sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

#### The Moral of This Story:

It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

P.S. You may want to consider passing this on, because you never know who feels as if their hut is on fire today.





**Our Lady of the Rosary** - Prouille, France (1208)

Domingo de Guzman was a Spanish preacher who went to southern France to oppose the Albegesian heresy which was spreading rapidly. In 1208, while he was praying at a chapel in Prouille, Mary appeared to him and gave him the Rosary and urged him to preach the Rosary to all people as a remedy against heresy and sin. The factual basis for this series of events is questionable. Nonetheless, Domingo (Dominic) founded an order of preaching friars who went on to halt the Albegesian heresy and establish monasteries all over the world. The order is commonly referred to as the Dominicans.







"He has Risen."

#### **CatholiCity Poll Results**

How old was Saint Thérèse when she died? RESULTS (1132 total votes)

- = 21 19% (216 votes)
- = 24 71% (801 votes)
- = 27 7% (81 votes)
- = 30 3% (34 votes)

#### **Correct Answer**

Saint Thérèese of Lisieux was 24 years old when she died. She is a Doctor of the Church and is known as the "Little Flower." Her feast day is October 1.



# If man evolved from me, how come I am still me?

A girl asked her mother: - How did the human race appear? The mother answered: - God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made.

Two days later she asks her father

the same question. The father answered: - Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race was developed. The confused girl returns to her mother and says: - Mom how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God and Papa says they were developed from monkeys.

The mother answers: - Well dear, it is very simple. I told you about the origin of my side of the family while your father told you about his side...

#### **Members of Congress Sign Letter Asking For Complete Cut in Abstinence Funding** by Steven Ertelt LifeNews.com Editor March 20, 2008 Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- Several dozen members of Congress, all abortion advocates, have signed a letter to House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey asking him to cut all funds for abstinence education. They don't want any money spent in the FY 2009 Health and Human Services appropriations bill spent on abstinence.

Congressman Jim Moran, a proabortion Virginia Democrat, led the letter campaign and gathered the signatures of 76 of his Cogressional colleagues. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home... not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name?....

We just call him, "TV."

Note: This should be required reading for every household in America \*\* He has a younger sister now. We call her "Computer".

## When Your Hut's On Fire

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, "God! How could you do this to me?" Early the next day, he was awakened by the *(Continued on page 12)* 

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sands of abortions a year should know of this legislation and realize that any time that 'something with a heartbeat slips out,' the baby is then a protected person under the law. The question obviously caught him off guard, because he could not give a straight answer about live abortions and contradicted his own information in a matter of minutes, claiming it's not ever necessary and then explaining when it is necessary to abort live infants."

The NEA should consider the effect their sponsorship has on its more than 3 million members:

"As a pro-life teacher, I can say this illustrates why I am no longer a member of the NEA. The NEA should not be involved in this issue; here they are hosting this controversial abortionist and his slideshow of babies he has aborted. There is no way any of my money will ever be used to advance the radical proabortion agenda of Planned Parenthood and the NEA," said Marla Mercer, a West Virginia teacher and former member of the National Education Associa-

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ACTION: Send your complaints to the National Education Association. **Go to** 

http://www.nea.org/aboutnea/conta ct.html for contact information.

#### A short story

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up. I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind

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"We urge you to reconsider funding for the [abstinence programs] and to devote those dollars to other more effective programs," the letter reads.

They want the money axed from the Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) program. Its called "an important first step" Obey's decision last year to not increase the current level of funding despite requests from President Bush to do so.

The letter complains that \$1 billion has been spent on abstinence education programs and the letter claims several studies shows them ineffective.

"Study after study has proven that abstinence-only education simply does not work and we cannot afford to waste millions of taxpayer dollars on programs that we know to be a failure." it claimed. However, Valerie Huber, the executive director of the National Abstinence Education Association. points to a study by the CDC. According to the Centers for Disease Control, nationwide there has been a 13 percent decrease in the percentage of teens who have ever had sex between 1991 and 2005. While the federal government continues to fund the programs, there are now 17 states that have rejected the funding.



