

**Georgia House Panel Kills Personhood Bill Protecting Unborn on Abortion**

Atlanta, GA ([LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com)) --

A state legislative committee in Georgia voted 4-3 on Wednesday to kill a personhood bill that would establish legal rights for unborn children starting at conception. The bill had the backing of Georgia Right to Life and numerous state legislators who hoped it could be used to overturn Roe v. Wade.

HR 536 was the "Paramount Right to Life" amendment that would extend constitutional protection to unborn children "from the moment of fertilization without regard to age, race, sex, health, function, or condition of dependency." Committee chairman Ed

Lindsey ultimately called for tabling the bill after seven hours of debate lasting two days because he was concerned about legal issues resulting from it. "This proposed constitutional amendment seeks to make a direct attack on Roe v. Wade. In fact, however, the overwhelming evidence is that such an attack through this type of constitutional amendment will in all likelihood fail," he said.



**Hijacking AIDS Relief to Promote Abortion, Why PEPFAR Isn't Broke**

by Chuck Colson

There is an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." It is a message members of Congress ought to pay heed to when it comes to the spread of AIDS in Africa. One of the Bush administration's most successful programs is the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS

Relief -- PEPFAR for short. It is the biggest health initiative ever undertaken by any country to fight a single disease. When the president announced his five-year, \$15 billion plan in 2003, only 50,000 people were receiving treatment for HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

Next week, the House Committee on Foreign

Affairs is expected to mark up a renewal bill called "The U.S. Global HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008." That is a mouthful. But pro-abortion groups have gotten their hooks into the bill, and if they have their way, the AIDS initiative will bear little resemblance to the programs that have proven so successful.

**Happy Saint Patrick's Day**

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*"God knows we're trying"*



*Feast of St. Joseph, March 19,*

## CatholiCity Poll Results

What is the Decalogue?

RESULTS (1106 total votes)

= The Christian name for the Torah. - 13% (142 votes)

= The Ten Commandments. - 57% (634 votes)

= The books of the Bible removed from Protestant translations. - 11% (123 votes)

= The writings of the Early Church Fathers. - 19% (207 votes)

### Correct Answer

The Decalogue is another name for (B) The Ten Commandments.

Etymologically, it is a Greek word meaning "ten sayings."

### Hope

By Philip O'Connell

#### Recently Pope Benedict wrote a wonderful Encyclical on Hope.

We are born with hope. A baby's eyes are full of hope. However, as our Holy Father pointed out, until Christ came, for most, the world was a hopeless place full of pain, suffering and darkness.

Today, spectacular progress has been made in many areas. In our country, called "The Last Great Hope on Earth", every day we are promised more and more hope.

However, not the hope promised by Christ. No, the hope promised by scientists, inventors, doctors, and political leaders. They have a product for every need, a pill for every pain. Even death can be postponed or, some claim, eventually eliminated. There are no boundaries for mankind here on Earth.

Whoa! Let's be real. There are boundaries here, insurmountable boundaries. With so many people seeking to bring about our corruption and even our death, such as terrorists and suicide bombers and those who want to use weapons of mass destruction. Furthermore, there are so many unavoidable accidents, and endless natural disasters happening and diseases unconquered. You can be sure:

There is one sure thing! It is not going to happen here. That's why we were given hope. We were also given faith. We were created with Hope and Faith. Not by man, but by the one true God.

Believe, for you will eventually escape from this Earth of darkness and suffering. That is why Christ, the Son of God, who died for our sins and rose again is the one True Hope. When we die it will happen.

If you should be one of those fortunate enough to avoid overwhelming trials and tribulations here on Earth you can experience a little of the bliss of Paradise here on Earth.

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### Pro-Life Doctors Group Challenges OBGYN Org on Abortion Conscience Rights Washington, DC ([LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com))

-- A national organization for pro-life OBGYNs is challenging the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) over a new policy saying all doctors, including those who are pro-life, should refer women to abortion centers. The American Association of ProLife Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) objects to the guidelines. ACOG released the position statement last year entitled "The Limits of Conscientious Refusal in Reproductive Medicine." The paper targets pro-life physicians, insisting that doctors who object to doing abortions should refer patients to physicians who will do them. ACOG also requests that pro-life doctors move their practices closer to abortion businesses so women can have a shorter drive to get an abortion when their physicians refuse to perform or refer for one. But. Dr. Joe DeCook of AAPLOG says ACOG has gone further and, last month, published revised standards for doctors seeking recertification - to maintain professional reputation in good standing.

