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## Stem Cells Fight Parkinson's in Monkeys

Scientists have successfully used "reprogrammed" stem cells to restore functioning brain cells in monkeys, raising hopes the technique could be used in future to help patients with Parkinson's disease. Since Parkinson's is caused by a lack of dopamine made by brain cells, researchers have long hoped to use stem cells to restore normal production of the neurotransmitter chemical. Now, for the first time, Japanese researchers have shown that human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS) can be administered safely and effectively to treat primates with symptoms of the debilitating disease. So-called iPS cells are made by removing mature cells from an individual—often from the skin—and reprogramming them to behave like embryonic stem cells. They can then be coaxed into dopamine-producing brain cells. The scientists from Kyoto University, a world leader in iPS technology, said their experiment indicated that this approach could potentially be used for the clinical treatment of human patients with Parkinson's. In addition to boosting dopamine production, the tests showed improved movement in affected monkeys and no tumors in their brains for at least two years.

[foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com), 8/30/17

## Pro-Life Investment Plan Hits \$1B in Assets

Many Christians choose movies, music and even retailers based on how these impact their faith. Financial expert and nationally syndicated host Dan Celia asks if investing should be any different. In recent years, there has been dramatic growth in the market of investors who want to honor God with the money He has entrusted them. Timothy Plan Mutual Funds offers a biblically responsible family of funds designed to suit the various needs of Christian investors. In 1994, Timothy Plan, founded by Arthur Ally, pioneered the first pro-life, pro-family screening standard and will not invest a single penny into any company that supports pornography, abortion, same-sex marriage or has other agendas contrary to the teachings of scripture, or are actively participating in activities that may prove destructive to our communities at large.

[LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com), 8/17/17

## Artificial Womb Helped Birth a Premature Lamb

Earlier this year, scientists in Philadelphia published promising research on artificial wombs using premature lambs. More recently, a team of Australian scientists published successful results of very similar research. The new study reported in *Nature Communications* found that premature lambs at the equivalent of 22 to 23 weeks of human pregnancy developed well in the artificial womb. The Australian scientists observed the baby lambs for one week inside the ex-vivo uterine environment, or artificial womb. The lambs showed significant growth in the infection-free, womb-like environment, according to the report. Premature babies may be next. Very early preemies are surviving outside the womb now thanks to modern medical technology, but the artificial womb could push back viability even earlier.

[nature.com](http://nature.com), 4/25/17

## Judge Sides with Barred Christian Farmers

A federal judge granted a preliminary injunction to a Christian farmer banned from the East Lansing Farmer's Market over his religious views. In August 2016, Steve Tennes, owner of Country Mill Farms in Charlotte, answered a Facebook inquiry about hosting a homosexual wedding on his 120-acre farm. Tennes responded, "Due to our religious beliefs, we do not participate in the celebration of a same-sex union." When East Lansing officials got wind of Tennes' Facebook response, they told him not to come to their Farmer's Market because there may be protests. Tennes went anyway and there were no protests. So the city, home of Michigan State University, passed a special law specifically to oust Tennes. Tennes sued the city in May, saying he was discriminated against because of his sincerely held religious beliefs. "True tolerance is a two-way street," Tennes [said](#). "The government should not eradicate people of faith from the marketplace." The city tried to dismiss Tennes' lawsuit outright, but District Court Judge Paul Maloney in Kalamazoo granted Tennes' request to be allowed back at the farmer's market while Tennes' lawsuit progresses. In [granting](#) the preliminary injunction, Judge Maloney [predicted](#) that Tennes' lawsuit [would prevail](#). "On the evidence before this Court, the City amended its Vendor Guidelines and then used the changes to deny Country Mill's vendor application. There exists a substantial likelihood that Plaintiffs will be able to prevail on the merits of their claims for speech retaliation and for free exercise of religion." On September 17, [Tennes returned](#) to the Farmer's Market, which runs through October.

[LifeSiteNews](http://LifeSiteNews), 9/19/17



## PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

### PATAGONIA WORKS

Operations: **apparel** (clothing: Great Pacific Iron Works, Patagonia), **entertainment** (motion picture/video production), **foods** ( Patagonia Provisions: breakfast, buffalo, dry goods, fruit & almond bars, salmon, soup & chili), **footwear**, **internet** (e-commerce), **leisure/travel** (luggage), **recreation/sports** (bedding: sleeping bags, clothing, equipment, Great Pacific Iron Works, Patagonia), **retail outlets** ( Great Pacific Iron Works, Patagonia).

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Tell her to  
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[www.patagoniaprovisions.com](http://www.patagoniaprovisions.com)

Patagonia Works (formerly Lost Arrow) has been on the The Boycott List since 1992 and we last wrote to them in December, 2013. Since then they have a new CEO and have expanded their business lines. Please take a minute to write to her and, as always, keep the tone of your letter very respectful. Thank you.

### Troubled Harrisburg Abortion Facility Closes

The embattled Hillcrest Women’s Medical Center has shut its doors. Government sources have confirmed that Hillcrest has voluntarily relinquished its license to operate as an abortion facility. The abortion center had until August 31<sup>st</sup> to fix the myriad health and safety problems discovered during an inspection earlier this year. That inspection yielded an astounding 44 pages worth of violations. A group of state Senators demanded to know why the state Health Department allowed the facility to remain open, given its abysmal safety record. A follow-up inspection resulted in Hillcrest being shuttered until it could meet basic health standards. But the deadline for compliance came and went with little indication the abortion center would reopen. A notice posted by the local natural gas company indicated that the gas had been shut off. A subsequent notice by the electric company said the electricity would be cut off if \$1,600 in bills was not paid within the week. The Pennsylvania Department of Health website now lists Hillcrest as “closed.” For the health and safety of central Pennsylvania women, the closure is long overdue. [PA Pro-Life Federation Blog](http://PA Pro-Life Federation Blog), 9/15/17

### Fatima Centennial Rallies Will Make History

Twenty thousand volunteers are gearing up to lead individual prayer rallies nationwide to commemorate the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin** parishioners will join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday, October 14, at Our Lady’s Grotto outside the church following the 11:30 AM Mass. National Rosary Rally Coordinator, Francis Slobodnik, said, "100 years ago, Our Lady of Fatima requested: PRAY THE ROSARY. So many people are turning to the Fatima message for guidance because it offers a sure remedy to the insanity in our godless culture. In other words, prayer, penance and conversion are the answer to our nation's most serious problems." The annual Crusade has been organized since 2007 by America Needs Fatima—a campaign of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property. [Christian Newswire](http://Christian Newswire), 9/21/17

### U.S. Bishops Establish Ad Hoc Committee against Racism

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee against Racism. Initiated by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the USCCB, the committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions. "Recent events have exposed the extent to which the sin of racism continues to afflict our nation. This new ad hoc committee will be wholly dedicated to engaging the Church and our society to work together in unity to challenge the sin of racism, to listen to persons who are suffering under this sin, and to come together in the love of Christ to know one another as brothers and sisters," says Cardinal DiNardo. [USCCB](http://USCCB), 8/23/17

### 40-Days-for-Life Connects with Mobile Devices

Campaign information, volunteer interaction and pro-life talking points are now at the fingertips of tens of thousands of volunteers on the sidewalks outside abortion facilities across the U.S. and around the world thanks to a new app released for phones and other mobile devices. The app is available for download in both iOS and Android versions at [40daysforlife.com/app](http://40daysforlife.com/app). The fall 40-Days-for-Life campaign is currently underway until November 5.