Please take the bus to the Boston Catholic Men's or Women's Conference on April 18th or 19th 2008. Call Gene at 781-585-0058

## Life Matters Host: Brendan O'Connell Cable TV Channel 13 Tuesday 10:30 PM Wednesday 9:00 PM <u>Watch it for a change.</u>

## A Minneapolis couple

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years before.

However, due to it being a heavy travel time they were unable to book the trip together. So, the husband left and flew to Florida on Friday, and his wife was flying down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel, and unlike years ago, there was a computer in his room, and he

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decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her E-mail address, and without noticing his error, sent the email to the wrong address. In Charleston ... a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory after suffering a heart attack The widow decided to check her E-mail, expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and then fainted The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and then glanced up and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife Date: Friday, March 13, 2008 Subject: I have arrived!

Dearest Love:

I know you are surprised to hear from me so soon. But they have computers here, and you are allowed to send E-mail to your loved ones. I have just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow, and look forward to seeing you then. Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was. PS . It sure is hot down here!

## Scientists Excited, Bush Stem Cell Research Policy May Change After Elections

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- Scientists who engage in stem cell research are excited that the policy President Bush has put in place about the practice could be overturned with the election of a new president. Bush prevented making taxpayers fund any new embryonic stem cell research with their tax dollars because it involves the destruction of human life. However, each of the three major contenders for the presidency -- John McCain, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton -- have voted for bills to overturn those limits. According to a San Jose Mercury News report, scientists at the recent Global Forum of the International Society for Stem Cell Research discussed the potential for the policy to be overturned quickly after the election of a new president. "The rubber could hit the road within months," Story Landis of the National Institutes of Health, said. But Dorinda Bordlee, the vice-president of the Bioethics Defense Fund, tells LifeNews.com the glee of cloning scientists may be premature. On one hand, McCain appears more open to the pro-life perspective on embryonic stem cell research than before his presidential candidacy and topflight pro-life advocates like Sam

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dentally during an abortion and are "born alive" or with a "heartbeat" and condemned such medical mistakes during the Feminist Majority Foundation's annual Women's Leadership Conference, held at the National Education Association (NEA.) Dr. Tiller, who currently faces 19 criminal charges for illegal late-term abortions in the state of Kansas, stated "If the baby is born alive, that is sloppy medicine" after addressing the crowd of about 100 feminists during a plenary session titled "Standing with our Sisters" on March 9, 2008. The video reveals Dr. Tiller showcasing graphic pictures of children with fetal abnormalities that he aborted to make the case for lateterm abortions as necessary medical procedure. He also admitted to performing abortions on children the day before the mother's due date. Yet when questioned in a personal interview, Dr. Tiller failed to recognize the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, a federal bill signed into law in 2002 that protects born children from murder and illegalizes infanticide.

When asked about the Act, Dr. Tiller also admitted, "Let's say you have 15 or 16, you had one slip out with a heartbeat: that is not a viable fetus, but that is born alive or has a heartbeat. Then you have to take that non-viable fetus and rush it directly to the hospital against the woman's wishes." The conference and personal interview with Dr. Tiller was videotaped by SFLA's Executive Director Kristan Hawkins and Programs Coordinator Becky Banks. "What is most disturbing about this video is the point when Dr. Tiller shows footage of children he has aborted," stated Kristan Hawkins, the Executive Director of Students for Life of America. "One had an extra arm: could not that child had survived and received corrective surgery? Was violently killing the child the only way to go? Pro-lifers are regularly condemned for displaying pictures of aborted babies, but here the pro-abortion crowd and the NEA are more than happy to showcase these graphic images, and even gave Dr. Tiller's presentation a standing ovation." Becky Banks, SFLA Programs Coordinator, said "I'm concerned that Dr. Tiller didn't know what the federal ban on infanticide is

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about. A man who performs thou-

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Deisher and AVM Biotech", noted the group's Executive Director, Debi Vinnedge, who was also named to AVM Biotech's Advisory Board for vaccine development.

