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*Judge Brian Keith Zahra
Topic: Judicial Activism*



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Testimony: Adult Stem Cell Transplant Patient*

Saturday, November 10

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News Notes

Illinois Pharmacist Wins Battle vs. Wal-Mart

An Illinois pharmacist has won the first battle against Wal-Mart over whether he has to be forced to distribute the morning-after pill, which can cause an abortion in limited circumstances. Beardstown pharmacist Ethan Vandersand rejected a request to fill a prescription for the drug last year.

That refusal led to disciplinary action from Wal-Mart and a civil rights lawsuit from Vandersand.

Vandersand was the only pharmacist on duty at the Wal-Mart store when a Planned Parenthood staff member seeking the Plan B drugs presented the script. The staffer eventually went to another pharmacy in town.

The lawsuit has gone before U.S. District Judge Jeanne Scott, and she issued a statement saying that state pharmacists should have the right to refuse to dispense the Plan B drug on moral or religious grounds.

She also denied a request by Wal-Mart to dismiss the lawsuit. Scott also said she agreed with Vandersand that he is legally protected by the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act which protects the conscience rights of medical professionals.

However, the statement isn't her final ruling in the case and it won't affect an executive order from Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2005 that requires all pharmacists to fill any prescription for a legal drug, including any drug that could cause an abortion.

Oxford Problem Pregnancy Center Dinner and Auction "A Celebration of Life"

Guest Speaker: Teresa Tomeo, author, syndicated talk show host, motivational speaker, media consultant

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Auction 6 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.

Program 8 p.m.

Reservations by September 21

Call 248-969-2177

Francis Manion, a pro-life attorney with the ACLJ who is representing Vandersand in the case, said the initial ruling "is a huge step forward in the ongoing struggle to ensure legal recognition of pharmacists' rights to practice their chosen profession without violating their moral and professional integrity."

"Wal-Mart's arguments, now soundly rejected by this court, may no longer be used by corporate or governmental officials to squeeze out of the profession pharmacists with a high regard for the sanctity of all human life," Manion added.

Vandersand is asking for loss of pay and monetary damages in the case.

—*LifeNews.com, August 3, 2007*

NCAA will Review Pregnancy Policy After Student Athletes Get Abortions

After several colleges came under fire for revoking the scholarships of student athletes who become pregnant, which pressured them into having abortions, the NCAA says it plans to review its policies. The college athletic organization says its women in sports committee will review the problem.

"We want to act judiciously here," Janet Kittell, the head of the NCAA's committee on women's athletics, told *Associated Press*. "I don't think it calls for emergency legislation, but I think it calls for a thorough discussion and thoughtful response."

The problems came to light after *ESPN* did an investigative story on how students at the University of Memphis and Clemson University lost scholarships over their pregnancies.

Typically, colleges and universities do not have formal rules on pregnancy and scholarships, which leaves many students confused as to what will happen should they become pregnant. Some students wind up making decisions based only on verbal threats or promises that may have no weight.

—*LifeNews.com, May 24, 2007*

Miss Virginia Winner Promotes Abstinence

Miss Virginia 2007, Hannah Kiefer, has a platform that is rarely seen in politically correct beauty pageants: abstinence. Kiefer is a 20-year-old North Carolina native but a student at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia, and she won her crown in late June. She will compete in the Miss America contest in January 2008. Hannah believes strongly in creating healthy choices for teens with an emphasis on helping them learn to wait until marriage to engage in sexual relations. "Young people in today's world do not have role models and what better way to encourage teens to make right decisions than to live as an example of someone not far from their age who has set goals and obtained them," she said in an interview after winning. "Abstaining from those downfalls allows a young person to empower themselves to graduate and go on to college for a better future," she said. —*LifeSiteNews, August 24, 2007*

Prayer Vigil for Life

Saturday, September 22, 2007

**St. Barnabas Catholic Church
24800 Phlox, Eastpointe**

1/2 mile west of Gratiot,

1 block south of traffic light

at 10 Mile Rd. and Phlox

7:30 a.m. Mass Bishop Francis Reiss officiating; 8:30 a.m. Rosary Pilgrimage to two local abortion mills on 8 Mile Rd.; 10:00 a.m. Benediction, refreshments and fellowship. Call Helpers of God's Precious Infants, 313-530-4539.

Mass for the Unborn

Monday, October 1, 2007

Church of the Transfiguration

(Previously known as St. Michael)

25225 Code Rd., Southfield

west of Lahser Rd.,

north side of Ten Mile Rd.

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour; 8:00 p.m. Mass Rev. Alex Kratz, OFM, officiating Collection for Mother & Unborn Baby Care, Inc.; fellowship and refreshments to follow in church hall. Spiritually adopt a baby—Come, pray for our little brothers and sisters. Call 248-356-8787.