### Abortion Practitioner Loses License After Killing Woman in Botched Abortion

Hyannis, MA ([LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com)) -- The abortion practitioner responsible for killing a young woman in a botched legal abortion has seen a state health board revoke his medical license. Laura Smith, a 22-year-old from Honduras, died in September after getting an abortion from Rapin Osathanondh at the Women's Health Center abortion business. According to a blog post by pro-life advocate Jill Stanek, Eileen Smith, Laura's mother, indicated the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine revoked Osathanondh's license. Smith indicated officials told her they did so "because they view him as a risk to public safety." The decision is effective until the board holds an official hearing in the case. Smith also said the Boston Medical Examiner's Office finally released papers showing the cause of death despite the fact that Laura Smith died from the legal abortion five months ago. Officials say Smith died from "cardiac pulmonary arrest during anesthesia during a voluntary termination of pregnancy" -- an evaluation Eileen Smith has been trying to get officials to understand. Smith said she finally feels government officials are giving her daughter some justice after months of waiting for the mainstream media to even report on Laura's death.

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Ever told your child, We'll do it tomorrow?

And in your haste, Not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch,

Let a good friendship die

Cause you never had time

To call and say, "Hi"

You'd better slow down.

Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere

You miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day,

It is like an unopened gift....Thrown away.

Life is not a race. Do take it slower  
Hear the music Before the song is over.

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### **This will make you smile!**

(Sent in by Brenda Recupero)

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child. Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile. When the mother's car drew up beside the child she lowered the window and called to her, "What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered,  
" I am trying to look pretty. God keeps taking my picture."  
May God bless you today as you face the storms that come your way.

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Help someone in need. You personally.

### **Hope**

#### **A Continuation of Our Discussion on Pope Benedict's Encyclical on Hope**

Previously we had said that God had created us with both Hope and Faith. Believe! For you will eventually escape from this present Earth of darkness and suffering for most. That is why Christ, the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again, is the one True Hope. When we die it will happen, eternal life with God in Paradise.

Many in our society do not believe or no longer believe because they have been corrupted, desensitized. Desensitized for example, to the horror of the killing of nearly fifty million (50,000,000.) unborn individual human beings. They make no effort to stop it or support those who could. We here in our country have nothing to fear by taking action; the Germans feared the Nazis during the holocaust, and millions of fellow countrymen were killed because of their religion.

As another example, we have become desensitized to the breakdown of the family. We accept other substitutes to marriage to the detriment of children and the future of our society.

Do not allow yourself to become desensitized and accept these evils

and other evils and, therefore, die without True Hope. If you become a beacon of hope, help others who are in need, you will thereby experience a little of the bliss here on Earth that will be yours when you are with God, our Creator. Phil

#### **Pro-Abortion Groups Send Senate Emails Against Pro-Life Judicial Pick**

Washington, DC ([LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com))



Richard Honaker

-- Abortion advocates have generated tens of thousands of emails against a pro-life nominee for a

federal judicial post. NARAL, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and others have lobbied fiercely against Honaker's nomination in advance of a Tuesday hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The pro-abortion complaints center around the confirmation of Wyoming pro-life advocate Richard Honaker to be a federal district court judge. Honaker, an attorney and former state legislator, received an appointment from President Bush to the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming. Pro-abortion groups have fiercely opposed Honaker's nomination because of his efforts to prohibit abortions in Wyoming. He is

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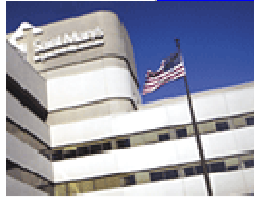
known in pro-life circles for proposing the Human Life Protection Act in the state legislature in 1991 and was behind a subsequent state ballot vote in 1994. Voters defeated the ballot measure that year. NARAL has set a form up on its web site that allows abortion advocates to sign a petition that goes to their senators to urge opposition to Honaker's nomination. The group claims about 66,000 people have used the form to register their opinions. ACTION: Contact your senator and urge support for Richard Honaker's nomination by calling 202-224-3121 or going to <http://www.senate.gov>.