While most vaccines and medicines are produced in an ethical manner, several are manufactured using cell lines derived from aborted fetal tissue with no competing ethical products available. Vinnedge noted this has left concerned pro-life families in both a difficult and unjust position.

"For too long parents who want to protect their children without compromising their deeply held prolife and religious beliefs have been coerced into an unnecessary and unjust moral dilemma," she stated. "No one should be forced to choose between these two fundamental human rights."

Both organizations hope that the news will spark members of Congress to move forward with their Fair Labeling and Informed Consent legislation, a bill that would require full disclosure from the pharmaceutical industry whenever aborted fetal or embryonic cell lines are used in medical products.

"Every consumer, whether pro-life in philosophy or not, has the right to know if human fetal cell contaminants are present in the drugs they receive", noted Dr Deisher. "Consumers should be informed and empowered to make the best health care choices for themselves and their families. Surely, if we have the right to know what is in our fast food, we should also have the right to know what is in our medicine."

AVM Biotech intends to further assist in this effort by certifying that its therapeutic products are not discovered, screened, evaluated, produced, or tainted in any way by the use of electively aborted human fetal material, human embryonic material, or any other unethically obtained materials.

## SFLA Press Release: National Education Association Hosts Abortionist



## ABORTIONIST CAUGHT ON TAPE

Students for Life of America Exposes Partial-Birth Abortionist Declaring Aborted Infants Born Alive "Just Sloppy Medicine" at Conference Held at the National Education Association

## Arlington, VA - <u>Students for Life of</u> <u>America</u>

(SFLA) today released video exposing footage of abortionist Dr. George Tiller of Wichita, KS openly discussing children who "slip out" acci-(continued on page 9) (Continued from page 4) Brownback have been <u>heavily lob-</u> bying him against it.

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## Assisted Suicide Crusader Jack Kevorkian Makes Congressional Bid Official Detroit, MI (<u>LifeNews.com</u>) --

Convicted murderer and assisted suicide crusader Jack Kevorkian made his candidacy for a Detroitarea Congressional seat official on Monday. Kevorkian says his main agenda as a member of the august body would be promoting the Ninth Amendment as allowing a right to assisted suicide. State law required Kevorkian to gather 3,000 signatures to qualify for the ballot and he turned in papers with those signatures to local election officials. Kevorkian didn't say much else about assisted suicide during the formal press announcement but accused the current government of being tyrannical. "You've been trained to obey it, not fight it because the tyrant doesn't like that," Kevorkian said, according to an AP report. "I have no ties, no fetters. I am free," the former pathologist added, saving he is beholden to no so-called special interests. He will run as an independent and will challenge pro-life Rep. Joe Knollenberg, a Republican who strongly opposes both abortion and euthanasia

#### Abortion Practitioner Malachy DeHenre Gets Maximum 20 Years for Killing Wife Laurel, MS (LifeNews.com) --

Former Mississippi and Alabama abortion practitioner Malachy De-Henre has received the maximum jail sentence of 20 years for killing his wife. In January, DeHenre, who has lost his medical license in three states over botched abortions, was found guilty by a grand jury of killing his wife. DeHenre apparently killed his wife, Dr. Mysha Rose DeHenre, 10 years ago. A Jones County Circuit Court jury unanimously convicted DeHenre of manslaughter after deliberating for just 45 minutes. Last week. Jones County Circuit Court Judge Billy Joe Landrum sentenced De-Henre to 20 years in prison and required the former abortion practitioner to pay \$10,000 in court costs. The Laurel Leader Call newspaper indicated three of De-Henre's four children participated in the sentencing hearing and asked the judge to be lenient

## Pro-Life Film "The Human Experience" Promotes Consistent Respect for Human Life by Colin Mason

I'm sitting at a worn desk in the headquarters of Grassroots Films in Brooklyn, NY. Humming Macs surround me as the company dog, a sand-colored mutt named Daisy, wanders aimlessly around my feet. Across the desk, Michael Campo

