which pro-life groups and lawmakers hope will help reduce the number of abortions further. The bill is another measure designed to give women information they don't normally get from an abortion center and to help reduce abortions. Under the measure, abortion practitioners are required to tell women they have a right to see the ultrasound one hour before the abortion. When used in crisis pregnancy centers, ultrasounds prompt most women to keep their baby. "South Carolina becomes the 18th state with legislation giving the mother the option to view the ultrasound of her unborn child before an abortion," South Carolina Citizens for Life director Holly Gatling told LifeNews.com. Only her state and Oklahoma require the one-hour waiting period after the ultrasound to give women a chance to reflect on the information without feeling pressured to continue with the abortion. ACTION: Contact Governor Sanford and thank him for signing the abortionultrasound bill. You can send an email online by going to http:// www.scgovernor.com/contact/ email

A Prayer for the ARISE Together in Christ Parish Team Members:

Holy Spirit, we have a mission, the work our Savior has assigned to us, The purpose for which we were born. But we need your help; we need your presence in our lives to succeed.

Holy Spirit, share your wisdom, that we will see the solutions to problems and

Use our energy to solve, instead of complain.

Holy Spirit, fill us with understanding of God's word and how it applies in our lives.

Untangle the confusion of the decisions we face.

Holy Spirit, advise us, show us the way to Christian living and make us strong against the temptations surrounding us.

Holy Spirit, grant us fortitude, especially when our efforts seem to fail and we feel like giving-up. Holy Spirit, give us knowledge to see the truth about our God, our selves, our families, our friends, and our world.

Holy Spirit, make us loving. We want to build rather than tear down.

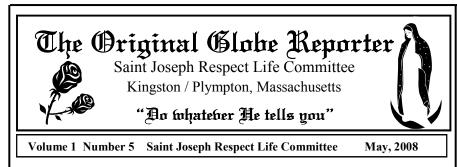
We want to reconcile more than polarize.

We want to think of others before our selves.

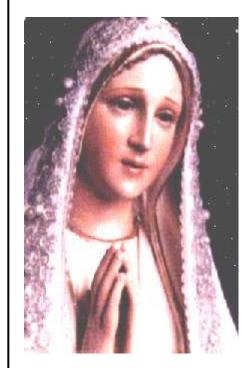
Holy Spirit, Help us.

Show us the way to praise the greatness of God and His unlimited love, by our thoughts, by our words, by our actions, and by the way we live our lives. Amen





"God knows we're trying"



An angel who identified himself as the angel of Peace appeared first to the three shepherds of Fatima; they were prepared by the angel before the apparitions of Our Lady about a year later.

The three children were Lucia dos Santos, age 9, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages 8 and 6 respectively.

The 13 of May of 1917, Our Lady appeared to three little shepherds, for the first time and the apparitions took place on the 13th. of the month for the next 8 consecutive months.

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CatholiCity Poll Results

True or false: The Rosary is an aid to ecumenism.

RESULTS (841 total votes)

= True. - 85% (712 votes)

= False. - 15% (129 votes)

Correct Answer

True. In the following paragraph taken from the new apostolic letter, "On the Most Holy Rosary," Pope John Paul II says that the Rosary is an aid to ecumenism:



While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderlyshut-ins, I used to take my 4-yearold daughter on my afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

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>



While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he gooooes!'



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 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, October 13, 2007 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!

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford Signs Abortion-Ultrasound Bill, 18th State

Columbia, SC (<u>LifeNews.com</u>) --

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford has signed a bill that would allow women a chance to see an ultrasound of



their unborn child before an abortion. The southern state is now the eighteenth to have such a law, she first learned of her pregnancy. The conservative columnist also noted that abortion comes with life-long consequences, including post-traumatic stress disorder, guilt, and other emotional problems.



A biker is riding by the zoo, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage, and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain, the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly.

A New York Times reporter has seen the whole scene, and addressing the biker says, "Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I saw a man do in my whole life." "Why, it was nothing," said the biker. "Really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, and acted as I felt right."

"I noticed a patch on your jacket," said the journalist. "Yeah. I ride with a Christian mo-

torcycle club," the biker replies. "Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow papers will have this in first page." The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and on the first page he reads:

New York Times

"RIGHT WING BIKER GANG MEMBER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH!!!"



"Where's my lunch?

