

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Quarterly Newsletter

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**"There are no lives that are not worth living; there is no suffering no matter how grave, that can justify killing a life, there are no reasons no matter how noble, that make plausible the creation of human beings, destined to be used and destroyed."**

*Pope John Paul II, "Medicine is Always at the Service of Life,"  
November 12, 2004*

**T**he travesty of justice that culminated with the recent slow, painful death of Terri Schiavo was heightened by news that Sarah Scantlin, who had been in a similar "vegetative state" since being struck by a drunk driver 20 years ago, awoke and began talking in January. A major difference in the two cases was that Ms. Scantlin was given proper medical care and rehabilitative treatment that were denied to Mrs. Schiavo.

## YUBA-SUTTER AND COLUSA COUNTY FAIRS

**F**or 25 years YSRTL has been a presence at the annual Yuba-Sutter Fair. This is our major educational effort and the greatest opportunity we have to contact large numbers of people with our pro-life message. We are thrilled that this year Jennifer Hackney offered to take on the challenge of organizing a booth at the Colusa County Fair June 8 through 12. Way to go, Jeni!

Meantime plans are also well underway for the Yuba-Sutter Fair, August 3 through 7. For those who wish to become more actively involved in pro-life work, this is a wonderful chance to do so. Each shift is two and one-half to three hours, and we have a training session July 28. If you are interested, please contact **Maureen Guth (673-1437) or Miriam Page (671-5347)**.

## ABORTION LAWSUITS

**L**ifeSiteNews.com reports that the parents of a 16-year-old girl are suing the Philadelphia Health Department for dispensing the abortifacient morning-after pill to their daughter without their

knowledge or permission, and without first examining the girl. The girl had an extreme reaction to the drug, with severe abdominal cramping, vomiting, swelling in the face, and a rash. She was treated in a hospital and released, but had to be re-admitted the next day for bleeding. The lawsuit also alleges that the girl was treated "under the false pretense that the pills will not terminate a pregnancy."

This is the same medication proponents are trying to get the FDA to approve for over-the-counter status, meaning the drug (which has multiple and dangerous side effects) would be available without a prescription at any pharmacy.

***The Elliot Institute News (Vol.5, No. 4 -- March 22, 2005)*** reports on another lawsuit:

***An Ohio couple is suing Planned Parenthood for violating the state's parental consent law after the organization performed an abortion on their 14-year-old daughter, who had become pregnant by a 21-year-old man.***

***The lawsuit also says that the man posed as the girl's stepbrother and paid for the abortion with a credit card, and that Planned Parenthood of the Southwest Ohio Region didn't contact the girl's parents despite the fact that the teen had given them her father's name and phone number. The parents further state that their daughter was coerced into the abortion by the baby's father in order to cover up the fact that he committed statutory rape. The Life Legal Defense Foundation, which is representing the parents, says that Planned Parenthood commonly covers up actions of statutory rape by performing abortions on teens without notifying their parents.***

## ADULT STEM CELL SUCCESSES

**T**o date there has not been a single instance of any successful treatment or cure involving the use of embryonic stem cells. Research on embryonic stem cells requires creation and then destruction of human life. In contrast, ***Life Issues***

**Connector** (April 2005) has compiled a list of **adult** stem cell breakthroughs, treatments and cures, including:

- ✓ **Portugal:** adult stem cells from the lining of a patient's nose treat spinal cord injuries
- ✓ **South Korea:** a 20-year-old quadriplegic received transplanted umbilical cord (adult) stem cells and is now mobile
- ✓ **Germany:** adult stem cells used to repair skull bone damage in a seven-year-old
- ✓ **London:** adult stem cells are used in trials to treat damaged livers
- ✓ **U.S., Germany, Brazil, France:** patients have been treated with their own adult stem cells to regenerate heart muscle
- ✓ 23 patients have regained eyesight following adult stem cell transplants
- ✓ Patients with Crohn's disease cured after treatment with adult stem cells from their own blood

The article goes on and on, with meticulous documentation. (The complete article is available in PDF format online at [www.lifeissues.org/connector/](http://www.lifeissues.org/connector/); if you are not on the net, contact Miriam Page at 671-5347 for a copy)

## GOOD NEWS: PRO-LIFE LAWS DO SAVE LIVES

Eventually, we hope to see this situation in California:

*Pro-life legislation has played an enormous part in decreasing abortions in Mississippi by half in the last decade. After peaking at 8814 in 1991, the number of abortions in 2002 dropped to 3605. This is aided by the fact that only one abortion mill is still open in the state. Mississippi has passed a sweeping conscience clause allowing any medical profession to opt out in participating in an abortion, a parental notification law requiring both parents to give consent before an abortion, and one that requires abortionists to tell women about abortion dangers and alternatives. Mississippi is proof that pro-life, life-affirming laws can save lives.*

Source: [Life Update](#), Life Issues Institute, February 2005

## CALIFORNIA'S ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

At this writing, the situation with this legislation is mind-boggling. As AB 654—"California Compassionate Choice Act"—the assisted-suicide bill would authorize an adult who has been determined by his or her attending physician to be suffering from a terminal disease, to make a request for medication for the purpose of ending his or her life. The bill would establish

procedures for making these requests and provides for immunity from civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action for physicians participating in assisting in this suicide.

