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Main Edition

Faith & Values: Messages: Film examines issue of forced sterilization; Messages appears the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Atlanta's Breman Museum will screen "The Lynchburg Story," a documentary chronicling the forced sterilization of mentally disabled individuals and criminals in the United States.

Paul Lombardo, a Georgia State University law professor, served as historical consultant for the film. Lombardo has studied and written about the U.S. Supreme Court's 1927 ruling on Buck v. Bell. He outlines the history of the eugenics sterilization movement and the case in his upcoming book, "Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court and Buck Versus Bell" (Johns Hopkins University Press, to be released in 2008).

"The Lynchburg Story" is based on the true story of Carrie Buck, a 17-year-old who had a baby out of wedlock and was forcibly sterilized because she was deemed "feeble-minded" by her foster parents. (It later was revealed that she had been raped by a foster parent's nephew.)

The Virginia case was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1927 and made famous by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' quote, "Three generations of imbeciles is enough."

"Even today, there are regularly bills introduced in state legislatures to sterilize sex criminals and welfare mothers and the disabled. These usually fail," Lombardo said.

Mississippi remains the only state with a sterilization law still on the books.

The documentary screening is included in the admission fee to the Breman Museum. It is part of the exhibit programming for "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," which is at the CDC Global Health Odyssey museum through Aug. 10. For information, go to [www.thebreman.org](http://www.thebreman.org).

## UPCOMING RELEASES

Contemporary Christian, Tuesday:

\* "DC Talk --- Greatest Hits," by DC Talk, special edition with DVD, Front Records.

\* "Secondhand Dreaming" by Ruth, Tooth & Nail Records.

\* "Worship from the Heartland" by various artists, Time Life Records.

## WEB SITE

\* [www.marilynmcguire.com/nautilus/2007-winners.html](http://www.marilynmcguire.com/nautilus/2007-winners.html)

A list of the "world-changing" Nautilus award-winning books in the mind-body-spirit category.

ALSO

The 26th annual Roswell Patriotic Celebration with the Roswell United Methodist Sanctuary Choir and the Atlanta Wind Symphony is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. July 1 at Roswell United Methodist Church. 770-594-0512. . . Bruce Feiler, author of "Walking the Bible," will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Presbyterian Church as part of the events for the Carlos Museum exhibition "Cradle of Christianity: Jewish and Christian Treasures From the Holy Land." Tickets are \$10. [www.carlos.emory.edu](http://www.carlos.emory.edu). . . . The Asian American Resource Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary gala at 7 p.m. Thursday at Korean Presbyterian Church, 2534 Duluth Highway, Duluth. . . . Representatives of five historically black theological seminaries will meet Tuesday-Thursday at Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Center to learn how to improve teaching practices of seminary faculty. The event is funded with a grant from the Wabash Institute for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion in the U.S.A. . . . Contemplative Outreach Atlanta is planning a one-day workshop June 30 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Call Cathy Hightower at 770-973-6243, or e-mail [Chighatl@aol.com](mailto:Chighatl@aol.com)

#### NEWSSTAND

\* CCM Magazine (June). Profile of singer Mat Kearney, plus interviews with other artists of faith.

\* Gospel Today (June). Profiles Bishop T.D. Jakes.

#### MUSIC

\* "The Ringing Bell" by Derek Webb. INO Records.

"Classic folk-rock reminiscent of the Beatles and Bob Dylan. Rather than merely reciting timeless Scriptural truths, [Webb] asks listeners to use God's Word to examine current events."

--- Christianity Today

#### BOOKS

\* "God Needs No Passport" by **Peggy Levitt**. The New Press. \$26.95. 288 pages. Sociologist Levitt documents how the wave of today's multinational immigrants is changing the face and global reach of American-style religion.

\* "The Night Is Far Spent" by Thomas Howard. Ignatius Press. \$16.95. 368 pages. A collection of articles and speeches written by Howard, a Catholic convert, on everything from liturgical reform to C.S. Lewis.

\* "Nuns: A History of Convent Life" by Silvia Evangelisti. Oxford Press. \$34.95. 304 pages. Evangelisti writes about nuns from the 15th century to the early 18th century and documents their creative endeavors as well as their efforts to leave their church-ordered cloistered life to do charitable works. \* "Dangerous Words: Talking About God in an Age of Fundamentalism" by Gary Eberle. Trumpeter Press. \$21.95. 240 pages. Eberle delves into the historical roots of different words used frequently --- and often with great misunderstanding --- in religious discourse.

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