# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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#### 2008 YUBA-SUTTER FAIR

Well, another successful year is under our belt! We had approximately 1,970 visitors, broken down as follows: 1,050 adults, 460 teens and 460 children. As has happened prior years, our quiz box attracted a large number of people to our booth resulting in some really good discussions. Yuba-Sutter Right to Life would like to thank everyone who participated this year and in years past. It truly is a team effort! For those of you who have not volunteered to work the fair booth, I highly recommend it. You will come away with a feeling of great satisfaction and will ask yourself why you hadn't done it sooner. This was my first year volunteering at the booth and I had such a wonderful time that I told my husband I wanted to work a shift every day next year!

#### **ELECTION 2008**

This is a very important election year for several reasons. First and foremost (and most obviously) is the presidential election. As most of you know, one of the duties of the President is the appointing of Supreme Court Justices whenever one dies or retires. If you look at the ages of the justices currently serving, the next president will appoint at least one, but probably two, justices to the Supreme Court during his first term. If he serves two terms as President, he will appoint at least three, but as many as six justices. Having a pro-life President would ensure that the "....right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." would apply to everyone, including infants in the womb. A brief overview of where the Presidential candidates stand on the issues are listed below. "Yes" means the candidate supports the issue; "No" means the candidate does not support the issue. To see the sources of the information listed, please visit our website at www.ysrtl.org/election.html:

**Supports Partial-Birth Abortion Ban** 

Obama: NO McCain: YES

**Support Parental Notification of Abortion** 

Obama: NO McCain: YES

**Protect Survivors of Abortion** 

Obama: NO McCain: YES

**Support Human Cloning** 

Obama: YES McCain: NO

Supports Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Obama: YES McCain: YES

Supports Roe V Wade

Obama: YES McCain: NO

#### Proposition 4— "Sarah's Law"

Another reason this is a very important election is <u>Sarah's Law</u>; otherwise known as <u>Proposition 4</u>. Being a parent, I was content knowing that my children could not be given so much as a Tylenol without my consent, but I was shocked to learn that they <u>can</u> be taken for an abortion without my knowledge or consent. Many young girls have been sexually abused by older men, who then take the girl to have an abortion to cover up their crime. The majority of the time the girls are taken to an abortion clinic such as Planned Parenthood where they know they won't be questioned about their relationship to the girl. This allows the sexual abuse to continue and the girl is then victimized by the perpetrator and the abortion clinic who helped to conceal the crime. Common sense tells us that if the parents had been notified about the abortion before hand, they would ask questions like, "Who's

the father?" which would then reveal the identity of the abuser. In the event that the abuse happened at the hands of the father or step-father, Proposition 4 would require *another* adult family member to be notified 48 hours before the abortion is to be performed. The whole purpose of Proposition 4 is to protect minor girls from being victimized. The sooner the abuse is discovered, the sooner it can stop. But it will never stop if abortion clinics are permitted to continue aiding sexual abusers in covering up their heinous acts. A vote for Proposition 4 is a vote for protecting minors from further abuse.

# YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

#### **IN THE NEWS:**

### FDA Records uncovered detailing deaths and serious reactions to HPV Vaccine Gardasil

On June 30, 2008, Judicial Watch released a 24page report based on documents obtained from the FDA under the Freedom of Information Act detailing numerous adverse reactions to the Merck vaccine Gardasil. The reactions range from warts on the face and chest, to death. It was uncovered that at least 10 women/girls have died from the vaccine since September of 2007; less than one year ago. Also obtained from the FDA were 140 reports of "serious" reactions (27 of them deemed life threatening) as well as 10 spontaneous abortions (miscarriages) and 6 cases of Guillain-Barre Syndrome—all since January of 2008. According to Wikipedia, "All forms of Guillain-Barré syndrome are due to an immune response to foreign antigens (such as infectious agents or vaccines) (emphasis added) but mis-targeted to host nerve tissues instead.'

#### **Fast facts about Gardasil:**

- Gardasil is marketed as a vaccine that prevents cancer, but it "....has not been evaluated for the potential to cause carcinogenicity or genotoxicity."
- Gardasil is designed to "protect" against four strains of HPV, even though there are over thirty strains.
- The long-term effectiveness of Gardasil is unknown and could be as brief as two or three years.
- Gardasil is <u>still in the testing stages</u>, and will not be fully evaluated for safety until September of 2009.

