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IN THE NEWS:

May 13, 2013—Philadelphia (LifeSiteNews.com) **GUILTY!!** A Philadelphia jury, 9 of whom consider themselves to be pro-choice, has found late-term abortionist Kermit Gosnell guilty of murdering three of four babies born alive during late-term abortions. Kermit Gosnell, a 72-year-old abortionist who faced hundreds of charges ranging from first-degree murder to racketeering to tampering with evidence, showed no emotion as the verdict was handed down.

The jury found Gosnell guilty of murdering Babies A, C, and D. Gosnell joked Baby A, who was photographed by one of his employees, was big enough to "walk me to the bus stop." Baby D was born alive in a toilet and struggled to swim out, according to testimony of a former employee. The jury also convicted Kermit Gosnell of involuntary manslaughter in the 2009 abortion death of a 41-year-old immigrant who died when his untrained staff administered an overdose of sedatives.

Jurors found Gosnell had committed first-degree murder when he allowed the babies to be born alive, then "snipped" their spinal cords with scissors—a practice his employees said they saw him perform "hundreds" of times

The defense claimed that Gosnell had injected the babies with Digoxin, stopping their heart, and "snipped" the babies only to "ensure fetal demise." However, no Digoxin was found on the premises with authorities raided the Women's Medical Society offices in West Philadelphia.

Horrifying testimony from the facility's workers confirmed the babies sometimes lived as long as 20 minutes before being subjected to the painful procedure.

Former Gosnell assistant Tina Baldwin said one baby's agonized thrashing caused Gosnell to joke, "That's what you call a chicken with its head cut off."

The mainstream media showed little interest in the story—which combined elements of murder, macabre practices,

and economic and racial health disparities—until a tweetfest generated more than half-a-million comments using the #Gosnell hashtag.

Gosnell avoided the death penalty by waiving his right to an appeal in exchange for three consecutive life sentences.



May 15, 2013—Houston (LifeSiteNews.com) Houston prosecutors and officials with the state of Texas announced that they have launched criminal investigations of Douglas Karpen, the late-term abortionist who twisted newborn babies' heads off with his bare hands, cut the spinal cords, or introduced one of the instruments into the soft-spot of the fetus in order to kill the fetus according to his former employees.

After an intense pro-life lobbying effort, the Harris County District Attorney's Office announced Wednesday afternoon it had opened an early probe into allegations raised by three former employees that Karpen was guilty of infanticide in a manner reminiscent of Kermit Gosnell. "We have several people looking into the allegations," said Sara Marie Kinney, a spokeswoman for the Harris County DA's office.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurt had demanded a full-scale investigation earlier that day.

Testimony of three former employees along with photographs taken by them have been submitted to the Texas Medical Board along with a statement noting Karpen's documented history of botched abortions, including one that killed 15-year old Denis Montoya, who hemorrhaged and died after a 26-week abortion in 1988.

The website for Karpen's three abortion offices says, "Every woman deserves world class care."

May 16, 2013—Planned Parenthood has a new ad campaign. It reads, "Your baby will *thank you*" (*emphasis added*). Can you believe that?



YOUR BABY WILL THANK YOU.

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Planned Parenthood recently released its "Care. No matter what." slogan, around the same time the abortion giant decided that claiming to be "pro-choice" wasn't the best way to win people to their side. Apparently, they also think the same people will believe that the baby they went to Planned Parenthood to have killed will one day thank them for it! Join us in praying for an end to abortion in front of the Yuba City Planned Parenthood the last Wednesday of every month from 4pm-5pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

You Fre Cordially Invited To our meet-

ings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** (**except August**) at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

40 Days for Life in Yuba City? YES! Join us in front of the Planned Parenthood on Palora Avenue the **last Wednesday of each month** from 4-5pm. For more information, call Heather at 751-9349.

Yuba-Sutter Fair: This year the fair will be from July 31-August 4. Did you know that Yuba-Sutter Right to Life has been the area's pro-life presence at the fair for 34 years?! If you would like to join us in working at the booth, call Maureen at 673-1437 or email secretary@ysrtl.org.

IN THE NEWS CONTINUED:

May 23, 2013—WASHINGTON, D.C. Members of the House of Representatives heard testimony Thursday from two former abortion industry workers as hearings were held on a bill that would ban abortions after 20 weeks gestation, when the nervous system has developed sufficiently to allow babies to feel pain.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (<u>H.R.</u> 1797) was introduced by Rep. Trent Franks, R-AZ.

Former abortionist Anthony Levatino shared with legislators the medical reality behind late-term abortions—describing for them in graphic detail how live babies are torn limb from limb and their head is squeezed until the brains ooze out in order to remove it from the uterus. He then added, "If you refuse to believe that this procedure inflicts severe pain on that unborn child, please think again."

May 30, 2013—SACRAMENTO, CA

The California State Assembly voted to allow nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and physician assistants to perform suction abortions. Even licensed physicians while performing suction abortions, injure women sometimes so severely, they die.

Assemblywoman Toni Atkins, a San Diego Democrat said, "This is about providing quality, safe health care for women." We believe this is ludicrous and extremely dangerous for women.

Assemblywoman Marie Waldron, R—Escondido, said, "This is not a simple procedure. It is basically a surgery. Abortion at all costs, especially the cost of women's health is wrong."

The 49-24 vote sent the bill to the Senate, where prolife groups will fight it. Please be ready to help.

A Woman's Friend Walk for Life Results:

The total amount raised thus far is \$63,983! The total number of people who participated in the walk is 250 (sponsored by 1,693 people). The top money-raisers are:

St. Isidore Catholic Church
River Valley Christian Fell.
Loma Rica Community
\$8,203.00
\$5,855.00
\$4,830.00

A <u>BIG</u> thank you to all who participated and walked (or rocked) for life!



March 8, 2013 (LiveActionNews.org) Even though, according to Planned Parenthood's own statistics, less than 1% of all abortions are performed on women who were raped or were victims of incest, pro-abortion activists insist that abortion must be legal for these women.

Statistics about rape victims and abortion are surprising to many people. There have been two studies done about pregnant rape victims. In each study, 70% of the women chose to keep their babies. This defies the stereotype that all raped women want abortions. According to the two doctors who conducted one study, ".....pregnancy need not impede the victim's resolution of the trauma; rather, with loving support, non-judgmental attitudes, and empathic communication, healthy emotion and psychological responses are possible despite the added burden or pregnancy."

The second study, conducted in 2000, revealed that 78% of the women who had abortions after their rapes felt that they'd made the wrong decision and said that "abortion is not the answer for women who were raped." In contrast, not a single one of the women who had their children regretted it. Some of these women had given up their babies for adoption, and some had kept their ba-

bies—but the unifying factor among all of them was that none of them regretted giving birth.

All children are gifts from God. It makes no difference how they are conceived.

