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THREE STRIKES AND GLORIA FELDT IS OUT Departure Of Planned Parenthood Chief Is A Surprise

On January 27, 2005, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. (PPFA) announced that, effective immediately, Gloria Feldt had resigned her position as president. The change in leadership came as a surprise to virtually everyone, but few people think it was Feldt's idea.

"Gloria Feldt was at the helm of PPFA during three events that were significant blows to the abortion-committing group in recent months," said Douglas R. Scott, president of Life Decisions International (LDI). "The flap over the sale of 'I had an abortion' tee-shirts led to a lot of negative press. A study by *Consumer Reports* slammed Planned Parenthood-brand condoms (see related story). And worst of all, despite having spent huge sums of money and countless man-hours, President George W. Bush was re-elected."

"PPFA's hierarchy has always sought a scapegoat whenever things go wrong and this is no exception," Scott said. "Feldt has simply been too open about Planned Parenthood's mission and how its leaders feel about various issues. And the President's re-election was really out of Feldt's control since terrorism played a large role in determining how people voted."

Naturally, Feldt said the change at the top was her choice. In an interview with *Newsweek* the day after the resignation was announced, Feldt claimed she had been talking to the PPFA Board of Directors "for six months or more about the fact that it was time" for her to leave the group. "We have been engaged in those discussions more seriously for the past few months."

It has been suggested that Feldt may be leaving because she was "too political" for Planned Parenthood. "I don't think there's any going back for Planned Par-

enthood in the political world," Feldt responded. "What I have seen is a transformed world."

Feldt is happy she is able to speak out even more freely now that she has left the "non-partisan" PPFA. "I can say whatever I want to say. If I don't want to be non-partisan, I don't have to be non-partisan," she said.

Asked if pro-abortion leaders should soften their rhetoric, Feldt said the key is to refocus the debate:

While I can complain about journalists focusing on abortion, it is our job to communicate in a way so that you could not write anything but that we are talking about reproductive rights as human rights. We have to really frame reproductive rights as human rights and stay with that. The prevention agenda is so important. It is the morally right thing to do. It is a place where the majority of Americans can agree. It actually provides really good services to people. Once they start talking about prevention in a serious way in Congress, it will show the extreme right for the radicals they are. They want to eliminate birth control and family planning programs as well as abortion.

Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), told "Family News in Focus" that Feldt's resignation may be due to a change in public opinion about abortion. "Perhaps the clear evidence that the majority of the American people are shifting in a pro-life direction has affected the thinking of the people" in PPFA, Franz said. The NRLC head said she hopes PPFA's next president will be "a real advocate for women and begins to concentrate on issues that would really be of help to women rather than increasing their practice of abortion."

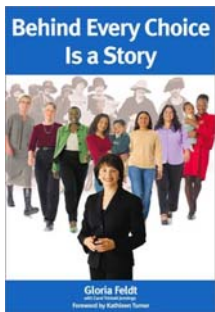
Wendy Wright, senior policy director at Concerned Women for America (CWA), said under Feldt's leadership PPFA had taken some very radical positions. "We hope that Planned Parenthood is rethinking its very extreme positions," Wright said, "and will now allow for such things as regulations on abortion clinics to make sure that abortion is less risky for the women who undergo it."

"Anyone who believes Feldt's departure will lead to a change in Planned Parenthood's ideology, activities or goals knows very little about the group," Scott said. The statement by NRLC is in keeping with the group's position that the only problem with Planned Parenthood is its involvement in abortion. "Abortion is Planned Parenthood's most horrifying aspect, but there is much more that is offensive to those who respect life. Planned Parenthood may repackage its message to make it more palatable, but everything else will remain the same."

Appearing nonchalant about handing over leadership, Feldt said it comes with the territory. "The great thing about Planned Parenthood is that there's so much strength and so much leadership all throughout this organization," she said. "This is not a sprint. It's not even a marathon. This is a relay race. You do your lap and you pass on the baton to the next person. That's the way it works."

In keeping with its common practice, the chairman of PPFA's Board of Directors, La Don Love, released a statement praising Feldt. "We honor Gloria Feldt's contributions to Planned Parenthood and to the global movement for reproductive justice. Her leadership has resulted in significant achievements for the organization and for women and families worldwide." It also led to a near doubling of PPFA's budget.

