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Members of the ProLife Society of Prince George believe in the right to life of all human beings from the moment of fertilization until natural death. They support only the use of peaceful means to promote the aims of the society.

COMING EVENTS

October

- 3 Dr. Brind at UNBC
- 5 Life Chain
- 21 AGM 7:30 pm

November

- 6-8 National ProLife Conference in Edmonton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to all who gave so generously of your time, experience and effort during our many pro-life activities this summer. Once again, we sold raffle tickets at both the Hart Mall and Pine Centre Mall. What a wonderful opportunity to be visible in the wider community while, at the same time, raising funds to help us carry out our mission. I am very grateful to the mall administrators for giving us this opportunity and to those volunteers who responded to the invitation to come out and help sell tickets.



Our days at the Prince George Exhibition were very successful. People requested and were given a record number of foetal models, pamphlets, and a variety of other resources. It is reassuring to know that this information is getting into the hands of so many. There was much positive feedback expressed by people of all ages and I was especially impressed with our young people who are so eager to hear and learn about the truth. This was certainly encouraging to those who worked at the booth. To all who helped: You are our link with the public. You are our face and our voice. I thank you!

I am pleased to tell you all that we now, officially, have our own Prince George ProLife website. This was accomplished through the hard work and expertise of Brian Ollenberger, Jacquie Ollenberger, and Tracy Pfannmuller, who worked tirelessly to make our website a reality. I cannot thank them enough! The website can be found at www.pgprolife.com. Take some time to read all the information contained. I know you will agree that it will be an extremely valuable asset in our pro-life work.

The executive of the ProLife Society is excited about the upcoming visit to Prince George of Dr. Joel Brind Ph.D., professor of biology and endocrinology at City University of New York's Baruch College. Dr. Brind will be speaking at Canfor Theatre, UNBC, on October 3 at 7:30 p.m. about the abortion/breast cancer link. As you are aware, this is a most controversial issue, and one that is shrouded in secrecy. Dr. Brind will provide the facts necessary for you to make your own educated decision. It is sure to be a most interesting and informative evening.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

I close with a reminder of Life Chain, which will take place on October 5, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on 15th Ave., between Alward and Central, and also the Pro-Life Annual General Meeting which will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral (lower meeting room) on October 21 at 7:30 p.m. We need you! I can not stress that enough! At earlier Life Chains, over 900 people were present. More recent Life Chains have brought out only 200–250 participants. Annual General Meetings saw crowded rooms with many volunteering their names for elections. Now, those rooms and election slates are no longer filled. Why? Our pro-life concerns have not lessened. In fact, they have multiplied. We are in a time of crisis. And all it takes is for good people to do something – to become active, to let your name stand, to be present. It takes so little just to “be there,” but it says so much to so many. Please “be there” – and help save the lives of the innocent.

Laura Fowlie, President

DR. JOEL BRIND

PROFESSOR OF ENDOCRINOLOGY

Baruch College
City University of New York

**ABORTION / BREAST
CANCER LINK**

Public Lecture
At UNBC
Canfor Theatre
7:30, Friday
October 3rd

A free will offering will be collected
For further information phone Barbara
at 963-3157

**LINK BETWEEN ABORTION AND BREAST
CANCER SUPPRESSED**

WASHINGTON, August 29, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - A new study published in the Summer 2003 issue of the peer-reviewed *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* has concluded that scientists, women's groups, and the media have consistently suppressed or ignored research that establishes a direct link between abortion and breast cancer for their own political purposes.

Further, the study titled "*The Abortion-Breast Cancer Link: How Politics Trumped Science and Informed Consent*", found women considering abortion are not given true informed consent about the real risks of the procedure as a result of withholding this evidence.

The article discusses the epidemiological evidence of an ABC link; the silence and denial of the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the American Medical Association and women's groups; media bias; the bitter opposition of pro-abortion politicians; the implications for patient care; and medical malpractice issues. A companion article documents at least 49 studies that demonstrate a statistically significant increase in premature births or low birth weight with prior induced abortions.

