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## **BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION FUNDS PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

Life Decisions International has called upon The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to stop funding “the world’s leading pro-abortion force,” said Douglas R. Scott, LDI’s president. “Giving money to Planned Parenthood legitimizes the abortion-committing group. It is impossible to separate Planned Parenthood’s ostensibly altruistic practices from its killing business.”

In its *2000-2001 STEP Reports of Grants*, the Foundation concedes that it funded several Planned Parenthood affiliates. Receiving grants were those located at Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Washington, Iowa; Boise, Idaho; Waco, Texas; New Haven, Connecticut; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Grand Rapids, Michigan; El Paso, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; Bellingham, Washington; Salt Lake City, Utah; West Palm Beach, Florida; and Casper, Wyoming.

“I have three sisters and a wonderful mother. I am horrified about the possibility of breast cancer touching my family. And I was greatly saddened when I learned that the executive director emeritus of LDI had been diagnosed with breast cancer,” Scott said. “Yet all of these strong women oppose *any* funding of Planned Parenthood. This is not only because of the group’s abortion business and its failed ‘educational’ programs. It is also because they realize that Planned Parenthood does breast cancer screenings only to improve its horrible reputation and create a larger customer base.” Scott points out that such screening has nothing to do with the mission of “Planned Parenthood.”

Scott urged the Foundation to give funds for research, education, treatment and screening of the dreadful disease to groups that do not have “deadly baggage.” He said that, “Planned Parenthood’s hierarchy will do virtually anything to make money and change its notorious reputation. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation should not be aiding this farce.”

Scott said pro-life people would forgo participation in the Race for the Cure because The Foundation insists on funding the chief enemy of the unborn child. “This will surely happen and the Foundation has no one to blame but itself,” Scott said. He predicted that pro-life people would support cancer-related programs that are not associated with Planned Parenthood. “I hope Foundation officials hate cancer more than they love Planned Parenthood,” Scott said.

**ACTION:** Write to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 370, Dallas, TX 75244.

## COMMUNIST REGIME INCREASES FINES

The *Beijing Daily Telegraph* reports that fines for bearing a second children will increase to eight times the offending couple's annual income in Communist China's Guangdong province. As one of the most affluent provinces, previous fines of two times the offending couple's annual income allowed an increasing number of people to have "unauthorized" pregnancies. Couples could "legitimize" the births by paying a fine to register the child. The reforms will take effect in September and give officials new powers in the fight against children. Peasants with extra children will be subject to an annual social levy.

Brutality and corruption plague attempts by the Beijing government to portray its system as one that is becoming more humane. Villagers say "family planning" officials use terror in many counties, such as forcing women to have abortions and imposing penalties on families, which usually includes demolition of their homes. In the worst cases, saline solution is injected into the womb to induce a stillborn child as late as eight-and-a-half months into pregnancy. Yet the government continues to reject accusations that coercion and the use of quotas are widespread.

The communist Family Planning Agency wants to transform its role into that of a modern provider of advice and information. But it remains responsible for administering and enforcing the uncompromising drive to limit the population in Communist China to 1.6 billion by 2050.

Aiding the assault on Communist China's children is the ultrasound. Even the pro-abortion *New York Times* reports that villagers are using inexpensive prenatal scan to determine a baby's gender. They then use abortion to prevent the birth of females.

Through the last decade, a time of rapid economic growth, the gap between male and female births has widened, giving Communist China the largest gender disparity among newborns in the world. In pockets of the countryside the imbalance is staggering, with births of as many as 144 boys for every 100 girls. In 2000, the nationwide disparity grew to 117 boys for every 100 girls. The global average is 106 boys to 100 girls.

"People around here depend on their sons to provide for them in old age because you can't rely on anyone else," said Zheng Anban, the father of two sons and two daughters. Zheng had paid fines in order to have "extra" children. "If you have a son who can go out and make money, then the whole family will be secure."

