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A.M.A. Journal 'Medicine' carries advertisement for late term abortion clinic!

Australian Medicine' – journal of the Australian Medicine Association, October 2010, carries a prominent ad promoting the new Marie Stopes International – late term abortion clinic in Croydon – and outer eastern Melbourne suburb.

This place was formally known as the Croydon Day Surgery and was operated by two of Australia's leading expo-

nents of late term abortion including partial birth abortionist Dr David Grundmann and Dr Mark Schulbert. They were featured in prominent article in the Melbourne 'Age' in 'April 1998 with a blow by blow description of the gruesome partial birth abortion method they use.

Now that the former Brumby government has given the green light for abortion till birth in October 2008, no doubt Marie Stopes International sees a new and lucrative opening.

The sickening advertisement only goes to illustrate how low the medical profession has sunk. Have any of the AMA members complained about this ad?

Give your patients the care they deserve

Marie Stopes International Australia
Maroondah - Now Open!

Offering a range of high-quality, medical and surgical abortion services, contraceptive consultations and insertions and sexually transmitted infection testing.

As part of the Marie Stopes International network, the former Croydon Day Surgery is now managed by Marie Stopes International Maroondah, a leading provider of high-quality, fully accredited sexual and reproductive health services.

Specialised late term surgical abortion now available.

- No waiting lists and flexible appointment times
- Non-hospitalised environment with highest clinical standards
- Choice of anaesthetic
- Medicare and health insurance* rebates available (*depending on plan)
- Detailed infection control audits approved by the Department of Health
- Easy access and onsite parking

Abortion greater threat to Europe than Islamic terrorism: Duke of Kent's son

Hilary White

LONDON, December 20, 2010 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) – Legal abortion is ‘the single most grievous moral deficit in contemporary life’ and its proliferation will exact an as-yet unknown social price for the countries that have adopted it, said Lord Nicholas Windsor, the son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, this month. Windsor is the cousin of Queen Elizabeth.

‘The granting to ourselves of the right wantonly to kill, each year, millions of our offspring at the beginning of their lives: This is the question of questions for Europe,’ he said.

‘The practice of abortion is a mortal wound in Europe’s heart, in the center of Hellenic and Judeo-Christian culture.’

With legal abortion all but ubiquitous, Lord Windsor wrote in the U.S. religious journal *First Things*, mothers have the power of the emperor’s over the lives of their children: ‘Caesar’s thumb is up, or Caesar’s thumb is down. And when it comes to exporting this idea, we do it with zeal and determination through such institutions as the United Nations and the European Union.’

He asks what the ultimate cost to a society that has ‘placed this fearful act at its center - consciously approving, even celebrating, its own most egregious moral failing’ will be.

The great irony, he said, is that Europe’s highly ‘rights’ conscious political and social atmosphere, ‘is in favor of one of the gravest and most egregious abuses of human rights that human society has ever tolerated.’

‘Didn’t Europeans think they could never and must never kill again on an industrial scale?’

Lord Windsor points to the reduction of poverty in the 1st world, the growth of women’s and minority rights, the end of colonialism and the relatively peaceful end to the Cold War, but says the threat of abortion has ‘taken us unawares’ and overshadowed these accomplishments. Even the threat of Islamist terrorism does not qualify as so deep an ‘existential’ threat as abortion.

‘All else that we concern ourselves with in the lives of human beings derives from the inescapable fact that first we must have human lives with which to concern ourselves.’ In disregarding the right of the unborn to be born, he said,



Lord Nicholas Windsor with his wife, Paola and their first born son Albert

‘humanity’s deepest instincts are trampled and shattered.’

Windsor compared abortion to slavery as a great moral and social evil that calls for a ‘new abolitionism for Europe’ before it is too late. Britain’s birth rate is higher than most European countries, but remains below replacement level at 1.9 children born per woman. Recent statistics have shown, however, that the country has one of the highest rates of abortion in the EU, especially among younger women.

