



# Kansans for Life

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## “Shredder-Kate”

Second case of evidence-shredding under Sebelius’ watch reported

Our last newsletter reported that abortion clinic reports submitted to the Kansas Department of Health in 2003 were shredded during the Sebelius Administration in 2005, AFTER they had been subpoenaed as part of an ongoing investigation by then-Attorney General Phill Kline.

Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe inherited the criminal prosecution of Planned Parenthood for forging copies of those 2003 reports. Having found the originals destroyed, he searched for the next best thing: the official AG copies of those reports. Disturbingly, those AG copies were also shredded—sometime during the term of Sebelius’ hand-picked Attorney General, Steve Six!

Gov. Sam Brownback’s office called the situation “concerning.”

Current Attorney General Derek Schmidt has engaged Shawnee County (Topeka) Sheriff Dick Barta to investigate the matter, as Schmidt really can’t investigate his own office—nor can the KBI, which serves as an adjunct to the Attorney General.

If evidence of the crime of obstructing justice is found, Barta ordinarily forwards his results for prosecution to Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor. The problem is, Democrat Taylor won his office by putting down the Kline investigations!



Notably, Taylor got a sizable campaign donation from the personal PAC of Kathleen Sebelius’—who could be an accessory to such a crime. Other Taylor donations came from Planned Parenthood defense lawyers Pedro Irigonegaray and Bob Eye.

**What must happen is for us to insist that a special prosecutor be appointed!**

## Hormonal contraceptives, abortion, and breast cancer

Over the last 30 years, while the rate of most cancers has declined, the number of cases of breast cancer in the United States has increased 40%. Why?

An induced abortion increases a woman’s breast cancer risk because it interrupts breast cell development at a time when breast cells are in a state of change that makes cancers more likely to occur.

Hormonal contraceptives increase breast cancer risk because of increased exposure to estrogen.

A risk factor that is common to both abortion and contraception is

that a woman’s choice to delay childbirth to a later age also increases her breast cancer risk — a woman who has her first child at age 18 has a 50% lower risk of contracting breast cancer than a woman who waits until she is 30 years old to have her first child. These are facts that young women have a right to know as they are making decisions about contraception, abortion, and childbearing.

For a more detailed explanation, please read Dr. Angela Lanfranchi’s article, “Breast Cancer: Risks and Prevention,” which is posted at [www.bcpinstitute.org](http://www.bcpinstitute.org), where you can also download a printable factsheet titled “Factors which Increase and Decrease Breast Cancer Risk.”

### National Right to Life Academy

June 24 — July 27, 2012

Washington, D.C.

The NRLC Academy is a unique, 5-week summer course for college students who are eager to put their pro-life passion to work. \$3,600 tuition includes lodging at a university residence in downtown Washington, D.C., admission to the National Right to Life Convention, and five weeks of comprehensive pro-life education. Visit [www.nrlc.org/Academy](http://www.nrlc.org/Academy) for more info.

## The “Other” Silent Night

How wonderful Lord Jesus  
that people love you dear.  
They celebrate your birthday  
and remember you each year.

You know dear Lord and Savior  
I haven’t even one.  
For my earthly life was taken  
before it had begun.

I never saw a sunrise  
or gazed on stars at night.  
For someone else decided  
that I didn’t have that right.

Was I destined to be wise  
and help all of mankind?  
Perhaps a miracle cure  
for diseases I would find.

Some things are left unknown  
I guess I’m one of those.  
The happiness I might have brought  
is something no one knows.

You knit me oh so well Lord  
I just don’t understand.  
Why they chose to interfere  
with your most glorious plan.

What was it that I did  
that bothered all them so?  
Was it simply just my presence  
that brought them so much woe?

It matters not dear Lord  
for now I dwell with you.  
There is no more cruel evil  
to me that they can do.

I do remember a voice though,  
that spoke behind a veil.  
As it took me to the trash  
casually say – “it” was a male.

Lord I must say something to them,  
they’re the words I learned from you.  
“Father please forgive them, for  
they know not what they do.

Harley V. Phillips  
Hutchinson, Kansas

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Where can I get information for this report I'm writing on stem cell research?

Where can I find a speaker to talk to my youth group?