*USA Today* reports that a study by Hudson and Andrea Den Boer of Britain's University of Kent shows that as a result of the disparity there will be as many as 33 million unmarried males aged 15-34 by 2020. Other estimates put the figure at 40 million. The study concluded that most of these men would be considered "losers in societal competition." According to *Beijing Luntan* magazine, many poor young men will have to get used to the single life. They must learn to "handle the punishment they have received as a result of...the mistakes of the previous generation."

Back in 1997, *Beijing Luntan* predicted that "such sexual crimes as forced marriages, girls stolen for wives, bigamy, visiting prostitutes, rape, adultery... homosexuality...and weird sexual habits appear to be unavoidable." Many cities are rife with prostitution and bride trafficking is common in rural areas.

## THE U.N.F.P.A. DECISION

Most pro-life leaders applauded President George W. Bush's decision to withhold funding from the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Yet even many of those who were generally pleased with the President's action also expressed concern and disappointment.

Congress had earmarked \$34 million from American taxpayers for the UNFPA, which supports forced sterilizations and abortions in Communist China and other countries. But the State Department said the money would be redirected to fund population programs under the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Child Survival and Health Program Fund. "While Americans have different views on the issues of abortion," said a State Department spokesman, "I think all agree that no woman should be forced to have an abortion."

The spokesman was correct only if he was referring to the general population. Radical pro-abortion groups are furious with the President. For example, a press release from the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) was headlined: "World's Poorest Women Fall Victim to Anti-Choice Politics."

Why are some pro-life leaders still unhappy? Judie Brown, president of the American Life League, said the President's decision to redirect the money to USAID's "contraceptives" program is an inconsistent political move. "What he has given to pro-lifers with one hand, he has taken away with the other," Brown said. The USAID Child Survival and Health Program Fund includes money for "forecasting, purchasing, and supplying contraceptive commodities and other materials necessary for reproductive health programs."

Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI, called the decision of the Bush Administration to withhold the funds from the UNFPA a "brave" one, but he was critical of the President for giving the money to USAID. "This is not an acceptable alternative," Scott said. "Historically speaking, USAID cannot be trusted as it is riddled with pro-abortion bureaucrats who willingly skirt the law and the wishes of the Administration." Scott urged President Bush to take another brave stand by saving taxpayers \$34 million and not releasing it at all.

"We know that President Bush leans pro-life, but it is clearly not an issue that is important to him. This is not an issue for which the President will go to the mat," Scott said. "But we are pleased that pressure from pro-life groups has succeeded in convincing the President that he needs to do the right thing. We just hope he does not do the wrong thing as a follow-up."

The European Union (EU) announced that it would donate about \$32 million to the UNFPA to effectively nullify the impact of the Bush Administration's action. European Development Commissioner Poul Nielson called the American action "regrettable and counter-productive." But Paul Dannon of the London-based Society for the Protection of Unborn Children called the EU's move "tragic." He continued: "The EU is not a force for good."

Thoraya Obaid, UNFPA's executive director, said the funds would be used to "help women plan their families, have safe pregnancies and deliveries, and protect themselves from HIV infection." Of course, this rhetoric ignores the central issue: the agency's participation in coercive practices.

After learning of the President's UNFPA decision, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted to change the language in the law under which the Administration took its action. For 17 years, the Kemp-Kasten amendment has prohibited federal funds from going to any group or program that the President of the United States determines "supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization." The Committee's new language (in the Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill) would bar funds from going to "any organization or program that directly participates in coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization." Naturally, the word "directly" is open to interpretation and the new text greatly weakens current law. "If the change passes, one can be sure American taxpayers will become *directly* involved in coercive practices," Scott said.

The President has said he is “going to make sure we’re not using taxpayers’ money to fund abortion.” Translation: If Bush is feeling brave at the moment the bill with new language hits his desk, it may be vetoed. But pro-life leaders are never sure what to expect. After all, Bush took the UNFPA action only after negotiations did not result in a compromise.

