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## Marches planned for Roe v. Wade Anniversary

### JANUARY 20: ERIE, PA

The Erie March & Motorcade for Life is normally held in conjunction with People for Life's annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast, but this January it will be a separate event with its own special day: Saturday, January 20, 2007. The March & Motorcade will begin our observance of the 34th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision.

Once again, all people of good will in Erie and surrounding communities will have an opportunity to publicly call for change in the way our country treats its most dependent and defenseless members and to memorialize the untold millions of unborn children who have been abandoned by our society and brutally deprived of their own lives. Likewise, this will be an opportunity to call for change in the way our society treats women: women who are also all too frequently abandoned, and pressured into abortion – and then left alone to deal with physical and emotional scars that can last a lifetime.

Please plan now to spend part of your morning with pro-life friends and neighbors on January 20th. The March and

Motorcade will assemble at 10:30 AM, begin at 11:00 AM, and conclude with a brief noontime memorial service.

Beginning at Perry Square, we will walk up State Street, past the abortion facility to 18th Street, and back to the Gazebo in Perry Square for the memorial service. Those who are unable to walk the distance are encouraged to ride in the motorcade that will follow the marchers.

All of us hope that the abortion facility will be out of business by this January, but if not, abortions will probably be taking place when the March & Motorcade passes by.

The abortion facility is a disgrace for Erie and the entire northwestern Pennsylvania region. Let us make sure that many hundreds of people take this opportunity to publicly express their disapproval. Start spreading the word now and invite as many people as possible to march with you.

### JANUARY 22: WASHINGTON, DC

You can also join us in Washington, DC as we march with tens of thousands of our fellow citizens, taking our cause directly to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court on

Monday, January 22, 2007. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on Sunday, January 21 at 11:00 PM and return just a little after midnight, January 23. The cost of a bus seat is still only \$38.00. Reserve your seat(s) now by sending payment along with name, address, and telephone number to People for Life, Inc. / P.O. Box 1126 / Erie, PA 16512.

### A DAY OF INFAMY

*Roe v. Wade* transformed what was historically recognized as a crime into a so-called constitutional right. All 50 states were prevented from enforcing their laws that had previously protected the unborn, and the number of abortions in the United States increased dramatically. Abortion became available, with only minimal, token restrictions, even during the last three months of pregnancy.

Since *Roe v. Wade* was imposed on January 22, 1973, there have been over 47 million abortions in the United States. Over 5 million of these have been late-term abortions in the second and third trimesters of pregnancy.

### Parental notification bill dies in U.S. Senate

A bill that would have required abortionists to notify one parent before a minor daughter receives an abortion fell three votes short of the required 60 votes needed for passage in the U.S. Senate. The vote was taken on September 29.

The bill, known as the *Child Custody Protection Act*, was sponsored by Pennsylvania's Sen. Rick Santorum.

Breaking ranks with most Senate Republicans, Pennsylvania's other U.S. senator, Arlen Specter, voted against the bill, denying parents the right to be involved in a major, life-changing medical event in the life of a teenage daughter.

Ninety-three percent (51 out of 55) of Republican senators supported the bill,

while eighty-seven percent (39 out of 45) of Democratic senators opposed it. The Democratic senate leadership had been obstructing the legislation for months prior to the vote.

Sen. Specter's misguided vote and the Senate's failure to pass the *Child Custody Protection Act* were especially regrettable for Erie area residents. Erie area girls, 16, 15, 14, and even younger now remain in danger of facing the fateful decision to have an abortion without the protection of our state's parental involvement law, a law that is all too easily rendered null and void by a short trip to Buffalo or Amherst, NY.

### PA Pro-Life Federation PAC issues voter guide

The PA Pro-Life Federation PAC has published a voter guide that evaluates the

positions of Pennsylvania's candidates for state and federal offices. The evaluations were made on the basis of the candidates' responses to a questionnaire, their public statements, and, if applicable, their legislative voting records. The PA Pro-Life Federation PAC has also endorsed certain candidates, as noted below.

The voter guide provides information about all 203 State House contests, all 25 State Senate contests, all 19 U.S. House contests, the race for Pennsylvania governor, and the U.S. Senate race.

