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And walk in love as Christ also had loved us, and hath given himself for us... Ephesians 5:2

## My father's Father

By Stephanie Chausse

I was born in 1970, raised as an Easter/Christmas Catholic for the most part, attended Catholic school from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to graduation. My experience with Catholicism could be summed up as rules and obligations, with no Spirit, no true worship, dry and ritualistic. Nevertheless having attended mass occasionally and Catholic school for years, at the root of my thinking a G-dly foundation developed.



Stephanie Chausse

Buddhism, Hinduism—and minor dabbling in new age—tarot card reading, meditation, astrology, ESP and failed out of body experiences. I wasn't heavily into any of this, just skimming different ideas. Recently I read some "poetry" I had written from age 14-16 and discovered the majority was about G-d, eternity, light, darkness and spiritual battles. I didn't have a clear direction but what I did know: I was empty and felt like I didn't belong in this world: little did I know that was true!

Sometime in the 80s, my parents got more

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In my teen years I was always searching for G-d, or more vaguely, for something more, if not through the Bible, then through exploring Eastern religions—

## Lost And Found: Brains & Free Will

By Ralph Davis

Usually, items remain in a "lost and found" for only a short while and then they are retrieved. Sometimes, an item is never picked up. On some occasions, the person never even knew that something was missing. Imagine losing you mind, your ability to think and rationalize, form judgments and make decisions by yourself, and not even know it is missing.

Then notice how it is really your emotions that govern you. How natural it becomes to respond first and then think later. An uplifting speech can cause us to feel empowered and pumped up; the death of a child saddens and causes us to pause. Someone might anger or embarrass us. We are built to cry, to mourn and to hurt and, of course, to love and circumstances around us can cause an abrupt change of emotion.

Knowing how powerful our thoughts and emotions are, there are those who conspire to shape us into their way of thinking. Masquerading as authoritative, reliable sources of news and information they delicately yet skillfully teach us how to think.



Let this serve as a wake up call: as long as we continue to rely on our world media as a source of news or entertainment, brain cells will continue to fly right out of our heads. Too many people, Christians included, have begun to absorb and even model after the incessant babble and images coming at us.

Before we know it, our battle-scarred brain is gone, leaving us with only our emotions. We have lost our ability to con-

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## WHEN DEATH APPROACHES....

By Judith Ryder

Years ago in a simpler age, when a loved one's death was imminent, relatives would come around and often settle in to help. Retired folks, widows, and maiden aunts arrived on the scene with helping hands; neighbors and friends dropped by with covered dishes and words of encouragement, did errands, mowed lawns, and looked after the crops. Doctors were summoned to make housecalls, and hushed bedside vigils were held.

Today, fortunate are those who have such valuable support networks in place. In too many cases, caring family members are separated by long distances or have unavoidable family and work commitments which render them unable to stay at the bedside of their terminally ill loved ones. And despite the best care that may be avail-

able in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, long-term care facilities, or even in their own homes, those experiencing what appear to be their final days often find they need more than just help from medical practitioners.

Enter the concept of "hospice care". During a recent interview conducted at his North Kingstown, RI office, Paul Gauthier and a few members of the staff talked about the philosophy of Beacon Hospice. Having worked there since February as Volunteers Coordinator, Gauthier explained that Beacon Hospice, headquartered in Charlestown, MA, was founded in 1995 to bring compassionate care with comfort and dignity to patients and families struggling with end-of-life issues. Twenty-one offices serve MA, NH, CT, ME, and RI, with two in Rhode Island -- East Providence and North Kingstown. Currently, twenty-five to thirty employees plus about eleven Patient Volunteers and four



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Office Volunteers serve over eighty patients out of the North Kingstown office.

Generally, the patients who come to Beacon Hospice have been given a diagnosis of six months or less to live, though no one is "dismissed" if the six month period elapses. Doctors often refer patients with diagnoses such as Alzheimers, end-stage cardiac disease, end-stage renal or liver disease, end-stage stroke, neurologic disease, COPD, cancer, or advanced dementia. A general decline in health status may also indicate that hospice care might be appropriate. While Beacon Hospice does not have its own separate inpatient facility, it makes daily contact with their patients in medical facilities, at home, or wherever they reside.



Beacon Hospice, headquartered in Charlestown, MA

To patients, as they move from "curative" care to "palliative" care, Beacon Hospice offers medical care to make them comfortable and control their pain while enabling them to continue as much as possible making choices about their own health care. Beacon also gives assistance with personal care and everyday tasks, plus counseling to help cope physically, emotionally, and spiritually with the prospect of dying. Patient Volunteers visit weekly to provide companionship, run errands, and give general assistance. A Chaplain meets each patient within three days of acceptance into the program to determine if chaplain services are desired and if so, to provide them.

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# Obama Taking Up Where Bush Left Off

## A CULTURE OF SURVEILLANCE

By Chuck Baldwin

It is truly amazing how much news the American news media chooses to ignore. If one wants to discover what is actually going on in the world, he or she often has to go to the foreign press. This has again been the case with a story that every American should be extremely interested in, but which has been totally ignored by the American news media. I found this story in Russia Today.

According to RussiaToday.com, "The personal computer may soon be not-so-private, with the U.S. and some European nations working on laws allowing them access to search the content held on a person's hard drive. "President Obama's administration is keeping unusually tight-lipped on the details, which is raising concerns among computer users and liberty activists."

The report also states, "In extreme secrecy from the public, the United States is hammering out an international copyright treaty with several other countries and the European Union. Under the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (or ACTA), governments will get sweeping new powers to search and seize material thought to be in breach of copyright. But why all the secrecy?"

Russia Today quotes Richard Stallman, prominent American software freedom activist, as saying, "Democracy gets bypassed and they can do to us whatever they want. I can only guess that it's going to be nasty,

because if it weren't going to be nasty, they wouldn't need to keep it a secret."

The report also said, "Up until now, the breach of copyright has been a civil matter. The Obama administration seems to now want to criminalize it."

The report continued saying, "Some say modern America is being overtaken by a culture of surveillance." A culture of surveillance indeed. What began in earnest under former President George W. Bush is now sharply escalating under President Barack Obama.

According to Ecommerce Journal, President Obama and his Big Brother fellow travelers in Congress are seeking power to "cut the whole world off the Internet." The report says, "Senators John Rockefeller and Olympia Snowe proposed the Cybersecurity Act that would create the Office of the National Cybersecurity Advisor. Its powers are detailed in the The Cybersecurity Act of 2009.

"If the President so chooses, he can call a 'cybersecurity emergency' and shut down or limit any 'net traffic or a 'critical' network 'in the name of national security,' though the bill fails to provide concrete definitions on what is 'critical' or what constitutes an 'emergency.'"

The report goes on to say, "This

new legislation seeks to give even more power to the government to regulate the Internet and, in the future, the possibility to regulate content and usage. What begins as a method of defeating terrorism and protecting telecommunications, can quickly become a method to regulate 'hate speech' to



assign 'motive' or 'intent' to harm and even to regulate and legislate the flow of information that is deemed by the 'thought police' to be inflammatory or counterproductive to their cause."

The report says that the new cybersecurity legislation can be a "framework for future, more invasive legislation. It is a first step to the loss of internet privacy, free speech and the free flow of information."

So, once again, the passing of a Republican Presidential administration and the advent of a Democratic Presidential administration have resulted in zero change in the overall direction of the ship of state. In the name of "national security," the federal government of this country continues to deepen

its commitment to what can only be described as a police-state mentality. And, once again, the national news media in America chooses to ignore the story, and by so doing, shows willful compliance with this disturbing phenomenon.

I wonder how many Obama supporters are paying attention?

During the Bush years, my "conservative" brethren (especially the ones calling themselves Christians) repeatedly turned a blind eye and deaf ear to the myriad foibles and falsehoods, and frequent fraudulence of President Bush because he was a Republican. Now we will see how many Obama supporters will look the other way in order to protect President Obama because he is a Democrat. I suspect most of them will show themselves of no better character than the Bush supporters.

Consider: Obama promised to end the war in Iraq. But what has he done since being elected? He merely moved the major combat theater to Afghanistan. He is even in the process of escalating the war in Afghanistan to possibly include Pakistan. So, where are the "peacenik" liberals who supported Obama? Why do they not loudly proclaim their opposition, as they did when Bush was in office?

Furthermore, Obama criticized Bush's undisciplined deficit spending, but what has he done since becoming President? He has deeply expanded Bush's failed financial policy of excessive deficit spending. Again, where are all the loud voices of protest?

George Bush wanted amnesty for illegal aliens. Barack Obama wants amnesty for illegal aliens. George Bush supported the assault weapons ban. Barack Obama supports the assault weapons ban. George Bush wanted to limit the legal rights of certain people charged with crimes. Well, friends, Barack Obama also wants to limit the rights of people charged with crimes.

Just last week, an Associated Press report stated, "The Obama

administration is asking the Supreme Court to overrule long-standing law that stops police from initiating questions unless a defendant's lawyer is present, another stark example of the White House seeking to limit rather than expand rights.

"The administration's action--and several others--have disappointed civil rights and civil liberties groups that expected President Barack Obama to reverse the policies of his Republican predecessor, George W. Bush, after the Democrat's call for change during the 2008 campaign."

So, where are Obama's supporters who thought they were voting for change? Will they do nothing, as did Bush's supporters, and accept this abridgment of personal liberty, simply because "their man" is in the White House? Probably.

In addition, George Bush created a Big-Government monster known as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Can there be any doubt that DHS is in the process of manufacturing a ubiquitous surveillance society that eavesdrops, snoops, and monitors virtually our entire lives? And what does Barack Obama do immediately after assuming office? He multiplies and expands the surveillance society to even greater degrees. So again I ask, where are all the Bush critics to denounce Barack Obama's draconian anti-privacy, anti-freedom policies?

The Internet is the last best source of free and independent information left. Think where the liberty movement would be without the Internet. But even as we speak, President Obama and his allies in Congress are attempting to obtain the authority to censor information on--and curtail access to--the Internet. Plus, in the name of "cybersecurity," they are plotting to obtain the authority to monitor and seize anyone's personal computer at will.

The Russia Today report is right: we do have a culture of surveillance. We also have a culture of cowardice by people from both sides of the political aisle who, in the name of partisan politics, are willfully accommodating and facilitating the demise of this constitutional republic.

### Gilbert's B&B -25th anniversary

REHOBOTH - Hebrews Chapter 13, verse 2, says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Jeanne Gilbert, owner of Gilbert's Bed & Breakfast, has been entertaining thousands of stranger in her country home since June of 1984. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Gilbert's B&B, the first B&B in Rehoboth. "I felt like a pioneer woman," says the former riding instructor, of paving the way with town officials about this new concept. "The idea of opening our home to strangers was not a new one, however. In the 1970s we had singers from Up with People stay with us for a few days as well as a teacher from Germany for a month and two boys from France for two weeks each," she said. "Guests have20influenced my life; hopefully, I have made a positive

impact on theirs." Over the years the 1830s farmhouse saw changes as well. From a one-bathroom country home with original long-leaf, yellow pine floors and antique hardware, the B&B now offers two rooms each with a private bath and fireplace on the first floor and three guest rooms on the second floor with a shared bath. The peace and quiet of Gilbert's B&B situated on a 17-acre tree farm named Massachusetts Tree Farm in 1987 bring guests back. The homemade country breakfasts also make a great impression. Bonita and Gary from Boston wrote: "Great company; nice evening sounds with the chirping tree frogs and seeing the fireflies. Charming place." Adrienne from Massachusetts wrote: "We enjoyed our stay here in your peaceful oasis. What a great job of renovating this old house. I know how hard it

is to get the details just right and you've done it. Congratulations. It's beautiful." George and Julianna from Romania wrote: "I can say that I rediscovered America by visiting your house. Whoever says that America is all about tall buildings, over-crowded highways and giant-sized shopping centers is wrong. Our stay here was so enjoyable that it felt like home. I would gladly trade 1,000 Holiday Inns for a weekend here." In 2006 Gilbert's B&B added another attraction. "Donald Beardsworth and I became husband and wife. Guests appreciate Don's New England hospitality, helpfulness and eagerness to share a cup of tea upon arrival," said Gilbert. "So whether you're looking for a get-away-weekend or a charming place to send out-of-town guests, let Gilbert's B&B be your destination." For additional information contact Jeanne Gilbert at 508 252-6416 or visit www.gilbertsbbs.com.

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 interested in seeking God, the “born-again” thinking you might say. From then on, my father especially often tried to talk to me about the L-rd and I just wasn’t interested. I was watching him though and noted how he had changed over the years from when he began seeking the Lord. I always remember him as a selfless guy, but he had a mild temper when I was younger, and he could be a hot-head when provoked. But in a short time, he gained a huge level of patience with everything and a servant’s heart beyond what he already had. So though I didn’t want to talk about his walk with the L-rd, I was aware of those changes which now mean so much to me.

But I continued to wander around with that emptiness wanting to find a ‘cure’ but not wanting to see the Truth. The only time I directly acknowledged that emptiness was when I was 19. I just finished sneakily smoking a cigarette in my kitchen and I heard the L-rd as audibly as I have ever heard Him, say something like ‘turn to Me’. I thought about it for a moment then dismissed it. I knew I was saying ‘No, not right now.’ To this day it amazes me that it happened. And it amazes me even more that He called yet again and again and again and again...