**ACTION:** Tell your Senators and your member of the House of Representatives what *you* think!

## TREATY GETS THUMBS UP

The United States Senate Finance Committee has approved an international treaty that is supported by the likes of Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL). The full Senate will vote on the treaty within the next few months (most likely in November).

The Bush Administration had asked for more time to review the treaty, which is known as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). But the committee’s chairman, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., D-Del., said that if the committee did not take immediate action there was little hope of getting the Senate to ratify the treaty before Congress adjourns this year.

Treaty proponents say the pact is intended to convince governments to abolish barriers to equality for women in education, employment, marriage and divorce, “health care,” and other areas. Nearly 170 countries have already ratified the treaty.

“There can be no doubt that CEDAW supporters are attempting to use this treaty to advance their radical abortion agenda,” said Senator Jesse Helms, R-N.C. “This is evident in [CEDAW] committee reports directing Ireland to legalize abortion, and criticizing Ireland for the Church’s influence in public policy.”

Both Biden and Senator Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., rejected Helms’ arguments: “Opponents warn that the treaty’s call for universal access to family planning is really a disguised call for a right to abortion services. That is a charge with no basis in fact.”

Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI, agrees with Biden and Boxer. “The treaty disguises nothing. Everyone who is actively involved with these issues, including Biden and Boxer, knows full well that the treaty is pro-abortion,” Scott said. “These two lawmakers are either incredibly naïve or they are lying to the people they are sworn to serve. As with any United Nations treaty, ‘health care’ includes ‘family planning’ and ‘family planning’ includes abortion.” Scott also reminds us that Planned Parenthood and NARAL are actively supporting the treaty. “One can tell a lot about what is in a treaty by the groups that support and oppose it,” Scott said.

“If this treaty were really not about advancing the pro-abortion agenda, Biden and Boxer would certainly be willing to add explicit language that makes it unmistakably abortion-neutral,” Scott said. “If they are not willing to do so, well, that would say it all.” Scott said that Biden and Boxer “would gladly sacrifice equality for women in every area of life if they could not include unrestricted abortion worldwide. The question is this: Do these lawmakers worship abortion more than they value women?”

Planned Parenthood urged its supporters to write to President George W. Bush in support of the treaty:

I urge you to support the Treaty for the Rights of Women and work toward full Senate ratification in 2002. Women in Afghanistan and around the world need our support for ending sex trafficking, educating girls and promoting women’s health. This treaty can make a huge difference in efforts to save women’s lives, help their families and promote economic self-sufficiency.

...Our failure to ratify the treaty puts us in the company of nations such as Iran and Syria. U.S. ratification will demonstrate our commitment to basic human rights for women.

**ACTION:** Tell your two members of the United States Senate what *you* think of the CEDAW treaty.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.womenstreaty.org](http://www.womenstreaty.org)

### PRO-ABORTION LEADER HONORED

Louise Hanvey, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (PPFC), was honored as a 2002 “Woman of Distinction” at a YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards ceremony. The event paid tribute to 47 women nominated for their “contributions and achievements” in various categories. Hanvey was awarded the “Community Volunteer Award.”

In her acceptance speech, Hanvey spoke about sexual and reproductive “health” and “rights” and the work of Planned Parenthood. As part of receiving the Award, she was given the opportunity to publish an opinion piece in the *Ottawa Citizen*. Hanvey wrote about the “ongoing need for reliable, non-judgemental [sic] sexual health education in Canada.”

**MORE INFORMATION:** Hanvey’s *Ottawa Citizen* article may be read at: [www.ppfc.ca/issues/Hanvey.html](http://www.ppfc.ca/issues/Hanvey.html).

### IN THE LOOP

Planned Parenthood sent the following e-mail to its friends:

From: Planned Parenthood Action Network

Date: Wed, 24 Jul 2002

Subject: Action Alert: Demand that Insurance Companies Cover Contraception!

If you are already a member of the Planned Parenthood Action Network, you can take action on this issue by simply hitting REPLY to this message and then SEND. A letter will automatically be sent to your U.S. Senators on your behalf. Please forward this message to your friends, family and colleagues!

