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Hope, Attitude, and Prayers: An Adult Stem Cell Success Story

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I was healed using Adult Stem Cells (my own). I AM the success story.



Here I am, bald, in March 2002.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

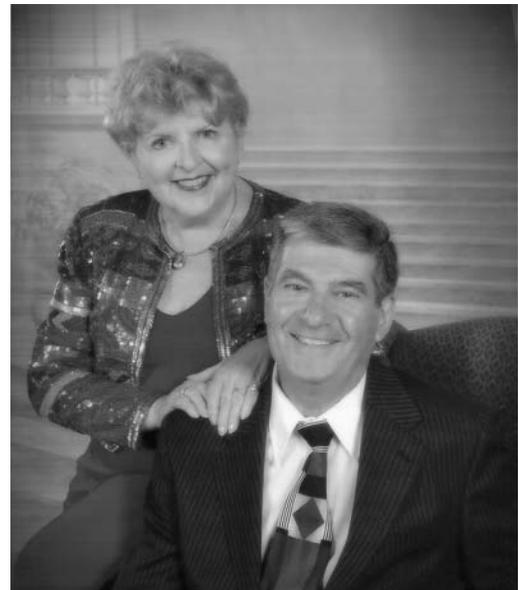
In March 2002, I was diagnosed with terminal Acute AML Leukemia. I was told I had three to six months to live. However, if I wanted to be a research patient, I might live a couple more years, or else the treatment, so hard on the body at my age, could have resulted in an untimely death...as soon as one week after therapy!

As a research patient, I went through **Chemotherapy**, **Full Body Radiation** and **Adult Stem Cell Therapy**. My own stem cells were harvested and used for my bone marrow transplant.

Although I was sick for nearly a year, it didn't stop me from serving my community. When I was in remission, I was a guest speaker on the St. Joseph radio station and other venues speaking **against** Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

As an instructor at Chapman University in Orange, I teach Communication Courses. Prior to this assignment, I taught at Cal State University at Long Beach for five years, was Vice President of the Ral-Ida Corporation from 1973 to 2000, where I was in charge of customer service and community outreach, and served as Public Relations Director for the Let's Dine Out Company.

Since my diagnosis in March 2002, I've been in remission seven years. I donate my speaking time for **FREE** talking **against embryonic stem cell research** and sharing my success story.



Fully recovered, on a cruise in July 2008.

If you are interested in having Dr. Pennella speak to your group, contact this office at 925-944-5351 or by e-mail callife@calright2life.org

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Make sure they get the facts first!
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Baby Boom on the way? U.S. births break record; 40 pct out-of-wedlock

More babies were born in the United States in 2007 than any year in the nation's history, topping the peak during the baby boom 50 years earlier, federal researchers reported in March

There is both good and bad news from the more than 4.3 million births:

- The US population is more than replacing itself, a healthy trend.
- However, the teen birth rate was up for the second year in a row.

The birth rate rose slightly for women of all ages, and births to unwed mothers reached an all-time high of about 40 percent, continuing a trend begun years ago. More than three-quarters of these women were 20 or older.

For a variety of reasons, it's become more acceptable for women to have babies without a husband, said Duke University's S. Philip Morgan, a leading fertility researcher.

Even happy couples may be living together without getting married, experts say. And more women – especially those in their 30s and 40s – are choosing to have children despite their single status.

The new numbers indicate the nation is experiencing a baby boomlet with fertility rates higher in every racial group. On average, a US woman has 2.1 babies in her lifetime. The highest fertility rates were among Hispanics.

But it's not clear the boomlet will last long. Some experts think birth rates are already declining because of the economic recession that began in late 2007.

"I expect they'll go back down. The lowest birth rates recorded in the United States occurred during the Great Depression – and that was before modern contraception," said Dr. Carol Hogue, an Emory University professor of maternal and child health.

The 2007 statistical snapshot reflected a relatively

good economy coupled with cultural trends that promoted childbirth, she and others noted.

Meanwhile, US abortions have been dropping to their lowest levels in decades, according to other reports. Some have attributed the abortion decline to better use of contraceptives, but other experts have wondered if the rise in births might indicate a failure in proper use of contraceptives. Some earlier studies have shown declining availability of abortions.

Cultural attitudes may be a more likely explanation. Morgan noted the pregnancy of Bristol Palin, the unmarried teen daughter of former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. The young woman had a baby boy in December, and plans for a wedding with the father, Levi Johnston, were scrapped.

"She's the poster child for what you do when you get pregnant now," Morgan said.