‘This is a historically unprecedented cascade of destruction wrought on individuals: on sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, future spouses and friends, mothers and fathers - destroyed in the form of those to whom we owe, quite simply and certainly, the greatest solidarity and duty of care because they are the weakest and most dependent of our fellow humans.’

A century ago, he said, nearly global legal abortion was no more than an ‘implausible glimmer’ in the eye of the most progressive of social activists. Now, abortion is so ‘deeply embedded’ in the political and social life of Western nations, it is almost invisible as a political issue in Europe.

‘Even mentioning it has become the first taboo of the culture,’ he said.

For most people in Europe, abortion ‘impinges little’ on the public mind. This ‘hardening of consciences’ was the result of a deliberate campaign of propaganda that has gradually enforced ‘a conformism that fears to question what is said to be a settled issue.’

Legal abortion has been chosen and maintained, he said, for the 'benefits' that it has created: 'So much else can be chosen in a given life if the option to dispose of unwanted children is dependably available. So many intoxicating

freedoms are newly established, if only abortion is never again denied to women and to men.'

'Living and Dying Well' studies

Oregon

[Doctors & Ethics No. 75 Winter 2010]

DR David Jeffrey, an Academic Mentor in the University of Dundee Medical School and an honorary senior lecturer in palliative medicine at Edinburgh University, was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship in 2006 to study Physician Assisted Suicide in Oregon and Washington States. With researcher Madeleine Teahan, he now asks 'Is Oregon really a model for changing the law?'

His paper was published in September by 'Living and Dying Well', a new think-tank with links to Parliament. He notes: 'The number of PAS deaths annually in Oregon has been rising – it is nearly four times the level of twelve years ago, if we extrapolate Oregon's 2009 experience to Britain, on current levels we could be looking at more than 1,000 deaths a year from physician-assisted suicide.'

'The reluctance of many physicians in Oregon to participate in PAS is likely, given the opposition of the majority of British doctors to legalisation of the practice here to be replicated in Britain if an 'assisted dying' law were to be enacted. In that event we could expect to see the emergence of

Oregon-style 'doctor shopping', with the risks this poses on the assessment of applicants for PAS.

' ___ The absence of any objective check on how prescribed legal drugs are used puts qualifying applicants at heightened risk of abuse or manipulation once the approval process has been completed and the drugs have been issued.

'These lessons need to be kept in mind when considering demands for similar legal change here.' (<http://www.livinganddyingwell.org.uk>).

The editorial board of *The Oregonian* newspaper correctly stated that in 2009 'a coterie of insiders run the [assisted suicide] programme, with a handful of doctors and others deciding what the public may know...' (comment on 2009 annual report by the Physicians for Compassionate Care Education Foundation).

'As is particularly evident for the 2009 year, they control the assisted suicide market: 97% (57 or 59) of physician-assisted suicide deaths in 009 were their cases.'



Meet Mary Collier Our new Executive Officer

Mary Collier, originally from New Zealand, has taken up a post as executive officer for Right to Life Australia.

Mary is a highly qualified dietician who has worked for many years in a senior role in several major hospitals.

She came to work for us on a casual basis for the Victorian election campaign and did a fantastic job. She is so enthusiastic about working full time for Right to Life Australia and we feel confident in her ability to really make a difference.

Good News on the Euthanasia Front

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Firstly Scotland

Firstly, Scotland where the canny Scots have, in their parliament, said a resounding NO to 'legalised euthanasia' in a vote of 85 to 16 on December 1st, 2010.