A historical vote on contraceptive equity may happen in the Senate very soon. We need you to contact your U.S. Senators and demand that they support the Equity in Prescription Insurance and Contraceptive Coverage (EPICC) amendment, which would establish equitable coverage for contraceptive prescriptions and related medical services. Contraceptive equity means that if a health plan covers prescription drugs and devices, it has to cover contraception also. It is simple fairness.

Right now women pay on average 68% more out of pocket for health care expenses than men. Twenty states now have laws requiring equity in contraceptive coverage. And last year, a federal district court ruled in the case of *Erickson vs. Bartell Drug Company* that an employer’s exclusion of prescription contraception from a health plan that covers other prescription drugs and devices is sex discrimination. EPICC was first introduced in 1997. It is about fairness. It is about basic health. It is about time that this bill becomes law! Demand a yes vote on the EPICC amendment!

Here is another alert sent the same day:

From: Planned Parenthood Action Network

Date: Wed, 24 Jul 2002

Subject: Oppose the Nomination of Anti-Choice

Justice Priscilla Owen!

Since taking office, President Bush has nominated numerous anti-choice judges to the federal judiciary. The most recent nominee to come before the Senate Judiciary Committee is Priscilla Owen, who has been nominated to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Planned Parenthood is opposing the nomination.

Because these lower federal courts exercise enormous power in deciding cases involving women's rights, the right to privacy, reproductive freedoms, and other basic civil rights, it is essential that judges appointed to these courts demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding these fundamental rights. Many of the judicial nominees, including Justice Owen, have demonstrated hostility to women's reproductive freedom and their nominations must be rejected.

Judge Owen currently serves as a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court. During her tenure, she has written several opinions suggesting a higher standard than what the law explicitly requires for minors attempting to access abortion services when they feel they cannot involve a parent. She has written several opinions that have advocated that Texas statutes regulating access of minors to abortion be interpreted to make access without the involvement of a parent exceedingly difficult. Her opinions were so extreme that even President Bush's White House Counsel, who was also a Texas Supreme Court Justice at the time of Owen's opinions, accused her of committing an "unconscionable act of judicial activism".

Justice Owen's record in these cases demonstrates more than insensitivity—and perhaps hostility—to the plight of a young woman who feels that she cannot involve a parent in her decision to have an abortion. It demonstrates her willingness to engage in judicial activism and to create hurdles that simply are not to be found in the words of the statute, in order to limit the exercise of a fundamental right.

Needless-to-say, groups such as the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) have sent similar e-mails to their supporters.

**ACTION:** Tell your two members of the United States Senate what *you* think about these two issues!

## CLERGY FOR CHOICE

Nearly 35 members of the "clergy" have joined to advocate for abortion. Founded with the support of Planned Parenthood, "Clergy for Choice" is based in Santa Barbara, California. A group spokesman told the Santa Barbara *News-Press* that it wants to counter the religious right's view that abortion is always morally wrong and cannot be supported by religious doctrine.

Most members of the group are primarily from Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Unitarian churches. "Many are women. Most belong to liberal congregations, but some would be considered politically middle-of-the-road," the *News-Press* reports. Citing "privacy concerns," Planned Parenthood refused to release a roster of members to the newspaper.

The newspaper cited ex-priest Daniel C. Maguire, a professor of ethics in Marquette University's Theology Department, as an example of a "Catholic" member of Clergy for Choice. "The *Bible* does not condemn abortion" and neither do most religions, Maguire told the group during a promotional tour for his book, *Sacred Choices: The Right to Contraception and Abortion in Ten World Religions*. "These views have been hidden away, and this book seeks to reveal them." When religious leaders step forward to advance a pro-choice point of view, "it changes the terrain. It's a signal that religion is open," he said.

