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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

of happiness once
again.

DEATH BY DESIGN

As I follow the Terri Schiavo case, I can't help but think, "How did it ever come to this?" When *Roe vs. Wade* became law, our 'slippery slope' arguments were dismissed. Who would have thought 30+ years ago that assisted suicide would be legal in one state and that we would need a law to protect "born alive" and partially born children? The so called "right to privacy" legalized killing. Preborn children were depersonalized by calling them 'fetus'. It was ok to abort them.

Not long after that, infanticide of handicapped newborns began. That, followed by passive euthanasia. Then, Oregon allowed assisted suicide. Now, people who are disabled are being starved to death. An amendment had to be introduced against the patenting of humans produced through cloning and stem cell research. All this possible because we have been desensitized and they have been dehumanized. A disabled human IS NOT a 'vegetable.' An embryo IS a very tiny baby. How long before we realize our laws need to be revised to protect innocent people? As I asked that question, I got to thinking that maybe, just maybe, things are turning a bit. I guess it actually began with "Tiny Tim" but the Born Alive Infant's Protection Act didn't get his name. The first was the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, also called "Laci and Conner's Law;" next, the RU-486 Suspension and Review Act of 2003, also known as "Holly's Law" (HR 3453); and finally, in Florida, HB 35: Authority for the Governor to Issue a One-time Stay to Prevent the Withholding of Nutrition and Hydration from a Patient - "Terri's Law". Is this an attempt to personalize those who have been dehumanized in our society? I hope so. As voters and legislators begin to realize we are talking real live people here, there could be a shift toward the protection of all human life, regardless of ability or disability. And our laws could be designed to promote life, liberty and the pursuit

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE

We're asking and you are responding! As announced at the LIFE Dinner, we are conducting a capital campaign so that we might purchase the property at 1870 Asbury. Many generous donors have already contributed **\$43,482** in cash and **\$36,386** in pledges, so we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$250,000. But we still need you! If you haven't yet sent your money or pledge to us, please do so promptly. No amount is too small or too large. Make checks payable to DCRTL Building Fund and send to us at 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52003. We need to raise this money above and beyond what is needed for our normal operating budget. More information and campaign brochures are available at the office. If you have a group that would be interested in hearing our presentation, call to arrange it!

**It's hard to believe, but already it's time to wish all of you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

The addresses and phone numbers for your members of Congress are:

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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 1-202-225-3121

E-mail addresses for **Representatives** can be found at <http://clerkweb.house.gov> (and then go to "Write your Representative"). Phone numbers are listed above. Rep. Jim **Nussle**, 303 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-2911. Fax: 202-225-9129. E-mail: nussleia@mail.house.gov. Dubuque office: 563-557-7740, Waterloo office: 319-235-1109, Mason City office: 515-423-0303, and the Manchester office: 563-927-5141 or 800-927-5212.

E-mail addresses for **Senators** can be found at <http://www.senate.gov>. You can **reach any senator** by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Senator Charles E. **Grassley** (R), 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. E-mail: chuck_grassley@grassley.senate.gov Phone: 202-224-3744 in Washington; 319-232-6657 in Waterloo; or 319-363-6832 in Cedar Rapids.

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To contact your IOWA Congressmen:

Call the State House to reach your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Secretary of Ag., Auditor, and Attorney General @ 515-281-5211. To reach your State Senators, call 515-281-3371. To reach your State Representatives, call 515-281-3221. The toll free number to the Iowa Capitol Building is 800-375-7097.

To write: The Honorable _____, Office of the Governor or Senate Chamber or House Chamber, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Begin letters with Dear Governor _____ or Dear Senator _____, or Dear Representative _____.

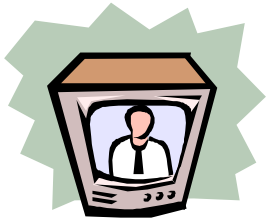
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To E-mail: firstname_lastname@legis.state.ia.us Please note: an underscore character must be typed between the first and last name. When e-mailing your legislator, please let them know where you live in their district. There are various e-mail addresses for legislators.