The following is an excerpt from 'Doctors and Ethics' – newsletter of the British section of the World Federation of Doctors who Respect Human Life. From the Scottish Parliament website:

Ross Finnie, MSP, Committee Convenor, said. *'In the last few months, we have taken evidence on the Bill's proposals from a wide range of organisations – including medical practitioners, palliative care charities, religious groups and legal experts – in the UK and overseas. Following detailed discussions on the evidence, we've concluded that there are several flaws in the Bill.'* *'Margo MacDonald MSP had introduced it in January 2010.*

'The report concluded: *'Making a case for the Bill on the grounds of 'dignity' is problematic, as different interpretations of what it means to die 'with dignity' are impossible to reconcile:*

The argument for the Bill on the grounds of individual 'autonomy' was not accepted by all members of the Committee. There was a strong view that individual choice has to be considered within the context of society as a whole.

Overall, the majority of the Committee were not persuaded that the case had been made to decriminalise the law of homicide as it applies to assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia, termed 'end-of-life assistance' in the Bill, and accordingly, does not recommend the general principles of the Bill to the Parliament.

Good News from France

French Senate defeats euthanasia bill by 170 to 142

[Euthanasia Prevention Coalition]

The euthanasia bill was sponsored in the French Senate by Jean-Pierre Godefroy (Parti Socialiste), Alain Fouche (UMP) and Francois Autain and Guy Fischer (Parti communiste-Parti de gauche).

The bill would have allowed euthanasia for people with disabilities, those with chronic conditions and people who are defined as terminal. Prime Minister Francois Fillon spoke out against the euthanasia bill a few days earlier. Mr Fillon said that: although he had never had to face the nightmare of living with someone as they died, he was still against a law allowing actively helping someone to die. He thought such a law would not fit in the 'basic values of our society' that that to legislate giving the right to end someone's life was a limit 'we should not go beyond'. He said it was also 'very dangerous' as it did not allow for any consultation with the family.

Mr Fillon said the debate should also take account of the actions taken since 2008 by Nicolas Sarkozy who has made the care of terminally ill people 'an absolute priority'.

That had led to the development of a palliative care programme that has seen the creation of 1,200 new beds and the start, last March, of specific financial aid to allow families to care for terminally ill loved ones.

A recent poll in France found that:

-52% of the respondents thought that legalising euthanasia would include a 'risk of abuse.'

-60% of the respondents thought that France should make the development of palliative care a priority before considering the legalization of euthanasia, while 38% thought that France should legalize euthanasia.

The concerns of the French citizen is well founded. Recent studies in Belgium found in the Flanders region that 32% of the euthanasia deaths were done without explicit request or consent and another study found that 47.8% of the euthanasia deaths were not reported.

Silver Circle - a Pregnancy Counselling Australia fundraiser



Results

JUNE 1st Mrs Carole Hart - Hawthorn
2nd Mrs Anne O'Dwyer -
Montrose
JULY 1st Mrs Joan Murphy - Mount
Waverley
2nd Mrs Mary Bohan -
Camberwell

Want to Join? \$2 per month

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After you die,
help someone to live

Remember our life-
saving work in
your will

Right to Life Australia Inc.

Further information
Phone (03) 9387 7098 or
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Ask for Doris Rossi



Bequests – vital to our existence

Right to Life Australia badly needs an injection of funds to continue our work to uphold the value of human life in this increasingly valueless society. Not only do we need to be upfront, outspoken and effective as a lobby group but we also need to be able to increase the vital work of Pregnancy Counselling Australia.

The experience of other charities is that their main

source of income is from bequests.

We have had some excellent bequests in the past but would benefit greatly from some new bequests.

Most people naturally want to leave most of their estates to their descendants. That is understandable. But there are many people who have no descendants and who want to know that what they leave behind will help to make a difference in this world in which human babies are disposed of like animals at the Lost Dogs Home.

US abortion clinic 'house of horror'

Philadelphia
January 21, 2011

A DOCTOR who gave abortions to members of minorities, immigrants and poor women in a 'house of horrors' clinic has been charged with eight counts of murder in the deaths of a patient and seven babies who were born alive and then killed with scissors.

Kermit Gosnell, 69, made millions of dollars over 30 years, performing as many illegal, late-term abortions as he could, prosecutors said.