Feldt, who has three children, began her Planned Parenthood career in 1974 in West Texas and later moved to Phoenix where she served as president of Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona. She was tapped to serve as PPFA president in 1996.



Feldt has authored two books (*Behind Every Choice Is a Story* and *The War on Choice: The Right-Wing Attack on Women's Rights and How to Fight Back*.) She was named a 2003 "Woman of the Year" by pro-abortion *Glamour* magazine and one of the top 200 "Women Legends, Leaders and Trailblazers" by the equally pro-abortion *Vanity Fair*.

Feldt said she has thought about the future. "I have about a half dozen half-baked next-book ideas....," she told *Newsweek*. "I'm just going to sit by myself for a while and play around with which one of these books will be the first one I'll work on. I'll probably do a little speaking as well. I have also offered to make myself available to help Planned Parenthood..."

Karen Pearl, chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Nassau County Inc., in New York, will serve as PPFA's interim president. A national search for a new president is underway.

STUDY CRITICIZED, EXPOSES P.P.F.A.

"If you were told about a product that would fail 15% of the time over one year, would you consider that product reliable?" asked William Beckman, executive director of the Illinois Right to Life Committee (IRLC). "I suspect not." He continued: "If you were told that a new car's engine or transmission had a 100% failure rate over a five-year period, would you find that performance acceptable? I am certain that you would not."

Consumer Reports, the respected magazine of the Consumers Union (CU), has published the results of studies about virtually every kind of consumer product. Many people use the publication to help make decisions about purchases, especially of expensive items. In its February 2005 issue, *Consumer Reports* published a list of birth control options that included abortion, complete with a section describing how the act gets rid of a pregnant mother's "uterine contents."

Along with a report on condoms, *Consumer Reports* provided a comparative guide to other birth control methods and a page titled, "Birth control: More and safer choices," which included discussion of abortion. As *World Net Daily* reported, pro-life activists have condemned the magazine for failing to list the negative aspects of and alternatives to killing a preborn child. Moreover, some pro-life leaders have expressed their shock that abortion would be listed as a form of "birth control." The magazine has also been criticized for advising people wanting to obtain "emergency contraception" to contact Planned Parenthood.

"Women having an abortion in the U.S. can choose one of two methods: the so-called abortion pill or a surgical procedure," the abortion section of the "birth control choices" page stated. After a discussion of the abortion drug RU-486, the report described methods of surgical abortions: "Vacuum aspiration, also known as suction curettage, is the standard surgical abortion method in the U.S. for pregnancies in the first trimester."

ter, when 88 percent of legal abortions take place. The cervix is enlarged to a diameter of about a half-inch, either by use of dilating rods or the drug misoprostol. The uterine contents are sucked out using a manual or electrical pump while the woman is under local anesthesia. Some women may have cramps afterward, and also intermittent bleeding for a week or two.”

Finally, *Consumer Reports* states what it claims are risk statistics for abortion: “In the U.S., the fatality risk with mifepristone (RU-486) is slightly less than 1 per 100,000 cases, compared with 0.1 per 100,000 for surgical abortion at 8 weeks or less. Pregnancy itself carries a fatality risk of 11.8 per 100,000.”

Consumer Reports has been criticized for failing to note that one of the ways the birth control pill works is by changing the lining of the uterus, which prevents a fertilized egg from attaching to the lining, thus destroying the developing life. This occurs if one of the first two effects of the pill—preventing ovulation and causing the mucus in the cervix to change so sperm cannot enter—does not occur. The report included only the first two effects in its “how it works” section.

As part of the study, *Consumer Reports* evaluated 23 kinds of latex condoms. PPFA’s “lollipop” flavored condom ranked fourteenth. The abortion-committing behemoth’s assorted colors condoms placed twenty-second. And PPFA’s honeydew flavored condoms ranked dead last. Ratings were based on “condom strength and predicted performance in actual use as assessed by tests using an air-inflation machine.”



