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Time Magazine's "Premie Revolution" Illustrates How These Babies are Surviving and Thriving

A front cover photo for the June 2nd TIME magazine unintentionally sends as strong a pro-life message as we could ever want: "Saving Premies," written by Jeffrey Kluger, about the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. At the risk of stating the abundantly obvious, the incongruity (to put it mildly) of aborting the same age baby that is tenderly, lovingly cared for by a "SWAT team" of devoted specialists is hard to ignore—or understand. Babies whose lives everyone is desperately trying to save could have been—and are—aborted. Bear in mind these little ones are sensitive to pain.

"Every decade since the 1960s, the age of viability has been reduced by a week," Dr. Edward McCabe, medical director of the March of Dimes says. "In 1960 the survival rate for infants under 1,500 g, or 3.3 lb., was 28%. In 2010 it was 78%, and a lot of that improvement has occurred just since the 1980s."

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Vatican Tells United Nations- Abortion is a Form of Torture

The Vatican had strong words for U.N. experts who accused the Catholic Church of torture because of its teaching on abortion.

"The Holy See condemns the torture of anyone, including those tortured and killed before they are born," said Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, Apostolic Nuncio at the United Nations in Geneva.

For the second time this year, a Vatican delegation was in Geneva to discuss the obligations of the Holy See under international law with U.N. experts, and for the second time Catholic doctrine on abortion was at issue, drawing media attention and criticism from the mostly obscure U.N. committees.

Tomasi was reporting on the Vatican's implementation with the U.N. treaty against torture, which it ratified in 2002. Experts on the U.N. committee against torture suggested the Church's teaching on the inviolable dignity of human life is a form of torture.

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High Court Deals Blow to Death Penalty

In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court made it more difficult for states to execute prisoners who claim an intellectual disability. The court ruled that Florida must apply a margin of error to IQ tests. The state had argued that any test score above 70 made prisoners eligible for a death sentence.

"Intellectual disability is a condition, not a number," Justice Anthony Kennedy said.

The key dispute has been who gets to define "mental retardation," now referred to as intellectual disability—states or medical professionals. Only Alabama, Arizona, Kentucky, Virginia and Florida employ a strict IQ score cutoff of 70. The dissenting justices argued that the court should not strike down a state law. Pittsburgh Tribune Review 5/28/14



10 Good Reasons to Save Sex Until Marriage

1. It promotes good communication in dating.
2. The friendship in your relationship grows.
3. There is a better relationship with both sets of parents.
4. You feel more free to question whether you should continue the relationship.
5. It encourages generosity instead of selfishness.
6. There is less risk of physical or verbal abuse.
7. It increases the repertoire of ways to show affection.
8. The couple is more likely to succeed in marriage.
9. If you decide to break off the relationship, it will hurt less.
10. Most importantly, you'll feel better about yourself.

Read the whole article at: <http://www.aleteia.org/en/lifestyle/article/10-good-reasons-to-save-sex-until-marriage-5855276452282368?>

Christian Woman Sentenced to Die



A pregnant Sudanese woman sentenced to death for refusing to renounce her Christian faith in favor of Islam gave birth to a girl in prison. Her 20 month old son has been detained with her since late February. The court gave her three days to recant her faith and sentenced her to death by hanging when she refused. Her legal team lodged an appeal with the Sudanese court on May 22 saying the verdict contradicts the country's 2005 constitution, which enshrines freedom of religion. Bloomberg News 5/28/14

Euthanasia Activists Pushing Starvation as “Death with Dignity”

The “death with dignity” and bioethics crowds grow increasingly extreme. Now, they are pushing starvation. First, it was removing feeding tubes from the cognitively disabled. Now, euthanasia types push VSED, e.g. voluntary stop eating and drinking. Not only that, they want nursing homes and hospitals to be forced to starve dementia patients to death who willingly eat.