After failing to pass the bill twice in the California State Assembly, bill authors Patty Berg and Lloyd Levine pulled the bill off the Assembly floor late Wednesday, June 1, because of widespread opposition among both Republicans and Democrats.

According to a Press Release from the Coalition of Concerned Medical Professionals, the authors did an "end run...playing a numbers game:"

***In a parliamentary move to avoid a losing vote in the California State Assembly, Assembly members Berg and Levine will instead "gut and amend"—a legislative ploy to take a completely different and unrelated bill already passed through the Assembly, delete its content entirely, and replace it with the content of AB 654 in order to bypass the Assembly vote and move it to the Senate.*** [emphasis added]

At this writing, we do not have the new bill number. However, it's urgent that you contact your legislators and let them know how you feel not just about an assisted suicide bill but about such outrageous action on the part of Berg and Levine.

If you are on the internet, to find your legislators go to: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>, enter your ZIP code and contact them via email; or write your legislators at the State Capitol, 95814; or call:

**Butte, Colusa, Sutter and Yuba County:** Senator Sam Aanestad, (916) 651-4004;

**Butte and Yuba County:** Assembly Member Rick Keene, (916) 319-2003.

**Sutter County and Colusa County:** Assembly Member Doug LaMalfa, (916) 319-2002.

**Please also contact** Governor Schwarzenegger and urge opposition to assisted suicide. Write him at: State Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, CA 95814; phone 916-445-284, fax 916-445-4633; email [governor@governor.ca.gov](mailto:governor@governor.ca.gov)

For information on other pending pro-life and anti-life legislation pending state-wide and nationally, please visit the legislation page on our website, [www.ysrtl.org/legislation05-06.htm](http://www.ysrtl.org/legislation05-06.htm). If you are not on the internet but want a hard copy of the information, please call **Chuck or Miriam Page, 671-5347**.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

In all the rhetoric lately about the looming Social Security

crisis, why have the politicians and mass media ignored the role of abortion? We are pleased to see that someone at least is paying attention:

*Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan in a speech given Aug. 27, 2004, noted the challenge to Social Security posed by declining birthrates. "The growth rate of the working-age population in the United States is anticipated to slow from about 1% per year today to about ¼% per year by 2035," he said. "At the same time, the percentage of the population that is over 65 is poised to rise markedly—from about 12% today to perhaps 20% by 2035. These anticipated changes in the age structure of the population and workforces of developed countries are largely a consequence of the decline in birth rates that occurred after the birth of the baby-boom generation." This is partly a result of the ongoing abortion of about one out of every three babies conceived in the United States. [Emphasis added].*

*Source: Joseph A. D'Agostino, Get Government Out of the Way of Children: Another Option for Social Security Reform. Population Research Institute, January 14, 2005, Volume 7/Number 2.*

PARENTS BEWARE: We just received this from the American Family Association:

***PARENTAL WARNING: TV LAND NETWORK TO AIR GAY SHOW MULTIPLE TIMES***

*According to Viacom, cable network TV Land is scheduled to run a one-hour celebratory program in honor of homosexual actors: TV Land Gives A Wink To Gay America When Network Presents Inside TV Land: Tickled Pink. Throughout this 60-minute journey, TV Land takes a look at how various characters and series became "homo-sensational."*

*Produced for TV Land by Linda Ellerbee's (an outspoken advocate for lesbianism) Lucky Duck Productions, the 60-minute special will feature commentary from pro-homosexual actors and actresses. Ellerbee, an outspoken journalist, author, and former NBC News Overnight co-anchor, has recently been the host of Nick News, a "kid's issues" TV program on Nickelodeon.*

*There is no doubt TV Land is leaving its family-friendly programming ... To help protect children from homosexual activism, we offer this schedule as a guide for parents:*

[Note: The show premiered June 1; the following air dates are subsequent to our anticipated mailing]

*6/12 Sunday 12:00AM  
6/16 Thursday 9:00PM*

*6/18 Saturday 11:00AM*

*6/21 Tuesday 7:00PM*

*6/22 Wednesday 10:00PM and 1:00AM*

*6/24 Friday 3:00AM*