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“Do whatever He tells you”

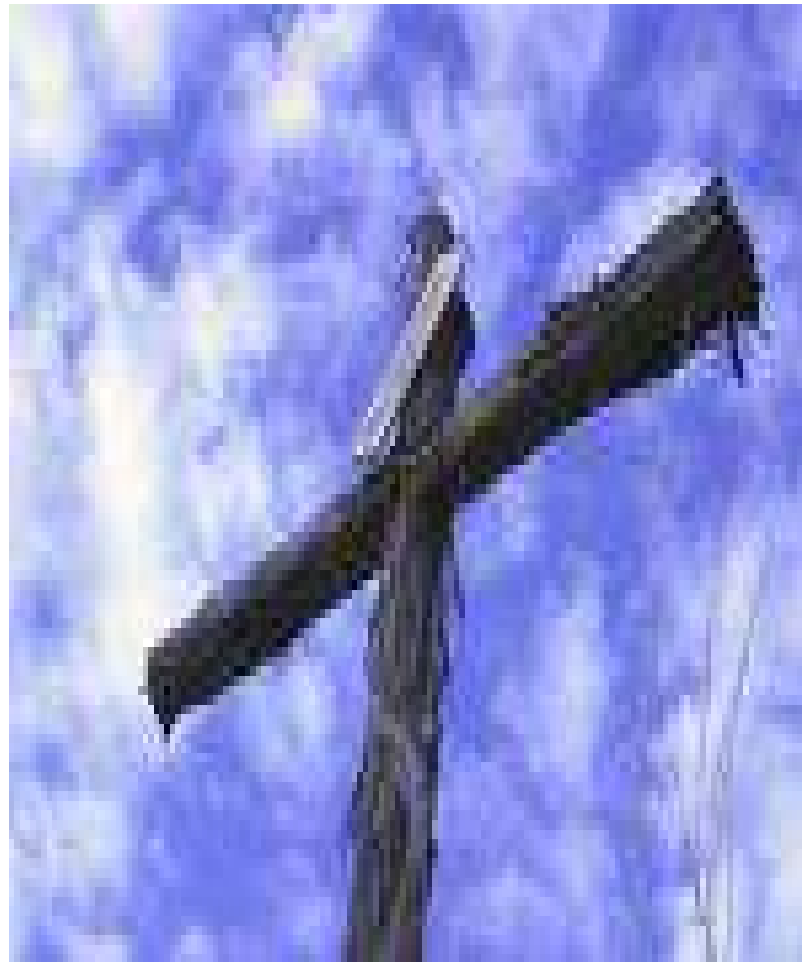


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“God knows we’re trying”



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President Obama's Health Secretary Nominee Sebelius Hides Abortion Link in Senate Answers
Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- President Barack Obama's nominee for Health Secretary is coming under criticism for apparently deceiving members of a Senate committee about her close relationship with an abortion practitioner. Sebelius received nearly three times more money from late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller than she disclosed. Yesterday, the Senate Finance Committee published written answers Sebelius submitted during her examination for confirmation as Secretary of Health and Human Services. In response to a question from pro-life Sen. Jon Kyl, an Arizona Republican, Sebelius stated that she received \$12,450 from Tiller during her campaign for Insurance Commissioner. However, contribution and expenditure reports on file with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission show the figure to be closer to \$38,450 -- a discrepancy of \$26,000. Records also show that some of that

money was used for her 2002 campaign for governor. Sebelius also told the committee in the written answers about the 2007 party she threw at the governor's mansion for Tiller and his abortion center staff. She stated that in 2006, she donated a reception at the mansion to a "non-profit" group, the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus, for their annual fundraiser. Yet, the group is a political action committee and its records on file with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission show no purchase or contribution of any kind by Tiller or anyone related to him in 2006. Sebelius claims that the cost of the Tiller dinner was reimbursed to the state. However, the pro-life group Operation Rescue provided LifeNews.com with copies of receipts that show the dinner was paid for by taxpayers.

Adult Stem Cell Research Shows Further Insulin Independence for Type 1 Diabetes Patients
Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- New re-

search using adult stem cells is showing further insulin independence for Type 1 diabetes patients. The study, led by Richard Burt of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, is the second in the last two years to show significant progress in diabetes using the noncontroversial stem cells. It showed patients receiving injections with adult stem cells were able to go as long as four years without having to rely on insulin shots. In a new paper published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Burt and his colleagues show how the majority of patients with type 1, or juvenile, diabetes who underwent a certain type of stem cell transplantation became insulin free. Several became insulin free for more than three years, with good glycemic control, and also increased C-peptide levels, an indirect measure of beta-cell function, according to the report they published in the April 15 issue of JAMA. A previous study found that the use of adult stem cells in 15 patients with newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes resulted in the majority of patients becoming insulin free during the follow-up, which averaged about 19 months. The scientists used HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplant,

which relies on a patient's own blood stem cells, and involves the removal and treatment of the stem cells and their return to the patient by intravenous injection. Patients remained continuously insulin free for an average time of 31 months -- with a range of 14-52 months.