But I continued resisting and walking my own way until 1995, when for 4 weeks I watched my father die of cancer. I was 25. He was 47. Cancer had never really touched our lives. I was terrified. And my father? Basically confined to a bed, He worshipped the L-rd, he spoke Scripture, he gave encouraging smiles, he endured the pain without anger or fear or complaint. He had really tough moments and at times he had agitation from drugs and pain, but I could see G-d dwelling in Him through it all. This may sound cliché, hallmark movie-like, but it’s true and still rings in my ears 14 years later. His last words, less than 5 minutes before he died, were ‘Thank G-d.’

That month and actually that final moment, spoke to me more than all the times he tried to “talk” to me. And actually after he died, all those times came back to me where I had brushed him off and in so doing had brushed Him

off. All those changes in him that I observed over the years flooded my mind. G-d had a plan. Through these 4 weeks I was able to finally see in my father the King of Glory, the L-rd of Salvation, Yeshua. (So don’t be discouraged if someone you love doesn’t want to hear about the L-rd—just be Him and whether they seem like it or not, they too are taking note of what He’s doing in you.)

After he died I felt an even bigger emptiness than I had already felt. Now I had a lot of new regrets because I was well into adulthood, and I never allowed my father to have the relationship with me that he so lovingly and patiently tried to create. Also this was the first death I had experienced close up and frankly it was terrifying. (Thank G-d death and dying no longer terrifies me, another beautiful by-product of this divine experience.) And so brokenness led me to investigate this G-d who lovingly carried my father through to his death.

I began reading the Bible and tried to make sense of it. But at first it was just words on a page. Then I started talking to G-d on nightly walks with my dog, pausing under a streetlight or two, desperately

that’s only from my earthly perspective. The Truth is before we have what we define as that ‘began’ moment, His Spirit lies dormant in our hearts (for He has placed eternity in our hearts Eccl 3:11—) and when the L-rd says: “Awake O Sleeper”...He activates His Spirit that dwells in us...and we become Him. Amazing!

And so my journey was ‘going along fine’ and usually the ‘testimony’ ends on the fine note and each year of ‘being saved’ pokes another notch in the belt of salvation.



**Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Shea at their 25th Anniversary (Mr. Shea is Stephanie’s father)**

But since Ad-nai saved us before the foundation of the world, I now prefer that instead of any belt, He keep His Hand of Grace on my head because the truth is, without His Hand: I fell, miserably. It was 2003, 8 notches on

the belt, and the problem was I thought I was ok. I trusted Him, I loved Him, I thought I knew how to abase & abound (Phil 4:12), as that was a verse that for whatever reason was ever-present to me as I grew closer to Him. I boldly told G-d many times over the years: ‘I will never turn away from You.’ But I did.

There’s really no other way to fall deep into sin than to turn away completely from the L-rd. And falling doesn’t necessarily have a build up to the sin nor must it be

preceded by a dryness or distance or lukewarmness. It can just happen. Our hearts are deceitful above all things (Jeremiah

17:9). That bears repeating: OUR HEARTS ARE DECEITFUL above ALL things! It’s not about whether you begin the day with a devotional or sit in your prayer closet exalting His name or read the Bible in a year once, twice or fifteen times. It’s about our hearts and ONLY He knows them.

So I fell. I hurt and confused many people. Something I deeply regret. God is so merciful and though I tried to make everything ‘right’ for about 3 years, He finally got me to the point where I had to accept that I couldn’t make my failure better, I couldn’t bind up flesh I had ripped, I couldn’t uncloud minds I had lied to. (And now I ask, if I hurt anyone reading this, will you please forgive me?) I stopped ‘trying’ and finally allowed Him to have His Way, the only Way. And I had to leave many things behind: people, things, security, my pride, my way. And it seems so crazy but though it was so hard to finally listen to Him, once I did, He put His Hand of Grace back on my head (which is the only reason I had not fallen like this before) and made this leaving things behind decision, this repentance: effortless because He was doing the work in me. I was beyond grateful. After turning away from Him, I never expected to hear from Him again or enjoy His presence. And that would have been ok because I felt I deserved those losses for my sin and He had

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done so much more than enough in my life already. Dayenu! I would still follow Him by His grace.

So in April 2007 a few months after I had stopped trying to “fix things”, I prayed what I thought an odd prayer because I didn’t know where it came from and I hadn’t been hearing from Him other than that final call for me to leave all behind five months before. That night I asked Him to bring me a new level of understanding. I felt that I “knew” a lot about Him and the Bible, how to walk with Him, how to have peace in circumstances. But I felt like a huge piece was missing, kind of like the emptiness I grew up with. I had no idea why I felt that. I guess I felt like my mind and everything I knew had to be erased and renewed. And within a month He began turning me to the Hebraic roots of faith and opened up so many amazing understandings of who He is, showing me things I thought I knew in a completely new way. So during these past two years He has revealed to my spirit (as opposed to head knowledge) many times over what I learned in the first 8 years of my walk. This

boggles my mind. And the sad but great part is, had I not fallen, I may not have experienced Him to this extent. I certainly would not have learned that I could fall so terribly. And I wouldn’t have learned how He so mercifully and lovingly picks us up, brushes off the dust and restores us.

Just before my turning away began, the L-rd had given me what I thought was an outline for a book called: *Lest You Fall: 40 Days to Overcoming Temptation* and I was in the early stages of writing it. In the process of writing this article, I had the revelation that He did not give me an outline so that I would write and sell a book. He was telling me to take heed, lest I fall...when I realized this I was floored because I didn’t heed His Voice. The takeaway: I learned to never think I was responsible for walking with G-d. It’s only by His grace that He enables me to walk with Him.

This is not my testimony. This is His testimony. I just get the privilege to walk it with Him...Baruch Hashem...Bless the L-rd!

*His last words, less than 5 minutes before he died, were ‘Thank G-d.’*

trying to understand what it meant to lean on Him, trust Him—some phrases I’d heard on tape my mother had given me. It wasn’t immediate but slowly trusting Him began to make sense, not to my mind but to my spirit. And suddenly, His Word came alive. And that’s how it began...and because God entered my life at a dark time, a time of fear, loss and confusion: my perspective on faith and God has never been ‘why is this bad thing happening to me?’ I am so thankful for that and I know that it is all Him. And when I say ‘began’

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# Audit the Fed, Then End It!

By Ron Paul

I have been very pleased with the progress of my legislation, HR 1207, which calls for a complete audit of the Federal Reserve and removes many significant barriers towards transparency of our monetary system. This bill now has nearly 170 cosponsors, with support from both Republicans and Democrats.

Senator Bernie Sanders has introduced a companion bill in the Senate S 604, which will hopefully begin to gain momentum as well. I am very encouraged to see so many of my colleagues in Congress stand with me for greater transparency in government.

Some have begun to push back against this bill, and I am very happy to address their concerns. The main argument seems to be that Congressional oversight over the Fed is government interference in the free market. This argument shows a misunderstanding of what

a free market really is. Fundamentally, you cannot defend the Federal Reserve and the free market at the same time. The Fed negates the very foundation of a free market by artificially manipulating the price and supply of money -- the lifeblood of the economy.

In a free market, interest rates, like the price of any other consumer good, are decentralized and set by the market. The only legitimate, Constitutional role of government in monetary policy is to protect the integrity of the monetary unit and defend against counterfeiters. Instead, Congress has abdicated

**They have been given the power to create money, by the trillions...**

this responsibility to a cabal of elite, quasi-governmental banks who, instead of stabilizing the economy, have destabilized it.

It took less than two decades for the Federal Reserve to bring on the

Great Depression of the 1930's. It has also inflated away the value of our currency by over 96 percent since its inception. It has invisibly stolen from the poor and given to the rich through this controlled inflation, and now openly stolen through recent bank bailouts. It has predictably exacerbated the very problems it was meant to solve.

Detractors have also argued that the Fed must remain immune from the political process, and that more congressional oversight would distort their very important decisions. On the contrary, the Federal Reserve is already heavily entrenched in the political process, as the Fed chairman is a political appointee. High level officials routinely make the rounds between positions at the Fed, member banks, Treasury and back again, taking care of friends and each other along the way.

As far as the foolishness of placing complex monetary policy decisions in the hands of politicians --I couldn't agree more. No politician or central banker, no matter how

brilliant, is smart enough to know more than the market itself. The failure of central economic planning has been witnessed over and over. It is frankly beyond me why we ever agreed to try it again.

To understand how unwise it is to have the Federal Reserve, one must first understand the magnitude of the privileges they have. They have been given the power to create money, by the trillions, and to give it to their friends, under any terms they wish, with little or no meaningful oversight or accountability. Thus the loudest arguments against greater transparency are likely to come from those friends, and understandably so.

However, it is the responsibility of every member of Congress to represent the interests of the people that sent them to Washington and find out what has been happening with our money. As the branch of

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government with the power of the purse, we really have no other reasonable choice when the economy is in the shape it is in.

*Dr. Ron Paul is a Republican member of Congress from Texas.*

## American Idol from Page 1

tribute anything new or original; it is all the same and, illustrates, as the saying goes, "Garbage in...garbage out."

While we continue to ingest and digest and profess to live in the manner that the media has prescribed, our belief systems erode, former passions dissolve, and we become simply pawns to be used for the gain of others.

God has become a matter of attitude; a choice, not Deity. No longer viewed as Supreme, He is simply another menu option. He can be shaped, and molded to make Him *feel* right to each person. His absolutes are no longer such; but subject to interpretation of each individual.

Two of God's "absolutes" are His first two of the Ten Commandments which are, (1) You shall have no other gods before Me and, (2) You shall not make for yourself an idol. Yet, both are widely ignored.

Our god's might be money, power, prestige, ourselves or a myriad of other choices. Our "idols" can range from sports heroes to movie stars to political figures or other icons. We tend to worship these gods and idols with great passion and are usually quite loyal to our choice.

Speaking of Idols, one fairly recent phenomenon that has prevailed for eight seasons on television is the immensely popular game/reality show, *American Idol*. The 2009 series began on January 13 and ended in May.

The premise of the show is that people from all over the country come to try out and sing in hopes of being voted "American Idol." There are four quirky judges to rate the performers, not too shy to offer incredulous looks or sarcasm to the hopefuls.

The show is pure hype; a contrived hour which is heavily peppered

with ads for its three primary corporate sponsors which are Coca Cola, Ford Motor Company, and AT&T. Even the judge's drink from large cups emblazoned with the Coca Cola logo.

At seasons end, it is the public who votes for the next American Idol by phoning in or text messaging their choice. Some allege that the winner is pre-chosen and that viewers are shaped into voting for a particular contestant; not unlike the way our presidential elections are produced these days. In any case, *over thirty-six million people* voted in the recent finale.

What made the 2009 season finale unique is of the last six contestants, three are church worship leaders. Of the final three, Danny Gokey and Kris Allen are Christian. Kris made it to the end and the vote was between he and Adam Lambert, a blatant homosexual; Kris won. As the drama reached a climax, with the lights dimmed and spotlight on the stage, Adam's arms encircled Kris and he hugged him when he was proclaimed winner. Kris was quoted saying what a great guy Adam is.

Before Idol, Danny was the praise and worship leader at both Faith Builders International Ministry locations, in Beloit, WI for the morning service and then he headed to Milwaukee for the afternoon service, as well as doing mid-week services. Faith Builders

is his home church. Kris Allen has been working with the worship ministry at his home church, New Life Church in Arkansas, on both the Conway and Little Rock campuses since 2007. He is also involved with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries at the University of Central Arkansas.

Sell out? You bet; did they lose their minds? Whatever happened to a separation between biblical Christianity and worldly ways?



Adam Lambert and Kris Allen

Five out of the past seven Idol winners have professed a Christian belief system. Christians join the non-Christians in the audiences, seeing nothing wrong with applauding the hedonistic hype before them.

According to one reviewer, "There was a time when a worship leader performing on a show like American Idol would have caused Christians to label him a sell-out or to question his faith. But with the culture of celebrity becoming more common within the Christian community, the idea of a Christian making it big in the mainstream isn't so distasteful any more. For some, they see it as an opportunity for a talented artist to be on equal footing with other artists. For others they consider it a mission field where they can be a Christian example to the world. Either way, churches are supporting their worship leaders on the show, and Christians are glad to see them, too."

Bologna. Flat out, *American Idol*

portrays much of what is wrong in the world; multitudes applauding a corporate-manufactured display of meaningless entertainment. Christians turn their eyes away from God and towards worldly values to watch the tripe while Christian music leaders, once using their God-given talents to worship the Father now worship fame and success.

Whatever happened to our brains that used to think deeper and could discern between right and wrong? Whatever happened to our "free will," which was our ability to decide and act based on our beliefs and convictions? Though we might judge the actions of Christian musicians performing on a commercialized stage, most people have sold out; unconsciously throwing in the towel and, sheep-like, slurping up whatever the powers to be dole out.

