

March 10, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

We've had a chance to visit several pastors' meetings recently and have been gratified to hear many pastors comment very favorably on our efforts with creation-science and the establishment of a creation-science environmental learning center. Many have commented on how challenging it is becoming to answer some of the questions that youth are coming up with regarding things they are being taught in school. May God continue to bless our efforts!

**Creation and Life issues in the news:**

## **Mary Josephine Ray, nation's oldest**

Associated Press

WESTMORELAND, N.H. - Mary Josephine Ray, the New Hampshire woman who was certified as the oldest person living in the United States, died Sunday at age 114 years, 294 days.

Ms. Ray, who died at a nursing home in Westmoreland, was active until about two weeks before her death, her granddaughter Katherine Ray said.

"She just enjoyed life," Ray said. "She never thought of dying at all. She was planning for her birthday party." To read more click here: <http://www.philly.com/philly/obituaries/87097147.html>

## **Ancient Primate Fossil Roils Scientific Community**

(March 5) --Touted as "the missing link" between humans and early primates, a 47-million-year-old fossil appears to be an ancestor to lemurs instead, a newly released study says. The debate, however, seems far from over, and it illuminates the often tricky relationship between science and the media.

Last spring, when Norwegian paleontologist Jorn Hurnum and his colleagues announced the unveiling of "Ida," an unusually complete prehistoric primate fossil, it was portrayed in newspaper and television reports as a blockbuster discovery nothing short of an "eighth wonder of the world" that would offer a look at one of mankind's earliest evolutionary ancestors.

No small part of that excitement was due to Hurnum himself, who had provided media outlets with a teasing press release ahead of the official announcement at New York's American Museum of Natural History that heralded the fossil as "a revolutionary scientific find that will change everything."



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Some scientists doubt that this fossil, dubbed Ida, is from an early ancestor of humans, as paleontologist Jorn Hurnum contends.

The hype surrounding *Darwinius masillae*, the scientific name given to *Ida*, preceded the publication of Hurum's research in a peer-reviewed journal. "Normally, you have the paper first, lots of scrutiny by other scientists and then the media enters the picture," Blythe Williams, a visiting professor of paleontology at Duke University, told AOL News.

Williams and three colleagues, writing in a paper published this week in the *Journal of Human Evolution*, found no evidence that *Ida* represents a missing link. To read more:

<http://www.aolnews.com/science/article/ancient-primate-fossil-roils-scientific-community/19383401>

**Nature Watch:** Daylight Savings time begins this Sunday. Weather reports are calling for temps in the low to mid 40's and rain each of the next several days. Most of the snow will be gone if that holds true. That will be welcomed by deer, turkeys and other wildlife that has been struggling through the 20-30 inches of snow on the ground. Rapid thawing and precipitation could promote the flooding that is expected. Start listening for bird establishing territory and singing their mating songs. Skunks and other varmints that have kept out of sight will start to make their presence known. It's chick time. Those who raise chickens are busy ordering their chicks for delivery. Others are reviewing their seed catalogs and dreaming of the coming months. Will we be able to plant potatoes and peas on Good Friday?

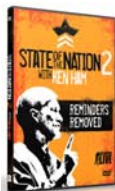
**Program Information:** We've attached a poster for the upcoming Creation and Life Issues Convocation. Please share it with others. We've also placed information on our websites and Facebook pages. You'll need to order tickets from the camp office.

**From the Task force:** We are pleased to see that several people have joined the mailing list. We continue to receive many kind comments from listeners to 1100 AM the FLAG. Our task force members continue to visit people about the LLC. If you would like information, please contact the camp office.

**God's Word:** Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. Psalm 102:25-27

Prayer List: 1.) Pray for thanksgiving that Park Krage has been released from the hospital and is doing better. 2.) Give thanks for recent investors in the LLC 3.) Continue to remember the staff and task force in your prayers. 4.) Give thanks for faithful pastors and teachers. 5.) Continue to pray that the health care plans containing federal funding for abortion would not be approved.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.birding-minnesota.com/MN-Cklst.htm>



**Resource of the week:** State of the Nation 2 is a DVD with Ken Ham's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual State of the Nation address delivered from the Creation Museum. You can preorder it for 12.99 from AiG.

Question and Answer:

Question: What can I do to help purchase Christ Serve Ranch?

Answer: Right now our focus is on identifying participants in the Friends of Creation-Science Limited Liability Company. If you know of a congregation, individual, family, or organization that has \$30,000 available to invest, have them get in touch with us. We need to get the property off of the market as soon as possible.

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