18th Annual LIFE CHAIN

October 7, 2007 • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Co-Sponsored By:

Assumption Grotto
Catholic Church, Detroit

Belleville Church of God, Belleville

Bishop Foley Catholic
High School, Madison Heights

Brightmoor Bible
Missionary Church, Detroit

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Christ Church of Redford

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(Catholic), Highland

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Church, Detroit

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Catholic Church, Detroit

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St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Slovak
Catholic Church, Sterling Heights

St. Damian Catholic Church, Westland

St. Fabian Catholic Church
Farmington Hills

St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Livonia

St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Redford

Across the U.S. and Canada, on National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, hundreds of thousands of participants will silently stand* in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. (Additional Life Chain locations will be listed at rtl-lifespan.org.)

- ☆ **Main St. and Five Points, downtown Belleville**
- ☆ **Woodward Ave., from 11-12 Mile Rds., Berkley/Royal Oak**
- ☆ **Grand River & Main, Brighton**
- ☆ **Commerce and Union Lake Rds., Commerce Twp.**
- ☆ **Ann Arbor Trail & Kinmore St., Dearborn Heights**
- ☆ **Telegraph Rd., at Ford Rd., north to Hass St., Dearborn Heights**
- ☆ **Gratiot at Six Mile Rd., Detroit**
- ☆ **12 Mile and Halsted Rds., Farmington Hills**
- ☆ **Grand River, Ann St. to East St., Fowlerville**
- ☆ **M-59 at Milford Rd., Highland**
- ☆ **Michigan Ave. and Grand River Rd., Howell**
- ☆ **Lapeer Rd., at Indianwood, Lake Orion**
- ☆ **M-24 (Main St.) & M-21, Lapeer**
- ☆ **Middlebelt, Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile Rd.) to 6 Mile Rd., Livonia**
- ☆ **620 General Motors Rd., btwn S. Milford Rd. & Main St., Milford**
- ☆ **M-36 & Dexter/Pinckney Rds., Pinckney**
- ☆ **John R, between Auburn and Hamlin Sts., Rochester Hills**
- ☆ **Schoenherr Rd., between 21 and 22 Mile Rds., Shelby Twp.**
- ☆ **18 Mile and Ryan Rds., Sterling Heights**
- ☆ **Pontiac Trail, between Maple Rd. and Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake**
- ☆ **Intersection at Wayne and Warren Rds., Westland**

Will YOU stand with us?

For more information, call 248-478-8878

Gather family, friends and neighbors to join LIFE CHAIN!

Signs will be provided that deliver these messages:

Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option,

Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion,

Life—The First Inalienable Right

** Elderly and handicapped participants may sit in lawn chairs which they provide.*

St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser

St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester

St. John's Lutheran Church/School, Taylor

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warren

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lake Orion

St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon

St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth

St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne

St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church, Rochester Hills

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walled Lake

St. Maurice Catholic Church, Livonia

St. Mel Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Livonia

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pte. Farms

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Garden City

St. Sabina Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church, Shelby Twp.

St. Veronica Catholic Church, Eastpointe

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Union Lake Baptist Church, Commerce Twp.

Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville

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Pearls of Wisdom

Abortion and Slavery History Repeats

By J. C. Willke, MD

Ever since the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions on abortion by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973, spokesmen for the Right-to-Life movement have been comparing the abortion issue to slavery. They have pointed to the core analogy of legal personhood for black Americans then, and of unborn Americans today.

The 1973 decision has been compared to the *Dred Scott* decision of 1857. Its identical court majority of 7 - 2, its holdings, even the arguments justifying it then, find almost exact echoes today in the abortion decisions.

Dred Scott was decided only three years before Lincoln's election and the onset of the Civil War. It attempted to settle, once and for all, the vexing slavery question. In judging the case of Mr. Dred Scott, a black man from St. Louis, the U.S. Supreme Court certainly did clarify the issue. Black people, it ruled, were not legal persons; they were the property of the slave owner. He could buy, sell or even kill them.

Abolitionists had objected. The ruling was outrageous, they said. It was immoral and discriminated against an entire class of living Americans solely on the basis of skin color. None other than Roger Taney, Chief Justice of the Court, and a chorus of others replied to them. So you folks have a different opinion? You object on moral and religious grounds to slavery? That is all right, they said. You abolitionists don't have to own a slave if you don't want to. No one is forcing you to own one, but don't force your morality on the slave owner. He has the "right to choose" to own slaves if he wishes. The Supreme Court has ruled this is a constitutionally protected right. It has so interpreted the Constitution. Slavery is legal.

The *Roe v. Wade* decision has been seen as a direct parallel. It too was a 7 - 2 decision by the Supreme Court. It too tried to settle a very vexing and controversial social issue. It too superseded existing state laws. Unborn people, it ruled, were not legal persons. They had no civil rights, no human rights. They were, henceforth, legally the property of the owner — the mother. She had the absolute legal right to keep or kill her unborn baby.

Pro-life people objected. The ruling was outrageous, they said. It was immoral and discriminated against an entire class of living Americans solely on the basis

of age (too young) and place of residence (still living in the womb). None other than Justice Blackman, *Roe's* author, and a chorus of others replied. So you folks have a different opinion? You object on moral or religious grounds to abortion? That is all right. You Right-to-Lifers don't have to have abortions if you don't want to. No one is forcing you to have one, but don't force your morality on the mother (the owner). She has a "right to choose" to kill her developing baby if she wishes. The Supreme Court has ruled this is now a constitutionally protected right. It has so interpreted the Constitution. Abortion is legal.

