

*It would be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

# Right to Life



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In case you missed it, the following highlights complexities surrounding the cloning issue and politics.

## Congress Punts Cloning Ban, Company May Have Failed to Clone

Source: *The Pro-Life Infonet*, Dec., 4, 2001

Washington, D.C. - An effort by pro-life lawmakers to force a vote on a temporary human cloning ban stalled in the Senate yesterday. Likely, the Senate will take no action until February or March on either the temporary six-month cloning ban or the complete ban passed by the House by a strong bipartisan vote last summer.

"This issue is not going to go away," said pro-life Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, shortly before lawmakers sidetracked the temporary human cloning ban on a procedural vote.

Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD), while eager to stall the anti-cloning bid, said the Senate would "consider carefully and dedicate whatever time is necessary" to a debate on cloning next year.

Under the Senate's rules, 60 votes were needed to allow the temporary cloning ban, in the form of an amendment sponsored by Lott and pro-life Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS), to be added to another piece of legislation. Sensing he did not have enough votes, Lott pulled the effort.

Meanwhile, a representative from the firm claiming to clone a human being attempted to reassure Congress that human cloning may not be as close as some think and suggested that her firm actually did not create a cloned human embryo as it had previously suggested.

Work with monkeys shows there is something about primates -- the class of animals that includes humans, monkeys and other higher animals -- that makes them difficult to clone, Tanja Diminko of

Advanced Cell Technology (ACT) told a medical conference.

Diminko said her own colleagues at the Massachusetts-based company, who announced last week that they had cloned human embryos, may not actually have succeeded. "It might be that you just can't make humans this way," Diminko told a conference. "It is something unique about primates," she added in remarks to reporters later.

"Maybe there is something unique to primates that may not tolerate the torture required to do this with other species,"

Asked if her remarks should reassure members of Congress seeking an immediate ban or a moratorium on cloning for fear the field is moving too fast, Diminko said, "Absolutely."

A Senate subcommittee is scheduled to hold a hearing Tuesday on cloning.

Cattle, sheep, mice and pigs have been cloned in abundance from adult cells, but not yet a primate, although Diminko's former lab created a monkey

clone by splitting an embryo.

Something funny happens to monkey embryos when nuclear transfer -- the process used to make clones -- is tried, Diminko told the Second Annual Conference on Regenerative Medicine being held in Washington.

"You first have to make nuclear transfer work. And it's not working," she said.

In nuclear transfer, researchers take a normal egg, remove the nucleus, which contains most of the genetic information, and replace it with the nucleus from another cell. A pulse of electricity is used to fuse the egg and the new nucleus. Any animal that results is a virtual copy of the adult.

# 29th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22, 2002 Washington, D.C.

The 29th annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 22, 2002 will commemorate the tragic anniversary of the Supreme Court abortion decisions. Buses will leave Monday, January 21 from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains after a brief program at 7:00 p.m. Organize a group from your school, church or community. Space is filling up quickly. Call Betsy at 683-5811 or the RTL office at 728-7870.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

**RTL of Butler County** has scheduled their next two meetings for Mon., Jan 28 & Mon., Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Christian Center, 1940 Millville Ave. For more information call Linda, 513-896-6580.

**Warren County RTL** meets the 1st Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. at the Lebanon Christian School, 1436 Deerfield Rd. For information call Lori, 513-932-3554.

**Life Run 2002** will be held on Sat., April 27 at Mt. Airy Park. Mark your calendar now and plan to bring your family and friends.

**Annual Pro-Life Rosary Procession** will start at Cincinnati City Hall on Sat. Jan. 19 at 11:00 a.m. It will be followed by a rally at noon on Fountain Square. Speakers include U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot and Ohio Rep. Tom Brinkman. For more information please call 513-542-4902.

**Love Life Dinner Dance** hosted by The Angels for Life and Moeller K of C will be held on Sat. Feb. 9, 2002 at Moeller K of C Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 / person. For info or reservations-Rose 513-232-2237.

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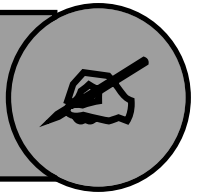
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# DR. WILLKE WRITES



**NEW BIOETHICS ADVISORY COUNCIL:** President Bush has issued an executive order which has officially created a President's Council on Bioethics.

