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GIANNA JESSEN TO TELL MIRACULOUS STORY OF SURVIVING ABORTION



Gianna Jessen will headline RLCC Fresno/Madera's second annual education forum when she speaks Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at **River Park Bible Church** (at Millbrook and Alluvial). Light refreshments will follow the forum. Admission is free and open to the public. Child care provided.

Gianna has what she calls the "gift" of Cerebral Palsy. She was never supposed to hold up her head. She weighed a mere two pounds at birth. The doctors said she would never sit up, crawl, or walk.

Gianna was never supposed to live at all, in fact. Her biological mother was 17 when she had a saline abortion. She was in her third trimester when she was injected with the saline solution which was intended to end Gianna's life.

God had other plans, however. After 18 hours of being

"God is using Gianna Jessen to remind the world that each human being is precious to Him. It is beautiful to see the strength of the love of Jesus, which has poured into her heart. My prayer for Gianna, and for all who listen to her, is that this message of God's love will put an end to abortion with the power of love."
- Mother Teresa

burned by the saline solution, Gianna was born alive in a Los Angeles County abortion clinic. Rushed to a hospital, she survived. But lack of oxygen to her brain while she was being aborted is what caused her "gift" of Cerebral Palsy.

Eventually, she did learn to walk, and even to run, and last spring ran in the London Marathon, finishing in nine hours!

She is also a singer/songwriter who has written songs and recorded with artists like Phil Keaggy, the well-known Christian singer.

Most of all, however, Gianna says she is "a Christian who loves all people" and wants to share her story about the incredible value of every human life with the world.

JESSEN ALSO TO SPEAK AT OCT 1ST YOUTH RALLY

Gianna Jessen will also be the featured speaker at the Sunday October 1st "Youth Rally for Life" co-sponsored by RLCC and the Diocese of Fresno.

Fresno Bishop John Steinbock will preside at the Rally which will take place at 1:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church, located at the corner of Friant Road and Champlain Ave in northeast Fresno.

The Youth Rally is an ecumenical event to which all young people and all area church youth groups are invited. It will also serve, in fact, as the concluding event of the statewide California Youth Pro-Life Alliance meeting being hosted by RLCC Fresno/Madera's CALIFE youth group that weekend. *(For more information on that event, see our Youth Co-ordinator Jonathan Keller's story on page 6).*

Lunch will be available at Holy Spirit from 12:30 to 1:15 for all interested youth and youth groups. Contact Martha Pery at Holy Spirit (434-7701) or Lori Krueger at our office (229-2229 Ext. 13) for lunch reservations or more information.

JIM PATTERSON JOINS RLCC EFFORT

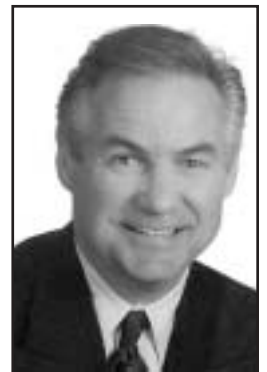
Former Fresno Mayor Jim Patterson has joined forces with RLCC Fresno/Madera as our Community Outreach Director.

"The pro-life cause has always been deeply meaningful to Sharon and me," Patterson notes about the fact that they are the adoptive parents of three. "I'm a father and a grandfather because generous people chose life at a difficult moment."

"I also think it's one of the most profound issues our nation faces at this moment in our history and I want to be part of finding a life-giving solution to this struggle."

Patterson will be working especially with the Christian churches, where he has long been well-known and much admired. In addition, he will be working on RLCC's advertising program, and planning special events such as RLCC's upcoming October 3rd education forum with Gianna Jessen at Riverpark Bible Church.

You can contact Jim at Jim@rtlcc.org.



PRESIDENT BUSH WAS RIGHT ON STEM CELLS

By Ed Hurlbutt

(This article first appeared in the Fresno Bee opinion pages on August 8th)

My dad is completely confined to his bed or a wheel chair now. The Parkinson's disease has also mostly destroyed his ability to speak, and now even his mind is tragically diminished. Mom is better off, but her Alzheimer's continues to rob her day by day of her memory, of her very self. She still remembers her four children, thank God. But her birth date and age are now a complete mystery to her.

Such losses - "the long good-bye," Nancy Reagan so keenly called it - are painful for every family, and every one of us would do almost anything to defeat these horrible thieves.

President George W. Bush recently endured much scorn from America's self-appointed scientific elite, however, when he drew a line at "almost anything" by vetoing a bill to vastly enlarge federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.