- ◆ **Battle Over Partial-Birth Abortion Continues** - as expected, within hours of President Bush's signing of the ban, injunctions were filed against it. The first was Nebraska, followed by New York and then San Francisco. "Stay tuned."
- ◆ U.S. Representatives Jim DeMint (R-SC), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) & Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) introduced "**Holly's Law**" - technically known as the "**RU-486 Suspension and Review Act of 2003.**" Eighteen year old Holly Patterson recently died after taking RU-486. [The Alameda County (California) Coroner's Office released a preliminary autopsy report that concluded she died from septic shock due to inflammation she received from having a "therapeutic, drug induced abortion." A final report on Holly Patterson's death is expected in late November, but the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is already investigating whether mifepristone should be taken off the market.] DeMint offered, "What makes Holly Patterson's untimely death even more tragic is that it was preventable. When the Clinton administration rushed approval of RU-486 in its waning days in 2000, many Members of Congress knew that the FDA cut corners and compromised safety. We should not have to wait for another death before Congress suspends FDA's approval of RU-486 and conducts an independent review of the irregular procedures the FDA used to push this drug onto the market." At least three other women have died from RU-486 in North America and at least 13 have required blood transfusions due to excessive blood loss. Danco, the drug's manufacturer, has reported at least 400 adverse events since it was approved.
- ◆ The Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) reported on November 6th that the UN postponed a vote on Human Cloning on the brink of a pro-life victory: "As momentum continued to build in support of a total ban on human cloning at the United Nations, supporters of a partial ban, including France and Germany, rallied behind and barely passed an eleventh-hour procedural motion that defers discussion of a convention on cloning for two years, until the 60th session of the General Assembly in 2005. The vote, occurring in a crowded, tense, United Nations conference room, was passed by a single vote, 80 to 79, with 15 abstentions. Countries including Costa Rica, the United States and the Holy See had been negotiating intensely over the past few months for a total ban, and as nations became more conversant with the scientific and ethical ramifications of the creation of cloned human beings for use in medical research projects, support for such a ban was undeniably gaining strength. By today, over sixty countries had co-sponsored the total ban proposal, and another forty had voiced their intentions to vote in favor of the proposal." On February 27th, the United States House of Representatives passed the **Human Cloning Prohibition**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CUT FELT FOR MAKING SCARVES. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A ROLLER CUTTER & BOARD, WE CAN PROVIDE IT. The scarves are our identification at the March for Life in D.C. and

Less than 6 months after the national **YWCA** hired Patricia Ireland as their chief executive officer, she has been dismissed. Her appointment last May had drawn strong criticism by many conservative groups, which asserted that her background made her unfit to run the organization founded as the Young Women's Christian Association. At that time, the chairwoman of the Y.W.C.A.'s National Coordinating Board, Audrey Peeples, said that she had not anticipated the **intensity of the criticism surrounding its choice of chief executive.** Ms. Peeples added that the organization and Ms. Ireland were committed to the same goals - the economic empowerment of girls and women and racial equality - but that "the Y.W.C.A. was really just not the best place for her platform." Dorris Daniel-Parkes was named interim director. *[Emphasis mine: it may bode well for "conservative groups" to keep up their watch!]*



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Our programs are scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. Watch for our **upcoming programs:** this month will feature **Life Dynamics monthly news magazine** (with up to date pro-life news and features) and other locally filmed programs.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

In DECEMBER, we will be visiting Planned Parenthood in Bettendorf and Emma Goldman Iowa City. Meet Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) after 7:00 Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot on Tuesday, **December 16th** or meet @7:00 AM in St. Columbkille's parking lot that faces the church on Saturday, **December 20th.** For more information, call our office @ 563-556-5960.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2004

If you are planning to join us for the Iowans for LIFE (IFL) bus trip to Washington, D.C. in January, **we need to know NOW!** The buses will leave on Tuesday, January 20th and return on Saturday the 24th. The fee is \$250, payable to IFL. Call now to reserve your seat or if you need more