Author Karen Malec points out that authors of studies showing the ABC link actually denied their own findings when political heat was applied. One lead author of a record-linkage case study in 1989 worked with a group of American Cancer Society (ACS) researchers who reviewed the research. By then, 11 of 12 US studies indicated increased risk, but she still stated the research – including her own – was "inconsistent" and that she could not arrive at "definitive conclusions."

The scientific and medical community admits that the reasons for the suppression are political. The president of the American Society of Breast Surgeons said that she presented her concerns about getting information to the public about the abortion-breast cancer link, but the board felt it was "too political." The director of the Miami Breast Cancer Conference explained that there was no presentation on the program because it was "too political."

In conclusion, the author writes that in the end, it may be the trial lawyers, not the medical community, who force full disclosure through liability litigation against those who perform abortions without providing women with fully informed disclosure about the elevated risk.

Full text of article posted at: www.jpands.org

YOUR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

After months of controversy, the final vote on Bill C-13, the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, is near.

There are many problems with this bill, the worst of which is that it allows the creation of embryonic human beings for stem cell research. This is a terrifying admission by the government of our country that they believe some human beings, if they are small enough, can be used as "things" for research. The government has decided that God does not place any value on beginning human life.

There is considerable opposition to this bill, especially by the Canadian Alliance MPs and Liberal backbenchers. The final vote will be very close so every vote will count. Please phone your MP, either Dick Harris, Prince George-Bulkley Valley (564-7771) or Jay Hill, Prince George-Peace River (1-800-661-1183) to ask them to vote against this bill. They may be in Ottawa when you call, since parliament resumed September 15, in which case you can leave your name and phone number with the office manager. He/she will make note of your wish that Bill C-13 be voted against and pass the information on to either Dick Harris or Jay Hill.

The fall session of parliament is very intense so you may or may not get a call back from the MP himself. However, you will have done your democratic duty of influencing the government to respect all human rights, including the right to life of any child once conceived.

Life begins at the beginning and deserves (demands) to be shown full respect. An embryonic human being is one of us. We, too, were each once an embryonic human being.

If you wish to follow the debate on Bill C-13 go to the daily Hansard on the government's web site: www.parl.gc.ca/common/sitemap, then select "Debates" and date.

For your MP's contact information phone 1-800-622-6232 (have your postal code ready) or go to www.parl.gc.ca

•with notes from Jakki Jeffs, President, LifeCanada, the head office of the national umbrella group we belong to.

DANGEROUS DEMOGRAPHICS

BERLIN, August 21, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - At the conference of the International Statistical Institute held last week in Berlin, demographers warned countries to begin implementing painful policies to deal with the massive ageing population or face more severe problems in the future. Joseph Chamie, director of the United Nations Population Division, noted that birth rates were plummeting around the world. "This is spreading globally. Fertility is the engine of demographic growth and we don't see it going up," he said.

A *Reuters* report quoted United Nations figures suggesting the percentage of the global population aged 65 or over will climb to 16 percent by 2050 from a current seven percent, with some countries experiencing more than a third of the population over 65. "While the 20th century was the century of population growth, we can already say from a demographic perspective that the 21st century will go into the history books as the century of ageing," said Wolfgang Lutz of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria.

Chamie warned that steps to rectify the coming financial hardships proposed by an ageing population are necessary but unlikely since they are politically problematic. "It is not very politically favourable for them to think about increasing the age of retirement, reducing benefits, increasing taxes, bringing in migrants," he said. "All of these do not get you votes so they postpone and we are telling them you cannot ignore demographics" but, he added, "the sooner you address this the less painful and costly it will be."

DAY CARE CAN HARM CHILDREN

SALT LAKE CITY, August 21, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - Two new studies link aggressive, disobedient behavior and increased anxiety and stress – in a minority of children – to extended time spent in daycare.