Tragically, the high court never did reverse the *Dred Scott* decision. True, it was effectively demolished by the Civil War. Legally, however, it was only reversed by amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery. The Fourteenth guaranteed civil rights. Finally, the Fifteenth Amendment tried to lock in that guarantee by giving the vote to black men (women could not yet vote).

The parallel today is the Right-to-Life movement's dedicated push for a constitutional amendment to reverse the abortion decisions. Its original hope for an amendment to abolish abortion and to guarantee civil rights to the unborn in a single amendment has given way to the acceptance of a multi-step approach by all but a small minority of the movement. The first step would be to reverse the abortion decisions.

In investigating the analogy between abortion and slavery is to reacquaint ourselves with the history of the time.

Pro-slavery people were deeply indoctrinated with the defense of slavery as a positive good to both races; and firm in the conviction that it must be protected and perpetuated. Further, they were convinced of the biological inequality and racial inferiority of blacks, and held positions as members of Congress, justices of the Supreme Court and presidents of the United States. They held prominent positions in churches, colleges and political parties. They exercised authority, within their spheres of influence, over the entire nation and helped to determine its policies, educational philosophy and religious doctrines.

One cannot repeat too often that belief in the biologic inequality and racial inferiority of the "Negro" not only sustained slavery, but also determined the attitude of

the public, the zeal of law enforcement officials, the reasoning of judicial bodies, the efficiency of administrative functionaries and the definition of policies by legislators. Legalized slavery enshrined this, prevented a practical demonstration of its falsity, and filled public offices and the councils of religious, educational and political institutions with men reared in its atmosphere.

For decades our nation tolerated, indeed stoutly defended, an institution which embodied the theory that a whole race of people were biologically inferior to others. They formulated ingenious rationalizations for their conduct, devised legal barriers to its correction, and heaped indignities upon those who spoke out in protest. They challenged the right of free inquiry and discussion, and, finally, tragically sent their own men out to kill each other when the political machinery broke down.

But did not a black man bleed if cut? Did not a black woman reproduce if fertilized? Were they not both alive and totally human? Your author is old enough to recall bi-racial blood banks in some states when he was in medical school, even though the pathologist in the laboratory could not tell the blood apart under the microscope.

Is the unborn child not alive? Will he or she not bleed? Is there not a heart beating at three weeks, one that can be heard by us at six to eight weeks? A fully intact tiny human boy or girl from fertilization? Most certainly so!

We have no more excuse for calling the unborn child non-human today than our forefathers did for calling a black man non-human then. Yet, today's Supreme Court did just that. Lynn Jackson, great-great granddaughter of Dred Scott, understands abortion's injustice saying, "It is pretty violent, it is a baby and life does begin at conception."

Rightly so, America ultimately came to reject the Supreme Court's flawed *Dred Scott* decision. Thankfully, mankind, regardless of color, is now protected under our constitution. Not long into the future, America will also ultimately come to reject the Supreme Court's flawed *Roe v. Wade* decision. With it will come the constitutional protection of all innocent life from womb to tomb.

—Life Issues Connector, July 2007

For more information on the similarities between abortion and slavery, we recommend Dr. Willke's book, *Abortion and Slavery—History Repeats* from Hayes Publishing. Contact 513.729.3600 or info@lifeissues.org

In addition, Life Issues Institute has undertaken a new and exciting Urban Outreach project, called *Protecting Black Life*. Under the direction of Rev. Arnold M. Culbreath, it seeks to educate the African-American community, as well as the public at large, to the undeniable racial overtones of the abortion industry. Rev. Culbreath will be happy to speak to you, your organization or community regarding further details. Contact him at arnold@ProtectingBlackLife.org or 513.729.3600.

Lifespan Billboard Campaign

Our goal is to see this pro-life message against abortion reach millions of people in the Detroit metro area. The above-pictured billboard will be placed at various locations during the year. The billboards will be displayed for four-eight weeks and then move to a new location. The cost of one billboard is approximately \$600. The cost for the entire project is approximately \$8,000. The billboard has already been placed at W. Seven Mile, east of Evergreen, south side, east facing and W. McNichols, east of Snowden, north side, west facing.



We need your prayers and support. If you can help, please make your check payable and mail to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152. We invite you to join us in this effort and gratefully appreciate your personal donation in any amount. As Right to Life - Lifespan's Educational Fund is now a 501 (c) (3) entity, your donation for this project is tax-deductible. Your donation however, cannot be considered in lieu of membership dues which are not tax-deductible. If you have any questions, please call us at 248-478-8878.

Yes, I want to help Lifespan's Billboard Campaign!