The Kris's and Danny's of this world will come to their own conclusions: stick with the glamour of the world or return to their eternal loving Father. What will you decide? We can all approach the "Lost and Found" and take back our brains and free will. We can best do this by studying, memorizing and meditating on God's Word so we can discern between good and evil.

King Solomon had it made by all worldly standards. He had everything; immense wealth and property, great wisdom, many wives

and all material things imaginable. Yet, Solomon's pursuit of fulfillment thorough indulgence, achievements, possessions and wealth and great fame all failed to bring enduring satisfaction.

Solomon, in the book of Ecclesiastes emphatically proclaims that all of man's pursuits are simply vanity (or useless) and life is comprised of seemingly aimless cycles. The futility of materialism, of pleasure, wealth, and human wisdom is emphasized. For us in modern times, increasing income and prestige never brings lasting satisfaction, only added anxiety.

Solomon's conclusion: Fear God and keep His commandments, this applies to everyone. He gives life's order of events and He gives the good gifts of life. Best of all, the Bible says that God loves us all, even you, reader, despite any of our misdeeds or how much we ignore Him. The Bible says that we deserve death for our sins, yet He has provided a way out, a way to live with Him in Heaven eternally, and there is only ONE way to do so. Confess to His Son Jesus Christ right now, ask His forgiveness (which He will answer) and invite Him into your life as Lord and Savior. You will still have some of the usual problems in your life, and your sensibilities will still be assaulted by the likes of American Idol, but you can be content in knowing your final destination. "Do not conform any longer to the patterns of the world (Romans 12:2) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

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# National News

## Federal Bill Would Add Pro-Gay Policies to Public Schools

(EP News)--Family advocates are concerned by the so-called Safe Schools Improvement Act, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The anti-bullying bill would require many public schools to add special protections for students based on sexual orientation and gender identity, in addition to race and religion. GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, applauded the legislation, but Candi Cushman, a pro-family activist, said all children deserve the same protection from bullies. "It's possible to have safe schools and to have strong policies against bullying," she said, "without introducing controversial sexual topics to kids or politicizing our schools with adult agendas."

## "Ecclesiastical Crime" Robs Gospel Work Of Billions

(EP News)--The largest Christian ministry in the world – Food For The Poor – takes in about \$1-billion a year. The 500 largest Christian ministries in the world – according to MinistryWatch.com – take in a combined total of about \$15-billion. That's less than the estimated amount of money that was wasted by "ecclesiastical

crime" each year. In fact, the total amount of money that "leaks" out of the church and Christian philanthropy system via waste, fraud, and abuse could top \$27-billion in 2009. "That's about 6 percent of the global total of \$410-billion given to Christian charities," said Bert Hickman, a research associate with the Center for the Study of Global Philanthropy at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

## Exodus Launches Web Site for Pastors

(EP News)--A new Web site from Exodus International aims to help pastors respond to the issue of homosexuality with biblical truth and Christ-like compassion. The site is an extension of the Exodus Church Association, a national network of more than 120 churches that helps people with unwanted same-sex attractions to live a Christian life. Jeff Buchanan, director of the church network, said many churches don't have a ministry to address the issue of homosexuality. "We are asking churches to come on board that are committed to being caring communities and loving people and disciplining them in Christ," he said. Buchanan said his own pastor's commitment to building disciples helped him find freedom from homosexuality. "That's what this is about -- helping empower pastors to help people walk through this."

## Swine flu martial law bill clears Massachusetts

By Infowars

It took corporate media swine flu hysteria to ram through a martial law bill in Massachusetts. S18 gives the Governor the power to authorize the deployment and use of force to distribute supplies and materials and local authorities will be allowed to enter private residences for investigation and to quarantine individuals.

The *Associated Press* reports: *The Massachusetts Senate has unanimously passed a pandemic flu preparation bill that has languished in the Legislature before the recent swine flu outbreak.* The 36-0 vote today sends the measure to the House. Both branches have taken it up in past years, but have

not been able to agree on the details. The new Senate version would allow the public health commissioner — in a public health emergency — to close or evacuate buildings, enter private property for investigations, and quarantine individuals.

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## Parents Allow 8-Year-Old Boy to Live as a Girl

(EP News)--A Nebraska couple has decided to let their 8-year-old son live as a girl, The Associated Press reported. They say he has wanted to be a girl since age 4. Ellie Hites, an Omaha therapist,

suggested it's healthier to live as one's chosen gender.

But Jeff Johnston, research analyst at Focus on the Family, said the parents are being steered in the wrong direction. "They have bought into the delusion that this young boy is a 'girl trapped in a boy's body,'" he said. "Boys are designed to grow into their true, masculine identity. When something derails that process, they need help and guidance to embrace their God-given masculinity."

Johnston also said 8 years old is much too young to make a decision to reject one's biological sex. "Many boys who are troubled with gender-identity disorder grow out of it," he said. "Good parental,

## 'Ida' an extinct primate - and that's all

By Allie Martin

(OneNewsNow) The president of Answers in Genesis says an alleged new "missing link" found by scientists is nothing more than an extinct primate.

Recently, scientists in New York unveiled what they described as the missing link in human evolution, a fossilized skeleton reportedly 47 million years old. They said the creature -- nicknamed "Ida" -- had four legs and a long tail, was about the size of a small cat, and had human-like nails instead of claws, along with a bone in her foot that is similar to humans.

According to *Associated Press*, scientists said while the creature is not a direct ancestor of monkeys and humans, it provides a good indication of what that ancestor may have looked like.

Ken Ham, president of the apologetics ministry Answers in Genesis, finds it ironic that the same scientists, in a research paper detailing their findings, toned down their pronouncements after pressure from colleagues in the scientific community.

"One of those reviewers said that...whether or not it's going to be a transitional form, or missing

link, is a judgment for the scientific community," Ham states. "And he's quoted as saying that [issue] will be sorted out, or at least debated extensively in the community for years, once the paper is published."

Ham says the fossil is similar to a modern lemur, and in no way resembles a human skeleton.

The ministry has stated: "Because the fossil is similar to a modern lemur (a small, tailed, tree-climbing primate), it's unlikely that creationists need any interpretation of the 'missing link' other than that it was a small, tailed, probably tree-climbing, and now extinct primate -- from a kind created on Day 6 of Creation Week."

## Foreclosures Force Churches To New Structures

By Casey Moore

(EP News)--In December 2008, the Wall Street Journal reported Evangelical Christian Credit Union of Brea, Calif. moved to foreclose on seven of its 2,000 member churches in 2008 and expects to take similar action on two more this year.

Church Mortgage Loan Corp. of Maitland, Fla., had to file for bankruptcy protection in 2008 after being unable to sell the 10 church properties it had foreclosed on in recent years. Dozens more churches are listed as delinquent on their loans, according to a search of county court records nationwide.

"It's definitely scary for a church

to be facing foreclosure," says Ken Eastburn, pastor of The Well church in Orange County, Calif.

The Well, once a conventional Southern Baptist church, left its building in 2005 to become a web of house churches that meet in homes to eat, worship, study and serve together. Eastburn calls The Well's decision to leave their building "the best thing ever to happen to our congregation." Leaving its building was the beginning of The Well's journey to, as Eastburn says, "do church in a fundamentally different way -- back to the basics of making disciples as Jesus commanded us to do. Every day we're learning more and more about what that means."

While churches have long been

considered good credit risks, borrowing for church construction jumped from \$3.8 billion in 1997 to \$6.2 billion in 2007. Now, as construction financing dries up and collections dwindle, many congregations find themselves without places to worship.

According to Eastburn, this is not necessarily a bad thing.

Eastburn and The Well are so eager to convince churches in foreclosure that there is abundant life beyond the four walls. They have The Well to prove their point and bring encouragement to the churches facing foreclosure. Eastburn and The Well are sharing their story and discoveries on a weekly blog, [leavethebuildingblog.com](http://leavethebuildingblog.com).

## APA revises 'gay gene' theory

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow) The attempt to prove that homosexuality is determined biologically has been dealt a knockout punch. An American Psychological Association publication includes an admission that there's no homosexual "gene" -- meaning it's not likely that homosexuals are born that way.

For decades, the APA has not considered homosexuality a psychological disorder, while other professionals in the field consider it to be a "gender-identity" problem. But the new statement, which appears in a brochure called "Answers to Your Questions for a Better Understanding of Sexual Orientation & Homosexuality," states the following:

"There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social, and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles...."

pastoral and therapeutic support can help."

The Nebraska boy recently completed second grade at a Catholic school. He will be enrolled in public school next year -- as a "girl."

hat contrasts with the APA's statement in 1998: "There is considerable recent evidence to suggest that biology, including genetic or inborn hormonal factors, play a significant role in a person's sexuality."

Peter LaBarbera, who heads Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, believes the more recent statement is an important admission because it undermines a popular theory. "People need to understand that the 'gay gene' theory has been one of the biggest propaganda boons of the homosexual movement over the last 10 [or] 15 years," he points out. "Studies show that if people think that people are born homosexual they're much less likely to resist the gay agenda."

Matt Barber with Liberty Counsel feels the pronouncement may have something to do with saving face. "Well, I think here the American Psychological Association is finally trying to restore some credibility that they've lost over the years by having become a clearly political organization as opposed to an objective, scientific organization," he states.

With the new information from the APA, Barber wonders if the organization will admit that homosexuals who want to change *can* change. "It's irrefutable from a

medical standpoint that people can leave the homosexual lifestyle," he argues. "Homosexuality is defined by behavior. Untold thousands of people have found freedom from that lifestyle through either reparative therapy or through -- frankly, most effectively -- a relationship with Jesus Christ."

LaBarbera agrees. "Change through Christ is possible -- and it's one of the most heartwarming aspects of the whole gay debate," he shares. "Many men and women have come out of homosexuality, mostly through a relationship with Jesus Christ. The fact that these professional organizations will not study that, will not acknowledge that, shows how 'in the tank' they are for the homosexual movement."

LaBarbera stresses that even though elites will not recognize the change, that does not mean the change does not exist. In fact, both Barber and LaBarbera believe that God changes people through Christ -- regardless of the sin.

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# World News

## Islamists attack Pakistani Christian village to avenge 'blasphemy'

By Dan Wooding and Sheraz Khurram Khan  
Special to ASSIST News Service

**HARRAPA, SAHIWAL, PAKISTAN (ANS)** -- A Muslim mob of 500 attacked a Christian village of Punjab province on May 1 at 11:00 am Pakistan time to avenge the alleged blasphemy that they claim was committed by some five Christian men a few days ago, ANS has learnt.

Police arrested Christian men, including Ashfaq Gill, Naseer Masih, Harris Masih, Israr Wilson and Imran Masih on April 28 and April 29 after they were accused of tearing up pages of the Quran.

"An outraged Muslim mob invaded Christian village no. 90 near Sahiwal city to "kill" Christians," the Voice of People UK's Country Coordinator in Pakistan, Aneel Ashiq Chaudhry, told ANS by phone on May 1.

The Christian village is thought to be over 100 years old and most of the Christians still own lands despite the fact that some of them have sold their lands to Muslims.

Following an attack of Muslim

mob in 1997 on Shantinagar, a predominantly Christian village in east-central Pakistan, Muslim extremists razed 800 homes and desecrated 13 churches in and around the town.

Possible loss of lives and damage to properties of Christians was averted due to intervention of the Police and Rangers, who dispersed the mob that included Islamists armed with weapons and clubs.

Sensing the gravity of the situation, Police and Rangers are still patrolling the area to avert any possible eventuality during night.

ANS understands that Christian persecution is escalating in the Islamic republic of Pakistan as the Taliban are bent upon spreading their aggressive and intolerant vision of Islamic law across Pakistan.

Chaudhry called for registration of Police case against Muslims who attacked Christian villagers.

Criticizing human rights organizations and Christian politicians, he said none of them visited Christians "who have become vulnerable to attacks and persecution by

Muslims in the wake of blasphemy accusation on five Christian men of the village."

He added, "Muslim clerics who were in large numbers among Muslim mob had incited Muslims to attack Christian village."

Condemning arrest of five Christians under Pakistan blasphemy laws, Chairman of Voice of People, Ashar Mall, has called for repeal of blasphemy laws.

"Enough is enough. It is about time the laws were repealed", said Mr. Mall, pointing to the widespread abuse of the blasphemy laws.

He urged the international community to pressure Pakistan into repealing blasphemy laws.

He said the Voice of People is planning to stage protest demonstrations against recent incidents of persecution with Pakistani Christians in the UK, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and Finland.

The website of Voice of People is [www.voptv.org](http://www.voptv.org)

## Tiananmen Square Leaders Call For Repentance on 20th Anniversary

(EP News)--An unprecedented statement regarding the June 4, 1989, massacre at Tiananmen Square was released by more than 80 Chinese Christian leaders calling for forgiveness, repentance, truth, justice and reconciliation. The majority of the signatories were directly involved with the students' movement, and suffered severe repercussions at the hands of authorities for their participation. In the aftermath of the massacre, the failure of the movement and in their search for truth, these leaders found reality and hope in Jesus Christ. In their statement, the Christian leaders articulate how the massacre "awakened our sense of social justice as intellectuals... and shattered our dreams of utopia on earth." Through this crisis, they saw they were not "entirely innocent bystanders of the sins and tragedy." The Tiananmen Square

Massacre claimed between 2,000 and 3,000 lives.

