

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

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Body Count Rises Due to RU-486

The evidence has been in for a long time that **RU-486** is a dangerous drug, not only to the baby who is the intended victim of abortion, but to the mother. Nevertheless, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved it for sale in the United States after a prolonged battle between pro-life and pro-abortion advocates, even though the manufacturer of the drug Cytotec/misoprostol, which is used in conjunction with mifepristone (RU-486) to induce uterine contractions to expel the baby, warned that it was not approved or recommended for use in abortions.

Last week, Holly Patterson, age 18, died after being given RU-486 at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Hayward, Ca. She was seven weeks pregnant. Although she lived with her father, Monty Patterson, he was unaware of the pregnancy until hours before her death when she was bleeding profusely and was in such pain she couldn't walk, according to press reports. She received the prescription from Planned Parenthood on Wednesday, September 10 and began taking the drugs on Saturday. On Sunday, her boyfriend rushed her to a hospital where she was given painkillers and released. She was dead by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, having suffered a massive systemic infection and septic shock caused by fragments of the baby's body remaining in her uterus.

A report in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (9/20/03) says, "Monty Patterson believes his daughter, Holly, did not have adequate information and supervision to go through with the abortion on her own. 'The medical community treats this as a simple pill you take, as if you're getting rid of a headache,' Patterson said in a telephone interview, his anguish tinged with anger. 'The procedure, the follow-ups, it's all too lackadaisical. The girl gets a pill. Then she's sent home to do the rest on her own. There are just too many things that can go wrong.'"

According to the *Chronicle*, "Dr. Richard Hausknecht, medical director for Danco Laboratories, which manufactures the drug, said **225,000** women have been treated in the United States with mifepristone, the drug's official name, since it was approved three years ago. He indicated that the company has since passed on to the FDA about **400** reports of adverse events, ranging from excessive bleeding to bacterial infections." At least two abortive mothers have died after taking the drugs.

We join with Family Research Council in calling on the FDA to reconsider its approval of RU-486.

Abortion providers are interested in one thing—money. Evidence shows that they are too-often unconcerned about protecting the health of the women and girls who come to them seeking a quick "solution" to their problem. Predictably, there will many more Hollies unless the FDA fulfills its responsibility to protect the health of U.S. citizens,

in this case, by removing RU-486 from the market. Our good friend, long-time pro-life leader and activist Joe Scheidler, said in a statement issued on 9/22/03: "**Holly Patterson should not have died. Neither should her unborn baby have had to die. But in our culture of death, young women are encouraged to be sexually active and then encouraged to get rid of the natural consequences of sexual activity. They are told that abortion is a quick, simple procedure and RU-486 was marketed as a boon to women. It is not. Abortion is never good for a woman, or for her baby.**"

ACTION: To all of our church activists---please join with FRC and write individually, each of you, to the FDA and protest this drug, RU-486. Ask them to take it off the market. It should be banned. Write to:
Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.
By telephone: 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332) -- main FDA Phone Number (for general inquiries)

Council of Europe, Planned Parenthood Attack US Pro-Life Foreign Policy

We see increasingly over-heated rhetoric of those parties seeking to overthrow the Bush administration's pro-life foreign policy. According to their logic, the Bush administration is not "pro-democracy," because it refuses to fund the efforts of abortion-rights groups to undermine the pro-life constitutions of sovereign nations. And, according to their logic, the Bush administration is not really "pro-life," because it refuses to fund women's "safe" abortions in the developing world.

The most startling development is that the 45-member Council of Europe voted overwhelmingly this week to endorse these very points.

The Mexico City Policy, the pro-life centerpiece of Bush administration foreign policy, was attacked on two separate fronts this week. On Tuesday, the Council of Europe's parliamentary assembly voted 89 to 8 to condemn the Mexico City Policy and to encourage President Bush to rescind it.

At the same time, a group of abortion providers and population control advocates, including the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, released a report claiming that, because of the policy, the administration was responsible for killing women and for subverting democracy throughout the developing world.

The Mexico City Policy was first enacted as an executive order of President Reagan at a population conference in 1984, and it forbade the US Agency for International Development (USAID) from funding foreign abortion providers or promoters. President Clinton dropped

the policy on his first day in office, and President Bush reinstated it as one of his own initial acts in office. Last month, the Mexico City Policy was extended to apply to State Department funding of family planning programs, as well as to USAID funding.