I would like a woman who has had an abortion to come talk to my women's group about post-abortion healing. Where can I find someone like that?

Grandma's doctor wants her to sign a "living will" and I have questions about what these provisions mean. What kind of "living will" would treat Grandma as a valuable human being, even as she approaches death?

I've seen pro-life wrist bands — where can I buy some to give to my youth group?



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## Photos wanted

For the KFL newsletter, website, and blog, we would like photos of KFL chapter events or other local pro-life events, pro-life road signs, and adorable pro-life kid photos.

Please e-mail to the editor:  
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# All that glitters, is not gold

By Mary Kay Culp, Executive Director  
and David Gittrich, State Development Director

Perhaps you heard about the attempts to pass a “personhood” bill in Colorado and Mississippi and a “Heartbeat” bill in Ohio. All have failed.

Now a fellow here, who named his group similarly to ours, wants to try a “Heartbeat” bill in Kansas.

“Personhood” bills are attempts to change the legal status of the unborn child, assuming that abortion would then automatically end.

“Heartbeat” bills are attempts to ban all abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detectable. (While true that the fetal heartbeat starts at 21 days gestation, Ohio legislators could only agree on 10 weeks as a benchmark.)

Neither bill has exceptions for rape and incest, and some have no life of the mother exception.

If one of these bills made it to the U.S. Supreme Court, and Justice Anthony Kennedy found it unconstitutional, as he likely would, Ruth Bader Ginsberg could grab the opportunity she’s been looking for, to invalidate state laws the Court has formerly upheld or let stand: parental notice, informed consent, clinic licensing, bans on partial birth abortion, etc.

Kansans for Life believes our present incremental approach is working, because it plays on the Achilles heel of our opponents.

The public doesn’t want abortions paid for by tax dollars. Most people don’t want their money subsidizing abortions through private health insurance policies. The public also favors many laws that insure that women seeking abortions are informed about fetal development and the serious harms that woman can suffer from abortion.

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## Wisdom must temper passion in abortion proposals

Proposals aimed at banning abortion altogether, or nearly all abortions (the “heartbeat” bill) are currently doomed to an expensive failure. The viewpoint of National Right to Life counsel, James Bopp, given to the Ohio Senate on Dec. 13, is instructive. (*Full text available on [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org)*)

“The Supreme Court’s current makeup assures that a declared **federal constitutional right to abortion remains secure for the present**. This means that now is not the time to pass state abortion bans because (1) such provisions will be quickly struck down by a federal district court, (2) that decision will be affirmed by an appellate court, (3) the Supreme Court will not grant review of the decision, and (4) the pro-abortion attorneys who brought the legal challenge will collect statutory attorneys fees from the state that enacted the provision in the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The effort will have enriched the pro-abortion forces for no gain for the pro-life side. In fact, there will be a loss because there will be yet another federal-court decision declaring that state law on abortion is superseded by the federal constitution.”

Bopp continues, “there is the potential danger that the **Court might actually make things worse than they presently are**...were the Court to embrace [Justice Ginsberg’s] view that the equal-protection clause protects the right to choose abortion on the

Our opponents’ Achilles heel is that they don’t seem to be willing to tell women the truth. They don’t seem to be able to stay in business without our tax money. And for 40 years they have often been caught cutting corners and failing to operate anywhere near the standards we expect from all other medical clinics, despite their original claim that legality would make abortion safe. Why? Because they can call themselves “non profit” all day, but profit is too often the real motive.

I’m not saying they are only out for the money, though many are. It’s just the nature of the business of killing. Doctors who do abortions full time demand doctor-level salaries even though they have often failed in former endeavors and/or have suffered financial, personal, or professional problems that most doctors haven’t. Then there is another Achilles heel: their need to settle lawsuits because, legal or not, it is a fact that abortion takes place in the dark, in a very unforgiving part of a woman’s body.

Here in Kansas, we have now, based on fetal pain capability, eliminated all abortions past 21 weeks, except those done to prevent severe physical damage or death of the mother. Thankfully, our opponents are afraid to sue this law fearing it could be upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

If the three laws they have chosen to sue (clinic licensing, no elective abortions paid for by group health insurance, and tax de-funding of reproductive-only clinics), are upheld (and we think they will be), two of Kansas’ remaining clinics will likely disappear along with the threat of a new one in Wichita, and the future of Planned Parenthood in Overland Park would be in doubt.