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is describing the experience of visiting a leper colony in Ghana. "At first I was a little afraid, because I didn't know what to expect," he reminisces. "But all that fear was gone in five or ten minutes . . . they found such great joy and happiness together." Campo. 28. co-stars in Grassroots Films' latest project, The Human Experience. Fast-paced and modern, The Human Experience is a you-are-there documentary that claims to offer an unprecedented look at the human condition. After being thoroughly excited by the trailer (available at www.grassrootsfilms.com). I had the pleasure of being invited to screen this film in Brooklyn, as well as speak to all of the major players at Grassroots Films. Simply speaking, I was deeply impressed by *The Human Experience*. It is possibly the most truly pro-life film I have ever seen.

### Ohio Governor Ted Strickland Signs Abortion-Ultrasound Bill Helping Women

Columbus, OH (LifeNews.com) --



Governor Ted Strickland has signed an abortion bill that helps give women information about their unborn child they don't normally

receive from an abortion center. It requires the abortion practitioner to give mothers considering an abortion an opportunity to view an ultrasound of the baby beforehand.

When used in pregnancy centers, ultrasounds help persuade most women to seek abortion alternatives and Ohio pro-life lawmakers and groups hope the bill will help reduce abortions further. Strickland, who is a longtime abortion advocate, may have surprised some pro-life people by signing the bill. The law takes effect in 90 days. However, he may have signed it knowing the legislature had enough votes in both chambers to override a veto. The Ohio House approved the Ultrasound Viewing Option Bill, H.B. 314, in December on a 73-20 margin. On March 14, the Senate followed suit by approving the bill

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Netherlands Pro-Euthanasia Psychiatrist Publishes Do-It-Yourself Suicide Guide Amsterdam, Netherlands

(LifeNews.com) -- A Netherlands psychiatrist who assisted in the suicide of a grieving mother that ultimately led to the Dutch Supreme Court ruling that the depressed should have the right to kill themselves has now published a do-ityourself guide to committing suicide. The guide is expected to go on sale soon in the European nation and it contains detailed information on how people can use drugs to kill themselves. It also contains information on how to perform other acts of suicide using starvation techniques and describes the quickest and least painful ways to do so. "Doctors learn little about this subject during their training," author and psychiatrist Boudewijn Chabot says, according to the London Telegraph. "This book is for people who want to make their own decisions about ending their own lives." Euthanasia and assisted suicide are legal in the Netherlands and, together, there are already about 4,400 suicides annually

## Arizona Policy on Taking Prisoners for Abortions Won't Get Supreme Court Review

Phoenix, AZ (LifeNews.com) --The Supreme Court will not review a lower court decision making Maricopa County officials take pregnant inmates for abortions. County Sheriff Joe Arpaio had prohibited the taking of prisoners for abortions because taxpayer funds would be involved in the transportation and staff time needed. The policy prohibited jail officials from transporting a prisoner for an abortion unless she first obtained a court order. Arpaio had said the abortions would violate state laws against public funding of abortions but a state appeals court ruled unanimously against his policy. In September, the Arizona Supreme Court let stand the appeals court ruling and attorneys for the county sought a review of that ruling at the national level. However, the U.S. Supreme Court announced today that it would not review the state decision

## Biotech Firm To Provide Ethical Alternatives to Aborted Fetal Vaccines

(Seattle) In a victory for pro-life families around the world, AVM Biotechnology LLC (AVM Biotech) today announced their decision to provide ethical alternatives in the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and vaccine development.

Dr Theresa Deisher, AVM Biotech Research and Development Director and founder stated, "We will be working to bring commercially available, morally acceptable, vaccines to the US market and to use existing technology to produce new morally certified vaccines. Revenues from the vaccine business will also further the research, development and commercialization of morally certified therapeutics in other areas of medicine as well."

The announcement was an answer to years of hard work and prayers for Children of God for Life, a pro-life organization that has battled to bring moral alternatives to aborted fetal vaccines to the US market for nearly a decade.

"There are no words sufficient to express our deepest gratitude to Dr