“Our position is essentially about the full empowerment of people to determine their own destiny,” said Mark Asman of Trinity Episcopal Church. “We don’t feel the need to say that the people who are anti-choice shouldn’t exist, but to say clearly and loudly that there is another position, and that we support a woman’s right to choose. Abortion is never an easy choice, but sometimes it is the best choice. People should never be told it is an impossible choice.” (Notice the use of rhetoric that is identical to that of rabid pro-abortion activists.)

Clergy for Choice is united in the belief that there is moral and theological justification for abortion. “This is fundamentally a religious issue and a freedom of choice issue, which for me comes from a deep faith in God and a belief in religious freedom,” said Rabbi Rick Shapiro of Temple B’nai B’rith. “Every religious tradition represented in this country has a different approach as to whether or not abortion is a moral option for a pregnant woman. Therefore, for me it is an issue of free exercise of religion, and women must be free to choose.”

Clergy for Choice members claim that pro-life groups do not speak for the majority of people in “religious life” because most hold moderate views. “You don’t have to be in favor of abortions, just in favor of keeping them legal,” said Dale Morgan of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church. (Is not this the same argument used by slaveholders some 150 years ago?) “I was a residence hall adviser in college, and I knew a woman who was rendered sterile from an abortion. I want them to be safe and legal. A woman’s life is at stake.”

Morgan claims to prefer adoption to abortion and considers herself to be pro-life. “I want to take back that expression,” she said. “I am pro-life for the woman who is pregnant, and I am pro-life for the *wanted* child (emphasis added).”

“We want to protect the mother that [sic] is so overwhelmed and disappointed and needing help, and the child that [sic] is the innocent one as well. To take the life of an innocent child is a social justice issue,” said Denny Wayman of the Free Methodist Church. (Can you believe he is actually saying such a thing? Yet there is more.) “But the only person who can make the choice is the mother. We try to support her in that moment of choosing. There is nothing a person could do that we would reject them, not in the Christian faith. We are not here to judge,” Wayman said.

“Openness” is critical if religious people are to look for spiritual guidance when they are faced with the question of whether or not to abort their baby, said Peggy Johnson of the First Congregational Church-United Church of Christ. “When issues are reduced to absolute moral debates, people are ashamed to talk about them, and they have nowhere to turn within their church. They don’t have permission to deal with the deep spiritual issues involved,” she said. “People who have had to make this choice are starved to talk to someone about it.”

Johnson claims to be bothered by the alleged inconsistencies that she sees in some people who oppose abortion but favor the death penalty and war. “To discuss issues like when life begins is to sidestep the inconsistencies and hypocrisies that are part of our human condition,” she said. “We like to choose when we get to decide about life.” (Question: Using the same “logic,” is it not inconsistent and hypocritical to oppose the death penalty and war, but *not* abortion?)

## **BREAKING YOUR WORD**

Readers of *The Caleb Report* will recall a story that appeared in the May-June 2002 issue entitled, “LDI Accused of Grave Sins.” It was reported that Stephen Wetzel of Missionaries to the Unborn had attacked LDI for seeking donations for the highly regarded *Boycott List*. LDI was also chastised for deciding against placing the *List* online.

After speaking with Fr. Thomas J. Euteneuer, president of Human Life International, and Joseph M. Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Action League (both strong supporters of LDI), Wetzel e-mailed LDI saying that he was “backing off on the...boycott list for pay” issue. Yet he said that doing so left a “bitter taste” because LDI is engaging in the “holding back of vital info [sic] that would benefit all proliferers, for money...”

Wetzel had threatened to come up with his own list of sponsors of “Planned Barrenhood,” but he apparently figured that stealing LDI’s work would be much easier. Despite what appeared to be a promise to stop insisting that LDI put *The Boycott List* online, Wetzel placed a link on his website to a copy of LDI’s *List*. Someone has taken the *List*, inaccurately retyped the information and placed it online. It is also being e-mailed across the country. As one might expect, the online and e-mailed list is riddled with errors, including outdated information. When LDI requested that Wetzel keep his word we received this response:

I have refused to pay the amount you wish to extort [from pro-life people] for financial gain concerning companies that support abortion. I do have a link to a site... That link will remain in place.