### **Kentucky Senate Approves Comprehensive Abortion Bill as Pro-Lifers Rally**

**Frankfort, KY ([LifeNews.com](http://www.life.com))** - As hundreds of pro-life advocates made their way to the state capitol for Kentucky Right to Life's "Rally for Life," state senators approved a comprehensive bill that provides several new limits on abortion. The measure received committee approval and a vote on the Senate floor in one day. The measure, SB 40, requires abortion practitioners to do an ultrasound on a woman seeking an abortion and to offer her the chance to see the image of the unborn child. The bill also includes a state version of the federal partial-birth abortion ban. It would ensure the gruesome three-day-long abortion method is pro-

hibited if the federal law is ever reversed and to allow local prosecutors to assist federal authorities in enforcing it. The legislation also calls for a face to face meeting with an abortion practitioner 24 hours prior to the abortion so there is an assurance that women receive information about abortion's risks and alternatives beforehand.

### **Colorado Catholic Hospital Seeks Arbitration of Abortion-Buyout Lawsuit Denver, CO ([LifeNews.com](http://www.life.com))** --



The Catholic hospital system that is purchasing two hospi-

tals in Denver is seeking binding arbitration and asking a judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed to stop the buyout. The owner of one of the hospitals filed a lawsuit against the state attorney general for not intervening in the sale because it would result in the stopping of abortions there. Sisters of Charity Leavenworth Health System is purchasing Exempla Lutheran Medical Center and Good Samaritan hospital -- both located in Denver suburbs. The sale could stop abortions at Exempla and Exempla Inc., which owns both health centers, filed suit in January in Denver District Court to stop the sale. According to the Denver Post, Sisters of Charity plans to ask the judge in

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'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car.' The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you haven't gotten your hair cut.'

The young man paused a moment then said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair.' To this his father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'



This is a poem written by a teenager with cancer. She wants to see how many people get her poem.

She is a terminally ill young girl in a New York Hospital. It was sent by a medical doctor - Make sure to read what is in the closing statement AFTER THE POEM.

### **SLOW DANCE**

Have you ever watched kids  
On a merry-go-round?  
Or listened to the rain  
Slapping on the ground?  
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?  
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day  
On the fly?  
When you ask How are you?  
Do you hear the reply?  
When the day is done  
Do you lie in your bed  
With the next hundred chores  
Running through your head?

You'd better slow down  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short. The music won't last.

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - Aylesford, England (1251) Mary's continuing influence on the development of Christianity in England becomes apparent again with her appearance to Simon Stock, who became a member of the religious order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In her appearance to Friar Stock, Mary entrusted him with the brown scapular (two pieces of brown woolen cloth, usually embroidered with an outline of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and tied together by string and worn over the shoulders) :  
"My beloved son receive this scapular for your Order.

It is the special sign of a privilege which I have obtained for you and for all God's children who honor me as Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Those who die devotedly clothed with this scapular shall be preserved from eternal fire. The brown scapular is a badge of salvation. The brown scapular is a shield in time of danger. The brown scapular is a pledge of peace and special protection, until the end of time."

After this apparition, Friar Stock went on to establish Carmelite communities near university towns in England, France and Italy. He became the Superior-General of his order several years after the apparition. Until very recently, the brown scapular was one of the most widely used religious symbols of personal dedication to the mission of Mary found in her last recorded words in the Bible (John 2:5). The promotion and use of all types of Marian devotional symbols has declined dramatically since the 1960's.

**The following story was in a previous newsletter but it is worth reading again.**

**Long Hair and The Bible ...**

A young boy had just gotten his driver's permit and inquired of his father, if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son.