Candidates in State House races of local interest were evaluated as follows: In District 1 (part Erie), both candidates vying for this open seat, Christine Pontoriero (R) and Patrick Harkins (D), are listed *pro-life*. District 2 (part Erie) incumbent Flo

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Fabrizio (D) (unopposed) is listed *pro-abortion*. In District 3 (part Erie), incumbent Matthew Good (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed; challenger John Hornaman (D) is also listed *pro-life*. District 4 (part Erie) incumbent Curt Sonney (R) (unopposed) is listed *pro-life*. District 5 (part Crawford, Erie) incumbent John Evans (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed; challenger Jason White (D) is listed *no response*. In the race for the open seat in District 6 (part Crawford), Brad Roae (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed; Keith Abbot (D) is listed *pro-abortion*. District 7 (part Mercer) candidate Mark Longiette (D) (unopposed) is listed *pro-life*. District 8 (part Butler, Mercer) candidate Dick Stevenson (R) (unopposed) is listed *pro-life*. In the race for the open seat in the District 17 (part Crawford, Lawrence, Mercer), Michelle Brooks (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed; Frank Weaver (D) is listed *pro-abortion*. In District 64 (Venango; part Butler), incumbent Scott Hutchinson (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed; challenger Gary Hutchison (D) is listed *no response*. District 65 (Forest, Warren; part McKean) incumbent Kathy Rapp (R) (unopposed) is listed *pro-life*.

In State Senate District 50 (Crawford, Mercer; part Butler), incumbent Bob Robbins (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed; challenger Art Allen (D) is listed *pro-abortion*.

In the race for governor, incumbent Ed Rendell (D) is listed *pro-abortion*; challenger Lynn Swann (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed.

In the U.S. Senate race, incumbent Rick Santorum (R) is listed *pro-life* and is endorsed. The voter guide goes on to note that Santorum has a 100% pro-life voting

record in the U.S. Senate and “has committed to allow an up or down vote on U.S. Supreme Court judicial nominees.”

During the Bush administration, pro-abortion Senators have used the filibuster to obstruct judicial nominees considered unfavorable to pro-abortion interests, blocking a number of President Bush’s nominees by preventing up or down confirmation votes.

The next Supreme Court appointment could seal the fate of *Roe v. Wade* and will probably determine U.S. abortion policy for many years to come.

Bob Casey (D), the voter guide notes, “says he has a pro-life position, but has not committed, as a U.S. Senator, to allow an up or down vote on U.S. Supreme Court Judicial nominees.”

### Woman changes her mind about getting an abortion

On a Saturday morning in early October, just a little before 11:00 AM, a young woman in her mid-twenties walked through the Peach Street doors of the Professional Building. She appeared to be alone. Actually, she was carrying a little fetus\* inside of her. And she was on her way to American Women’s Services for an abortion.

Our office on the third floor of the Professional Building, Alternative Choices for Women, was open that morning. Two ladies were working inside when a surprise visitor dropped in.

Yes, it was the same young woman, alone and on her way to an appointment with death, death for her little one.

She only stayed in our office a moment or two.

Yes, she was getting an abortion. No, she didn’t want any information about alternatives. No, she didn’t want to talk about anything. She’d already made her choice.

As she walked the 20 or so paces from ACW to AWS, our two ladies began searching their souls and racking their brains, asking themselves what they might have said or done differently to touch this young woman’s heart and help her find her way toward a decision for life. It had been a pretty lame encounter, not much more than a hello and good-bye.

But what were they supposed to do? Everyone knows that by the time a woman goes to an abortion facility,

she’s made up her mind. She “knows what’s good for her.” She’s decided what she thinks “is best” for all concerned. She’s made her choice; the deed is as good as done.

But not always. About 10 minutes later the young woman was back. “I changed my mind,” she said, “and it’s because of you.”

This time the young woman sat down and talked for a while.

There were, in fact, a number of things working in favor of that little fetus, her (or his) mom’s conscience, for one thing. Mom had known all along, she said, that “abortion is wrong.” So wrong that mom was already feeling ashamed of herself: How could I have come this close to an abortion? And there were other people in mom’s life, it became clear as the conversation continued, who also understood that abortion is wrong, and who would be there with help and support.

By 12:00 noon all this might have been irrelevant. The little fetus might have been in American Women’s Services’ freezer, waiting for the man from Stericycle to cart her away to the incinerator.

Perhaps this young woman was destined to change her mind at the very last minute in any case.

Or did the ladies of Alternative Choices for Women play a pivotal role? Did that brief encounter provide some small but urgently needed “reality check”? Did our ladies’ gentle, non-judgmental concern somehow tap into the reservoir of love just waiting to be released in this young woman’s heart? Did they somehow remind the young woman of the loved ones in her life who, she realized, would be there to help her? Maybe she just needed those few extra minutes to reflect what she was about to do...