The aggression study is by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and found 17% of daycare children more aggressive, disobedient and more engaged in conflict, regardless of family background, quality or type of care and temperament. The second study is from the University of Minnesota, and says shy children suffer increased levels of stress while in fulltime daycare – based on the children's markedly higher levels of cortisol, a stress-sensitive hormone. Both studies are published in the July/August issue of the journal *Child Development*.

As of 2002, 64% of mothers with children under age 6 were employed outside the home, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics – double the number in 1975. As a result, daycare is routine for a majority of children today.

ABORTION HURTS WOMEN

Abortion contributes to higher rates of:

- depression
- substance abuse
- divorce
- psychiatric illness
- suicide

Go to the Elliot Institute's web site at www.afterabortion.org for more information and research back up. David Reardon, Ph.D., is a leading expert on the after-effects of abortion, having specialized in this field for the last 20 years. He has had studies published in peer-reviewed medical journals like the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

DID EXTENSION OF PARENTAL BENEFITS HELP?

OTTAWA, August 11, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - Statistics Canada has released New figures on births and stillbirths, in the August 11 issue of *The Daily*.

"Live births increased for the first time in a decade in 2001," reports *The Daily*, but the increase is only 1.8% over 2000, when Canadians experienced a record low in fertility rates (1.51 babies per woman aged 18 to 44 in 2001, compared to 1.49 in 2000). "Fertility rates rose for women aged 25 and older in 2001, and fell for women under 25," *The Daily* says.

Statistics Canada says, "Reasons behind the increase in births are not possible to determine from the data source, which is birth registrations. However, the increase coincides with the extension of parental benefits under Employment Insurance from a maximum of 10 weeks to 35 weeks as of December 31, 2000. The availability of this benefit may have encouraged some Canadians to start or add to their families."

The Daily also reports that: "The number of stillbirths with a gestational age of 28 weeks or more, known as late fetal deaths, rose slightly in 2001 for the third straight year." There is no speculation as to the causes of this increase.

Websites of Interest

www.pgprolife.com
www.albertaprolife.com
www.physiciansforlife.com
www.feministsforlife.com
www.justthefacts.org
www.euthanasiaprevention.on.ca
www.hopeafterabortion.com
www.ncln.ca
www.lifesite.net

ProLife E-News
www.interlife.org

HIV TREND IN CANADA ALARMING

Transmission of HIV through heterosexual relations represents an increasing proportion of reported HIV cases (Health Canada, 2002).

The proportion of female adults testing positive for HIV each year has risen, from 9.7% in the years between 1985 and 1995 to nearly one in four between January 1999 and December 31, 2001 (according to the Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control).

An estimated 6,800 women were living with HIV infection, including those living with AIDS, at the end of 1999, a 48% increase from 1996. In 2001, women accounted for almost half of the positive test reports among those aged 15 to 29 years, an increase from 41% in 2000. *Source: Planned Parenthood Media Release*

Planned Parenthood responded to this crisis by sending out 15,000 free condoms to Canadian households.

Latex condoms have a documented failure rate of 1 in 6 among couples using them to prevent the spread of the HIV virus to their partner. (M.A. Fischel, M.D., et al, "Heterosexual Transmission of HIV, Relationship of Sexual Practices to Seroconversion." - Abstract from 3rd International Conference on AIDS.) Isn't it time we tried a chastity solution?

IVF MIX-UP

LONDON, August 27, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - A British fertility clinic had to break the news to a 13-year-old British teen that the man who was supposed to be his father is not – due to a mix-up at the IVF clinic.

DNA tests confirmed that the man he has all along regarded as his father "has no biological relation to him after his mother was given the wrong sperm" said a report in *The Independent* newspaper.

