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“Do whatever He tells you”



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“God knows we’re trying”



**U.S. News Editor Bonnie Erbe Celebrates Economy Causing More Abortions
Washington, DC**



(LifeNews.com) -- Abortion advocates complain bitterly any time pro-life people refer to them using the moniker pro-abortion. However, US News & World Report contributing editor Bonnie Erbe has written an editorial inviting the description as she is celebrating the fact that the poor economy is causing more abortions. As LifeNews.com has noted, circumstantial evidence points to abortion centers in some parts of the country showing more abortions than the previous year or two. And Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business, confirmed in a recent email to supporters that the poor economy is yielding abortion increases. That's good news to Erbe. "The recession is driving American demand for contraception and for abortions. The media have been riven this past week with stories about the rising number of couples and single mothers doing the math and deciding this is no

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Watch it for a change.

time to bring a child into the world," Erbe writes. "The media have also been rife with stories portraying this trend as something of a tragedy," she continues. "Let me propose a counter view: it is not." **Email your complaints about her new column to bonnieerbe@CompuServe.com**

**Senate Holds Hearing on Pro-Abortion Health Secretary Pick Kathleen Sebelius
Washington, DC**



(LifeNews.com) -- The first of two Senate committees that will hold hearings on the nomination

of pro-abortion Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius met today. The Senate HELP Committee held a hearing on the abortion advocate President Barack Obama picked to become the next Health Secretary. Sebelius could have an impact in crafting a health care plan that could cover abortions with taxpayer funds or require insurance companies to cover abortions in their plans. That concern was exacerbated in recent weeks when the White House declined to invite any pro-life groups to a health care summit it held, but allowed Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business, to attend. Afterwards, Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards said in an interview that she favored including abortion in a national health care plan. Sebelius also concerned pro-life advocates because she refused to rule out using a special procedural process to railroad a pro-abortion health care bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said he may rely on the right to use the procedure known as reconciliation to pass the health care bill. That would allow abortion advocates to pass the bill with a majority vote and prohibit pro-life advocates from using a filibuster to stop it.

Pro-Life Group: Congressional Bill Funding Human Embryo Research Coming Soon

Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- A leading pro-life group is warning members of Congress that they may soon face a vote on a bill that would result in funding the destruction of human embryos for research. National Right to Life is calling the bill a stem cell research "bait and switch" because of its duplicitous purpose. President Barack Obama recently overturned President Bush's limits on funding new embryonic stem cell research. Part of the rationale for his move is that so-called "leftover" human embryos would be destroyed anyway so why not kill them for research purposes and fund the research with taxpayer dollars. However, backers of embryonic stem cell research want to go further and topple a longstanding pro-life law called the Dickey-Wicker amendment, which prohibits the purposeful creation and destruction of human embryos for scientific study. Rep. Diana DeGette, a Colorado Democrat, is behind the bill that Right to Life is warning members could come up for a vote with little notice. The NRLC letter says "there is a substantial chance that you

will soon see an attempt to ram through the House of Representatives, on short notice, legislation that would authorize federal funding of research on human embryos created specifically to be used in research."

Four Years After Terri Schiavo's Death, Schindler Family Fights for Disabled St. Petersburg, FL



(LifeNews.com) -- Four years ago today, Terri Schiavo succumbed to the effects of the painful starvation and dehydration death her former husband subjected her to over a 13-day period. Terri was killed on March 31, 2005 when her former husband won a protracted legal battle against the Schindler family for the right to disconnect her feeding tube. Now, the Schindler family -- Terri's mother and father and brother and sister -- honors her memory by fighting for other disabled and minimally conscious patients to receive the kind of medical care, rehabilitative treatment and food and water Terri was denied. "Four years ago today, by the order of Judge George W. Greer, Terri Schiavo

died a slow barbaric death by starvation and dehydration over a period of almost two weeks," the Schindler family said in a statement to LifeNews.com. "We must never forget what happened to Terri and the horrible way she was killed," they added. "However, just as important is to remember that what happened to Terri is occurring every day in our nation," the Schindler family continued. "In this very moment countless people are suffering slow, agonizing deaths in hospice, nursing homes, and hospitals in America and around the world

Schindler Family Attends Mass for Terri Schiavo Hosted by Ave Maria University

Democratic Senators Tell Obama Not to Rescind Abortion Protections for Doctors
Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)



-- The only two Democratic members of the U.S Senate who are not strong abortion advocates like the rest of their party's caucus have sent a letter to President Barack Obama asking him not to rescind the conscience pro-

tections on abortion that President Bush put in place. Sens. Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Bob Casey of Pennsylvania sent Obama a letter last week telling him that the Provider Conscience Clause should remain. That is the collection of new regulations the Bush administration put on the books to provide better enforcement of three federal laws making sure medical staff and facilities are not forced to participate in abortions. The White House announced in February that Obama is starting the process of overturning the protections and he will make a final decision after the public comment period expires in April. Pro-life advocates have been actively responding to the proposal. The Democrats' letter says, "We urge you to preserve the conscience protection rule, which defends individual health care providers and entities with moral concerns regarding specific procedures." "We believe it is very important that federally funded health care providers and entities not be discriminated against because they refuse to participate in procedures or activities which are a violation of their consciences," they add.