All we know for sure is what our young visitor said: “I changed my mind, and it’s because of you!” We’ll leave it at that.

\* *Fetus* is simply a Latin word that means “young one.” Strictly speaking *fetus* is the name used to refer to a baby from 8 weeks after conception until birth, much like *infant* is used to refer to a baby during his or her first weeks after birth. Humans less than eight weeks from conception are called *embryos*. It is possible that this young woman’s fetus was not quite eight weeks old, but the average abortion takes place at approximately this time.

### WCC award received

People for Life President Tim Broderick received the Women’s Care Center *Eternal Treasures Award* at WCC’s annual dinner on September 22. Tim spends a good deal of time in our Alternative Choices for Women office. This affords him many opportunities to direct women to WCC for the wonderful services provided there.



Our billboard on Peach Street, just outside the abortion facility, is holding up very nicely, but donations to help pay for it have fallen off. The monthly fee for this spot is \$1400. Donations marked “billboard” will be applied exclusively to this special advertising project.

## — For the Record —

**It is violence** “Abortion mills do not nurture, they do not heal, they do not cure disease. Abortion is violence against children.... I would say to my colleagues, there is absolutely nothing benign or curing or nurturing about abortion. It is violence. It is gruesome. And yet the apologists sanitize the awful deed with soothing, misleading rhetoric. Abortion methods are particularly ugly because, under the guise of choice, they turn baby girls and baby boys into dead baby girls and dead baby boys.” – U.S. Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) From a speech delivered on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, February 8, 2006

**The Foundation** It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbour, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, especially when it is weak or threatened. It is not only a personal but a social concern which we must all foster: a concern to make unconditional respect for human life the foundation of a renewed society. – Pope John Paul II

**Priorities** *Question: You're on record as saying if Roe v. Wade were overturned, you would support a law outlawing abortion, except in a few cases. If elected to the Senate, would you introduce such legislation?*

Answer: “I think in the Senate what I want to concentrate on are a lot of those issues we've talked about today, meaning you focus on healthcare, on the economy. They're the two principal challenges our state faces in the long-term.... I don't think that action [on abortion] is going to be the priority of most of the people in Pennsylvania in the new Senate.” – Bob Casey, Jr., Pennsylvania Press Club luncheon, July 2006

**No Mystery** “We have developed ways of talking that enable us to pretend.... In the case of abortion and embryo research, the main technique is to suggest that there is some great mystery about ‘when life begins,’ and that this alleged question is a religious or philosophical one. Yet science has long since solved the mystery.” – Ramesh Ponnuru, *The Party of Death* (2006)

**Prerequisite for Social Justice** “Laws which authorize and promote abortion and euthanasia are therefore radically opposed not only to the good of the individual but also to the common good; as such they are completely lacking in authentic juridical validity. Disregard for the right to life, precisely because it leads to the killing of the person whom society exists to serve, is what most directly conflicts with the possibility of achieving the common good.” – Pope John Paul II

**Choices to Kill** “Unless abortion is made a crime, then people can simply come out and say: ‘I have the right to an abortion, this is my body and I can decide.’ That's like saying: ‘I'm allowed to commit murder because these hands are mine, this gun is mine.’” – Orlando Tardencilla, Nicaraguan National Assembly

# Terri Schiavo's brother responds to Ellen Goodman

I read your recent column, “Playing vegetative mind games.”

The lengths that you and many of your colleagues continue to go to in order to somehow justify the barbaric killing of my sister, Terri, are truly sad and in my opinion a tragic reflection of how you and those that think like you have truly misplaced your humanity.

What is so profoundly frightening about what you wrote is the effort to use this scientifically inaccurate persistent vegetative state (PVS) label to indiscriminately decide when it's permissible to kill those that are disabled. As you pointed out in your

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## “It is this form of lethal bigotry that my family battled in our efforts to get help for my sister.”

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column, there are tens of thousands of people that have experienced a brain injury. The idea that certain lives have somehow lost their meaning because they exist in this so-called PVS, which according to you, is some type of “horrifying” state of consciousness or lack thereof (not quite sure how you or anyone would have knowledge of this) is equally alarming. It is this form of lethal bigotry that my family battled in our efforts to get help for my sister.

Recently, a British research study concluded that the PVS diagnosis is in fact misdiagnosed more than 40% of the time. Recognizing this finding along with this most recent discovery, and others similar to it, one with any common sense would have to agree that using the completely subjective PVS “diagnosis” as the basis to kill the disabled is clearly outrageous.