A total of 120 samples of each condom model were tested, except for the honeydew condom. (Its initial failure merited a retest of a larger sample [500]). *Consumer Reports* had some advice: “If you obtain condoms from Planned Parenthood, avoid the low-rated scented Honeydew and Assorted Colors varieties.”

In its brochure “The Truth About Condoms,” PPFA blames those who promote an “abstinence-until-marriage agenda” for obstructing “public health efforts toward increased condom use in the U.S for most of the 20th century.” But LDI President Douglas R. Scott blasted PPFA for its “self-serving and callous disregard for the health and the very lives of America’s youth.”

“Planned Parenthood’s highly paid employees should be ashamed,” Scott said. “It is clear that the Planned Parenthood hierarchy is more concerned with making money than protecting the lives of young people. Planned Parenthood claims it prevents the ‘need’ for

abortion by pushing birth control,” he continued. “It is evident that Planned Parenthood is the equivalent of a doctor who owns a funeral home on the side. If he doesn’t cure you, he will be glad to take your money to bury you. In the case of Planned Parenthood, when the condom fails, they are happy to take your money to kill your preborn child and/or treat your disease.”

PPFA, which is rapidly approaching \$1 billion in annual revenue, committed at least 244,628 surgical abortions at its own facilities in 2003 (up 6.1 percent from 2002). “Maybe the increase in abortions is not due solely to the fact that Planned Parenthood pushes the act as nothing more than having a tooth pulled,” Scott said. “Maybe the increase is because Planned Parenthood sells condoms that are bound to fail.”

Scott said that when PPFA claims to care about the health of people it is “merely lip-service designed to make money.” He said there is no telling how many people have contracted sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, because of Planned Parenthood’s negligence and carelessness. “Of course, this assumes that Planned Parenthood leaders were unaware that its products are of such poor quality,” Scott said. “If Planned Parenthood leaders were aware, they are guilty of a criminal act.” Scott suggested that the federal government investigate the matter. “Let’s just be thankful that Planned Parenthood doesn’t sell bullet-proof vests to the military.”

Consumer Reports is touted as the final word in product research. Despite its vow to maintain “independence and impartiality,” *World Net Daily* reported that James A. Guest, CU’s president and chief executive officer, had previously headed Planned Parenthood of Maryland. He had also worked for Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. Still, CU claims to have “no agenda other than the interests of consumers.”

THE BIGGEST FIGHT IS YET TO COME

Asked what President George W. Bush will do with regard to abortion over the next four years, “retired” PPFA boss Gloria Feldt told *Newsweek*, “What I really think he’s doing is focusing on the courts. If he can change the courts, he can change our world for generations to come. I think he’s trying to not fight every battle. If past performance is a predictor of future behavior, his Supreme Court nominees will be anti-choice and not in favor of civil rights in general.”

PPFA has been especially active in recent months in preparation for what may prove to be the biggest battle to date—confirmation of the President’s judicial nominees:

From: Planned Parenthood Action Network (PPAN)

Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004

Subject: You Better Watch Out...

Wait, wait—before you turn a deaf ear to hard news and politics and dive head first into gift giving, family dinners, and a needed vacation from work, be sure to keep an eye on our new Supreme Court Watch site: www.SaveROE.com/supremecourt.

For weeks, speculation has been mounting that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist may soon step down from the U.S. Supreme Court because of thyroid cancer. And GOP leaders are preparing their “nuclear strategy,” concerned that the Democrats will block Bush’s judicial nominees, including Rehnquist’s replacement should he retire. Their line of attack entails changing the rules of the Senate, and if they are successful the Democrats would not likely have enough votes to block a nominee. We cannot afford to be caught sleeping when our voices are needed most. So in the coming weeks here are few things you can do:

Visit the Court Watch section for the latest news and opportunities to speak out. *Let friends know what’s at stake* and urge them to get ready to stand up and protect our courts. *Download our Supreme Court poster and post it on your office door, in your window, in the lobby of your apartment building, or wherever you can.* Thanks for standing up for choice.