This will be an advisory commission assigned the task of studying the scientific and ethical issues of stem cell research, cloning and similar issues. There will be 18 members from the fields of science, medicine, law, government, philosophy and theology who are yet to be appointed. He has selected Dr. Leon Kass of the University of Chicago as chair of this group. When asked, Kass said that the ethical questions of assisted reproduction have never been systematically studied, and the field is utterly unregulated. Not surprisingly, pro-abortion sources were "troubled" by his appointment, as they see him holding a pro-life bias. Let's hope that President Bush appoints a commission that, in fact, investigates this thoroughly and does not follow the example of his pro-abortion predecessors who routinely stacked such commissions with members of liberal and pro-abortion convictions.

**"JUDGMENT DAY":** When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the Final Judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates. You are there alone standing before God, and the terror will grip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world. They will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him because he loved us." And God will look at you and not say, "Did you succeed?" Rather, He will say, "Did you try?"

Congressman Henry Hyde

**AWAKES FROM COMA AFTER DELIVERY:** In Dallas, Texas, an 18-year-old pregnant woman was in a coma as a result of a car accident. Two months after the accident, she delivered a normal child two months prematurely. Right after delivery she regained consciousness and told the Dallas Morning News, "I just woke up and the baby was there."



**CLONING — TWO TYPES?** Any observer of this scene is quite aware of the fact that the media, and most of the scientific and political community, speak of what they consider to be two different types of cloning. One is "therapeutic", the other is "reproductive". Please be advised, there is absolutely no difference. These are both cloning. The difference is what they do with the clone, once in existence. When they speak of reproductive cloning, they're talking about a clone who would be kept alive, nurtured and attempted to be brought to birth. When they speak of therapeutic cloning, they are talking about a clone that they bring into existence, that they then experiment on, and then kill, presumably before he or she is two weeks old. Therefore, let us be sure that we do not accept a difference, and also be sure that when they say "therapeutic cloning", that we must respond by correcting them and saying, "That is when you clone and kill."

**NORTH DAKOTA DOWN TO ONE:** North Dakota had only two abortion chambers; now it has one. The misnamed "National Women's Health Organization" of Fargo, which had been operational since 1981, has closed. Unable to find abortionists to do abortions, it had flown them in, but apparently there was a limit to this. The proprietor said that the decision to close was "a business one."


**MICHIGAN ABORTIONS DROP:** According to Michigan vital statistics, in 1987 there were 49,000 abortions done. When public funding was cut off, there was a significant drop, but that drop has continued. In 1999, the figure was 26,200. In Ohio we do not have

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public funding. In Ohio we do require parental consent. In Ohio we have a law requiring informed consent. Why has Ohio not seen a similar drop? We believe a significant part of the problem is the continuing pro-abortion policy and heavily funded activity of the Ohio Department of Education. We believe it is also the continued pro-abortion policy and heavily funded activity of the Ohio Department of Health. Both departments are almost totally staffed with Planned Parenthood-type pro-abortion feminists. One wonders if our numbers will ever drop significantly, unless the state government changes its personnel and becomes truly a pro-life, pro-family government, as Governor Taft has repeatedly said it should be.

**HISPANIC OUTREACH BROADENS:** We have been informed that just in the past month Dr. Willke's radio spots, "Life Jewels", in Spanish, have been picked up by stations in Paraguay, the Canary Islands, Argentina, Chile, Honduras, El Salvador and Bolivia.

**FLORIDA "CHOOSE LIFE" LICENSE PLATES:** The Florida law, now two years old, authorized the creation of automobile license plates that contain the words "Choose Life". Since these have been available, the State has sold over 25,000 of these plates. This has raised almost \$700,000, which has been distributed to groups that support adoption programs. None of it has gone to the Planned Parenthood-types, which were not pleased, and so they challenged the law in court. The circuit court has recently dismissed that lawsuit, stating that they had failed to prove that there were any constitutional flaws. Apparently, the pro-abortion folks will appeal this to that state's Supreme Court, but, until such time as another decision is made, the license plates are for sale, and they are a great success. Ohio legislators, are you listening?

