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Eliminating more handicapped babies to save money

The UK Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) recommends a “rigorous economic analysis” to decide whether to roll out the non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) that would identify genetic abnormalities like Down’s Syndrome.

NIPT screens a mother’s blood for fragments of DNA from the baby and hence eliminates the testing risk to the baby. The cost savings would occur because knowledge of the presence of Down’s syndrome would cause many parents to decide to abort their offspring.

The NIPT discussion has generated a movement in Britain called “Don’t Screen Us Out.” Heidi Crowter, a 20-year-old hairdresser with Down’s syndrome, did a rally speech that has gone viral. She said, “...my life is just as important and just as joyful as anyone else’s.” She also asked the lawmakers, “Don’t screen us out.”

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2016/08/dont-screen-us-out-demands-to-be-heard-before-british-government-rolls-out-new-prenatal-testing-technique

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rytvVE0wzBU

www.bioedge.org/bioethics/new-downs-syndrome-test-could-save-money-says-rcog/12017



NIPT is “mad science”?

In the late 1950s Dr. Jerome Lejeune discovered that Down syndrome was caused by the presence of an extra 21st chromosome. He meant for his discovery to be used for good. He was horrified that his discovery was being used to develop methods of detecting Down syndrome in the womb for the purpose of eliminating these innocent lives.

Lejeune said “Medicine becomes mad science when it attacks the patient instead of fighting the disease. We must always be on the patient’s side, always.”

Quoted directly from www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2016/09/non-invasive-prenatal-screening-and-mad-science

For more information on a remarkable man, go to www.lejeuneusa.org

Legal push to starve a dementia patient

Canadian courts ruled some time ago that a woman with dementia must be spoon fed, that she signified her consent every time she opened her mouth for the spoon.

That fight has come to the US.

Bill Harris tried to prevent the nursing home from spoon-feeding his wife Nora, a nursing home patient with early-onset Alzheimer’s. He said his wife had said she didn’t want her life prolonged and he was sure she would object to the spoon feeding if she could. The court, however, said that she must be assisted to eat. She had been feeding herself earlier, when she was able.

Advance directives are intended to handle medical decisions. So far the use of a spoon has not been defined as “medical.” Nursing homes are required to keep patients warm, dry, clean, and fed. As Wesley, J. Smith says, “Who will go into that caring profession if they know they could be forced to starve patients to death who not only can eat, but may want to eat?”

Harris does not plan to appeal the decision because he thinks his wife will be gone long before the appeals process would be decided.

www.nationalreview.com/corner/440158/push-continues-starve-dementia-patients

www.mailtribune.com/news/20160918/ashland-woman-didnt-want-life-prolonged-but-state-says-she-must-be-spoon-fed



India's sterilization camps ordered closed

Sterilization of women has long been a part of India's efforts at population control. States are rewarded for achieving targets, which are often dependent on "sterilization camps," where many women are sterilized under unsanitary conditions, with inadequate or nonexistent medical care afterwards.

India's Supreme Court has now ordered that all sterilization camps be closed within three years. It also urged much better compensation for botched procedures and directed that the central government be accountable for assuring that state governments follow proper protocols, including the gathering of data.

The Population Research Institute (PRI) points out that corruption is endemic in the program, because state governments set targets for number of sterilization and may reward the best-performing areas. Women are offered the equivalent of \$21 to be sterilized, but are not warned of the dangers. The Court mandated that such warnings were to be given in the woman's own language, even though there are at least 122 major languages spoken in India.

PRI says that although this is "a step in the right direction," the central government "must eliminate the system of bribes and incentives that drive the program." Until that happens, PRI says, "the abuses will continue."

www.pop.org/content/ndia-supreme-court-orders-closure-all-sterilization-camps-within-three-years?bblinkid=26517830&bbemailid=2066541&bbejrid=139612869The

Adult stem cells and TBI

Dr. Charles Cox, the co-director of the Red Duke Memorial Hermann Trauma Institute, has received a \$6.8 million grant from the Department of Defense to study the use of adult stem cells in adults with traumatic brain injury. The stem cells in this study will be those from the patient himself. Adult stem cells have been used for many purposes, e.g. healing corneal damage, facilitating the healing of broken bones, improving circulatory system functioning in extremities, and restoring immune systems after cancer treatment. Traumatic brain injury is a new area.