The subject of a more recent message was, “Don’t Be a Bench Warmer”:

After failing miserably as the owner of the Texas Rangers...Bush is trying his hand at managing another team: the nine justices of the Supreme Court. Bush is hoping to stack his “Gavel Rousers” with anti-choice judges who will strike out *Roe v. Wade*. Right now the Rousers are split 5-4 in their support for *Roe*, and the fight for choice could go either way. That’s why we’re taking the field to send their anti-choice efforts into a downward spiral. So get off the bench and join us! We need your help to protect reproductive rights. Find out who we’re up against and how you can take action to make sure the Gavel Rousers never strike out your right to choose. Stay tuned for the next episode in the battle to save *Roe*...

Shortly after winning re-election with the help of President Bush and Senator Rick Santorum, R-Penn., Senator Arlen Specter, R-Penn., announced that he would oppose the President’s “extremist” nominations to the federal bench. Since Specter was slated to become chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he would have the power to unilaterally block the confirmation of any nominee.

In the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*’s endorsement of Specter, the newspaper made the point very clear:

The best argument for his staying on is his seniority, which puts him in line to be the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In that capacity, he would be in a position to block some of the ideologically extreme federal judges likely to be nominated by President Bush in a second term, some of them for the Supreme Court. Before the *Post-Gazette* editorial board, he promised that no extremists would be approved for the bench.

Similarly, the Bucks County *Courier Times* reported that, “Specter said he does use his position on the Senate Judiciary Committee—a panel he will probably begin chairing next year if re-elected—to weed out judges who are extreme. He points to Robert Bork, a Ronald Reagan nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court. ‘I not only voted against Bork, I led the charge against him,’ Specter said.”

Specter’s proclamations sent shockwaves through the Pro-Life Movement as well as pro-life members of Congress. Reaction by conservatives and fellow GOP Judiciary Committee members was swift and negative. Websites attacking Specter seemed to spring up overnight. For example, NotSpecter.com is “dedicated to the proposition that the Republican Party, the conservative movement, and the country would all be better served without Arlen Specter as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.” The website noted that, “For decades, Specter has shown that his personal interests and the President’s agenda are at odds.”



A much better site than NotSpecter.com is Stop Specter Now (stopspecter.savethegop.com):

Arlen Specter, as the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, will be able to shut down any nominee by simply not bringing him up for debate. Specter has made clear that he will block any judge that believes in strict construction, as he showed by stopping the Bork nomination and in recent press statements warning Bush not to nominate “conservative” judges.

The grassroots of the Republican Party worked too hard to elect the President so we could guarantee better justices on the court to have it all overruled by liberal Arlen Specter. Therefore, we have to fight to make sure that he is not appointed to Chair the Judiciary committee. Senator Santorum and Senator Frist must be made aware that the base of the party simply will not stand for it.

Even more ridiculously Arlen Specter has taken campaign donations from George Soros and his wife. If George Soros supports Arlen Specter that should be reason enough for people of character to oppose him.

Clearly under pressure from party officials to “clarify” or recant his remarks or risk losing chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee, Specter said media reports had mischaracterized his remarks about the confirmation of federal judges and their views on abortion:

As the record shows, I have supported every one of President Bush’s nominees in the Judiciary Committee and on the Senate floor. I have never and would never apply any litmus test on the abortion issue and, as the record shows, I have voted to confirm Chief Justice Rehnquist, Justice O’Connor, and Justice Kennedy, and led the fight to confirm Justice Thomas. In light of the repeated filibusters by the Democrats in the last Senate session, I am concerned about a potential repetition of such filibusters. I expect to work well with President Bush in the judicial confirmation process in the years ahead.

Specter prides himself on his independence, but Republican colleagues wondered why he chose to assert it in such a provocative way only a day after the election. “You don’t have to poke your finger in the President’s eye to prove you’re your own man,” a Senate staff member close to the Judiciary Committee told Knight-Ridder News Service. The staffer called it “career suicide” on Specter’s part.

Santorum asked his colleague for clarification and later issued a statement saying Specter “does not support a litmus test for nominees with regard to their stance on abortion.” Santorum added that he looked forward to “working with” Specter to “guarantee that every judicial nominee put forth by President Bush has an up-or-down vote” by the full Senate.