State regulators ignored complaints about him and had failed to inspect his Women's Medical Society clinic since



Dr Kermit Gosnell

1993, District Attorney Seth Williams said.

Early last year, authorities went to investigate drug-related complaints at the clinic and stumbled on what Mr Williams called a 'house of horrors'. Bags and bottles holding aborted fetuses 'were scattered throughout the building', Mr Williams said.

None of the employees had any medical training, and one was a high school student.

Gosnell and nine others were charged and taken into custody.

Gosnell charged \$US 325 (\$A324) for first-trimester abortions and \$US1600 to \$US3000 for abortions up to 30 weeks. Abortions are legal up to 24 weeks in Pennsylvania, although most doctors won't perform them after 20 weeks.

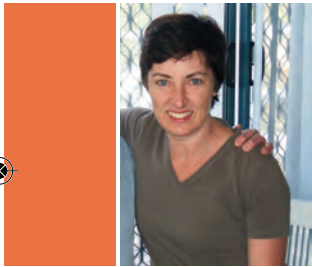
This article was published in *The Age* (21/1/11).

It is surprising that *The Age* published it given their enthusiastic support for the Brumby governments' decriminalisation of abortion up to birth.

Do we think that similar events don't occur in Victoria? Perhaps on a more hygienic, more refined level – but nonetheless they occur and will continue to occur until human rights are restored to unborn children in Victoria.

Ed.

Pregnancy experience for International Student



Right to Life Australia received a telephone call from a Health Clinic nurse in mid January 2011. Sally (not actual name) was ringing on behalf of an international student Milly (not actual name) who was pregnant. Sally told me that she had informed Milly of 'her choices' regarding the pregnancy.

However, Milly was adamant that she wanted to keep her baby. Fortunately the nurse gave Right to Life a call and said that this was the only organisation she could think of who could help Milly.

This case shows how difficult it is for international students who become pregnant while in Australia. Organising assistance for them is fragmented and students are anxious while waiting for insurance companies to fund their obstetric care. They need money to pay for appointments while they are waiting. Many funds have a waiting period for pregnancy claims. It is no wonder that some women think that they are unable to continue with a pregnancy when the stress of financial considerations is too much. Right to Life Australia believes that the words 'you are pregnant' should give all woman joy and that support must be readily available to help women in difficult circumstances.

In Scotland in 1997 the late Cardinal Winning, Archbishop of Glasgow gave a speech at the conference of Britain's Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). At this conference he stated:

'It's against the culture of death that we are called to fight... Today I issue an open invitation to any woman, any family, any couple who may be facing the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy,...any person in that situation, of any ethnic background, of any faith, to come to the Archdiocese of Glasgow for assistance.... Whatever worries or care you may have-we will help you. Let us help you to avoid making one of the biggest mistakes of your life". His speech that launched the prolife initiative is available on <http://cardinal-winningprolifeinitiative.wordpress.com/cardinalwinning/>

Cardinal Winning's fund saved over 2,000 babies between 1997 and 2007 – its 10th anniversary. The Pro-Life Initiative revealed that it dealt with a total of 2,102 mothers, each of whom has received prams, clothes, toys and cots totalling hundreds of pounds in exchange for carrying on with their pregnancy.

Mothers as young as 12 and as old as 47 have been assisted, according to organisers of the scheme, who say they have achieved a near 100 per cent success rate with the new mothers, claiming that only two babies have had to go into care.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could achieve the same in Australia?

Mary Collier

Urgent action required against euthanasia

Our colleagues in the A.C.T. are rightly concerned about the looming debate on the euthanasia bill of Greens Senator Bob Brown which seeks to overturn the Euthanasia Laws Act of 1997, which put a legislative stop to the Northern Territories' euthanasia bill.

If the Brown bill passes the Senate the tiny A.C.T. Legislative Assembly will be able to legalise euthanasia also the Northern Territory and Norfolk Island.