Dr. David Prentice, stem cell expert, comments, "The hope, based on previous studies, is that the adult stem cells will help stabilize the brain after trauma as well as decrease any inflammation or secondary effects that could lead to brain damage."

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2016/09/new-trial-to-investigate-use-of-adult-stem-cells-to-treat-adults-with-traumatic-brain-injuries

A robot to promote motherhood in Japan

Kirobo Mini is a tiny robot that fits in your hand and responds to your emotions. It has big eyes and wobbles a little while sitting. Will it inspire women to yearn for motherhood?

Japan and Toyota hope so. Japan is in the middle of a demographic winter, with an aging population and decreasing population numbers. So far no other government measures have halted the trend.

www.slashgear.com/toyotas-kirobo-mini-launches-next-year-to-inspire-motherhood-03458560/

Schneiderman has a pen, too

In a newsletter from New York's Attorney-General Schneiderman, Schneiderman comments on a legal opinion he has published. His newsletter says:

"This week, Attorney General Schneiderman made it crystal clear that all women have a constitutional right to an abortion. In a formal legal opinion, the Attorney's General office clarified that New York laws cannot interfere with the reproductive health protections afforded to all women pursuant to Roe v. Wade and subsequent U.S. Supreme Court decision. The opinion eliminates any legal ambiguity about New York's laws, and removes an obstacle some New York women may encounter when making personal reproductive health decisions."

According to the newspaper account, this legal opinion is a step towards allowing the standard exceptions of mother's health and fetal viability. Pro-life organizations see the "health of the mother" as a provision that will be used to justify abortion on demand with no limit on gestational age of the fetus.

www.nytimes.com/2016/09/08/nyregion/new-york-late-term-abortion-schneiderman.html?smid=tw-share&mtrref=t.co&r=2&mtrref=www.nytimes.com



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on abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, which are all immediate threats to innocent human life.*

Elderly parents planning “couples” euthanasia.

Unknown country, in 2014, unknown last names, a couple ages 80 and 89.

This husband and wife are afraid of being lonely if one of them dies first of natural causes. Their three adult children are in agreement, even to the point of helpfully finding a practitioner who would agree to do the double euthanasia. A quote from one of their children read, *'If one of them should die, who would remain would be so sad and totally dependent on us,' he said. 'It would be impossible for us to come here every day, take care of our father or our mother.'*

Blogger Jonathon van Maren titled his article “I might want to be euthanized too if my children did this to me”

www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/i-might-want-to-be-euthanized-too-if-my-children-did-this-to-me

“Ours is the first generation that, having demanded the right to kill its children through elective abortion, is now demanding the right to kill its parents through doctor-assisted suicide.”

Pro-life activist Gregg Cunningham

March for Life in Washington, DC

This commemorates the sad anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand in the entire US. Make your plans. Mark your calendar for January 27, 2017. . You'll leave in the evening on January 26

Here are the locations we know of that sent a bus (or at least a van) last year. We've added contact information where it was available at press time.

St. Mary in Canandaigua and Holy Spirit Webster - No information available.

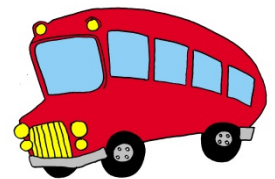
St. John of Rochester - No bus currently planned.

Chemung County RTL/Chemung Valley 4 Life - Contact Steve Spaulding at (607) 739-9282.

St Pius X Chili - Contact Diane Olejar-Achtel at (585) 305-2058.

Hope Christian Fellowship at 3495 Lake Avenue in Rochester. Contact Aurora Vega, at auroravega777@gmail.com or cell phone (585) 278-4413. They are not sending a van or bus this year but are working with another church to find places on a bus.

Holy Apostles in Rochester – Fr. Tony would appreciate any contributions that people are moved to make for his special youth trip, since most of the students are not in a position to cover their own expenses. Call at (585) 254-7170.



