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We've forgotten what belongs on page one

By Kirsten Powers, *USA Today*, 4/11/13
"Infant beheadings. Severed baby feet in jars. A child screaming after it was delivered alive during an abortion procedure. Haven't heard about these sickening accusations?"

"It's not your fault. Since the murder trial of Pennsylvania abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell began March 18, there has been precious little coverage of the case that should be on every news show and front page. The revolting revelations of Gosnell's former staff, who have been testifying to what they witnessed and did during late-term abortions, should shock anyone with a heart."

"NBC-10 Philadelphia reported that Stephen Massof, a former Gosnell worker, 'described how he snipped the spinal cords of babies, calling it literally a beheading. It is separating the brain from the body.' One former worker, Adrienne Moton, testified that Gosnell taught her his 'snipping' technique to use on infants born alive."

"Massof, who, like other witnesses, has himself pleaded guilty to serious crimes, testified, 'It would rain fetuses. Fetuses and blood all over the place.' Here is the headline the Associated Press put on a story about his testimony that he saw 100 babies born and then snipped: 'Staffer describes chaos at PA abortion clinic.'"

"'Chaos' isn't the real story here. Butchering babies that were already born and were older than the state's 24-week limit for abortions is the story. There is a reason the late Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Skeeters, bogs and Frenchmen

By Al Schneider
Come, enjoy some history with me. America's history is replete with heroics, like this:

Engaging in battle is challenging. It's us against them with live ammunition. I've been there, done that. Even for a youthful omnipotent, the experience can be grueling. I know what it's like to crawl on my belly to avoid gunfire, dig a hole and then live in it, existing on rations and stale water. I would not wish to repeat any of the misery.

Every so often, I read of others whose wartime ordeals make my own pale in comparison. Most recently, I read the account of Major Robert Rogers' mission during the French and Indian War. It made me wince. Imagine it. Rogers, along with 200 British troops, was ordered to venture behind French lines and head toward an Abenaki Indian encampment at St. Francis in Canada, a distance of about 100 miles. St. Francis, located near Quebec, served as a staging area for Indian raids into what is now northern Maine.

Major Rogers was a proven soldier. He was also a good counterfeiter, but was cleared of all charges so that he might be used to fight against the French who were dominating in the war.

The 100-mile troop movement to St. Francis proved to be painfully slow, consuming about 10 days. Almost the entire area was mosquito-infested swampland. Ground water kept the soldiers' feet soaked while mosquitoes feasted without mercy. To make matters worse, the French army was thought to be in pursuit. At night, the soldiers would cut limbs then cover them with leaves to form beds atop the bogs. I can only imagine the discomfort.

I have driven through water-covered bogs near Lake Champlain, much I imagine, like those encountered by Major Rogers. I

Girl Scouts USA and abortion

By Mary Hasson, *LifeNews.com*
"The Girl Scouts' Law insists that Girl Scouts be 'responsible for what I say and do.' When it comes to abortion, however, Girl Scouts USA "say" the magic words that keep pro-life members in the fold (i.e. that Girl Scouts 'does not take a position on sexuality, birth control or abortion'). What they 'do' behind the scenes is another story."

"Girl Scouts USA's hefty brand power — and funding — continue to fuel the pro-abortion advocacy of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Girl Scouts USA is unwilling to take any actions to distance themselves from WAGGGS' global advocacy for youth 'sexual rights and abortion' — even though WAGGGS claims to speak for all its members, including Girl Scouts USA."

"Recently emails were exchanged with two Girl Scouts USA spokespersons asking them to clarify the Girl Scouts' 'no position' stance in light of WAGGGS' leadership on the pro-abortion Bali Global Youth Forum Declaration (December, 2012).

called this procedure infanticide.

"Planned Parenthood recently claimed that the possibility of infants surviving late-term abortions was 'highly unusual.' The Gosnell case suggests otherwise."

"Regardless of such quibbles, about whether Gosnell was killing the infants one second after they left the womb instead of partially inside or completely inside the womb — as in a routine late-term abortion — is merely a matter of geography. That one is murder and the other is a legal procedure is morally irreconcilable."

"A Lexis-Nexis search shows none of the news shows on the three major national television networks has mentioned the Gosnell trial in the last three months. The exception is when *Wall Street Journal* columnist Peggy Noonan hijacked a segment on *Meet the Press*.

"*The Washington Post* has not published original reporting on this during the trial and the *New York Times* saw fit to run one original story on A-17 on the trial's first day. They've been silent ever since, despite headline-worthy testimony."

"Let me state the obvious. This should be front-page news. Accusations of babies having their heads severed — a major human rights story if there ever was one — doesn't make the cut."

"You don't have to oppose abortion rights to find late-term abortion abhorrent or to find the Gosnell trial eminently newsworthy. This is not about being 'pro-choice' or 'pro-life.' It's about basic human rights."

"The deafening silence of too much of the media, once a force for justice in America, is a disgrace."•

tried to imagine the difficulty of walking great distances through such terrain, to say nothing of battling mosquitoes. As for the French, it is believed that their pursuit was short lived.

Eventually, Rogers and his troops hit upon dry land. Then came another obstacle. Rogers' men were on the south side of the St. Francis River; the Abenaki encampment was on the north side. The depth of the river was determined to be "whisker high." Rogers decided to cross the fast moving rapids by having the men hold hands to form a chain. They somehow accomplished this without a loss of life.

Then came the battle. Rogers' entrance into the Abenaki camp came as a total surprise, and the slaughter of the Indians was said to be merciless. Following the raid, Major Rogers hastily retreated eastward toward British territory. The pursuing French and Indians managed to inflict casualties along the route, but Rogers' raid was considered a success and may have been the turning point in the war.

Rogers' success is now widely recognized, especially in military circles, where he is often regarded as our first Army Ranger. His name is mentioned in *The Ranger Handbook*, a publication issued to every soldier in the U.S. Army's Ranger School. Contained in the handbook is "Robert Rogers' '28 Rules of Ranging."

A statue of Rogers has been erected on Rogers Island, about 40 miles north of Albany, New York. More renown has come his way via the novel and subsequent film, *Northwest Passage*, in which Spencer Tracy plays the part of Rogers. Not surprisingly, he has been less revered by the Indians, who once referred to him as "Wobomagonda," or "White Devil".

It's all a rather exciting slice of history, don't you agree?•

"The Bali Youth Declaration asserts 'sexual rights' for youth (including 10 year olds) on nearly every page and demands, over a dozen times, youth access to 'abortion' or 'reproductive rights' and services. It marginalizes families —decrying parental consent and 'age of consent' restrictions in sexual and reproductive matters. The architects behind its design include WAGGGS and the International Planned Parenthood Federation."

"Girl Scouts USA has not once objected to WAGGGS' global advocacy on sexual and reproductive issues, promoting adolescent abortion and youth sexual rights, nor to WAGGGS' claims to represent its entire membership, including Girl Scouts USA, on those issues."

"I'm really surprised that Girl Scouts USA won't make a serious effort to ensure that its assets, reputation, and financial contributions are not used to support WAGGGS' global advocacy on sex and reproduction."

"But I am astounded that pro-life families — and sponsoring churches — are willing to go along with that."•