From C-FAM (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute)

ACTION: President Bush needs our support for his Mexico City Policy. Many of his advisors would like him to drop it as Mr. Clinton did. Write to the President and express your support. If you value life you will act. Write to President W. Bush, The White House; 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW; Washington, DC 20500; Comments: 202-456-1111

How to Handle That \$20 Billion in Iraqi Reconstruction Aid

Part of the President's \$87 billion war supplemental request includes some \$20 billion in reconstruction aid. As proposed by the administration, this money would be simply given to Iraq as a grant. However, some Republicans are suggesting that this money be extended instead as a loan, to be repaid with the country's vast oil reserves once up and running again. Some Democrats, on the other hand, are saying the \$20 billion should be financed by repealing some of the president's tax cuts for the "rich." And other conservatives are saying the \$20 billion should be offset with \$20 billion in spending cuts, particularly in foreign aid. Still others think the \$20 billion should be rejected outright. What do you think? Cast your online vote by going to the "Survey Says" page at www.CitizenOutreach.com

ACTION: I hope you have some thoughts on this for your Congressman. Write to Mr. Schrock or Mr. Forbes. My thought is that Iraq be required to pay for most of our efforts over there. We should set up a long term effort to allow them to repay. Why should we give money to the richest nation on earth? Ed.

Big Surprise: Gun Control Doesn't Work

A sweeping federal review of the nation's gun control laws – including mandatory waiting periods and bans on certain weapons -- found no proof such measures reduce firearm violence. The review, released Thursday, was conducted by a task force of scientists appointed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

- Associated Press, 10/3/03

Drug Abuse

"Congress is about to pass the largest expansion of the welfare state since 1965," notes a new website dedicated to defeating the pending new universal Medicare prescription drug entitlement currently being debated in a congressional conference committee. This is a horrible idea for anyone interested in limited government, but conservatives are torn between their principles and loyalty to their president, who has indicated he'll sign ANY prescription drug bill that hits his desk. For more information on this crucial issue and to sign a petition opposing this budget-busting scheme, visit www.rxdisaster.com. *From Citizen Outreach,*

<http://www.chuckmuth.com/newsletter/>.

ACTION: Sorry to keep harping on this but we must keep writing and letting our Congressmen/women know that we want less government, not more. We want less taxes not more. Write today. Remember the Bible, it teaches 10% tithing, that included church and government. Ed.

The Rush to Sack Rush

"One has to wonder, what precisely did Mr. Limbaugh insinuate (about Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb) that was so wrong? That the NFL has ethnic double standards? Of COURSE it does. This past year, the NFL instituted a new policy that will enact sanctions against teams that fail to interview minorities for vacant coaching positions. . . . (I)s mandating that black coaches at least get interviewed racist? Of course." - Columnist Armstrong Williams

Comment: What really worries me is that they can do this and get away with it. The liberal media and left have far too much power. They really fear Rush for all of his help to the conservative causes. Ed.

Alternative News Sources

We invite you to participate in a special opportunity to use the Internet as a resource to break the grip of managed news. As you know, there is tremendous interest nationally in California's upcoming recall election scheduled for October 7th. America's political elites laughed when the movement to recall Governor Gray Davis was launched. But they miscalculated the depth of voter outrage. Two hot stories from the current issue of The New American shed new light on California's woes and Establishment efforts to manipulate this historic election opportunity. Both are now posted online. We would encourage you to recommend these stories to those you know. A message along with each article will encourage the visitors you inspire to do the same. By using your influence to build a flood of traffic to these articles, you can help ignite a firestorm of much-needed controversy.

[California's Collapse](#) California's woes - high taxes, costly energy, burdensome regulations, and more - are all symptoms of government run amok. [Recall Revolution](#) The recall of Governor Gray Davis gives California residents a historic opportunity to vote for genuine reform, but voters must look beyond the media favorites for real change.

[Court Jeopardizes Election](#) America's most radical court may have postponed California's historic recall election of Governor Gray Davis scheduled for October 7th.

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