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Brett Kavanaugh joins Supreme Court after bruising and brutal attack

NRLC congratulates new justice and Senate Republican leadership

By Dave Andrusko

Fending off an assault that made the “high-tech lynching” of Justice Clarence Thomas seem tame by comparison, the U.S. Senate on Saturday confirmed Brett Kavanaugh to sit on the Supreme Court afternoon by a vote of 50-48.

President Trump immediately tweeted, “I applaud and congratulate the U.S. Senate for confirming our GREAT NOMINEE, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, to the United States Supreme Court.”



Brett Kavanaugh is sworn in as an associate justice of the Supreme Court by Chief Justice John Roberts

The 53-year-old Kavanaugh was officially sworn in hours later by Chief Justice John Roberts.

Kavanaugh, who replaces Justice Anthony Kennedy, is President Trump’s second appointment to the nation’s highest court, joining Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Various pro-abortion organizations, in particular Planned Parenthood, and

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Over 500 Babies Born Thanks to Abortion Pill Reversal

By Katie Franklin

For more than a decade, women have used Abortion Pill Reversal as a means to stop their in-progress chemical abortions and save their unborn babies’ lives.

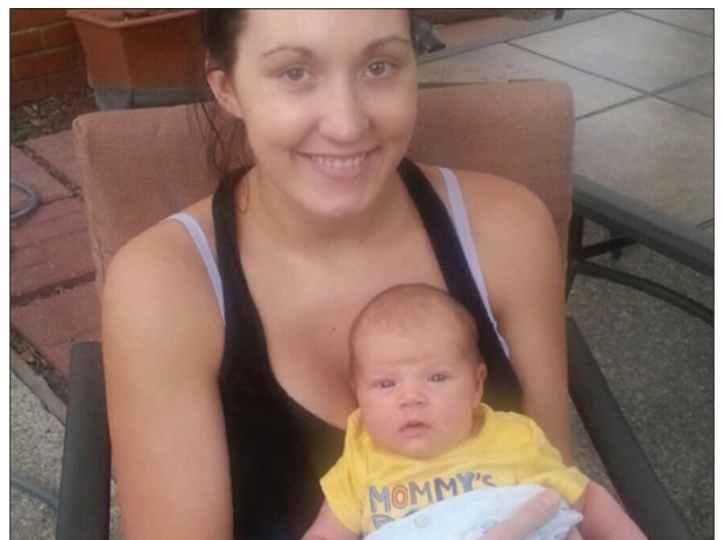
Now, Heartbeat International, which took the reins of the protocol’s 24-7 helpline and provider network this spring, says the protocol has led to the births of more than 500 babies, with another 100 on the way.

“This new milestone represents not only 500 lives saved, but 500 women who were given a second chance to choose life and save themselves and their babies

from a terrible fate,” said Jor-El Godsey, president of Heartbeat International, a global network of more than 2,600 pregnancy help locations. “Thanks to the prayers and commitment of all the medical providers, pregnancy help centers, and generous donors who make the Abortion Pill Rescue Network possible, 500 precious children are alive today.”

Abortion Pill Rescue—the network of more than 400 medical practitioners who administer the protocol—

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Emily’s son Zeke is one of the more than 500 babies born thanks to the Abortion Pill Rescue Network.

Photo Courtesy: Heartbeat International

Editorials

Why you must read the September/October issue cover to cover

I hope you enjoy reading the September/October digital edition of **National Right to Life News** as much as I have putting it together. This 41-page issue is a labor of love.

Please be sure to read Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon's page 6 story, "In strategic move, PPFA chooses first physician in 50 years to head the nation's largest abortion provider." PPFA is the unborn child's #1 enemy. It is no accident that after Cecile Richard's twelve years at the helm, Planned Parenthood would try to refurbish its tattered image.

Dr. Leana Wen is first and foremost (from PPFA's perspective) a physician. This is obviously intended to reinforce this \$1.3 billion "non-profit's" self-proclaimed description of itself as a "health care provider," rather than a machine that ends the lives of more 300,000 unborn babies each year.

And she quickly proved she was adroit at quick-stepping around tough questions, a skill Richards, a life-long political operative, had mastered. For example, Wen appeared on "The View" right after she was chosen.

Sunny Hostin, one of five cohosts, was very polite but straightforward in her query:

"... Planned Parenthood provides more abortions, the most abortions than any other health care provider in the United States. And in fact, in, I think 2016, Planned Parenthood provided 328,348 abortions and in terms of emergency contraceptive kits, 730,329— that's more than well women exams, pap tests, HPV vaccinations. Planned Parenthood doesn't perform mammograms. But Planned Parenthood, I don't think, is transparent about that. Planned Parenthood says it's [abortions] only 3% of their services. The Washington Post has found that not to be accurate, has found it more like 12%, has given Planned Parenthood 'Three Pinocchios' for that. Why isn't Planned Parenthood more transparent about its true position?"

Unperturbed Wen coolly insisted Planned Parenthood is as honest as the day is long and practically transparent to a fault.

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Enthusiasm about November elections now just as high among Republicans as Democrats

Republican women more enthusiastic than Democrat women

Granted the obvious caveat—polling numbers will change multiple times between now and November 6—*NPR* reported last week that "Just over a month away from critical elections across the country, the wide Democratic enthusiasm advantage that has defined the 2018 campaign up to this point has disappeared, according to a new *NPR/PBS NewsHour*/Marist poll."

Domenico Montanaro explained



that "In July, there was a 10-point gap between the number of Democrats and Republicans saying the November elections were 'very important.' Now, that is down to 2 points, a statistical tie."

This goes along in tandem with responses to a different but obviously related question—"If November's election for Congress were held today,

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From the President Carol Tobias

Another step forward in 2018



From the day the Supreme Court handed down its *Roe v Wade* decision, the Right-to-Life movement has had as its goal the reversal of *Roe* and restoring legal protection to unborn children. One day, members of the Supreme Court will recognize the grievous mistake made almost 46 years ago and overturn that deadly decision.

We occasionally have setbacks but, by and large, we are steadily moving forward, changing hearts and minds, and making a difference in the lives of unborn children and their mothers.

Until *Roe* is overturned, we will work to save as many children as possible as soon as possible. In a campaign to undermine *Roe* piece by piece, we have taken an incremental approach.

For example, pro-lifers have enacted laws in many states that: require that parents, at a minimum, be notified before their minor daughter gets an abortion; require that women be given information about abortion, its risks, and the available alternatives; prevent the use of tax dollars to pay for abortion; ban the performance of abortion on unborn children who are capable of feeling pain, as well as many other pieces of protective language.

Next time the pro-abortion community pretends to speak for “women,” remember that its members are the ones who have opposed these reasonable protections for unborn children and their mothers, even though the laws are supported by a large majority of Americans, including women!

In the next few weeks, we have an opportunity to take another step forward. You will play an instrumental role in deciding which direction this country goes.

Will we elect men and women who will help to protect unborn children or will those elected be men and women who don't care about the almost-one million babies who die each year—or worse, will actually work to **increase** the number of dead babies?

Will the newly elected (or re-elected) lawmakers vote to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act or a ban on killing unborn children using the dismemberment abortion method? Will they pass other badly needed pro-life protections for unborn children and their mothers?

We know that if pro-abortion Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Ca.) assume leadership of their respective congressional chambers, Congress will be pushing such life-denying alternatives as the so-called “Women's Health Protection Act” (more appropriately called the “Abortion Without Limits Until Birth Act”), and similar legislation that seeks to increase the number of abortions and expand access to the “procedure.”

Which outcome will it be?

As you remind your pro-life family members, colleagues, and friends of the upcoming elections, help them to understand this stark reality. The results of the upcoming 35 Senate elections will determine whether we have enough senators to confirm President Trump's judicial and administrative nominees.

How active pro-lifers are in the upcoming elections can determine whether more good laws are passed and more babies are saved, or bad laws are passed, lengthening this already much-too-long dark period in our nation's history.

A recent online poll conducted by Hill. TV and the HarrisX polling company found that 55% of respondents said abortion should be illegal under all circumstances (14%) or legal “in limited circumstances, such as rape, incest and to save the life of the mother” (41%).

By contrast 27% said abortion should be legal “under most circumstances until the point of viability,” about the start of the 3rd trimester. Only 17% of the 1,000 registered voters said abortion “should be legal under all circumstances,” the official policy of the Democratic Party.

A majority of all age groups, a majority of men, and a majority of women selected one of the two options saying abortion should be illegal under all circumstances or legal only in limited circumstances.

Our job for the next several weeks is to actively encourage these pro-lifers to vote for candidates who share their pro-life convictions and will work to protect unborn children.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard that the pro-life movement should concentrate on changing hearts and minds, and stay out of politics and legislation because that just alienates people. This is not only a false dichotomy, it is a dangerous one. We do **both**. We help individual women facing crisis pregnancies and begin to change the legislative environment in a more life-affirming direction.

If you don't think whether abortion remains legal is important, consider this. If you talk to women who would know—those who have had an abortion--or read their stories, you will hear many say, “If it hadn't been legal, I wouldn't have done it.”

Most state governments run public relations campaigns about why we shouldn't drink and drive, or why we shouldn't speed through construction zones. But they **also** enact laws to reinforce the campaigns.

Changing the law is an essential component in the larger campaign to restore respect for the right of life of unborn members of the human family. And how do we change the law?

By electing pro-life candidates to office.

We were successful in 2016. Let's take another step forward by making 2018 a banner year for life.

The National Right to Life Victory Fund Needs Your Help to fight an historic battle

As a newborn baby first opens her eyes, she sees, feels, and hears the wonder of the world around her. She snuggles in response to mommy's touch. She hears her mother's soft voice as she cradles her precious baby. Mother's gentle hands rock her baby to sleep.

1.) New and improved ultrasound technology allows us see very clearly the incredible development of the baby in utero.

2.) The large number of political figures who have publically proclaimed their support for the pro-life

stop the heinous practice of dismemberment abortion.

At the federal level, we continue to fight for laws that protect unborn children and their mothers from the abortion industry and for life-affirming policies that recognize the inherent dignity and value of every human life.

But if we're going to continue these efforts, we need to elect pro-life majorities in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate—majorities that can enact policies that will save lives.

The National Right to Life Victory Fund is the focal point of this massive national effort.

In the midst of this titanic struggle, the forces of death continue to attack life. But, we are continuing to make great progress against the culture of death because YOU and thousands of others provide the resources we need to keep fighting.

To continue to fight off these vicious and relentless attacks we need more help than ever before.

This truly is the time to make a lifesaving donation. Your generous and sacrificial contributions in the past have been an enormous blessing, but I'm asking that you consider doubling your regular donation. We need to press the battle to the enemy. Brochures, digital and broadcast ads, and calls to pro-life voters all require significant financial resources—resources we

desperately need if we are going to win in November.

In 2019, numerous public policy issues will be decided by state legislatures, Congress, and the courts. The outcome of the November election will affect our society, and the lives of unborn babies, for generations to come. **National Right to Life, our staff, affiliates, chapters, and individual members will not surrender to the forces of darkness and death.**

Increasing your regular contribution to \$2,500 or \$1,000, or even to \$500, \$250 or \$100, will help us continue the battle to save and protect innocent human life. Every contribution—be it \$5,000 or \$50, or any amount—will be deeply appreciated and used efficiently and effectively as we work to overcome the challenges we face this year.

Thank you for standing with National Right to Life Victory Fund. May God continue to richly bless you for all you continue to do on behalf of his most defenseless little ones.

For THEIR lives,

Carol Tobias, President

P.S. Help us save lives with your donation and please pray for our staff and volunteers as they labor tirelessly to help save all innocent human life.



Tragically, in our country, not every baby gets to be born, to be held, to be cradled. **More than 900,000 babies, created in the image and likeness of God are deliberately killed each year while still in the womb using grotesque and inhumane methods of abortion.**

National Right to Life and its 50 state affiliates, 3,000 chapters, and millions of dedicated grassroots volunteers like you are committed to ending the slaughter of these innocent unborn babies.

Over the past several years, the abortion issue has become a mainstream political issue thanks much in part to National Right to Life's network keeping the issue at the forefront of our political discourse. Candidates for public office have no choice but to take clear and well defined positions on the abortion issue.

That old line, "I am personally opposed to abortion but..." simply does not work anymore. There are several reasons for this dramatic shift. They all stem from increased EDUCATION and ACTIVISM.

movement has dramatically increased.

3.) The continued revelation of abortionists selling off aborted babies' hearts, heads, limbs, and internal organs to the highest bidder has brought to light a truly sick and ghoulish aspect of the abortion industry.

4.) In spite of the media's refusal to present the pro-life truth fairly and honestly, we have countered their pro-abortion bias by lighting up the internet with the truth using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other digital resources.

Again, we are fighting back with everything we have. This year is critical in our fight to stop abortion. Once again, the U.S. Supreme Court is crucial. And the future of our nation is on the line.

The confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh is an important step forward in our fight. But there's more that needs happen if we are going to win.

Our state affiliates are working doubly hard to pass state legislation that will limit and restrict abortions by passing laws that protect pain-capable unborn children and



Gov. Brown surprisingly vetoes bill mandating abortion pills at all public California university student health centers

By Dave Andrusko

Proving once again, never say never, outgoing pro-abortion Gov. Jerry Brown (D) vetoed a bill mandating that all public universities in California carry abortion pills in student health centers beginning in 2022. His reasons had nothing to do with the ethics of abortion but rather that there was no need, as we have noted in prior stories.

“According to a study sponsored by supporters of this legislation, the average distance to abortion providers in campus communities varies from five to seven miles, not an unreasonable distance,” Brown wrote in the veto letter. “Because the services required by this bill are widely available off-campus, this bill is not necessary.”

As the *Mercury News* explained,

To pay for the cost of implementation, the bill would have required \$9.6 million in private funding to provide a \$200,000 grant to all public universities. It also would have provided a \$200,000 grant to both the University of California and California State University systems to provide 24-hour patient

support for abortion medication recipients.

There are 34 public campuses in the University of California and California State University systems.

The author of SB 320 vowed to reintroduce the measure next session. State Sen. Connie Leyva,

Their instinct is not to take the child’s life but to help the mother navigate an unplanned pregnancy at the same time she is attending school. According to the *Daily Titan*, the student newspaper at California State University, Fullerton

Students For Life’s new president,



Pro-abortion California state Sen. Connie Leyva

(D-Chino) said that “a woman should always have the right to decide when she incorporates a family into her life.”

Opponents had seen SB 320 in a far different light.

Cameron Brewer, opposes the bill. Brewer said that any campus health resources should be used to help women who are pregnant, need

help with child care and give information about adoption.

“It’s (the pill) more traumatic for women. It’s way easier to access without thinking about it, and the side effects can be more severe. There should be more instruction on the adoption process,” said Brewer.

Naturally, in all the promotion for chemical abortifacients at student health centers not a syllable about complications, including deaths.

The latest FDA latest update tells us that as of December 31, 2017, **at least 22 women** have died.

Student health centers at public universities in California “do not offer abortions of any kind, instead referring women to off-campus clinics,” according to Melody Gutierrez of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

“UC [University of California] and CSU [California State University, a public university system in California] did not take a position on the bill, although both expressed concerns about the costs of implementing it.”

In strategic move, PPFA chooses first physician in 50 years to head the nation's largest abortion provider

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D. NRL Director of Education & Research

Baltimore's City Health Commissioner, Dr. Leana Wen is the new president of Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading abortion "provider."

Wen, 35, will take office in November, replacing Cecile Richards, the heavily political operative who led the nation's top abortion group from 2006 until earlier this year. Dawn Laguens, Planned Parenthood's Executive Vice President and Chief Experience Officer, served as president during the interim.

In contrast to Richards, who had extensive experience as a political organizer and activist, Wen is a public health official with actual medical training. This is being universally interpreted as signaling that Planned Parenthood thought it important to reemphasize its image as a healthcare provider after years of abortion centered political campaigns and high-profile fights with Congress. However, no doubt PPFA's massive political involvement will continue unabated.

In a statement, Naomi Aberly, chair of Planned Parenthood's board of directors, called Wen "a dynamic public health leader and practicing physician." Carol Tobias, the president of National Right to Life, offered a more realistic observation: "Though it's being largely ignored in media accounts, the appointment of a new president does not change the fact that Planned Parenthood's primary focus is on abortion, with their clinics performing more than one-third of abortions annually in the United States. No doubt Leana

Wen will seek to continue promoting and expanding Planned Parenthood's abortion empire."