## Displaced Christians Vote First during India's Elections

(EP News)--Thousands of Christians living in Orissa relief camps were among the first to vote in India's national elections. India's four-week-long election kicked off April 16 in Orissa, India, where thousands of families were left homeless after violence last fall. Indian election commissioner S.Y. Quereshi told BBC news that the first phase of the election was conducted in this area so that the security forces could concentrate all their efforts in one area. A reported 3,000 Christians in relief camps in Kandhamal, Orissa, voted on April 16. Voting will also take place on April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 13. The new Lok Sabha (legislators) that Indian voters elect will be in place by June 2.

## Israelis remain wary of Obama

By Israel Today

A recent poll conducted by Bar-Ilan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies reveals that most Israelis still believe America is their closest friend and ally, but aren't too sure about its president.

Seventy-two percent of respondents said they have positive feelings toward America, and 68 percent view the US as Israel's most loyal ally. A 76 percent majority said they are sure the US would come to Israel's aid in the event of an existential emergency.

created the child, the state is barren to produce children. The parents were responsible for producing the children and they stand before God to account for their raising of their children."

Gunn concluded by reminding readers that "Today is a good day to lobby a Senator and your MP to remind them that their authority is not supreme."

However, only one-third of the respondents (38%) said they consider US President Barack Obama a friend of the Jewish state. By comparison, 73 percent of Israelis considered former President George W. Bush a friend of Israel.

An overwhelming 80 percent majority said Obama will seek to better America's image in the Arab and Muslim worlds at Israel's expense. Younger Israelis were more skeptical of Obama's intentions than respondents over the age of 40, but the US president has failed to make believers of a majority in either age group.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Israelis are right to be wary of Obama. The Obama Administration is "systematically setting up the most decisive confrontation that we've ever seen," said Gingrich. "There's almost an eagerness to take on the Israeli government to make a point with the Arab world."

## Anti-Spanking Bill Being Considered By Canadian Senate

By Thaddeus M. Baklinski

OTTAWA, (LifeSiteNews.com) - When Liberal Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette's anti-spanking Bill S-209 died on the order paper last Fall due to the federal election, she vowed to continue to reintroduce it until it becomes law. Accordingly, the bill was reintroduced in the Canadian Senate early this year and has already passed First Reading.

Bill S-209 seeks to repeal Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada that says, "Every schoolteacher, parent or person standing in the place of a parent is justified in using force by way of correction toward a pupil or child, as the case may be, who is under his care, if the force does not exceed what is reasonable under the circumstances."

The bill proposes to prohibit a parent using force to discipline children except in very limited circumstances. It allows parents, teachers or other guardians to use "reasonable force other than corporal punishment, but only in three specific circumstances: preventing or minimizing harm to the child or another person; preventing the child from engaging or continuing to engage in conduct that is of a criminal nature; preventing the

child from engaging or continuing to engage in excessively offensive or disruptive behaviour."

It rules out the use of any force such as spanking as a routine disciplinary measure, defining "reasonable force" as "an application of force that is transitory and minimal in the circumstances."

"No corporal punishment would be allowed, either by an educator, the mother, the father or someone acting for them," Hervieux-Payette said.

The Executive Director of the Christian Heritage Party of Canada, Vicki Gunn, strongly criticized Hervieux-Payette's anti-spanking initiative in a communiqué issued yesterday.

"Canadian parents now face the wrath of the government should they use this traditional form of discipline to correct their children's behaviour: this in spite of the past successes of corporal punishment in training future generations and the failure of current methods of discipline to curb errant children," Gunn pointed out.

During last year's Senate debates on the Bill, Senator Anne Cools said that in her opinion the bill is just another Liberal attempt to

micromanage private life. "What concerns me is that ordinary parents who may slap a child as a manner of correction, and not even in excessive rage, will suddenly find themselves subject to the risk of prosecution," she said.

Vicki Gunn condemned not only the intrusion of the government into the private lives of Canadians but the premise on which the government justifies its power to remove authority for raising children from parents.

"Whose children are they?" Gunn asks. "Without the parents, who

## All 16 Christians Released from Prison in Henan

By Jenny McCloy - China Aid

HENAN, China, May 25/Christian Newswire/ -- On the afternoon of May 9, the remaining 16 Christians from China Gospel Fellowship (CGF) house church group who were imprisoned by the Security Bureau (PSB) in Xinye, Henan province were released early from administrative detention. Even though the prisoners had not completed their sentences of 10-14 days in detention or paid their fines of 1,000 Yuan (\$150 US), the officials did not require any other terms for their release. ChinaAid sources said the early release of the prisoners was due to pressure from the international community and meant that, "the government admits what they did was wrong."

A total of 18 Christians were arrested on April 30 at 3 p.m. when they were gathered for a communion service at a house church in Shuitaizi village, Xinye, Henan province. A dozen PSB officers raided the gathering, and all the house church Christians were arrested and detained in the (PSB) office of Xinye. PSB offi-

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# Health

## The Survival of Billy Best Proves Cancer Doctors Wrong about Daniel Hauser

by Mike Adams, the Health Ranger

(NaturalNews) If there's one thing that cancer doctors and health authorities can't stand, it's being wrong. And in the case of 13-year-old Daniel Hauser, the cancer doctors insist that unless the boy submits to chemotherapy as a "treatment" for Hodgkin's Lymphoma, he will almost certainly die.



Daniel Hauser

But there's a problem with that claim. The problem is a man named **Billy Best**, a born-again Christian, now 31 years old, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at the age of 16. Like Daniel Hauser, Billy Best was told he would die if he didn't submit to chemotherapy. But with remarkable courage and wisdom about his own body's healing capabilities, Billy Best fled the health authorities, ran away from his family and began eating roots, superfoods and medicinal herbs. He regularly drank an alternative cancer liquid formula (made from plants) and before long his cancer was cured. Billy, of course, is alive and well today... *fifteen years after his cancer doctors said he should be dead.*

### Billy's recovery proves cancer doctors wrong

The fact that Billy Best is living and breathing today is a huge embarrassment to the arrogant cancer doctors who insist on pushing poison onto children. His very existence proves them



Billy Best

wrong. They might have actually preferred that Billy Best died 15 years ago just to prove them right, because with each breath he takes, and with each heartbeat that carries his body into the next moment, Billy Best screams out the obvious truth to the world: Natural medicine allows the body to CURE ITSELF of cancer.

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Billy Best is alive and well today, living on superfoods and looking quite healthy. He was recently willing to speak out against the tyrannical cancer authorities on an ABC News video interview which you can watch here:

[www.abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=7661834&page=1](http://www.abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=7661834&page=1) You can also learn more about Billy Best and how he was healed here: [www.billybest.net](http://www.billybest.net)

In that interview, when Billy Best was asked if he would help the Hauser family if contacted by them, he says, "I would because it's something that's so close to me." The journalist interviewing him seems astonished that someone would dare help the "fugitive" Hauser family. But Billy Best continues, "It's been, almost, 15 years and to see today someone fighting for those same -- freedoms. ...I'd fight. I'd fight for that freedom."

And with those words, Billy Best cements his position as one of the true American heroes of our time. Taking a stand against the poisoning of children, against the tyranny of modern medicine and even against the idiocy of the mainstream media, Billy Best affirms his basic human right to choose

his preferred healing modality.

And yet, it wasn't too long ago that Mr. Best was a fugitive from justice... the subject of an intense manhunt to find a child and, it was claimed, "save his life with chemotherapy."

### Who are the real fugitives from the law?

When it comes to cancer and medicine, I say the wrong people are running from the law. The real criminals in medicine today are the egomaniacal oncologists who seek to thrust their toxic chemicals onto families and children. These criminal-minded physicians routinely call for the arrest and imprisonment of parents who dare to disagree with their distorted medical opinions -- and even those opinions are based on nothing but fraudulent science, engineered and paid for by the criminally-operated drug companies selling the chemotherapy chemicals in the first place.

The cancer industry is, in every way, an organized

## Confessions of a pharmacist: What Big Pharma won't tell you about their drugs

By Mike Adams, the Health Ranger

Pharmacists are walking encyclopedias of knowledge about the dangers of drugs, but most of them follow the Big Pharma agenda, so they rarely reveal the deadly truth about how dangerous these drugs can really be to your health.

There's only one pharmacist I've ever met who dares to break out of the Big Pharma pill box and tell patients the truth about how they can avoid the dangerous side effects of drugs and even learn how to replace dangerous drugs with safe, natural and far more affordable health supplements. Her name? Suzy Cohen.

Suzy Cohen is a licensed, practicing pharmacist, and she's a high-energy, super knowledgeable person who isn't afraid to buck the system and tell her readers things that drug companies wouldn't dare utter.

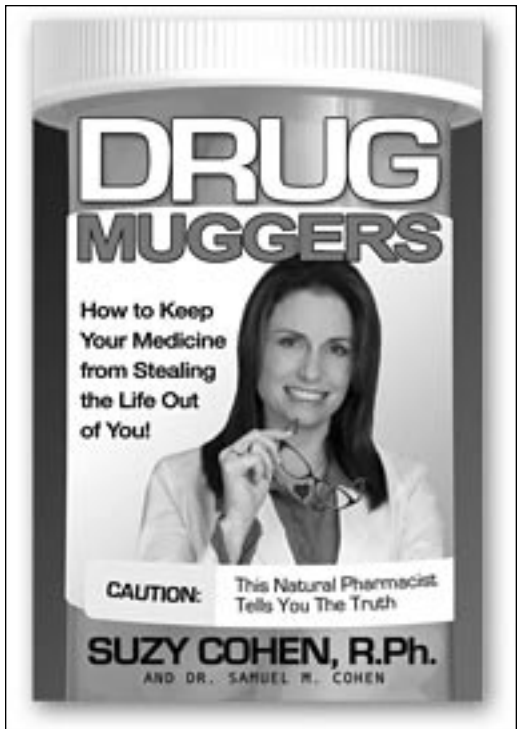
What kinds of things? Like **how Big Pharma's drugs are robbing your body of essential nutrients** that prevent disease and enhance your health. (Without a sufficient supply of these nutrients in your body, you eventually begin to show *even more symptoms* than you had when you started taking

the drug in the first place!)

In her book, Suzy has documented the truth about how to greatly reduce your risk of breast cancer and prostate cancer with a low-cost over-the-counter dietary supplement (page 200), how to zap migraine headaches with a simple vitamin (page 110) and how to slash your risk of heart attacks for just pennies a day (chapter 4).

In fact, her new book *Drug Muggers* reveals **hundreds of drug safety warnings and tips from a licensed, practicing pharmacist** who has served tens of thousands of customers in her professional career. I've read *Drug Muggers* and found it to be the most valuable, *uncensored* drug safety guide that's ever been made available to the public!

*Drug Muggers* is now published directly by Truth Publishing, the publishing arm of NaturalNews, so you can get it directly from them at **\$5 cheaper than Amazon.com**. Click the following link to order it now at the best price on the web:



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If you (or someone you love) is taking drugs for any medical reason, *Drug Muggers* is truly one of the most important books you'll ever read. It's **the missing drug safety manual** that the drug companies and the FDA *should* be putting out, but refuse to! No patient should take another Big Pharma pill until they read this book!

It covers drugs for conditions like cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, infections, pain management, thyroid, HRT, depression, weight management, skin disorders, mood, birth control, blood thinners and much more..

crime operation that intimidates opponents, imprisons those who question its authority and exploits children for profit.

The entire industry is propped up almost entirely by disinformation,

had no choice but to *become fugitives of the law* in order to protect their children from syringe-toting cancer doctors armed with chemical poisons.



If the U.S. Dept. of Justice had any backbone, it would have prosecuted cancer doctors, cancer non-profits and cancer drug companies under the RICO Act (the law used to prosecute members of the mob), as the operations of cancer industry groups are a near-perfect reflection of the tactics used by the mob to extort money from people and intimidate (or eliminate) those who resist.

Billy Best refused to submit to the tyranny of that criminally-operated cancer industry. And he is alive today precisely because he dared to make that choice. He did what virtually no one else dares do (because people have been instilled with such fear that they dare not question authority these days) -- He took responsibility for his own health, radically improved his diet, evaded the state-sponsored medical terrorists who sought to inject him with poison, and ultimately saved his own life.

It is precisely these behaviors that the conventional cancer industry seeks to suppress. If the public at large followed the leadership of Billy Best, cancer rates would plummet across the world, and the cancer industry -- whose very existence is based on financial profit -- would collapse. If people were to assert their own right to protect their children from syringe-toting tyrants, the cancer industry would have no patients and no profits.

fear tactics and now *the threatening of parents at gunpoint.*

### Never take your children to a conventional cancer doctor

It is important to inform everyone that the mere act of taking a child to a conventional cancer doctor is now, in practice, a "surrender" of your child to the State. Once you walk through the door of that cancer clinic, any disagreement with the advice of the cancer doctor will result in you being labeled a criminal, even while state employees kidnap your child and seek to have you jailed.