Others who have decided they have a God-given right to steal LDI material are Neal Horsley, who has placed it on his highly controversial website, and the underground leaders of “The Army of ‘God.’” None of these individuals provide the source of the information so most of those who read it have no idea where it originated. (Several people contacted LDI to say they had received the e-mail and knew it was from our *List*.)

“These actions definitely weaken our efforts and risk the very existence of *The Boycott List*. It will also lead to great confusion among caring pro-life people and corporate leaders,” said Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI. “But these men think they know best and no one can tell them otherwise.” So far, the only material to be stolen is *The Boycott List*. We do not know if other LDI literature will soon follow.

### **YOU CAN KEEP YOUR ATROCIOUS M.T.V.!**

“For years MTV [Music Television] has been... holding nothing back as it corrupts the youth of our nation,” said Bryan Kemper, director of Rock For Life. “[We] will stand up to MTV and tell them that we are fed up with the filth that flows from their studio.”

Kemper joined at least 50 young people from across the United States who stood outside MTV’s New York City studios for a time of prayer and peaceful protest. “MTV has partnered with Planned Parenthood in promoting a toll-free number for underage children to receive an unmarked package [so parents do not become suspicious] in the mail containing condoms,” Kemper charged.

“Much of MTV’s programming is sexually explicit material marketed towards young people. This is destructive,” Kemper said. “If MTV really cared about the youth of America they would be preaching virtues like chastity, purity and fidelity. Instead of being ashamed of what they are doing they flaunt it and continue to push the limits...”

“This is a pro-life issue,” Kemper said. “Increased sexual activity leads to more unplanned pregnancies which ultimately leads to more abortions. Promoting the use of birth control does nothing to solve the problem of teenage pregnancy. It only worsens the problem as teens feel a false sense of security.”

Kemper is right about MTV, particularly when he talks about its association with Planned Parenthood. As part of its “Fight For Your Rights” campaign, MTV’s website includes a section that features the following:

Just enter your zip code or state to find an HIV testing site in your area (many also test for other STDs [sexually transmitted diseases]). Or, you can search for your local Planned Parenthood clinic, which can offer you a range of reproductive health services from testing to counseling.

Two links follow: “Find an HIV Testing Facility” and “Find a Planned Parenthood Center.”

Another section of the same website includes a link under “Resources” entitled, “Find Sexual Health Organizations” and “Find Helpful Hotlines.” Planned Parenthood is listed in both sections. Under “Videos” is a “Click here to see the videos” link. After doing so one finds five links for public service announcements that are “aimed at informing viewers about how to protect themselves against STDs and where to find more information.”

MTV is partnered with Advocates for Youth, which was founded under the name Center for Population Options. Advocates for Youth has an agenda virtually identical to that of Planned Parenthood.

Viacom International owns MTV. It also owns Video Hits One (VH1), Country Music Television (CMT), Blockbuster, Showtime, Comedy Central, Nickelodeon, Black Entertainment Television (BET), The National Network (TNN), Paramount Studios, United International Pictures, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), King World Productions, United Paramount Network (UPN), recreation/amusement parks (King’s Island, King’s Dominion, Great America, & Canada’s Wonderland), National Amusements movie theaters, Infinity Radio, and the Sundance Channel.

**ACTION:** Write to Mr. Sumner M. Redstone, Chairman & CEO, Viacom International, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036.

**MORE INFORMATION:** The MTV website that mentions Planned Parenthood can be found at the following address: [www.mtv.com/onair/ffyr/protect/?\\_requestid=686](http://www.mtv.com/onair/ffyr/protect/?_requestid=686).

Visit Advocates for Youth at: [www.advocatesforyouth.org](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org).

For a sample of MTV’s filth, visit the website for one of its worst programs: [www.mtv.com/onair/undressed/index.jhtml](http://www.mtv.com/onair/undressed/index.jhtml). Click on the link for “Sizzling Photo Book” to see still pictures from the show. (Warning: The link includes photographs of heterosexual and homosexual situations and is not recommended for, well, anyone!)

