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Parent Right to Know Initiative

IN CALIFORNIA, a child under 18 can't get an aspirin from the school nurse, get a flu shot, or have a tooth pulled without a parent knowing. HOWEVER, surgical or chemical abortions can be secretly performed on minor girls -- even *13 years old or younger* -- *without parents' knowledge*.

PARENTS are then not prepared to help young daughters with any of the serious physical, emotional, or psychological complications which may result from an abortion or to protect their daughters from further sexual exploitation and pregnancies.

A study of over 46,000 pregnancies of school-age girls in California found that *over two-thirds* were impregnated by adult men whose mean age was 22.6 years.

Investigations have shown that secret abortions on minors in California are rarely reported to child protective services although these pregnancies are evidence of statutory rape and sexual abuse. This leaves these girls *vulnerable* to further sexual abuse, rapes, pregnancies, abortions, and sexually transmitted diseases.

PROP 73 will require that one parent or guardian be notified at least 48 hours before an abortion is performed on a minor daughter.

PARENTS AND DAUGHTERS in more than 30 other states have benefited for years from laws like Prop 73. Many times, after such laws pass, there have been substantial reductions in pregnancies and abortions among minors.

When parents are involved and minors cannot anticipate secret access to free abortions they more often avoid the reckless behavior which leads to

pregnancies. Older men, including Internet predators, are deterred from impregnating minors when secret abortions are not available to conceal their crimes.

If she chooses, a minor may petition juvenile court to permit an abortion without notifying a parent. She can request a lawyer to help her. If the evidence shows she is mature enough to decide for herself or that notifying a parent is not in her best interests, the judge will grant her petition. The proceedings must be confidential, prompt, and free. She may also seek help from juvenile court if she is being coerced by anyone to consent to an abortion.

POLLS SHOW most people support parental notification laws. They know that a minor girl -- pregnant, scared, and possibly abandoned or pressured by an older boyfriend -- needs the advice and support of a *parent*.

PARENTS have invested more attention and love in raising their daughter, know her personal and medical history better, and care more about her future than strangers employed by abortion clinics profiting from performing many abortions on minors.

A minor still has a right to obtain or refuse an abortion, but a parent can help her understand all options, obtain competent care, and provide medical records and history.

An informed parent can also get prompt care for *hemorrhage, infections* and other possibly *fatal* complications.

Vote "YES" on PROP 73 TO ALLOW PARENTS TO CARE FOR AND PROTECT THEIR MINOR DAUGHTERS !

For more information: <http://www.yeson73.net/>
<http://www.parentsright2know.org/pages/1/index.htm>.

***MORE THAN ONE
MILLION
CALIFORNIANS'
signatures qualified
PROPOSITION 73 !***

***It will RESTORE
Californians' right to
counsel and care for
their young daughters
before -- and after --
an abortion.***

***Similar laws are
protecting girls in over
thirty states.***

***FOR OUR
DAUGHTERS'
SAFETY, HEALTH,
AND PROTECTION,
VOTE YES on 73 !***

Latest In Stem Cells

The umbilical cord blood and adult stem-cell breakthroughs keep on coming. Human trials are ongoing for heart disease, spinal cord injury, eye afflictions, and many other diseases. And here's a bit of potentially very big news: A just-published peer-reviewed study (*Cytotherapy*, Vol. 7. No. 4 (2005), 368-373) reports that scientists have used umbilical cord blood stem cells to *restore feeling and mobility to a spinal cord injury patient*. The patient had been paraplegic (complete paraplegia of the 10th thoracic vertebra) for 19 years. The researchers report that after receiving an infusion of umbilical cord blood stem cells,

[t]he patient could move her hips and feel her hip skin on day 15 after transplantation. On day 25 after transplantation her feet responded to stimulation. On post operative day (POD) 7, motor activity was noticed and improved gradually in her lumbar paravertebral and hip muscles. She could maintain an upright position by herself on POD 13. From POD 15 she began to elevate both lower legs about 1 cm, and hip flexor muscle activity gradually improved until POD 41.

In other words, she regained feeling and some mobility after nearly 20 years of being paralyzed. (Similar results for patients with spinal-cord injuries have been reported in human trials in Portugal using the patients' own olfactory (nasal) stem cells--these studies have not yet been published in a peer-reviewed journal, though the very promising results in the first American patients have been testified to in a Senate subcommittee hearing and featured on the PBS television series *Innovation*.)

It is true that we have to be cautious about this. One apparently-helped paralyzed patient does not a broad efficacious treatment make. Also, the authors note that the woman also received a laminectomy (spinal surgery to release pressure) that could have provided her some benefit. Still, they report, not only did their patient regain feeling after years of numbness, but "41 days after [stem cell] transplantation" testing "*also showed regeneration of the spinal cord at the injured site.*" (emphasis added)

This offers tremendous hope for paralyzed patients and their families.

Italian Coma Victim Awakens After Two Years, Says He Heard Everything

by Steven Ertelt, *LifeNews.com* Editor,
October 5, 2005

Rome, Italy (LifeNews.com)—A man who had been placed in a coma for two years as a result of an automobile accident recently awoke and told doctors and his family that he heard and understood

everything going on around him during the time.

Salvatore Crisafulli, a father of four, describes his case as a "miracle" proving that lost causes are not hopeless. "The doctors said that I wasn't conscious, but I understood everything and I cried in desperation,"

Crisafulli, who is 38, told Italian media outlets Thursday.

