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Hospital Overrides Patient's Family, Threatens to Withdraw Lifesaving Medical Treatment



A patient at Houston Methodist Hospital is facing denial of treatment against the expressed wishes of his Medical Power of Attorney and family members. Because the patient is sedated and thus currently lacks decision-making capacity, his

mother is acting as his Medical Power of Attorney.

However, Methodist has invoked the statutory process found in the Texas Advanced Directives Act (TADA-Chapter 166.046 of the Health & Safety Code), which allows the hospital to override medical directives of a patient and provide only ten days' notice before withdrawing life-sustaining treatment. For this helpless patient, the ten-day period was supposed to end on Monday, November 23. Texas Right to Life is serving as the patient advocate and working to secure care at another facility while ministering to the distraught family.

In an effort to extend the ten days, as they desperately seek another facility or physician to continue treatment, the family won a temporary restraining order (TRO) through the Harris County District Court system. Once the hospital reviewed the petition and saw that the family involved attorneys and Texas Right to Life, Houston Methodist Hospital agreed to extend the countdown by an additional fourteen days. While the additional time marks a temporary victory, the patient is still in danger of the hospital withdrawing his healthcare and thereby speeding, if not causing, his death.

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Law School Dismisses Threat Against Pro-life Student, Scolds Her Instead

Madison Gesiotto, a 23-year-old former beauty queen turned conservative commentator, ran afoul of her law school profs and peers at Ohio State for a Washington Times column in which she called abortion "The Number One Killer of Black Americans."



When the column triggered a threat from a fellow law student, Gesiotto went to her dean. Instead of getting support from him, she claims, she found herself facing criticism about her article from him and two other administrators from the university's Moritz School of Law.

The Rev. Glenard Childress, a Black pastor whose organization Black Genocide campaigns actively against abortion, told LifeSiteNews, "I applaud the young woman for her courage. The students who attacked her need to get their facts right before pointing fingers. The data is quite clear. Her position is well justified."

Concerned Women for America, condemned U Ohio's "bullying" of Gesiotto, which she said was "emblematic of the left's campaign to squelch the First Amendment rights of conservative students on campuses across America."

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/law-school-dismisses-threat-against-pro-life-student-scolds-her-instead>

Pro-Life Groups Condemn Planned Parenthood Shooting and Pray for Victims



After the fatal shooting at a Colorado Planned Parenthood facility on November 27, pro-life groups have condemned any act of violence against abortion clinics.

The pro-life advocacy group Susan B. Anthony List offered prayers for the shooting victims and their families. "Violence is never justified. The actions of the shooter are in complete contradiction to the aims of the pro-life movement."

Students for Life, in a statement issued hours after the shootings, said, "People using violence to promote their views should be held criminally liable for their actions. Period. We pray for the victims and their families of this senseless act." EWTN News 12/1/15

Pro-Life Heroine Mother Teresa to be Canonized



Multiple news reports are confirming that the Vatican will canonize pro-life heroine Mother Teresa next year on the anniversary of her death.

The September 5th ceremony falls within the Year of Mercy. Mother Teresa was well-respected for her courageous and forthright views against abortion. Famously, the Catholic known also known for her role in helping to feed the hungry and end poverty, said that **abortion "is the greatest threat to peace."**

Pope John Paul-II beatified Mother Teresa on October 19, 2003 and she passed away in September 1997. Now, her canonization is based on a miraculous cure God performed through Mother Teresa of a disabled man in Brazil who had multiple brain tumors. Catholic News Services 11/18/15



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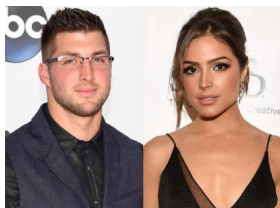
Judge Rules Divorced Couple's Five Frozen Human Embryos Must be Thawed and Killed

When Mimi Lee and Stephen Findley froze five embryos, the couple signed a contract agreeing to destroy them if they ever divorced.

The couple did divorce in 2013, and now a judge is holding them to the contract requiring them to "thaw and destroy" the embryos. California Superior Court Judge Anne-Christine Massullo decided the tragic case, ruling that the divorced couple must abide by their original contract. I want my embryos. I want my babies. "They are priceless to me," said Lee.

Her ex-husband opposed her, arguing that if Lee had the children she may try to get money from him, according to the court ruling.

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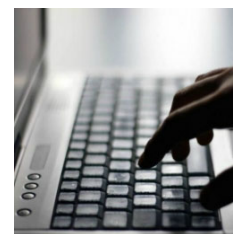
Media Mocks Tim Tebow for Getting Dumped Because He's Committed to Abstinence

Tim Tebow's relationship with former Miss USA model Olivia Culpo is over because according to reports, Culpo is upset that the couple isn't having sex, since Tebow has decided to remain abstinent until marriage.

Instead of engendering some respect from the media elite for at least having the courage of his convictions, the New York Daily News instead triggered juvenile headlines, mockery and one-liners from a legion of sports reporters. The same sports media treated Super Bowl champion Russell Wilson the exact same way when news of his abstinent relationship became public earlier this year. Yet another smear of a Christian athlete.

<http://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/culture/dylan-gwinn/2015/11/29/sports-media-mocks-tebow-over-break-former-miss-usa-due-his>

The U.S. Catholic Bishops Have Created a List of Resources to Help Families Struggling with Pornography



For the first time, the U.S. bishops have issued a historic pastoral letter specifically addressing the global crisis of pornography, looking at how the industry is affecting the parishioners in their pews and what the Church can do to offer mercy, healing and hope to recovering pornography users.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) officially approved the pastoral letter created by the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth called "[Create in Me a Clean Heart](#)" on Nov. 17. The letter addresses the crisis of pornography and how the Church is reaching out with mercy to those who fall prey to the thriving billion-dollar pornography industry, which creates an increasing slew of victims and perpetrators every year.

The bishops recommended counseling, coaching, accountability groups, conferences and retreats as good options for recovering pornography users. Other tools like online monitoring software, couples therapy and chastity education are also good resources.

"Freedom from pornography is a daily choice and calls for ongoing formation," the pastoral letter noted. Parents also have a responsibility to protect their sons and daughters from the modern-day scourge of pornography. The bishops noted that the average age of children who are exposed to pornography is 11, meaning that there are many children who are even younger.

A list of USCCB approved resources can be obtained here, together with the full text of the pastoral letter: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/pornography/index.cfm>

Examples of Abortion Advocacy in the Media



There's talk of giving Lily Tomlin an Oscar for her recent role as a foul-mouthed grandmother who helps her granddaughter get an abortion in the pro-abortion film "Grandma." "Grandma," which was released in August, received praise from a number of mainstream news outlets as a pro-abortion comedy. The plot follows Tomlin's character, Elle Reid, a lesbian poet, who helps her 18-year-old granddaughter raise enough money to abort her great-grandchild.

The abortion advocacy in "Grandma" comes in the midst of outrage over a new episode of the TV show "Scandal," which also treated the abortion of an unborn child in a callous way. The show depicted a main character having an abortion while the tune "Silent Night" played in the background.

The media similarly applauded the "abortion romantic comedy" *Obvious Child* last year. LifeNews.com 11/25/15