The point is that you don’t throw a “Hail Mary” pass when your ground game is working, especially one destined to get intercepted by a Supreme Court that could use that court case to cause our end goal more harm than good!

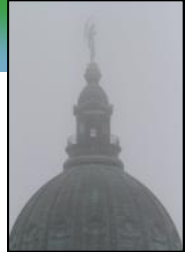
basis of gender discrimination [three justices already joined her view in the dissent of the Gonzales 2007 ruling]... [The Ginsberg view would likely force] states to fund abortions that they are not currently required to fund in programs for indigent persons. ... [It] would be a powerful weapon in the hands of pro-abortion lawyers that would jeopardize all current laws on abortion, such as laws requiring parental involvement for minors, waiting periods, specific informed consent information, and so on. A law prohibiting abortion would force Justice Kennedy to vote to strike down the law, giving Justice Ginsberg the opportunity to rewrite the justification for the right to abortion for the Court.”

Current litigation bears out Bopp’s warning: The ACLU has challenged the new Kansas law—eliminating automatic coverage of elective abortion in private insurance—using the “Ginsberg” equal protection/gender discrimination defense.

President Obama has already appointed two justices in the Ginsberg mode, and until the U.S. Supreme Court changes under a pro-life president, Kansans for Life agrees with Bopp that, “Both passion for the pro-life cause and wisdom about the means to achieve it must be maintained if the pro-life movement is to ultimately succeed.”

**Read the complete article at [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org)**

## State legislation supported by KFL in 2012



Here are three of our top legislative priorities for the 2012 Kansas Legislative Session, which began January 9. More will be discussed in the next newsletter. For the most up-to-date information on our legislation, go to [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org) and sign up for our e-mail alerts. Things can happen quickly in the legislature, so you *must* be part of our e-mail system if you want to be able to contact your representatives when an important vote is coming.

### Legal rights for the unborn

The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion for all stages of pregnancy in 1973, but did include certain state rights that were expanded in subsequent rulings. Tragically, the current justices are split with four in favor of *Roe v. Wade*, four who would be willing to overturn it, and Justice Anthony Kennedy as the wavering undecided vote. Kennedy renewed his support of *Roe* in the 1992 *Casey* ruling, but backed off a bit in the 2007 *Gonzales* ruling. No constitutional scholar believes he is ready to undo *Roe*. (See the reverse side of this page, and page 3 of the January 2012 KFL newsletter, for further discussion on the strategic problems with personhood and heartbeat bills.)

In the *Webster* decision of 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of the state to show preference to childbirth and to uphold the inalienable rights of the unborn wherever possible until the *Roe* regime ends. Kansas needs to join the states (including Missouri) that have adopted such a “Life from Conception” statement, declaring that state laws will be interpreted to acknowledge all possible rights for the unborn not prohibited by the state constitution or decisional interpretations of the U.S. Supreme Court. Such a declaration, while not directly challenging *Roe*, supports pro-life public policy priorities in the budget, social services, education, etc.

### Conscience rights in health care

Moral medical decision-making is under attack due to both cultural forces and specific federal provisions in Obamacare. Thus, a top legislative priority is protecting the right of Kansas health care practitioners to reject abortion involvement without jeopardizing their jobs.

### Mother's right to accurate medical information

A reluctant Gov. Sebelius signed one pro-life bill as she awaited a wobbly Senate confirmation to become HHS head: the bill to update the informed consent materials required prior to abortion. The bill's implementation was badly mangled in 2009, but this past July, under KDHE head Dr. Robert Moser, a massive correction was made. This included creating the nation's top Woman's Right to Know website, showing the most modern 4D pictures of the unborn available, accompanied by scientifically accurate fetal development information. View the state website at [www.womansrighttoknow.org](http://www.womansrighttoknow.org) — and as you look at it, remember that *you*—as a Kansans for Life member—get credit for making sure abortion-seeking women are given this opportunity to find out the truth about fetal development and abortion. One of our key objectives this year will be to ensure that the state website and booklet will continue to be improved and updated.