 **STEM CELLS FROM SKIN:** Another alternative from research on embryonic stem cells has been announced. From the Neurological Institute affiliated with McGill University in Montreal, Canada, has come the announcement that scientists there have isolated stem cells on the skin of adult mice, cells that can grow into brain cells. More developments are coming.

## HUMAN BEING?

The words person, human life, human being and life are often jumbled together. Let's look at these individually.



photo - Life Issues Institute

*Person* – In my dictionary, this word is defined in fourteen different ways.

Space does not allow detailed consideration. Let me simply say that when someone says, "Yes, but is it a person?", my answer is, "Will you please, in detail, specifically define what you mean by 'person'." From there on, a logical discussion is possible.

*Life* – Life has existed since the primordial ooze, if such there ever was. There is life in the sperm and ovum but not an individual life. The sperm is alive but has one destiny and that is to fertilize an ovum. Failing that, the sperm must die; it's at the end of the line; it cannot reproduce itself. The same is true of the human ovum. But when the two unite, there is created an entirely new living human body, even though yet a single cell, a unique human who has never before existed in history—one who will never again exist.

At the first cell stage, this being is alive, not dead. This being is sexed, i.e., male or female (see X and Y chromosomes). This being is complete, i.e., nothing will be added to the single cell who this living human is, nothing except oxygen and nutrition and from this first day



of life until natural death. Finally, this being is oriented toward progressive growth, development and differentiation—and all of this internally controlled, again from the first cell stage.

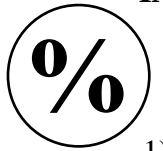
*Human* – Yes, a member of the species homo sapiens, characterized by the presence of 46 human chromosomes in every one of his or her cells. This is not a carrot or a rabbit.

*Being* – This is a metaphysical term. Its technical, theologic, philosophic definition is "something that has existence." Clearly, this includes a human body, and from its biologic beginning.

*Human life* – Here we have it. These two words are the best way to describe what we are talking about for certainly, biologically, theologically and philosophically, this being, from the beginning, is human and alive, and this is totally proven scientifically. Tragically, our Supreme Court continues to call this "potential life" when, in fact, this is fully human life, and with vast potential.

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*Implantation?* – The cloning and stem cell debate has thrown this into brilliant focus. Claims are being made all the time that this is not a fully human being until implantation, when this living human embryo is one week old. As a matter of fact, it doesn't matter whether this being has planted yet or not. The life of this human being began as a single cell at fertilization and will continue until the old man or woman dies. Implantation merely means that this tiny human attaches him or herself to the inner lining of the mother's womb. One may look at it by saying that it is at that point when she now is in physical contact with the embryo and that, therefore, her body is "pregnant." You cannot, however, extend this to say that this is when human life begins, for human life begins at that first cell stage.



**INTERESTING POLL:** A Zogby International Poll out of New York did a national poll and asked the following question: "Please choose between two statements –

1) Abortion destroys a human life and is manslaughter or 2) Abortion does not destroy a human life and is not manslaughter." Fifty-one percent of the respondents believe the first statement; only 35% believed the second. Among Democrats, 37% said abortion was manslaughter; 47% disagreed. Among Republicans, 67% said abortion is manslaughter, while 23% disagreed. Independents split 51% for; 32% against. Among men, 51% said it was manslaughter; 37% disagreed. Among women, 51% said it was manslaughter; 33% disagreed.

**TEEN MALE ABORTION ATTITUDES:** In Planned Parenthood's own Family Planning Perspective is an article entitled "Trends in Adolescent Males' Abortion Attitudes". It reviews 1988 and 1995 national surveys and reports that in 1995, 24% of U.S. males age 15 to 19 agree that it is all right for a woman to have an abortion for any reason. This is down from 37% in 1988. They note that the decrease is almost entirely among non-Hispanic white males.



### **GATES GIVES MONEY TO PLANNED**

**PARENTHOOD:** The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has made a grant of \$8.8 million to the International Planned Parenthood Federation. The money, spread over five years, will help the British office of IPPF promote abortion and "family planning" in more than 180 countries around the world.