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## “... the voice of the disabled community has been all but ignored by most of the popular media.”

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Incidentally, I find it remarkable how the voice of the disabled community has been all but ignored by most of the popular media. Why are the persons that are truly in harm's way, the disabled, rarely mentioned? There were thirty (30) local and national disability organizations that publicly spoke out on behalf of Terri, yet their voices have been silenced.

It seems to me that in spite of your opinion (and many in the mainstream media for that matter) the general public is just not agreeing with what you and so many morally misguided individuals are promoting. Fortunately, good people know the fundamental difference between right and wrong, and have compassion for those that are most vulnerable. Regardless of these dehumanizing labels, they realize that preying on the brain injured is not a way of showing kindness, nor is it some form of altruism, but rather a selfish and cowardly act by those who justify in their minds that the killing of the weak and voiceless is somehow “okay.”

It comes down to this Ms. Goodman, and it's really very simple - it's not up to you or anyone to decide.

Perhaps if you ever had the opportunity to care for someone like Terri you would understand why your article is so offensive not only to her memory and my family, but also to the tens of thousands of brain injured persons that you claim to speak for.

**Bobby Schindler**  
**Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation**

P.S. I thought it would be helpful to you to include the names of the medical professionals, many being distinguished neurologists, who either believed that Terri was not in a PVS or could have been helped if Michael Schiavo and/or the courts would have permitted it. (All of their affidavits submitted to Judge George Greer can be accessed on [terrisfight.org](http://terrisfight.org).)

Perhaps your next article might make mention of them.

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| 1. Dr. Jay Carpenter        | 2. Dr. Fred Webber             | 3. Dr. Jacob Green            |
| 4. Dr. Alexander T. Gimon   | 5. Dr. William Scott Russell   | 6. Dr. Joseph L. Brunner      |
| 7. Dr. David L. Coulter     | 8. Dr. David Hopper            | 9. Dr. Beatrice Engstrand     |
| 10. Dr. Alyse Eytan         | 11. Dr. Harry Sawyer Goldsmith | 12. Dr. William M. Hammesfahr |
| 13. Dr. Paul Harch          | 14. Dr. Carolyn Heron          | 15. Dr. Lawrence Huntoon      |
| 16. Pamela Hyink, SLP       | 17. Dr. Jill Joyce             | 18. Dr. James P. Kelly        |
| 19. Dr. Phillip R. Kennedy  | 20. Dr. Kyle Lakas             | 21. Dr. Peter J. Luca         |
| 22. Dr. William Maxfield    | 23. Dr. Peter J. Morin         | 24. Myra Stinson, CCC-SLP     |
| 25. Dr. James Avery         | 26. Dr. Ricardo Senno          | 27. Dr. Stanely A. Terman     |
| 28. Dr. J. Michael Uszler   | 29. Dr. Richard Weidman        | 30. Dr. Jon David Young       |
| 31. Dr. Thomas Mark Zabiega | 32. Dr. Ralph Ankenman         | 33. Carla Sauer Iyer, RN      |
| 34. C. Johnson, CNA         | 35. Heidi Law, CNA             | 36. Sara Green Mele, MS, CCC- |
| 37. Dr. Laurie Barclay      | 38. Dr. Rodney Dunaway         | 39. Dr. George Isajiw         |
| 40. Dr. Leonard P. Rybak    | 41. Dr. Richard Neubauer       |                               |

## Demonstration held at Meadville doctor's office

Pro-life demonstrators took to the public sidewalk along South Main Street in Meadville on Thursday, August 3 after a Meadville doctor was found to have connections with the abortion facility in Erie.

The purpose of the demonstration was to inform the people of northwest Pennsylvania that Dr. William Morris, an Ob/Gyn from the Meadville area, had been involved with the American Women's Services abortion company. The hope was that his friends, neighbors, patients, colleagues, and family might persuade the doctor to steer clear of any future entanglement with abortion.

Reporters from the *Erie Times-News*, *Meadville Tribune*, and WSEE TV-35 were on hand to cover the noontime demonstration.

Thanks at least in part to the large turnout (138 people), the demonstration earned front-page headlines in both the *Erie Times-News* and *Meadville Tribune* and generous segments of airtime on WSEE-TV.

People for Life and Crawford County Citizens for Life were very pleased with the impressive turnout.

One couple came all the way from the State College area, and several other people came from Grove City and Sharon.

Brad Roae, a candidate for 6th District State Representative (Meadville and eastern Crawford County), was also among the demonstrators.