“Specter’s comments to Senator Santorum are flatly untrue,” charged LDI President Douglas R. Scott. “The fact is that Specter does have a judicial litmus test and it is identical to that held by Democrats—only those persons who loudly support *Roe v. Wade* are qualified to serve on the federal bench.” Nevertheless, after agreeing to give President Bush’s nominees a fair hearing, Specter was assured of taking over as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which he did when Congress convened in January 2005.

With the Specter mess in the past, at least for the time being, attention is turning to the President’s future judicial nominees. While Democrats openly and avidly made it clear that they would put forth only those men and women who support *Roe v. Wade*, President Bush will not publicly say that he will nominate only those jurists who oppose the 1973 decision—those who are strict constructionists. This leaves some pro-life leaders feeling uneasy.

Pastor Matt Trehwella of Missionaries to the Preborn is concerned about the judicial nominations that will come out of the White House. He points to an article by Patrick Johnson, D.O. (wherethe truthhurts.org) titled, “Does the Supreme Court Crisis Justify Voting for George W. Bush?”:

Let us learn from the history of Republican judicial appointments. Republican Presidents have a long-history of appointing liberal justices. Six of the nine Supreme Court justices that gave us abortion-on-demand...were appointed by Republicans. The vote was seven to two in favor of *Roe*, and one of the dissenting votes was cast by a Democratic-appointee! Seven of the nine justices presently on the Supreme Court, that has reinforced *Roe v. Wade*, were appointed by Republicans.

History has left Johnson asking a rhetorical question: “With ‘conservative’ appointments like these, who needs liberal appointments?” He argued that President Bush “has not broken with the Republican tradition.” Johnson went on to say he is not convinced that the President’s Supreme Court nominees will be pro-life:

First, I’d like evidence that they are indeed pro-life. Clinton claimed to be pro-life and pro-choice, so claiming to be pro-life is not conclusive evidence that they are. No pro-abort claims to be anti-life—they all claim to be “pro-life”, as they define the term. President Bush claims to be pro-life, yet he believes abortion is justified in cases of rape and incest, he doesn’t think *Roe vs. Wade* should be overturned now, he publicly insists that he doesn’t have a pro-life litmus test, and he increased funding for abortion within the United States and overseas more than any President in history. Is this consistent with a pro-life position, or has “pro-life” been redefined so that it applies to the Republican candidate for office? I am not impressed that a politician or a judicial candidate claims to be pro-life. Are they going to let the bloodshed of innocents continue? Are they going to do justice on behalf of the butchered preborn? I submit to you that Bush’s appointees, like their appointer, will not.

Your worst enemy is the one that kisses your cheek and cries “Hail.” Christians must awaken to the fact that it’s not the Democrats who have and who will continue to give us abortion-on-demand, it’s the Republicans. And it’s not the liberal or moderate Republicans who are getting the vast majority of Americans out to elect the Republican candidate for President. It’s us—it’s the American Center for Law and Justice, it’s the Center for Bioethical Reform, it’s Focus on the Family’s James Dobson, it’s the Family Research Council, it’s the Christian Defense Coalition, it’s Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, it’s the Eagle Forum, it’s the American Family Association, it’s the National Right to Life with their dishonest advertisement, it’s the Christian Coalition with their dishonest voter

guides. When legalized child-killing continues for the next generation of Americans, when the dam of wrath bursts and judgment overtakes us, we won't be able to blame the Democrats. It's the salt's fault.

Groups like the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) take a position that is the complete opposite of that espoused by Johnson. Its leaders are confident the President will nominate anti-*Roe v. Wade* jurists.

“What bothers me is that most pro-life groups are just assuming the President will nominate good people to the federal bench,” said LDI President Douglas R. Scott. “I remember when John Sununu (then-chief of staff to President George H. W. Bush) assured pro-life leaders that we would be ‘happy with’ David Souter on the Supreme Court. This assurance came after our research raised many red flags about the nomination. We believed what Sununu told us; we took his word for it, and we know the result—Souter is committed to *Roe v. Wade*.”