**RU 486 AT 49 DAYS OR 63 DAYS:** The U.S. FDA has recommended 49 days. Some abortion spokeswomen have said they will do them until 63 days. This was tried in France, but after several months they returned to the earlier time. The reason was, during these two extra weeks, the embryo begins to look like a baby. Women who aborted at home were asked to bring what passed back in a jar or they aborted in the clinic and saw what passed. In these later two weeks, they could discern head and limbs. One nurse reported looking at six embryos in surgical dishes by the sink. "It was upsetting. It was like looking at a row of people." The women, too, were shocked at what they had expelled. And so France went back to 49 days. The other problem with extending the length of time is a failure rate that increases significantly, necessitating surgical D&C's.

**TWINS - SHE KILLED ONE:** A report from Melbourne, Australia, tells of a lady who was pregnant with twins. She stated that she did not think she could cope with raising two children. She had had in vitro fertilization, with two frozen embryos implanted, both of whom took root and grew. Her doctor said that she was under psychological stress, had counseling, saw other doctors, and decided to "reduce" the twins to one. And so they inserted a needle into her womb and killed one of the two twins. We've heard of this being done in other countries, when a woman carries five or six at one time, but reducing twins to a singleton? the report says that in the Australian state of Victoria, in a year, about 12 women will do this.

**THE ZONE BOOK** - This first issue coupon book contains more than 400 pages of coupons for discounts at local retail stores, specialty stores, restaurants, and recreational activities. By purchasing this book you support the local program, "The Zone," committed to creating a positive influence on young people. The books are \$20 each (plus \$2 S & H, \$5 for rush orders).

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But in monkey experiments, the tiny embryos start out all right but end up a mess, Diminko said. They form multiple nuclei but do not divide like a normal embryo would.

They look like cancer cells, she said.

"Maybe there is something unique to primates that may not tolerate the torture required to do this with other species," Diminko told the conference.

ACT reported it had cloned three human embryos, but they stopped growing after dividing just once or twice. Rival researchers said this may mean that ACT had actually not managed to make a clone. Diminko agreed.

"There is a multitude of reasons why embryos just stop growing," Diminko said.

She and other experts say eggs can sometimes be made to just start dividing a few times, without having been fertilized or reprogrammed through nuclear transfer.

"We are trying to collect eggs and trying to determine what does the reprogramming," she said.

"This is my passion -- to try to create cells for cell therapy," she added. "If the egg can do it, then it should be possible to do it in a dish."

Diminko and other researchers say it may be possible to just make an adult cell transform itself into the embryonic form that is so powerful, but they will probably have to do experiments involving cloning to find out how.

## **China Bans RU 486 Abortion Drug**

Beijing, China - China's State Drug Administration recently issued a notice ordering pharmacies in the country to stop issuing dosages of mifepristone, an abortion-inducing drug.



"In order to guarantee patients' safety and protect their health, it is decided that no matter whether patients have a doctor's prescription or not, retail drug stores are forbidden to sell mifepristone tablets," the notice said, according to the October 9 Beijing Chenbao (Beijing Morning Post).

The newspaper said that some Beijing-area hospitals have reported treating women suffering dangerous side effects from the mifepristone abortion drug.

*Source: League for Life News, Dec. 2001*

## **Forbidden Grief** by Father Frank Pavone



In her book to be released in 2002, my friend Dr. Theresa Burke writes,

"There is no social norm for dealing with an abortion. There are no cards for friends who have had an abortion, declaring either sympathy or congratulations. We don't send flowers. We don't have any ceremonies, either joyous or mournful. We have no social customs or rules of etiquette governing acknowledgment of an abortion. Instead, we all try to ignore it."

The book, "Forbidden Grief," with which Dr. David Reardon also collaborated, demonstrates that grief after abortion is neither expected nor permitted in our society. Drawing from their vast experience of post-abortion counseling, the authors illustrate some of the ways that this "disenfranchised grief" eats away at the personality, and results in harmful and bizarre behavior.

As a graduate student, Theresa Burke led a weekly support group for women with eating disorders. The meeting exploded out of control one night when, unexpectedly, the topic of abortion arose. Six of the eight participants had had abortions. This led Theresa to begin exploring the connections.