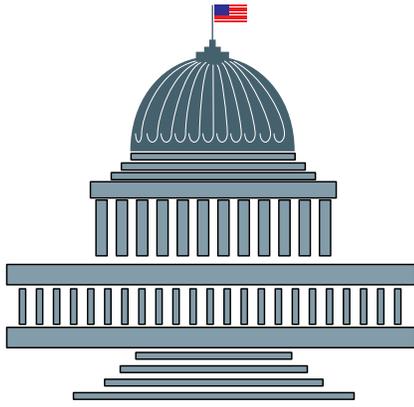
My (Our) gift is: one billboard (\$600) \$300 100 \$50 \$ _____

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Organization/Group _____

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

New ERA Introduced in Congress

The controversial federal "Equal Rights Amendment" (ERA) was reintroduced in both houses of Congress on March 27. According to the *Washington Post* (March 28), "House and Senate Democrats...vowed to bring it to a vote in both chambers by the end of the session." If so, it would be the first time since 1983 that either house of Congress has voted on the ERA.

The proposal was introduced in the House as H. J. Res. 40 by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), with 192 co-sponsors, and in the Senate as S. J. Res. 10 by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Ma.), with 20 co-sponsors.

Some supporters of the new resolutions now refer to the measure as the "Women's Equality Amendment," but the resolutions would place within the federal Constitution exactly the same language as the original ERA that Congress proposed to the state legislatures in 1972, which was never ratified by the required number of state legislatures. However, Congress attached a seven-year deadline for ratification to the 1972 proposal. The new resolutions contain no deadline for ratification.

Many pro-ERA groups claim that the 1972 resolution is still alive and could become part of the Constitution if ratified by three more states. In 13 years of promoting this theory, however, the pro-ERA groups have failed to convince a single state legislature to go along with it.

The National Right to Life Committee is strongly opposed to the federal ERA unless it is amended to explicitly prevent the provision from being used to attack pro-life laws. The required "abortion-neutral amendment" reads, "Nothing in this Article [the ERA] shall be construed to grant, secure, or deny any right relating to abortion or the funding thereof."

In some states that have added ERAs to their state constitutions, courts have interpreted the ERAs to invalidate laws targeting abortion. For

example, the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled 5-0 that the state's ERA invalidated a state ban on funding abortions through the state Medicaid program.

House Bill Brought Back on Pain Unborn Children Feel During Abortions

One of the top pro-life members of Congress has reintroduced a bill in the House that requires abortionists to tell women of the pain an unborn child feels during an abortion. The bill also requires abortion practitioners to offer mothers a chance to provide the baby pain control before birth in an effort to encourage her to not have the abortion.

Rep. Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican who co-chairs the pro-life caucus in Congress, is the key sponsor behind the modest bill. Smith believes the goal of the bill is to expand and strengthen informed consent requirements that abortion practitioners must follow and to persuade mothers that abortion isn't in the best interest of the baby.

"Expert testimony and scientific studies have shown that unborn children have the ability to feel pain from 20 weeks of gestation," Smith explained. "As of now, there are no federal guidelines that require the provider to share this information with a woman seeking an abortion. This legislation would fill that void."

Experts on the development of unborn children say that pain during an abortion is likely, especially during later parts of pregnancy.

Dr. Jean Wright, Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at the Mercer School of Medicine, previously told Congress that premature infants born after 23 to 26 weeks of pregnancy feel intense pain when blood is drawn from them.

"We roll back the sheets or the blanket, and you would look to the facial expression, their response to the heel

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Pro-Life Breakfast and Legislative Update

GUEST SPEAKERS
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Judicial Activism

Carol Franz
Cancer Survivor - Adult Stem Cell Treatment

Saturday, November 10, 2007
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Burton Manor
27777 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan
(south side of I-96 service drive, between Inkster and Middlebelt)

Judge Brian Keith Zahra resides in Northville Township with his spouse, Suzanne, and their two children. He was born in Detroit and attended Divine Child High School in Dearborn. Governor John Engler appointed Judge Zahra to the Third Circuit Court and later to the Court of Appeals on January 1, 1999. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2000 and 2006. In 2006, Judge Zahra was nominated by the Michigan Supreme Court and appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve on the Michigan Board of Law Examiners. Judge Zahra is a member of the Kiwanis Club International, the Federalist Society, the Catholic Lawyers Society, Leadership Detroit, the Knights of Columbus, the Boys & Girls Club/ Alumni Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, the Maltese American Benevolent Society, and the Maltese American Community Club.

Carol Franz was "originally" born April 14, 1942. She lives in Owego, New York, with her husband, Bill. She has been physically "reborn" twice with two adult stem cell transplants. The past 4½ years of her life have been spent in advocacy for adult stem cell research. Carol has three grown children and four grandchildren, and she and her husband are active in their church as a Marriage Encounter Team Couple. They also opened their home to teenagers and taught them about the Catholic faith and how to apply it to their everyday surroundings; they started with eight teens and quickly grew to 48, gathered in their home every Sunday evening. Carol is a Eucharistic Minister and prayer intercessor. She also enjoys her lifetime hobbies of traveling, dancing, reading and exercising.

For more information, call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230

Reservations are required by Friday, November 2 • Tickets will be held at the door
\$20.00 per person (\$10.00 for students 21 or younger)
Make check payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN and mail with
registration form below to: 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152

Yes! I will attend Lifespan's Breakfast and Legislative Update on Saturday, November 10!

Reserve _____ seats @ \$20.00 each; _____ seats @ \$10.00 each (students 21 or younger); \$_____ total enclosed

Name (s) _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are making reservations.



