

# Rummage for Life

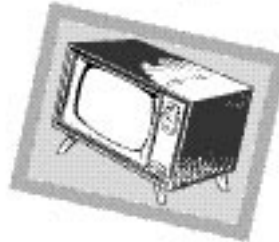
■ Donate GENTLY used, clean clothes, furniture, toys, baby items, small appliances, sports equipment.

■ Drop off items:

Friday, June 13 • 10am-1pm & 4pm-7pm Bowling Hall, Little Flower Church  
Corner of Kietzke and Plumb Lane.

■ Yard Sale:

Saturday, June 14, 8am-1pm,  
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**Your cast-offs can help us change hearts and save lives!  
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## Unborn Victims of Violence Act Update

The terrible murder of Laci Peterson and her unborn son Conner in California have drawn public attention to a degree beyond any previous unborn victim case. As permitted by California law, local authorities have brought two homicide charges in the case — which 84% agreed with in a nationwide poll of registered voters (only 7% said a single homicide charge was appropriate).

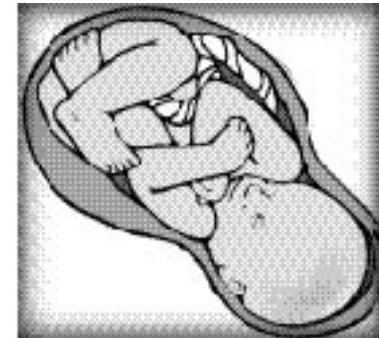
Yet, if this crime had occurred in any of 24 other states, only a single homicide charge would have been permitted.

Moreover, unborn children currently DO NOT EXIST in the eyes of federal or military criminal law. Thus, if Laci Peterson had been a uniformed member of the U.S. armed forces, murdered on a military base, only a single charge would have been possible. Under current federal law, a criminal who commits a violent federal crime (for example, interstate stalking and assault, or a terrorist bombing) that wounds a pregnant woman and kills her unborn child is not charged with any loss of human life.

There is one reason that such injustices continue. Pro-abortion groups such as NARAL have blocked unborn victims laws in many states, and they have blocked

the federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act since 1999 in the U.S. Senate. (The House passed the bill in 1999 and in 2001, and would readily pass it again.) This bill would allow an appropriate criminal charge to be brought for the harm done to any unborn child during the commission of a violent federal crime.

On May 5, Sharon Rocha, the mother of Laci Peterson and grandmother of Conner Peterson, and five other members of the immediate family sent a letter to the prime sponsors of the bill asking Congress to pass it as a “tribute to Laci and Conner...in



their memory.”

President Bush has also voiced his support for The Unborn Victims of Violence Act, stating “when an unborn child is injured or killed during the commission of a crime of violence, the law should recognize what most people immediately recognize, and that is that such a crime has two victims.”

Contact all U.S. Senators now and tell them of your support for this necessary bill!

Source: [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

## Legislative Updates

### ■ Senate Passes Ban on Partial-Birth Abortion

After turning back an onslaught of “poison pill” amendments intended to undermine the bill’s impact, the U.S. Senate passed (64-33) a ban on partial-birth abortions for the third time. The bill is a new version which includes findings showing that partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to protect a woman’s health. The bill’s sponsor, Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), defended the bill for hours from the Senate floor from a barrage of attacks from Senators Boxer (D-CA), Clinton (D-NY) and other militantly pro-abortion senators.

Along with floor statements, pro-abortion Senators attempted numerous strategies to stop the bill, however there was too much support to prevent it from being passed. There were other attempts to dilute the ban but all were resoundingly defeated, except for a resolution offered by Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) which said the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision was “appropriate and secures an important Constitutional right.” The House of Representatives will almost certainly remove this resolution from their version of the bill when they take it up in the next few weeks.

Source: [www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org)

### ■ Child Custody Protection Act

Senator John Ensign (R-NV) has introduced legislation that will make it a federal offense to take a child across state lines for the purpose of having an abortion. The Child Custody Protection Act is designed to end the practice of circumventing state laws by transporting a minor to another state without parental consent or notification.