Events of interest to pro-lifers

Ongoing through Nov 6 40 Days for Life fall campaign. A peaceful prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood on University Ave. For information or to participate, contact Rick Paoletti (585-489-9555) or roc40df@gmail.com

Sunday, October 16 Birthright Walk 2016 St. John Fisher campus, 1 – 3 PM, Skalny Welcome Center. For more info or to register www.crowdrise.com/Walk2016

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 page 8 for details.)

Thursday, October 27 Dinner with Alan Keys to benefit the Women's Care Center. Cocktails 6 PM, dinner and speaker 7 PM. Harro East, 155 N. Chestnut St. Purchase tickets at www.RochesterWomensCare.com Questions: (585) 721-7319

Thursday, November 3 First Annual GNOC (Gerhardt Neighborhood Outreach Center) Fall Banquet A lovely evening of Jazz by internationally known Jazz Band - Alvin Parris & Band and a full-course dinner at Shadow Lake Country Club from 6:30-8:00pm. Tickets are \$40 for single, \$70 for a couple, and \$260 for an 8 person table.

Please make check to the GNOC. Send to Joy Community Church, 890 North Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14609 or call 288-0003

Tuesday, November 8 Election Day. Vote!

Saturday, November 12 Creighton Model Introductory Session. The Creighton Model of FertilityCare is a form of Natural Family Planning that couples can use to either achieve or avoid a pregnancy or help determine causes of infertility. Single women are also encouraged to learn the method so they can become an advocate for their own gynecological health. Monthly introductory sessions will be available Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon. Contact Anne Olek at 585-314-4564 for more information or to register for an introductory session.

Save the dates: Saturday, February 11 Break for Life

Saturday, April 8 RARTL Oratorical Contest

Early-bird notice for High School Juniors and Seniors!



Saturday, April 8, 2017 SAVE THE DATE
Time and place to be determined

Pro-Life Oratorical Contest

Prepare a brief speech (5 – 7 minutes) on a specific issue related to the pro-life movement. Share your perspective on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. Present your informed, pro-life stance in a dynamic, engaging speech at the
Rochester Area Right to Life Oratorical Contest

Freshman? Sophomore? Or younger? We have special opportunities to allow younger students to participate in a non-competitive way for practice. No age limits.

So, start pondering!

Questions? Call Rochester Area Right to Life (621-4690) or e-mail RARTL@righttoliferoch.org

Gallup says Americans pro-choice. True?

Gallup's headline was "Americans choose "pro-choice" for first time in seven years." But, not so fast. For the last seven years, sometimes the largest numbers of Americans described themselves as pro-life and in other years more described themselves as pro-choice. So does that mean that Americans have decidedly moved to a pro-choice position?

A recent poll by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion looked at more specific aspects. They found, for instance that about 78% of Americans, including some who say they are pro-choice, would limit abortion to the first three months of pregnancy. Only about 1 in 10 Americans supports the limitless abortion advocated by many of the political and feminist leaders of today. The others are closer to the pro-life position.

So, are Americans pro-choice? If you just look at labels, maybe. But if you look at details, not so much.

www.gallup.com/poll/183434/americans-choose-pro-choice-first-time-seven-years.aspx

www.townhall.com/columnists/chelsenavicari/2016/09/29/when-the-politics-of-abortion-means-mainstream-consensus-n2224755

Zika, mosquitos, and microcephaly

In June, the New England Complex Systems Institute (NECSI) published a paper on the microcephaly epidemic in Brazil. Women who were pregnant and got the Zika virus from a mosquito bite tended to have babies with smaller head size than normal, with accompanying handicaps.

They quoted 1,500 confirmed cases of microcephaly in Brazil. However, in neighboring Colombia, there were no cases of microcephaly in in a study of 12,000 pregnant women infected with Zika.