Wen took pains to immediate signal that she is not abandoning



Dr. Leana Wen

Planned Parenthood's role as America's biggest abortion performer and promoter. (PPFA performs about 1/3rd of all the abortions done in the United States.) Consider the example she used in the introductory video that Planned Parenthood tweeted out on September 12 to explain why she became the health commissioner of Baltimore.

In talking about how she "wanted to fight for our most vulnerable individuals," she wasn't referring to unborn children, but a woman she encountered in her practice who she was unable to resuscitate after a "home abortion"!

On cue Wen labeled this a "failure in the system," because the woman was, in Wen's words, "too scared to seek medical care." This is truly amazing.

Not a word here that Planned Parenthood is now selling chemical abortifacients at many of its locations that specifically and intentionally cause women to endure and undergo the most painful and bloody parts of their abortions at home. Nor is there a hint that many of her new colleagues in the abortion industry are vigorously defending if not actively promoting at-home DIY (do-it-yourself) abortions which are inherently dangerous to the mother.

By choosing someone with a strong medical background, Planned Parenthood is obviously trying to regain respectability in the medical community. With Dr. Wen's appointment, Planned Parenthood is attempting to rebrand itself as a medical entity with abortion just another "medical service." In case anyone thinks this is just a pro-life interpretation, Wen herself says in the video tweet that "Having a physician as the head of Planned Parenthood is a sign that what we are doing is mainstream medical care."

Calvin Freiburger noted another part of Wen's appeal to PPFA. "Under Wen's leadership, the city of Baltimore sued the Trump administration over its reduction of federal funds to controversial teen pregnancy prevention programs, and resisted the president's elimination of family planning grants to facilities involved in abortions." (A federal judge ordered the funds restored in April 2018 and HHS reversed its decision to cut that teen pregnancy prevention program funding earlier this summer.)

Though Wen has a broad medical and public health background, there is no evidence that Planned Parenthood intends to broaden its medical offerings. Having a physician as the public face of an organization that aborts over 320,000 children each year will not translate into Planned Parenthood adding immunizations, physicals, treatment for sore throats, earaches, etc.

Even with a physician at the top, few Planned Parenthoods will ever offer prenatal care, infertility services and certainly not pediatric services--the sort of services you'd find at your local community clinic that genuinely cares about "women's health."

In fact, about the only service to any staying power or even growth over the past fifteen years at Planned Parenthood is, you guessed it, abortion.

Wen is an immigrant, whose parents fled political persecution in China when she was eight years old. While stories about Wen share this detail, they generally fail to mention that one of the most egregious human rights abuses in which the Chinese government engaged was forced abortion as part of the nation's "one child policy."

As Freiburger observed, "Wen's background and new job are particularly ironic in light of Planned Parenthood's support for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which

Why the pro-life view can't just be 'personal'

By Paul Stark, Communications Associate, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life

In a recent *New Yorker* article about the political views of some younger evangelicals, Eliza Griswold describes the position on abortion of one such Christian, journalist and author Jonathan Merritt:

"I'm personally pro-life," he told me. "But would I pull a lever and overturn *Roe v. Wade*? The answer is no." Merritt's view is common among his fellow-believers: that abortion is wrong, and there are ways to work on reducing it without overturning the law of the land.

Abortion is wrong, according to Merritt's view, but it should be publicly permitted. This "personally pro-life" position can be understood in two possible ways. Both versions badly distort what it really means to be pro-life.

The wrong of abortion

First, those who hold the "personally pro-life" view may not take very seriously the idea that abortion is wrong. They may, for example, see unborn children as less valuable than older human beings. This might make abortion slightly wrong but not wrong enough to warrant government interference.

But that isn't the pro-life position. The pro-life position holds that all human beings are morally equal by virtue of their shared humanity. It doesn't divide humanity into those who matter and those who matter a little or not at all. That's what the standard pro-choice position does.

Another reason people may not take abortion seriously is

that they treat it as a matter of personal preference. Abortion is wrong for them, maybe, but not necessarily wrong for others.

But the pro-life position isn't that we don't *like* abortion or simply wouldn't make that

try to stop bad things from happening.

But one role government *should* play—a role that seems uncontroversial—is to safeguard basic human rights and, in particular, prevent lethal violence against the innocent.

The reason abortion is wrong is also the reason it should not be permitted.

Some people say that, rather than try to change the law, pro-life advocates should pursue measures to reduce the "need" for abortion or address its root

No bigger than a minute



choice ourselves. It's that abortion is actually *wrong*, whether we like it or not. No one says, "I'm personally against sex trafficking, but that's just my own view. I can't push it on everyone else."

Trafficking human beings is wrong for everybody. And killing children *in utero* is too.

The role of government

Second, those who hold the "personally pro-life" position may do so because they don't appreciate the proper role of government or law in the context of abortion. Abortion is seriously and objectively wrong, they think, but it should be allowed as a matter of public policy.

It's true that countless unethical activities (e.g., lying) aren't necessarily illegal. The government shouldn't always

The United States was literally founded on the idea that "governments are instituted" to "secure [the unalienable] rights" of "all [human beings]."

The pro-life position is that abortion is a violation of basic human rights. It's violence against innocent human beings. If that position is true, then abortion is precisely the kind of act that ought to be legally prohibited. It doesn't matter if you're a socialist, a progressive, a conservative, or a hard-core libertarian. People of all political stripes (except, presumably, anarchists) agree that the law, whatever else it should or should not do, ought to at least protect people from unjust killing.

That's why the "personally pro-life" view is, as philosopher Julie Kirsch writes (with some understatement), "puzzling."

causes. We should certainly try to reduce abortions through various avenues (as the pro-life movement has done).

But this is no substitute for equal protection under the law. Nobody argues that we should legalize child abuse and just focus on its "underlying causes." Unborn children, like born children, deserve protection.

Many people say, though, that abortion should remain legal because laws against it don't work anyway or produce terrible outcomes. This appears to be Jonathan Merritt's own rationale for holding the "personally pro-life" view. In response to criticism on Twitter, he suggests that making abortion illegal wouldn't

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Baltimore agrees to pay \$1.1 million to pregnancy help center targeted by city ordinance

By Dave Andrusko

One of the rarely talked about after-effects of pro-life organizations going to court to protect their rights is that even when they win, they typically have accrued a mountain of legal bills.

That is why a vote last month by the Baltimore Board of

Becerra. The suit, brought by the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, challenged a California law requiring licensed pregnancy resource centers to disclose where women could receive free or low-cost abortions, and requiring unlicensed centers to

(FACT Act) was, in the words of now retired Justice Anthony Kennedy in his concurrence, “a paradigmatic example of the serious threat presented when government seeks to impose its own message in the place of individual speech, thought, and expression.”

waiting rooms to disclose that information,” according to Richmond.

As *NRL News Today* reported the case was litigated for almost a decade until last January when the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns. The city of Baltimore appealed to the High Court but in light of its *NIFLA v. Becerra* decision, the Supreme Court declined to review the decision written by Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III.

Among the five-member board, City Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young cast the lone vote against the payout. According to Richmond, “City documents say the payout ‘reflects a considerable discount in compromise of plaintiff’s fee claim.’ It was not immediately clear how much the legal fees were.”

For his part, Thomas Schetelich, chairman of the pregnancy center’s board of directors, told Richmond he was sorry the city continued to appeal the case.

“I am enormously disappointed that there would be this level of litigation over what we thought was a very clear violation of the First Amendment,” he said. “We have no joy that we’ve won this case. We have no joy that we had to litigate this for nine years.”



Estimates “to pay \$1.1 million to cover the legal fees of the Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns,” as Talia Richman of the *Baltimore Sun* reported, is so important.

Pro-lifers who read *NRL News Today* are aware of the favorable outcome in June in the case of *NIFLA v.*

insert state-dictated material in their advertising, thus violating the First Amendment rights of all pregnancy resource centers in the state.

In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court agreed that the so-called Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act

But what about similar abridgement of the First Amendment rights of other pregnancy help centers?

The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns sued the city after it passed a law in 2009 requiring “pregnancy clinics that don’t provide abortions to post signs in their

We Are Nervous, ...



Dear Supporters,

October 12th is getting closer and closer. Do you know what happens on that day? The *Gosnell Movie* comes to theaters. The day is finally coming.

But it's not that simple.

We need as much help as we can get. We need good people like you to call your local AMC, Cinemark, or Regal theaters and ask them to show *Gosnell* when it opens on October 12th.

Pre-screenings are happening across the country and *Gosnell – The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer* is playing to packed houses and captivated audiences. Check

out the movie's Twitter feed and Facebook page for the reviews. Everyone loves it.

But we need your help to make sure the film is a success when it opens nation-wide on October 12th. As of right now, we have about 180 locations booked and you can find them at gosnellmovie.com/theaters/. We plan to have it in 600-700 theaters so that most people in the US will be close to a cinema showing *Gosnell* on opening weekend.

Theater chains need to be persuaded to show *Gosnell*. They need to see the demand for the movie at a local level

and to be convinced that the theater will be full on the opening night. They need to see that people want to expose Dr. Gosnell, an evil man who took countless lives. They need to know that you care.

Please, phone your local AMC, Cinemark or Regal theaters and urge them to have the *Gosnell Movie* on opening night October 12th. The *Gosnell* movie team's distributor says that the theater chains really pay attention if enough people phone and demand a movie and they open up screens. So you can make a huge difference.

Almost 30,000 people funded the *Gosnell Movie*. The movie stars Dean Cain (Young Superman) and is directed by veteran actor Nick Searcy, but we don't have to tell you that a large part of Hollywood and the mainstream media do not want this film to succeed. But we've been assured that if these local theaters receive the calls from customers, they will open their screens to the film.

The establishment want this film to fail. Don't let them succeed. Please call your local AMC, Cinemark or Regal theater today.

Camp Esther my yearly pro-life confidence boost

By Cara Gielski

This past summer, when I had the privilege of attending Camp Esther, held in Utica, New York, as Leadership Team Captain, it was my sixth year coming to camp. Each year I have been impacted and inspired.

Camp Esther is my yearly pro-life confidence boost. We discuss all the arguments and all the research. I am immersed in a culture of life filled with my pro-life peers and role models. It is inspiring to see the ways everyone is working for the movement. I leave energized and ready to keep fighting for every person's right to life.

At Camp Esther you are plunged in everything the pro-life movement is and should be: loving, knowledgeable, joyful, and strongly committed to protecting human life. We know we have the answers to every pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia, pro-assisted suicide argument and we know that we need to reach out to these people in love.

We discuss how to respectfully dialogue with those who don't agree with us. We also spend time just enjoying being around other pro-lifers. It is so easy to make friends with the other passionate pro-life students.

One thing that I think is very important is that every year we hear a talk about post-abortive mothers. Most years a counselor gives the talk, but this year it

was given by a woman who had had an abortion.

I think many pro-lifers may initially go through a period of anger towards women who

have had abortions; abortion is such a horrific act that anger is natural. But when you are really, truly pro-life you will be able to reach out in love to

post-abortive mothers who are also victims of the violence of abortion.

I believe that Camp Esther's culture of love toward all the victims of the abortion industry has helped shape me as a pro-lifer.

During Camp each of us writes and presents a 2 minute talk on one of the life issues. Doing this helped my confidence in presenting the pro-life view to the world, and hearing all the other students speak is so encouraging.

At Camp Esther we are equipped to defend life in any situation. We are armed with facts, statistics, and personal testimonies. We are a community.

Friendships start forming from the first day. We leave with the conviction that it is our duty to do everything we can to uphold the dignity of human life.



Cara Gielski (center) with the Camp Esther leadership team



Court of Appeals unanimously rejects Satanic Temple member's challenge to Missouri's informed consent law

By Dave Andrusko

A win, at least for now. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that a member of the Satanic Temple could not challenge Missouri's 72-hour waiting period/informed consent law because she was not pregnant at the time of her lawsuit and therefore lacked standing. The three-judge panel unanimously upheld a federal appeal court's dismissal.

The judges wrote that "although '[p]regnancy provides a classic justification for a conclusion of nonmootness,' the doctrine does not apply here because she did not first establish standing."

However, as *NRL News Today* reported in January, the Missouri Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of "Mary Doe," the "same plaintiff in the Eighth Circuit case [who] was pregnant when she sued," according to *Courthouse News Service*.

Missouri's law has a 72 hour waiting period between the time a woman first meets an abortionist and (if she goes forward) has an abortion. It also requires that a booklet be made available and that the woman be given the opportunity to view an ultrasound and to hear the fetal heartbeat.

The sentence in the booklet which Doe argues "promotes a religious doctrine she does not believe in" says, "(t)he life of each human being begins at conception. Abortion will terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human being."

"We are pleased with the court's ruling," Mary Compton, communications director for Attorney General Joshua Hawley, said in a statement.

"The attorney general's office will continue to vigorously defend Missouri's sensible waiting period law."

After her abortion, citing the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), Doe and the Satanic Temple filed suit against the State of Missouri at both the federal and state levels in an effort to obtain an exemption. Doe's complaint asserts "The decision [to abort] is substantially motivated and informed by Mary Doe's belief

in the Tenets [of the Satanic Temple]," adding, "Thus its implementation, i.e., getting an abortion, is the 'exercise of religion' protected by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)."

In a fine story, Heather Clark provides abundant background both to the case and to the Satanic Temple.

Clark noted of the complaint **that Doe doesn't believe "as a matter of religious faith" that life begins**

at conception, but that she rather feels that she is simply aborting "tissue" that is "part of her body, and not a separate, unique, living human being." However, it also stated that Doe "felt guilt and shame" for declining to hear the heartbeat of her unborn child during the ultrasound that is required 72 hours before the abortion.



“Little fighters,” premature twins born at 24 weeks, home and thriving

By Dave Andrusko

I’ve often wondered what lies behind the appearance of so many stories in British newspapers about premature babies.

I get that people—starting with me—are encouraged and lifted up when a little one beats the odds. It makes an even greater impact if you have kids of your own.

Rather it’s the connection that is almost always made to the 24 week limit on abortions in Great Britain. Do they sense that there is something profoundly wrong (even if they are “pro-choice”) about late-stage abortions?

Which brings us to the latest story that appeared in *The Mirror*. Here is Bradley Jolly’s two sentence lead:

Premature twin boys who were born before the abortion limit and each weighing around 1lb have defied doctors by surviving against all odds.

Charlie and Harvey Barker were born at just 24 weeks – weighing just 1lb 6oz and 1lb 4oz respectively.

What makes this particular story even more fascinating is that this experience prompted the “mum,” Luci Hall, to question the UK abortion limit.

“Seeing how well they’ve done does make you think about the abortion limit. I’d never even considered it before, I just accepted it.

“The thought of anyone getting rid of a baby that late is just awful. When I came home I signed a petition to have it changed.

“Harvey and Charlie are proof that a baby born at 24 weeks can survive,” she said.

losing one of them or both of them, it was devastating. It’s not a situation you ever expect yourself to be in when you have your first baby.

“When we finally got to hold them after four weeks it was amazing.

Luci described her pregnancy as a “nightmare.” Harvey and Charlie had “twin-to-twin transfusion” – a rare condition in which the blood vessels of the twins’ shared placenta are connected, resulting in one twin receiving too much blood and the other not receiving enough. In this case Charlie was getting



Luci Hall gave birth to Charlie and Harvey Barker at just 24 weeks (Image: Mercury Press & Media)

The twins’ story begins their delivery in May 2017 after months of trauma. Their prospects were grim.

“Their chances of survival were so slim that we were told to take it hour by hour,” Luci told Bradley Jolly. “They told us not to think about the future because it was so uncertain.

“We were so scared thinking about

It gave us both so much hope because we knew then that they were getting stronger. That really kept us positive.

“They are both little fighters, they proved everyone wrong. And we got to take them home on September 24.

more sustenance than his brother. It mean ultrasounds every week through her pregnancy.

But all that is behind the family. “Charlie, who weighs 20lbs, and Harvey, who weighs 20lbs 8oz, now both wear 9-12 months clothes,” Jolly writes. And “since coming home from hospital, the babies have become stronger and healthier.”

Abortionist comments on lack of abortionists

By Sarah Terzo

In an obituary of abortionist Jane Hodgson it says:

“At the age of 76, Hodgson continued to perform abortions, traveling 150 miles from her home, which was then in St. Paul, Minn., to Duluth, Minn., because doctors there refused.”



Abortionist Jane Hodgson

It then quotes Hodgson saying:

“They really can’t get anybody else,” she told a reporter for the Houston Chronicle in 1992. “It’s ridiculous, really.... I think the young generation of medical students, with the exception of women, are not

(interested in this training).”