“Children can’t go on a field trip or be given an aspirin in school without written permission from their parents, but nothing prevents them from being taken across state lines for an abortion without their parents’ knowledge or consent,”

Ensign said. “That’s a situation that must change, and this legislation will accomplish that.”

The goal of the Child Custody Protection Act is to strengthen existing state laws designed to protect young girls from the health risks associated with abortion. The law will not, in any way, override or supersede parental involvement laws previously enacted by states.

Source: Senator Ensign Press Release dated 4/10/2003

### ■ Human Cloning Ban Stalled

The critical issue of banning the cloning of humans is back in the lap of the U.S. Senate.

On February 27, the House of Representatives passed the bill supported by President Bush and by National Right to Life, the Weldon-Stupak Bill HR534 which would ban the cloning of human embryos. The House had passed this same bill in July, 2001 — but it later died without action in the Senate. Now, the need is urgent and the Senate must act!

In the Senate, very similar anti-human-cloning legislation S245, is sponsored by Senators Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Mary Landrieu (D-LA).

The true ban on human cloning is strongly opposed by elements of the biotechnology industry, some patients’ advocacy groups, and some scientists. Many of these opponents have endorsed competing legislation S303, sponsored by Senators Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). This legislation is misleadingly labeled as a “ban on cloning,” but would actually allow the cloning of human embryos who would be killed in research. President Bush is strongly opposed to this type of legislation which the White House warned would permit “human embryo farms”.



To help pass the Brownback-Landrieu legislation, and to help defeat the Hatch-Feinstein phony ban, it is essential that all senators (pro-life or pro-abortion) now hear from large numbers of citizens who are opposed to all human cloning and to “human embryo farms.”

Source: [nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org)

### ■ Nevada State Legislation: Pharmacist’s Right of Conscience Threatened

The Nevada State Assembly passed AB144, a bill that would force pharmacists to dispense drugs, such as the abortifacient morning-after pill or RU486, which may be contrary to their faiths and/or consciences. This is a very

dangerous bill in that, to our knowledge, Nevada would be the first state to have such legislation. It also sets a bad precedent for other medical professionals, such as nurses and doctors who enjoy the right of conscience, specifically regarding involvement in abortions.

At press time, AB144 has been tabled in the State Senate but could come up for a vote at any time. The large amount of phone calls and e-mails sent to the Senators by those opposed to AB144 has had a surprising effect and is credited with stalling this fast moving, dangerous legislation. You can continue to let them know of your opinion by calling **1-800-992-0973** or register your opinion at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).

## New Study

### ■ Abstinence is the reason for falling birth and pregnancy rates

A new landmark study shows abstinence is the major reason for falling birth and pregnancy rates among single teens.

Growing numbers of teens saying no to sex is the major cause of plummeting pregnancy and birth rates among single teenage girls, according to a new scientific study released this month.

The study, published in the journal *Adolescent and Family Health*, is likely to generate controversy because it overturns most previous reports that linked the falling birth and pregnancy rates to the greater use of condoms and other forms of contraception.

The study determined that abstinence is the primary reason for the decline in births and pregnancies among teens. Among unmarried girls abstinence accounted for the entire decline in births and 67 percent of the drop in pregnancies.

Previous research claimed that 75 percent of the pregnancy decline was due to the increased use of contraception, 25 percent to abstinence.

This research is being released as Congress prepares to debate federal funding of sex education. The Welfare Reform Act of 1996, which included \$50 million per year for abstinence-outside-of-marriage education directed towards teens, expired last year and must be renewed. Substantial lobbying has been directed toward Congress by groups that want a condom component added to the federal sex education program. This research may deter efforts of condom advocates.

Source: [www.physconsortium.com](http://www.physconsortium.com); [www.abstinence.net](http://www.abstinence.net)