These are not exaggerations. They are accurate descriptions of precisely what has happened to the parents of Daniel Hauser, Katie Wernecke, Abraham Cherrix, Billy Best and many other children. In most of these cases, the parents

Conventional medicine, in a very real way, has become *the enemy of the People*. By invoking "gunpoint medicine" and turning parents into criminals, the medical establishment now blatantly portrays itself as an oppressive, tyrannical institution that, to many people, is far more scary than any terrorist organization. These actions on the part of cancer doctors and Child Protective Services are arguably *terrorist campaigns* as they clearly terrorize families in an attempt to control them.

This is the very definition of terrorism, in fact: The use of weapons (or the threat of the use of weapons) against the People to accomplish a political aim or to intimidate or coerce the People. Today cancer doctors now fit the definition of "terrorists" as defined under the U.S. Patriot Act.

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# Book Reviews

## Exploring the Mysteries of Faith from a Former Atheist



By Staff

Truth is dead. God never lived. Life is filled with pain. Death is the end of life. For Alicia Chole, these statements formed the basis of her worldview. To her, God was a myth people made up to self-medicate in response to their bleak lives and the rampant evil in the world. "I sincerely believed that there was no God," she says in the first chapter of her new book, "Finding an Unseen God."

"As a young Atheist, I simply considered myself a realist who preferred unanswered questions over fairy tales. Then one day, without warning and without invitation, my Atheistic worldview was shattered

like fine glassware on a concrete floor.... It was as though something you were absolutely certain existed only as the stuff and fluff of fairy tales knocked loud and clear and then stood there offending all your senses on the doorstep."

Vulnerable and thought-provoking, "Finding an Unseen God" opens a window into Chole's surprising spiritual journey. Yet it's more than just her story; Chole isn't afraid to ask the tough questions about faith and God and explore the mystery of belief. Through short conversational chapters, she engages both the heart and mind, and she invites readers to consider what they believe and do not believe while she paints a vivid portrait of a God who relentlessly pursues even those who deny him.

*About the Author:* Alicia Britt Chole speaks nationally and internationally to a wide variety of people. She's been mentoring university students and the next generation of leaders for more than 20 years. She's the author of several books and audio and video resources, including "Anonymous: Jesus' Hidden Years and Yours." Alicia lives with her family in a home devoted to reflection and writing in the Ozarks of Missouri. Visit her Web site at [www.truthportraits.com](http://www.truthportraits.com)

## A Former Member Testifies to the Dangers and Dysfunctions of the Jehovah's Witnesses

By Staff

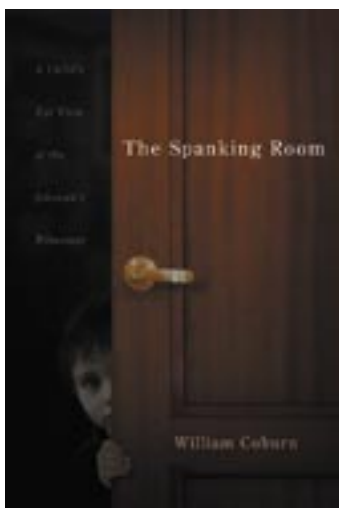
**Washington** - According to the Jehovah's Witness membership statistics, active Watchtower congregants number around 7,000,000. Every year, close to 300,000 new members are baptized into the faith, and over 101,000 organized congregations operate under the direction of a central governing administration located in New York.

Raised in one such congregation, author William Coburn remembers his childhood years and the impact the Jehovah's Witness made on his life.

"When our church building, Kingdom Hall, was renovated, a 'Spanking Room' was added as an extra convenience for mothers. My mother kicked me, punched me, threw a vacuum cleaner at me and even knocked me out on more than one occasion."

"The Spanking Room - A Child's Eye View of the Jehovah's Witnesses" explores the inner-workings of the Kingdom Hall and chronicles a first-hand account of

the physical, mental and emotional abuse among Jehovah's Witnesses. It explores how Watchtower doctrine encourages violence against its most helpless members—the children.



A former Jehovah's Witness, Coburn spent over thirteen years of his childhood and adolescence observing the consistency of dysfunction and abuse taught by the Watchtower Society.

Today, Coburn works as executive recruiter with a list of clients that includes the Pentagon. He is an accomplished public speaker and has given seminars, classes, and workshops on subjects ranging from drug awareness counseling to close-combat survival at West Point Military Academy. A Christian, husband, and father, Coburn credits his happiness and survival to God's mercy and grace.

"I'm successful. I'm happy. I have love and faith and hope in my life... I turned out fine. But I did not turn out this way "because" of the Watchtower Society; I turned out this way in spite of it."

## Young NASCAR driver already giving back

By Lee Warren

**KANSAS CITY, Kansas (BP)**—NASCAR driver Brad Coleman is often referred to as one of the young guns of the sport, with good reason. At age 21, he finds himself back behind the wheel at Joe Gibbs Racing — one of the premier organizations in NASCAR — after a one-year absence.

In 2008, he started 24 of the 35 races in the Nationwide Series (the second highest series in the sport) for Baker Curb Racing and he finished 23rd in the overall standings. He also had the opportunity to do some testing for Hall of Fame Racing in the Sprint Cup Series (the highest series) in 2008. And he climbed into the car to start one race for Hall of Fame Racing, in Michigan.

He's come a long way in a short amount of time.

When Coleman was 12, LeMans champion driver Price Cobb saw Coleman racing at an indoor karting center in Brad's hometown of Houston, Texas, and Cobb knew that Coleman was going to be something special. He approached Coleman's parents and offered Coleman the opportunity to live with his family for the summer and travel with him on the CART circuit. Coleman trained with Cobb and in 2002, during his rookie season, Coleman won nearly half of the karting races in which he competed.

He caught the eye of World Speed Motorsports and was offered the chance to test a Formula Fran-Am car for them. He excelled at that as well, and, at the age of 14, became the youngest American driver ever to receive a professional open-wheel racing license.

Around that same time, still just 14 years old, Cobb invited Coleman to move to Virginia from his home in Houston to prepare for his racing career. The move turned out to be life-changing in more ways than one.

Coleman trained with Cobb and ran late model stock cars — and various other cars — for the next two years, which led to many other racing opportunities. By the age of 18, he was getting his feet wet in the NASCAR Nationwide Series.

Something else happened when Coleman moved to Virginia. He was already a Christian, but his faith became more real to him.

"He introduced me to their church," Coleman said about Cobb and his family. "And I took the initiative on my own to go to Bible study and Sunday school. I mean, when you are a kid, you do the stuff, but a lot of it is not exactly fun because your parents are making you go to Sunday school. But when you really want to do it, you become your own Christian."

As he matured in his faith, he learned to trust God with his career — even in the difficult

times, which, some would say, began for him late in the 2008 season. After racing a part-time schedule in the Nationwide Series with Joe Gibbs Racing in 2007, he signed with Baker Curb Racing for 2008, and the deal didn't work out as planned. So he was on the sidelines for the final stretch of the season.

"What you really have to learn is to keep your faith and not give up and not let the down times get you down," Coleman said. "There will be years when it will be the best year of your life all the way until a month to go in the season, and something can happen that will make it the worst season you've ever had, and it would be really easy to say, 'God, why are you doing this to me?'"

"But you've really just got to stay strong because he's testing your faith. You know he has it all planned out for you and you know it's all for the better."

Coleman grew up quickly due to his career choice, but off the track he's a lot like every other 21-year-old who is immersed in technology. In addition to playing PlayStation3, and being a frequent texter on his iPhone, he also has a blog on his Web site, and he even chooses to read the Bible via an application on his iPhone that sends him daily readings.



NASCAR driver Brad Coleman

Not everything he is interested in off the track can be enjoyed with the push of a button, though. He loves to visit sick children. "I go to children's hospitals on race weekends just so I can say hi to the kids and do whatever I can to make their day better," Coleman said.

He's also done some work with an organization called Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy that helps children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. "It's a really tragic disease," Coleman said. "We've had kids come to the race track in wheelchairs and they get to look inside the car and be with me when I go to the driver's meeting, and it's really cool because so many of them come back and say, 'That was the coolest experience of my life,' and that really makes my day."

Coleman will make his 2009 Nationwide Series debut on June 6 for Joe Gibbs Racing behind the wheel of the No. 20 car in Nashville, Tenn. He currently shares the ride with two teammates who are Sprint Cup Series regulars: Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano.

do with all our heart unto Him, and that's what I try to do with my running. I am constantly trying to work on my heart. Trying to get it in the right place. I try and not be competitive with other runners. I just want to be all that God created me to be and do what I am doing to my very best."

## Boston's Masterson an admirer of Pettitte

By Staff

**BOSTON (BP)**—Boston Red Sox pitcher Justin Masterson admires New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte not only for his pitching ability, but also because of his faith, according to a Providence Journal article. "He's a guy that I've noticed because I'm a man of strong faith. My faith is what drives me and is my motivation," Masterson said in the article. "And for me, being an athlete, for me, I like to watch athletes and see who shares that." Masterson was born in Jamaica, where his parents served as missionaries. His father is now pastor of Creekside Community Church in Dayton, Ohio.



Justin Masterson



Ryan Hall

## Hall finishes third in Boston Marathon

By Staff

**BOSTON (BP)**—Ryan Hall, who finished 10th in the marathon in the Beijing Olympics, placed third in the Boston Marathon April 20 with a time of 2:09:40. "I'm not disappointed at all," Hall said in a Boston Herald story. "I ran the very best I could, especially coming off the Olympics. I thought this was a step in the right direction for me. I'm 26 years old and I feel like I'm learning so much all the time." Hall, of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., says running is more than just a competition, but is a way he can glorify God.

"My faith shapes everything I do," Hall said in a Baptist Press interview prior to the Olympics. "God calls us to do everything we

**Beacon Hospice from Page 1**

To the patients' families, Beacon Hospice gives assurance that their loved ones are being made comfortable and cared for, provides help with understanding financial concerns about available care benefits and funding options, and offers bereavement care as families struggle not only with the anticipated death of their loved ones, but also during the post-death grieving period for as long as thirteen months.

Following admission to Beacon Hospice, an initial assessment is made of the patient's needs and the resources available. Information is given to the family about what is paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance. Beacon Hospice is a Medicare, Medicaid, and CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program) certified program for hospice services. Many families are pleasantly surprised to learn that hospice services are fully covered by Medicare, and are gratified to hear of all the additional care their loved ones can receive from hospice. Some wish they had become involved with hospice earlier in their loved one's illness, since it provides them with so much more comfort and help.

On Beacon's staff are specialized Registered Nurses who evaluate, administer, and oversee the unique needs associated with life-limiting illnesses. Counselors and therapists assist patients and families to process the many emotional end-of-life issues. Social workers ensure that patients and their families receive the appropriate care and resources they need to cope with their problems. Home Health Aides, an integral part of the Beacon Hospice staff, provide personal care services several times a week, helping with nutrition, cleanliness, and household tasks. Patient Volunteers visit patients. Office Volunteers, who do not have direct patient contact, get involved in other ways such as knitting blankets, crocheting afghans, making scrapbooks, or

preparing Chart-A-Life posters for patients. The Chaplain offers spiritual comfort when desired.

All staff members at Beacon Hospice undergo rigorous, specialized training which gives them unique capabilities to serve their patients. Elaine, whose job description is Quality Assurance Performance and Improvement, comes to Beacon Hospice with a background as a theology student, a pastor (now without a congregation) and as a Registered Nurse, all of which give her exceptional preparation for her present work at Beacon. Her professionalism is impressive, especially as it combines with her obvious compassion for the patients she serves and oversees. All of Beacon Hospice's Registered Nurses must travel to the corporate office for extensive training in Specialized Pain Management, a course taught by a Pain Management Specialist Educator.

Christine, the Bereavement Coordinator in Beacon Hospice's North Kingstown office, told of the different ways she helps newly bereaved survivors, first by referring them, if needed, to therapists and counselors such as certified

family. Based on a pre-death assessment of "bereavement risk", support is offered to anyone in need. "Grief mailings" go out at three, six, nine, and twelve month intervals after the death so that families experience continuing support for at least a year. Christine also plans and runs, together with the Chaplain, group Memorial Services to honor, remember, and celebrate in a meaningful way loved ones who have passed on. Memorial Services typically feature comforting readings, a homily by the Chaplain, the Roll of Remembrance, and a flower ritual, in addition to keepsake programs given to each family.

Julie, who has been a Beacon Hospice Patient Volunteer for two



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traumatologists, psychotherapists, and licensed mental health clinicians, who help them come to terms with their grief and prepare them for eventual participation in support groups, if desired. Christine provides grief support by leading the support groups, which are free both to the public and to the families Beacon serves. After death, a Bereavement Call Center, of which there are three in Boston alone, makes contact with the

months, told how she goes once a week to see the three patients currently assigned to her. She visits them for about a half hour to an hour each time. She looks forward to just sitting with her patients and being their companion; she often prays for them at home. While Patient Volunteers are taught to respect their patients' varied religious backgrounds by not "proselytizing", if requested to do so they are free to pray for or with their patients, read from the Scriptures, and sing hymns with them. Julie was trained in a twenty-two hour course during which she learned the most appropriate ways to deal with patients and their families at this difficult time in their lives. Those wishing to become Patient Volunteers who have experienced recent losses in their own lives are asked to wait a year before starting work with Beacon Hospice. This gives them time to process their own grief so that they do not project sadness onto their patients.