"Now I can get on with the rest of my life. I am relieved to know the truth at last but I have no wish to know who my real father is," the boy said, the latest victim of IVF mix-ups in Britain. Last year, a white couple gave birth to black twins after sperm samples were mixed up.

OUTRAGEOUS BUT TRUE – HUMAN/RABBIT EMBRYOS CREATED

SHANGHAI, August 14, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - Researchers in China have announced the successful creation of animal-human chimeras, which have survived till the blastocyst stage – at which point they can extract stem cells.

The study, which is published in the current issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Cell Research*, notes that human skin cells were fused with rabbit ova that had their nuclei removed to produce the cloned embryos.

Hui Zhen Sheng of Shanghai Second Medical University and his team reported that more than 400 such embryos were created with more than 100 surviving till the blastocyst stage.

WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?

NEW YORK, July 31, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - A leading researcher in the artificial conception industry has implanted male cells into a female embryo in order to experiment with a hybrid human life form.

Dr. Norbert Gleicher told a meeting of scientists, "The basic experiment was to see can one transplant from one embryo to another. The purpose ... was not to create a mixture of female or male embryo; that was just a tool to answer the question of whether the transplant worked," Gleicher said. He said the experiment showed that cells from a sibling of the opposite sex can be transplanted into an embryo to prevent genetic diseases.

Gleicher founded the Center for Human Reproduction (CHR) in both New York and Chicago and directs the New York branch.

Check out our new website:

www.pgprolife.com

NEW BRUNSWICK FIGHTS BACK

An August 20, 2003 report from the *Canadian Press* reported that the New Brunswick government would not give in to Dr. Morgentaler's threats of a lawsuit because it refuses to pay for abortions done in his clinic. The government said that funding abortions in private clinics would create an unnecessary financial burden. The province said that it is up to the federal government and not the courts to decide what is and what isn't in compliance with the Canada Health Act.

RUSSIA QUESTIONS WIDESPREAD ABORTION

MOSCOW, August 27, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - Russian legislators are bringing forward new legislation to limit the high abortion rate that is decimating the country's population.

The former Soviet Union was the world's first nation to legalize abortion in 1920. Abortion was the favorite "birth control" method during Soviet rule, and Russia still has one of the world's highest abortion rates: twice as many babies are aborted in Russia as are born.

President Vladimir Putin has called Russia's dramatic population decline "a creeping catastrophe." What's more, Russian authorities are admitting that some abortions have adverse consequences for a woman's health.

"Artificial termination of pregnancy after week 12 is fraught with grave consequences for a woman's health," says a Health Ministry official. "Abortions account for 30% of maternal mortality in Russia. It has been decided to reduce these dangers."

FOUR MAIN REASONS FOR ABORTION

- career interruption
- education interruption
- financial strain
- unstable relationship

These are socio-economic and not medical reasons. These are definitely elective, not therapeutic, reasons.

PREGNANT FATHERS COMING SOON?

MONTREAL, August 18, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - When a healthy baby boy was born in Montreal after developing for 32 weeks in his mother's abdomen, but outside the womb, some began raising the question: "If a fetus doesn't need a womb, then does it need a woman?" So said a *Globe and Mail* feature last week.

"Scientifically, [implanting a child in a man's abdomen] is a possibility, and one day I'm sure somebody will do it," said Dr. Togas Tulandi, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the city's Jewish General Hospital. "It's not science fiction. It's scientifically possible."

"Scientifically speaking, male pregnancy is possible, and it's a germane issue," adds Dr. Vyta Senikas, with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada. "But I don't know how men would put up with it if, every time they cough, they lost a little bit of urine. Or the hemorrhoids. Or the other physiological changes that naturally accompany pregnancy. I'm not sure men are psychologically prepared."

SMILING FROM THE WOMB

Pioneering scanning techniques have produced astonishing images from inside the womb, which show babies apparently smiling and crying. Experts believe the breakthrough could lead to advances in baby health for a whole range of conditions, including Downs Syndrome.

