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## **Olympic Fame Or Shame**

**By Steve Higginbotham**

I am a sports enthusiast. I especially like the Olympics. My sense of Nationalism runs deep within me. In fact, I'll admit that when American athletes win a gold medal, and when they zoom in on their faces during the playing of our National Anthem, I can't help but get a little teary eyed.

Ryan Lochte has already stood on the Olympic platform to hear our National Anthem played twice in these Olympic games, and has the chance to do it again. And while a person would normally be basking in Olympic Fame for such accomplishments, Lochte has managed to bring upon himself, "Olympic Shame."

While being interviewed by the media, Lochte's own mother warned girls to leave him alone because he doesn't have time for a relationship and only has time for "one night stands."

Lochte, himself gave an interview and said that 70 to 75 percent of Olympic athletes will have sex with other athletes during the Olympics and that he was looking forward to the partying and the hookups. He furthermore said to *ESPN The Magazine*, "My last Olympics, I had a girlfriend – big mistake... Now I'm single, so London should be really good. I'm excited."

We have reached a time when we no longer know how to blush ([Jeremiah 6:15](#)). It's indeed a sad day when a young man, along with his own mother, speak freely about his sexual immorality and apparently have no shame about it. Whatever Olympic fame Lochte gains in the 2012 Olympic Games, it will be overshadowed by his Olympic shame.

## **Olympic Medal "Oar" Maybe Not!**

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In every Olympic Games, there are compelling human interest stories. For those of you who are old enough to remember, names like Dan Jansen and Derek Redmond bring to mind heart-tugging stories. But allow me to introduce you to one of my heroes from the 2012 London Games. His name is Hamadou Djibo Issaka.

Hamadou is from the West African country of Niger. Six months ago he was working as a gardener. Just three months ago, he took up the sport of "sculling," (rowing). In his heat, he finished 1:39 seconds behind the winning sculler. To put that in perspective, that means that he finished three and a half football fields behind the winner! As a result, he's been dubbed the "Sculling Sloth."

Obviously, he wasn't in the same class as his competitors. In fact, he told a reporter after the race that he was just glad that he didn't make his boat fall over. Although he was totally exhausted, he was determined to finish the race and he did. He said the cheers of the spectators kept him going.

Friends, doesn't that remind you of life? For some, life comes so easy and they can row

with grace and speed through still waters. But for others, life seems to come hard, and requires rowing against the wind through troubled waters. No matter how life comes to you, don't quit! Finish the race, and when you do, you won't be judged by your speed, but by your perseverance.

## **Selective Outrage!**

**By Steve Higginbotham**

On Friday, July 20 a man walked into the Century 16 Movie Theater armed with body armor, four guns, smoke bombs, and began randomly shooting people. By the time he was finished, he had killed 12 people and wounded 58 more. Several of the wounded remain in critical care in a local hospital. Since the evening of this tragedy, this news event has been the lead story on every news show. Discussions range from outrage, shock, and horror, trying to figure out why a man would act out in such a violent way. Now that the victims are being buried, the media is giving a great deal of attention to who these innocent victims were, and what they were planning to do with their lives. It is indeed, a tragic situation.

However, consider the following. If one would leave the Century 16 Movie Theater where the shooting took place, turn North on South Sable Blvd, and drive 2.2 miles (according to Google maps) they would arrive at the Mayfair Women's Center. Here at this center, they perform 12-25 abortions a day.\*\* But where is the outrage? Where is the news coverage? Where are the stories about the senseless murder of innocent lives? Where are the stories discussing the potential these individuals could have contributed to our society? In both cases, innocent lives were taken, but one is condemned while the other is condoned. In both cases, the victims were unwilling participants, but one is unacceptable while the other is accepted. In both cases, the murder is perpetuated by a man, but one is called a evil lunatic while the other is called a Doctor.

Friends, our society has tried hard to "sanitize" the murder of innocent babies. It's done in landscaped buildings, in sanitary rooms, performed by doctors in white lab coats. They would have us believe there are no horrors, no shocking acts of violence perpetrated on

innocents, no news worthy stories at these clinics, but don't be fooled. There is, for example, the affidavit of Dr. Curtis E. Stover who reported that the former owner-operator of Mayfair Women's Center's disposal practices were: "grinding buckets full of 15 to 22 weeks' gestation babies through a hand-cranked, old-fashioned meat grinder until they took the consistency of 'multiple tubes of pink toothpaste,' able to be flushed down sink drains" (Source: Affidavit of Curtis E. Stover, M.D., dated June 15, 1992, corroborated in depositions of Dr. Parks and clinic staff). What took place 2.2 miles South of this clinic can't be any more horrific than this!

I'm outraged by a man who would enter a theater and murder 12 innocent people. But I am every bit as outraged that one can leave that theater, drive 2.2 miles due north, and come to a building where 12 to 25 innocent babies are killed every day and such carnage is met with silence!

Will you be the voice for the innocent? "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow" ([Isaiah 1:17](#)).

\*\* (My wife called the Mayfair Women's Clinic to ask them how many abortions they averaged each day. They would not answer her question without certain credentials. However, Brad Harrub, who gave me the idea for this article, did call and these were the figures given to him).

### **It Is Good To Smile!**

**By Dale Jenkins**

The religious chain letter went like this: "If you are sick and tired of your preacher, make a copy of this letter and send it to ten other churches who are sick and tired of their preacher. Put you church on the bottom of the letter.

Then bundle up your preacher and send him to the church at the top of the list.

In one week, you will receive 1,642 preachers, and out of all of these, one of them should be a dandy.

Take heed of this letter...one church broke the chain and they got their old preacher back!"