

Amazing Heart Surgery

After practicing a few times with a model of jello and a grape – the grape standing in for the heart (of a 25-week-old unborn baby), the jello standing in for the surrounding body – a team of doctors at CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center did surgery on that unborn baby.

The unborn baby's heart was developing with one valve too narrow – severe aortic stenosis. The blood coming into the heart was being severely restricted and was backing up in the left ventricle.

The procedure is known as a fetal aortic valvuloplasty. The baby was given anesthesia and a muscle relaxant so he or she wouldn't switch position at an inopportune time.

Dr. Ramen Chmait, assistant professor at Keck School of Medicine of USC and director of Los Angeles Fetal Therapy, did the surgery.

Using a wire the width of a hair; a balloon just a few millimeters wide, and a needle measuring exactly 11 centimeters, Dr. Chmait inserted the needle through the mom's belly, into the uterus, through the amniotic cavity and into the baby's chest.

The surgery was performed on September 25. By October 15, the doctors said the operation was already showing signs of success.

Excerpts: Ertelt, S.; "Doctors Operate..." LifeNews; 15 Oct 13;
Added text from a Los Angeles Times report.

40 Days for Life ended

During the recent 40 Days of prayer and fasting, over 476 babies are known to have been saved from abortion.

Add that to the number of babies who were saved during all previous 40 Days for Life campaigns and the total is now 8,012 babies whose lives were spared!!

The Lord has truly heard and answered prayers!
Report from Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life Coordinator, 4 Nov 13

Banning Late Abortions

In late October, 16 states filed briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court, requesting reversal of a Ninth Circuit Court ruling to overturn the 2012 Arizona law, which banned abortions after 20 weeks because the unborn child feels pain.

The Supreme Court also received briefs from numerous medical associations, Down Syndrome advocacy organizations, prolife groups, pregnancy centers and others in support of banning late abortions.

"The Mother's Health and Safety Act" (1) prohibits abortion after 20 weeks; (2) requires an ultrasound at least 24 hours prior to an abortion; (3) establishes an informed consent website...

...which details fetal development, risks of abortions and services available; (4) along with requiring those performing surgical abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital with 30 miles of the abortuary.

Let's hope and pray that our Supreme Court will take proper steps to protect those babies! [Ed.]

Excerpts: Ertelt, S; "16 States Tell..."; LifeNews; 31 Oct 2013

The ACLU Stands Firm?!

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) supports the destruction of innocent pre-born babies. Some of the ACLU's positions are:

Americans should be angry at the pro-life laws currently being passed in many states; abstinence is old-fashioned and should be laughed at; striving for equality for all human beings is "regress," not "progress."

Additionally, people who stand [and pray] outside abortuaries intend to shame women.

So wrong!! Loving those women and their babies is critically important! [Ed.]

Our thanks to Kristi Burton Brown, a pro-life attorney, who compiled this information for *Live Action News*.

The President's Corner

The governor of California recently signed two bills that he claimed would "support the health and well-being of women."¹

What do these bills actually do? They permit *non-physicians* (i.e., midwives, nurse practitioners, and physicians' assistants) to perform abortions and they *reduce* the health standards for abortuaries. The laws do the opposite of what the governor claimed they would do.

How is it that with abortion, unlike any other medical scenario, less training and regulation is better for women? I'm sure Ayanna Byer, who has filed a malpractice suit against Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs, would like to know.

Notably, the health clinic regulations and license requirements of the State of Colorado do not apply to Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs.²

When it comes to abortion, language and regulation are turned upside down. In reality, Planned Parenthood serves itself, not women. We must make this known to every woman, especially those going to Planned Parenthood.

¹ Ben Johnson, "Governor Jerry Brown signs bill allowing nurses and midwives to perform abortions in California,"

² Kyle Forti, "Planned Parenthood Clinics Not Regulated by Colorado Health and Medical Standards," *mediatrackers.org*, 18 March 2013.

Matt

Are You Being "Called"?

Due to the passage of strong, pro-life laws, several abortion mills have closed across the country. This is good news, but the battle is far from won, we must persevere.

Dedicated members at Pikes Peak Citizens for Life (PPCFL) will continue to keep before our community, informative, thought-provoking pro-life messages, thanks to the generous funding of our donors.

However, our small band of active volunteers is, truly, in need of fresh talents and committed hearts to join in our work and to introduce the new advances in communication technologies into the battle against the culture of death.

If you have strong feelings toward promoting and defending life, please consider sitting in on one of our monthly meetings, which occur on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm at our office. Come and find your place with us... be a vibrant, new voice for the voiceless.

Cleta Jasper for Pikes Peak Citizens for Life

"This Time"

For those with internet: Grammy-winning singer/songwriter, John Elephante, puts his heart into a powerful prolife message.

His new song, *This Time*, tells the story of his adopted daughter, Sami, whose young mother could easily have aborted her.

Go to: <http://liferightnow.net/2013/09/21/this-time-a-musicians-pro-life-story/>

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Our Ongoing Proposition...

If you have e-mail, would you like to receive your newsletter by that mode?

If so, e-mail your name and address (for positive identification) to "join the crowd!" contact@ppcitizensforlife.org

We Must Remember

"We are right now in the most discouraging period of that long conflict. (the Culture War)

"Humanly speaking, we can say that we have lost all those battles,

"But God is in control and we are not going to give up now, right?"