News About Genetically Altered Embryo Points to Human Cloning Concerns Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- News about the first supposedly genetically altered human embryo is generating headlines from across the world. While the scientists involved in the project defend their work and deflect concerns, bioethicists say it presents a host of concerns about moving towards full-fledged human cloning. Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, of the New York-based Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, is the lead author behind a new paper about the work. The paper outlines what is supposedly the first report of genetically modifying a human embryo. The paper was originally presented at a American Society for Reproductive Medicine meeting last fall, but it only now getting public attention.Rosenwaks' team inserted a marker gene into a days-old unborn child who had extra chromosomes, making it so the baby would not be able to be born. They hoped to be able to trace the marker gene in the stem cells obtained from the human embryo after the unique human being was killed. However, Rosenwaks confirmed in an interview with the Associated Press that the embryo never developed further and no stem cells were collected. Noted bioethics attorney and lecturer Wesley Smith responded to the news by saying media outlets hyped the news. "In my view, this isn't quite as big a deal as reporters are making out," he says. "First, the embryo was never viable in the first place because it was genetically defective. Nor was it created for the purpose of destroying it-which is the agenda of cloning research, the essential technology for learning how to genetically engineer the human race," he explained.

Coast Guard Backs Down, Allows Officer to Refuse Abortion-Based Vaccine Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- Coast Guard officials have backed down in the face of pressure from a pro-life law firm that recently filed a lawsuit on behalf of a Coast Guard officer who, officials told him, must submit to a vaccine that was derived based on fetal tissue from abortions. Officer Joseph Healy, who is Catholic, said the vaccine's derivation violates his pro-life moral and religious beliefs. Coast Guard officials who initially refused to excuse an officer from the injection relented after the Alliance Defense Fund filed the suit. On Friday, the Coast Guard notified the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that it will grant Healy a religious exemption. As a result, ADF attorneys plan to file a motion to voluntarily dismiss the lawsuit they filed for Healy in January. "Christians shouldn't be punished for abiding by their beliefs against abortion. The Coast Guard has done the right thing in recognizing that those who lay their life

on the line to defend our shores are entitled to the same freedom as anyone else not to have their particular beliefs disregarded," ADF attorney Matt Bowman told <u>LifeNews.com</u>. "Members of the U.S. military should never be forced to make an unconstitutional choice between honoring their country and adhering to the belief that health and medicine can prosper without exploiting the killing of pre-born children," Bowman said.

Researcher: 46 Percent of American Health Insurance Plans Cover Abortion Washington, DC

(<u>LifeNews.com</u>) -- The chances are good that your health insurance plan covers

elective abortions since 46 percent of all health insurance plans in the United States do so. A leading researcher urges pro-life advocates to investigate their plans to find out whether they are unknowingly supporting abortion. During the Reagan administration, Dr. Robert Moffitt was the deputy secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. He recently gave a speech at the Family Research Council warning that, because most health insurance plans are controlled by secular companies or government officials. many of them pay for abortions. The money, of course, comes from the premiums that all members of the health plan and/or their employ-

ers pay on a monthly basis -including pro-life advocates. "Forty-six percent of workers today in employer-based health insurance finance abortion." he said. "I think this is critical." While pro-life advocates strenuously oppose taxpayer-funded abortions, they may not know they are funding abortions in their health care plan. "Many of you know people who consider themselves very good, solid citizens [and] who consider themselves pro-life. They go to church on Sunday; but on Monday morning, they finance abortion." he added.

Actresses Blythe Danner and Gwyneth Paltrow Promote Abortion Business Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- Actresses Blythe Danner and Gwyneth Paltrow are at it again, asking abortion advocates across the country to donate money to the nation's largest abortion business. In an email Friday prior to Mother's Day, the mother and daughter Hollywood stars primped the pump for more donations for Planned Parenthood. "We are Blythe Danner and Gwyneth Paltrow, and this is the third time we've written a Mother's Day letter to people like ing him to run. "I get people asking me to run and people asking me to move out of town all the time," Kline told the Kansas City Star newspaper, which has frequently attacked Kline for trying to hold the abortion industry accountable for following state law.