### CHRONOLOGY

To keep the demonstration from becoming "old news" before it actually took place and because of time constraints, only a limited number of potential demonstrators were notified, by phone and e-mail. Many of the usual channels for announcing pro-life events were avoided. Press releases were only issued late in the day on the eve of the demonstration. (If you would like to be notified about similar demonstrations in the future, please call (814) 882-1333 and ask to speak with Tim Broderick.)

The demonstration was scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM, but by 10:00 people were trickling into the designated assembly area, about a block south of the doctor's office. By 10:30 a large crowd was already assembled.

At least five members of the clergy were on-hand, and one of them led a prayer to officially begin the day's work. Flyers with guidelines for the demonstrators were

distributed. Garth Valesky of Crawford County Citizens for Life and Tim Broderick of People for Life addressed the gathering, providing additional directions and emphasizing the importance of good order and courteous behavior. Signs were distributed which read, *Women Deserve Better than ABORTION* and *Dr. Wm. Morris: Abortion?*

At 11:00, the demonstrators proceeded two by two up a narrow sidewalk towards the focal point of the demonstration, Dr. Morris' office at 961 South Main. Just before the demonstrators reached the office, a copy of a flyer explaining the purpose the demonstration was hand-delivered to Dr. Morris' receptionist.

Soon the sidewalk was filled with two-way, single-file traffic for an entire block along South Main Street, from Arch Street to Chestnut Street, and around the corner for some distance east along Chestnut. An eerie silence seemed to envelope the demonstration. The silence persisted even as an occasional heckler would shout from a passing vehicle.

The work continued for almost an hour in oppressive heat and humidity as news photographers snapped pictures and reporters conducted interviews.

All eyes were on Dr. Morris' office as several reporters gathered on the front porch and spoke at some length with a woman who came to the door.

Dr. Morris' vehicle had been parked behind the office, but the vehicle and presumably Dr. Morris slipped away unnoticed while the demonstration was in progress.

Rain began to fall as noon approached, providing some welcome relief from the heat. The paper signs began to dissolve, but the people's determination did not. The marching continued a while longer until distant flashes of lightening and rumbles of thunder prompted an early conclusion at noon, 15 minutes ahead of schedule.

### DR. MORRIS RESPONDS

Later that day, Dr. Morris returned phone calls he had received from the news media.

The *Erie Times-News* reported that Dr. Morris "was adamant that he does not perform abortions" at AWS in Erie: "I don't work at that clinic in Erie," and "I don't provide abortions there." Morris refused to say whether or not he ever "performs abortions" or if he works for AWS, per se. Erie is only one of 13 locations where AWS

operates abortion facilities. Closest to Meadville are the Erie and Pittsburgh locations.

Dr. Morris also told the *Meadville Tribune* that "he doesn't perform abortions," and doesn't "work at the clinic in Erie."

**"I can't remember where I was then. I was up in Erie sometime."**

Asked if he was at the abortion facility on July 14 and 21, Dr. Morris responded, "I can't remember where I was then. I was up in Erie sometime."

### CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

The decision to proceed with the demonstration came only after careful research and a thorough review of the evidence that established the linkage between the doctor and the Erie abortion business.

Erie being a relatively small town and Meadville being even smaller, it should not be too surprising that there were some advance signals that Dr. Morris would be coming to Erie and that he could be expected to show up on a particular date.

Sure enough, a new, unfamiliar doctor, who proved to be Dr. Morris, arrived at AWS on Friday, July 14, 2006, at about the same time the regular abortionist, Dr. Stephen Regec of Dubois, would normally be expected.

The doctor's second appearance at AWS, on Friday, July 21, allowed a definite confirmation of his identity. Five eyewitnesses associated with People for Life were able to closely observe Dr. Morris as he went about his business both inside and outside the Professional Building, where the abortion facility is located. One of the five witnessed his arrival at approximately 3:15 PM; three of the five saw him at various times while he was inside the Professional Building for approximately 5 hours; all five persons saw him in the Professional Building parking lot as he was leaving; and four of the five saw him as he entered his vehicle and drove away at approximately 8:30 PM.

Dr. Morris was visually identified from an admittedly outdated photograph on the Meadville Medical Center website. More conclusively, perhaps, his vehicle was seen and positively identified by license plate number at the Conneaut Valley Health Center on July 19, the Professional Building on July 21, and at his private office in Meadville on July 25. The vehicle was also seen at the Professional Building on July 14 as Dr. Morris was leaving, but the license plate number was not noted at that time.