Jocelyn Y. Stewart, “Jane Hodgson, 91; doctor performed an abortion in 1970 to spur legal showdown,” *Los Angeles Times*, October 31, 2006.

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Catholic Church’s Respect Life Sunday is October 7 *Respect Life theme is “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent”*

By Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Editor’s note. The following is excerpted from Cardinal Dolan’s inspiring remarks about 2018 Respect Life Month.

My dear friends in Christ:

The month of October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the United States as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. ...

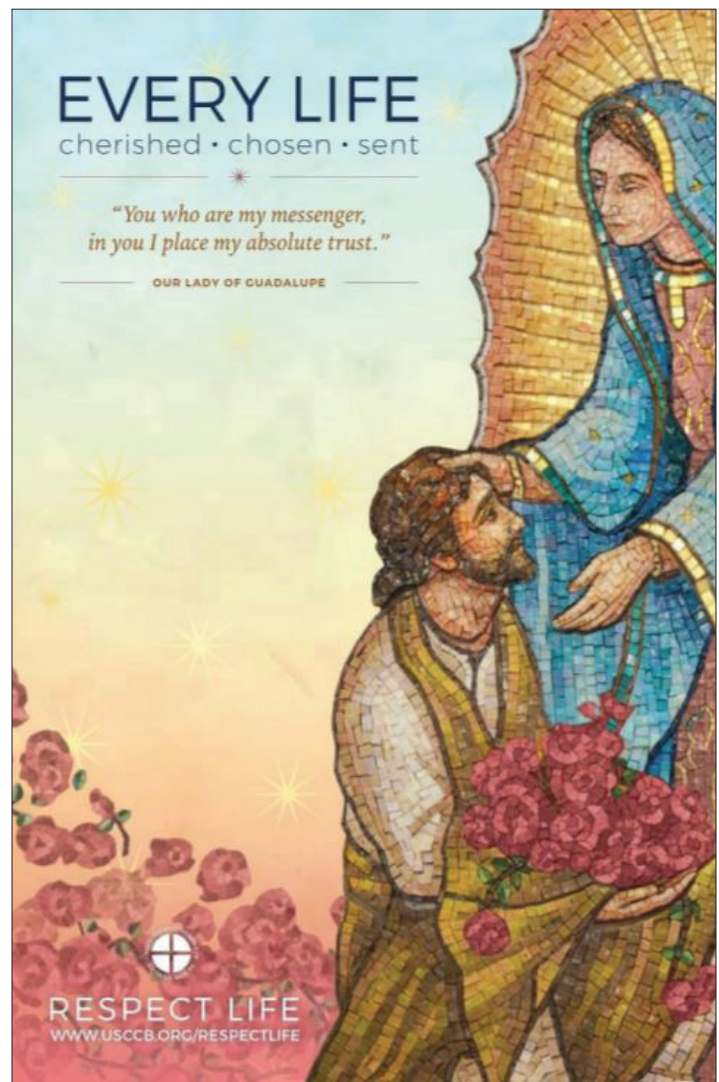
At such a time as this, we become even more aware of the need for messengers of God’s love and instruments of His healing. We realize again, with renewed urgency, our personal call to help others encounter God’s transforming, life-giving love and to defend the sanctity of every person’s life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

This year’s Respect Life theme is “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent,” highlighting our call to build a culture of life as missionary disciples. Drawing upon the

story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, this theme is briefly unpacked in a short reflection. I humbly invite you to read and reflect on it this Respect Life Month. (There are also many other resources at www.usccb.org/respectlife that are available for use this month and throughout the year.)

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us, “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. ...If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it” (1 Cor 12:12,26).

We are called and sent to be messengers of God’s love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. The Body of Christ needs you. The world needs you.



Make sure you order the CDs or MP3s from 48th annual NRLC Convention

We know not everyone could attend the 48th annual National Right to Life Convention. But this year's sessions were just SO amazing, we want to make sure you can order the CDs or MP3s of the sessions so you can benefit from the convention.



General Sessions

- ___ **GS1** – Abortion Pill Reversal ~ It May Not Be Too Late – Dr. George Delgado
- ___ **GS2** – The Human Face of Abortion, Dan Compton, Sarah Zagorski, Melissa Ohden
- ___ **GS3** – HHS and the Enforcement of Conscience Rights – Roger Seriverino As America's Birth Rate Hits Historic Lows, Inquiring Minds Wonder... Whatever Happened to the Population Bomb? – Steven Mosher
- ___ **GS4** – Saving Lives Means Saving the House and Senate in 2018 – Carol Tobias, David O'Steen, Karen Cross
- ___ **GS5** – Will Pro-Life Doctors and Nurses Be Driven Out of Medicine? – Wesley Smith, J.D.
- ___ **PB** – Be a Voice for the Unborn... A Voice for the Voiceless – Archbishop Joseph Naumann
- ___ **BQ** – Love Them All ~ Loving Hearts and Saving Lives – Sue Ellen Browder

Workshops

- ___ **1** – Simon's Law—a model for parents to stay in charge of hospitalized care for their children - Kathy Ostrowski, Sheryl Crosier
- ___ **2** – Our Most Effective P.R. Tool: Fund-Raising at the Grassroots - Brian Cusack
- ___ **3** – Recent Legal Developments in Abortion, Religious Freedom and Campaign Finance – James Bopp, Jr., J.D.
- ___ **4** – Errors of the 2018 National Academies of Sciences Report Stating Abortion is Safe – Dr. Angela Lanfranchi
- ___ **5** – Social media Skills for Pro-Life Activists – Raimundo Rojas, Abby Loftus
- ___ **6** – Assisted Suicide Battles Rage in Nearly Every State – Is Your State Next? – Mary Hahn Beerworth, Scott Fischbach
- ___ **7** – The Myth of the "Unwanted Child: Special Needs Adoption" – Joleigh Little Bass
- ___ **8** – Major Gift Fund-Raising: What Happens When Roe Goes? – Brian Cusack
- ___ **9** – IRS and Non-Profit Compliance – James Bopp, Jr., J.D.
- ___ **10** – "Advance Care Planning"—Helping You to Enforce Your Wishes or Nudging You to Accept Premature Death? – Jennifer Popik, J.D.
- ___ **11** – Essential Elements for Successful Elections in 2018 – Karen Cross, Darla St. Martin, David N. O'Steen, Ph.D.
- ___ **12** – Communications 101: A Basic Media Primer – Michele Arocha Allen, Derrick Jones
- ___ **13** – Down Syndrome ~ What Prenatal Testing Won't Tell You – Eileen Haupt
- ___ **14** – Let's Raise Some Steady Money for Your Organization – Kevin Allen, Roger Stenson
- ___ **15** – Immigrant Mother. Hostile Family. Aborted Sibling. Absent Father.

How (and why) I Survived and Thrived – Krista Corbello

- ___ **16** – Surviving Unplanned Pregnancies – Lynda Bell, Ingrid Duran
- ___ **17** – Ways to Defeat Pro-Life Candidates – Karen Cross
- ___ **18** – Social Media for Right to Life Groups – Raimundo Rojas, Abby Loftus
- ___ **19** – Using the Web to Attract New Members, Inform the Public, and Raise Money for Your Pro-Life Organization – Scott Fischbach, Luis Zaffirini, Raimundo Rojas
- ___ **20** – Are You A Persuasive Pro-Lifer? Tips for Changing Hearts and Minds – Benjamin Clapper
- ___ **21** – Providing Support and Leadership in Churches – Marie Bowen, Rev. John Brown, Ernest Ohlhoff, Rev. Frank Pavone, Rev. Paul Stallsworth, Tom Glessner, J.D.
- ___ **22** – Planned Parenthood After Cecile Richards – Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.
- ___ **23** – Internet Tips and Tricks: Using Google and Social Media to Promote Your Group – Steven Ertelt
- ___ **24** – Abortion Prevention and Healing: A Right Brain Solution for a Left-Brain Problem – Greg Hasek, MA/MFT LPC, LMHC
- ___ **25** – Raising Money to Build Chapters – Michele Arocha Allen, Kevin Allen
- ___ **26** – Parliamentary Procedure Basics – Lt. Governor Michelle Fischbach
- ___ **27** – Overcoming Apathy and Pro-Abortion Opposition in All Denominations – Marie Bowen, Rev. John Brown
- ___ **28** – Terri's Legacy: Building a Network that Will Save Lives – Bobby Schindler
- ___ **29** – The Organization of American States: Working to Keep the Culture of Death Out of the Americas – Scott Fischbach, Raimundo Rojas
- ___ **30** – Post Abortion Trauma Meets Social Media, New Ways to Find Help and Healing – Olivia Gans Turner, Jeanne Pittam
- ___ **31** – Secrets of Highly Successful Multichannel Fundraising Programs – Tiffany Delgado
- ___ **32** – The Pro-Life Movement and Congress: 2018 – Jennifer Popik, J.D.
- ___ **33** – The Church, the Media, and the State – Rev. Frank Pavone, Ernest Ohlhoff, Steven Ertelt
- ___ **34** – Preparing for Abortion after the Clinics Close and Abortionists Retire – Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.
- ___ **36** – Does the Pain Ever End? Dealing with Lingering Anger and Unresolved Grief After an Abortion – Olivia Gans Turner, Rachel Benda, Karen Cross, Sister Patricia Barnett
- ___ **37** – Socio-Economic Problems and Abortion – Sarah Zagorski
- ___ **38** – Beware! State Courts are "Reinterpreting" State Constitutions Now to Keep Abortions Legal After Roe v Wade is Overturned – Carol Dengel, Kathy Ostrowski, Jessie Basgall, J.D.
- ___ **39** – Religious Outreach: Establishing a Pro-Life Presence in Community Churches – Ernest Ohlhoff
- ___ **40** – Why are Abortion Rates Lower Today Than any Time Since Roe? Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.
- ___ **41** – Chapters and Their Work ~ Saving Lives Across America – Jan and Mike Long, Pamela and Chet Rucinski
- ___ **42** – Abortion and Family Relationships – Rachel Benda, Elizabeth Benda
- ___ **43** – Pro-Life Concerns about Girl Scouts – Ann Saladin
- ___ **44** – Impacting the Present and Building the Future: How to Impact High School Campuses – Alexandria Seghers, Krista Corbello, Dick Conklin
- ___ **45** – Abortion Worldwide Report: The History, Policies, and Data, and the Means of Restoring Protection for Human Life – Thomas W. Jacobson, Wm. Robert Johnston, Ph.D.
- ___ **46** – From "Choice" to "No Choice"- Lessons from the Baby Alfie Evans Case – Nancy Valko, R.N.
- ___ **47** – By the Numbers: Understanding Abortion Polling Data – David N. O'Steen, Ph.D.
- ___ **48** The Escalating Struggle at the UN to Prevent the Establishment of Abortion as a Fundamental Human Right Worldwide – Jeanne E. Head, R.N., Scott Fischbach, Raimundo Rojas
- ___ **49** – The Jaxon Strong Story and the Quality of Life Ethics Debate – Brandon Buell, Lynda Bell
- ___ **50** – Adult Stem Cells ~ Saving Lives Now – David Prentice, Ph.D.
- ___ **51** – 2018: Do's and Don'ts for Effective Pro-Life Lobbying: Legislators' Perspective – Senator Molly Baumgardner, Rep. Francis Averkamp, Rep. Susan Humphries, J.D.
- ___ **52** – When They Say...You Say – Olivia Gans Turner
- ___ **53** – Making the Pro-Life Argument from the Secular Perspective – Kelsey Hazzard
- ___ **54** – What is the Right to Life? – Brian Johnston
- ___ **55** – What the Cofounder of NARAL Wanted Every American to Know – Terry Beatley
- ___ **56** – Right-to-Life Issues in Academia: Political Correctness in American Higher Education and Strategies for Pro-Life Students in a Hostile College or University Environment – Dr. Jeff Kolozse
- ___ **57** – Marketing 101: Bypassing the Filter in the Digital Age – Pamela Rucinski, Derrick Jones
- ___ **58** – How to Establish a College Pro-Life Scholarship Training Program in your State – Doreen Shierk, Veronica Arnold Smithers
- ___ **59** – Grassroots Lobbying 101: The Basics – Ingrid Duran, Jeanne Gawdun, Susan Klein
- ___ **60** – Communicate, Convert and Commit: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion – Raimundo Rojas, Lori Kehoe, Dave Andrusko
- ___ **62** – Be the Revolution: Why Grassroots Organizing is the Power of the Pro-Life Movement – Scott Fischbach

- ___ **63** – List Development and Maintenance: Learning and Utilizing the Basics – Andrew Sabak, Marjorie Higgins
- ___ **64** – Dying of Thirst! Medicine's Intentional Killing Through Dehydration And How to Protect the Vulnerable – Brian Johnston
- ___ **65** – Communications 102: Maximizing your Media Impact – Jessica Rodgers, Tatiana Bergman

National Teens for Life Convention

- ___ **T1** – The Jaxon Strong Story and the Quality of Life Ethics Debate – Brandon Buell, Lynda Bell
- ___ **T2** – Pro-Life 101: Fact vs Fiction – Alli Donohue
- ___ **T3** – History Repeating ~ Facts you Need to Know – Derrick Jones
- ___ **T4** – Relax...It's Only an Extra Chromosome! – Eileen and Sadie Haupt
- ___ **T5** – Social Justice Begins in the Womb: The Story of a Punk Street Thug, Turned Pro-Life Activist – Bryan Kemper
- ___ **T6** – Apologetics and Being Pro-Life – Alli Donohue
- ___ **T7** – Weird Science vs Life-Affirming Science – David Prentice, Ph.D.
- ___ **T8** – Planned UNParenthood: A Look at the Nation's Largest Abortion Provider – Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.
- ___ **T9** – Abortion: An American Horror Story – Lori Kehoe
- ___ **T10** – Lessons on Life and Hope from Terri Schiavo – Bobby Schindler
- ___ **T11** – Understanding the WHY of Right to Life – Brian Johnston
- ___ **T12** – Generating Energy: Getting Your Peers Motivated and Involved – Raimundo Rojas
- ___ **T13** – A Visit from NRLC President, Carol Tobias – Carol Tobias
- ___ **T14** – Can Social Media Save Lives – Raimundo Rojas, Abby Loftus
- ___ **T15** – The Importance of Integrity in Pro-Life Advocacy – Wesley Smith, J.D.
- ___ **T16** – When They Say...You Say – Olivia Gans Turner
- ___ **T17** – What's Next? – Joleigh Little Bass, Derrick Jones
- ___ **T18** – Making a Difference: How YOU Can Change History – Joey Patton

St. Louis' "Abortion Ordinance" violates state and federal laws, Judge Audrey Fleissig rules

By Dave Andrusko

Last year *NRL News Today* ran a series of stories about a St. Louis city ordinance which opponents decried as establishing St. Louis as an "Abortion Sanctuary City."

A nonprofit maternity home, a Catholic elementary school, and a businessman filed a lawsuit against St. Louis Ordinance 70459, which prohibits any organization, church or business from hiring or firing employees—even excluding from membership in the case of churches—on the bases of what the Ordinance refers to as "reproductive health decisions or pregnancy status." That requirement, opponents maintained, amounted to forcing pro-life entities to support and even fund abortions of their own employees.

Thankfully, Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes, the Archdiocese of St. Louis Elementary Schools, and business owner Frank O'Brien were vindicated. On September 30, Federal District Judge Audrey Fleissig held that First Amendment and state religious freedom rights were violated when the city passed Ordinance 70459.

Judge Fleissig "found that the ordinance violated the First Amendment rights of Our Lady's Inn and the

Archdiocesan Elementary Schools of St. Louis by compelling the pregnant women's home and the group of Catholic grade schools 'to

unlawful as applied to Frank O'Brien, CEO of O'Brien Industrial Holdings, because it interfered with his 'exercise of religion' under the Missouri

is actually an attempt to suppress the viewpoint of those who believe that abortion is harmful or wrong by making it impossible for them to operate in accordance with their beliefs within the City of St. Louis," said Thomas More Society special counsel Sarah Pitlyk.

"We are especially pleased with the Court's acknowledgement that there is no evidence whatsoever of the kind of discrimination that this ordinance purports to address, because it exposes the law for the sham that it is. It's unfortunate that it took a lawsuit to vindicate the fundamental rights of St. Louis citizens, but the St. Louis Board of Aldermen has now been made aware that it is unconstitutional to require pro-life organizations to hire or rent property to abortion proponents, and that it is illegal to require pro-life employers to include abortion coverage in their employee health plans."



Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis speaks with Tom Brejcha, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society. (Photo credit: Lisa Johnston/St. Louis Review)

employ or house individuals who advocate for or perform abortions,' practices that are contrary to the missions of both organizations," according to the Thomas More Society which represented all of the litigants.