So who is Gardasil being tested on if it's still in the testing stages? You. Your daughters. Your grand-daughters. Don't be a guinea pig for the FDA and the pharmaceutical industry. The easiest and most effective way to be protected from HPV is to practice chastity! A novel concept in today's world, but considering everything else has failed us, perhaps we should revisit these novel concepts that have served mankind since the dawn of time. For more information or to read the entire report, visit <a href="https://www.judicialwatch.org/documents/2008/">www.judicialwatch.org/documents/2008/</a>

JWReportFDAhpvVaccineRecords.pdf.



#### **Upcoming Events:**

<u>40 Days for Life</u>—September 24th—November 2nd. Join us in praying for an end to abortion! You can show your support by offering up your prayers and fasting for an end to abortion or by praying with us in front of an abortion mill. Visit our website or call Maureen at 673-1437 for more information.

<u>Life Chain</u>—October 5th 2:30pm-3:45pm at Colusa and Plumas Streets. Bring your whole family for this peaceful and inspiring event! Call Harry Wilkinson at 743-8717 for more information.

A Woman's Friend Fall Banquet—October 11th at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. The keynote speaker this year will be BRUCE WILKINSON! Tickets are on sale now at \$30 each or \$300 for a table for ten.

MOSCOW, Russia (LifeNews.com) Barry McLerran, a leading population expert, says Russia's recent invasion of Georgia may be a result of an under-population crisis caused by abortion being used as a method of birth control in Russia for decades. "Russia has one of the lowest birth rates in the world at 1.17 children per woman," he told LifeNews.com. "A nation needs a birth rate of 2.1 just to replace current population. Because of its low birth rate and early deaths—due to disease and other factors—Russia is losing approximately 750,000 people a year," he explained. In 2006, President Vladimir Putin called the plummeting birthrate the country's most acute problem and implemented incentives to stop the decline. Women who give birth to their second or third child receive the equivalent to \$10,000 in vouchers to pay for education or home repairs.

Barry McLerran went on to say that some believe Putin's goal is to seize Georgia and the Ukraine, which would increase Russia's population by 40% instantly.

BEIJING, China (LifeNews.com) Have you heard of Tasha Danvers-Smith? She was one of Britain's best hopes for gold in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. That is until she became unexpectedly pregnant. The track and field community exerted enormous pressure to abort the baby, saying the child would destroy her Olympic dreams. But Tasha and her husband chose life, resulting in severe criticism from the media. Tasha and her coach-husband also didn't buy into the idea that their child would destroy their dreams. In the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Tasha participated in the 400 meter hurdles event and walked away with a bronze medal. Because of her inner as well as outer strength, Tasha has an Olympic medal, and a three-year-old son.

West Coast Walk for Life—January 24, 2009, in San Francisco. Yuba-Sutter Right to Life has two buses reserved this year! More information will be in the December newsletter and on our website as the date approaches.

## BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE COMING TO A BILL-BOARD NEAR YOU!

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) We've all heard the mantra from the pro-abortion community that if abortion weren't legal, women would be forced to have unsafe back-alley abortions. As it so happens, those back-alley abortions are still taking place and there are now proabortion groups looking into the reasons behind them. A study has begun in San Francisco, New York and Boston to ascertain how many women are self-aborting rather than going to an abortion center. The abortions oftentimes involve using a prescription drug not advised for abortions and money is likely playing a role in the decision to avoid an abortion center. A surgical abortion, at its cheapest in the first trimester, can cost \$300-\$400. RU486, the abortion drug, is cheaper but still more expensive than the \$5 per pill cost for the misused prescription. Daniel Grossman, an abortion activist and doctor in San Francisco, has confirmed that he has seen women who have had complications from misusing the drug for abortions. "Sometimes, people talk about this as a passport to the ER," said Grossman. "They take enough so it looks like they're having a miscarriage, and then have an aspiration procedure." The fact that so-called back alley abortions haven't stopped with the legalization of abortion as pro-abortion groups said it would is not surprising to some. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, but who is now a pro-life physician, admitted that he and other abortion proponents made up the numbers of women dying from illegal abortions. "We spoke of 5,000-10,000 deaths a year", he said. "I confess that I knew the figures were totally false [but] it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics?"