The pictures offer a new insight into fetal behaviour. The ultra-sound scanning techniques capture images which show the fetuses yawn, blink, suck their fingers and seem to cry and smile.

Up to now, doctors did not think infants made such expressions until after birth and believed they learned to smile by copying their mother.

The procedure has been pioneered by London obstetrician Professor Stuart Campbell at the Create Health Centre for Reproduction and Advanced Technology. His pictures reveal fetuses moving their limbs at just eight weeks.

The new techniques, known as 3D and 4D scanning, allow for far more detailed examination of the fetus. "There are many questions that can now be investigated," said Prof Campbell.

"Do babies with genetic problems such as Downs Syndrome have the same pattern of activity as normal babies?"

"Does the fetus smile because it is happy, or cry because it has been disturbed by some event in the womb?"

"Why does a fetus blink when we assume it's dark inside the uterus?"

<http://www.sky.com/skynews/article/0,,30000-12773312,00.html>

Forwarded by ProLife E-News

ADULT CLONE SUDDEN DEATH SYNDROME

STORRS, Conn., August 28, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - Three adult pig clones unexpectedly dropped dead from sudden heart attacks. The deaths were reported this week by researcher Jerry Yang of the University of Connecticut. "It was totally shocking," he said, describing the phenomenon as "adult clone sudden death syndrome."

Using a method similar to that used to create the late Dolly the Sheep, Taiwanese scientists created four piglets, one of which died within days. The remaining three died of heart failure at less than six months of age.

Nature magazine comments: "The pigs' demise is a stark reminder that cloned animals are far from normal. Many fall ill or die just after birth – Dolly herself passed away at the relatively tender age of 6."

Regarding pig organ transplants to humans, *Nature* adds: "The deaths call into question the idea of transplanting hearts or livers from cloned pigs into humans. Researchers have already genetically engineered partly humanized pig cells and then cloned them to make whole pigs, whose organs might avoid rejection by human recipients," *Nature* reports. "It may raise concerns," says Yang.

UNICEF SUPPORTS ABORTION

NEW YORK, August 20, 2003 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - A major new study just released by the New York-based International Organizations Research Group (IORG) reports in great detail the gradual change of the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) from a child survival agency to one that promotes aspects of radical feminism. Produced by the International Organization Research Group, an arm of the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM), the study is entitled "UNICEF, Women or Children First?"

The paper establishes that UNICEF has endorsed, even helped to write, numerous documents that call for increased access to abortion, as well as for the legalization of abortion. It was also discovered that UNICEF has funded programs that may have included abortion services. UNICEF funded a program run by the Population Council, the group that holds the US patent for the abortion pill RU-486. In 1997 the UN released a handbook for emergency workers in refugee situations that urges the use of abortion-causing "emergency contraception" and also the use of a portable device called the manual vacuum aspirator that can be used for performing abortions in refugee tents.

UNICEF is also a financial supporter of a South African non-governmental organization, loveLife (sic) that actively promotes abortion to its mostly underage audience. The loveLife website directs its teenage audience to the abortion provider Marie Stopes International and goes on to say that no one, including parents, can stop a teenager from getting an abortion. LoveLife also encourages experimental sexual practices including homosexuality.



**OCTOBER IS
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**

AGM

Tuesday, October 21
7:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral
(lower hall)

887 Patricia Blvd.
VIDEO – “Life Is Sacred”

Refreshments to follow

ELECTIONS

All positions on the board are open for election and re-election. Please feel free to offer your talents! Phone Barbara Gobbi, past-president at 963-9189.

We need a president, secretary, treasurer and five board members. All nominees must be paid up members.



LIFE CHAIN 2003

A peaceful,
prayerful witness
to the truth
about abortion



along 15th Avenue

from PGRH to
Central

Sunday October 5th
2:00 to 3:00 pm

For further information & church contact person phone
Barbara at 963-3157

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Membership: New Renewal

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