"Additionally, Judge Fleissig found that the ordinance was

Religious Freedom Restoration Act," the Thomas More Society said in a press release.

Proponents of 70459 argued that the Ordinance was needed to protect abortion advocates from discrimination. "This law that claims to protect abortion supporters from discrimination

The secret to doing well on that Pro-Life Research Paper?

Use Materials from the National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D. and Joseph Landrum

It seems as if you're barely back from summer vacation and your teacher asks you to do a report or a research paper on a current event. You're pro-life, you'd like to write a paper on some aspect of the abortion issue, but how do you get started and what signposts do you need to observe?

Begin by accessing the National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund. The Trust Fund conducts first-rate research, digs through newspapers and government reports and medical journals, and assembles it all in an easily accessible, easy to understand format. And any reader can rely on our accuracy. You can find our materials on the NRLC web page: www.nrlc.org. The factsheets, which are indispensable, can be found at www.nrlc.org/factsheets/.

Of course you'll still have the responsibility to write the paper, watch your grammar, and turn in your paper in a timely fashion. But the factsheets and brochures from the Trust Fund will provide you with the kind of accurate information and arguments you need to prepare a top-notch paper.

Here's some practical advice and examples of materials available from the Trust Fund and suggestions how to think through the way you assemble your paper.

Some Hints on Choosing a Topic

***Deep or Wide?** Do you want to give your reader a general background on the topic or do you want to write on one aspect of the debate in depth?

If you choose to go general,

you'll basically just be introducing the topic and outlining some of its broad ramifications. But you can still show why the issue is important and address some of the most salient facts such as the number of abortions, the significance of that number, the reasons why women have abortions, who has abortions, the profits that drive the abortion industry, and a sense of the humanity of the fetus. Trust Fund factsheets like *The Basics* and *Abortion Statistics* are great resources here.

***Life has many facets.** If you decide you want to look at the abortion issue in depth, there are many possible topic areas on which the Trust Fund has done extensive research.

Do you want to focus on the humanity of the unborn child? The full color, fully documented "a baby's first months" brochure will give you the facts you need to make a compelling case. You can study stem cells, partial-birth abortion, to name just two. Examine "Abortion's Economic Impact" or "Abortion's Impact on Minorities."

***Focus, Focus.** If you're not careful, your topic on, say, stem cell research will overlap into fetal pain and next thing you know you're discussing abortion in the Roman Empire. Once you decide on a topic, make sure you don't stray into other side arguments, however interesting they may be.

Doing Your Research

***Whom can you trust?** Information on the Internet is plentiful but not always reliable. Make sure some scientific

journal, medical text, respected research institute, or established news outlet ultimately backs up your source.

Factsheets and other Trust Fund materials such as

factsheet offers responses to the most relevant arguments of the other side. Sometimes those on the other side will even give you information that will help you make your case. For



"Abortion: Some Medical Facts" which can be found on our web page, are well footnoted from solid original sources you can feel comfortable citing.

***Write it down.** When you find some information relevant to the topic you've chosen, write down exactly what your source says and fully document the original source. That means saying no more and no less than what the source says and indicating the author, the name of the article, the publication, the date, and any further publication data (e.g., journal volume and number, name of editor, etc.).

If you cite *Roe v. Wade* or any of the other Supreme Court abortion cases, make sure you characterize these correctly by checking the Trust Fund's "Supreme Court Decisions: Abortion Factsheet."

***See what the other side says.** The Trust Fund's "Abortion Reasons & Arguments"

instance, the strongest material on the Trust Fund's factsheet on Planned Parenthood exposing the organization's abortion agenda comes from PPFA itself.

***Speaking of Planned Parenthood,** did you know that PPFA is about to "celebrate" its 100th birthday? That the "largest abortion provider" is responsible for 6.7 million abortions? If you are researching Planned Parenthood, there is no better place to start than www.saddestbirthdayever.com.

***NRLC prides itself on its comprehensiveness and accuracy.** There are impeccable sources you can look to in addition to the information available at the NRLC Trust Fund. It is very important to check the NRL News Today section of the website. While we make efforts to keep our

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factsheets and reports up to date, there may be recent news stories with new data or new accounts that may help to fill out your paper and help you speak to the most current events and controversies.

And don't forget NRLC's "Abortion in America."

Assembling Your Information

***Assemble Your Sources.** Get all your notes and resources together. Take a look at what you've got. Are there any gaps in your research?

***Think through your arguments.** What are the points you need to emphasize to best make your case? What is the logical order of your arguments? Do you have evidence for the arguments you intend to make?

***Outline your Paper.** Your teacher is your best guide here and he or she probably has a specific format in mind. It's often as simple as identifying your thesis, lining up the main points of your argument, supplying the evidence you need to make those points, and then summing up your research in a conclusion.

Factsheets such as the "Teens & Abortion: Why Parents Should Know" and "The Pain of the Unborn" not only supply you with the facts, but also provide good examples of how a topic can be organized and can help you spotlight the strongest and most relevant arguments.

Writing Your Paper

***Pay attention to the basics.** You may have a great argument and possess the most compelling evidence. But if you can't express it in a clear

and concise way, you'll impress no one. Follow standard rules of grammar so that subjects and verbs agree, sentences don't run on, proper nouns

the pro-life cause from a human rights or civil rights perspective. Not everyone recognizes the same religious authority, but your teachers will take note of

an "argument." "Abortion hurts women" is an assertion. It may be true enough, but once you make this assertion, you must back up your point with argument and evidence. In this case, the facts and documentation needed to back up such a claim can be found in Trust Fund's "Abortion's Physical Complications" or "Deaths Associated with RU-486" factsheets.

Resist the temptation to relate personal anecdotes unless they are absolutely relevant and be careful about unwarranted extrapolations.

***Keep your cool.** Never personally attack and avoid hyperbole. Give opposing arguments their due both because that is being intellectually honest and because it tells your teacher he or she does not need to view your solid counter-evidence with suspicion.

Can we guarantee you'll get an A+ on your research paper? Sorry, no. A great deal of that is still up to you.

But with brochures and factsheets from the National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund, you'll have the ideas and information you need to address some of the hottest topics in America today. You'll be better and smarter for it.

And that's what education is all about.

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Week 32: Starting at this time, true alveoli or air "pocket" cells, begin forming from alveolar ducts. Development of alveoli continues through birth and until about 8 years of age. Their skin is now soft and smooth as they continue to take on fat, gaining around half a pound per week. Their skin is a lot less transparent and more opaque as the fat continues to develop. Babies can also dream at this stage! The bones are also continuing to harden, except for the bones in the skull. Those stay soft to help the baby's head to be born safely.

are capitalized, etc. Check your spelling. Have someone else read your paper or read it out loud to see if any phrases or sentences are jarring or confusing.

***Know your audience.** Quotes from Scripture, Pope John Paul II's "Gospel of Life," etc. may fit nicely into your paper if you are encouraging people of faith to take up the pro-life cause. In a public school, however, it may be more effective to argue

material from medical texts and journals about the development of the unborn child or abortion's physical and psychological effects on women.

***Stick to the Facts.** If you don't have a source for some statement you want to make, don't make it. If you have conflicting sets of data, get the sources for each one and see which one holds up best.

Know the difference between an "assertion" and

“You are not speaking for yourself—you are speaking for them”

By Carol Tobias, President, National Right to Life

Editor’s note. The following was part of the closing ceremonies at the end of NRLC’s 2018 Academy. Mrs. Tobias was addressing Kathryn Probst, Rebecca J. Rahm, Jane M. Johnson, and Lillian Getgen.

Katie, Rebecca, Jane, and Lily, we are honored that you chose to spend your summer here with us, learning more about how you can impact the world for LIFE.

Long before any of you were born, there was a senator from Oregon, named Robert Packwood, who was a pro-abortion Republican. There aren’t many of those left, thank goodness, but in 1983, ten years after the *Roe v. Wade* decision, he said, “Abortion is an issue that burns real hot and like any fire that burns red hot, it won’t be long before it burns itself out!”

It has been many years since the late Sen. Packwood was in the United States Senate, but we are still here and, 35 years later, abortion remains one of the hottest issues in the country. This fire isn’t burning out and, indeed, we look to you to keep the flames going.

A lot has been thrown at you these past five weeks. Keep the syllabus for this class— if anything in life ever gets difficult, pull it out, look through it, and say, “Wow, if I can handle that, I can handle anything!”

And you can. After this course, you can be pretty confident that you know more about pro-life issues than many pro-lifers, and you certainly know more than almost all of

the general public. Take the knowledge you gained, use it with confidence and use it wisely.

You may not be totally prepared for EVERY question thrown at you or every situation in which you find yourself, but you will still be able to handle it.

Since President Trump was elected and especially since there is a vacancy on the Supreme Court and *Roe v. Wade* might be in trouble, our

wear shirts that say “Nasty Woman.” At least they admit it!

Pro-lifers, on the other hand, respect life, including the lives of those who disagree with us. We are nice and polite— and sometimes timid. We don’t want to offend others, we don’t want to cause arguments or fights, we don’t want to upset our friends or family or neighbors.

But we have the truth. We have the facts. We also need to have the courage to stand up

for them. Don’t be afraid to speak out. Have courage.

There are thousands of wonderful pro-life activists all over the country. Some of them don’t know everything that you learned this summer. But they do have experience so I would encourage you to pay attention to what these “veterans” can teach you. Just because something has always been done a certain way doesn’t mean it still has to be done that way. Your energy and your new ideas can be very helpful. But also remember, that maybe something has been done a certain way for a long time because it does work. Take advantage of those who have been involved in the movement for a while and learn from them.

I’m excited about the potential and all the ways we have for blending the experience of older pro-lifers with new and fresh ideas that you bring to the movement.

You may have already decided what you want to be or what you want to do. I sincerely hope your future is working in the pro-life movement but if you find yourself being led to some other job or position, bring your pro-life convictions into your job.

If you’re going to be a social worker, be a pro-life social worker – find ways to reach out to pregnant women or lonely senior citizens or neglected people with disabilities

If you’re going to be a scientist, be a pro-life scientist – one who knows that science



NRL Academy students with NRLC President Carol Tobias (center). Left to right, Jane M. Johnson, Kathryn Probst, Rebecca J. Rahm, and Lillian Getgen

opponents have become even more angry, more active, and more ferocious. And I expect it to get worse as we start to pass more laws and protect more babies.

They don’t care about the fact that an innocent baby is being killed. They don’t care about women being hurt or injured during an abortion, so they certainly won’t care if they hurt someone’s feelings, or worse.

They march, they shout, they lie. And they’re in your face. They’re bullies who try to win by intimidation. Some of them

for those whose lives are being threatened.

If you ever get nervous, or your courage starts to waver a bit, think of the unborn baby who needs your voice. Some woman who hears you may be thinking about abortion at that very moment. Think of the elderly grandma in the nursing home who is the potential victim of starvation and dehydration. Think of that person with a disability who is soon to be a target for assisted suicide. You are not speaking for yourself—you are speaking

“Baby girl, we’ve got this”: Florida Pregnancy Center Empowers Father of Pregnant Teen

By Jen Taggart

When “Brian” took his 16-year-old daughter “Eliza” to A Woman’s Pregnancy Center in Tallahassee, Florida, the last thing he was expecting was to be ministered to as well.

When a client comes into A Women’s Pregnancy Center with another person, the staff determines the other person’s relationship to the client and invites the support person to speak with a different

over 30 years with pregnancy testing, post-abortion recovery and one-on-one mentoring for men and women. The center sees approximately 1,400 clients per year.

A few minutes after Eliza was called from the waiting room for her ultrasound appointment, a male counselor called for Brian.

Brian told the counselor he wanted his daughter to be safe

grandfather of her child. He is the Creator of the Universe and has given you this role. Trust Him, and He will equip you to take care of your family.’ Brian came out of that session with a totally different demeanor.”

Daume didn’t know about the transformation in Brian’s heart at the time. She was focused on performing an ultrasound on Eliza in the other room. Of course, Eliza had her own list of

eyes welling up with tears.

Daume started the ultrasound, and as soon as they saw the baby’s heartbeat, Eliza gasped and tears started running down her cheeks.

Daume saw the compassion in Brian’s eyes and asked if he was her dad and what he thought of the situation.

“Baby girl, we’ve got this,” Brian told Eliza, “You don’t have to do this.”

Eliza kept looking at the ultrasound screen.

“Look at me,” Brian whispered. Eliza turned to him, and he rubbed her arm.

“Yes, we’ve got this,” he said. “I’m going to take care of you.”

Eliza burst into tears. Her relief was overwhelming that she did not have to abort her child. After finishing the ultrasound, the staff let Eliza off the table so she could give her father a hug.

Daume said the staff has had moments like this with roommates, moms, and even grandmas raising five kids.

“It’s all about ministering to the support person based on what’s going on from their perspective,” Daume said. “The support person is often as confused and scared for their loved one as the client herself. They might have a grandchild or niece or nephew in the picture. They usually want to help the client but don’t know how.

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counselor about their thoughts and feelings on the client’s situation.

“What we’ve found is they’re worried, they’re concerned, they ask how much longer it’s going to be, and we see that concern from the lobby,” said Sherri Daume, director of client services. “We see it as a ministry opportunity, a chance to share Jesus, that we don’t want to overlook.”

A Woman’s Pregnancy Center, located near the Florida State University campus, has served the community for

but didn’t know how to make that happen. As for his wife, she was dead-set on Eliza having an abortion.

The counselor listened to Brian’s concerns and gently reminded him of his identity in Christ.

“You are Eliza’s father, and this is what God calls fathers to do,” the counselor told Brian.

“I’ve got goose pimples just remembering,” Daume said. “One man telling another man, ‘You are made in the image of God for a reason and a purpose. You are Eliza’s father AND the

concerns—the fact that she was on the track team and her shame because her parents didn’t even know she was having sex.

As Eliza was signing papers for the ultrasound, Brian walked into the room.

“There’s a dynamic when the woman is there by herself, but when the male person or the support person she came with walks in the room, her demeanor changes,” Daume said.

Eliza was too ashamed to look at her dad. With her head turned away, she couldn’t see Brian’s

Editor’s note. This appeared at Pregnancy Help News.

President Trump Celebrates Down Syndrome Awareness Month

During Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Melania and I join in celebrating the lives of the more than 250,000 Americans with Down syndrome and those around the world with this condition. Together, we recommit to deepening our understanding of Down syndrome and learning more about how we can ensure the beautiful people with Down syndrome are able to fully participate in society. We will always support the dreams of those with Down syndrome, and respect and honor the sanctity of their lives, at every stage.

Today, as a result of advances in research and treatment, people with Trisomy 21, or “Down syndrome,” are leading healthier and longer lives. Through innovative speech, occupational, and physical therapies, we are finding new ways to build upon the physical and intellectual abilities of

children and babies with Down syndrome. We are learning more about this condition and the increased need for widespread education and acceptance. These efforts help to ensure

many of our youngest citizens with this condition are able to live fulfilling, independent, and productive lives.

All people are endowed by their Creator with dignity and

the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Despite some persistent myths and stigmas, even within the medical community, our Nation strongly embraces the undeniable truth that a Down syndrome diagnosis is an opportunity to embrace God’s gifts.

I stand for life – in all of its beautiful manifestations – and I, and my Administration, will continue to condemn the prejudice and discrimination that Americans with Down syndrome too often endure.

During this month, we vow to continue creating opportunities for and supporting the extraordinary men, women, and children with Down syndrome. Every day, they inspire us to live with great love, joy, and appreciation for our world and those who make it a truly unique and special place to live. Life is precious, and it is our moral duty to protect and defend it.



A day in the life of an itinerant abortionist

By Dave Andrusko

What requirements might there be to qualify (so to speak) as an itinerant abortionist, like, say Willie Parker? First and foremost, the capacity to abort women with a speed that puts an assembly line to shame.

Parker, who fancies himself a Christian, is prolific at his trade, aborting up to 45 babies a day. As for how late in pregnancy, there’s a kind of blinking yellow light at 24 weeks, 6 days, but there are always extenuating circumstances for the industrious Dr. Parker.

Planned Parenthood abortionist Colleen McNicholas is only 2/3rds as fast. A fawning



Planned Parenthood abortionist
Colleen McNicholas

profile in Marie Claire in 2016 casually observed, “By the end of her eight-hour workday, [McNicholas] will have terminated 31 pregnancies.”