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LIFE CHAIN

Assumption Grotto will again host a Life Chain in front of their church on October 7th. Eastsiders, please come out and support our Life Chain. Let the public know that after 34 years we will not stop praying and working for the end of abortion in our fair nation. All it takes is an hour of your time. During that hour, hundreds of cars go by on Gratiot. Maybe your sign will help change the mind of one woman who finds herself pregnant and remembers you standing on Gratiot with a sign that says, "Abortion Kills Children," or "God Forgives." See page 3.

At the foot of the cross

Most Rev. Eugene Gerber, Roman Catholic Bishop of Wichita, provides a penetrating insight into the horror of abortion by reflecting on his feelings while prayerfully witnessing to the life of the unborn children outside an abortion facility: "The first time I arrived across the street from an abortuary I had a

feeling I have never had before. Only later was I able to associate this feeling. I imagine it to be the same as standing at Calvary where the most sacred and most horrible come together. There on the cross, the one who was most innocent and that which was most violent met."

Are you being led to stand at the foot of the cross? Come to a prayer vigil sponsored by Helpers of God's Precious Infants. Many beautiful and loving volunteers spend a few hours praying for and counseling women who are entering two abortion clinics on Detroit's East side. To find out when the next prayer vigil will be or if you would like to volunteer to stand at the foot of the cross, see page 2 and call 313-530-4539. Don't delay, if God is calling you—many innocent children are being sacrificed daily.

Book Sale

What a wonderful fundraiser! Books are such a great way to continue our own personal education, intellectually and spiritually or to just escape the everyday stresses of life. What a fantastic way to raise money for Lifespan's Main Office. Besides being able to fund our many ongoing, pro-life educational programs, we can recycle books and give more enjoyment to those who will be re-reading our classics and heart-warming fictions.

We are planning a Spring Book Sale, so save your books and watch for more details in the *Lifespan News*. We are still looking for a prime location to hold our Book Sale. Do you know of any church or office that would allow us to sort, store and set up our books for a week-end in April or May? We also need many volunteers who will sort and work the weekend sale. Please call Mary at Detroit Lifespan, 313-640-8534, if you can help.



Katie Bednarski, Teresa Miranda, Dennis Hudson and Dominic Pietro, Game Show Contestants!

SAMPLE OF PRO-LIFE TEEN GAME SHOW SURVEY RESULTS

Question: What did you like most about the Game Show?

Elizabeth, High School, 1st-Year Contestant: "I really enjoyed the overall atmosphere of the event. The positive, upbeat energy in the room was contagious!"

Brianna Jurek, High School, 3rd-Year Contestant: "Winning! Knowing that all our studying paid off in the end!"

Leah, Jr. High School, 2nd-Year Contestant: "Having fun while answering pro-life questions at the same time! I also like winning gift cards!"

Rachel Santine, Jr. High School, 1st-Year Contestant: "Learning more about the pro-life movement so that I will be more prepared to answer why I am pro-life. I also liked the competition."

Luke, High School, 4th-Year Contestant: "The food was great...the volunteers were great, but most of all I liked getting together with all my friends who are pro-life."

Andrew, Jr. High School, 2nd-Year Contestant: "Meeting new people and trying to win!"

Question: Would you want to participate again next year? All of them answered "yes"!



Sophia, an exchange student from Mexico, and Elizabeth Niksa, a member of SLC, volunteered at registration.

During the Game Show, teens in the audience participate in a 4-Life Bingo Game. Stephanie Jazkowski and Paul Popiel are members of the LIFESPAN Student Life Corps (SLC). Members are 11th and 12 grade students as well as college students. For information about SLC, call Lynn, 248-816-1546.

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Fair fun

Calling all fair-goers! This is your last chance to help LIFESPAN staff their educational booth at Troy Daze. Benefits of this opportunity include meeting friendly people, telling the pro-life story, eating elephant ears and corn dogs on a stick. The fair runs from September 14th-16th. If you think you can give us a hand, please call the office, 248-816-1546.

Game Show success

Once again our Youth Jeopardy Game was a great success. Our thanks go to all who helped that day and an extra special thanks to all who answered our plea for help paying for the t-shirts the contestants wore. See page 8 for pictures of the kids and the shirts.

wayne west/downriver

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Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr., Melanie Bruss, Ofc. Staff

And the winners are...

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 25th annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. Our special thanks to Maureen and Rich Dreslinski who welcomed bowlers and set them up on the lanes. They are a great team and because of them, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Those winning the grand prizes for most pledges collected by August 20, 2007, include:

\$200 Savings Bond.....Richard Horvath	\$450.00
\$100 Savings Bond.....Rich Dreslinski	\$222.00
\$ 75 Savings Bond.....Peg Weeg	\$145.00
\$ 50 Savings Bond.....Anna Loftus	\$100.00

High games with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond...Man: Justin Furman	289
\$100 Savings Bond...Woman: Sandi Grund	243
\$100 Savings Bond....Child: Ben Grund	192

Entertainment Books

Everyone who ordered a 2008 Entertainment book should have received notification, either by e-mail or postcard, that the books are in the office and ready for pick up. Generally, there is someone here everyday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., but call before you come just to be sure, 248-816-1546.