Mother Harvests Sperm of Dead Son, Raises Profound Ethical Questions in Novel Case

Dallas, TX (LifeNews.com) --

A Texas woman, Missy Evans, has harvested her dead son's sperm and hopes to find a surrogate and one day raise her son's child. It's a decision that ethicists say raises troubling questions; one called the potential offspring a "replacement child." Nikolas Colton Evans had talked about how much he wanted to have a child, but the 21-year-old died after he was punched and hit his head on the ground in a fight. Evans isn't concerned about what others might think. She says she is only doing what her son would have wanted. "He would love me so much for doing this," she told the Associated Press. After a doctor told her that nothing more could be done for her son, Missy Evans came up with the idea of harvesting his sperm. She discussed the idea with her

ex-husband, her older son and other family members, and said all supported her wish to help a part of Nikolas live on through his future offspring. She said her son once told her he wanted three sons and had already picked out names. She described Nikolas as an "old soul" who was wise beyond his years. "My son wanted to graduate from college. He wanted to have children. And someone took that away from him," she told AP. Evans had to go to court to get permission to harvest his sperm. On Tuesday, a Travis County probate judge granted her wish and ordered that local officials nearly freeze his body so experts could come in and take his sperm to allow a future birth.

Girl is Born Via In-Vitro Fertilization a Record 22 Years After Father's Sperm is Frozen

Charlotte, NC

(LifeNews.com) -- A former leukemia patient who had his sperm frozen as a teenager has fathered a baby after doctors successfully thawed his sample a record 22 years later. Chris Biblis was 16 when doctors told him that he needed radiotherapy that would leave him sterile and recommended before going ahead with the life-saving treatment

that they put a sample of his sperm into cryogenic storage for future use. Now aged 38, he is celebrating the birth of a healthy baby daughter, Stella, who was conceived after scientists injected a defrosted sperm into an egg from his wife, Melodie, and implanted it in her uterus via in-vitro fertilization. The 22-year lapse between storage in April 1986 and conception in June 2008 is a world record, according to specialists at the US fertility clinic who carried out the procedure. "From my life being saved to being able to create a life, words just can't describe where we are now," said Mr. Biblis, of Charlotte, North Carolina, who has been free of leukemia since the age of 18. "I've got this bundle of joy to appreciate. It's truly a miracle," he told ABC News.

Media Bias: Seattle Times the Latest to Write One-Sided Piece on Assisted Suicide Refusals

Seattle, WA (LifeNews.com) -

- The Seattle Times is the latest to write a one-sided news piece on the refusal of hospitals and doctors to engage in assisted suicide. Wesley J. Smith, a noted bioethics attorney and author provides the following comments: "This is standard

operating procedure in the mainstream media these days, but it is always worth pointing out: The media are so wildly biased on some issues, they report about them as if there were only one side to the debate. Assisted suicide is fast becoming one of those monochrome issues from which opposing views are air-brushed out of the big picture as surely as Trotsky was erased from old photos of the Bolshevik Revolution by Stalin. In Washington, where many doctors and hospitals are refusing to cooperate with the killing agenda--as is their right under the law--pro assisted suicide campaigners are ramping up the pressure to coerce complicity. The Seattle Times, byline Laura Kate Zaichkind dancing a jig to the tune fiddled by Compassion and Choices (formerly Hemlock Society), has written a second story about pressure being placed on doctors to write lethal prescriptions. True to form, no contrary opinions are included." Contact the newspaper by going to <http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/flatpages/services/contactus.html>

Scientist Sent Packing From MIT Over Opposing Embryonic Stem Cells Makes Adult Cell Progress Boston, MA (LifeNews.com) -
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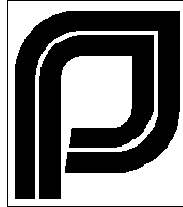
the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for opposing embryonic stem cell research is moving ahead with adult stem cells.

James Sherley, senior scientist at the Boston Biomedical Research Institute, is raising \$25 million to establish a new not-for-profit adult stem cell technology center. The center would serve as a stem cell bank and a research, training, and development resource for stem cell technologies, Sherley said. Sherley said the center would partner with local biotech companies to do something unique. It would use any developed proprietary adult stem cell products to mass produce mature cells to meet a company's specific needs. This includes offering a reliable source of a wide variety of adult stem cells beyond what is typically available, including pancreas, skeletal muscle, liver, kidney and skin cells. He said adult stem cells don't produce tumors like embryonic ones, and their development for treatments is more mature than that of embryonic stem cells. "We're not seeking investors who are motivated for profit," said Sherley. "We're looking for a kind of sponsor, and the ideal sponsor would be the state of Massachusetts." Sherley was denied tenure at MIT after fighting for over two years to get it. Sherley has been

an outspoken advocate against human cloning -- including the kind of therapeutic cloning his colleagues and other scientists want to use to create and destroy human embryos for their stem cells.