But, of course, her motivation is beyond noble. As a post at Planned Parenthood observes (boldface in the original)

“Part of the problem with being so committed and feeling so passionate about an issue is that **it’s hard to say no... because that means somebody is going without care**, and what that means is, they’re probably going to have

a baby they don’t want.

So ultimately, I end up saying, ‘I can do one more day.’”

Get it? Without the “care” that McNicholas administers so dutifully, a baby might sneak through. So, even when her hands are bone weary (and blood stained), she carries on. I think I’d paraphrase her observation slightly differently: “I can obliterate one more helpless unborn child—be sure to pat me on the back.”

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Carrie Underwood's story of joy after three miscarriages

By Texas Right to Life

Carrie Underwood, who rose to stardom after winning the fourth season of American Idol, recently shared about her devastating experience of three consecutive miscarriages. Underwood married National Hockey League player Mike Fisher in 2010, and the couple welcomed son Isaiah in 2015.

Last month, Underwood announced in an Instagram video that she was expecting her second baby. Her latest album, "Cry Pretty," was released in September, and Underwood said in the video that having a new album and a baby on the way was "a dream come true."

Recently, Underwood shared more of the story and opened up to *CBS Sunday Morning* about the struggles behind her seemingly perfect life. Underwood told interviewer Tracy Smith, "I'd kind of planned that 2017 was, you know, going to be the year that I work on new music, and I have a baby. We got pregnant early 2017, and didn't work out."

Underwood continued,

And that was the thing, in the beginning



it was like, 'Okay, God, we know this is, just wasn't Your timing. And that is all right. We will bounce back

and figure our way through it.' And got pregnant again in the

spring, and it didn't work out.

Got pregnant again, early 2018. Didn't work out. So, at that

point, it was just kind of like, 'Okay, like, what's the deal? What is all of this?'

Three consecutive miscarriages and the loss of three preborn babies left Underwood devastated. Writing for Live Action, Nancy Flanders notes, "Many women who suffer recurrent miscarriages believe they will never carry a baby to term again." Miscarriages are much more common than most people realize, with the tragedy affecting about 10-20% of pregnant mothers.

Flanders explains, "About five percent of women suffer from two miscarriages, and only one percent suffer three or more. While each is a significant loss, multiple miscarriages can cause depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder."

The agonizing experience of so many tragedies took place

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Why the pro-life view can't just be 'personal'

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prevent abortion and would cause the deaths of women from coat-hanger abortions.

This claim suffers from two major difficulties. First, there's a factual problem. Evidence from around the world shows that a high standard of maternal health simply doesn't require legalized abortion. In the U.S., for example, antibiotics and other medical advances led to a huge drop in abortion-related mortality well before *Roe v. Wade*, which had no apparent effect on death rates.

Merritt is also mistaken to dismiss the impact of legal restrictions on the incidence of abortion. Laws can't stop all

abortions, of course, just as laws can't stop all cases of sexual assault. But a strong body of evidence shows that laws can and do influence abortion numbers. Well-designed and properly implemented laws may, in fact, be the single most effective tool for reducing abortions.

Second, Merritt's view still can't overcome the justice problem. If abortion is unjust, the risks some people might assume by choosing to participate in the injustice are not a very good reason to make it legal. And if unborn children deserve protection under the law, then any difficulties in

upholding that law are not a very good reason to abandon those children to industrial-scale dismemberment and destruction.

If a government ought to exist, and if it ought to protect basic human rights, then Merritt's position falls apart.

What it means to be pro-life

The pro-life position, then, can't just be "personal." It is inherently public.

It holds that unborn children have a right to life and that abortion is a breach of justice. Rights are entitlements. They demand the respect of others. Justice is giving people their

due and treating them how they deserve to be treated.

All of this is public. It's about our society. It's about how we treat each other.

The pro-life position is also public in one other way. It's not a mere belief—it's a belief that entails public action. That's because if we don't seek justice, if we don't seek to defend the defenseless, then we're not acting as if we really believe the defenseless deserve defending in the first place.

To be pro-life is to believe that every human being matters—and to act accordingly.

Brett Kavanaugh joins Supreme Court after bruising and brutal attack

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left-liberal outlets warned of retribution against senators courageous enough to stand for the rule of law and the presumption of innocence. But recent public opinion polls have uniformly shown that the guttersnipe attacks against the 53-year-old Kavanaugh have galvanized pro-lifers and Republicans. The November 6 mid-term elections will determine whether the Senate remains under pro-life leadership.

In a foreshadowing of what would happen to any Trump nominee to the Supreme Court, should Democrats control the Senate, the



moment President Trump announced his selection of Kavanaugh, pro-abortion Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said without hesitation, “I will oppose Judge Kavanaugh’s nomination with everything I have.”

The die was cast Friday when following a thoughtful, lengthy, and emotional speech, Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine said she would vote to confirm Kavanaugh, who had served for 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Sen. Collins’ position was unknown until her 45-minute-long remarks on the Senate floor. Shortly thereafter, West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin (D) issued a statement in which he said he would also vote to confirm Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh refused to fold under relentless attack, a profile in courage if ever there was one. Pro-life Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who masterfully navigated the shoals of an opposition of unparalleled viciousness, told the *Washington Post*, “I never thought Judge Kavanaugh would withdraw.” McConnell added, “When your integrity is attacked like his was, a withdrawal was certainly no solution to that, so we were in the fight to the finish.”

Pro-life Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) delivered a heroic speech at a key juncture. Graham defended Judge Kavanaugh’s honor and reputation and called out the Democratic opposition for a willingness to do anything to defeat the nominee.

National Right to Life, which applauded Kavanaugh’s selection on July 9 and worked in support of confirmation, added its congratulations.

“Today’s Senate vote is a victory for Judge Kavanaugh, and for the President, but also for the rule of law – it is a victory for all who believe that the federal courts should enforce the rights truly based

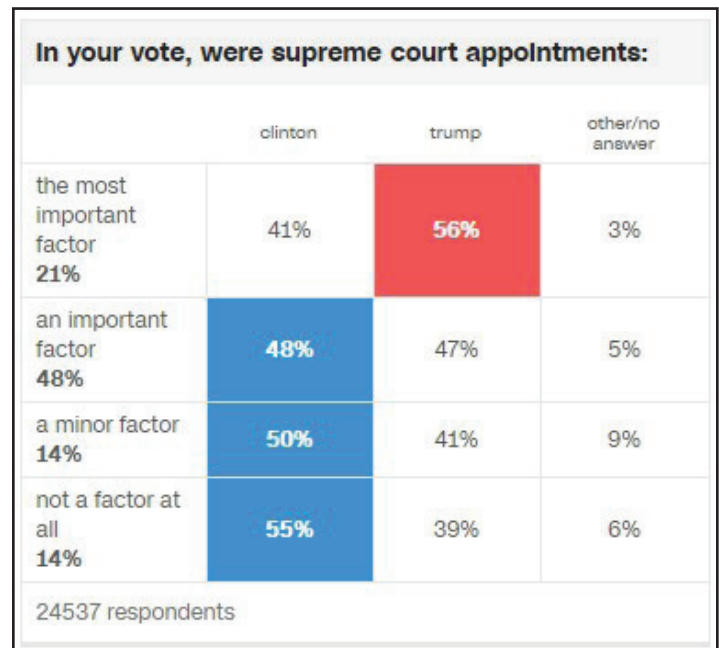
on the text and history of the Constitution, and otherwise leave policy questions in the hands of elected legislators,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life.

“Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Judiciary Committee Chairman Grassley deserve the highest marks for their steadfast and courageous leadership during this contentious 13-week confirmation battle,” noted Douglas D. Johnson, senior policy advisor to National Right to Life. “Special commendation is due for Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), whose incisive public advocacy did much to dispel clouds of misinformation disseminated by many opponents of confirmation. In the end, every pro-life senator supported confirmation.”

The confirmation vote fell entirely along party lines with two exceptions. As noted, Democrat Manchin voted in support. Republican Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, opposed confirmation but voted “present” as a courtesy to Sen. Steve Daines of Montana, who was away walking his daughter down the aisle.

The importance of the future direction of the Supreme Court was clear from a 2016 CNN exit poll.

The graph below is startlingly revealing.



56% of those who voted for Trump said it was **the** most important factor, compared to 41% for Hillary Clinton.

Put another way, about 12% (56% times 21%) of those who voted for Trump said Supreme Court appointments were the most important factor, compared to about 8% for Hillary (41% times 21%), a little over a three point advantage in one of the closest presidential elections of all time.

Congratulations to Justice Kavanaugh who when his prospects for confirmation seemed bleakest, looked straight out and said

“I will not be intimidated into withdrawing from this process. You’ve tried hard. You’ve given it your all. No one can question your effort, but your coordinated and well-funded effort to destroy my good name and to destroy my family will not drive me out. The vile threats of violence against my family will not drive me out. You may defeat me in the final vote, but you’ll never get me to quit. Never.”

Two Wonderful Stories: A Prenatal Misdiagnosis; Man Saves Grandchild from Abortion

By Nancy Valko

A prenatal misdiagnosis

Drew and Adriann Corpstein were devastated when they were told at 20 weeks that their unborn baby had a lethal brain abnormality called semilobar holoprosencephaly, an abnormality of brain development in which the brain doesn't properly divide into right and left hemispheres. They were told that the baby might only live a few days as a "vegetable" and encouraged the couple to consider a late-term abortion.

Instead they decided to trust God, deliver their baby and love him for whatever time they had with him.

Baby Matthew was born on July 29 but just the next day, the doctor gave them the stunning news that Baby Matthew did NOT have the lethal brain condition but rather hydrocephalus—an excess of fluid around the brain that can be treated with a shunt.

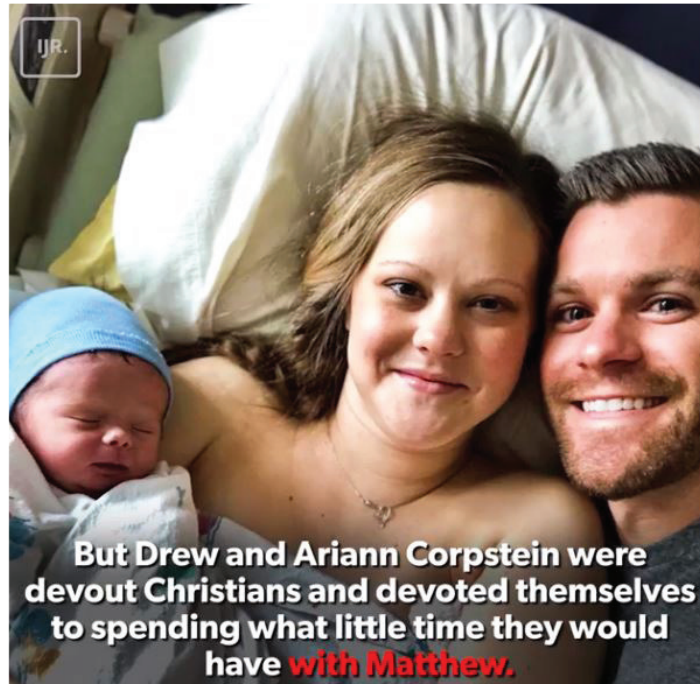
Baby Matthew could then survive and even have the chance of a fully functioning life! Click here to see a beautiful video of Baby Matthew and his parents.

Personally, I have seen more than one prenatal diagnosis turn out to be wrong.

Of course, prenatal testing is not always wrong but there is cause for concern about the number of unborn babies misdiagnosed, especially with some newer screening blood tests. (Please see my February blog "A Dark Side of Prenatal Testing.")

But there are alternatives to abortion when the prenatal diagnosis turns out to be accurate.

As Baby Matthew's parents mentioned in the article, they prepared for end of life care for him when he was expected to die shortly after birth and there are often such hospices available in many areas.



But Drew and Ariann Corpstein were devout Christians and devoted themselves to spending what little time they would have with Matthew.

There are also organizations like Prenatal Partners for Life and Be Not Afraid that provide support, information, resources and encouragement for carrying to term with an adverse prenatal diagnosis.

These organizations' websites also have parents' stories of their children with a range of prenatal diagnoses ranging from lethal ones like anencephaly to disabilities like Down syndrome or Spina Bifida.

Man saves grandchild from abortion

This month, I read an uplifting story that personally resonated with me.

With a heavy heart because his wife was "dead-set" on abortion for their 16 year old daughter, "Brian" took his daughter to A Woman's Pregnancy Center in Tallahassee, Florida. But when his daughter went in to

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I totally agree with this and I have personally seen the effects of such support.

When my oldest daughter Marie became pregnant at 18, her friends were "pro-choice" on abortion. But, as she told me, she knew too much about unborn babies and abortion

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Have NRL News Today sent to you quickly and automatically

By Dave Andrusko

Every day I am reminded that there are an awful lot of people who see *National Right to Life News Today* stories, not because they have signed up to receive our daily dispatch in their inboxes, but because search engines such as Bing, Yahoo, and Google include our stories when they aggregate and group similar stories together.

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So, to reiterate, if you want to peruse stories all day long, go directly to www.nationalrighttolifenews.org.

And if you are not receiving all the *NRL News Today* stories en masse at the end of the day, sign up at nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/join-the-email-list/.

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Most illegal abortions in the 60s were done by doctors

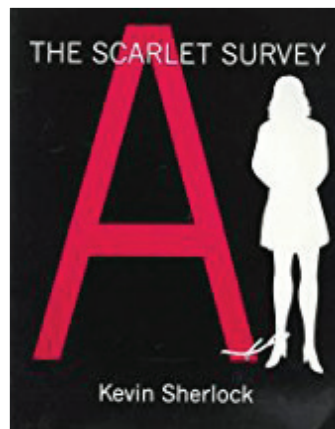
By Sarah Terzo

Abortion researcher Christopher Tietze:

“In the 1960s, a substantial proportion of illegal abortions in the United States were performed by physicians, including some highly experienced practitioners.”

Family Planning Perspectives, May/June 1975.

Quoted in Kevin Sherlock, *The Scarlet Survey* (Akron, Ohio: Brennyman Books), 1997.



“I got to where I couldn't stand to look at the little bodies anymore”

Dr. Beverly McMillan, former abortionist

British government authorizes home use of second abortifacient pill, SPUC vows legal action

By Dave Andrusko

Less than a month after a judge upheld the Scottish government's decision to allow women to take the abortifacient drug misoprostol at home, the British government announced that by the end of the year home use of misoprostol will be legalized. Misoprostol is the second drug of the two-drug RU-486 abortion technique.

The announcement "comes after pressure from campaigners for England to follow in the footsteps of Scotland, which last year became the first part of the UK to introduce the option, and Wales, which announced its own plans in June," *The Guardian* newspaper reported.

The decision by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) was vigorously denounced by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. SPUC pledged to take court action against what it labeled an "unlawful" practice.

"The abortion pill puts women through a terrible emotional and physical ordeal," said SPUC deputy chief executive John Deighan. "The determination of the abortion industry to push women to undergo this in their own home with no real medical supervision illustrates their cavalier attitude when it comes to the well-being of women."

The "Do It Yourself" [DIY] abortion technique "further trivialises abortion making women increasingly open to coercion, to make a choice that suits others," Deighan charged. "In terms of the legality of

enabling DIY home abortions we remain convinced that it is outside the parameters of the [1967] Abortion Act and have every intention of pursuing action through the courts."

Women currently take both

with significantly more choice and is the most compassionate care we can give them."

Early last month, SPUC charged that the *British Medical Journal's* journal *BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health*

pointed out numerous problems with the methodology used in the piece and questioned the seriousness of the sources used for some of the claims made.

Dr. McCarthy said, "We would ask the RCOG [Royal



mifepristone and misoprostol at an abortion clinic, 24 to 48 hours apart.

The move was hailed by the abortion industry and by the president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists,

Professor Lesley Regan said it was "a major step forward for women's healthcare. She added, "This simple and practical measure will provide women

journal has refused to publish any criticism of a widely-publicised article promoting home abortions.

The article was co-authored by, among others, Prof. Regan and Prof. Sharon Cameron of the British Association of Abortion Care Providers (BSACP). In responding to the article Dr. Anthony McCarthy, collaborating with Dr. Greg Pike on behalf of SPUC,

College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists] why they are refusing to defend material that should be subject to academic scrutiny. Are they unconcerned about the evidence surrounding home abortions? Or does the RCOG now believe that academic scrutiny is not needed when it comes to promoting the agenda of the abortion industry?"

“You are not speaking for yourself—you are speaking for them”

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shouldn't be used to find ways to kill innocent human beings

If you're going into the political field to be a politician or consultant, be a pro-life politician or consultant.

If you want to be a teacher or a reporter, be a pro-life teacher or reporter.

