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Dingell Handily Defeated in MI Primary

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Mysteriously, Rivers was stalked by this man throughout the campaign.

Michigan 15 voters booted long-time incumbent John Dingell out of office this month, handing another ticket to DC to Representative Lynn Rivers. The working mom and champion of women's rights and the environment will be back in DC this fall as part of the Democratic House majority to resume the fight for progressive issues.

Assisting in her victory were DC residents Anna Ekindjian, Jessica Reitz, and Amy Drayer. "We're just glad the hours of precinct walking paid-off," says Ekindjian.

"I know I almost died, but it was totally worth it," adds Reitz. The trio drove to Michigan the last week before the campaign to do what they could for the Congresswoman.

Rivers' thousands of supporters turned out heavily on August 6th, surpris-

ing the Dingell camp that had counted on electioneering from the allies to put them over the top.

Unfortunately for Dingell, working moms and progressive voters proved that cash and connections are no match for truly representative Democratic leadership.

Nationwide speculation followed the race, which pitted DC fundraising giants Emily's List and the NRA against each other. Charlton Heston himself made an appearance for Dingell, where he stated, "This race is about God-fearing, gun-loving Americans putting feminazis back in their place."

Rivers replied simply, "I believe that women are equal partners in society and democracy. I can't wait to get back to the business of progressive governance."

Special points of interest:

- Editorial "...she's not going to ever feel like a freak."
- News & Features "This race is about God-fearing, gun-loving Americans putting feminazis back in their place."
- Anti-Choice Corner "First, the sidewalk counselor has a heart filled with love..."

Reid Won't Take It Lying Down

Not long after Republicans issued a report card giving Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) poor grades on his legislative achievements, Assistant Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) went on the Senate record to offer a list of fictitious tomes the GOP should assign its members as summer reading:

"See No Evil, Speak No Evil, Hear No Evil: Economic Leadership for the Enron Era"

"Master of the Senate Republicans: How Drug Company Cash Killed the Prescrip-

tion Drug Benefit"

"Drilling Our Way to a Cleaner Environment"

"See Dick Run: From Haliburton Accounting"

"Someone to Watch Over You: The John Ashcroft Story."

Reid, a former amateur boxer, states, "Anybody who comes out here and slaps around Tom Daschle, I will slap back."

Go Harry. Mixed on choice, not on Republicans.

Anti-Choice Corner: Imitating Christ Helpful, Risky

Sidewalk counseling is at the very heart of what it means to be against the aborting of babies and in favor of motherhood. The effort provides the counselor, and those he or she encounters, with a wonderful opportunity to see the face of God in one another.

First, the sidewalk counselor has a heart filled with love, or she would be unable to stand aside when it is clear that her best effort has failed, and the person to whom she has been speaking is going to get that abortion.

Second, she has complete faith that her witness for life is pleasing to God, who gives her the strength to be in that place.

Pictures play a critical role in the poignant story of sidewalk



Anti-Choice activist and Christ-imitator lead away from clinic for violating FACE laws.

counselors, and their special talent for imitating Christ. The "godfather of pro-life activism," Joe Scheidler, often explains how he teaches others to sidewalk counsel.

He says that once he gets the attention of the mother who is approaching the mill, he asks if he can show her pictures of his kids.

He then opens his wallet, and on one side he presents photos of newborn babies, but when he turns the fold in his wallet, he presents photos of babies killed by abortion. And then he says, "Which one of these will be the picture of your baby?"

Do you want to become a sidewalk counselor? At American Life League, we can help you begin the process of witnessing for life at the very places where the heinous crimes are committed. Contact us today.

<http://www.all.org/pubs/index.htm>

Campus Greens "More Relevant Now More Than Ever"

A follow-up to our July 2002 editorial:

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to follow up on a link request that I sent out a couple of weeks ago. If there are any questions, please feel free to e-mail me; I'd be happy to answer them..

"Our goal is to empower students. We just need to make it easier for them to find us."

Campus Greens, having grown to nearly 150 chapters, is experiencing success that is unprecedented. The organization is more relevant now more than ever, what with recurring instances of corporate greed and corruption, environmental irresponsibility, and myriad other social issues that we fight for.

The current generation of students is the most active since that of the 1960s, and it's time for stu-

dents to become connected to a movement that will help them in their fight for social change.

Essentially, we're trying to make Campus Greens as much a presence on the internet as we can; in order for the movement for social change to be successful, organizations such as ours, yours, and others, need to be visible and easily accessible.

Our goal is to empower students - we just need to make it easier for them to find us.

Our website is interactive and engaging, and we add to it every day to make it more so. People visiting the site will find a research clearinghouse (<http://clearinghouse.campusgreens.org>).

Cited by the Utne Reader as a terrific resource for progressives on-line, an exhaustively detailed organizing manual put together by CG staff members, links to upcom-

ing events such as regional organizing trainings we've got planned for this fall, and so on - in short, all sorts of really important things students need to be effective activists.

