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PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT RULES FOR ABORTION

In the lead opinion of a pro-abortion ruling, two Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices argued that the state's constitution contains a "fundamental right" to "reproductive autonomy." The 3-2 decision on Monday overturned a provision of a 1982 state law prohibiting the use of Medicaid taxpayer dollars to fund abortions.

Current Pennsylvania law "permits abortions through the 23rd week of pregnancy."

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is composed of five Democratic justices and two Republicans. Two of the court's seven justices – one Democratic and one Republican – did not take part in the case, due to how recently they were elected.

[Pa. Supreme Court sets up showdown over whether abortion is protected by state constitution \(inquirer.com\)](#)

Justice Department Sues Over Tennessee's HIV Prostitution Law

The Biden Department of Justice (DOJ) on Thursday sued the state of Tennessee over a law protecting people from the spread of HIV. The law heavily penalizes people who engage in prostitution while knowingly infected with HIV. The DOJ claims the legislation violates the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tennessee's law, passed in 1991, raises prostitution from a misdemeanor to a felony "when, knowing that such person is infected with HIV, the person engages in sexual activity as a business or is an inmate in a house of prostitution or loiters in a public place for the purpose of being hired to engage in sexual activity."

[Biden's Justice Department Sues Over Tennessee's HIV Prostitution Law | The Daily Wire](#)



Doctors Ask Supreme Court to Stop Mail-Order Abortions

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration that found the FDA must restore critical safeguards for chemical abortion drugs.

The appeals court condemned the improper FDA approval process for the drug and restored strict limits on the drug meant to protect women's health that the Biden administration removed.

Now, a pro-life legal group representing the doctors and medical professions behind the case are asking the Supreme Court to uphold the 5th Circuit's ruling.

[Doctors Ask Supreme Court to Stop Mail-Order Abortions - LifeNews.com](#)

USA/ EU Argue Protection of Virtual Pedophile Smut



The Biden administration, the European Union, and other Western countries have asked the General Assembly of the United Nations to decriminalize some forms of teenage child pornography and virtual child pornography. This in a new binding treaty on cybercrime.

The new treaty would replace the strict unified standard against child pornography used in international law with a flexible one that varies between countries. Western countries argued the new standard is necessary to protect the sexual autonomy of teenagers who share sexual images of themselves and the privacy of people who produce and consume some forms of virtual child pornography.

The Holy See delegation said it was "extremely concerned" with the changes the treaty was proposing to the international legal framework for the protection of children. "We think that this really allows for the production of simulated and artificially generated images," the Holy See delegate said.

[Biden/Europeans Argue Protection of Virtual Pedophile Smut - C-Fam](#) Center for Family and Human Rights 2/8/24

Illinois Bill Could Imprison Parents For Not Helping Daughters Abort

Illinois parents and guardians could face criminal child abuse charges if they don't help their children or others under their care get abortions.

The proposed legislation would also target parents who decline to help their minors undergo surgical or chemical mutilation in order to present themselves as the opposite sex. It would also shield abortionists, surgeons, and other medical professionals from "civil or criminal liability" if they kill preborn babies or remove healthy organs from kids without their parent's consent.

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The state has already legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. The state also no longer requires parental notification. In addition, Illinois directly funds abortions using taxpayer dollars following a law signed by liberal Republican Governor Bruce Rauner in 2017.

[Illinois bill could imprison parents for not helping daughters abort their grandchild - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\)](#)



French Legislators Overwhelmingly Vote To Enshrine 'Freedom' Of Abortion In Constitution

An overwhelming majority of members of the French National Assembly on Tuesday approved a government-proposed revision of the Constitution enshrining the "freedom" of women to have an abortion: 493 members voted in favor, while only 30 voted against, and 23 abstained.

The pro-abortion law has been fast-tracked by the French government in order to obtain its adoption on or around March 8, 'International Women's Day.'

[French legislators overwhelmingly vote to enshrine 'freedom' of abortion in constitution - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\)](#)

Sexually transmitted syphilis cases soar to highest levels in 70 years, CDC data shows

Syphilis cases are at their highest level in seven decades, according to new data released by the CDC. The news comes as popular culture continues to celebrate promiscuity and homosexuality despite the fact that both behaviors are known transmitters of the disease.