## More pro-life legislation will be announced after the start of the 2012 Legislative Session. Sign up for KFL's e-mail alerts and stay tuned!

### Baby's many gifts to Mom

All human babies deserve protection simply because they are human beings.

It is interesting to note, though, that in a time when many unborn babies are killed because someone thinks it is in the best interest of the mother, scientific studies continue to discover

new ways in which the baby benefits his mother.

In a recent study, it was found that some of the baby's cells, which remain in his mother's body for decades, are actually involved in *repairing* the mother's tissues when she has a disease.

Read more at the KFL Blog:

[kansansforlife.wordpress.com](http://kansansforlife.wordpress.com)

### Ethical stem cell treatment for cardiovascular disease

Over the last decade, stem cell therapy has emerged as the fastest growing area of interest in biomedical research. Among some of the more fascinating findings are those which demonstrate that some adult stem cells can be coaxed to become a specific cell type, and can then be used to regenerate diseased or injured tissues. Such research has raised hopes that conditions once thought incurable might prove to be treatable after all.

Two studies have obtained promising results using adult cardiac stem cells isolated from the patients themselves. At different hospitals, heart tissue biopsies were taken from two patients who had

previously experienced heart attacks. Each patient received an infusion containing his own cardiac stem cells (which had been cultured and expanded), and incredibly, the patients actually generated new heart tissue following treatment. As both men were considered to be at high risk for further heart failure, and the damage from their previous heart attacks had been believed to be irreversible, the resulting regeneration was all the more notable.

Such stories are good news for those who hope to see new and potentially life-saving medical treatments that do not raise ethical questions.

The above is a much-abbreviated summary of the complete article, “Ethical stem cell research shows most promise for patients,” by Rebecca Oas, Ph.D., which may be found at [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com) and has also appeared in *Zenit*.

CHECK OUT [www.womansrighttoknow.org](http://www.womansrighttoknow.org) – the website that women must be informed of prior to a Kansas abortion. The website's home page shows a video of a 7-week unborn child in the womb whose beating heart is easily visible through his/her fragile skin! A further click leads to accurate 4-D prenatal information—a virtual daily journal inside the womb during a full-term pregnancy, using high-definition video snapshots with audio explanations. A 24-hour telephone hotline number is provided for more information. This phenomenal website—the best in the nation—is saving lives and would not have been possible without the support of Kansans for Life members!

## Winter 2012 Events

*Kansans for Life* **RALLY FOR LIFE 2012**  
 AT THE CAPITOL IN TOPEKA  JANUARY 23

**Rally Day Tips**

- Visit your state representative and senator at the Capitol and tell them why you are pro-life!
- Take a free tour of the Kansas State Capitol! Tours start at 9 am.
- Bring pro-life signs, banners, and spirit!
- Wear very warm clothes (hats, scarves, gloves, heavy socks) and comfy shoes!

**Rally Day Info**

- Join us to commemorate the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the US Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.
- 8 am: Registration at Mater-Dei/Assumption (Church)
- 10 am: Mass for Life at Topeka Performing Arts Center (TPAC)
- 11 am: March for Life from TPAC to the Capitol
- 11:30 am: Rally for Life on the south steps of the Capitol with music and pro-life speakers
- 12:30 Lunch at the Church
- Pro-life workshops at the Church before and after the Rally

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**Will you be there?**



**KFL Valentine Banquet, Kansas City**  
 Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012  
 in Overland Park, Kansas  
 Post-abortion testimony of **JULIA HOLCOMB**,  
 former fiancé of rocker Stephen Tyler,  
 now mother of 7. Phone 913-642-5433.



**KFL Valentine Banquet, Wichita**  
 Friday, Feb. 10, 2012  
 at the Wichita Marriott  
 Featuring comedian **MICHAEL JOINER**,  
 known as "God's Smart Aleck."  
 \$35 per person. Phone 316-687-5433.



### **KFL PAC Prayer Breakfast** **Feb. 18, 2012**

The KFL Political Action Committee hosts an annual Prayer Breakfast during the state Republican convention, which this year will be held in Overland Park on Saturday, Feb. 18. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and visit with your pro-life legislators. Call Melinda at 316-687-5433 or e-mail [kflpac@yahoo.com](mailto:kflpac@yahoo.com) for more information.