As such, we'd love it if you would post a link to our website (<http://www.campusgreens.org>)

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on yours. Again, we would be happy to reciprocate by putting you into our new on-line Clearinghouse; we recognize that the work you do is essential to the struggle, as well, and we'd love to point students your way.

Please e-mail me with any questions.

In solidarity,
Sam Worley-Ekstrom

Clayton Waagner, that crazy guy...

Clayton Waagner, the antiabortion activist who has admitted to sending more than 550 anthrax hoax letters to family planning clinics, was sentenced yesterday to nearly 20 years in prison on federal firearms and auto theft charges.

In addition, a Cincinnati jury in April found Waagner guilty of six federal charges for possession of stolen firearms and a stolen vehicle related to crimes that occurred while he was on the run from law enforcement officials.

During the trial, Waagner testified that he had sent the anthrax hoax letters to family planning clinics throughout the country last fall. Waagner's attorney yesterday ar-

gued that her client should receive a lesser sentence because he "did not commit violence" and cooperated with authorities during the investigation.

However, Waagner contradicted Johnson in his comments to U.S. District Judge Susan Dlott, saying that he had intended to commit a violent act. "I did, in fact, want to harm someone. I wanted to kill an abortion provider. I just couldn't do it."

Waagner unsuccessfully tried to escape from prison this week. Waagner and another inmate at the Boone County Jail in Kentucky were caught in a plan to dig out the mortar between the cinder blocks of their cell. http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_repro.cfm

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Editorial - God: "Cloning is My will"

An American couple who will be the first to participate in an attempted reproductive cloning procedure later this year appeared on CNN's "Connie Chung Tonight," Monday, August 12. The couple, whose voices and faces were digitally disguised and who were identified only as "Bill and Kathy," appeared on the show with Dr. Panayiotis Zavos:

KATHY: It's almost as if someone is playing a big joke on us. When I had a great egg month, Bill had a bad sperm month. When he had a great sperm month, I had a bad egg month. I mean, we just couldn't seem to make egg salad together at the same time.

KATHY: We figured if I stayed completely still, these little babies have to hold. And we named them. We figured if we named them, they were little people, they were going to become little babies and they were going to be born.

DR. ZAVOS: The public realize that this is not as monstrous as it may sound. Once they see a baby dressed in pink or blue, they will say, what a wonderful thing.

BILL: I think we're doing medical history. I think we're on the cutting edge and on the beginning of a brave new world.

BILL: I think I'd rather have a girl than a boy. As simple as that. And God willing, if this works, maybe two years from now, we'll clone me.

KATHY: You can adopt a baby overseas, and then in a lot of countries, what happens is by the time you get the baby, they've been so messed up in the orphanage where they are that you are taking on a health hazard. BILL: We're not going to give birth to a monster or an abnormal child. Dr. Zavos concurs that we will abort. GUILLEN: So you would harvest stem cells from the



aborted fetus for purposes of research? But you know how controversial that is, too. KATHY: Well, I'm a controversial person. I'm not politically correct. I never have been. I never will be.

BILL: I think I would just tell the child that she was born by an in vitro process, without getting into specifics until the child is an adult.

KATHY: She's going to be treated like a very special person from day one. And she's going to be loved, loved and loved, and she's not going to ever feel like a freak.

GUILLEN; What do you tell the child's doctor? I mean, you can't keep that secret from a

doctor.

KATHY: I never thought of that. We'll figure that out, one step at a time.

KATHY: I don't think there is any immaturity here. I mean, come on, this is the future, and you know something? If God didn't want us to learn how to do all these things, then God would not have enabled the scientists to be able to move on and learn and do.

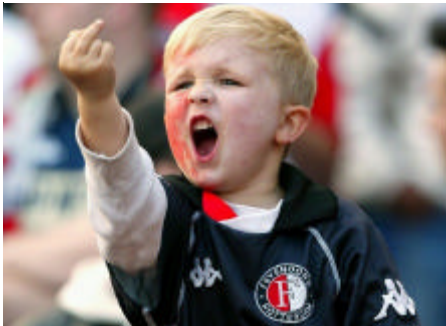


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Featured Photo



A young Lynn Rivers supporter sends a farewell message to John Dingell

Featured Quote

"You can't just take an animal or a human and make them a farm for your testicles"

Arthur Caplan of the Center for Bioethics at the U of Pennsylvania, commenting on a new fertility treatment that uses testicular transplants from pigs, goats & mice.

Impending Events: Special Michigan Edition

August

18: Benny & the Jets, Motown Harley-Davidson, Taylor, MI

20-24: Manistee County Agricultural Fair, fairgrounds, Kaleva

20-Sept. 2: Michigan State Fair, fairgrounds, Detroit, MI

24-25: Michigan Democratic Party state convention

27: REO Speedwagon, with Styx, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston, MI

29-Sept. 2: Michigan Peach Festival, Romeo, MI

September

1: Amy's Birthday

2: 6th Annual Rubber Ducky Regatta, North Woodstock, New Hampshire

6-7: Rosh Hashanah