Scott said the Pro-Life Movement is currently “completely unprepared” to do battle over a court nominee. “But first we need to pressure the White House to put forth the names of candidates who are worth fighting for.” Scott said we must first win the battle within the White House and nothing should be taken for granted.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in daily prayer for the men and women who are active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions: *January*—ImNotSorry.net founder **Patricia Beninato**; *February*—comedian and talk-show host **Dennis Miller**, who has spoken in favor of abortion; *March*—Senator **Arlen Specter**, R-Penn., who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee; and *April*—**La Don Love**, PPFA's chairman of the board.

UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

Due to his long-running feud with Roy Disney, the brother of The Walt Disney Company founder, Michael D. Eisner has been demoted. He had previously served as chairman & chief executive officer. Eisner is now only chief executive officer of the Company.

There are two typographical errors on page eight of the November 2004 *Boycott List*. In the second column (under Oregon), please change the contact information for the Hawthorne Coffee Merchant as follows: Mrs. Doris Brodahl, 3564 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214.

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

LDI often provides space for its supporters (and detractors) to have their say about various issues.

An employee of boycott target Hawthorne Coffee Merchant sent us an e-mail that we still cannot understand. We have reprinted the message exactly as we received it:

We were just writing to inform you, our website is listed on yours!

We have no problem with this, we are even positive of the disgruntled person who was very rude and most likely got us listed here. But their information was incorrect when they sent it to you!

...

Thank you for boycotting us!

— Kirk Swagerty

It seems John Foley of Suburban-West Right to Life in Cleveland, Ohio, had some trouble contacting us:

You guys make it difficult to communicate with you. It took me a long time to find your e-mail address.....although you say no orders by e-mail, you don't provide a spot on your website to communicate with you...

We responded to Foley's query (there is an e-mail link prominently displayed on the main page of our website) and included a “by the way” footnote reminding him that MSN is a boycott target. (His e-mail service is with MSN [Microsoft]). Foley let us know that he is well aware of the boycott against MSN:

...And yes, MSN is on the list (I'm not an idiot) so maybe you can tell me a reasonably priced dial-up website. It seems they all allow porno and gay sites.

Of course nobody at LDI has ever purchased anything marketed by Proctor [sic] and Gamble, or Johnson & Johnson, or Wyeth or Pfizer pharmaceutical [sic], or in the summer ever take [sic] a bite of a Good Humor, Popsicle, or Klondike. I'm also sure you prefer to suffer rather than take an Anacin, or Advil, and to bleed rather than let anyone give you a Band-Aid, and every one of you will refuse any drug made by McNeil, and walk out of an Italian restaurant if you spot a jar of Ragu in the kitchen, or get served Can't Believe it's Not Butter [sic], or Shedd's [sic] for their garlic bread.

By the way, Procter & Gamble is not a boycott target.

Michael Fitzpatrick wondered about the current state of the relationship between LDI and Priests for Life:

Have you reached out to Priests for Life to reconcile your differences over their doing business with American Express? If so what was the result? We all need to be on the same side in saving babies, and can not afford infighting. Thanks.

The question stems from LDI's criticism of Priests for Life for doing business with a boycotted corporation at the same time it was endorsing the Corporate Funding Project. Despite our best efforts, Priests for Life chose to continue its relationship with the corporation. Here is our response to Fitzpatrick's cordial question:

We had written contact with Fr. Frank Pavone some time ago. He suggested a meeting. We said we would be happy to meet unless he was just going to continue defending doing business with American Express. However, if he understood that doing so was wrong or needed to simply discuss this matter so we could explain in greater detail, we would meet with him. Fr. Pavone decided against having the meeting.

We do not have an adversarial relationship with Priests for Life. However, we also believe people have a right to know what actions groups take on this and other issues relating to life.

Persons writing to Priests for Life about this matter are told that American Express is no longer a boycott target, implying the issue is moot. Yet the fact that American Express is no longer on *The Boycott List* is immaterial. The issue is that a pro-life group consciously did business with a corporation that supported Planned Parenthood *at the time*. On what argument would Priests for Life rely if American Express were still a boycott target?

David Stein visited our website and had a comparison to make: "Is this some sort of Fascist organization, much like the Nazi movement in Germany? What's up with this boycott list?"