Julie, like all Patient Volunteers, underwent a criminal background check through the state attorney general's office, was tested for TB, vaccinated for MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), and given the option to receive hepatitis shots. She was trained in HIPPA (patient privacy), and required to provide two references. Julie carefully records and mails in a report of every visit, telling where

and when it took place, what she and the patient did together, the patient's response to the visit, and whether any pain or discomfort was noticed. (If so, the facility or Beacon Hospice staff must be informed, and appropriate notation made.) "Sitting Vigils" are another way Patient Volunteers may comfort their patients when the end nears, thereby ensuring that nobody will die alone, but participating in these requires six hours of further training. Julie commented that being a Patient Volunteer has become a most rewarding part of her life, and highly recommends the experience.

Every other week, interdisciplinary teams meet together for several hours to plan and coordinate the specific individualized care to be given each patient. All patients are carefully reevaluated by a Beacon Hospice team consisting of

the Medical Director, Nurse/Case Manager, Social Worker, Volunteers Coordinator, Chaplain, and any Patient Volunteers who wish to attend.

In a recent telephone interview, Reverend Oscar Kumah, the Chaplain who works out of the North Kingstown office, told about his preparation for work at Beacon Hospice. Born into royalty in Ghana, Reverend Kumah was also born into a Christian family, his father being a "catechist", or elder, in charge of many churches there. An airline manager with Lufthansa and a salesman for a furniture company in Ghana, Reverend Kumah came to the United States in 1991 on his own, as a missionary without church sponsorship, to be a church planter. When he could not find a job, he trained for and became a CNA for two years

while seeking another occupation. Four years later he brought over his daughter, a Registered Nurse, and eight years later his wife, with whom he now lives in Cranston. When asked if it wasn't lonely being here so long without his family, he answered without hesitation, "Christ was with me."

Initially, he joined Church of Pentecost in Central Falls, where he was the first leader (pastor) of that church, responsible to an elder who was in New York. After that, he planted Christ Pentecostal Church on Golf Avenue in Pawtucket. He then left to go back to school, taking a correspondence course from Global University under the auspices of Assemblies of God. In 2006 he became ordained with Assemblies of God. His "home" church now is Living Hope Assembly of God in Pawtucket, where he is one of the pastors, although as a chaplain he also preaches at many other churches throughout the area.

To become a chaplain, Reverend Kumah took a one year residency course plus two units, four months each, at the Chaplaincy Center at Rhode Island Hospital, serving there as an intern from 1991-1992 and then as an employee until 2006. His executive director, also a reverend, observed his special gifts for hospice work, and encouraged him to join Beacon Hospice where he has served for the past three years. He recently won the Health Care Award for the North Kingstown office.

Naturally compassionate and good with people, Reverend Kumah explained that in his work as a chaplain it is not his agenda that he follows, but that of his patients. He reaches out to them wherever they are, offering spiritual uplift-

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ing as opposed to "religion". He believes that while everyone is spiritual, not all are religious, and reports having had many opportunities to lead people to the Lord. He likens himself to a "tourist", with the patients and their families as the "tour guides". Through gentle questioning and observation, he senses the proper direction to go. If patients have no family, he presents himself as a bridge over troubled waters to lead them from this world into the next, if that is their desire. He is careful not to push them into places they do not wish to go, but respects where they want to be at that time in their life. He says it is the most fulfilling work he has ever done.

Asked to share with our readers

one of his experiences, Reverend Kumah told of being with a patient who was difficult for most people to reach due to trust issues. Non-



Talented professionals comprise each interdisciplinary Beacon team

verbal near the end of her illness and reduced to incomprehensible mumbling, she presented a particular challenge. Reverend Kumah recalled, "I walked in, looked at this lady, and asked her, 'Would you like to be my friend?' She hesitated for awhile, closed her eyes,

and stretched out her right hand. I held her hand and sat there for about ten minutes without saying anything. She started rubbing my hand and then opened her eyes, looked at me, and smiled. I used my second hand to hold her other hand and spent another ten minutes speaking words of comfort, encouragement, and support. I told her that God loved her and that she was a special person in the eyes of God. She began to cry. Afterwards, I shared a prayer of peace and strength. I told her I was leaving but would come back another day. She became emotional. I told her Jesus would stand at her side, and I kissed the back of her hand."

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## Two Home-School Families Release New Type of Inspirational Action Movie

By Staff

**ST. LOUIS, Mo.** Burns Family Studios has launched its first motion picture in DVD, an epic action feature set in ancient England, called "Pendragon: Sword of His Father."

The two-hour motion picture, distributed through retail stores, has been supported by Family Christian Stores, the nation's largest Christian bookstore chain, and TBN, the world's largest Christian television network. TBN will broadcast the film later this year.

"Pendragon's" producers sought to inspire today's Christian movie viewer with a message of faith, courage and obedience to one's calling. The motion picture has been awarded four "Doves" by the Dove Family Foundation. It also won "Best Family Picture" for 2009 and two other awards at the Bare Bones Film Festival.

"Pendragon" is a very impressive attempt at a historical epic ... very entertaining, inspiring and sometimes surprising Christian movie," said Dr. Ted Baehr of Movieguide, the family guide to movies and entertainment.

Tim Eldred, executive director for Christian Endeavor, the nation's oldest youth ministry organization, said, "Pendragon captures the cry of a generation ready to step forward and transform their world. This film serves as an example of what happens when we believe in God's call on young lives."

Like the producers of the movie "Fireproof," whose production team is based in a small Georgia church, Burns Family Studios and their first project, "Pendragon," started as the faithful vision of

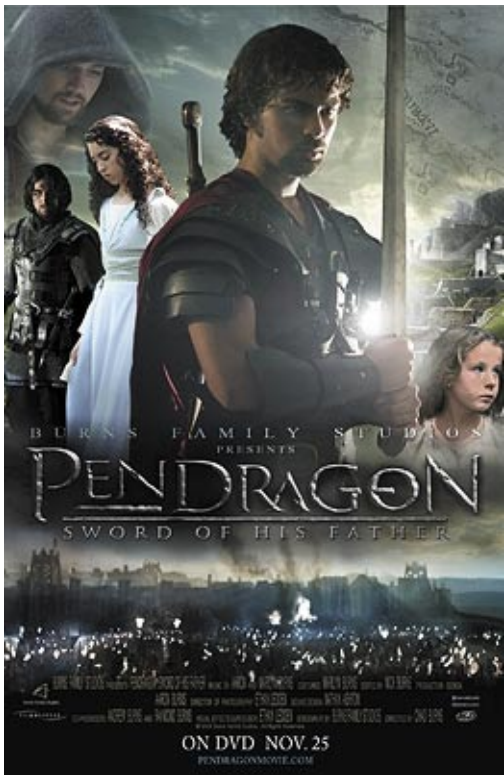
two home-schooling families -- parents, aunts, uncles, young people and volunteers from their churches -- with a big idea.

"Our family seeks to inspire Christians to embrace God's purpose for their lives -- to take up the world-changing task that God has for them. To that end, we're leveraging one of the most heart-penetrating forces of our time - film," said director Chad Burns.

"Once it was said that 'the pen was mightier than the sword.' Today, feature films are shaping cultural norms and ways of thinking. It is our vision that through "Pendragon" and our other pictures, people will be inspired to live bold, vibrant lives for Jesus Christ," said Burns.

Aaron Burns, Chad Burn's cousin, who plays the lead role of Artos, said, "As we saw 'Pendragon' through to completion, we watched God provide in amazing ways."

Aaron Burn's father, Andy, plays British ruler Ambrosius, while he also tends to the everyday Burns Family Studio financial concerns. Aaron's mother, Tracy, managed the hundreds of extras that played in the movie.



Although set in a distant time and a faraway place, "Pendragon" is more than an exciting adventure flick. It tells a story that is essential to Christians and families today. Through "Pendragon's" epic battles and dramatic intrigue shines the story of a young man whose life was changed when he submitted himself to God's plan. Watch the exciting movie trailer at [www.pendragonmovie.com](http://www.pendragonmovie.com).



## Rick Wakeman and The Six Wives of Henry VIII

By Dan Wooding  
**HAMPTON COURT PALACE, LONDON, UK (ANS)** -- It was almost forty years to the day when, as a young reporter on a local paper in search of a story, I wandered into the Musical Bargain Centre on South Ealing Road, West London, and asked the manager if he had anything I could write about.

Even as I spoke, I suddenly heard the sound of keyboards in a side room being played in a way I had never heard before. It was staggering to say the least. "Who is that?" I asked. "It's a young kid called Ricky Wakeman who comes in here to rehearse," said the manager, who I later got to know as "Uncle Ernie."

He called the giant teenager with long, flowing blond hair, out and I asked him if he lived locally -- we only wrote about locals -- and when he said he did, I asked him if I could interview him. "I've never been interviewed before," he beamed. "Go ahead."

Before I knew it, he was telling me that he was a student of the Royal College of Music in London and was working his way through college doing sessions. When I asked him what were some of his most recent ones, he replied, "I arranged and played piano on Morning Has Broken with Cat Stevens and Space Oddity with David Bowie."

After the story appeared, Ricky, now Rick, invited me over to his home in Northolt and played for me on his upright piano and then we both discovered that we were Christians. Rick said he had been baptized at South Harrow Baptist Church and had been a Sunday School teacher there.

Our friendship has stood the test of time and I went on to write his official biography called Rick Wakeman, the Caped Crusader and when Norma and I moved to the USA, Rick even did some benefit concerts for our ministry, ASSIST.

We met up again last on May 1, 2009 after what I consider one of Rick's greatest triumphs, his performance of his prog rock opus, The Six Wives of Henry VIII, on a huge stage with about 100 musicians and singers in front of Hampton Court Palace, the home of the rather larger than life king who started the Church of England because the Pope of the time wouldn't annul his latest marriage.

Rick came on stage at the live two-evening event to mark the 500th anniversary of the King's coronation, wearing a blood-red cloak, surrounded by six young ladies who were supposed to represent the unfortunate six wives of Henry VIII.

I have witnessed many of Rick's great performances, but this was in my opinion, his greatest triumph as he played with the Orchestra Europa, the English Chamber Choir raising their voices and Wakeman with his incredible array of synthesizers and the powerful backing of the English Rock Ensemble which included the wonderfully eccentric Ray Cooper on percussion, as we transported back to 1509 with a little help from the narrator Brian Blessed whose ad-libs about Henry brought the house down.

Afterwards, in one of Henry's dining rooms with Norma, and my two sons, Andrew and Peter, I tried to interview Rick, which is always



Rick Wakeman on keyboards

a challenge because he loves to kid around, but for a few moments he was serious and shared that he had been seriously ill with pleurisy for several weeks before the show and had been taking some pain medication that was so strong that "I have been talking with light fixtures." He added, "I decided not to take them before this show." With that he gave a huge Henry like laugh, and then we talked for a while.

He revealed that it has been a long journey to finally perform his Six Wives epic album at Hampton Court and he thought he was going to be charged with treason after his first request to stage the event at Hampton Court Palace, which by the way, was where the King James Bible began its life.

"Back then, when I first tried, Hampton Court was under different ownership," he said. "Back then, there was only twenty-percent of the palace open. I wanted to do the concert here because I've always loved Hampton Court. Now, about seventy-percent of the palace is open for the public and things have changed and they have concerts and a flower show.

The people who ran our Palaces and stately homes were quite stuffy. So after I put in my request, the letter that came back was very frosty. Although it didn't exactly say it was tantamount to treason, I felt that if I pressed the issue, I would be sent to the Bloody Tower at the Tower of London.

"This time around, I met with a wonderful guy called Trevor Dansford who works down here (at Hampton Court) who sadly hasn't been very well so

I don't think he was here tonight. He's in charge of all events down here and he contacted me last March and he just said, 'Look, you know what next year is?' I said, 'Yes, it is the five-hundredth anniversary of Henry's coronation' and he then said, 'Do you want to do the Six Wives here?' I said, 'Well, in the courtyard,' which is where they do all the concerts. He said, 'No, out in front at the West Gate.'

To cut a long story short -- all of Rick Wakeman's stories are long and complicated -- it was agreed that the performance would be a huge event for two nights and also filmed for television and a DVD release.

"This is the most outrageous show I've ever done," he said.

The highlight for me was the moment Wakeman, wearing one of his many capes went up a staircase to a grand piano and began playing the beautiful hymn, The Day

Though Gavest Lord Has Ended.

It was right at the end of his performance of Anne Boleyn and I asked him how this came to be put at the end of this track from the album.