Use your pro-life knowledge and skills to influence the field you have chosen.

But I do truly hope your future finds you working for National Right to Life or for one of our state affiliates. It may be as education director, political director, helping to develop chapters, raising funds, being a media spokesperson, a bookkeeper, or office manager. Who knows, in a few years, maybe one of you will have my job and be NRLC president!

If you're working in an occupation outside of the pro-life movement, stay involved as a volunteer with your local chapter. If there isn't one near you, start one.

Take what you have learned this week and use it in your school, in your church, in your community. Be a voice for the voiceless and find a way to make a difference.

We are thankful that you spent your summer with us, learning more about pro-life issues, the right-to-life movement, and National Right to Life. Please stay in touch with us. We're proud of you and we look forward to seeing the impact you will continue to have on this great country. God bless you all.

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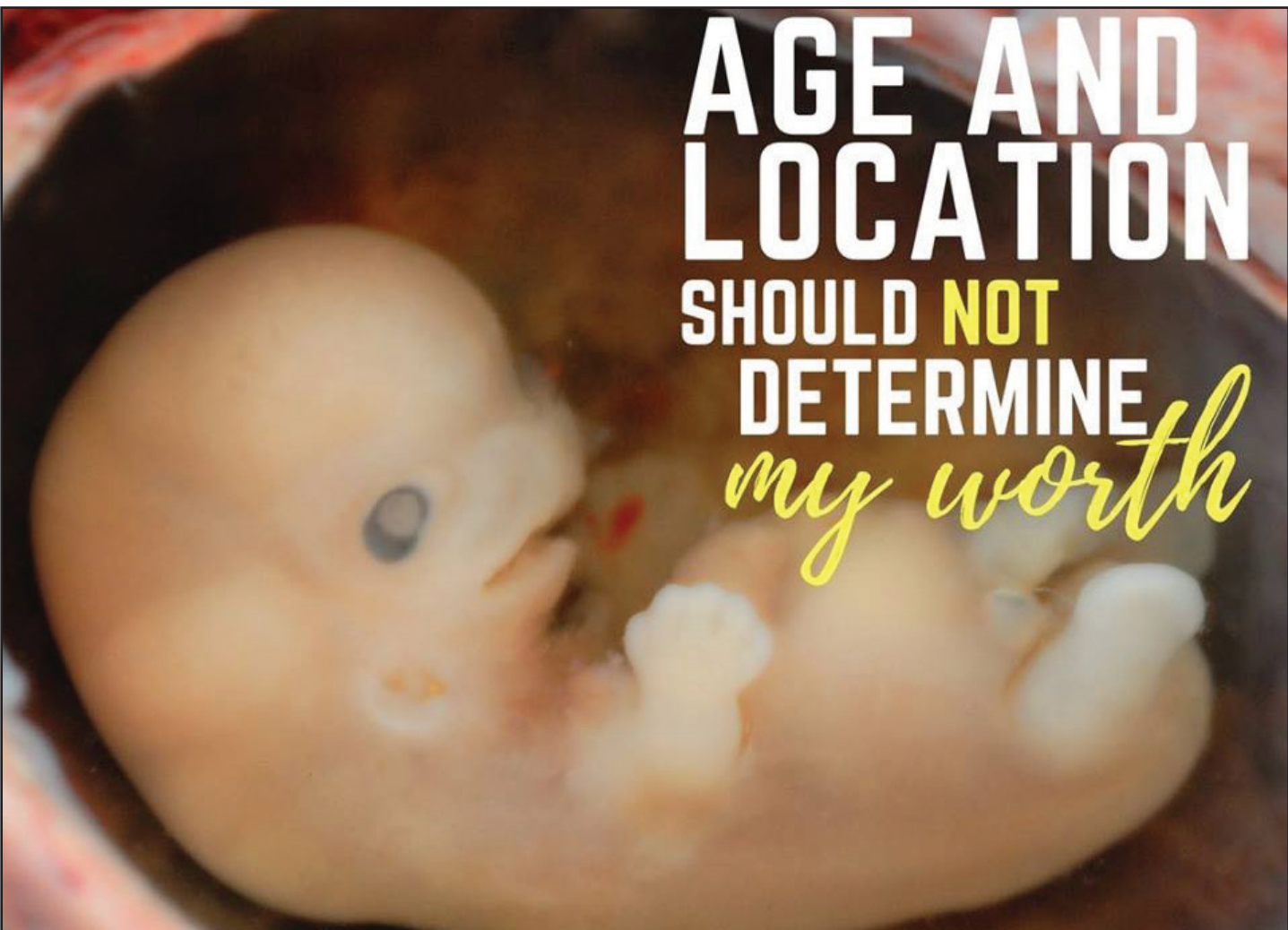
from growing up in a pro-life family. For Marie, abortion was out of the question.

Marie was surprised but pleased when she told her “pro-choice” friends that she would not have an abortion and they enthusiastically supported her decision. Many even offered to help. However, they did not support her anguished but brave decision to release her baby for adoption.

I told her that I would support her if she decided to raise her baby herself but she decided that her and the father's problems would keep her baby from having the best life possible.

That decision was hard for our family to accept but our beautiful oldest granddaughter turned 20 this week with the loving and proud parents who adopted her after birth. And despite my daughter's untimely death almost 9 years ago, we are so grateful that our family will also be able to celebrate this milestone with her and the family who adopted her.

Editor's note. This appeared on Nancy's blog and is reposted with permission.



**AGE AND
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Why you must read the September/October issue cover to cover

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When another co-host brought up the concern that people have that their tax payer dollars would pay for abortions, Wen showed how nifty she already is.

“Health care shouldn’t be political. Needing medications for your children isn’t political,” Wen responded disingenuously.

Later, touching all the bases, Wen said, “I’m taking on this role, in part because I’m a new mother myself,” adding that “nothing has been more clarifying for

me than being a parent.”

There are many in-depth analyses and source materials in the September edition of the “pro-life newspaper of record.” Dr. O’Bannon, pulling double-duty, teamed up with Joe Landrum to explain how to use resources at NRLC to write a first-rate research paper.

There are also two superb stories about abortion polls. Both tell us the public is closer to our perspective (by far) than pro-abortionists’, while one carefully illuminates how

Democrats, not Republicans, are split over abortion.

Likewise, there are two delightful accounts about pro-life youth camps. These are indispensable learning opportunities for the next generation of pro-life leaders.

With the mid-term elections coming up, we are offering thoughtful looks at the contours of the political landscape. Something to keep in your forefront between now and November.

If we know anything, it is that

a major objective of the pro-abortion/major media alliance it is to persuade pro-lifers that all is lost. Why? Not because an objective reading would tell you that but to discourage turnout.

Please read the September digital edition of *NRL News* from cover to cover. We count on you to pass along selected issues and, we hope, the entire issue.

Read away and enjoy yourself!

WE ARE THE GRASSROOTS



How the Loving Work of Pregnancy Centers Rescues Parents, Not Just the Preborn

By Susanne Maynes

Editor's note. This is excerpted from a post at Pregnancy Help News.

The young teen fidgeted with a strand of her hair. “If I’m pregnant, it’s too early for it to be a baby yet,” she told me. “When a pregnancy starts out, it’s a parasite. Then later, it turns into a baby.”

“That’s interesting,” I responded. “Where did you get your information?”

She wasn’t sure. We talked further. By the time she received her negative test results, this under-educated young woman was amazed to discover some facts about human DNA and fetal development.

Every day in your center, young women come in, indoctrinated by worldly ideas. Lacking a solid Christian worldview based on Scripture, most people will unconsciously weave together a philosophy based on what they’ve seen or heard on TV, in social media, in the secular classroom, and among their peers.

It may not always be as off the mark as believing a fetus starts out as a ‘parasite,’ but the belief systems people cobble together in our syncretistic society can be quite remarkable.

The teen or twenty-something who walks through your doors has never known a world without legalized abortion. She may equate legal with moral and likely believes abortion is okay in certain circumstances

(or maybe anytime, since she has been told abortion is a women’s rights issue).

She believes we should not judge people’s behavior and choices—that all religions are basically the same, and



worldviews are merely a matter of preference. In other words, she has bought into relativism, the idea that there is no absolute truth upon which she should base her decisions. ...

These days, a typical client is not so likely to believe the old mantra that a baby is “just a blob of tissue.” Now that ultrasound and other scientific advances have debunked that myth, the argument has changed.

Today’s client has been influenced by abortion providers who propose that an

unplanned baby is “a life worth sacrificing.” For the single mother on welfare who already has several children, abortion is touted as “a responsible parenting decision.” ...

This, then, is the mindset of

thoughts. You offer them accurate information about the decision they face—one of the most important decisions they will make. With respect, you gently inform and educate.

You offer resources and practical help. You invest time and emotional energy by praying for each young woman and man who comes to see you. Why do you do this? In part, because you believe every human life, born or unborn, has intrinsic value in the eyes of God—intrinsic value which flows out of His love for each one of us.

This same love is the force which drives you to do what you do.

You don’t do this work to make money off your clients. You don’t do it to gain popularity in your community. And you don’t do it only because abortion is wrong.

You do this work because you love God, and therefore you love those He loves.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” – 1 John 3:1

many of the young women and men who come into your center. They are adrift, confused, and lost. They lack direction and hope. They live for the moment, without a clear idea of the bigger picture of their lives.

Your center is a lighthouse shining over dark and turbulent waters. You exist, not only to save the lives of the preborn, but also to rescue parents who are drowning in despair.

And so you invite them in warmly. You listen to their stories, their concerns, their

This great love which motivates your work may not always be understood or appreciated by the world—but God sees, and He is pleased.

Planned Parenthood to pour \$2.5 million into re-election bid of pro-abortion PA Governor Tom Wolf

By Dave Andrusko

You would expect Planned Parenthood's political arm to pour money into the campaign coffers of a prominent pro-abortion governor. And it wouldn't surprise you that Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf (D) would be a particular darling of the nation's largest abortion provider. After all, Wolf, running for a second term against pro-life former state Senator Scott Wagner, previously served as a Planned Parenthood clinic "escort."

So it was hardly a surprise when *WESA*—Pittsburgh's *NPR* News station—reported that PPFA's political arm planned to "invest" \$2.5 million in the race.

Reporter Lucy Perkins wrote that "According to the Planned Parenthood PAC, that's the largest-ever investment the organization has spent in any state on a midterm race."

"We need to turn our legislature into a body that supports reproductive rights and health," said Sari Stevens, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates. She said Gov. Wolf is the backstop to protect reproductive healthcare in the state for another four years.

Stevens explained that at least part of the money would pull double duty:

Stevens says a portion of the \$2.5 million will go into door-knocking



Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf with former Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards

in the state legislative districts where Planned Parenthood-backed candidates are running.

"We're hoping to win one or two, potentially three [state] Senate districts where we'll have a pro-choice member replace an anti-choice member," Stevens said. **"And somewhere in the**

ballpark of about 10 House districts. That's not going to get us to a pro-choice majority, but it's a very good start."

There are contrasts and there are contrasts like Wolf and Wagner. As Maria Gallagher, PAC director for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, has explained, Wolf remains one of the Keystone State's leading apologists for Big Abortion. She wrote

Wolf opposes any and all protections for preborn children. He famously stood against a popular proposed ban on dismemberment abortions, which would have stopped the gruesome practice in which living babies are torn limb by limb from their mothers' wombs.

His staff has said he would also veto the Down syndrome Protection Act, which would ban the abortion of preborn babies for the sole reason of a Down syndrome diagnosis. The bill won a solid veto-proof, bipartisan majority in the Pennsylvania House of

Representatives earlier this year and is now awaiting action in the Pennsylvania Senate.

In sharp contrast, Wolf's Republican challenger, former state Senator Scott Wagner, amassed an impressive 100 percent pro-life voting record while serving in the state legislature. Unlike Wolf, Wagner supports a ban on taxpayer funding of organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, which perform abortions. Wagner was also instrumental in ensuring that the state enforces abortion center health and safety regulations in the wake of the Kermit Gosnell tragedy in West Philadelphia.

Gosnell, who owned what was famously described as a "House of Horrors," is serving three life sentences for deliberately delivering three babies alive and then "snipping" their spinal cords. Gosnell was also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Karnamaya Mongar.

The incredible power of ultrasounds: 'Aaaaahhh I see what she means'

By Dave Andrusko

Is there a single pro-lifer who does not keenly understand the power of words? Language that is vague and uncustomary—"fetus"—enables pro-abortionists to evade the power of the specific and everyday word—"baby."

What in the world does the phrase "intact dilation and extraction" even mean? You'd have to look it up—and who does that?

But "partial-birth abortion" captures perfectly what happens to a helpless, living unborn baby. After he partially delivers the baby, the abortionist punctures a hole in her skull and suctions out her brains. The skull collapses and the abortionist completes the delivery of a dead baby.

I mention these examples because I had one of those Aha moments but in a different context.

Sarah Roberts operates the very popular "Don't Be Sorry" blog and Facebook page. When you arrive at the blog, you see a picture of Ms. Roberts and her son.

This is Oscar. He's my son. He also happens to have Down Syndrome. I know I am only one voice but I figure it's time to diminish any misconceptions or prejudices about Down Syndrome, that we might have.... And when you look at this face, how could anyone be sad to have him as a part of their life? I am officially the luckiest mummy in the world.

She is on a one-woman

crusade to eliminate prejudice against children with Down syndrome, to debunk the noxious idea that a child with



Down syndrome is a burden and less important than any other child.

Ms. Roberts writes

"A friend of mine, who just announced she's pregnant, sent me a photo of her scan picture the other day.

"Underneath it she wrote, 'Due early next year... P.S I asked my midwife to please use the word chance not risk when talking about my nuchal scan'.

"Nuchal scan"? Roberts continues

When women go for their [nuchal] scan around 12 weeks, bloods are taken as well as a measurement of the fluid behind the babies neck and from those combined results, they're given their

'risk' of having a baby with Down's syndrome.

"While I understand a lot of women want to

screen or indeed go on to have further testing, I've often been puzzled by the use of the word 'RISK'. If you look up the word risk in the dictionary, it says 'a situation involving exposure to danger'.

What's in a word—"chance" versus "risk"? Everything.

Roberts continued:

"The sonographer said 'But it's a risk assessment. We mean risk because it is a risk'. No it's not – it's a chance.

"She [the sonographer] then went on about how even at 20 weeks I could 'do something about it' if I wanted to and I said, 'about the baby? About my baby?'. And she stuttered and that was that!"

According to Joshua Taylor of *The Mirror*, Roberts goes on to observe, "A woman's entitled to 'do something about it' up

until 39 weeks + 6 days if she so chooses...but killing a baby one day before his or her due date JUST for having Down's syndrome? Just so so sad."

"Anyway, who knows if either of them really HEARD my friend's point. But I wanted to share this because you never know... there may be one more midwife, sonographer, healthcare professional out there who reads this today and goes 'Aaaaahhh I see what she means' and changes how they approach talking to new mums in the future."

Yes, a mother can "do something about" a child she has learned may have Down syndrome.

She can love him unconditionally.

In strategic move, PPFA chooses first physician in 50 years to head the nation's largest abortion provider

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supported China's policy of forced abortions and sterilization. The Trump State Department announced last year it was pulling support for the fund specifically because of its complicity in China's population-control efforts, but Richards called the move 'cruel & dangerous.'"

You'd think that this would create in Wen a visceral disdain for "family planning" that is built around abortion, but this appears not to be the case. Wen says that when her family came to the United States, growing up poor in Compton, California, they relied on Medicaid and Planned Parenthood for health care (Slate, 9/12/18). While the Medicaid makes some sense, it is unclear what this means when it comes to Planned Parenthood, given the limited services it actually provides.

An intellectual prodigy, Wen graduated from Cal State University at age 18 with a degree in biochemistry. She volunteered at Planned Parenthood in St Louis when attending medical school at the Washington University School of Medicine. She did her residency at Brigham

& Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, while she was a clinical fellow at Harvard Medical School.

While there, a Planned Parenthood's press release says,



Wen was elected president of the American Medical Student Association and took a year off "leading 65,000 physicians-in-waiting to fight for universal health and advocate for reproductive rights."

During her tenure as Baltimore's health commissioner, Wen led a number of positive public health campaigns, dealing with the local opioid epidemic, improved delivery of food and medications to seniors, a vision program providing eyeglasses to needy children, and even a "healthy babies" program that

was supposed to have resulted in a nearly 40% reduction of infant mortality in seven years' time. (Don't expect something like that from Wen at Planned Parenthood, since, again, the organization's standard

None of this changes that the core of Planned Parenthood's mission and the foundation of its empire is based not on healthcare for the nation's most vulnerable members, but on their destruction.