Membership

We all know that these are difficult economic times in Michigan. This is true for LIFESPAN as well. We continue to send you your newsletter after your membership has expired because we feel that the information is so important, but your membership is important too. The dues we request help to pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletter and for funding our activities and youth projects. Please look on your address label and see when you last renewed your membership. If your membership is not current, please consider renewing—we need you to continue our work.

*What a bargain grandchildren are!
I give them my loose change,
and they give me a million dollars
worth of pleasure. —Gene Perret*

High series with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond...Adult: Justin Furman.....	801
\$100 Savings Bond...Child: Ben Grund	541

Laurie Masiarak did a great job getting the gift certificates. There were restaurants, fast foods and various "fun things" to do. The bowlers loved them, and because of her, everyone was a winner!

LIFE CHAIN

Will you be a part of the National Life Chain? Select a Chain nearest you and try to be in place by 2:30 p.m. and stay until it ends at 3:30 p.m. Please stand at least twelve feet apart. Do not stand in clusters. The longer the chain, the greater impact it will have on those passing by. It's free. It's easy. It's effective. It has saved lives! Call the office for signs as only official Life Chain signs should be used. See page 3.

Entertainment Books 2008

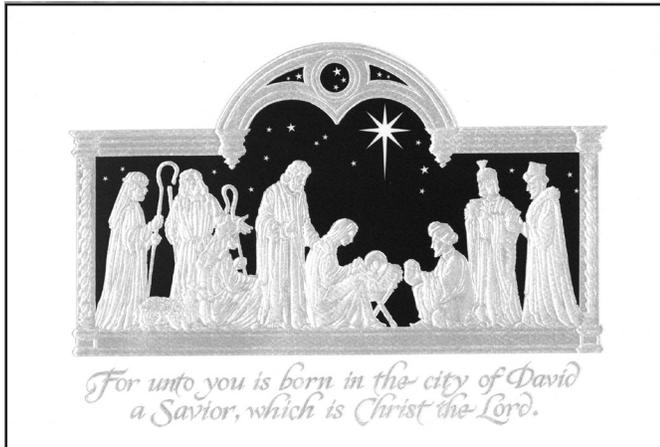
2008 Entertainment Books are here with coupon savings up to 50% !!! They make great house-warming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. The cost is reduced to \$20 and includes a FREE 2007 Entertainment Book (while supplies last). 2007 Books can be used up to 11-1-07. Come in and browse through the new 2008 book.

Pro-Life Breakfast with Legislative Update

Make your reservation now to have breakfast with invited U.S. and Michigan legislators. Meet some of the men and women who make the laws which affect our lives. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Judge Brian Zahra and Carol Franz, a cancer survivor. See pages 7 and 12.

Christmas Cards 2007

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office: Detroit **313-640-8534**, Livingston **810-220-5433**, Oakland/Macomb **248-816-1546** or Wayne West/Downriver **734-422-6230**.



Adoration

Silver-embossed figures, against a navy blue background, adore the newborn Savior. A blue decal edge adds the finishing touch to this beautiful card. Silver foil-lined envelopes are included.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$16.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*Once upon a Miracle, a tiny Infant's birth
brought love into the world and Heaven's Joy to earth*

Celebrate Life

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This card depicts the magnificence of the Holy Family. Their robes of green and ivory are trimmed in gold. A solid gold border frames the artwork. Coordinating envelopes are included.

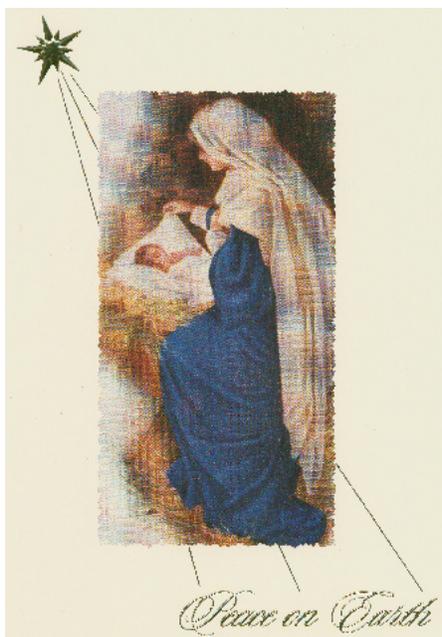
Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

\$7.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*As the world is blessed
with the Christ Child's birth
may your life be
blessed with joy and happiness*

Merry Christmas



A Private Moment

Mary gently cares for the newborn Child as the golden rays of a star illuminate the scene. Peace on Earth and the star are in gold foil. A gold foil-lined envelope is included.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$16.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*May His gentle coming
fill our hearts
with peace, hope, love
and a reverence for Life*

Merry Christmas

Other Christmas cards from previous years are also available in packages of 10.

Who owns our genes?

Medscape General Medicine, June 22, 2007, posted an editorial by Dov Michaeli, MD, PhD., with a surprising answer to that question. Quite possibly your genes are owned by someone you've never met. For example, the breast cancer-causing mutations of BRCA are patented and are private property. They do not belong to the woman from whom they came. Dr. Michaeli asked, "What are the arguments for maintaining the present system?"