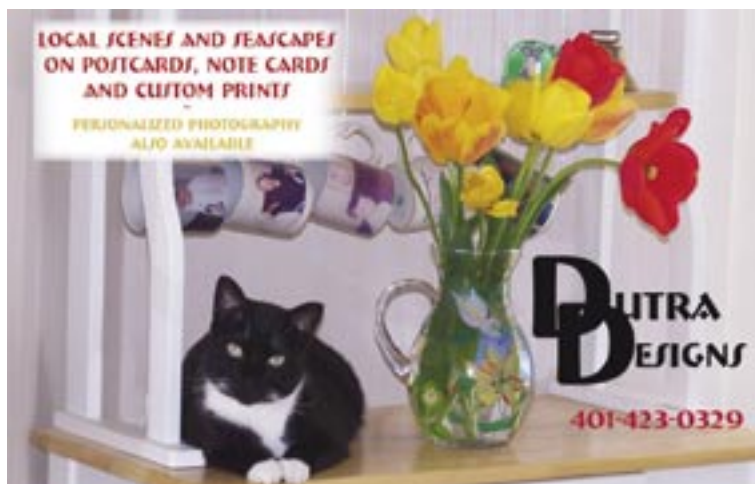
"When I recorded Anne Boleyn and had finished it, I wasn't happy with the ending even though the ending sort of worked

and I went to bed and was dreaming about the music," he told me. "I was actually, quite vividly, at the old tower where she was executed and at the end of the public royal execution, I could see in my dream the people singing, The Day Thou Gavest. I woke up and I knew that I wanted to put it at the end. Obviously, nothing like that could ever have happened because we're talking hundreds of years later because the hymn was written separate to the music. So I knew it wasn't correct, but it had to be at the end of the piece so I came back into the studio and recorded it."

I told Rick that I believed this was the most beautiful piece of music he had ever performed and he laughed and said, "The check cleared then, did it?"

Looking back on these past forty years, all I can say is the Lord has certainly blessed us both and given us incredible lives and I am glad that my weight hasn't yet reached Henry VIII proportions!

Rick Wakeman's website is <http://www.rwcc.com/>



## Finding the balance in Christian Celebrity

By Dwight Widaman

Covering news can be a challenge, especially for a Christian publication. The Metro Voice is in a similar position to Joanne Brokaw, who writes for beliefnet.com and serves as our national Christian entertainment correspondent (You can catch her work in our paper and on metrovoiceneeds.com). Joanne recently shared with me and other editors that she walks a fine line in reporting on, and supporting the "Christian" entertainment industry. Her comments were in the context of a discussion of American Idol's Christian contestants and Miss California, Carrie Prejean's modeling photos for women's undergarments.

As a newspaper editor I believe that we should find a balance. Though Christian journalists should not "promote" celebrity we certainly need to report on the facts--it IS news. I have always thought that Christian journalism dabbles as voyeurs on the rise of celebrity like Prejean, but we do our readers a disservice if we close our eyes when these celebrities tumble from their perch like Amy Grant, Sandi Patti and others. Our readers deserve better, as there are important lessons to be learned.

Anita, my wife and co-publisher, was uncomfortable with our May front page picture of Prejean which showed a bit of cleavage. There was no photo available that showed none, while still showing her Miss California banner so I went with it. I apologize if that photo offended you, our dear and trusted reader.

In my own family, we have high standards of modesty for our pre-teen and teen daughters--no noodle strap tops or short shorts, and one piece swim suits with swim skirts are standard. It is quite an ordeal to shop, my wife reminds me, and reminds me, as our girls have moved into the junior's section of clothing. Modest clothing is apparently a rare commodity.

But having said all that, our requirements have let our girls develop their own high standards for what they don't want to reveal. But with peer pressure, it is still a struggle for them. Parenting has taught me that you must set the bar extra high because the natural tendency of youth is to lower it.

It is probably true that the Christian entertainment industry has lowered the bar in an attempt to find contemporary heroes of the faith. How many celebrities, because of a pro-Christian comment or personal testimony, have been catapulted onto the stage at the Gospel Music Awards too quickly, or featured in publications like ours, only to disappoint us later?

Having a Christian like Miss California stand up for traditional values is great but to be honest it was done in a venue that makes many of us uncomfortable. I wonder if we have again promoted her to the status of celebrity too quickly. Larry Lepore is a friend who publishes The Good News Today a Christian newspaper in Providence, RI. and is not known for mincing words. He emailed me what many of us would like to

## Editorials / Commentary / Letters to the Editor

### The Patriotic Retirement Plan

This is from an article in the St. Petersburg Times Newspaper, Sunday edition. The Business Section asked readers for ideas on "How Would You Fix the Economy?" I think this guy nailed it!

Dear Mr. President,

Please find below my suggestion for fixing America's economy. Instead of giving billions of dollars to companies that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan. You can call it the Patriotic Retirement Plan: There are about 40 million people over 50 in the work force.

- Pay them \$1 million apiece

severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- 1) They MUST retire. Forty million job openings - Unemployment fixed.
- 2) They MUST buy a new American CAR. Forty million cars ordered - Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed.

It can't get any easier than that!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members in Congress and their constituents pay their taxes..

### National Organization for Marriage Reacts to California Supreme Court Decision Upholding Prop 8

By Elizabeth Ray

"The 7 million Californians who worked hard to protect marriage as the union of husband and wife are breathing easier today." -- Brian Brown, executive director, NOM

PRINCETON, NJ - The National Organization for Marriage responds today to the California Supreme Court decision to uphold the November, 2008 vote to pass Proposition 8, adding an amendment to the California constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

"We're grateful this court did not overturn the civil rights of all Californians to amend our own constitution," said Brian Brown, executive director of NOM. "The 7 million Californians who worked hard to protect marriage as the union of husband and wife are breathing easier today."

"Marriage is worth protecting because it is the way we teach the next generation: children need mothers and fathers," said Maggie Gallagher, president of NOM. "This victory for Prop 8 is a victory for children, for civil

### To debate or not to debate

In November 2008, The United States elected Barack Obama President. During that time I could not help but revisit something I heard while listening to a radio show some time ago. "Elections have consequences". Very often in a free society, economics and the "me" philosophy drive the voter. When this happens, many of that voter's core principals take a back seat to what they see as the pressing issue of the day. Then the proverbial wakeup call, President Obama is the most pro-choice president in American history.

I preface this article in this way, because I know there are many who stepped outside their convictions and voted for this man, and are now a bit, shall we say, taken back over this Notre Dame dust up and other issues like stem cell research and same sex marriage. Let's look at that day at NDU for some insight.

After a truly pandering, hypocritical and disgraceful introduction by University President Jenkins, President Obama took the podium and proceeded to tell the love struck crowd how debate must be civil but that at the end of the day we may never agree. Really? For those of us political junkies out there who hang on every teleprompter moment, this is code for: "I got nothing"...

Of the President's address, I particularly chuckled when he spoke of a fair minded debate and of

tell Miss California, "Thanks for standing up for traditional marriage but next time...put some clothes on while doing it."

choosing not to "demonize" those with differing political views. It sounded almost laughable from the President who continues to paint his predecessor as nothing short of a monster, and whose "rules for radicals" roots are grounded in the worst of the Chicago political machine. The rest of the speech was more of the same from the pro-choice crowd that cannot and will not debate on the issues. For when you present the evidence, show the pictures, hear the testimony, and finally poll the American people, the answer is louder than ever: abortion is wrong.

Having said this, we must look at the broader picture for clarity. While thousands took to the commons and the streets to voice their displeasure with the Presidents appearance and subsequent honorary degree, Joyce Arena seemed packed with the young and the "learned" alike, showing little or no regard whatsoever for the religious heritage of one of this nation's great Catholic institutions. It looked to be like any other university graduation. The rousing cheers and applause for the President seemed almost to be mocking the idea that his being there was even an issue. The President seemed to walk triumphant into the arena as someone having vanquished a great foe.

When we look at our institutions of higher learning these days, we find a few brave souls desperately trying to convey to students that there must be something more than star power to our leaders. Unfortunately, the tone of anti-religion and mother earth are deafening

### Dear Tea Party Supporter,

On April 15th, Rhode Islanders came out in full force to rally against wasteful government spending and high taxes. This week the budget deficit was released and RI is \$661 million in debt for the next fiscal year. If left unchecked, the General Assembly will fill that \$661 million hole with higher taxes for ALL Rhode Islanders. But there is an alternative.

The General Assembly can reduce spending by addressing pension reform and making changes to enable cities and towns to reduce their expenses. If we really want to change how our elected leaders spend our money, we must show up to show them that we mean business.

Join us on June 10th at the State House steps from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to let them know that the opposition to the special interests is alive and strong and that we will NOT

rights, and for the common good."

Through its California affiliate, the National Organization for Marriage emerged as the single largest donor to Prop 8 in California. The National Organization for Marriage's mission is "protecting marriage and the faith communities that sustain it." NOM is actively working to protect marriage in Maine, New Hampshire, New

in the classrooms. Combine this with a lack of any real spiritual intervention on the part of most of today's parents, and one does not have to look far to find the future soldiers of the pro-choice movement. Only when we eliminate God and accountability from the lives of our children can we kill the unborn, laying the justification at the altar of choice and science.

Sadly, the Presidents approach on May 17<sup>th</sup> was to quasi-condemn the protesters by asking: hey, can we all agree to disagree and be nice? To the adolescent with a hangover, this sounds great and gives them something to yell about. But what does it say about where we/they are going? Moreover, what does it say about where our country is going?

All through history, we see how motivated people can affect the future, some good, and some bad. In the case of our Christian heritage in The United States, it is "life" liberty and the pursuit of happiness and those "unalienable rights" that cannot be bestowed upon us by the hand of man, that have kept us in the light these 233 years. In my humble opinion, to abandon these principles, sitting idly by for the sake of "political harmony", is to commit moral suicide and see our great nation fail sooner rather than later.

When a debate such as this one is framed by decent and God fearing folks like Dr. Alan Keyes being accosted by plain clothes university police, basically telling him not to push the issue, what does this say about other debates to come? What are they telling us? Are they tell-

take no for an answer!

On June 9, 1773, Rhode Island patriots burned the British merchant ship Gaspee to take a stand against unfair taxation. This June, be a part of history once again when Rhode Islanders stand up and make their voices heard.

Also the RI Tea Party will have a float in the Bristol 4th of July Parade. If you would like to donate to the float committee you can send a check to "RI Tea Party", c/o Marina Peterson, P.O. Box 107, Bristol, RI 02809 or you can call Arnold Lumber (speak with Paul) at 401-783-2266 to add funds to our account which was set up by a very generous donor. If you are able to volunteer time to work on the construction please contact Nancy Schloss at 508 951 4596. Thanks so much!

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York, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia, as well as California.

It's "Two Million Activists for Marriage" campaign, and the first two ads in the \$1.5 million national media campaign to promote it, has drawn national attention. See www.nationformarriage.org for more information.

ing us that the constitution is old school and must be updated? Are they saying that the fundamental Judeo/Christian values that were such a part of the mindsets of those who founded this country are no longer acceptable at the debate table? Will citizens arrested while standing up for those who cannot do it for themselves continue to be marginalized as fringe by the mainstream media?

What do you think? Have the economy and the notion that this president can have any greater bearing on it than past Presidents, short of spending our great grand children's money to do it, caused you to lay down your values? Does the idea that he cringes at the thought of what other nations might think when we dump a little water up the nose of a self proclaimed killer of the innocent, while denying a dying baby ripped from its mother, but still alive, the medical care to survive and have a chance in Gods world?

Having been born, baptized and confirmed a Catholic, I would not debate what I personally see as the hypocrisy of the Catholic Church these days, but come on folks, this is a no brainer. It is a fundamental argument that will, among others, play a collective role in our futures. If we continue to elect leaders, no matter how charismatic, whose intentions, whether stated or otherwise, are to dress down our values and accept as mainstream that which we know to be wrong in our conscious mind and heart, we will certainly continue to pay a price for it.

Fred Comella  
Barrington, RI

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# Inspiration

## When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.



When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

## NOAH'S ARK MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

The story of Noah's Ark has fascinated children for generations! The children at my house of worship love to hear the story of Noah and his menagerie of animals over and over again!

For this activity you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, brown construction paper, poster board, scissors, pencils, colored markers, tacky glue and lots of animal crackers. (You could also use the reproducible Noah's Ark coloring page from Gospel Light's Bible Story Coloring Pages.)

each student to share his or her findings.

Ask the children to turn to Genesis 6:9-10:16 and have volunteers read sections about Noah you have pre-selected. Discuss how Noah loved God and was faithful to Him. Explain how God loved Noah and his family and protected them and the animals from the flood. Also tell the children that God loves them just as much as he loved Noah and that they can ask for His help in difficult times.



Instruct your class members to use their Bibles and concordances to discover Bible passages about animals. Allow time for

Before class precut poster board into the shape of an ark that will

match the size of the construction paper you have selected. Instruct your students to trace the ark outline and cut it out. Have the children glue animal crackers onto the ark to populate it, and then creatively color the animal crackers and ark as they desire. Make sure you have plenty of extra animal crackers for the children to eat as well as juice to go with their snack.

For an extra activity, make copies of the Noah's Ark coloring sheet, read it with your students and have them color it. (I usually make Bible story coloring sheets to go with my lessons. They can be used in class or as a take home activity.)

Have the children take their craft home after class and encourage them to share the story of Noah's Ark with their parents or guardians.



*And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing." And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry*

### Tribute to Father

"Honor your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise.

by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.