Write to the Senators in your state [see below] asking them to vote against the Brown bill.

Sample Letter Only

DO NOT COPY – Use your own words

Dear Senator _____,

I am writing to ask you to vote against the 'Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia) Bill of Senator Bob Brown which seeks to allow legalisation of euthanasia in the Northern Territory, the A.C.T. and Norfolk Island. We want better patient care not patient killing.

Yours etc.

Address all letters C/- Parliament House, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Australian Capital Territory

Humphries, Gary
Lundy, the Hon Kate

New South Wales

Arbib, the Hon Mark
Cameron, Doug
Coonan, the Hon Helen
Faulkner, the Hon John
Fierravanti-Wells, Concetta
Forshaw, Michael
Heffernan, the Hon Bill
Hutchins, Steve

Nash, Fiona
Payne, Marise
Stephens, the Hon Ursula
Williams, John

Northern Territory

Crossin, Trish
Scullion, the Hon Nigel

Queensland

Boswell, the Hon Ronald
Boyce, Sue
Brandish, the Hon George
Furner, Mark
Hogg, the Hon John
Joyce, Barnaby
Ludwig, the Hon Joe
Macdonald, the Hon Ian
McLucas, the Hon Jan
Mason, the Hon Brett
Moore, Claire
Trood, Russell

South Australia

Bernardi, Cory
Birmingham, Simon
Farrell, the Hon Don
Ferguson, the Hon Alan
Fisher, Mary Jo
Hanson-Young, Sarah
Hurley, Annette
McEwen, Anne
Minchin, the Hon Nick
Wong, the Hon Penny
Wortley, Dana
Xenophon, Nick

Tasmania

Abetz, the Hon Eric
Barnett, Guy

Bilyk, Catryna
Brown, Bob
Brown, Carol
Bushby, David
Colbeck, the Hon Richard
Milne, Christine
O'Brien, Kerry
Parry, Stephen
Polley, Helen
Sherry, the Hon Nick

Victoria

Carr, the Hon Kim
Collins, the Hon Jacinta
Conroy, the Hon Stephen
Feeney, the Hon David
Fielding, Steve
Fifield, Mitch
Kroger, Helen
McGaurant, Julian
Marshall, Gavin
Ronaldson, the Hon Michael
Ryan, Scott
Troeth, the Hon Judith

Western Australia

Adams, Judith
Black, Chris
Bishop, Mark
Cash, Michealia
Cormann, Mathias
Eggleston, Alan
Evans, the Hon Christopher
Johnston, the Hon David
Ludlam, Scott
Pratt, Louise
Siewert, Rachel
Sterle, Glenn



News from around the world

United States

Planned Parenthood reports: abortions up, adoptions down, business is good. By Peter Smith (LifeSiteNews.com) – Washington, D.C., December 17, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – The United State's largest single abortion provider, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), has released their 2008-2009 *Annual Report*, but have omitted to say how many abortions were performed, adoptions referred, or prenatal clients seen by its affiliates for that period.

However, a factsheet released by PPFA in September indicates that in 2008 the number of abortions increased from the previous year to 324,008. In contrast, the number of prenatal clients were 9,433, while the number of adoptions referrals to other agencies was 2,405.

The data shows an upswing in the abortion business for Planned Parenthood, and a dramatic decline – approximately half – in its already small adoption business.

The PPFA report stated that group received \$363 million in government grants and contracts, although it did not specify how much of that money came from the federal government.

The report also shows PPFA's main priorities for 2008-2009, which were including 'comprehensive reproductive health care as part of health care reform', preventing doctors, nurses, and pharmacists opposed in conscience to abortion and contraception from denying these services to potential clients, and to 'increase government funding for family planning programs'.

However, the report shows that Planned Parenthood has been busy using its funds to promote abortion in third world countries. The report says that Planned Parenthood trained Kenyan activists in a campaign 'to increase public support for decriminalizing abortion.' It further states that in 'Latin America and the Caribbean, we offered training for health centers security and tracking groups hostile to women's health and family planning.'