Dr. James Dobson, April, 2009

"He alone, who owns the youth, gains the future." **Adolph Hitler**

[We must persevere! ed]

Organs at any Cost

In our November newsletter, we reported the call for mandatory organ donation. The first case of a **child being trafficked to Britain in order to have her organs harvested** has been uncovered.

The UK Telegraph reported on 18 Oct 2013:

“The unnamed girl was brought to the UK from Somalia with the intention of removing her organs and selling them to those desperate for a transplant.

“Child protection charities warned that the case was unlikely to be an isolated incident as traffickers were likely to have smuggled a group of children into the country.

“The case emerged in a government report which showed that the number of human trafficking victims in the UK has risen by more than 50% last year and reached record levels.

“A total of 371 children were exploited, with the majority of them being used as slaves or sexually abused. They included 95 children from Vietnam, 67 from Nigeria and 25 from China. Others hailed from Romania and Bangladesh.

“The figures also detail how 20 British girls have been victims of human trafficking. It comes after a series of court cases in which British girls were raped and exploited by gangs of Asian men.”

Excerpts: Smith, Wesley; “Officials Discover...” LifeNews, 20 Oct 13

The call for organ donation in the U.S. is pushing our nation into inhumane territory.

The reduced supply of organs and the increased demand for organs has many in bioethics and organ transplant medicine urging that we kill living, seriously brain injured patients for their organs.

In Belgium, doctors kill and harvest organs as part of the euthanasia program. In China, people are matched and murdered to supply organs to buyers.

Organ transplant medicine is a wonderful thing. But the desire to help desperately ill patients threatens to induce us to abandon morality and ethics in the name of healing.

Will we ever regain respect for all human life from the womb to the tomb??!!

Excerpts: Smith, Wesley; “Safer Cars means...” LifeNews, 30 Oct 13

Boulder, CO - 40 Days

The Boulder Abortion Clinic (BAC) spent thousands of dollars to build a huge fence along the sidewalk where 40 Days for Life volunteers pray, limiting interactions with clients.

“However” said Brenda, the local coordinator, “our shirts and balloons are getting so much attention we are able to share [that BAC aborts babies up to birth.] Most people have no idea.”

Recently, a teenage girl and her mother walked up and asked what was going on. Brenda explained the vigil to them.

The mother turned to her daughter and said, “These people have true conviction about this and I don’t ever want you to mock them again!”

But **that’s not the end of the story**. When Brenda showed the daughter a model of a 12-week baby, the mother began to cry...and said she’d had two abortions many years ago after being told the baby was nothing more than “a clump of cells.”

Brenda offered her information about Rachel’s Vineyard retreats for healing after abortion. The mother dried her eyes and thanked her; then left with her daughter.

“Don’t, for a minute, think that what we do out there is not important!” Brenda said.

Promiscuity is O.K.??!!

Planned Parenthood is telling teens that having sex with a “big number of sexual partners” poses no health risks.

PP invites its young target audience to ask staffers sexually themed questions on plannedparenthood.tumblr.com, with the title: “Ask us anything. No judgments”

Alex, an “expert” with PP, counseled: “...there’s nothing bad or unhealthy about having a big number of sexual partners.”

However, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) lists “abstinence and reduction of number of sex partners” as the first method of preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Is Planned Parenthood trying to get young people “hooked on sex” so they can supply them with contraceptives, STD testing, and abortion??

Excerpts: Johnson, Ben, “PP gives medically...” LifeSiteNews, 25 Oct 2013

Breakfast, Lunch & Hugs

“Tim’s Place”, an Albuquerque, New Mexico, restaurant is owned by a 26-year-old man with Down syndrome – Tim Harris.

John Stonestreet tells of his experience at Tim’s Place. “Tim met us at the door, gave us big hugs, and made everyone – especially my daughters – laugh and smile the entire time we were there.”

“At the end of the meal, he stood up in front of the entire restaurant and announced that he had some “awards” to give out.”

“Then he called up my three daughters by name to the front of the restaurant and gave them handwritten, personally signed certificates for being cute princesses, while everyone clapped.”

[He is] awesome and he has an incredible gift for making everyone around him feel awesome, too.

Tim’s story – and many others like it – needs to be heard and shared.

Excerpts: Stonestreet, J.; “Tim’s Place...” LifeNews; 24 Sept 13

Saving the Unborn Baby

Lake Perry is now 11-months-old, alive because a team of doctors at the Children’s Hospital in Denver performed surgery on her at 36 weeks gestation during a cesarean operation on her mother.

The doctors kept Lake attached to the placenta while removing a cyst growing next to her left lung and closing the incision. After checking her windpipe, they completed her full delivery.

According to Dr. Timothy Crombleholme, Fetal Surgeon, at Children’s Hospital Colorado, normal delivery would have been very risky. “She was fine in utero, but once she was delivered, we were asking the lungs to support her. It just wouldn’t have worked.”

Lake would not have survived long after the birthing process had it not been for her skilled team of doctors. She was given oxygen for four months.

Now, little Lake is doing amazingly well. Learning to walk, she will have no lasting effects from the surgery.

Excerpts: Ertelt, S; “Surgery Saves...” LifeNews; 5 Nov 20