A lawsuit was filed to force a nursing home in Canada to starve a dementia patient to death. That lost and is on appeal. But the drive to *force medical personnel to starve patients to death* who eat, if so instructed in an advance medical directive, was boosted recently in the *Hastings Center Report*. Bioethicist Paul T. Menzel and physician M. Colette Chandler-Cramer create a sophistic argument to justify their conclusion: People have the right to commit VSED; people also have the right to refuse life-sustaining treatment in an advance medical directive; hence, people have the right to order themselves starved to death (commit VSED via advance medical directive). They are called an “advance medical directive,” for a reason—to control medical interventions.

But *spoon feeding isn't a “medical treatment!”* Spoon-feeding is considered “humane care”—not the same thing at all.

Wesley J. Smith, J.D., a special consultant to the Center for Bioethics and Culture, who blogs at [Human Exceptionalism](#).

News Headlines

A 17-year-old boy has been named prom queen at the **Danbury High School** in Connecticut and says he's making a point about gender labeling and discrimination.

Easton, PA City Council voted to back HB 1648 -- legislation that would allow illegal aliens to obtain driver's licenses.

Jack Phillips, who owns **Masterpiece Cakes** in Lakewood, has been ordered by Colorado's Civil Rights Commission to bake cakes for same-sex weddings, even though such weddings are illegal in CO. He has also been ordered to report quarterly for two years on staff anti-discrimination training and any customers he refuses to serve. Such will happen in PA, if HB or SB 300 passes.

A Swiss organization that assists people in ending their own lives has voted to widen its services to elderly people who are not terminally ill. Exit chose to add “suicide due to old age” to its statutes to allow people suffering from psychological or physical ailments linked to old age the choice to end their life.

American Family Association of PA 6/2/14



PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

Here is a recap of the companies we have written to in the past, and who are still giving money to Planned Parenthood. Please boycott them (unless it is for life-saving medicine) and let them know it. We will continue highlighting individual companies next month.

Source: Life Decisions Int'l www.fightpp.org

Ameriprise Financial	USA Today	Royal Bank
AOL/Time Warner	Garden Fresh	Blue Ray
Arthur Murray	Glaxo Smith Kline	Southern Wine
Bank of America	Goldman Sachs	Patagonia
Bayer	Hearts Publishing	SW Air
Bikram's Yoga	Hilton Hotels	Starbucks
CBS TV	Hooters	Sheraton
Channel	Intuit Computers	Symantec
Chevron/Texaco	Maritz Travel	TD Bank
Cigna Insurance	Merck Pharm.	Tiffany & Co.
Clif Bar	Mesa Air	Time Warner
Cobra electronics	Microsoft/Bing	UBS Financial
Danone/Evian	Nat'l Amusements	United Health
Deutsche Bank	NY Times	Urban Decay
Diane Von Furstenberg	NIKE	Via Rail
Disney/ABC TV	Oracle Software	Vulcan
E-Bay/Pay Pal	Pernod Ricard Bev.	
Estee Lauder	Polo Ralph Lauren	

Teen Abortion Rate at Lowest Since Roe v. Wade

“U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions, 2010: National and State Trends by Age, Race and Ethnicity,” is written by Kathryn Kost and Stanley Henshaw, of the Guttmacher Institute. For purposes of this report, teenagers were defined as ages 15-19.

“The 2010 teenage abortion rate was 14.7 abortions per 1,000 women,” they conclude. “This figure is the lowest since abortion was legalize and 66% lower than its peak in 1988 (43.5/1,000 women).”

Unfortunately, that decrease was not uniform across among ethnic groups. For Hispanic teenagers the abortion rate (15.3) is almost twice that of non-Hispanic whites (8.5), while the rate for black teenagers (34.5) is almost four times as high as non-Hispanic whites. Incredibly, in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut more than half of teenage pregnancies ended in abortion. “[T]he states with the lowest proportions of teen pregnancies ending in abortion tended to be states that now have the most restrictive anti-abortion legislation: South Dakota, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Utah, Arkansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Texas. In each of these states, less than 15 percent of teen pregnancies ended in abortions.”

Guttmacher, which is pro-abortion, offers the customary pro-abortion explanation: more contraceptive use. But as the breakdown of the states above clearly demonstrates, those states with legislation that educates and informs women—and typically includes some form of parental involvement—lead the way in fewer and few teen abortions. National Right to Life News 5/5/14