A person who identified himself only as "Jim L." wrote about our work:

When I was at church today, I found your pamphlet "Planned Parenthood: Converting Every Community." After reading the pamphlet cover to cover, I will be making a donation to Planned Parenthood. Your narrow view of sexuality—only after marriage, only for churning out babies—is archaic and insulting to those who know that sexuality is a normal, healthy part of life. But you did prompt me to get involved.

We wonder if "Jim L.'s" pastor is aware of his position. Either way, the pastor has some serious preaching to do.

Chana Campbell had some kind words for us:

Please keep up the good work. I am so grateful for what you do. It's nice to be able to know what we support with our purchases. I have always wondered if I was supporting baby killing but there is never anything updated and accurate. Thanks once again.

SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE MESSAGE

In the November-December 2004 edition of *The Caleb Report* we told you about Warren County High School's year book (*Mirror*), which included results of an unscientific poll conducted among students that featured questions about their sexual behavior.

To recap, the "survey" showed that 55 percent of the student body was sexually active. (The definition of "sexually active" was left to each individual student to determine.) Forty-seven percent of "sexually active" students "do not practice safe sex all the time." The school took this opportunity to implant Planned Parenthood statistics. For example, the 2003-2004 *Mirror* includes the following text, which was linked to the question about "safe" sex: "Something to think about...one out of every four new STD infections occurs in teenagers. That's 3 million a year who get an STD!" It was also noted that, "HPV, herpes, and syphilis are all STD's that can be contracted *even* if a condom is used!"

The statistics regarding sexual behavior noted above, found on page seven of the year book, were repeated on page 20, except in greater detail. Another question asked for page 20 was, "Do you believe in premarital sex?" Only about 22 percent of students answered "no." Other questions concerned drug use among the school's graduating class.

It seems the principal at Warren County High School may not care what American taxpayers think. Therefore, we urge *everyone* to contact the Warren County School Board and the Superintendent.

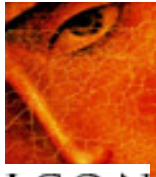
ACTION: Tell the Warren County School Board and its superintendent that you are aware of the "survey" published in the 2003-2004 high school year book and as an American taxpayer you are appalled. Contact: Ms. Kimberly M. Athey, Esq., Chairman, Warren County School Board, 417 Viscose Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630. Phone: (540) 635-1737 or (540) 635-2123; and contact: Dr. Pamela M. McInnis, Superintendent, Warren County Public Schools, 210 N. Commerce Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630. Phone: (540) 635-2171. E-Mail: pmcinnis@wcps.k12.va.us.

WE LOVE MEL GIBSON, HOWEVER...

Most people who do not reside in Hollywood are impressed by actor/director/writer/producer Mel Gibson. His remarkable talent and willingness to address controversial topics has won him countless fans. But not everything Gibson touches these days is worthy of praise. The Academy Award-winning director has teamed with Bruce Davey, his longtime friend and business partner, as well as Emmy-winning writers

and executive producers Julie Thacker-Scully and Mike Scully, to bring a sitcom to ABC Television.

“Complete Savages” is about the life of an unmarried father of five teenage boys. Actor Keith Carradine, who has publicly spoken in favor of making condoms available in schools, plays the father, Nick Savage. But the problem is that next to ABC’s primetime program *life as we know it*, which is arguably the worst show on television for young people, the Icon Productions program includes more sex talk than most programs on the air.



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Complete Savages is designed to appeal to young people and, as is too often the case, sex is trivialized, crude comments about female body parts are commonplace, and there is no room for moral teaching. In short, the program could have just as easily been produced by any other Hollywood mogul who sees nothing wrong with another sex comedy aimed at teenagers. Oddly, Gibson has even made several guest appearances on the show.

Gibson and Davey launched Icon Productions in 1989. The company has developed an impressive portfolio of films including, *Hamlet*, *Forever Young*, *The Man Without a Face*, *Maverick*, *Immortal Beloved*, *Braveheart* (which won the Academy Award for Best Picture and Best Director [Gibson]), *Anna Karenina*, *Fairy Tale: A True Story*, *187*, *Payback*, *An Ideal Husband*, *Felicia’s Journey*, *What Women Want* (not exactly a good movie when it comes to sexual teaching), *We Were Soldiers*, *The Singing Detective* and, of course, *The Passion of the Christ*. (Icon Productions independently financed *The Passion of the Christ* after Fox refused to distribute the film in North America.) A fourth installment of *Mad Max* is in the works.