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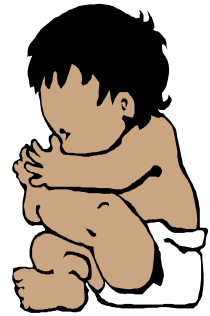
Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

in memory of the following: for **Jo Anderson** from Betty & Paul Frommelt; for **Marie Budden** from Lois & John Smith; for **Hannelore Carroll** from Michael Carroll; for **Catherine Driscoll** from Ruth & Paul Fransen; for **John Flynn** from Ramona Thomas; for **Joe Giese** from Fran & Harley Amundsen, Bob & Debbie Anderson, Joe & Anne Behan, Becky Bell, Bill & Jill Bell, Terry & Donna Beresford, Jeff & Diane Bertsch, Dan & Anne Bohle, Virgil & Marian Bourek, Bev & James Braden, Jack & Dianne Brehm, Kevin & Kathy Conlon, Luke & Nancy Conlon, Gary Conlon, John & Pam Danneman, Patty & Darryl Discher, Jerry & Barb Drees, George & Lillian Freund, Terry & Paula Friedman, Ron & Shirley Gansen, Deb Goar, Steve & Connie Hardie, Gloria & Norm Hein, Harriet Heller, Larry & Laura Herrig, Vivian & Les Kessler, John & Sue Lukasik, Jack & Lynn McCullough, Mike & Cathy McCullough, Doris & Bill McDermott, Dick & Jean Mescher, Jane & Duane Meyer, John & Marianne Mullen, Barbara & Dan Nicholson, Jan & Bob Northouse, Dawne & Joseph O'Meara, Tim & Mary Kay Pancratz, Wilma Pink, Paul & Janet Riess, Jim & Nancy Rhomberg, Bob Rudzianski, Loras & Jo Sabers, Bob & Donna Scherr, Mike & Gail Scherr, Larry & Irene Scherrman, Ed & Joan Schiltz, John & Donna Schmidt, Steve & Anne Schmieder, Jim & Barb Schueller, Don & Helen Shanley, Tom & Lynn Siegert, Stonehill Community Association, Terry & Sheila Sullivan, Gary & Lou Ann Switzer, Phil & Janet Then, U Tell Um Tips Club, Lennie & Kathie Vaassen, Bob & Sue Westhoff, and Jeanne Woodyard; for **Charlotte McAllister Hartless** from Ramona Thomas; for **Wilbert Scheel**, from Mary Kay Portzen, for **Lucas James Spiegel** from Mike & Sara Brehm and Dennis & Virginia Rauan; for **Dick Stonehouse** from Dan & Barbara Nicholson; for Jane Swensen from Janie & Dewey Meyer; for **Helen Timmerman** from Dick & Jean Mescher and Susan Thome; for **Lawrence & Laurena Trussoni** from Tom & Ruth Lucas.

and in honor of: Msgr. Edward Petty's elevation from Dick & Jean Mescher

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL CENTER @ 7:00 P.M. As we have done for several years now, our December meeting will be a special Christmas program. This year's event is being planned by Lisa Kueter and promises to be a fun time. One segment of the evening will be a Happy Birthday, Jesus party. This year, baby Jesus is hoping to get lots of baby shoes. He doesn't mind if they are used, as long as they are clean and in fairly good condition. Come, celebrate with us! And, if you can, bring some baby shoes for Jesus! [If you want to wrap them we'll have the little ones open them at the meeting.] Treats to eat are also welcome!



LIFE IS PRECIOUS



COMING EVENTS - Plan now to join us!

- ◆ Our **next monthly meeting** will be held on Thursday, **December 4 @ 7:00 P.M.** in the Cathedral Center. [more information above]
- ◆ Two opportunities to **Visit** the abortion mills to pray and sidewalk counsel each month. Call 563-556-5960 for details. (more information inside this issue)
- ◆ MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - 4 **classes**, 1/ month - call 556-5797 or 582-1673 for details.

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- ⇒ one month's rent (\$450)
- ⇒ Stamps
- ⇒ volunteers (for odd jobs)
- ⇒ \$150 to cover cost of purchase of more life like fetal models
- ⇒ coffee (decaffeinated)

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