Lawyers cite Judge Learned Hand's 1911 opinion that patents could be issued on the isolated and purified versions of substances occurring naturally in the body. Since then, much has changed in science and the world. Neither Judge Learned Hand, nor anybody else at that time, even knew what genes were, let alone their role in defining life itself. Pharmaceutical and biotech industries argue that their industry's success rests on the patentability of genes. Dr. Michaeli insists, "the thought that somebody else can own your own genes is not only intuitively wrong, it flies in the face of Western civilization ideas, of the autonomy and centrality of the individual in democratic societies."

On February 9, 2007, two congressmen, Xavier Becerra of California and Dave Weldon of Florida, introduced the Genomic Research and Accessibility Act, which would ban the practice of patenting genes found in nature. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, according to the website at <http://olpa.od.nih.gov/tracking>.

Dr. Michaeli concluded, "I urge you to express your support for this legislation by writing to your congressman, your senator and your professional society. It is our moral and professional duty to protect our patients' and our own rights." For more information, see www.thedoctorweighsin.com.

—Pulse Line, official publication of the
National Association of Pro-Life Nurses
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Babies for Life Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that coordinates the efforts of women who wish to donate their baby's umbilical cord blood for stem cell research. In partnership with the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) accredited facility, they work together to increase public awareness and build the availability of stem cell units. These units will be listed on international registries to be accessed by transplant centers anywhere in the world. Contact: Babies for Life Foundation, P. O. Box 467784, Atlanta, GA 31146; phone 770-939-6411.

Silent No More

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign is an effort dedicated to raise awareness about the physical, emotional and spiritual pain women experience after abortion. We also want women (and men) who are silently suffering to know help is available. Join with others who regret their abortion and who feel it is time to speak the truth about the aftermath of abortion. Meet women who understand the pain of abortion—women who have found help and healing. *We are silent no more.*

October 13, 2007, Noon - 1 p.m.

Front steps of the 44th District Court House, Royal Oak
Call 248-548-1767 or 586-484-9897; www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org.

Educational Center for Life

Persons contributing to United Way may request that their donation (matching funds or regular donations) be made to any non-profit organization, including Educational Center for Life. Many employees are expected to make an annual contribution to United Way through their employer, but are hesitant to do so because of where their money will go. These folks may choose ECL and be assured that their contribution to United Way will be sent to us.

Please note that Educational Center for Life also accepts donations through Charity Motors. Anyone donating a car, boat, etc. to Charity Motors can specify that the money garnered from the sale of that vehicle be sent to ECL.

To all who have donated to ECL through either United Way or Charity Motors so far in 2007, please accept our thanks for your generous and thoughtful donations!

Donations have been received by ECL— In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of:

Carmen and Joe Mosquera

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Earl Amyotte

Given by: Joan and George Cooney

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Carol Franz will share her journey from death's door to life—
all because of prayer and adult stem treatment. No other human life was sacrificed so she could live.
Come hear her amazing story at Lifespan's Breakfast, November 10!
See page 7 for more details and reservation information



Carol Franz in 2003 during treatment



*To Carol Franz
With best wishes,*

*Carol Franz Celebrating Life with President Bush
At the East Room gathering, President Bush not only drew
attention to patients who had benefited from therapies which
did not use embryonic stem cells but also highlighted two
recent extremely promising alternative sources.*

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**Any amount of pledge donations welcome, but
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Walker Registration Form (please PRINT)
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I release Right to Life – LIFESPAN from any liability for this event.

I am an/a: Adult Teen Child

First _____ Last _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

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How did you hear about the CIDER Walk? Place of Worship _____

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Student Essay Contest



ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston County, OR who is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest, except for students in the immediate family of a Board Member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human embryonic stem cell research or human cloning. The essay must be titled.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.
3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.
4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.
5. **On the BACK only of the last page of the essay, the student must PRINT neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.**
6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
10. **All entries must be RECEIVED by Thursday, November 1, 2007; and mailed or delivered to: Student Essay Contest 2007, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

PRIZES:

- First Prize: \$1000 Savings Bond
Second Prize: \$400 Savings Bond
Third Prize: \$200 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life in January, 2008. The first prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*.

For more information, call:

Right to Life - LIFESPAN
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Livonia, MI 48152
248-478-8878



Unborn Children Feel Pain During Abortions

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stick, and you would understand," she said. "You would not need a congressional hearing to figure out whether that infant feels pain."

Over 100 members of the House of Representatives have signed on to be original co-sponsors of Smith's bill.

The House of Representatives voted on the bill in December and approved it on a 250-162 vote. However, the measure was brought up under special rules requiring a two-thirds vote and, as a result, the bill failed.

With abortion advocates now in control of Congress, bills like Smith's may not get a hearing or a debate and vote.

Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican who is running for president, reintroduced the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act in the Senate in January.

Pro-life groups strongly support the legislation as looking out for the interests of unborn children and also helping to reduce the number of abortions by providing women another reason not to have one.

