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Stem Cell Research

Hearing Examines South Korean Scandal's

Effect on Stem Cell Research

By Mark Adams OF Culture of Life Foundation in CFAM.

At a hearing yesterday Rep. Mark Souder strongly berated scientists and bureaucrats testifying at a Congressional hearing for minimizing a recent stem cell scandal, telling them "don't treat us like little children" and "don't BS us." The comments came at a hearing examining the impact of the revelations that Dr. Woo Suk Hwang, a South Korean scientist who had been hailed as pioneer in the field of embryonic stem cell research, fabricated almost all of his data and had coerced women into donating their eggs for research.

In attempting to defend embryonic stem cell research in general, three representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services said that many other scientific fields have been victims of research hoaxes including the field of cardiology. These comments prompted Souder's angry reproach. Souder said Hwang's research was the only research that was supportive of the new and morally controversial field of cloning and embryo destructive research while cardiology is an established field with substantial amounts of verified research.

Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of pro-life activities for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, laid out three lessons from the Hwang scandal in his testimony. First, he said, was the scientific lesson that there has been almost no progress in the

field of embryonic stem cell research. "This is at least the third time in eight years that we have heard announcements of success in cloning human embryos for their stem cells, only to find that the claim has little basis in fact," he said.

Doerflinger said the "political lesson from the Korean scandal, and from scandalous behavior here in the United States, is that political leaders, patient advocacy groups, and all of us must stop hearing only what we want to hear about 'miracle cures.' We need to be aware of the human costs of this agenda here and now, not only its alleged 'promise' down the road." Finally, Doerflinger said, the Hwang scandal has an ethical lesson. "By demeaning life, we learn to demean truth, rendering science itself meaningless." Policy makers, he said, should "begin with a complete ban on human cloning, and with legislation to prevent the mistreatment of women as egg factories for research or as surrogate incubators for unborn children being grown for their body parts."

The hearing also revealed a new strategy for those supporting embryo destructive research. Advocates of the procedure repeatedly said that the Hwang scandal is proof that the US should provide federal funds for the research so that there can be greater government oversight.

Comment: In fact NO cures have been found using embryo destructive research. A lot of progress has been made with adult stem cell research. Will someone tell me why the PC

correct liberal crowd insist on funding the loser. Call Rep. Souder and your congresswoman. Ed.

Health Care

The Pentagon reduced the defense health budget by \$735 million on the assumption that health fee increases would drive hundreds of thousands of military beneficiaries away from using their earned military health benefits, and that the remainder would pay higher fees. To reject the fee increases and prevent program under-funding, it will be important to have that money restored in the budget resolution. *From MOAA news.*
Comment: We are financing the war on the backs of our servicemen and women and their families. Call/write your congressmen and women and complain. Tell them to take it out of the gigantic bloated farm bill. Ed.

U.S. Money to Rebuild Muslim Mosque?

By Doug Bindow

President Bush has promised Iraq that American taxpayers will help rebuild the al-Askari shrine which was blown up by Muslim terrorists. Why?

CELEBRATING THE ENEMY

"The NAACP's leader, Julian Bond, is no stranger to controversy and irresponsible rhetoric. In 2004, the NAACP Chairman compared the Republican Party to the Taliban regime. . . . As a reward for his irresponsible and incendiary rhetoric, the House GOP leadership yesterday scheduled floor time to pass a resolution honoring his organization. . . . The resolution passed the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon without even a peep of dissent. . . . It's amazing how effective the muzzle of political correctness can be." - *Tim Chapman, TownHall.com, 3/2/06 in Muths-News.*

Comment: Boy this takes the cake. It's worth at least one heated call to Rep. Thelma Drake. Ed.

Education Free Market

"Something momentous is happening here (Minneapolis, Min.) in the home of prairie populism: black flight. African-American families from the poorest neighborhoods are rapidly abandoning the district public schools, going to charter schools, and taking advantage of open enrollment at suburban public schools. "...Louis King, a black leader who served on the Minneapolis School Board from 1996 to 2000, puts it bluntly: 'Today, I can't recommend in good conscience that an African-American family send their children to the Minneapolis public schools. The facts are irrefutable: These schools are not preparing our children to compete in the world.' Mr. King's advice? 'The best way to get attention is not to protest, but to shop somewhere else.' They can do so because of the state's longstanding commitment to school choice." - *Columnist Katherine Kersten of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune*

Comment: Minneapolis has one of the two systems copied and modeled by the Family Foundation into an excellent bill for Virginia to have a better system. We could have some competition in education and our government schools would have to get better. For nearly 5 years now our weak Delegates and Senators in Richmond have bypassed this bill. We could have excellent education in Virginia but for the teacher's union and our government. Ed.

Please pray for our Patriot Armed Forces standing in harm's way around the world in defense of our liberty, and for the families awaiting their safe return. Ed.

"Learn all you can, but learn to do something, or your learning will be useless and your vision will depart." — Booker T. Washington

THE ARMED CITIZEN

After finding a muddy footprint on her back porch and hearing glass, Susan Buxton was convinced that someone was in her home. According to police, she searched each closet until, finally, as she

pulled open the front door, she saw a man's face peering out from underneath a coat, "Ssh" he pleaded. Buxton told her granddaughter to call 9-1-1 and ordered the intruder to lie flat on the floor, or she'd shoot. The home invader then did something he likely regrets: He reached for the 66-year-old woman's .38-cal. revolver. She fired once, hitting the intruder's leg. "Ow, you shot me!" he cried out before fleeing. The man, whom police say eluded them by hiding in Buxton's home after stealing a pickup truck, was apprehended on a balcony a few houses away. "If I didn't have a gun to protect myself, I probably wouldn't be here," Buxton said. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Arlington, TX, 11/10/05)

What is an American

"Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." —Theodore Roosevelt

Religious Freedom

"Without religious freedom, efforts to spread democracy are futile, because societies that don't respect the rights of religious minorities cannot be expected to respect any other human rights... [C]ontrary to the politically correct wisdom of our day, not all worldviews or religions are alike. And the differences really matter—just ask the Christians living in the Islamic world." —Chuck Colson (The next World War has started. Ed.)

The Gipper

"For too long, the world was paralyzed by the argument that terrorism could not be stopped until the grievances of terrorists were addressed. The complicated and heartrending issues that perplex mankind are no excuse for violent, inhumane attacks, nor do

they excuse not taking aggressive action against those who deliberately slaughter innocent people." —Ronald Reagan

Oscar vs: the Box Office

The top-grossing film of 2005 made more money in ticket sales than all five of the year's Best Picture nominees combined, according to data provided by Box Office Mojo.

The five nominees - "Brokeback Mountain," "Capote," "Crash," "Munich" and "Good Night, and Good Luck" -- grossed a combined total of \$236 million in 2005. "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" grossed \$380.5 million alone.

All of the Best Picture nominees ranked in the top 100 revenue-grossing movies of 2005, but none was in the top 25. The highest-grossing nominee, "Brokeback Mountain," ranked 26th in total gross with \$78.9 million, just behind "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" and "Dukes of Hazzard."

The best picture winner, "Crash," grabbed the 49th spot, followed by the other nominees -- "Munich" (63rd), "Good Night, and Good Luck" (90th) and "Capote" (97th).

Comment: I haven't watched the Hollywood brag contest for years. They produce and then nominate movies to fulfill an agenda, it has nothing to do with quality. They are trying to change our culture. Do not put any credence in the Oscars. Ed.

Special Talk by Gary Benoit
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You cannot be ignorant and free! TJ.

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