Teen women tend to follow what their older sisters do, so perhaps it's not surprising that teen births are going up just like births to older women, said Sarah Brown, the chief executive for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

Indeed, it's harder to understand why teen births had been declining for about 15 years before the recent uptick, she said. It may have been due to a concentrated societal effort to reduce teen births in the 1990s that has waned in recent years, she said.

The statistics are based on a review of most 2007 birth certificates by the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The numbers also showed:

- Cesarean section deliveries continue to rise, now accounting for almost a third of all births. Health officials say that rate is much higher than is medically necessary. About 34 percent of births to black women were by C-section, more than any other racial group. But geographically, the percentages were highest in Puerto Rico, at 49 percent, and New Jersey, at 38 percent.

- The pre-term birth rate, for infants delivered at less than 37 weeks of pregnancy, declined slightly. It had been generally increasing since the early 1980s. Experts said they aren't sure why it went down.
- Among the states, Utah continued to have the highest birth rate and Vermont the lowest.

CDC officials noted that despite the record number of births, this is nothing like what occurred in the 1950s, when a much smaller population of women were having nearly four children each, on average. That baby boom quickly transformed society, affecting everything from school construction to consumer culture.

Today, U.S. women are averaging 2.1 children each. That's the highest level it's been since the early 1970s, but is a relatively small increase from the rate it had hovered at for more than 10 years and is hardly transforming.

"It's the tiniest of baby booms," said Morgan in agreement. "This is not an earthquake; it's a slight tremor." - AP

Umbilical-Cord Stem-Cell Treatment Gives Sight to Blind Child

A two-year-old girl can see for the first time, following stem-cell treatment. Dakota Clarke, who was born blind, is the first patient to undergo the new type of therapy. The £30,000 treatment, which involves inserting stem cells from an umbilical cord into her forehead, lets her see people, objects, colors and lights around her. Dakota suffers from Septo-Optic Dysplasia, in which the optic nerve doesn't develop properly, and has responded faster than expected to the treatment. Her parents, Wilma, 28, and Darren, 34, are hoping she'll keep improving and enjoy a lifetime of sight.

Speaking from the Qingdao People's Hospital in southern China, Mrs. Clarke, of Newtownabbey, near Belfast, exulted, "We didn't know if the treatment would work, and people kept telling us it was too experimental, but we had to do this. It's been worth every single penny to see the changes in her." "It's nothing short of a miracle for us," Mr. Clarke added. "She can see the world for the first time."

In their search for help for Dakota, the family

exhausted the medical options in the UK before setting up a fund and raising £30,000 for the treatment. They eventually found a clinic in China run by Beike Biotech, a US research company contracted to provide experimental stem cells for treatments at 24 hospitals in China. Dr Tom Liu, a stem-cell specialist who directs the center, will release a breakthrough medical report on its work, in collaboration with UCLA, later this year.

"The use of stem cells taken from the umbilical cord," he stated, "is completely safe. As we learn more about the way these cells work, our results are getting better and better."

- The Daily Telegraph. March 4.

AROUND THE OFFICE

The past few months have been VERY busy time for our office. President Obama has given us MANY media opportunities, from the repeal of the Mexico City Policy, to the Conscience Rights of Medical Professionals. However the item that got us the widest coverage was the President's decision to allow Federal Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

It was 10:15PM on Sunday when the office cell phone rang. We were there to respond to CBS Radio National out of New York for an interview. The interview went out to all the CBS affiliate radio stations, and Monday we received accolades from coast to coast commenting on the wonderful interview.

Monday morning, as President Obama was signing the bill, we received a call asking us for a LIVE broadcast interview to KNX Radio in Los Angeles basin.... right after the President finished his speech! Immediately following the interview we received a call from a gentleman in Irwindale (as suburb of Los Angeles) complimenting us on the interview.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the latest information, see www.calendarforlife.org

Mall Table – The first Saturday of the month from 10AM-4PM we have an information table at Sunvalley Mall in Concord. If you would like to join us, or if you are interested in starting a table in your area, contact our office at 925-944-5351 or e-mail callife@calright2life.org. Experienced volunteers will be there to guide you until you feel comfortable being the “lead volunteer.” Students – do you need service hours? A couple of hours at a mall table may be the way to get this much-needed service time.

Abortion Mill Vigils – as we complete another inspirational 40-Days-for-Life, many of the sites will be continuing to gather several times a week. See <http://www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm> for a listing of recent 40-day sites and contacts. Also www.calendarforlife.org lists ongoing prayer vigils at the end of the calendar by day of the week. If you know of any pro-life events that should be in the Calendar For Life, send a brief description via email to calendarforlife@ureach.com.

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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same “no-exceptions, no excuses” beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.