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the case to stop it from moving ahead so it can pursue binding arbitration. "We are disappointed that we have been forced to take these steps, but we feel it is important to protect Exempla's hospitals from erosion of their assets," Sisters of Charity CEO Bill Murray said in a statement. "The Exempla board's continued attempt to block the transaction is a misuse of Exempla's resources." [Full story at LifeNews.com.](#)

**Pro-Life Groups, Lawmakers Renew Call for Abortion-Neutral AIDS Legislation**

Washington, DC ([LifeNews.com](#)) -- Several pro-life groups joined with more than a dozen pro-life members of Congress for a news conference on Thursday to renew their call for amendments to the foreign HIV/AIDS assistance bill. They want changes made to eliminate funding for pro-abortion groups and to restore abstinence education. House Minority Leader John Boehner said the current version of the bill to reauthorize the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief would remove abstinence spending requirements. He said it would also open the door to funding pro-abortion international groups that would "undermine" PEPFAR and place the program's work "at risk." Rep. Mike Pence, a top pro-life Republican working for changes to the bill, also spoke at the event. He said the removal of rules prohibiting groups from using the HIV/

AIDS money on promoting or performing abortions would "transform the program into a megafunding pool for organizations with an abortion-promotion agenda." "We must take these proposals as a call to action. PEPFAR must not be hijacked," he added. "we intend to fight the objectionable proposals in the Democrat reauthorization bill so that a clean reauthorization bill can be passed by Congress and sent to the President." [Full story at LifeNews.com.](#)

**Bush Administration Opposes HIV/AIDS Bill Over Abortion Funding, Abstinence**

Washington, DC ([LifeNews.com](#)) -- The Bush administration sent a letter to Congress yesterday indicating that the president would oppose a bill that funds the AIDS relief program unless Congress removes funding for pro-abortion groups. Leading pro-life organizations have joined President Bush in saying they will work to defeat the bill if it's not amended. While he appreciates that Congress is working towards reauthorizing the President's Emergency plan for AIDS Relief, the Bush administration said it was concerned by changes Democrats made to it. The State Department said the president "opposes the draft in its cur-



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 rent form" and would like to work with members of Congress to fix the problems. The letter touched on the concerns pro-life groups have that pro-abortion groups will become eligible for funding because the reauthorization bill talks about "reproductive health" and "family planning" -- code words international groups use to refer to abortion. "We are deeply concerned that the draft repeatedly invokes 'reproductive health' and 'family planning,' and requires linkages, referrals on reporting training, support, and direct funding for these activities," the administration said. The statement said those terms are not needed "and should be struck from the bill." ACTION: Contact your member of Congress, especially if they serve on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and urge opposition to the Lantos bill unless changes are made to stop it from funding abortion. Visit <http://www.House.gov> or call 202-221-3121. [Full story at LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com).

### Perfect Hearing

An elderly gentleman... had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I

haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

### "I Feel Just Like a Newborn Baby."

Two elderly gentlemen from a re-



tirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby." "Really!? Like a newborn baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

### A Very Good Restaurant

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and



kitchen. The two guys were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.

I would recommend it very highly."

The other guy said, "What's the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," he says. He then turned

towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"



### President Bush Says November Election Battle About Abortion, Judges

Washington, DC ([LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com))

-- President Bush spoke to the Conservative Political Action Confer-

ence on Friday morning and laid out what the presidential election battle will look like this year. He portrayed the fight as one between a candidate who opposes abortion and one of two Democrats who support unlimited abortions at taxpayer expense. "On matters relating to America's moral compass, we have defended human life," President Bush explained. "There's another philosophy, and it's advanced by decent people who see the world differently." "On the rights of the unborn -- the most vulnerable among us -- one side supports abortion on demand," the president said. "You and I believe in the worth of every human being, the matchless joy of adoption, and the right to life." President Bush also said the election battle this year involves a fight over the kind of judges a president will put on the Supreme Court. "On the federal judiciary, one side says we should confirm judges who believe in the 'living Constitution' -- which basically means they can make up laws as they go along," Bush said. "I say we need judges who respect our values, do not follow the political winds and revere the plain meaning of our Constitution," Bush added. "We need more judges like John Roberts and Sam Alito."

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