I emphasize "embryonic" because there are actually three types of stem cells being researched: embryonic, umbilical cord, and adult. But only one kills a human being to get the stem cells: embryonic. So President Bush drew the line: almost anything, but not killing one helpless, innocent human being to help another.

And ironically, Bush is not just morally right. He is scientifically right, too.

Adult and umbilical cord stem cells are already being used to treat or even cure some 65 different afflictions. Breast, ovarian, skin, and testicular cancer, heart and liver disease, autoimmune diseases like multiple sclerosis and juvenile arthritis, neural diseases like Parkinson's, and more are being successfully treated in such research. (A list of these various studies can be found at the Life Issues Institute website.)

Embryonic stem cell research, meanwhile, has produced exactly nothing. Not one cure, not one treatment regimen, has emerged from it. Embryonic cells, it seems, are fiendishly difficult to manipulate into the various types of cells being sought- brain

tissue, heart tissue - because their differentiation depends on where they are located on the living embryo. (Scientists have even determined that where the sperm enters the egg helps to determine the up-and-down, the top and bottom, of the human body!) Ripped from the context of the living body, however, embryonic cells grow wildly and haphazardly. Thus tumors have resulted from implanting embryonic stems cells in some people. But cures -- never.

Even if such cures did someday occur, however, my parents would be horrified to think that America would return to the days of trading in human flesh - for the trade in embryonic stems cells is merely a modern form of the slave markets which once defiled even the streets of our nation's capital.

Members of the greatest generation, Dad served heroically in the South Pacific in World War II, winning both a Bronze and Silver Star. Mother was a WASP - a Women's Air Service Pilot - women who ferried military planes around the country, and even flew dragging targets behind them so that the men, safely on the ground, could take target practice at flying objects.

Both also dedicated much of their lives in Visalia to public service. Dad was on the Visalia Unified School Board and mother served as both a

member and chairwoman of the City of Visalia Planning Commission. For twenty-five years she also worked as a volunteer at the "Good News Center" which fed the hungry, housed the homeless, provided medical care to the indigent, and clothed the poor.

Gloriously, my parents lived out both their Catholic faith and their American heritage. "We hold these truths to be self-evident that men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

While they, too, would do almost anything to avoid their present fates, then, in their last days they offer their children and grandchildren one final heroic witness to the irreplaceable dignity of every human life: no matter how weak, vulnerable, or without voice or memory. Humbly enduring the withering away of their abilities, without bitterness and only rare complaint, they witness to the inestimable dignity of all human lives. Otherwise, all of us are mere walking pieces of meat, and the strong can devour the weak, the wealthy eat the poor. But that's not what America, nor George W. Bush, nor my parents, are all about.

God bless America. God bless George W. Bush. God bless my parents.

IT'S NICE TO BE BACK!

For those of you who haven't yet heard, Rob Pennington left us earlier this year to work full time for the state "Parents' Right to Know" Initiative: already qualified for the November ballot as Proposition 85.

Meanwhile, I was out for four and half months on medical disability. But since my return, I have resumed the job of Executive Director of RLCC Fresno/Madera, while also remaining President of the entire Right to Life of Central California organization, which includes our Tulare-Kings and Kern County chapters.

Many thanks to everyone who prayed, encouraged, and supported me during my illness.



WHY IS THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION FUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD?

By Roberta Genini

The annual Central California Women's Conference - set for Tuesday September 12 at the Fresno Convention Center-has become an increasingly popular venue for Valley women, particularly those involved in business and other influential professions.

Unfortunately, organizers of this year's conference have unwittingly stepped into the middle of the abortion debate by featuring as their keynote speaker Nancy Brinker: the woman who founded the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in 1982 in memory of her sister, a victim of breast cancer.

A Fresno Bee advertisement for the Women's Conference calls Brinker "the global leader in the fight against breast cancer." What promoters don't mention is that she has served

on the advisory board of Planned Parenthood of Dallas. And in 2003, Planned Parenthood "received a record \$475,000 from Susan G. Komen affiliates all across the nation," according to an August 2005 Life Issues Institute. (Read the full report at www.lifeissues.org.)

Supposedly, Planned Parenthood affiliates promised to provide low-cost or no-cost breast exams to poor women for the money. Curiously, however, the total number of breast

exams provided by Planned Parenthood has decreased over the time many of their affiliates have received grants from the Komen Foundation.

Even more alarming than its donations to Planned Parenthood, however, is that the Komen Foundation lists abortion first among things that cannot cause breast cancer.