ACTION: Ask Icon Productions to either clean up *Complete Savages* so it has a positive impact on teenagers or dump the program. Write to: Mr. Mel Gibson, Partner, Icon Productions, 808 Wilshire Blvd., 4th Fl., Santa Monica, CA 90401. Also write to: Mr. Bruce Davey, Partner & President, Icon Productions, at the same address.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“Those who would outlaw abortion, contraception and same-sex [sic] while extolling the family and breeding are themselves the active agents of the destruction of our species.”

— author Gore Vidal

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

At its 2005 Annual Meeting in January, the Life Decisions International Board of Directors elected new

members to its Board as well as the Board of Advisors. A complete membership list follows (organizations listed for identification only):

Board of Directors: Chairman: Thomas Stobhar (Pro Vita Advisors and investment specialist); Vice Chairman: Hon. Penny Pullen (Life Advocacy Resource Project and former member of the legislature in Illinois); Secretary/Treasurer: Conor S. Gallagher (paralegal and pro-life activist); General Council: Kevin L. Gibbs, Esq. (pro-life activist); Members: James C. Borkowski (businessman and pro-life activist); John Hof (Campaign Life Coalition of British Columbia); Donald K. Wheeler (business specialist and pro-life activist); and Douglas R. Scott, Jr. (co-founder and president of LDI—non-voting member).

Board of Advisors: Hon. Kevin Andrews (member of the Australian Parliament, Cabinet Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service); Margaret Andrews (editor of *Marriage, Family & Society Issues and Threshold*); Patricia Pitkus Bainbridge, M.A. (Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, Human Life International, and co-founder and executive director emeritus of LDI); Rev. Brady Bobbink (University Christian Ministries, Assemblies of God); Gregory S. Byrd, M.D. (Shenandoah County [Virginia] Pregnancy Center); Denise F. Cocciolone (The National Life Center), Hon. Gregg Cunningham, Esq., J.D. (Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and a former member of the legislature in Pennsylvania); Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer (Human Life International); Hon. Trent Franks (member of the United States House of Representatives); James J. Giese (Dubuque County [Iowa] Right to Life); Prof. Gary J. Gillespie, M.A. (Northwest College of the Assemblies of God); Thomas A. Glessner, Esq., J.D. (National Institute of Family & Life Advocates); Jim Hughes (Campaign Life Coalition); Jay A. Nenninger (certified public accountant and pro-life activist); Joseph M. Scheidler (Pro-Life Action League); Michael Schwartz (office of United States Senator Tom A. Coburn); and Mercedes Arzú Wilson, L.H.D. (Family of the Americas Foundation and the Pontifical Academy for Life).

DEATH SENTENCE TO BE REIMPOSED

Now that the United States Supreme Court has refused to reinstate a Florida law passed to protect Terri Schindler Schiavo from her husband, it is clear that a judge will order that the brain-damaged woman be

starved to death. The Supreme Court made no comment in its rejection of Governor Jeb Bush's appeal, which argued the state had the authority to intervene and order Schindler Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted. Schindler Schiavo's estranged husband, Michael Schiavo, who is living with another woman with whom he has two children, claims his wife would not want to be kept alive under such conditions. But the non-terminal patient's parents, Robert and Mary Schindler, dispute the claim and allege their son-in-law wants to inherit her estate and be free to re-marry. By the time you read this article the case will have returned to Judge George Greer of Pinellas County Circuit Court, who previously ordered the killing.

"It's judicial homicide. They want to murder her," Robert Schindler told those attending the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. "I have no idea what the next step will be. We're going to fight for her as much as we can fight for her. She deserves a chance."

Attorneys for Bush had asked the United States Supreme Court to reverse a decision by the Florida Supreme Court which had ruled "Terri's Law" unconstitutional. At this writing, the next step to save Schindler Schiavo's life, if there is a next step, had not been determined.

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