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## SCIENTISTS TO MAKE 'STUART LITTLE' MOUSE WITH THE BRAIN OF A HUMAN

*March 10, 2005* The London Daily Telegraph reported: "It will look like any ordinary mouse, but for America's scientists a tiny animal threatens to ignite a profound ethical dilemma. In one of the most controversial scientific projects ever conceived, a group of university researchers in California's Silicon Valley is preparing to create a mouse whose brain will be composed entirely of human cells. Researchers at Stanford University have already succeeded in breeding mice with brains that are one per cent human cells. In the next stage they plan to use stem cells from aborted fetuses to create an animal whose brain cells are 100 per cent human.

Prof Irving Weissman, who heads the university's Institute of Cancer/Stem Cell Biology, believes that the mice could produce a breakthrough in understanding how stem cells might lead to a cure for diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. The group is waiting for a key American government-sponsored report, due this month, that will decide just how much science can blur the distinction between man and beast.

Last week, however, the university's ethics committee approved the research, under certain conditions. Prof Henry Greely, the head of the committee, said: "If the mouse shows human-like behaviours, like improved memory or problem-solving, it's time to stop." He accepted that the project might seem "a little creepy", but insisted: "It's not going to get up and say 'Hi, I'm Mickey'. Our brains are far more complicated."

Biologists know such creatures as "chimeras", after the mythical Greek monster that was part-lion, part-goat and part-serpent. Prof Weissman said that there was no way of knowing whether the "human-mice" would develop any human characteristics until after they were born. In previous experiments, pigs with human blood have been developed at a clinic in Minnesota. Last year, the University of Nevada produced sheep whose livers were 80 per cent human and could one day be used for transplants.

An inquiry into laying down rules for research using stem cells from human embryos was launched last summer by America's National Academies of Science. The government-sponsored report, said to be in draft form, will govern stem cell research in the private sector. It comes at a time of growing confusion in America over the limits of stem cell research...."



## OVADIA YOSEF WON'T FACE PROBE FOR SAYING PM IS EVIL

*March 9, 2005* Haaretz-Israel News reported: "Attorney General Menachem Mazuz decided Wednesday not to launch an investigation against Shas party spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef after the rabbi called Prime Minister Ariel Sharon "evil".

In a pre-Purim sermon at a Jerusalem synagogue, the rabbi expressed fierce opposition to Sharon and his disengagement plan, saying, "What a cruel and evil man who does such things." Yosef also commented that "God will strike him with one blow and he will die, he will sleep and not awake."

Senior sources in the Justice Ministry said that Yosef "hopes [that this] will happen to the prime minister, but there is no clear, operative instruction to his listeners [to act], and thus there is apparently no grounds for an investigation."

Yosef told the leader of the Sephardi ultra-Orthodox party, MK Eli Yishai, on Wednesday that he is sorry if his comments were misconstrued and that he wishes Sharon a long-life. He also told Yishai that he also hopes Sharon will be blessed with wisdom, and go back on his decision to carry out the unilateral disengagement.

Shas members downplayed Yosef's remarks, saying the rabbi did not wish for Sharon's death, but rather the death of the disengagement plan..."

## SYRIA: JEWS USE HOT POKERS TO GOUGE PALESTINIANS' EYES

*March 9, 2005* WorldNetDaily.com reported: "Syria has published an updated version of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," an anti-Semitic story that claims Jews run the world by proxy, adding to it Islamic extremist ideology and dedicating the work to Palestinian suicide bombers.

The new edition of the Protocols was introduced at February's Egyptian International Book Fair, considered the most important event in the Arab literary world, and was published by a Syrian company, Dar al-Awael, which credits Syria's Ministry of Information with approving the text of the book.

The work contains several sections that claim Jews control the world, the Holocaust was a Zionist creation, and Israelis seek to kill Arab children, according to a translation provided to WND by Israel's Center for Special Studies. Chapters include "Judaism is a closed religion," "The Jews are treacherous," and "The laws of humanity and humanistic behavior among Jews are only valid for themselves."

The book, written by Raja Abd al-Hamid Urabi, who is presented as a Syrian historian, opens with a "history" of the Jewish people that claims Jews invented the idea of their nation being "chosen" and later created a false connection to the land of Israel. The first section also tells readers Jews "from time immortal" have dominated the fields of prostitution and drug dealing...

Another section talks about "the crimes of the Jews in Palestine. From our brothers [the Palestinians], I heard that the Jews perform the most barbaric acts on whomever they catch. ... Their stomachs had been opened and their kidneys, liver or heart had been removed and then they were sewed up again. Their eyes were burned out with red-hot iron poker."

The new Protocols notes the "greed and spread of corruption in the world by the Jews" and rehashes chapters from the original Protocols, which spells out an alleged secret plan of Jewish leaders seeking to attain world domination..."

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## CHINA UNVEILS CONTROVERSIAL LAW

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*March 8, 2005* BBCNews reported: "China has announced the first details of a controversial law that would allow it to use force against Taiwan. Legislator Wang Zhaoguo said such means would only be used as a last resort, if peaceful reunification efforts failed.

A BBC correspondent in Beijing says anyone seeking clarity on the law will be disappointed, since the explanations were both brief and vague. China sees Taiwan as its territory, and has threatened to use force if the island formally declares independence.

Taiwanese lawmakers responded quickly and angrily to the proposed legislation, saying it was a pretext for attack. "It has caused tension in the region," said Chiu Tai-shan, vice chairman of Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council.

"Communist China tries to use this bill to deny the sovereignty of the Republic of China [Taiwan] and unilaterally change the status quo of the Taiwan Strait," he added..."

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## ISLAMIC GROUP THREATENS U.S. IN LIBYA

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*March 7, 2005* Middle East Newline reported: "An Islamic insurgency group believed supported by Iran has been deemed a major threat to U.S. cooperation with Libya. U.S. officials said the State Department and intelligence community have warned of the prospect of attacks by an Islamic insurgency group in 2005. They said the group could be planning attacks against U.S. interests or Americans in Libya as well as the regime of Col. Moammar Khaddafi in an effort to prevent a reconciliation between Tripoli and Washington.

In December 2004, the United States designated the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group a foreign terrorist organization. The organization was deemed as being opposed to both the United States as well as the Khaddafi regime and has organized Al Qaida strikes in North Africa.

In 2004, the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, which emerged in 1995, revised its agenda in 2004, officials said. Established by Libyan nationals who fought for Al Qaida in Afghanistan, the LIFG has changed priorities from its original aim to overthrow Khaddafi..."

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## IRAN OFFERS SECURITY PACT TO IRAQ, GCC .

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*March 4, 2005* Middle East Newline reported: "Iran has renewed its offer for a regional security pact with Gulf Arab and other states. Officials said Teheran has presented its offer of military and security cooperation to Gulf Cooperation Council states in an effort to reduce tensions amid the emerging U.S. confrontation with Iran. They said Iran, with a nuclear program that has worried its neighbors, was ready to guarantee the protection of any GCC state as well as that of Iraq and Teheran's other neighbors.

"The Middle East peace process and Iran are considered as other challenges the United States is facing," Iranian Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani said. "Today, Iran`s nuclear potential is not a threat to the security of the region."

Shamkhani's offer came one day after a leading Iranian official warned that Teheran would retaliate against any U.S. attack by blocking Gulf Arab oil exports. Iranian Expediency Council secretary Mohsen Rezai said a U.S. attack on Iran would jeopardize oil exports from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and result in a sharp rise in prices..."

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