Yet scores of research studies - some going back almost 50 years - have found strong evidence of a link between abortion and a higher risk of breast cancer. Dr. Joel Brind - founder of the Breast Cancer Prevention

Foundation has done some good work, but proliferators cannot disregard the misinformation it spreads in its educational literature rejecting abortion as a possible causative factor in breast cancer. The local Mar Monte Planned Parenthood has a grant to do breast exams, as do some unquestionably Christian, pro-life local Fresno groups.

However, pro-life groups around the country are waking up to the reality behind the appearances of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and are beginning to seek less questionable recipients for their charitable interest in defeating breast cancer.

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Institute (www.bcpinstitute), and a noted researcher and professor of epidemiology at Baruch College, part of the City University of New York - plus many other researchers have repeatedly correlated the studies and pointed out this "abc" link.

Nevertheless the Komen Foundation unquestioningly follows the Planned Parenthood line that there is no connection between having an abortion and developing breast cancer.

In the Fresno area, the Komen

RLCC to Have Booth at Women's Conference

As we have for the past several years, RLCC Fresno/Madera will have a booth in the exhibition area at the Central Valley Women's Conference on September 12.

We will be redesigning our display to focus on the "abortion - breast cancer link," and buying a great deal of literature on the "abc link" to distribute free. If you'd like to help us get the information out, you can send a donation earmarked for literature. The booklets we'd like to distribute cost \$1.25 a piece, and the brochures \$.20. It's very important to get this information out!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MADERA, FRESNO FAIRS



RLCC Fresno/Madera's annual booths at both the Madera and the Big Fresno Fairs are coming up soon. The Madera fair is September 7 to 10, and the Big Fresno Fair is October 4 to 15.

These fair booths are one of the most life-saving events we conduct each year. Literally thousands of people pass by and learn

the truth about life in the womb. And every year we have several women come by to tell us that our booth saved their child's life

We need volunteers to help staff our booths! Morning, afternoon, and evening shifts are available. Call Victor Fierro (Ext 10), or Nicole Puentes (Ext 15) at the office (229-2229) if you can help.

WALK FOR LIFE ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS!

More than 300 people, including 140 sponsored walkers, joined our annual Walk for Life at Woodward Park this spring. Thanks to their hard work, and the support of our Event Sponsors --Clovis-Sanger Cabinet Mfg., Francis Collision Centre, Bonadalle Homes, Inc., Doug and Therese Swinehart, and Margaret Johnson -- more than \$42,000 was raised for RLCC's efforts to support pro-life laws in California and in the US Congress.

The sponsored walkers included:

Alatorre, Loretta
 Anderson, Jennifer and Family
 Arbuckle, Katie
 Armenta, Jeannette
 Armstrong, Tamu
 Baca, Jude C
 Bergstrom, Ben
 Bishop, Karen
 Blessing, Father Loren
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 Borges, Father Robert
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 Gonzalez, Jess
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 La Mar, Rene
 Lamb, Kelly
 Larralde, Alexandra
 Ledezma, Lydia
 LeMaster, Holly
 Lemon, Shirley
 Levine, Liz
 Lippert Family
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 Lopez, Bobbie
 Lopez, Carlos
 Lopez, Fr Daniel
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 Lucas, Christine
 Lucas, Zach, Chris & Kateri
 Lucas, George
 Luna, Rosalva
 Madera, Alex
 Manjarrez, Dorothy
 Mastro, Jennifer
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 Metzler, Kristen
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 O'Neill, Basil and Marilyn
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 Pennington, Bethany
 Perez, Ernie and Debi
 Peters, Scott
 Peters, Andrew
 Petersen, Msgr James
 Peterson, Father Steve
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 Pino, Natalie
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 Puentes, Isabella
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Ratto, Paul and Tina
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 Reyes, Angela
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 Sanchez, Lisa
 Sanchez, Father Guadalupe
 Savage, Molly and Family
 Simas, Rodney and Family
 Swanepoel, Estelle
 Swartz, Jack
 Swearingen, Father Eric
 Trevizo, Susana
 Uribe, Patricia
 Van Hoogmoed, Debra
 Vega, Carmen
 Vinuela-Wong, Loke
 Wells, Jennifer
 Wettstead Family
 Willey, Nancy
 Winter, Jackie
 Young, Carol
 Zasso, Marylou



Walkers pray before the Walk begins (above)



After the Walk there was lunch, games and lots of fun.

GOLF TOURNEY PRODUCES FUN AND FUNDS

Many thanks to all those who made our 2006 "Golf for Life" Tournament such a success. Almost \$27,000 was raised from the generosity of our sponsors and our 100 golfers. Thanks also to Brighton Crest Country Club for their hard work and generous cooperation.