Abortion takes the life of more than 300,000 babies a year at Planned Parenthood, easily making them the nation's largest abortion performer. Actual figures have not been released, but at going rates, the numbers of abortions they report performing in the last ten years would easily generate over a billion dollars in revenues.

It's why Planned Parenthood fights so hard to maintain their abortion empire, why they spend tens of millions to elect and keep in office hard core politicians who will vote to protect their funding and the most extreme forms of abortion.

Wen may have saved countless lives during her tenure as an emergency room doctor and public health advocate. But now with Planned Parenthood, unless she dramatically changes course, she's going to be heading an organization that is filling up the other side of the ledger.

services don't include prenatal or obstetric care).

Dr. Wen's appointment can best be understood as a strategic move by Planned Parenthood to defend the half a billion dollars a year it gets from local, state, and federal governments for programs like Wen's. After all, how do you make the case that your group is about healthcare when your head is a high power political operative with a long history of campaign activism?

Now, with Wen, they still have someone with some political experience but with a much longer medical resume.

With plenty of experience at it, Wendy Davis tells Duke freshmen to “Fail doing something that matters to you deep in your gut”

By Dave Andrusko

The story appeared in *The Chronicle*, the student newspaper at Duke University, under the headline. “‘Fail doing something that matters to you’: Wendy Davis tells first-years to learn from others’ experiences.”

The remarks of the pro-abortion former Texas State Senator, best known for her 13 hour filibuster of a pro-life state measure, clearly resonated with reporter Isabelle Doan. Which presumably is why, even though Davis’ speech went on for less than 1/3rd of the allotted time, Doan could write, “Despite the length of her remarks, Davis had a lot to say about failure and perspective.”

Davis’s climb-every-mountain, ford-every-stream moment was

“Fail doing something that matters to you deep in your gut,” Davis said. “Either because of your own personal experiences or because you joined a community with someone whose experiences now

matter to you as much as your own.”

As the closing speaker for orientation week, anything of significance Davis did not tell the incoming freshmen?



Wendy Davis

Photo: Tracy Nanthavongsa

Did she mention, for example, that part of the law the pro-abortionists in Texas chose not to challenge was a provision

that banned killing unborn babies capable of experiencing excruciating pain as they are torn apart?

Not according to Doan’s story.

Did Davis mention that in spite of endless free publicity from pro-abortion Texas media, she was subsequently crushed in her campaign for governor by pro-life Greg Abbott, losing by 950,000 votes? Or that Abbott carried men and women?

Not according to Doan’s story.

Did Davis mention what actually happened during that chaotic filibuster? How, as one pro-lifer, who was at the state Capitol explained

Protests inside and outside the Capitol grew more chaotic and even downright bizarre. Abortion activists led their supporters in heckling pro-life demonstrators with chants of “Hail, Satan!” An array of signs with slogans shocked onlookers,

such as “Abortion on Demand and Without Apology” and “Screw Patriarchy.”

Representative Scott Sanford (R-McKinney) received a tweet from an abortion advocate threatening, “I will drown @Scott_SanfordTX in blood & bile then feed his corpse to territorial crows. Satan, come to us we are ready. #hailsatan #tcot.”

Not according to Doan’s story.

Now, it was the usual pro-abortion cant and praise for her own stamina during the 13 hour filibuster. (Davis did succeed in stopping passage the first go-round but the pro-life governor called a special session and the bill passed.)

Davis couldn’t be prouder of herself.

Personally, I couldn’t be prouder of the people of Texas.

Enthusiasm about November elections now just as high among Republicans as Democrats

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which party’s candidate are you more likely to vote for in your district.”

That Democrat advantage “has also been cut in half since last month,” according to Montanaro. “Democrats still retain a 6-point edge on that question, but it was 12 points after a Marist poll conducted in mid-September.”

Back to enthusiasm levels. As is usually the case, there are internals that may prove to be far more important than the broad overview conclusions. For example,

While Democrats and Republicans are now equally enthusiastic about the midterms, the story is very different for key Democratic base groups and independents. While 82 percent of Democrats say the midterms are very important, that’s true of just 60

percent of people under 30, 61 percent of Latinos and 65 percent of independents.

In addition, men (75%) and women (76%) were virtually tied on how important they thought the November elections were.

But what about women along party lines? Among Democrat women, 79% thought November’s elections were “very important.”

However 83% of Republican women thought November’s elections were “very important,” Montanaro reported.

Finally, the importance of the November elections increased the older the demographic

45 to 59 — 80%
60 or older — 86%

Never underestimate the power of an ultrasound to change a mind and to save a life

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

It happened when I was scrolling through my Facebook feed one day.

In between posts about the latest football games and political rants, I saw it—and it melted my heart.

There was an Ultrasound of not one, but two babies—the latest additions to my Facebook friend’s family.

I have seen my share of Ultrasounds over the years—my darling daughter’s was the most memorable. Lying on the exam table, I looked up at the screen and saw my little one playing with her toes while in utero.

It was an incredible and unforgettable sight.

But I believe this was the first time I have viewed an Ultrasound of twins. The precious preborn babies were clearly visible—and their official age was 14 weeks’ gestation.

In that moment, gazing at that image, it was hard for me to fathom the idea that anyone would view them as unworthy of care and too young to be guaranteed the right to life. It was also hard to accept the fact that babies where I live, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, can be legally aborted up to 24 weeks’ gestation—10 weeks past the age of the twins in question.

It is even more alarming to think about the babies who are aborted up to the moment of birth.

A picture is worth a thousand statistics. It is one thing to hear about nearly one million preborn children being aborted

studies show that, when pregnant women are shown an ultrasound of their babies inside supportive pregnancy resource centers, the vast majority will choose life for their children.

Thus it is abundantly obvious why abortion centers do their

that Facebook Ultrasound has also left me to wonder, “How many twins are aborted each year in our country? How many times is the tragedy of abortion actually doubled through the deaths of two preborn babies at one time?”



each year. It is quite another to see a prenatal portrait of a baby who lacks protection under the law.

I wonder how many other minds and hearts that Ultrasound touched. From the comments below the photo, it was clear that Facebook friends were astounded at the amazing image.

And it is no wonder that

best to hide Ultrasounds from their abortion-minded clients. Once a woman sees that miraculous image, her tenuous bond to her child is highly likely to grow stronger. The Ultrasound literally puts a face—a distinctively human face—on what the abortion industry cavalierly refers to as the “choice.”

The experience of seeing

In the words of one clergyman, this could be considered a “two-for-one temptation.” Twice the tragedy. Twice the heartache for the mother left behind.

Never underestimate the power of an Ultrasound to change a mind and to save a life. And consider using your Facebook feed as a way to celebrate life at all its stages and at all phases of development.

Pro-life woman horrified to see her photo stolen for story celebrating three abortions Except she hasn't.

We need to be on guard against tactics like this

By SPUC—the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

“Shout Your Abortion”, a page that encourages women to share their abortion stories, recently published an article with the defiant title “I am 23 and I have had 3 abortions. YES I HAVE!” (It has since been removed, but the cached version can be seen at archive.fo/xHgy2)

ZERO regrets

The story, which was widely shared, was attributed to “Heather” and detailed how the author had two abortions after casual sexual encounters and another because having the baby would interfere with her summer job.

“I am 23, I have a good life, I don't want to destroy it because of

a bunch of children that I am not ready for. Doesn't that make sense? I have ZERO regrets on what I have,” the author writes, wishing that abortion was seen as “just another surgery.”

Not as it seemed

It had already attracted a lot of attention before the bombshell revelation that the woman in the photo used in the article is not of “Heather” at all, but of a Canadian pro-life woman who has never had an abortion. It raises serious questions about the truthfulness of all the “Shout your abortion” submissions.

In a statement sent to several pro-life organisations that had covered the original story, the woman who is actually pictured wrote:

“My name is Molly. I am 24 and want to make it clear that I have never had an abortion.

“I was horrified to wake up yesterday and learn that a photo of me was stolen and used without my permission or knowledge on a post for ‘Shout Your Abortion’, a website that encourages women to share the stories

of their abortions. Someone using the name ‘Heather’ stole my picture and essentially my identity, using it in a post titled, ‘I am 23 and I have had 3 abortions.

YES I HAVE!’ She said she is proud of who she is and her actions, yet she used a picture of a random stranger instead of herself. I am appalled that my photo has been used in this manner.”

“I believe every life is valuable”

Not only has Molly Schaap never had an abortion, she is an active pro-lifer. “All of my life, I have been pro-life and believe

that life begins at conception. I have personally donated to pro-life causes and believe that every life is valuable. As a Christian, I believe that God is the author of life, and life is not ours to take away.”

Many of Molly's friends and family have commented on Choice42's post to confirm her story, and in a clear admission of guilt, “Shout Your Abortion” has removed the story from their website.

We need to be on guard

However links and screenshots of the title falsely tied to Molly's pictures are continually being shared, and she says the comments being made about the girl in the photo “feel very personal.”

Molly's story is a good reminder that we should take promotional stories advocating abortion with a pinch of salt. In the business which promotes a culture of death we can't be too surprised that truth is sacrificed and need to be on guard against such tactics.



SHOUTYOURABORTION.COM

Shout Your Abortion — I am 23 and I have had 3 abortions. YES I HAVE!

Newborn baby miraculously survives being thrown from 5th floor balcony

By Dave Andrusko

Of all the amazing survival stories of abandoned newborns, this must rank near the top.

The *Daily Mail of London* reported that a baby boy survived being thrown off a fifth floor balcony. How could that be even be possible? He landed on banana leaves in an orchard behind the flats in a city in central Thailand which broke his fall.

According to reporter Julian Robinson, residents of Samut Prakan heard crying and

clambered over a 7ft high fence and discovered the little boy, who was only a few hours old with his placenta and umbilical cord still attached, in a patch of land used as a banana orchard behind the flats.

He was surrounded by thick broken leaves, which cushioned his fall from the room

high above. ...

Incredibly, the baby had survived virtually unscathed having suffered only minor scratches and bites from mosquitoes.

Hang Konhaan, 55, told the *Daily Mail*, “I first heard the cries at 10.30am but didn’t pay much attention to them. Then I spoke to another neighbour and we went to check. We found the little baby on the floor and he was crying. There were some broken leaves next to him, which saved his life.”

Authorities arrived shortly thereafter.

“Underneath the banana tree area was a baby and their placenta,” Lieutenant Colonel Amnat Charoen, from the Samrong Nua district police station, told Robinson. “There were many mosquitos and ants on his body. He had a rash and some redness. There were signs

that that baby had fallen from a height.”

Police have investigated and we

“We are investigating all the accounts from neighbours and searching for the mother



are sure that the baby came from a teenager who had the secret birth in a room on floor number five.

“The baby is being cared for in hospital, but he is safe and recovering well. He is healthy.

who will be prosecuted for the incident.”

According to Robinson, officers were looking for the teenager who was staying in the apartment building and who had “earlier been seen walking around while heavily pregnant.”

Carrie Underwood’s story of joy after three miscarriages

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while Underwood continued to work, making public appearances and interviews while hiding her pain. This difficulty of that time inspired Underwood’s writing and appears in lyrics to the title track of her new album.

Later in 2018, Underwood became pregnant again and assumed she would suffer yet another tragic loss. But, Underwood says, God answered her prayers. In an interview, she said,

And for the first time, I feel like I actually told God how

I felt. And I feel, like, we’re supposed to do that. That was like a Saturday – and the Monday I went to the doctor to, like, confirm, another miscarriage. And they told me everything was great!

And I was like, ‘You heard me.’ Not that He hasn’t in the past. But maybe, I don’t know, He heard me.

Underwood’s courageous sharing of her painful journey has inspired others. Fellow-

American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson praised Underwood for sharing her story, saying that talking about miscarriage “makes women that feel inferior, or feel like something’s wrong with them, it makes them feel comfortable, and that that people go through it.”

Fans have greeted news of Underwood’s current pregnancy with joy. An appearance on *The Tonight Show* with Jimmy Fallon took a surprisingly Pro-Life turn. Fallon announced after discussing Underwood’s upcoming album, “I think even bigger, cooler news — there’s a

new baby on the way!” Fallon then talked to Underwood’s pregnant belly, saying, “Hi baby, it’s Jimmy. How are you?” excitedly to audience cheers.

When women share their stories of miscarriage and pregnancy, there is no denying the humanity of the preborn. Mothers deserve support in grieving children they have lost and deserve support in their joy when expecting a baby. Congratulations to Underwood on her growing family. Sharing her story so vulnerably is a testament to the sanctity of human Life.

Courting Life: The Kavanaugh Confirmation Hearings

By Melissa Ohden

Editor's note. The following is excerpted from a post on Melissa's blog. In 1977 Melissa survived a saline infusion abortion. She has written many times for NRL News Today and NRL News and appeared numerous times at NRLC's annual convention.

As Richard Wolf reported in his 2015 piece for *USA Today*, "The 21 Most famous Supreme Court decisions," our nation's history has been marked by numerous decisions that have shaped more than just our history. They've shaped how we view people and their experiences, and they've changed the course of countless people's lives. ...

I'd be remiss, of course, not to include the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. As I look upon the vast history of culture-shaping Supreme Court decisions, *Roe v. Wade* has had the greatest impact in my life and millions of others.

In August of 1977, just four years after the landmark case, a saline infusion abortion was forced upon my 19-year-old biological mother against her will. The abortionist indicated in the medical records that he estimated her to be approximately 20 weeks pregnant at the time.

A saline infusion abortion involves injecting a toxic salt solution into the amniotic fluid, which poisons the child to death. Premature labor is then induced, and the deceased child is expelled from the womb. Typically, the procedure is completed within about 72 hours. In my birthmother's case, the medical professionals at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux

City, Iowa, tried, without success, to induce her labor numerous times after that toxic salt solution was delivered into the amniotic fluid, and the procedure lasted five days, instead of three.

On that fifth day of the abortion procedure, I was

respiratory problems, jaundice, and seizures for a period of time. The doctors were understandably guarded about my prognosis. Yet, here I am today, now a healthy, forty-one year old woman.

Many people in our world describe lives like mine as the

hearings, as frustrating as it has been at times, has illustrated that legislators and citizens are vastly aware of the impact that Supreme Court decisions have on our individual lives and larger culture.

Roe v. Wade has become, in the words of many, the "law of the land," and subsequently has led to over 60 million lives lost since 1973. I was meant to be one of those lives.

[However], there are hundreds of abortion survivors, if not thousands, as I've found in my work with The Abortion Survivors Network, who live with the personal knowledge of just how impactful such Court decisions can be. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are constitutional rights, yet we were denied that basic right when we were subjected to abortion attempts meant to end our lives.

In 1954 Martin Luther King, Jr., told his congregation that "we are not makers of history, we are made by it." *Roe v. Wade* has permeated our society, it has shaped our thoughts, touched our emotions, and overtly and covertly impacted the way we view and treat the unborn, the lives of abortion survivors, and, in my opinion, one another. Once one group of people is denied basic human rights, then the slippery slope begins.

Yes, we are, indeed, made by history, and Supreme Court decisions are a part of that history. If nothing else positive comes from these hearings, I hope it brings about an honest conversation about how we've all been shaped and our culture impacted by the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Believe.



Melissa Ohden (right) and Lisa Andrusko, NRLC Yearbook Editor

delivered in the final step, and was believed, of course, to have been a successful abortion—a deceased child. But low and behold, I was born alive. I weighed 2 lbs. 14 oz., which indicated to the medical professionals that my birthmother was much further along in her pregnancy than 20 weeks, and, in fact, one of the first notations in my medical records (which include statements like "a saline infusion for an abortion was done but was unsuccessful"), is that I looked like I was approximately 31 weeks gestational age.

The doctors initially thought that I had a fatal heart defect because of the amount of distress that I was under. I suffered from

"dreaded complication" of abortion—a child who survives. As someone's daughter, wife, sister, and mother, I can tell you my life has been nothing to be dreaded, but everything to be thankful for.

Yet, that's exactly what the *Roe v. Wade* decision has done; it has shaped our culture to the point that my life is seen as something to be dreaded by many and I'm seen as an unfortunate by-product of a woman's right to choose that "failed."

As you can imagine, I've looked upon both Judge (now Justice) Neil Gorsuch and Judge (now Justice) Brett Kavanaugh's nominations with great interest. All of the talk and concern over precedent in the

Supreme Court rejects pro-abortion challenge to Tennessee's pro-life "Amendment 1"

By Dave Andrusko

The ultimate outcome may have been foretold January 9 when a federal appeals court panel rejected a pro-abortion challenge to Tennessee's "Amendment 1," the successful 2014 ballot measure that stated "Nothing in this [state] Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion."