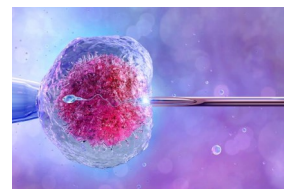
A CDC report published January 30 indicated that 207,255 cases of the sexually transmitted disease had been reported in 2022. That number includes over 3,700 cases of congenital syphilis in newborns.

[HHS Announces Department Actions to Slow Surging Syphilis Epidemic | HHS.gov](#)

HOUSE PASSES HUMAN TRAFFICKING BILL IN LANDSLIDE

The House passed legislation on Feb. 13 to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act "in a landslide vote of 414-11" to help strengthen the fight against human trafficking. Rep. Chris Smith, R-NJ, a Catholic, authored the legislation. Senate must confirm.

[U.S. House Votes to Renew Critical Trafficking Victims Protection](#)



Alabama Supreme Court rules that frozen human embryos constitute children under state law

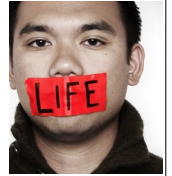
The 8-1 ruling came following a lawsuit brought by several parents whose frozen embryos had been accidentally destroyed at a fertility clinic. The court said that the state's Wrongful Death of a Minor Act provisions extend to children "regardless of their location."

IVF is a procedure that artificially fuses sperm and egg in a lab environment to conceive a child outside the natural sexual act. According to the Mayo Clinic, IVF is typically used as a "treatment for infertility" that "also can be used to prevent passing on genetic problems to a child."

The Catholic Church has long opposed IVF as "morally unacceptable" because of the rejection of the natural procreative act of husband and wife, the commodification of the human child, and the destruction of embryonic human life, which is very common in the procedure.

[National Catholic Register 2/26/24](#)

Pro-Life Americans Appeal Conviction Putting Them in Prison for a Decade for Protesting Abortion



Six pro-lifers are facing up to 11 years in prison after a judge found them guilty of violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, after they allegedly "blockaded" an abortion facility outside of the city of Nashville in 2021.

The Religious Freedom law firm, The Thomas More Society, representing the group's leader, has announced that they will appeal the conviction.

"We are, of course, disappointed with the outcome," stated Thomas More Society Senior Counsel Steve Crampton, attorney for Vaughn: This was a peaceful demonstration by entirely peaceable citizens—filled with prayer, hymn-singing, and worship—oriented toward persuading expecting mothers not to abort their babies. Unfortunately, the Biden Department of Justice decided to characterize Paul Vaughn's peaceful actions as a felony "conspiracy against rights," to intimidate and punish Paul and other pro-life people and people of faith.

[Pro-Life Americans Appeal Bogus Conviction Putting Them in Prison for a Decade for Protesting Abortion - LifeNews.com](#)

Maryland Catholic Bishops Condemn State's Latest Push for Physician-Assisted Suicide

The Maryland Catholic Conference has condemned the latest attempt by state legislators to legalize physician assisted-suicide, sometimes referred to by the euphemism of "medical aid-in-dying."

The fatal procedure involves a doctor giving drugs to a person with a "terminal illness" who has fewer than six months to live so they can kill themselves.

'We urge all people of good will to demand that our lawmakers reject suicide as an end-of-life option and to choose the better, safer path that involves radical solidarity with those facing the end of their earthly journey.'

[Maryland Catholic bishops condemn state's latest push for physician-assisted suicide - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\)](#)



'Pro-life Spiderman' climbs the Las Vegas Sphere to raise money for pregnant homeless woman

The "Pro-Life Spiderman" scaled the 366-foot-tall Las Vegas Sphere this week to raise money for a homeless pregnant woman. The daring, controversial activist, who has completed many high-profile climbs, posted bond after he was immediately arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

Twenty-four-year-old Maison DesChamps climbed to the top of the iconic Las Vegas building, the largest spherical structure in the world. ['Pro-life Spiderman' climbs the Las Vegas Sphere to raise money for pregnant homeless woman - LifeSite \(lifesitenews.com\)](#)