Planned Parenthood in Texas Required to Shut Down Four Unlicensed Abortion Businesses

Austin, TX (LifeNews.com) --



State health department officials have asked the Planned Parenthood abortion business in Texas to shut down four

facilities it says are operating without proper medical licenses. Now, Texas state legislators want an investigation of the abortion centers and say the problems may result in a cut in taxpayer funding for the abortion business in the state budget. The Department of State Health Services ordered four San Antonio-based Planned Parenthood abortion businesses to stop doing unlicensed abortions. It released a letter to a group of state lawmakers who have inquired and indicated state officials will investigate the four centers in question and one licensed Planned Parenthood facility. Planned Parenthood officials say they are following the cease and desist order to shutter the abortion centers un-

til further notice. They blame not having the proper licenses on a communications problem. Jeffrey Hons, CEO of Planned Parenthood in San Antonio, said news reports make it appear "there's something hidden that's going on, and it's not. We've been upfront from the beginning." Hons told the Chronicle that the Planned Parenthood centers did not do abortions but, in 2004, wanted to give women the dangerous abortion drug known as mifepristone, or RU 486. However, state law requires centers that do any kind of abortions -- whether surgical or drug-induced -- to be licensed by the state health department.

Pro-Life Advocates Blast Obama Admin Document Saying Pro-Lifers May Engage in Extremism Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- News that the Obama administration sent a security document to police and sheriffs' offices nationwide including pro-life people in a list of groups and people who

may be likely to engage in terrorism is upsetting the pro-life community. One respected pro-life attorney says the document is outrageous and raises serious questions about the leadership and direction of an agency that's goal is to protect Americans against a very real terrorist threat. "This is an outrageous characterization that raises serious questions about the leadership and direction of the agency charged with protecting Americans in the ongoing battle against terrorism," Jay Sekulow, the president and chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, told LifeNews.com on Wednesday. Sekulow said the document sparks questions about whether the Obama administration is turning the work of some key government agencies into political witch hunts. "Why would the Department of Homeland Security single out groups like pro-life supporters when they should be focusing on identifying and apprehending the real terrorists – like al-Qaeda – groups that have vowed to destroy America?" he asked. "This characterization is not only offensive to millions of Americans who hold constitutionally-protected views opposing abortion – but also raises serious concerns about the political agenda of an agency with a mandate to protect America."

President Obama and Planned Parenthood Will Promote Abortion at Summit of the Americas Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- President Barack Obama and Planned Parenthood are expected to join forces to promote abortion at the fifth Summit of the Americas that begins in Trinidad tomorrow. The event is a chance for the leaders of the 35 members of the Organization of American States to gather, but it could be marked by a debate over abortion. President Obama will speak during Friday's opening ceremonies and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will also be in attendance. While they will garner top headlines, a fight between pro-life advocates and the Planned Parenthood abortion business will take place below the surface. Marie Smith, the director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues, tells LifeNews.com that pro-life advocates face well-orchestrated efforts by International Planned Parenthood (IPPF) and other pro-abortion

organizations to insert pro-abortion language into the Summit's Declaration of Commitment. IPPF hopes to use the document as a stepping stone to advance abortion in the Caribbean and Latin American nations, most of which are strongly pro-life and prohibit abortions in all or most circumstances. One of the specific terms IPPF seeks to inject into the document is "sexual and reproductive health services" -- a term which can later be interpreted to include abortions. Smith told LifeNews.com that some representatives of the pro-life nations are expected to stand up to the attempt to covertly advance the abortion agenda using the innocuous language.

Notre Dame President Refuses to Meet With Students Objecting to Inviting Pro-Abortion Obama South Bend, IN



(LifeNews.com) -- An ad hoc group of several Notre Dame students organizations says University of Notre Dame presi

dent, Rev. John Jenkins, has refused their request for a meeting. The students want to talk to Jenkins about his invitation to pro-abortion President Barack Obama to give the commencement speech next month and receive an honorary degree. The leaders of ND Response, a broad coalition of Notre Dame student groups founded to oppose the Obama invitation, sent Jenkins a letter confirming their interest in discussing their concerns with him. The students received word back that Jenkins would meet with them but only in a limited, closed-door fashion. The pro-life student group also requested that, before any potential meeting, Notre Dame officials release a statement signifying that the university will appoint a "pro-life ombudsman" to ensure that proper attention is paid to pro-life issues in both Notre Dame's teaching and research. "These requests were intended to lead the University into making gestures of goodwill that would facilitate our productive discussion and demonstrate President Jenkins' genuine interest in transparent dialogue," ND Response spokeswoman Mary Daly said. ND Response indicates that Father Jenkins has now sent a private letter to the 12 campus groups comprising ND Response

in which he denied the students' requests for dialogue on the issues surrounding the university's invitation to President Obama. In the letter Father Jenkins wrote that "conditions for constructive dialogue simply do not exist" and that students could disregard his earlier invitations to meet with him.