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August 3 demonstration at the Meadville office of Dr. William Morris



**FROM PAGE 4****Meadville Abortionist  
DOING ABORTIONS?**

Prior to Dr. Morris' July 14 visit, abortions had been scheduled at AWS in Erie every Friday afternoon and every Saturday morning since April 7, 2006. Dr. Stephen Regec of DuBois, PA was consistently on-hand (along with an armed guard), and women were seen coming and going. Dr. Regec did not make his regular Friday appearance on July 14 or 21. An armed guard and female clients, however, were seen (as usual) and so was Dr. Morris.

Many reasonable people would suspect that Dr. Morris came to AWS to do abortions in Dr. Regec's place. However, in contrast to the hard evidence of his physical presence during times when abortions were being consistently scheduled, People for Life had no hard proof (i.e., no eyewitnesses and nothing in writing) that any of the approximately 16 female customers that visited AWS while Dr. Morris was present underwent abortions. Therefore, People for Life carefully avoided making that specific claim in order to maintain the highest possible level of credibility.

At the time of the demonstration, perhaps the strongest objective evidence that Dr. Morris actually did abortions in Erie was this: A woman came to AWS on July 28 to keep her appointment for the standard two-week post-abortion checkup only to find, to her considerable irritation, that the abortion mill was closed for the day and all appointments were canceled. The woman talked very freely about having had an abortion at AWS on Friday, July 14 and about the abortion doctor, a male among an otherwise all female staff. Although she did not know (or could not remember) the doctor's name, she did remember something rather bizarre: The doctor was, oddly enough, wearing shorts during her abortion.

Coincidentally, Dr. Morris was also wearing shorts that evening.

As of this writing, July 14 & 21 remain the only two days that Dr. Morris has worked at the Erie branch of AWS. Many are hoping he has had a change of heart.

**Latest on Abortion Facility**

There were several interesting changes at Erie's American Women's Services abortion facility during the week of October 15. On Wednesday, the locks were changed on all 12 doors of AWS' six office suites. When Dr. Regec the abortionist arrived Friday afternoon, another change became apparent.

The entire staff was gone. In place of the regular abortion workers were three women who drove all the way in from AWS' corporate headquarters in Voorhees, NJ – quite a drive just to give Dr. Regec a hand with the five or six clients who visited

the abortion facility that day.

Dr. Regec took Saturday off (for a change), and the day's abortions were rescheduled for the following weekend.

One of the New Jersey women declared that a whole new staff would be in place by the following Friday for the next round of abortions. AWS was running ads in the *Erie Times-News* at that time. One read "General Workers / Wanted for progressive, pro choice womens' [sic] center in Downtown Erie Gyn Office. No experience necessary. Will train." Another ad called, rather optimistically, for a "Nurse Manager: LPN or RN." Having a manager who is also a nurse would be a big upgrade for this abortion mill.

A week later, with hiring apparently still in progress, the workers from New Jersey were back for more abortions. We estimate the death toll for October 27 & 28 to be in the range of 16-18.

AWS resumed doing abortions in Erie on April 7, 2006 after being closed for almost a full year, since April 13, 2005.

**More demonstrators needed**

Since April, abortions have been taking place in Erie nearly every Friday afternoon and evening and every Saturday morning. Orderly pro-life demonstrations have been taking place on the public sidewalks outside the abortion facility every Friday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and every Saturday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM without exception, rain or shine.

Regrettably, the demonstrations are under-attended. This being the case, every additional volunteer contributes greatly to the overall effectiveness of these efforts.

**DEMONSTRATION TIMES**  
**EVERY FRIDAY - 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**  
**EVERY SATURDAY - 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM**

The attendance problem is probably due in part to the news in mid-September that abortionist Dr. Harvey Brookman's license had recently been revoked by the PA Board of Medicine. Brookman previously worked at the Erie abortion facility. However, his medical license had already been under suspension for nearly a year and a half when the revocation order was issued. Brookman was already long gone from Erie by that time. Thus, the revocation did not have a direct impact on day-to-day activities at the Erie abortion business. The facility was not forced to close, contrary to what many people have concluded.

An estimated 175 to 200 abortions have been carried out in the past six months, and at this time the number of abortions per week seems to be increasing.

If you feel that the demonstrations ought to continue, please know that help is needed.

Participants should meet on the State Street side of the 1611 Peach Street

Professional Building, which houses the abortion facility. Signs with carefully chosen messages are provided. Please remember not to park in the Professional Building parking lot and to stay off the Professional Building property before, during, and after each demonstration, even if you are not carrying a sign.