The NECSI suggests therefore that the virus itself does not seem to be the cause. The pesticide pyriproxyfen was used in some places in Brazil to kill mosquito larvae of the mosquitos that carry Zika. It was also added to the drinking water in one state. Part of the chemistry of this pesticide is associated with microcephaly. Researchers are recommending further studies of the possible pesticide-microcephaly link. www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/06/160624150813.htm



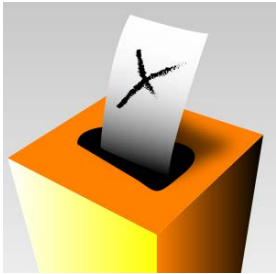
Assisted suicide up for vote for DC residents

Local government in Washington DC is headed for a vote on physician-assisted suicide. The bill is modeled on the Oregon bill and its advocates say that it will pass.

It would allow a terminally ill adult resident to get a prescription from a DC doctor, fill it at a DC pharmacy, and end his life.

www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/10/04/d-c-is-about-to-vote-on-physician-assisted-death-heres-why-its-dangerous/

PAID POLITICAL AD

VOTE on Tuesday, November 8, 2016

The Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, Inc. Political Action Committees (PAC), in consultation with national and state right to life representatives, recommends the endorsed candidates below to be “pro-life” in their opposition to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, including assisted suicide. We support their candidacies.

President/Vice President: Donald Trump / Mike Pence
United States Senator: Wendy Long

NCE = No Candidate Endorsed

Your County	Congressional District	State Senate District	State Assembly District
Erie	27 Chris Collins	63 NCE 59 Patrick M. Gallivan 60 Chris Jacobs 61 Michael H. Ranzenhofer	141, 143, 149 NCE 140 Robin Schimminger 142 Michael Kearns 144 Jane Corwin 145 John D. Ceretto 146 Raymond Walter
Genesee	27 Chris Collins	61 Michael H. Ranzenhofer	139 Stephen M. Hawley
Livingston	27 Chris Collins	57 Catharine Young 59 Patrick M. Gallivan	133 Joseph Errigo 147 David DiPietro
Monroe	25 Mark Assini 27 Chris Collins	54, 55 NCE 56 Joseph Robach 62 Robert Ortt	136, 137 NCE 133 Joseph Errigo 134 Peter A. Lawrence 135 Mark C. Johns 138 Bob Zinc/Peter Vasquez* 139 Stephen M. Hawley
Niagara	27 Chris Collins	62 Robert Ortt	140 Robin Schimminger 144 Jane Corwin 145 John D. Ceretto 146 Raymond Walter
Ontario	23 Tom Reed 27 Chris Collins	54, 55 NCE	131 Brian Kolb
Orleans	27 Chris Collins	62 Robert Ortt	139 Stephen M. Hawley 144 Jane Corwin
Seneca	24 NCE	54 NCE	132 Philip Parmesano
Steuben	23 Tom Reed	58 Thomas O'Mara	132 Philip Parmesano
Wayne	24 NCE	54 NCE	128 NCE 130 Robert Oaks
Wyoming	27 Chris Collins	59 Patrick M. Gallivan	147 David DiPietro
Yates	23 Tom Reed	58 Thomas O'Mara	132 Philip Parmesano

*This primary was contested as of press time

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Phyllis Schlafly: Pro-life warrior lost on September 5, 2016

Loved or hated, but rarely regarded with indifference, Phyllis Schlafly had an enormous effect on many of the issues of her day and ours. She was probably responsible for the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment and was a gadfly on many issues.

A high school valedictorian, she worked her way through Washington University. Coulter said, “With no scholarship money, Schlafly earned spare money as a model and also as a machine-gunner at a St. Louis ordnance plant — at that time the world’s largest.” (As a machine gunner, she was testing the plant’s products.)

She then earned a masters degree in political science at Harvard graduate school, and then later, with six children and a career in full swing, she earned a law degree from Washington University Law School.

In his article, Gary DeMar said, “There is a lesson here for all of us. She taught men how to fight like a girl.”

For an amusing and affectionate look at a remarkable woman, read Ann Coulter’s entire article.

www.townhall.com/columnists/anncoulter/2016/09/05/phyllis-stewart-schlafly-19242016-n2214178?utm_source=thdaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl&newsletterad=www.constitution.com/phyllis-schlafly-showed-big-boys-fight-like-girl/

Rest in peace, Assemblyman Bill Nojay



Bill Nojay died by his own hand on September 9, 2016. Speculations surrounding his motivation were published by the local press. However, pro-lifers may remember him more for his scholarly approach to current issues, his pro-life commitment, and his kindness. He spoke to Rochester Area Right to Life’s Annual Meeting two years ago. His remarks were captured at the time by RARTL reporter Susan LeDoux. She said,

As radio host and New York State Assemblyman, Bill Nojay has a bird’s eye view of the political landscape, and he shared his observations at RARTL’s 2014 dinner meeting.

