

By Teresa Wagner

*Saint Augustine's Press, South Bend, IN, (Jan 2003)*

*Reviewed by our member Arthur J. Brew*

This recent book is a compelling and provocative collection of articles and commentaries assessing the national pro-life movement. Contributors include many of the country's most important and prominent leaders in the fight to save the unborn, including Dr. James Dobson, Charles Rice, Judith Reisman, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Phyllis Schlafly, Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Dr. Bernard Nathanson and Rep. Chris Smith.

Writers include Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Atheists (like Nat Hentoff) and members of the clergy.

This is a must read for all who are involved in the seemingly endless and frustrating battle to save innocent pre-born children.

The book is divided into such critical areas as: politics, medicine and science, culture, law and the future. As Rev. Richard J. Neuhaus, editor of "First Things" magazine asks, "Has there ever been in the annals of history a movement for which so many have given so much, with no personal stake in the outcome, other than knowing that they did the right thing? If so I am not aware of it."

This remarkable anthology belongs on the bookshelves and in the libraries of every pro-lifer, and all persons, right to life or not, who care for their fellow human beings still in grave peril after more than thirty years.