One woman explained, "I am never hungry when I binge eat because I am full. Full of anger, hurt, sadness, and loneliness. I throw up because that is the way I empty myself of those feelings."

Every thought and emotion we have is connected to other thoughts, emotions, and memories. Connections to the negative memories associated with abortion are often overlooked, even by professional therapists.

Forbidden Grief reveals many of the connections. For example, those who undergo a trauma often re-enact that trauma, in a subconscious effort to articulate, understand, and master it. Other post-abortive individuals increase their risk-taking behavior, hoping they will get caught or hurt.

When society trivializes abortion, people suffering from it will, cry out by their actions, "I'm not OK! I'm in tremendous pain! Can anyone help me?"

We need to tell them we know that pain, and that it makes sense to grieve. Only then can healing begin.

*Source: Pro-Life Infonet, Dec. 4, 2001*

# THE WHY REPORT

comments & info for generation next

Not a morning person, I shuffled into the large room labeled "Life Expo" at 7:00 AM, barely on time and definitely not what I would consider bright-eyed. I spotted the small group of well-dressed folks in the corner and headed in that direction. Noiselessly I slipped into a folding chair and began listening to their discussion of the little known facts surrounding teen abortion. The tabletop microphones and concentrated, poignant sound bites revealed that this was live radio, and these guests were experts in their fields.

I had tuned in to the proceedings of the Life Expo radio coverage during my pre-dawn drive to the convention center minutes before. Now, sitting before the participants, the fog in my mind was lifting as I was forced to snap to attention, not to miss the enthralling facets of their discussion. The details of issues were dissected and debated to prove points, reveal truth, and to educate even half-asleep columnists sitting astonished in their midst. There is always so much to learn and to tell!

I hurried to write down questions and pass them to the eloquent host for review. She nodded, then read each question to the guests. What follows here are nine profound truths and debunked lies that were matter-of-factly delivered to the radio audience, and me, that morning:

1. Abortions increase the rate of breast cancer in women. At least thirty-three clinical studies have linked the termination of pregnancy to breast cancer. Apparently, the disruption of the mammary gland/breast feeding process causes malformation in the breast cells.

2. "I can have a child later when I'm more stable." Abortion providers often enforce this position to convince the woman to rationalize that her current pregnancy won't count in the long run and that another more "correct" pregnancy or child will materialize later at a more suitable time. Unfortunately, mounting evidence points to the fact that living with the knowledge that she terminated her baby's life is extremely destructive to the quality and stability of a woman's physical and mental health.

3. Substance abuse increases six-fold in the lives of

post-abortive parents (both male and female). The need to anesthetize the emotions and sometimes the physical pain are frequent causes of substance abuse.

4. There is a strong link between abortion and suicide. Currently under study, the results are revealing high statistics between teen suicide and a previous abortion. There is definitely an increase in self-destructive behavior on all counts.

5. "I will save my life (or improve the quality of my life) by aborting this one." There is no truth to this, though it is again one of the platforms used in abortion clinic counseling as well as their propaganda. Studies of post-abortive parents reveal that the direct opposite is true. As men and women live with the consequences of their choice, they suffer both physically and emotionally.

6. There is a frequent increase in pain during intercourse, or sexual dysfunction in post-abortive women as a result of the abortion procedure. Botched abortions, sloppy medical practices, and apathetic medical practitioners are consistently found throughout the abortion clinic network. Death and/or sterilization can be side effects of the abortion procedure, for reasons listed above.

7. Teen couples who abort their child almost never remain in a relationship. Although their shared pain often creates lifelong bonds of guilt, grief, and indebtedness to each other, these bonds lead more often to bondage than to a healthy relationship.

8. The effects of an abortion performed on a woman are equal to castration on a man. Thousands of surveyed post-abortive women attest to this. The procedure is a violation of one of the most sacred parts of a human being: the holy vessels used in the creation of life.

9. Abortion violates a man's need (and God-given role) to be a provider and protector of his mate and their offspring. Often-overlooked participants in this sadness, men are frequently crippled emotionally and spiritually by abortion.



by Adrienne Greene

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