Ephesians 6:2 - 4

## Happy Fathers Day

### June 21st

## Sweet Journeys

By Bonnie Bruno

How many flowers are you able to name? I recognize common flowers like roses, tulips, mums, violets, lilies, and daffodils, but if you propped me behind the microphone on a game show and drilled me with floral flashcards, my brain would short-circuit.

Botanists claim that they've documented more than 270,000 different species of flowers. That's quite a bouquet! Paleobotanists (those who have dedicated their lives to the study of fossilized plants and animals) have discovered fossilized flowers that resemble magnolias. Imagine the moment a sweet-scented magnolia broke free from its stem and fluttered to the ground. Through a time-consuming process—perhaps from being buried in volcanic ash or sand—that flower's shape and structural details were later embedded in a rock, which eventually found its way into a museum for visitors to enjoy. The journey is said to have taken thousands of years from tree to display case. God only knows the exact amount of time.

Take a few minutes to read up on the history of your favorite flowers and you might be surprised by how far they've come. Did you know, for

example, the lowly peony arrived in America with the early settlers? It survived long, cruel winters and scorching summers, poor soil and relentless rain. Yet it flourished, and it has been called the flower that "makes artists of us all." It will thrive just about anywhere.

Here are a couple more flowery factoids: In 1929, a document about herbal remedies was discovered. Written in Latin, this sixteenth-century record described how the Aztecs in Mexico used dahlias as a prime treatment for epilepsy. Because insulin had not yet been discovered, diabetics were often given a special sugar tonic made from the tubers of dahlias.

Napoleon's wife, Josephine, always wore violets, so on each anniversary, he would give her a bouquet of the pretty purple blossoms. Before his 1814 exile to the Island of St. Helena, Napoleon had one wish: to visit Josephine's tomb. After his death, they discovered he was wearing a locket containing violets he'd picked at Josephine's gravesite.

Like far-reaching flowers, each of us is on a journey. No doubt your life's journey includes a few proverbial cliffs and canyons, slippery slopes and potholes. But tough times shape us. Trials and tribulations are nothing new;

Jesus experienced them, too. I Corinthians 1:3-5 assures us of God's abiding presence no matter what we encounter: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the



sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. (NKJV)

Take time to review your unique life's journey. Do you see evidence of His faithful provision? shelter from the storm? timely promises from his Word? precious friendships He intentionally planted across your path? Do you recall compassionate smiles He delivered via strangers at the exact moment you needed an encouraging touch?

The journey of life grows sweeter each year, as we pause to acknowledge God's hand on our shoulder

and His light spilling across our path. He's the fragrant flowers from a loved one, and the arm around your shoulder when you think you can't go on. He's the Beginning and the End.

Have you taken the time to acknowledge God's hand upon your shoulder or are you still attempting to work your way into Heaven? You can, simply by asking Jesus to be your personal Savior. He gives His assurance of eternal life to anyone who comes to Him.

The bible says; **Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** Mat 11:28 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9 Only believe and you will be saved. I know this sounds to simple to be true, but it is. Say a simple prayer

something like this:

*Jesus, please forgive me. I know I haven't done everything that I should in my life and I'm sorry. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears and worries of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. Amen*

Congratulations, if you have prayed this prayer, the Bible says, "Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a **new** creature: **old things** are passed away; **behold**, all **things** are **become new.**" (2 Cor. 5:17)

If you've prayed this prayer for the first time or are renewing your commitment to the Lord, please let us know so that we can pray for you as you start your new life with Jesus.

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**A Popular guy**

"I have to have a raise," the man said to his boss. "There are three other companies after me." "Is that so?" asked the manager. "What other companies are after you?" "The electric company, the telephone company, and the gas company."

**Observe the ant (Prov:6)**

A farmer purchased an old, run-down, abandoned farm with plans to turn it into a thriving enterprise. The fields were grown over with weeds, the farmhouse was falling apart, and the fences were broken down. During his first day of work, the town preacher stops by to bless the man's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!" A few months later, the preacher stops by again to call on the farmer. Lo and behold, it's a completely different place. The farm house is completely rebuilt and in excellent condition, there is plenty of cattle and other livestock happily munching on feed in well-fenced pens, and the fields are filled with crops planted in neat rows. "Amazing!" the preacher says. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!" "Yes, reverend," says the farmer, "but remember what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"

**Gardening 101**

God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done.

What do you call two young married spiders? Newly-webs.

What does the letter "A" have in common with a flower? They both have bees coming after them.

**UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER**

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?" Gary answered, soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle ... and He just then did!"

**THE BLESSING**

My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife said. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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**NUDITY**

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

**OPINIONS**

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

**MORE NUDITY**

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

**POLICE # 1**

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right? 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

**POLICE # 2**

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

**ELDERLY**

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old 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!'

**Shirley and Marcy**

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.' The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That 's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy.' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?' 'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. and in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

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10. Well, how 'bout that?... I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
9. You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for unchaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?
8. I noticed that all your friends have a certain "up yours" attitude ... I like that.
7. Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car -- GO CRAZY.
6. What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?
5. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend ... you might want to consider throwing a party.
4. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies -- you know - that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.
3. No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring -- now quit your belly-aching, and let's go to the mall.
2. Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.
1. Father's Day? aahh -- don't worry about that -- it's no big deal.

**Wise as a serpent**

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This kid is not so bright. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves the dollar. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store and says, "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

**Grandmother knows best**

A grandmother was giving directions to her grown grandson who was coming to visit with his wife: "You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell." "Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?" "You mean you're coming empty handed?"

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Richard Ford  
Queen Creek , AZ

P.S. They also need help with their credit cards, when do you want me to start making those payments?

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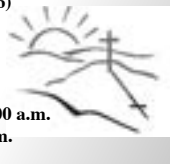
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**June 6 • 11a.m. 6 p.m. ~ Schweppes Great Chowder Cook - Off** at Newport Yachting Center, Newport, RI. more info 401-846-1600

**June 7 • 4p.m. ~ Providence Mandolin Orchestra Concert: Benefits the R.I. Food Bank.** \$10 tickets donated directly to the food bank at St. Pauls Church Parish Hall Pawtucket RI call 410-273-6930 or www.mandolin-orchestra.org for more info.

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## 2 Tuesday

**10 a.m. ~ Women's Bible Study,** meets every Tuesday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. or nhcc.ws (508)-324-4500

**7p.m. ~ Healing Streams Prayer Service** 1st Tuesday of each month for healing & prayer gathering. Healing and peace in body, soul & spirit with Gods healing touch. New Life Worship Center 915 Douglas Pike Smithfield, RI. more info call: 401-232-5200

**7p.m. Arise - A 12 Step Program** every Tuesday at North Providence Assembly of God, 244 Lexington Avenue, N Providence, RI 401-353-8330

**7p.m. ~ Celebrate Recovery** every Tuesday. (Behind the Church) International Church of the Nazarene 278 Pleasant St, New Bedford, MA.

## 3 Wednesday

**12-1 p.m. ~ Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. Luncheon:** at The Courtyard Marriott Hotel (1st Wed of month at this location) 32 Exchange Terrace (Kennedy Plaza) Call Jim 401-821-8750

**7p.m.~ Family Night every Wed at The Orchard Church,** light supper at 6:30pm followed by classes for all ages. Childcare provided. Elevator Accessible. 180 Oaklawn Ave Cranston RI 02920. 401-942-4616. orchardri.org

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## 4 Thursday

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**7p.m. ~ New Life Worship Team** at New Beginnings Coffeehouse Church of The Apostles 170 Fairview Ave Coventry, RI. Refreshment served, Free will offering. For more info call 401-821-7609/churchoftheapostlesri.org

## 6 Saturday

**4-8 p.m.~ Adult Coffee House** Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909; 401-780-8900

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## 7 Sunday

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## 10 Wednesday

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## 11 Thursday

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**7 p.m. ~ Joshua's Men** 2nd and 4th Thursday, we meet for prayer, bible study and mutual accountability, at Church of the Apostles 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry, for more info: 401-821-7609

## 12 Friday

**7 p.m. ~ Ground Zero** Youth Service with Teen-Led Worship and Relevant Bible Teaching. New Life Worship Center, 915 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI. 401-232-5200

**7-9 p.m. ~ Recovery Class** every Friday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA.(508)-324-4500

**7-9 p.m. ~ Core- Youth Night (Grades 9 - 12)** Every Friday. Christian Hill Community Church. 1745 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-823-0285 www.christianhill.com

## 13 Saturday

**12-2p.m. ~ Matthew 25 Ministry ~ Food pantry/clothing/furnishings** at Cathedral of Life. 1860 Westminister Ave, Providence, RI .401-780-1860

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**10 a.m. ~ Senior Saint Bible Study** (65 & older) 3rd Thursday of the month at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. (508)-324-4500

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**4-8 p.m. ~ Adult Coffee House** Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909

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## 21 Sunday

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**7-10 p.m. ~ Men of Covenant Men's Meeting** every Sunday. Cathedral of Life, 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 02907 401-780-8900

**7:30p.m. ~ "Unspoken"** at Community of the Cross Coffeehouse, 7 Madison Ave Danbury Ct. www.1heartonline.org 203-748-4972

## 25 Thursday

**6:45 p.m. ~ Rhode Island Men of Hope** 4th Thursday every month. Barrington Baptist Church, Barrington, RI www.menofhope.org Our Mission - Reaching Men for Christ. Ambassador for Promise Keepers. Coach for National Coalition Men's Ministry: call Big John Mentus (401-433-2030)

**7 p.m. ~ Joshua's Men** 2nd and 4th Thursday, we meet for prayer, bible study and mutual accountability, at Church of the Apostles 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry, for more info: 401-821-7609

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**7-9 p.m. Mens Covenant Meeting** ~ at Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly. 1860 Westminister St. Providence, RI. Last Friday of the month please call 401-780-8900



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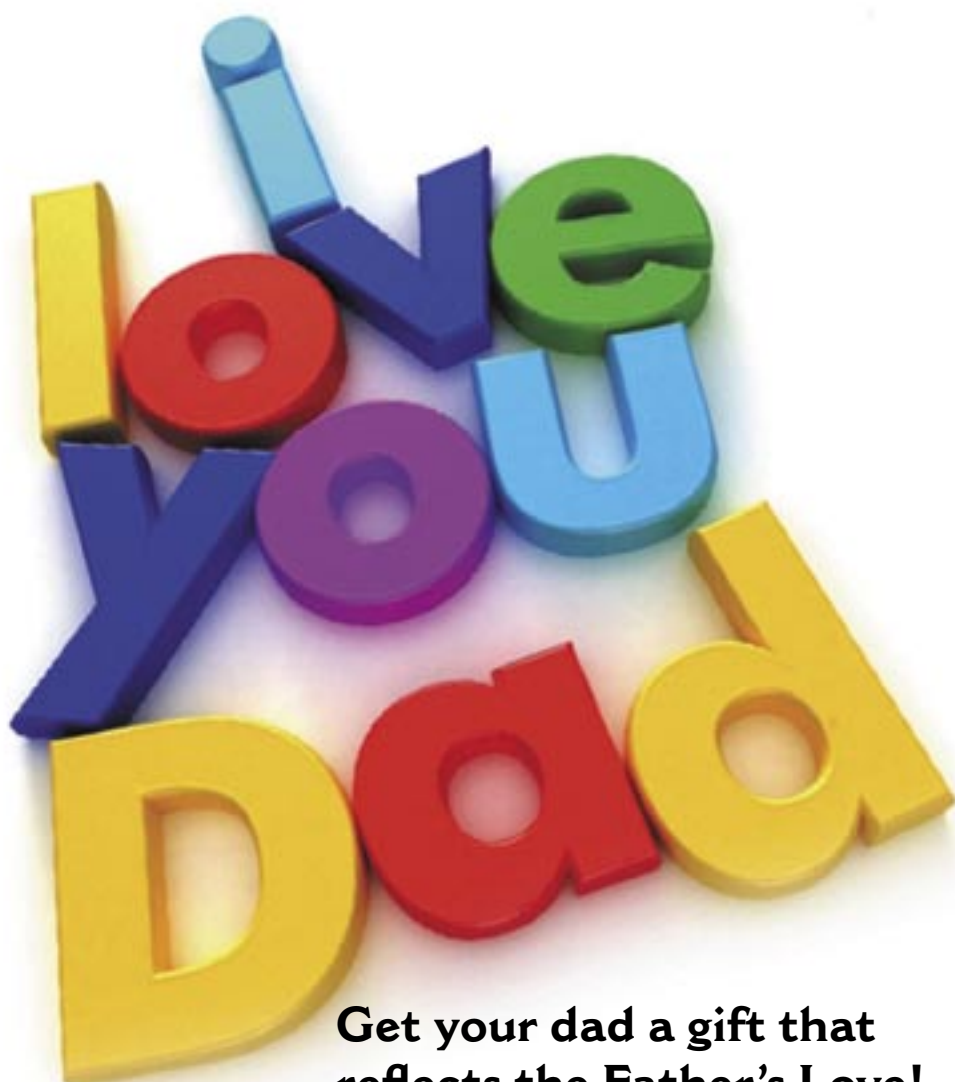
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