The group says that in northern Nigeria, they finally persuaded 'a large religious organization to introduce basic reproductive health care through its more than 100 health centers'. It adds that 60 of these centers now offer birth control and refer women for abortion.

Bush: Pro-Life views affected after seeing remains of miscarried sibling

By John Jaiselvac, November 8, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – Throughout his presidency George W. Bush was pro-life, but a strange anecdote found in his about-to-be-released autobiography, *Decision Points*, has provided new insight into the genesis of his views on the issue.

In a recent interview with NBC's Matt Lauer about the forthcoming book, Bush explained that when he was a teenager his mother, Barbara Bush, suffered a difficult miscarriage.

Barbara obtained the miscarried foetus, and put it in a jar in order to bring it in to the hospital. However, first she showed her teenage son his deceased sibling.

'I never expected to see the remains of the foetus, which she had saved in a jar to bring to the hospital.' He added: 'There was a human life, a little brother or sister.'

'There's no question that affected me, a philosophy that we should respect life.'

Stop Vending Machine Abortions! (The 'Telemed' outrage that must be stopped!)

Father Frank Pavone (U.S.) – [PriestsForLife.org]

You've heard of RU-486. It's the abortion drug that kills the baby without the need for surgery. Planned Parenthood – the world's largest abortion 'provider' – has developed a way to dispense RU-486 without a doctor being present with the patient or even examining the patient before giving her this dangerous drug. And to make matters worse, they do it through 'closed-circuit' TV – essentially a two-way 'video conference' over the Internet. That's why it's called a 'telemed' abortion – where they carry out a *medical* procedure over a *television* connection. The abortionist – at a remote location – asks the girl a few questions about her pregnancy... explains how to take the lethal drug (lethal for the baby, of course)... and then pushes a button on his/her computer keyboard. Instantly, by remote control, a little drawer opens where the girl is sitting, and out pops the RU-486 pills. She takes the pills, and her baby dies a few days later. Done deal. A major problem with this is that there can be

serious complications with RU-486. After taking this lethal drug, the girl is *not* under a doctor's supervision. She is totally *on her own*. Many women have died from RU-486 because it's a highly dangerous drug. Not just for the baby, but for the *mother* as well.

Why are they doing this? Frankly, they are running out of abortionists.

There are fewer and fewer abortionists in this country because of the tireless work and God-graced *effectiveness* of the pro-life movement. You see, most of the abortionists working today are close to *retirement*, and the abortion industry is well aware of this fact. Therefore, they're searching for *alternative solutions* so that they can stay in business... because abortion really is just a money-making *business* to them. As a matter of fact, one of the world's richest men – **Warren Buffet**, who is openly pro-abortion – has begun financing a major campaign to *train and recruit new abortionists* because he realizes that the abortion cartel is running out of abortionists. He even enlisted the help of his daughter, Susie, to run the entire program. Now, because Planned Parenthood has started these 'telemed' abortions – which are medically dangerous and probably unethical – they are now under investigation by the *authorities*, and we need to put the pressure on them so that we can stop the telemed abortion movement. That's because Planned Parenthood intends to *franchise* the telemed abortion procedure all across the country.

United Kingdom

Ignorance

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'Since the 1967 Act was passed, over 7 million babies have been aborted in Britain, with more than 200,000 taking place in 2009 alone.'

<http://pjsaunders.blogspot.com>, 27 October 2010.

'However, a poll undertaken last weekend by ComRes (commissioned by **Christian Concern**) has revealed widespread ignorance of these simple facts.

'It has shown that nearly one-third of all people (30%) think fewer than 20,000 abortions take place in Britain each year, and that one in ten (10%) think the figure is 20,000-50,000. A further 41% said they did not know and only 3% got within 50,000 of the actual number by estimating a figure between 150,000 and 250,000.'