Oregon Pro-Life Group Wants Candidate in Abortion Controversy to Quit

Salem, OR (LifeNews.com) -- A top pro-life group in Oregon is calling on a Congressional candidate embroiled in an abortion controversy to guit the race. Oregon Right to Life says 5th Congressional district candidate Mike Erickson should end his bid for the GOP nod after allegations surfaced that he paid for a former lover's abortion. Earlier this week, U.S. House candidate Kevin Mannix sent a letter to thousands of residents of the district with the allegations that Erickson both paid for and pressured a former partner to have an abortion In a statement Oregon Right to Life sent LifeNews.com on Thursday the group said Erickson has "betrayed the trust of his former girlfriend, prominent political organizations and every Republican voter in the 5th Congressional District." Gavle Atteberry told LifeNews.com that she was aware of the allegations two years ago when Erickson approached her group seeking an endorsement in a previous election. "However, as the Election Day drew near, we heard from Tawnya, a young woman who

claimed to be the mother of Mike's child, one she ultimately aborted with Mike's aid and money. We talked personally with Tawnya. She is very credible and remains, to this day, devastated over the events," Atteberry said. "When we approached Mike about these allegations, he admitted giving her money and dropping her at a 'doctor's office," Atteberry added. "He said he did not know she was getting an abortion." "Now, less than two years later, Mike Erickson issues a flat denial about everything, even the parts he openly admitted in our presence."

Pro-Life Columnist Michelle Malkin Praises Pennsylvania Abortion Alternatives by Maria Vitale

Syndicated columnist Michelle



Malkin praised Pennsylvania's Alternatives to Abortion program during a recent appearance in the

greater Harrisburg area. Malkin, who is known for her appearances on Fox News, told attendees at the <u>Real Alternatives</u> banquet, "You give real hope. You are responsible for real change." Malkin noted that Emma Beck, a British artist who hung herself after the abortion of her twins, is like a lot of the women that pregnancy resource centers deal with on a daily basis. Malkin suggested that Beck's fate might have been different, had she been able to see a counselor when not undermine me, you do not scare me. In fact, you make me much more determined than I ever was before. You give me strength," she added.

Ohio House Committee to Vote on Bill to Stop Pressured, Forced Abortions

Columbus, OH (LifeNews.com) -

- Next, week, an Ohio House committee will vote on a bill that will help stop women from being pressured or forced into a decision to have an abortion. The vote is expected in the House panel on Wednesday and the full chamber could vote on the measure as early as next Thursday. The Ohio House Health Committee will likely consider H.B. 280, the Protecting Pregnant Women from Coercion & Violence Bill. The measure, sponsored by Rep. Michelle Schneider, would require abortion facilities to display a poster in their waiting rooms making it clear to women that no one can coerce or pressure them into having an abortion they really don't want. "This notice would indicate that under Ohio law an abortion can only be performed if the woman signs a consent form indicating that she is consenting voluntarily and without coercion," Right to Life of Cincinnati director Paula Westwood tells LifeNews.com. "It would also inform the woman that, if she is being coerced into having an abortion, she should not sign a consent form and should inform clinic employees," the pro-life advocate continued. ACTION: Contact your

member of the Ohio House and urge strong support for HB 280. You can determine your legislator with your zip code by going to http://www.house.state.oh.us/jsps/ Representatives.jsp

Kansas Pro-Life Champion Phill Kline Won't Rule Out Another Bid for DA Overland Park, KS



(LifeNews.com) -- Phill Kline is a hero to pro-life advocates who have longed for an elected official who will hold abortion centers accountable for violating state abortion laws there. To abortion advocates, he's public enemy number one who has doggedly pursued lawsuit for years seeking to shut down their abortion centers. Kline is a former state attorney general who, after he lost his bid for reelection to an abortion advocate, became the Johnson County's district attorney. The Kansas county happens to be the location of the Planned Parenthood abortion center Kline accused as attorney general of breaking state laws by doing illegal late-term abortions, falsifying medical records and other potential violations. Eight months ago, Kline indicated he may not seek re-election to the district attorney post, but the deadline for filing papers to run again is June 10 and pro-life advocates are urgyou who support Planned Parenthood," they wrote in the email LifeNews.com received. The pair apparently believe promoting abortion is the best way to honor mothers. "We think that Mother's Day is the perfect time to think about what it means to support mothers in this country," they added. "There is no organization that we know of that supports motherhood and all that it means more than Planned Parenthood."