It became official last week when the Supreme Court declined to hear the challenge. Perhaps the High Court agreed with a three judge panel of the Sixth Circuit when it unanimously concluded "...[I]t is time for uncertainty surrounding the

people's 2014 approval and ratification of Amendment 1 to be put to rest."

"Today's announcement is cause for great celebration among Tennessee's pro-life movement," said Brian Harris, president of Tennessee Right to Life. "This is the culmination of many years work and Tennessee Right to Life is especially grateful to our state's voters, legislators, election officials and Attorney General Slatery for staying the course."

"The people's voices have been heard and their votes have been counted. Now we have to continue to work for the day when every life is again protected by the laws of our state and nation."

In her story the *Tennessean's* Anita Wadhvani summarized it well when she wrote, "The high court's decision ends the long-

running legal battle to overturn the measure, approved by 53 percent of voters in one of the most contentious and expensive ballot fights in state history."

Passage of SJR 127, which placed the proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot, and Amendment 1 itself were the top priority and



legislative goal of Tennessee Right to Life for more than 16 years.

A constitutional amendment was the only way around *Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee v. Sundquist*, a radical pro-abortion decision by the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2000 which wrongly declared "A woman's right to terminate her pregnancy is a vital part of the right to privacy guaranteed by the Tennessee Constitution."

The impact of the decision was enormous. Common sense pro-life protections were immediately stripped from state law books, including informed consent for women considering abortion, a 48-hour waiting period and requirements that second trimester abortions be performed in equipped and regulated hospitals rather than abortion facilities.

Tennessee became an abortion haven; one in four abortions is performed on women who live outside of the Volunteer State.

In a press release, Tennessee Right to Life provided a useful background to the struggle.

For most Tennessee voters, pro-life Amendment 1 was

out the votes of those Tennesseans casting a vote on the Amendment but not having also voted in the 2014 governor's race.

Appealed by the Tennessee Attorney General, the case ultimately made its way to the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals which heard oral arguments in August of 2017. Tennessee Right to Life and YES on 1 coordinated a "friend of the court" brief containing the signatures of 8,850 Tennesseans

urging the court to uphold their votes on the Amendment.

[After the three judge appeals court panel unanimously supported the vote count] Planned Parenthood activists immediately sought a re-hearing of the case before the full 6th Circuit which rejected the request. Tennessee's pro-abortion leaders asked the U.S. Supreme Court to take up their challenge of the people's pro-life vote on Amendment 1. On Monday, October 1, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the case thereby leaving the lower court's decision in effect and affirming Amendment 1.

decided on November 4, 2014 when it was approved 53-47%. But several days later former Planned Parenthood board chair Tracey George joined seven other pro-abortion activists in filing a legal challenge in Federal Court. They were contesting the manner in which the state tabulated the votes and claiming discrimination against pro-abortion voters.

In April 2016, former U.S. District Court Judge Kevin Sharp agreed with Planned Parenthood and demanded a recount of the votes. In his ruling, former Judge Sharp threatened to throw

A day in the life of an itinerant abortionist

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McNicholas' name surfaces a lot in the debate in Missouri over the requirement that abortionists have admitting privileges at a local hospital for when there are complications. McNicholas insists complications are as rare as hen's teeth ("incredibly rare").

There was an even more unctuous profile followed in *Mic Dispatch* titled. "Abortion provider travels across states to administer care."

It was written, we're told, by correspondent Kendall Ciesemier who followed McNicholas who travels "over 400 miles nearly every week to work at four clinics in three states — Missouri, Kansas and

Oklahoma, where access to care is limited."

You can read Ciesemier's profile in its entirety, but it's important that the reader



Abortionist Willie Parker

know that there are 60 women waiting in Wichita, Kansas, presumably all to abort, and that McNicholas, who will plow her

way through all of them, is just regular folk.

"And what are you missing these past few days not being at home?" Ciesemier asks.

Well, there's a baseball game about to start here in an hour that I won't be at. But just sort of everyday life things, you know — homework and baseball and dinner at the table together. Certainly there are times when my family probably feels it more than I do, but I think we feel like it's sort of an important part of the life that we live.

"An important part of the

life" she leads is ending the lives of those who have no one to protect them. Perhaps the worst part of the profile is the ending:

Back in Wichita, she completes the last abortion of the day just before 3 p.m. She checks on her patients in the recovery room, and then she's out the door, with 30 minutes until her flight takes off. She makes it through airport security just in time to board the plane. She'll have one day at home with her family tomorrow before it all begins again.

In strategic move, PPFA chooses first physician in 50 years to head the nation's largest abortion provider

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health and advocate for reproductive rights."

During her tenure as Baltimore's health commissioner, Wen led a number of positive public health campaigns, dealing with the local opioid epidemic, improved delivery of food and medications to seniors, a vision program providing eyeglasses to needy children, and even a "healthy babies" program that was supposed to have resulted in a nearly 40% reduction of infant mortality in seven years' time. (Don't expect something like that from Wen at Planned Parenthood, since, again, the

organization's standard services don't include prenatal or obstetric care).

Dr. Wen's appointment can best be understood as a strategic move by Planned Parenthood to defend the half a billion dollars a year it gets from local, state, and federal governments for programs like Wen's. After all, how do you make the case that your group is about healthcare when your head is a high power political operative with a long history of campaign activism?

Now, with Wen, they still have someone with some political experience but with a much longer medical resume.

None of this changes that the core of Planned Parenthood's mission and the foundation of its empire is based not on healthcare for the nation's most vulnerable members, but on their destruction.

Abortion takes the life of more than 300,000 babies a year at Planned Parenthood, easily making them the nation's largest abortion performer. Actual figures have not been released, but at going rates, the numbers of abortions they report performing in the last ten years would easily generate over a billion dollars in revenues.

It's why Planned Parenthood fights so hard to maintain their abortion empire, why they spend tens of millions to elect and keep in office hard core politicians who will vote to protect their funding and the most extreme forms of abortion.

Wen may have saved countless lives during her tenure as an emergency room doctor and public health advocate. But now with Planned Parenthood, unless she dramatically changes course, she's going to be heading an organization that is filling up the other side of the ledger.

The power of pro-life educational displays at summer fairs and festivals

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

She came to the festival booth with a secret—a life-affirming secret that she had been permitted to share. The year before, she had visited this very educational table and taken a soft-touch fetal model to show

a pregnant woman considering abortion.

The result? A life had been saved, and a mother had been spared a lifetime of grief.

Such is the power of pro-life educational displays at summer

fairs and festivals. Local chapters of National Right to Life and the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation have been busy this summer, spreading the pro-life message at various community events. From fetal

models to educational flyers, the materials on display persuade with a hope-filled message which cannot be denied.

One person reaches out to another with the scientific fact—that every human life is precious and needs to be protected. I recall vividly taking a little one to a church festival—and how she marveled at the models of preborn babies on display. They left an indelible impression which caused her to become passionately pro-life.

It may sound like a simple thing, handing a fetal model to a festival-goer. But in some communities, this is a profound act of courage. Abortion activists rail at fetal models—even going so far as to try to ban them from fairs. What they really fear is that people will find out the truth—that life begins at conception and that every abortion is an unspeakable tragedy.

Congratulations to those chapter volunteers who are rebuilding a culture of life in their communities. They make life worth celebrating!



Abortion in the shadow of Hollywood's twinkling lights

By Maria Gallagher, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

I have found that memoirs of female celebrities these days invariably touch on the issue of abortion.

It should not be surprising, given the fact that abortions became tragically commonplace

The law of averages indicates that a number of actresses have had abortions. In some cases, they go on to become benefactors and promoters of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion

hides. A number of the women coming to abortion centers have already been abused in some way—physically, sexually, emotionally. The abortionist continues the assault on body and soul by ripping the child

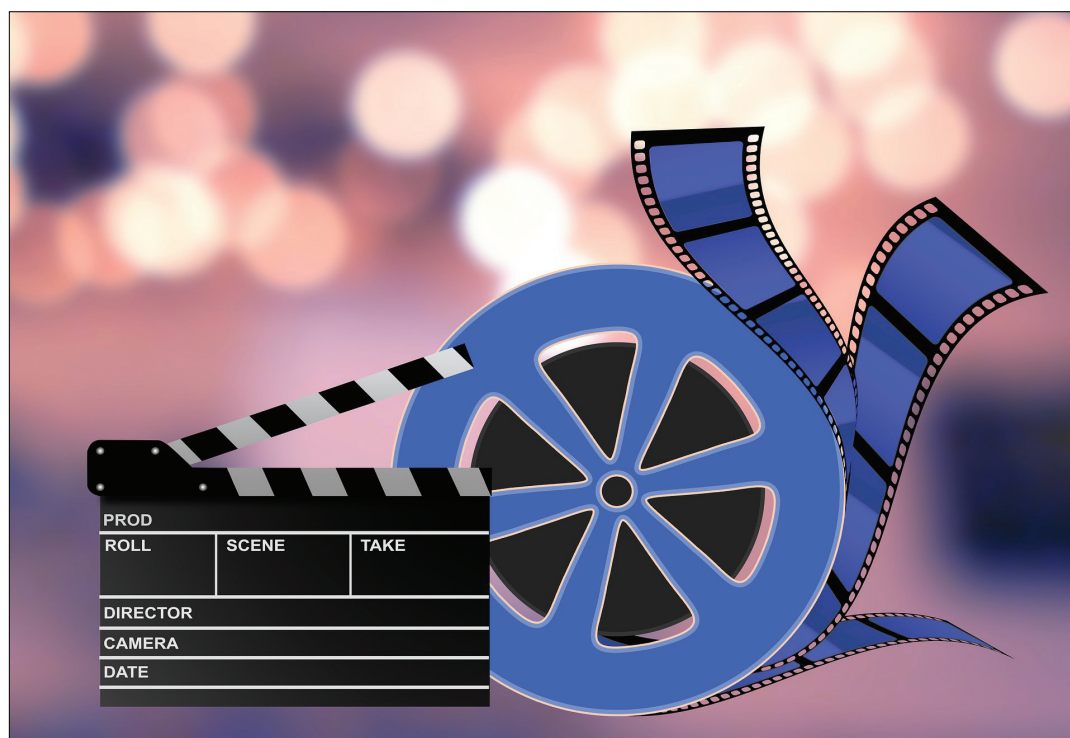
women—some famous, some not—who publicly regret their abortions and push for change in our laws and change in our culture. These courageous women have used their misery to work in ministries that provide healing and hope to women facing challenging pregnancies.

It takes a great deal of bravery—especially in the shadow of Hollywood's twinkling lights—to admit that one's abortion was wrong, that it caused a vulnerable human being's tragic end. With so many actresses accessorizing their gowns with Planned Parenthood pins on the Red Carpet, speaking out against abortion can seem a countercultural act.

But I truly believe that it will be women, notably women who have had abortions, who will turn the cultural tide toward the side of life. They are among the victims in our nation's abortion war, and it is their authentic voices which can be most effectively raised in defense of our preborn citizens.

No amount of Hollywood special effects can change the undeniable truth: abortion ends one life and harms another. Who knows—the baby saved from abortion today may grow up to become the screenwriter who pens the story of how the culture of life in America was reborn.

That's a movie I can't wait to see!



in the years following the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Roe v. Wade*.

More than 60 million precious babies have lost their lives to abortion in the decades since that fateful decision. Each of those children had a mother who was left behind—or, in some cases, who died along with them.

operation.

The two stories I recently came upon were of post-abortive celebrity women who continue to support the abortion industry. I noticed a commonality in their accounts. Both, sadly, had been victims of abuse.

This is the dirty little secret which the abortion industry

out of their wombs.

And in this way the cycle of violence continues.

I pray for the two celebrities who have not yet come to terms for what was lost in those abortions—a unique, unmatched son or daughter. A child was sacrificed who can never be replaced.

Meanwhile, I salute those

Over 500 Babies Born Thanks to Abortion Pill Reversal

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answers well over 100 calls per month from its 24-7 helpline (1-877-558-0333) run by Heartbeat International's Option Line. That figure is up from 50 calls per month since the hotline changed hands this spring.

Abortion Pill Reversal's Proven Success

With chemical abortions accounting for as many as 40 percent of abortions throughout the U.S., the need for Abortion Pill Reversal is great.

Otherwise known as the "abortion pill" or RU-486, chemical abortions actually involve a two-pill regimen.

The first pill, mifepristone, works by telling a woman's body to stop producing progesterone—a natural hormone that is necessary to sustain a healthy pregnancy—thereby starving the baby of nutrients. The second pill, typically misoprostol, induces labor, forcing her body to expel the baby.

Pioneered by doctors George Delgado and Matt Harrison in 2007, the Abortion Pill Reversal treatment works by giving women extra progesterone up to 72 hours after a woman takes the first pill, mifepristone.

Research released by Delgado this year revealed the protocol's success. According to his study, up to 68 percent of women who changed their mind about an abortion and started the Abortion Pill Reversal treatment were able to give birth to a perfectly healthy baby.

The findings, though reaffirming of Abortion Pill Reversal's validity, were not altogether surprising since progesterone has been used as an FDA-approved protocol to

prevent miscarriages since the 1950s.

Now, successful Abortion Pill Reversal has been reported in 46 states and 17 countries, including the U.S. There are 430 medical practices, in addition to 84 pregnancy help centers that prescribe Abortion Pill Reversal.

Although abortion advocates have dismissed the life-saving treatment as "junk science," dozens of women are now publicly sharing their success stories, putting faces and names to the human beings who are alive today because of Abortion Pill Reversal.

Emily is one of them.

Emily's Story

At 19, when Emily discovered she was pregnant, she was happy, surprised, and scared all at the same time. A freshman in college and living at home, she feared her parents' reaction.

Although her sister and her best friend built her up with encouragement, her ex-boyfriend, the father of her baby, responded with anger.

"[He] told me I deserved it, it was my fault, and I was a horrible person who he wanted nothing to do with...I decided abortion was my only choice," Emily writes in a reflection.

At four weeks pregnant, she made an appointment at Planned Parenthood. Her experience there was far from optimal.

"They rushed through my appointment and gave me the first half of the abortion pill," she wrote. "I felt horrible being at Planned Parenthood. They treated me as if nobody cared about me."

She left Planned Parenthood feeling terrible.

"When I went home from

Planned Parenthood at 5:30 pm on a Friday in downtown California traffic, it was pouring rain and I felt like it was God crying tears for me," she writes. "I cried the whole way home. I felt so sad that I took the pill in the little white cup at Planned Parenthood."

Worse still, this was the second time she'd done it. At 17, she had her first abortion, what she says is her "worst memory, the worst thing I've ever done."

"I regret it every day of my life and it breaks my heart continually," she says.

When she got home, things began to change as she prayed, asking God for help.

"As soon as I got home I took a shower to hide how much I was crying from my parents," Emily writes. "I cried under the water for a few minutes before I decided an abortion is not what I wanted. I wanted my baby. I began to pray as hard as I could for forgiveness and help."

Then, she had an idea: Maybe she could "reverse" the abortion.

"I know God put it in my mind because I had no idea what that was previously or if it was possible," she writes.

With her sister at her side, she did a Google search and found a hotline number, which she dialed immediately. A woman answered her call and connected her to a local pregnancy help center where she made an appointment for early the next morning.

"They showed me models of the baby at various stages of pregnancy and I saw how tiny,

vulnerable and beautiful a baby was," she said.

As soon as I got home I pulled my mom into my bedroom and told her everything. She cried when I said I got an abortion but was happy but weary when I told her about the reversal. She came with me to my next appointment on Sunday and joined me once and for all. To this day she's never left my side or support. She supported me my whole pregnancy and she does now as the best grandma (to) my child. I heard the heartbeat in November right before Thanksgiving and I was so happy to know the reversal worked! I thanked God so much as I continue to everyday for my blessing. At nineteen weeks I discovered I was having a boy. I named him Ezekiel, which means "God Strengthens."

Today, Emily is married to a man who she says loves Ezekiel as much as she does. Zeke, as they call him, is in preschool and Emily works as a paraeducator for special needs third graders.

"God saved my life by saving my son's life," Emily says. "Zeke means everything to me and is the best thing that's ever happened to me. Being a mom came so naturally to me and it gave me the strength to get to know God again, go back to college, get a good job and buy a house. Everything I do, I do for Zeke and because of Zeke. He is the absolute light of my life and I love him with my whole heart. There's nothing I wouldn't do for him."

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