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 Where is the general fund check register on the county website? I request a copy of all payments to the Allentown Women's Center for the period of time February 1, 2014 through May 21, 2015. The Hyde Amendment prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for abortions - see attached. The chief solicitor needs to scrutinize the law and conduct a thorough and in-depth review. The people do not want tax dollars used to send children to the guillotine nor do they want evildoers as county managers.

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And how should one react to such antics? Pity for their juvenile snickering or anger over their obscenity?

One thing I know: these are not balanced persons. It would be a mortal sin of rash judgment to imply that the perpetrators of these weird antics are typical of the other side. Still, we shouldn't shrug off such activity as the actions of oddballs, few though they may be. Without constant vigilance, anyone is potentially seduce-able, little by little. What could have been further apart than the obscene rites of the pagan Canaanites (complete with phallic symbols) and the adoration of the Living God which God Himself taught to ancient Israel? Yet under the leadership of corrupt and worldly kings, Israel frequently relapsed into Canaanite idolatry and debauchery.

Sobering as it is to consider, evil can have influence like that, especially on young people who have been deprived of a firm spiritual foundation.

Again, these modern-day Canaanites should not be regarded as typical of the entire pro-abortion side, but they should be held up as warnings of what one *can* become, if one persists in one's errors. One photo in this LifeNews.com story showed a woman long past her youth carrying one of these genital symbols (home-made—she knitted or crocheted it) at some rally for "choice".

I would like to have every young person who has been exposed to PP propaganda, study the faces of their elders in the "choice" movement. One yearns to warn them: "Look at the angry, silly, scared, or jaded expressions on these faces. Is this really what you want to be like in another 30 or 40 years?"

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"By the time he is 50, every man gets the face he deserves." (George Orwell)

"Lord Jesus, have pity on those who have no pity on themselves." (St. Teresa of Avila)

ABORTION: STILL A PRIORITY FOR MANY DEMOCRATS

Philadelphia Daily News columnist and immigration lawyer Christine M. Flowers reported that 41 Senate Democrats opposed a bill in February, the "Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking Act" (JVHTA), which would have provided funding to help victims of human trafficking crimes (e.g., enforced labor, being forced into the sex industry, etc.). Initially, Ms. Flowers wrote, Democrats favored the bill, until they realized Hyde Amendment restrictions would apply to it, barring federal money from being used to fund abortions.

Some quibblers argued that the Hyde Amendment is supposed to apply only to taxpayer money, and that since some funding under the JHVTA would come from criminal fines paid by convicted traffickers, the Hyde Amendment would not apply. But it was point-

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money;" it does not use the more restrictive term, "taxpayer money". Criminal fines levied and collected by the federal government are federal funds; therefore the Hyde Amendment would have applied to this bill.

When it became clear that the Hyde Amendment would indeed apply to the JHVTA, 41 Senate Democrats voted against it, rather than risk the displeasure of the abortion lobby.

TO HIS CREDIT, Senator Robert Casey Jr. broke ranks with those 41 and voted the right way on this one, in favor of the JHVTA. Let's keep praying for him. (Christine Flowers, reprinted in the Times Leader.) Ms. Flowers is a staunch pro-lifer with a "right between the eyes" style of writing.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY EXPANDS LATE-TERM ABORTIONS

On March 25 (the Solemnity of the Annunciation!) the New York State Assembly approved passage of AB6221, which would expand late-term abortions and allow non-doctors to perform abortions.

The New York law had allowed third-trimester abortions when a mother's life is in danger. AB6221 allows abortion for any reason deemed "relevant to the well-being of the patient" including physical, emotional, psychological and familial factors, and the mother's age. Governor Andrew Cuomo favored this more "expansive" bill.

Lori Kehoe, executive director of New York State Right to Life, said, "Expanding cruel and brutal third-trimester abortions has long been a goal of the anti-life lobby who never met an abortion they didn't like." "With no regard for the fully developed unborn baby who is violently dismembered, or otherwise killed, the New York State Assembly once again put the abortion lobby above New York State women and their children."

She added, "We now look once again to the Senate to hold the line in defense of the children which happens to also be in accordance with the will of the rest of the people...It is doubtful that our descendants will look kindly upon this period in our history, when we fought for the right to dismember babies weeks, days and even minutes before birth." (LifeNews.com March 25)



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Pennsylvania County Forced to Pay for Inmate's Abortion Despite Policy

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Wilkes Barre, PA (LifeNews.com) - The state of Pennsylvania is the latest to grapple with the issue of whether or not to pay for the abortion of a pregnant female inmate. Arizona, Missouri and Louisiana have all dealt with the question and debates in those states have wound up in court.



Prison officials at the Luzerne County prison say they have been forced to spend \$2,000 on a woman's late-term abortion.

The inmate in question was 20 weeks pregnant and had to be transported to Philadelphia for the abortion, Warden Gene Fisch told the Times Leader newspaper.

Fisch and Deputy Warden Sam Hyder told the newspaper they objected to spending taxpayer funds on the abortion but indicated they were legally obligated to do so.

They cited the case of Karen Ptaschnik of Hazleton who filed suit against the county in 1998 after the prison refused her request for an abortion. A judge ruled in her favor but she decided at the last minute to keep the baby.

The prison board then adopted a policy saying that abortions would only be paid for in cases of medical emergencies. However, Fisch told the Times Leader that county solicitor James Blaum and attorneys with the state Department of Corrections said the policy can't be enforced.

They said a 1987 case in federal court involving inmates in New Jersey trumped the prison board's rules by requiring prisons to give women all pregnancy options and pay for an abortion if she requests ones. "We were not in favor of it, but we can't sidetrack the law," Fisch said.

States are increasingly confronting the question of whether they can prohibit spending tax money on taking inmates for abortions.

In January, an Arizona state court of appeals unanimously ruled that Maricopa County must take pregnant inmates for abortions if they request one. County Sheriff Joe Arpaio had previously instituted a policy prohibiting the taking of prisoners for abortions because taxpayer funds would be involved in the transportation and staff time needed.

Arpaio had said the abortions would violate state laws against public funding of abortions but the appeals court ruled unanimously against his policy.

The ruling said Arpaio instituted an "exaggerated response" to the abortion funding statute and that his policy violates the privacy rights of the inmates.

The three judge Court of Appeals panel upheld the ruling of a lower district court that sided with the pro-abortion ACLU in its lawsuit seeking to overturn the abortion policy.

In October 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a federal judge's and appeals court decision allowing a Missouri inmate facing the same situation to have an abortion.

In 2004, a federal appeals court heard the case of a pregnant Louisiana inmate who sued the state because it denied her the ability to get an abortion. There, county officials said a law prohibited taxpayer-funding of abortions required the county to prohibit women from being transported for abortions.

Pro-life groups there agreed the pro-life law was applied correctly.

"Louisiana law recognizes that prisoners should be given medically necessary treatment," said Dorinda Bordlee, a pro-life attorney with the Bioethics Defense Fund. "However, pregnancy is not a disease and elective abortion is not medically necessary."

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals eventually sided with the state against the inmate's request for the abortion.



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