No matter how much or how little time you are able to contribute, your participation will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to call (814) 882-1333 for additional information.

**DuBois abortionist  
disappoints former patients**

People for Life has heard from a number of women who knew Dr. Regec of DuBois before he started working for American Women's Services. Some of them are former patients of his. The excerpts below are typical of the sentiments expressed.

"My niece passed on your May newsletter to me with the article about Dr. Stephen Regec on the front page.... [Y]ears ago this doctor filled in for my regular doctor who was out of town and performed an emergency c-section on me to deliver my daughter at DRMC [DuBois Regional Medical Center]. For the last three years, this child has gone to the March for Life in Washington in January. I think we need to tell Dr. Regec how disappointed we are with his decision to perform abortions. Do you have an address or email for him? Thank you." – G.G.

"I was... shocked by Dr. Regec performing abortions. I guess I felt that same way as it was stated in your newsletter. What would possess a practitioner to come to this so late in his career? I don't know how he flipped the switch from saving every pregnancy to ending any pregnancy. I do know he had a problematic personal life." – T.N.

"I just can't believe it. This is a man who I thought I knew, and someone I had confided in... trusted." – C.F.

**Post-Abortion Trauma Talk**

Brenda Newport, the executive director of Women's Care Center of Erie County, will talk about post-abortion trauma in women and men on Friday, November 10, 2006 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3952 Pine Ave., Erie. Brenda will be the main speaker in a program that will begin at 7:00 PM. Her presentation is titled *Silent Grief*. Appearing with Brenda will be Mark Morrow, a WCC counselor who deals primarily with post-abortion trauma in men. For more information call 825-2547.

**Meeting rescheduled**

The November meeting of People for Life will not take place on Monday, November 20 as it normally would. Instead, the meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:30 PM.

# Pro-Life Attorney Edward J. Gilhooly to speak at 29th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast

Edward J. Gilhooly, Esq. executive director of the Legal Center for Defense of Life, Morristown, NJ, will be the main speaker at People for Life's 29th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast on February 3, 2007.

Mr. Gilhooly and the Legal Center have gone to court numerous times to represent pro-life advocates in litigation with abortionist Dr. Steven C. Brigham and his American Women's Services abortion chain and with other abortion providers as well.

Over the years, Mr. Gilhooly has become familiar with the abortion industry's questionable business and medical practices, including Dr. Brigham's.

Mr. Gilhooly will draw on his personal

experiences and insights gained as a pro-life lawyer to provide a revealing look behind the veil of secrecy that surrounds abortion, abortion doctors such as Steven Brigham, and abortion companies such as American Women's Services.

People for Life first got in touch with the Legal Center for Defense of Life shortly after Dr. Brigham began setting up shop in Erie in 1999. The Legal Center has been a valuable source of ideas, information, and inspiration ever since.

Counted among the Legal Center's board of advisors are such pro-life luminaries as Chris and Joan Bell of Good Counsel Homes, Dr. Jean Garton of Lutherans for Life, Prof. Robert George of

Princeton University, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, Rev. Richard John Neuhaus of the Institute on Religion and Public Life, Congressman Christopher Smith, and Rev. Peter West of Priests for Life.

The Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast will be held once again at the Avalon Hotel. Regular tickets are \$8.50. Tickets for children, ages three to 10 are \$5.50. Tickets are not required for younger children.

Look for more news about the Breakfast in the next *Erie Echo* newsletter.

If you would like to help with the advance preparations and/or help on the day of the breakfast, please contact People for Life.

## Community Outreach

People for Life conducted an ambitious educational outreach program over the summer, participating in a total of ten community events between May 31 and September 24. The purchase of a heavy-duty 10ft. by 10ft. tent in 2005 made it possible to add a number of additional events to our schedule this year.

Here's where we were: Erie Wild Rib



**Waterford Community Fair**

For many more fair pictures, follow the link on the front page of [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org).

Cook Off and Music Festival, CorryFest, Lake City Fireman's Carnival, House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church Summer Outreach Festival (additional event), Dan Rice Days (additional event), Gospel Music Festival at Liberty Park (additional event), Erie County Fair, Waterford Community Fair, Albion Area Fair, and North East Wine Country Harvest Festival (additional event).

Extra special thanks to Mark Lichtenberger for assisting, at all hours of the day and night, with the setups and teardowns for each of these events!