Vatican Rejects News Stories Saying it Rejected Pro-Abortion Caroline Kennedy for Obama Ambassador

The Vatican (LifeNews.com)



-- Holy See officials are again rejecting news stories saying it rejected a potential ambassador for pro-abortion President Barack Obama. Just as they did with two unnamed potential ambassadors, the Vatican says mainstream media reports that it said no to Caroline Kennedy are wrong as well. According to a report in the London Telegraph, the BBC and Italy's La Stampa newspaper, Vatican officials informally told the Obama administration that Kennedy's pro-abortion views disqualified her from serving as his ambassador to the Catholic city-state. But

on Wednesday, the spokesman for Pope Benedict XVI, Father Federico Lombardi, told AFP that wasn't the case. "There has not been any proposal regarding the new United States ambassador to the Holy See, and it is therefore untrue that she was rejected," he said.

Venture Capital Firm Headed by Al Gore to Spend \$20 Million on Embryonic Stem Cell Research Alternative **Washington, DC**

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Patients in Wheelchairs Able to Walk Again Because Adult Stem Cells Can Heal Broken Bones

Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- The following report comes from Dr. David Prentice, the former biology professor at Indiana State University who is now a fellow at the Family Research Council: Patients confined to wheelchairs have been able to walk or live

independently again because their broken bones finally healed, thanks to a drug that stimulates their adult stem cells. Preliminary results presented at the Orthopaedic Research Society meeting found 93% of those with an unhealed bone fracture had significant healing and pain control after treatment for only 8 to 12 weeks. Half of the 145 patients studied had non-healing fractures for 6 months or longer. The drug, teriparatide (Forteo), was approved by the FDA in 2002 for treatment of osteoporosis. A team led by Dr. J. Edward Puzas at the University of Rochester Medical Center discovered that this drug can also boost the body's bone adult stem cell production to the point that adults' bones appear to heal at a rate typically seen for young kids. Australian researchers reported similar success in 2008 at treating non-healing fractures, using the patient's adult stem cells. The U.S. team's results are the initial observations from a clinical trial led by Dr. Puzas. Out of an estimated 6 million fractures in the U.S. each year, approximately 5% show slow or incomplete healing, and a large portion of non-healing fractures occur in older adults. Discovery of this in-the-body adult stem cell therapy that can jumpstart the

body's natural bone healing process will be a boon to many patients.

Pro-Life Advocate Toomey Files to Challenge Pro-Abortion Republican Senator Arlen Specter Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- Former Congressman Pat Toomey officially threw his hat into the 2010 Pennsylvania Senate race Wednesday in a bid to unseat five term incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter. Specter is one of a handful of pro-abortion Republicans in the U.S. Senate and has been an obstacle to stopping President Barack Obama's pro-abortion agenda. Toomey, because of pro-life issues and other political reasons, has been considering running again against Specter and recently stepped down from his position as the president of the Club for Growth, a conservative fiscal group, to do so. "I am now a candidate for the U.S. Senate," the 47-year old Republican declared on a conservative radio show in his home town of Allentown. Specter has wasted no time in warning Republicans of the consequences of supporting Toomey, whom he claims is unelectable in a general election against a Democrat. Specter and Toomey are no strangers to this

fight. They waged a bitter war against each other in 2004, with Toomey losing by just over one percent of the vote. This time around it promises be just as rough, with the mud already flying. Toomey launched a campaign Web site Wednesday, www.toomeyforsenate.com, with a video announcing his candidacy, and plans to take his message online using the popular social networking Web sites



A brunette, a redhead and a blonde were in a wilderness chased by police and their dogs. They got tired running so they each climbed a tree. The police dogs came and started barking on a tree with the brunette on it. The brunette cried "COOO COOO" The police said it's just a pigeon up there. The dogs then barked on a tree with the redhead on it. The redhead cried "HOOO HOOO" The police said it's just an owl up there. The dogs then came to the tree with the blonde on it. The blond cried "MOOO MOOO".

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THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma. Yes, honestly its true! She pressed 'control' and 'enter' And disappeared from view. It devoured her completely, The thought just makes me squirm. She must have caught a virus or been eaten by a worm. I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind; I've even used the Internet, But nothing did I find. In desperation, I asked Jeeves My searches to refine. The reply from him was negative Not a thing was found online.' So, if inside your 'Inbox,' My Grandma you should see, Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her and send her back to me.