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Special Thanks to our Golf Volunteers, including (shown above) Christine Lucas, Golf Committee Chair Matt Lucas, Cathy Booeey and Jessica Krueger.

Also, thanks to Precision Plastics for the Event Sponsor Awards, to Mazzoni Catering, MJ Patrick Embroidery, Macrina Aivazian, LaToya Tucker, Lisa DeBenedetto, Cheryl Sarkisian, Chris Peters, Chris Tarantino, Allen Bennett, Zach Bennett, Andrew Peters, and Scott Peters. Thanks to all our donors for our great "Goody Bags": Tahoe Joe's, Wells Fargo, Keith Jura, Rene Puentes, Verne Farley, Greg Newman, Roger Dunn Golf Shop, and to Our Wonderful Golf Committee: Matt Lucas, Chairman, Verne Farley, Neil Angelellio, Mike Patrick, Dick Caglia, Rene Puentes, Dr. Syl Bryan, and Abe Ramirez.

***And to all our golfers, "Thank You"
 There would be no tournament without you!***

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MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES CELEBRATE LIFE

Many thanks to all the churches and volunteers who made our annual Mothers' Day Corsage sale a big success. Thanks to their hard work, almost \$19,000 was raised to keep our work going.

Thank You!

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 St. Joseph - Selma
 St. Mary Queen of Apostles
 St. Mary - Sanger
 St. Patrick - Kerman
 St. Paul Newman Center
 Sunnyside Baptist Church
 Valley Christian Center



JOANN STEPHENS GETS PROMOTION IN PRO-LIFE WORK

One of the most wonderful, valuable, and treasured volunteers RLCC Fresno/Madera has ever had, left us in early March. Or, rather, JoAnn Stephens got a big promotion when the Lord called her home on March 11th of this year.

Now, instead of just cooking dinner for 800 people every year for our Christmas dinner (in the Fresno Convention Center kitchen, as shown in the photo, with, from the left, her good friend Judy DeBenedetto, her son-in-law Mike Mazzone, and Maury DeBenedetto, Jr.), or dinner for the RLCC golf tournament, or teaching natural family, or providing day care for her ten grandchildren, she has a front row seat to keep reminding Our Lord of our needs at RLCC F/M. And we're sure she'll secure even more wonderful blessings for us than she could here on earth.



We will miss her terribly, of course. JoAnn was not just only a tireless, prolific worker for life. She herself - joyful, forever, smiling, always laughing, full of amazing energy and loads of fun - was a living, breathing beautiful witness to the wondrous gift of human life, and she vividly lived hers to the fullest.

Our prayers, thoughts and condolences go out to her husband Chuck, her daughters Dianne, Cathy, and Chrissy, her sons-in-law and her ten beloved grandchildren.

STATE PRO-LIFE YOUTH SUMMIT TO MEET IN FRESNO SEP. 29 TO OCT. 1

by Jonathan Keller, RLCC Youth Outreach Director



Are you a teen, or a college student looking to make a difference in the pro-life arena, but aren't sure how? If so, make plans to join us for the 4th Annual Pro-Life Youth Alliance (PYA) Summit, held in Fresno on Friday, September 29th through Sunday, October 1st.

If we're going to win the battle to protect the unborn, we **must** reach and train the next generation with the messages of life and chastity. This powerful weekend is a great way to do so. Sessions will cover post-abortion help and healing, youth presentation skills, abortion in the Black Community and the spiritual aspects of abortion. This stirring gathering will have something for everyone.

- Who? - Junior high, high school, and college aged youth desiring to be educated, equipped, and connected.
- When? - The PYA Summit will be held Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th, with a special statewide youth rally planned for Sunday, October 1st at 1:30 pm.
- Where? - This year's PYA will be held at the RLCC Fresno/Madera office and hosted by Right to Life of Central California (www.RTLCC.org) and Fresno CA Life (www.CALife.net).
- How? - To register for this exciting conference and activism weekend, please email Jonathan at Jonathan@rtlcc.org or call him directly at (559) 229-2229 Ext 14. Registration is currently open, but space is limited, so please make sure to contact us soon!

Don't let fears or lack of training keep you out of the battle any longer. Join us as we fight to restore a Culture of Life and protect the most vulnerable members of our society!

LATINOS FOR LIFE: THE PRO-LIFE FUTURE

by Victor Fierro, RLCC Latinos for Life Director



With over half the students in the Fresno Unified School District being Latino - and with even higher rates in many of the smaller, outlying Fresno County cities and towns -- it's clear that RLCC needs to reach the Latino community in order to prevent abortion.