**FARM KID in Marines
(Now at San Diego MARINE
CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING)**

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled. I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none. This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes. Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6'

and 130 pounds and he's 6'8' and near 300 pounds dry. Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,
Alice



FOCA

As introduced in the 110th Congress, the "Freedom of Choice Act"(FOCA) (S. 1173, H.R. 1964) declares that it is the policy of the United States that every woman has the "fundamental right" to terminate a pregnancy. The act prohibits government at every level (federal, state, and local) from "interfering" with a woman's right to choose, and from "discriminating" against the exercise of this right.

FOCA is a radical bill. For the first time, the right to abortion would become an entitlement the government must condone and support. FOCA would have an unprecedented impact on society's ability to limit or regulate abortion and would overturn a broad range of existing laws. FOCA was first introduced in 1989. Abortion groups feared that the Supreme Court was retreating from its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision and began the drive to establish an even more expansive right to abortion on statutory grounds. FOCA embodies the public policy goals of pro-abortion groups. These groups will promote the bill's passage directly, and advance its agenda by working to reverse pro-life laws one at a time. Federal elected officials should be urged to oppose FOCA or any similar bill, and to retain laws against the funding and promotion of abortion.



The Sack Lunches

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight... 'I'm glad I have a good book to read perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation... 'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. '**Petawawa**. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to **Afghanistan** After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time. As I reached for my wallet, I overheard soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base ' His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers... None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar-bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.' After we eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him...'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars. Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at

the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand, and said, 'I want to shake your hand.'

Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to de-plane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return... These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.'



Fr. Frank Pavone

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Blessings and prayers,

F. Frank A. Paume



VATICAN HUMOR

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.

'Excuse me, Your Holiness,' says the driver, 'Would you please take your seat so we can leave?'

'Well, to tell you the truth,' says the Pope, 'they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today.'

'I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?' protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

'Who's going to tell?' says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport,

the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 205 kph.

(Remember, the Pope is German.)

'Please slow down, Your Holiness!' pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

'Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license -- and my job!' moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

'I need to talk to the Chief,' he says to the dispatcher.

The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's

stopped a limo going 205 kph

'So bust him,' says the Chief.

'I don't think we want to do that, he's really important,' said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, 'All the more reason!'

'No, I mean really important,' said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, 'Who do you have there, the mayor?'

Cop: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'A senator?'

Cop: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'The Prime Minister?'

Cop: 'Bigger.'

'Well,' said the Chief, 'who is it?'

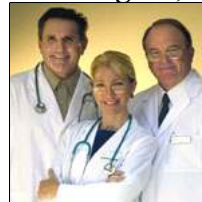
Cop: 'I think it's God!'

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, 'What makes you think it's God?'

Cop: 'His chauffeur is the Pope!'

**Give me a sense of humor,
Lord,
Give me the grace to see a
joke,
To get some humour out of
life,
And pass it on to other folk.**

Poll: Americans Want Obama to Keep Abortion Conscience Clause in Place Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- A new national poll of Americans finds a strong majority want President Barack Obama to keep conscience protections in place for doctors and medical centers. The president is considering rescinding the protections the Bush administration adopted to enforce three federal conscience laws. The protections make it more clear and provide support for doctors or medical facilities that feel pressured to participate in abortions. The Polling Ac-

company conducted a poll from March 23-25 with 800 Americans adults and found 87 percent believe it is important to “make sure that healthcare professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections.” Support for this protection garnered considerable intensity as well, with 65% of respondents considering it very essential. The Polling Company survey also found 80 percent of people who backed Obama in the 2008 presidential elections support the conscience protections. Without mentioning Obama's name, another question told respondents that the federal government is considering rescinding the protections. Opposition to revocation of the conscience protection rule outpaced support by a margin of more than 2-to-1 (62% vs. 30%). Some 44 percent of adults were strongly opposed to removing the protections while just 17 percent strongly supported it.

Obama Nominee for Asst Attorney General Opposed Protecting Women, Unborn Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- His nomination has gone under the radar to this point, but President Barack Obama's nominee for assistant

attorney general for legislative affairs, Ron Weich, is beginning to draw criticism. One pro-life writer points out that Weich repeatedly opposed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. Obama named Weich to lead the Justice Department's Office of Legislative Affairs, an agency that "has responsibility for the development and implementation of strategies to advance the Department's legislative initiatives and other interests relating to Congress." In that role, Weich would also participate in the Senate confirmation process for federal judges and U.S. attorneys, including Supreme Court justices. During the Congressional debate on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the federal bill that allows prosecutors to charge criminals with two crimes when they both attack and kill or injure a pregnant mother and the unborn child, Weich testified in opposition. That worries Ramesh Ponnuru, an editor with National Review. Ponnuru is concerned that Weich, if involved in the Obama administration, would work against [the first case](#) involving the federal law that has begun making its way through the court system.

**I hope all have a
HAPPY EASTER!
E.A.S.**