## THE PRAYER PROJECT

The Prayer Project encourages prayer for those in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions. Join us in daily prayer for: August—Rev. **Carlton W. Veazey**, president & chief executive officer of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice; September—European Development Commissioner **Poul Nielson**; and October—Senator **Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**, D-Del.

## BOYCOTT UPDATE

Are you using Hotmail for your e-mail service? While the service is free, **Microsoft** sells advertising based on the number of people signed up for Hotmail. The more people who use Hotmail, the more money Microsoft can charge for advertising. When you stop using Hotmail, be sure to cancel the service in full and tell Microsoft why you are doing so.

See’s Candies continues to mislead the public about its involvement with Planned Parenthood. Those who complain to the company receive a form letter that just happens to ignore the fact that See’s Candies is a subsidiary of **Berkshire Hathaway**, which is a boycott target. LDI has written to the chief executive officer of See’s at least twice regarding the misleading and incomplete information in the form letter. Yet LDI has never

received a reply and the form letter remains unaltered. See's Candies' campaign of half-truths and deceit must be working.

There have been several changes in corporate leadership. In addition, due to a merger, one corporation has changed its name:

- **American Home Products** has merged with **Wyeth**. The latter has been adopted as the corporate name. Contact: Mr. Robert A. Essner, President & Chief Executive Officer, Wyeth Inc., 5 Giralda Farms, Madison, NJ 07940-0874.
- **Johnson & Johnson** has a new leader: Mr. William C. Weldon, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Johnson & Johnson Inc., 1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933.
- **Nationwide Mutual Insurance** is acquiring the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company. Contact: Mr. William G. Jurgensen, Chief Executive Officer, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., 1 Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215-2220.

After being informed that Operation Rescue West (ORW) accepts the **American Express** card, LDI's president, Douglas R. Scott, wrote to let the group know that the company funds Planned Parenthood and is a boycott target. LDI received a response ORW's director, Troy Newman:

Thank you for your email and concern. While I personally ripped up my AE [American Express] card years ago we made a decision to accept donations from their account. The reasoning is simple. We give the abortion industry far more grief than the small amount of funds that go to them. The good outweighs the bad, by far.

You may say "you have compromised", perhaps, but haven't we all. Do you buy things made in China, even though you hate to do so? What about General Mills products? The list is endless and if we all kept up every boycott I'd be living in the hills with the rest of the Y2K crowd.

I pray you will continue to support the baby-saving work of ORW and overlook our "deal with the devil"...

Have not we all compromised? *No*. For the record, LDI's president strictly adheres to the boycott. In addition, he does *not* buy products made in Communist China. And he is not "living in the hills with the rest of the Y2K crowd." (General Mills is no longer a boycott target.) Somehow we do not believe that this cavalier response will satisfy many pro-life activists. But the question is this: Does the response satisfy our Creator? We know one thing for sure—Planned Parenthood and American Express must love it.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I don't know Mrs. Dole's position [on abortion]. Mrs. Dole has changed her position so many times."

— Ada Fisher, M.D., a candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate in North Carolina, as quoted by the *News & Record*

"Her position is clear," Brewer said, noting that Dole opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest or where necessary to save the mother's life."

— press report quoting Mary Brown Brewer, official spokesman for Elizabeth Dole

“Mrs. Dole is *totally* pro-life; we’re secure in that fact (emphasis added).”

— press report quoting Barbara Holt, president of the North Carolina Right to Life Political Action Committee, regarding the group’s endorsement of Elizabeth Dole for the United States Senate—an action that angered her pro-life primary opponents; after losing his bid for President in 1996, Dole’s husband angrily lashed out at the Pro-Life Movement in a manner that made it clear he did not care about the abortion issue.