Although the situations are not entirely similar, Crisafulli's brother Pietro called the recovery "an Italian Terri Schiavo case."

He emerged from the coma three months ago and began speaking recently -- his first word was "Mamma."

The news comes at the same time as a national bioethics committee in Italy put forward guidelines saying that incapacitated patients should be provided normal medical care, including food and water.

"To feed an unconscious patient through a tube is not a medical act," the committee's president, Francesco D'Agostino, said, according to a Reuters report. "It's like giving a bottle to a newborn baby who can't be nursed by its mother ... And then we reflect on the Schiavo case. The woman was left to die of starvation."

"My brother speaks and remembers. I don't expect that he will be like he was, but it's already a miracle," Pietro told the Italian *Corriere della Sera* newspaper. "And to think that some doctors said that it was all useless and that he would be dead in three, four months."

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Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?

Make sure they get the facts first!

A LIFE depends on it...

1-800-395-HELP (4357)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

If you have any pro-life events you would like us to publicize, send the announcement via e-mail to callife@calright2life.org or call (925) 944-5351.

Mall Table for LIFE

Saturday, November 5, 2005

10:00AM - 4:00PM Sunvalley Mall, Concord

One Saturday each month, members of California Right to Life Education Fund staff a table for life at Sunvalley Mall. Our final scheduled table for 2005 is November 5. If you would like to join us at one of these tables contact Cecelia at (925) 944-5351.

Saturday, November 19

Natural Family Planning Conference Fairfield, CA

"Understanding NFP - Theologically, Medically, Practically," a one-day conference to be held on Saturday, November 19 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Fairfield, CA, is geared toward health providers, clergy, NFP teachers of all models and anyone interested in an approach to reproductive issues and technology consistent with Catholic thought. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. CME units are available for physicians and nurses for an additional \$30. For more information, call Kathy Conner at (916) 733-0140 or email kconner@diocese-sacramento.org

Sunday January 15, 2006 7-8 PM

Fifth Annual "Lights for Life" Prayer Vigil

Location to be announced later.

Friday January 20, 2006 7:30PM

Interfaith Committee for Life: Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Life and the Victims of Abortion.

Locations to be announced later.

Saturday, January 21, 2006

Walk for Life West Coast

**11:00 AM – Embarcadero Center
San Francisco**

If you joined us last year you know what an experience it was. If you missed it, put this event on your calendar right away and join us for the biggest pro-life event on the West Coast! Meet at Embarcadero, dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and bring a bag lunch. For further information, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com.

Around the Office

The beginning of the school year has brought several opportunities to share the message of life with various student groups. Cecelia sojourned to Palo Alto High School on September 28 to talk to the magazine journalism class on the topic of "Abortion: Now and the Next Ten Years." The

students will be devoting their cover story 20 pages of the 80-page magazine to this topic. We are also working on a possible venue at Sonoma State University in November: an evening panel discussion that will be open to the entire student body. We continue to receive requests for materials, both from students and teachers for use in classroom presentations.

The news media is very interested in our position on Supreme Court nominees Roberts and Miers, Prop 73 and Physician Assisted Suicide due to the Oregon case that was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on October 5.

Each Autumn brings the annual charity drives: United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign, California Right to Life Education Fund has been invited to come and set up a "mall table" and distribute literature and invite employees to consider allocating a portion (or the entire amount!) of their payroll deduction, contribution to our efforts. On September 1 we participated in the Combined Federal Campaign Kick Off for the entire Bay Area and spoke to over 150 of the campaign leaders who stopped by our table.

We are becoming known for our monthly SunValley Mall Table. Recently a lady stopped by and told us she had visited our table before and asked for some additional information; an associate was contemplating abortion. Our regular presence is a valuable resource to the community.

RIGHT TO LIFE ACT OF 2005:

This bill (HR 552) states, "The terms 'human person' and 'human being' include each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including, but not limited to, the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being." See <http://www.RightToLifeAct.org> for details.

Progress on Stone Soup as of Sept 30, 2005

Several of our donors commented on our last newsletter article on "Stone Soup." Beginning this month, as newsletter space allows we will be keeping you, our membership updated on income versus expenses.

As always a big "Thank You" to all of you who have contributed: a cabbage here, an onion there, and even a pork-chop. The miracle of the stone soup is brewing, as has been documented in the above "Around the Office" article. Several donations have been received for specific items: pro-life bracelets, precious feet pin purchases, our abstinence program supplies. We even received a substantial donation with a post-it note requesting "One Cecelia Cody – in good condition." (We haven't decided how to deliver on that one!)

However expenses continue to exceed donations. In September we had cash donations of \$1,500 and an in-kind

donation of pro-life supplies of \$400 however our expenses were \$1,900, a deficit of \$500.

If you are standing by and watching to see whether the soup is real, I have news for you. This is the time to add your potato or garlic and make our soup heavenly, fit for nourishing a people of the Culture of Life, through a Mall Table, media interview, newsletter, materials for a student research project.... The list is endless. Help us “feed the village” with our pro-life message! Please send us your tax-deductible contribution today, using the enclosed envelope... if we all contribute even a few dollars, we can make this deficit a memory.

God bless you for your sacrifice and generosity!

Quotes For Life

"We know that the truth of human life is infinitely greater than any narrow view that dismisses some lives as disposable. 'We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution.'"

-Cardinal William Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

- Pope Benedict –Inaugural Mass

WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

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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.