## Education Report

People for Life President Tim Broderick and Education Director Marielle Lafaro presented *Abortion: Policy, Practice and Perspectives* to a group of 30 students at Penn State Erie on the evening of October 12. The presentation generated considerable discussion and many excellent questions.

One question that was especially appreciated: "What can we do to change the current situation in this country of ours?"

Developed by People for Life, the presentation includes PowerPoint illustrations and consists of five segments: Fetal development, Abortion (methods, risks, statistics, public opinion), Laws and current legislation, Abortions in Erie, and Responding to *Roe v. Wade*.

To arrange a free presentation tailored for your high school or middle school classroom, church, or other venue, please call (814) 882-1333.

On October 24, Tim Broderick attended a meeting of the Gannon University Students for Life and talked with the students about pro-life activism in the Erie area and how our two organizations might cooperate on various projects. The American Women's Abortion facility, just down the street from Gannon University was discussed in considerable detail.

## Christmas Party

People for Life's annual Christmas Party will take place on December 10 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM in the Conway Room at Holy Rosary Church. Everyone is welcome. Call Shirley Widomski at 452-3395 by December 6 if you plan to attend.

Please bring a dish to share and a toy or

item of children's clothing (newborn to 12 years) to donate for distribution to needy families by Agnes Priscaro's Multi-Cultural Health Evaluation Delivery System (MHEDS).

Preparations will begin at 12:30 PM. If you can help with the preparations, serving, or cleanup, please say so when you call in your reservation.

## Father-Daughter Purity Ball

A Father-Daughter Purity Ball with special guest speaker Julie Laipply, Miss Virginia USA 2002 will be presented by Women's Care Center of Erie County and WCTL Radio on Saturday, November 18, 2006. The event will take place at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center in Erie from 6 to 10 PM.

The cost is \$85.00 per couple and \$40 per additional daughter. Included in the price are dinner, a professional photograph by Photogenesis, a ballroom dance lesson, and a beautiful sterling silver purity ring (\$45.00 value).

Julie Laipply is an Emmy-nominated television personality at NYC-TV in New York City. Feeling called to work with young people, she left a prestigious full-time, six-figure position at the Pentagon, where she developed courses and coached executives in communications and leadership skills for over three years. Julie was recently selected as a semi-finalist for the hit television show, "The Apprentice."

Make reservations by calling Women's Care Center at 836-7505.

## Free e-Mail Updates from People for Life

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To complete this transaction, just send an e-mail to [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org)

# Are you currently a member of People for Life?

We value everything you are doing to protect and defend the Right to Life, and we would like to count you as an official member. If you are not currently a member, please join today!

Joining is easy, and being a member costs less than \$1.00 a month. Just clip out the form on this page and mail it in with your annual dues. Your financial support and your willingness to *stand up and be counted* will help ensure a strong grassroots voice for life in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Remember, numbers do matter. One of the first questions that news reporters ask

is, "How many people belong to your organization?"

So, while memberships are an important source of much needed funds, they also make a very important statement, and people do take notice. There *is* strength in numbers!

"Are my dues up to date?" Just call or e-mail us, and we will check for you. Please note that you will continue receiving this newsletter even when your membership has lapsed.

May we ask another favor? Please encourage your friends and family to become members as well. Don't forget to

tell them, "It costs less than a dollar a month!"

## Howard Dean on Bob Casey

"It's unlikely, for example, that Bob Casey in the Senate would support these extreme nominees [President Bush] has for the courts. It's a qualitative improvement for the community that believes in a woman's right to choose [death]."

- Howard Dean, Chairman, Democratic National Committee

## Memorials

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education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent "solutions" of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are considered sacred.

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<b>Nov. 3</b>	Last day absentee ballots will be accepted at Court House
<b>Nov. 7</b>	General Election
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Talk on post-abortion trauma - 7:00 PM, see page 5
<b>Nov. 20</b>	No Meeting - Rescheduled for Nov. 21
<b>Nov. 21</b>	People for Life Meeting - 7:30 PM, 1625 W. 26th St.
<b>Dec. 10</b>	Christmas Party - 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
<b>Jan. 20</b>	Erie March & Motorcade for Life - 11:00 AM
<b>Jan. 21</b>	March for Life buses leave Erie - 11:00 PM
<b>Jan. 22</b>	34th Annual March for Life - Washington, DC
<b>Feb. 3</b>	29th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast - 9:00 AM, Avalon Hotel
<b>Feb. 19</b>	People for Life Meeting - 7:30 PM, 1625 W. 26th St.

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