He painted a picture of the tug of war between forces in government and our educational institutions that want to protect individual rights and those that feel the government should be the grand regulator. We are soldiers in a cultural war as well, fighting for the right to life from conception to the grave, care for the disabled, and no rationing of health care.

Fighting for the primacy of individual rights over government, Nojay warned, “If we aren’t involved, others will be.” We must re-gird ourselves, re-enter the battle and not give up.

French plan to criminalize abortion opposition

The French government plans legal penalties of fines and imprisonment against websites that try to convince women against having an abortion. According to French minister Laurence Rossignol, the penalties will not be levied against those who are simply speaking against abortion, but only the pro-life sites that appear to be giving “complete and honest information on abortion” and who, presumably, might lead women to think twice about having an abortion.

Meanwhile, the government website does not give “complete and honest information,” but is definitely pro-abortion.

www.lifesitenews.com/news/french-gvmt-intends-to-obstruct-websites-offering-negative-information-about-abortion/

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



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:

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.

December: As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us renew our faithfulness to the Word of God: "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them." (Psalm 139:16 NKJV)

January: Let us pray that our new President and Congress will honor the First Amendment and protect the rights of health care providers to follow their consciences especially as they care for women, infants, the disabled, and the elderly.

In Memory

Bill Nojay

Phyllis Schlafly

Dorothy Macaluso
by Marie Vasile

Patricia Amato
by Darryl and Joanne Amato

Catherine & Kathleen Hoysic
by William Hoysic

Roger J Robach 25th Anniversary of death
by Terri Robach & Family



Guttmacher again pushes forced referrals

Guttmacher is the research arm of Planned Parenthood. They have published a new study concluding that medical facilities and health care workers should be forced to refer for abortion and contraceptives even if it meant violating their personal principles or religious beliefs

They further recommended that unwilling doctors be obliged to do tubal ligations after delivering a baby if the mothers so request. A referral is not sufficient.

www.pop.org/content/abortion-group-targets-catholic-doctors-conscience-rights-0?bblinkid=27123514&bbemailid=2109721&bbejrid=1430015
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MEMORIAL/HONOR TRIBUTE You are welcome to remember an event/achievement or a deceased loved one with a memorial/honor/tribute, tax-deductible donation to the **RARTL Education Fund**. A card in your name will be sent to the family/person you designate; contribution amount is confidential.

Mail form & check payable to RARTL Education Fund to RARTL; 675 Ling Road; Suite 3; Rochester, NY 14612

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**400 of you are missing!
You didn't get our membership mailing!**

Our membership mailing went to the post office Monday, Sept 3. Late that afternoon the post office called to say there was a number discrepancy. Pat Dawes went in to inspect the mailing and we think we're in the Twilight Zone.

We think we printed 2200 mailing labels and put them on the return cards and in envelopes for mailing. However, when the post office weighed all the trays, their adamant conclusion was that we were mailing 1800 pieces. If they are right, 400 of you did not get a membership solicitation letter and the Annual Meeting invitation.

We've searched the office for a stack of 400 address labels, with no success. Short of sorting all 1800 pieces of mail and comparing them with a complete list, we have no way to identify you!

So, if you didn't get your membership letter, please accept our abject apologies and come to the Annual Meeting anyway!

Would you like a subscription to Life-Lines? We can send it to you on paper or via e-mail. Please call (585-621-4690) or e-mail (RARTL@righttoliferoch.org) with your contact information. We need your name and street address and, if you would like it e-mailed, your e-mail address. There is no charge for a subscription, although donations are gratefully accepted.

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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.

Our Mother of Sorrows Church at
5000 Mount Read Blvd., Rochester 14612

Enter at the rear of the church.

No charge. All are welcome.

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.)