"We hope that women will have compassion on their child when they learn their baby will experience extreme pain and choose instead for their baby to feel the loving touch of an embrace," Concerned Women for America president Wendy Wright says of the bill.

Smith also noted that the partial-birth abortion ban trials leading up to the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the ban have drawn new attention to the pain that unborn children feel during an abortion.

In expert testimony during those trials, Dr. Kanwljeet Anand, Director of the Pain Neurobiology Lab at the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute explained, "the human fetus possesses the ability to experience pain from 20 weeks of gestation, if not earlier, and the pain perceived by a fetus is possibly more intense than that perceived by term newborns or older children."

President Bush has promised to sign the measure into law should Congress approve it.

—LifeNews.com, August 5, 2007

Looking for Book Lovers!



Lifespan is planning another used book sale, and we are looking for HELP! If you are interested in working with us on collecting, sorting, setting up for a used book sale, please call us at 313-640-8534! If your church or organization would be willing to offer space to hold the Book Sale, let us know. We will plan on having the sale next spring. In the meantime, **SAVE YOUR USED BOOKS!**

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Has this country gone mad or is it just me? Where is the outrage at the killing of unborn children who are in their mothers' wombs? Last month in lead stories and headlines of every major newspaper was reflected the outrage expressed when police raided a dog fighting ring in which dogs and cats were killed for sport. The terrible images of these innocent dogs and cats, their eyes' piercing looks and the description of their deaths revolts our sensitivity. Yet, when our little innocent children are pulled from the womb, their spinal cords severed and their skulls are crushed, the majority of society looks away, the press and other media outlets stay silent and the general public never hears about the atrocity until pro-lifers challenge the procedure.

The main character of the dog fighting ring was stripped of his multi-million dollar contract from the National Football League. His lucrative contracts for endorsements—gone. If this goes to trial, it has been reported that those involved will be tried on the RICCO law. Did you know that's the same RICCO law that has been used on pro-life protesters arrested in front of abortion clinics, praying and trying to stop the killing inside? These pro-life demonstrators have gone to jail while the doctor doing the abortion procedure just gets richer. So the conclusion is that killing animals like dogs and cats is bad, but the killing of human babies in the womb is ok.

Does this make sense, or am I just going crazy? Or is it that I live in a country that has gone crazy? Or is it that we have lost the soul of our country? This is not the kind of country I want to leave my grandchildren so, I don't know about you, but I am going to fight until my death to bring this country back from madness. We must pray harder that respect for all innocent human life is restored.

All of us must do our part to restore law and order to our society. We need the knowledge and tools to be able to do this. Being a part of the pro-life movement, keeping up your membership in LIFESPAN and getting others to join LIFESPAN will help to grow the movement and give you those tools. This will bring more knowledge to our society, and the possibility of a Human Life Amendment one day. Thanks to all of you who continue to support the philosophy that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights—foremost of these is the *right to life*, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Together, we can change hearts and minds.

Footnote: Partial Birth Abortion has been banned nationally, thanks to the signature of President Bush. When the same type of legislation was brought before Governor Granholm, she vetoed it—This procedure is still allowed in Michigan. KNOW FOR WHOM YOU VOTE—THEIR BELIEFS MATTER!!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Bush".

Donations have been made—

In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of:

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Pat Holscher

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Marian Fleming

Given by: Frank and Vivian Hutira

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local Lifespan office.

Calendar of Events

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It's September. School bells are ringing and children everywhere are gathering up shiny pencils, cute notebooks and all the supplies they need as they eagerly look forward to a

new school year. Well, most children are.

Let me tell you about "Kristal." At 14, Kris should be so excited, looking forward to her first year of high school. Instead, Kristal is about to become a mother. Assaulted by a family friend (who is now in jail), she has just broken the news to her parents. Kristal and her parents considered adoption, but have decided to keep the baby, and the parents are going to surround both the children (their daughter and grandchild) with an abundance of love and support.

Later this year, Kristal will return to school, but, in the meantime she needs to gather up supplies of a different kind. Diapers, clothing, blankets and so much more will all be provided for this special baby thanks to you. Please keep these precious, innocent children in your prayers.

Thanks & God bless! Love, Karen

P.S: We are in desperate need of size 1 diapers, wipes, onesies & sleepers—sizes 0-3 & 3-6 mos.

Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884

Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office, pp. 8-9. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number **800-BETHANY**. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries **586-326-0459** or Casa Vitae **248-559-7440**. For post-abortion counseling, call Project Rachel **888-722-4355**. For those with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice **734-464-7810**; Cranbrook Hospice **248-334-6700**, or Hospice of Michigan **888-HOM-5656**. Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide; for this counseling assistance, call **800-281-2102**.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

- _____ Annual Membership \$ 25.00 _____ *Angel in the Waters* Special Membership _____ Other
- _____ Student/Senior Member \$ 15.00 \$40 or more; (call a Lifespan office for details)

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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Pre-register NOW for the
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Sunday, October 21, 2007

4.2 Miles

Paint Creek Trail in Rochester, MI

Begins 1:30 p.m.

Picnic lunch to follow.



See inside for
registration form

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