Sadly, my wife Yolanda - who does sidewalk counseling outside the Family Planning Associates abortion center downtown - says that many Latinas arrive at the abortion center with Rosary beads dangling from their rear-view mirrors. They are going against their faith and our Latino respect for the family.

That's why our booths at the Madera and Fresno Fairs are so important. And in November we will be at the Latinas Women's Conference.

I've already spoken at more than 20 churches this year in my work as RLCC's Latinos for Life Director, and would like more opportunities in English and Spanish. This year I will also speaking at as many of the rural churches as possible. The population of these churches is made up of many Latinos.

As you can see my year is FULL -- and with the grace of Our Lord and your prayers all this work LOVE and LIFE will blossom like a rose.

GENEROUS DONORS PROVIDE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of a long-time RLCC Fresno/Madera supporter, three years ago we were given the building on Griffith Way where our offices are located.

By this summer, the time had come to do some major maintenance: especially after the roof on the north wing sprang a huge leak at the end of this year's rainy season and ended up ruining a good portion of the ceiling!

Thanks to the generosity of many wonderful donors, however, we were able to do a great deal of upgrading on our offices.

Special thanks go to Tom Ohanian and Ohanian's Drywall for providing 2,200 square feet of new ceiling for free! Thanks also to CA Life Youth group for emptying the entire north wing of furniture, literature, and boxes and boxes of supplies for all our events. Thanks especially to CA Life members Andrew Nemy, Johnny Gerardi, Isaac Gilkinson, and Landon Hollman, Ross Caughell, Geoff Caughell, Sean Moore and Josh Krueger for helping to demolish the old ceiling and haul out all the drywall and lots and lots of loose insulation.

Thanks also to Electric Motor shop for providing a free change over of the entire fluorescent lighting system from the old oil ballasts to the new electronic ballasts and lights. It will save us money for years on electricity. Thanks also to Orange Avenue

Disposal for providing five free dumpings of a huge construction-sized trash bin and Sean Carroll from PODS for the free storage unit.

Another generous donor was Bill Waddell and his crew from Waddell Painting who painted the entire exterior of the building for hardly more



Creede, John Day, John Renna, Frank & Ruthie Hambalek, Louis & Darlene Roup, Randy & Chrissy Hardcastle, Bob Posey, Al & Doris Dingle, Syl & Marge Bryan, Thuy Mansmann, Daral & Rosemary Kennedy, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Lutz and Doug & Therese Swinehart.

Also donating to help cover the

than the cost of the paint. We also extend thanks to Julie Kerkochian with United Carpet One and Craig Kruse with Spectra-Tone for their generous donations.

Former RLCC F/M Board Vice-Chair Christine Arbuckle provided her decorating expertise in choosing paint and composite shingle colors. Meanwhile, thanks to the generosity of various donors, we were able to pay for the new roof (seen at right) and the re-roofing of the upper portion of the building - as you can see from the before and after photos. We were also able to pay for painting the entire new ceiling and most of the walls in the north wing as well.

Thanks to the donors who've helped make our new roof possible, including: Don & Susan Hornor, Tim & Debby Bone, Patricia Johnson, San Joaquin Fig, Mike DerManouel, Jr., Danny & Richelle Iest, Jon & Marie Basila, Larry & Carol Edde, Gary & Mary Oberti, Joe & Harriet Ray, John & Doreen Wathen, Rick & Cheryl Sarkisian, Greg Rainwater, MD, Hon. Frank



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God is good. And he lets us share in his goodness by our generosity to others. May he bless everyone named in this issue of the newsletter for helping us keep the voice for life alive and well in Central California!

ADOPTION - A LOVING CHOICE

Infant of Prague Adoption Service, a full service adoption agency, conducts orientation for prospective adoptive parents on the second Tuesday of each month. They are actively recruiting potential adoptive parents and welcome them to attend a future orientation session. The next session is Tuesday September 12 at 6:00 pm.

To attend an orientation session or request an information packet, please call IPAS at 251-2602.



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Vote "Yes" On Proposition 85

Proposition 85 on the November ballot is a new "Parents Right to Know and Child Protection" initiative.

The proposition is virtually identical to Proposition 73, which narrowly lost in last November's special election. It will require abortionists to inform at least one parent, or the legal guardian, of a minor girl at least 48 hours before performing an abortion on her.

As required by the US Supreme Court, the proposal also contains a "judicial bypass" whereby girls afraid of being attacked by their parents can seek permission from a juvenile court judge for the abortion.

If you'd like a "Yes on 85" bumper sticker, please call the office at 229-2229 and ask for Victor Fierro (Ext. 10).