## IN THE (E-)MAIL

LDI receives a lot of hate mail. But sometimes, we get mail that really touches our hearts:

We thank you for bringing the LDI financial situation to our attention. We won’t know these things unless you tell us—so don’t be bashful about reporting the facts. We respect your fund-raising ethic. But we are Partners, too...

We increased our regular donations to LDI last year, but we were not aware that things got as bad as they apparently do in the summer, especially this year. We are therefore enclosing a Special Gift to help reduce the burden...

After all, we are Partners—we should all share the load...Praise God for your ministry.

— Jeff & Jean B., New Ulm, Minnesota

I don’t have a lot of \$, but I really admire the way you run LDI—you follow your conscience and do what you say you’ll do. I don’t know another organization that follows their own rules. Including these days, my own Church. Thanks for following through.

— Judy M., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

You guys have more courage than any other group! You take on anyone who is doing evil, no matter who or how powerful they are and no matter how it may hurt you personally or your group. Be encouraged! The Lord demands that the light be brightly shown and as a supporter we want to know the truth, even if we don’t always like it. He will protect you!!!

— Tom H., El Cajon, California

I fully endorse, admire, and otherwise support what you...at LDI are doing, ☺ and will contribute as much as I can as often as I can...

Thank you for all you are doing in the Lord’s vineyard, *keep it up* (Revelation 2:10), and God bless you. Ephesians 1:15 *ff.*

— Anne C., Minneapolis, Minnesota

And these are only four of your letters! Thank you!

## BUSINESS MOGULS FUND EXPERIMENTS

The San Jose *Mercury News* reports that Andrew Grove, chairman of the board at Intel Corporation, has pledged \$5 million to help launch a new embryonic stem cell program at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). The donation is the first step toward a \$20 million fund-raising campaign by the university and will allow scientists to work without restrictions. It will also give UCSF a competitive boost in the field of biomedicine.

In making such a large public donation, Grove joins the ranks of those who are trying to do an end run around federal restrictions and the government’s reluctance to support such experimentation. His “Stem Cell Challenge” will fuel the UCSF Stem Cell Discovery Fund, created to support the new Developmental and Stem Cell Biology Program at the university. Grove will match every gift of \$50,000 to \$500,000.

In 1995, Grove was treated for cancer at UCSF. Since his diagnosis and cure, disease research and support has become his avocation. To continue its experiments outside the federal rules, UCSF has moved one of its labs, funded entirely with private money, off campus.

In 1999, Netscape founder Jim Clark pledged \$150 million for biomedical research at Stanford University, but he withheld \$60 million of the gift to protest new federal limits on human embryonic stem cell experimentation and cloning in hopes of convincing the Bush Administration to change its policy. Clark's action has hurt Stanford's effort to become a bigger player in the field.

Several celebrities have contributed funding toward private embryonic stem cell experimentation. These include actors Michael J. Fox and Christopher Reeve, as well as producer/director Jerry Zucker.

## TRUE DEVOTION

Corporations are becoming increasingly bold in funding controversial groups. For example, many have funded Out & Equal Workplace Advocates (OEWA), which describes itself as a group "devoted to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] community in workplace settings."

Corporate supporters of OEWA include (those in bold type are boycott targets for their support of Planned Parenthood): United Way of the Bay Area, Motorola, Raytheon, Procter & Gamble, Chubb, Kodak, Deluxe checks, **Bank One**, Ford Motor Company, Intel, Citigroup, **Microsoft**, NCR, Aetna, IBM, Boeing, Witeck-Combs Communications, Dow Chemical, Shell Oil, SBC Communications, American Automobile Association (California), ChevronTexaco, Singular Wireless, **Sun Microsystems**, Daimler Chrysler, FleetBoston, Hewlett-Packard, **J.P. Morgan Chase**, Verizon Wireless, American Airlines, Charles Schwab, Coors, Genetech, Hewitt, Honeywell, **Kaiser Permanente**, and S. C. Johnson & Son.

Unfortunately, one will rarely find corporations bold enough to publicly and proudly fund pro-life groups.

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