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American Medical Association Joins Planned Parenthood to Promote Killing Babies in Abortion

The American Medical Association (AMA), the nation's largest doctors' group, filed a petition to the Supreme Court October 1st asking it to strike down a rule from the Trump administration barring clinics funded by taxpayers from referring women for abortions.

The petition was also filed in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood, the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association and Essential Access Health, which administers the Title X family planning program in California.

<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/519170-american-medical-association-asks-supreme-court-to-strike-trump-abortion>

Administration Slates \$35M to Help Survivors of Human Trafficking

The Justice Department Office for Victims of Crime will award the funds to 73 organizations across the nation to provide six to 24 months of transitional or short-term housing assistance for trafficking victims, a White House official said.

The money can go toward rent, utilities, or related expenses such as security deposits and relocation costs. The federal grants also will go toward paying to help trafficking victims find permanent housing, secure employment, and receive occupational training and counseling.

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/08/04/trump-administration-slates-35m-to-help-survivors-of-human-trafficking/>

PA CAPITAL WATCH

* **Protecting victims of rape and their children.** The state senate passed a bill championed by House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre) that takes a stand for rape victims and their families by removing the requirement of having an adoptive family lined up in order to terminate the rights of a perpetrator of rape or sexual assault that resulted in pregnancy. "Pennsylvania's Adoption Act has an antiquated and harmful loophole that undermines the safety and strips away the rights of victims and their children," said Benninghoff. House Bill 1984 updates the law to close that loophole. It now awaits Gov. Wolf's signature.

* **Helping newborns.** Senate approves DiSanto bill to screen newborns so they can get help. The state senate unanimously approved legislation by Sen. John DiSanto (R-Dauphin/Perry) to ensure children born in Pennsylvania are comprehensively screened for all recommended disorders so that newborns may receive prompt treatment and prevent instances of permanent disability or even death.

* **Adoption and foster care.** Senate committee passes tax credits for adoptions and foster care. Legislation by Rep. Tarah Toohil (R-Luzerne) would create a tax credit for families that provide homes by foster care or adoption to children in the care of the Department of Human Services. It would establish a one-time \$1,000 adoption tax credit and a \$500 foster care tax credit that a parent can claim on his or her federal tax return. The Department of Human Services would make available \$10 million in tax credits each fiscal year to support the program. HB 296 was overwhelmingly approved by the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday and sent to the full Senate for consideration.

* **Fighting child pornography.** Legislation passed by the state Senate strengthens penalties for the heinous crime of child pornography and creates a task force to help prevent children from being victimized in the future. SB 1072 by Sen. Dave Arnold (R-Lebanon) would boost penalties in all cases of child pornography in which the child is under the age of 10 or prepubescent.*

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New Records Show FDA Purchased Body Parts of Aborted Babies for Tax-Funded Research

Judicial Watch announced it received 165 pages of records from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) showing the FDA between 2012 and 2018 entered into eight contracts worth \$96,370 with Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR) to acquire "fresh and never frozen" tissue from 1st and 2nd trimester aborted fetuses for use in creating "humanized mice" for ongoing research. <https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/fda-humanized-mice/>



Could Car Seat Laws Really Be Lowering Birthrates?

According to the working paper "Car Seats as Contraception" written in July by finance professors Jordan Dickerson of MIT and David Solomon of Boston College, state policies on car seats are responsible for an estimated 145,000 fewer births in the U.S. between 1980 and 2017 because of the potential costs they bear on families.

The professors argue that stricter safety requirements over time have forced the sharpest decline in births after 2008--as the total fertility rate in the U.S. also plummeted.

The professors argued that given that many cars cannot fit three car seats in one back row, many families desiring a third child were faced with the prospect of having to buy a bigger car, in addition to a third car seat.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/could-car-seat-laws-really-be-lowering-birthrates-13079>



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Catholic Bishops Back Title IX Law on 'Trans Athletes'

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has given its support to a new piece of legislation that aims to keep male athletes from competing on athletic teams and in competitions for women and girls.

Jesuit Bishop Michael C. Barber, of Oakland and Bishop David A. Konderla of Tulsa sent a letter on October 27 to Sen. Kelly Loeffler, R-Ga., and Rep. Greg Steube, R-Fla., the lead sponsors of the Senate and House versions of the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, applauding their bill.

The legislation would prevent entities receiving federal Title IX funds from allowing male students to participate in athletic programs and on teams for female students.

Bishop Barber is the leader of the USCCB's committee on Catholic education; Bishop Konderla is the chairman of the subcommittee for the promotion and the protection of marriage.

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/catholic-bishops-back-title-ix-law-on-trans-athletes>

Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett as Supreme Court Associate Justice



The Senate voted October 26 to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett to be the next Associate Justice on the Supreme Court, replacing pro-abortion Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg following her death.

"Rarely have we ever had a nominee as extraordinary as the one we have before us right now," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said before the vote. "We've had a chance to witness this outstanding nominee. We've watched her in committee. She's demonstrated she has the deep legal expertise, dispassionate judicial temperament and sheer intellectual horsepower that the American people deserve to have on their Supreme Court."

Leading pro-life groups strongly supported Judge Barrett and told LifeNews.com they were ecstatic that she received a positive confirmation vote.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/10/26/senate-confirms-amy-coney-barrett-as-supreme-court-associate-justice/>

CULTURE OF DEATH Dutch Government Backs Euthanasia for Children Under 12

The Dutch government is backing euthanasia for children under 12. Under the new rule, the government expects between five and 10 children a year to be euthanized.

In 2019, there was a total of 6,361 cases of euthanasia in the country.

Euthanasia is already legal in the Netherlands for infants under one year, with parental consent, and of minors 12-15 with their consent and that of their parents. Voluntary euthanasia is available to those aged 16-17 without parental consent.

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/dutch-government-backs-euthanasia-for-children-under-12>



Satanic Temple Claims Killing Babies in Abortions is a Protected Religious Ceremony

The Satanic Temple admitted proudly that, in their belief system, killing an unborn baby in an abortion is a religious ritual similar to communion or baptism for Christians.

"The Satanic Temple is proud to announce its Religious Abortion Ritual, a ceremony rooted in our deeply-held beliefs," the group said in a video announcement on YouTube. "Thyself is thy master. Hail Satan!"

The disturbing announcement is part of the cult's new plan to overturn pro-life laws using a religious freedom argument.

So far, all of the Satanic Temple's lawsuits against pro-life laws have failed. In June, a federal appeals court rejected their latest attempt at challenging Missouri's informed consent law. In 2019, the Missouri Supreme Court dismissed another one of the Satanic Temple's lawsuits. But every time they lose, they try again with a new approach.

The Satanic Temple is heavily involved in abortion activism in the U.S. Breitbart once described its work as a "pro-abortion crusade to come to the aid of America's largest abortion provider," Planned Parenthood.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/08/05/satanic-temple-claims-killing-babies-in-abortions-is-a-protected-religious-ceremony/>

"The Constitution contains no right to abortion. It is not to be found in the longstanding traditions of our society, nor can it be logically deduced from the text of the Constitution."

Justice Antonin Scalia