Post-Abortion Group Upset Planned Parenthood Exploited Mother's Day

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)

-- A leading post-abortion women's group is upset that Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards



exploited Mother's Day for fundraising for the nation's largest abortion business. Planned Parenthood also came under fire for saying promoting abortion is more important than civil rights. As LifeNews.com reported this week, Richards honored Mother's Day by sharing part of an editorial her daughter wrote saying she got her pro-abortion views from her mother and grandmother. former Texas Gov. Ann Richards. Richard couldn't wait until the third paragraph of her Mother's Day letter to PPFA supporters to ask them to open their wallets. "This Mother's Day, I'm honoring that legacy with a Planned Parenthood Federation

of America Mother's Dav gift. Join me." she wrote. But Georgette Forney, a co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and an abortion victim, told LifeNews.com she found the sentiment appalling. "The irony of Planned Parenthood asking for Mother's Day donations in honor of mothers and daughters hardly needs pointing out," she said. "Planned Parenthood already took our money when they aborted our children: I quess now they want money for the ones they missed."

Kansas Archbishop Urges Pro-Abortion Gov. Sebelius to Skip Communion by Steven Ertelt LifeNews.com Editor May 9, 2008

Topeka, KS (LifeNews.com) -- A leading Catholic official in Kansas says the state's proabortion governor. Kathleen Sebelius, needs to refrain from receiving communion until she changes her position supporting abortion. Sebelius recently came under fire from pro-life advocates for vetoing a bill that would limit abortions. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, and a strong prolife advocate himself. criticized the veto as well and called on Sebelius to take the "necessary steps for amendment of her life."

In a column published in Friday in the diocesan Catholic newspaper The Leaven, Naumann said he wrote Sebelius in August and urged the potential Democratic vice-presidential running mate to refrain from communion.

Following the letter, he learned she had taken the sacrament and he wrote to her again asking her to respect his request and "not require from me any additional pastoral actions." "I hope that my request of the governor, not to present herself for Holy Communion, will provoke her to reconsider the serious spiritual and moral consequences of her past and present actions," the Archbishop wrote.

He indicated he has met with Sebelius many times since he's been the Archbishop to urge her to back down from her proabortion position.

Naumann stood up firmly for Catholic teaching and said Sebelius and other pro-abortion Catholic politicians are doing a disservice to the Church and their faith.

"The spiritually lethal message, communicated by our governor, as well as many other highprofile Catholics in public life, has been in effect: 'The church's teaching on abortion is optional!" Naumann wrote in the newspaper.



A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'



A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!'



A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, lookwhat I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

FDA Delays Company's Bid for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research Trials

Washington, DC (<u>LifeNews.com</u>)

-- The Food and Drug Administration has delayed a request from a biotech company wanting to engage in human trials with embryonic stem cells. While adult stem cell research has already helped patients with dozens of diseases, embryonic stem cells have never been tried in humans. That's because embryonic stem cells have significant problems when used in animals. They tend to form tumors after the cells are injected as a treatment and immune systems reject the cells as foreign. Neither problem occurs with the use of adult stem cells. FDA officials met with representatives of Geron Corp. and Advanced Cell Technology Inc. last month to discuss the possibilities. Both companies have been claiming for years they were ready to start human trials but prolife advocates are concerned problems still remain. Yet, both say they plan to start human trials this year and are requesting FDA approval to do so. Both claim to now have tumor-free experiments involving animals. On Wednesday, the FDA notified Geron's chief executive Thomas Okarma that the company cannot proceed and indicated a letter with more explanation about the decision is forthcoming. The decision is likely only to delay the human trials rather than to stop them from proceeding eventually.

British Abortion Advocates Target Pro-Life MP With Harassment Campaign London, England



(LifeNews.com) --Vandalism and harassment are nothing new for pro-life advocates in the United States and now a leading pro-life

member of the British Parliament is feeling the heat. Nadine Dorries, who is heading up a campaign to reduce late-term abortions, is the target of threats and harassment. Dorries, a Conservative Party MP, is leading an effort to tighten the limit on late-term abortions from 24 to 20 weeks into pregnancy. That has earned her significant publicity in the British media but also the scorn of extreme abortion advocates who want to allow lateterm abortions. Dorries tells the Bedford Today newspaper she has received threatening messages over the phone and in the mail and suspicious packages that she has reported to authorities. The intimidation campaign has also included abortion advocates writing threatening messages on the windows of her home. "The hounds of hell are chasing me," Dorries said in a post on her web site. "Scary, threatening angry and downright nasty phone calls. A message smeared on my window." "This is all meant to destabilize or distract me. I have a very clear message to those who are attempting to do this - back off," she said, standing her ground. "You will not stop me, you will