### Where Do the Candidates Stand on Key Issues?

A non-partisan guide to the positions Of the 2008 Presidential Candidates On various issues of concern to the electorate.







BARACK OBAMA	KEY ISSUE	JOHN McCAIN
Supports  •Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act"*  •"I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under Roe v. Wade a priority as President."  *Note: The "Freedom of Choice Act" is a bill that would invalidate virtually all state and federal limitations on abortion, including partial-birth abortion.	Roe v. Wade	Opposes  •Voted to oppose Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.  •"We would be better off by having Roe v. Wade return to the statesI don't believe theCourt should be legislating in the way that they did in Roe v. Wade."
Opposes Ban  •"I am extremely concerned that [Gonzales v. Carhart*] will embolden state legislatures to enact further measures to restrict a woman's right to chose, and that the conservative Supreme Court justices will look for other opportunities to erode Roe v. Wade."  *Note: Gonzales v. Carhart is the April 2007 Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Act.	Partial Birth Abortion Ban The partial-birth abortion procedure, used from the fifth month on, involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The great majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on healthy babies of healthy mothers.	Supports Ban  •Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.  •"Today's Supreme Court ruling (in Gonzales v. Carhart*) is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of life."
Supports  •Voted against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that prohibited taxpayer dollars from being used to pay for abortion.  •His campaign has stated that he "does not support" the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through the Medicaid program.	Taxpayer Funding of Abortion	Opposes  •Voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through the Medicaid program.  •Voted consistently against federal funding of abortion.
Opposes •Voted to block a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.	Parental Notification Law	Supports •Voted to support a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.
•Voted three times against a bill in the Illinois State Senate that would have provided protection for babies who survive abortions equal to protection received by babies who are spontaneously born prematurely.	Protecting Abortion Survivors	•Voted for legislation that provides protection for babies who survive abortions equal to protection received by babies who are spontaneously born prematurely.
Supports •Co-sponsored a bill (S. 1520) in 2005 that would allow the cloning of human embryos to be used in research, but prohibit placing them in wombs.	Human Cloning	Opposes  •His campaign website states that he "opposes the intentional creation of human embryos for research purposes."
Obama: •Supports full civil unions that give same-sex couples equal legal rights and privileges as married couples. •Obama voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would have defined marriage as between a man and a woman.	Gay Marriage	McCain:  •Believes that marriage must be protected as a sacred institution of a man and a woman.  •Co-chaired the Arizona Marriage Protection Amendment in 2006.



### **YES on Proposition 8**

The text of Proposition 8 is simply:

"ONLY MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS VALID OR RECOGNIZED IN CALIFORNIA."

#### A YES vote on Proposition 8 does three things:

- Restores the definition of marriage in California
- Overturns the decision of the California Supreme Court
  On May 15, 2008 the Court ruled that to deny marriage to individuals of the
  same sex was unconstitutional.
- Secures parental rights to teach children about marriage
   If the Supreme Court ruling stands, public schools may have to teach children that there is no difference between traditional marriage and "gay marriage."

A YES vote on Proposition 8 DOES NOT:

Take away any rights or benefits from gay or lesbian domestic partners.

# **YES on Proposition 4**

#### Why:

- www.YESon4.net
- A Planned Parenthood affiliate in Arizona was found civilly liable for failing to report the fact that the clinic had performed an abortion on a 13-year-old girl who had been impregnated by her 23-year-old foster brother. The abortion provider did not report the crime, and the young girl was returned to the foster home where she was raped and impregnated a second time.
- An Oregon abortion clinic provided an abortion to an 11-year-old, yet failed to report the sexual abuse as required by state law. The abuse was disclosed to law enforcement only because the abortion was incomplete and the girl was subsequently taken to the hospital where a doctor reported the abuse.

#### Facts:

Medical professionals know that a young person is safer when a parent or family member is informed of her medical situation. Someone who knows the girl and cares about her future can help her understand all her options, obtain competent care, and work through the problems that led her into the situation to begin with.

On a daily basis, older men exploit young girls and use secret abortions to cover up their crimes.

More than thirty states currently have parental/family involvement laws like Proposition 4 in effect.

# Vote <u>Yes</u> on Proposition 4 Stop Child Predators

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