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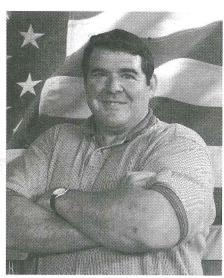
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Right to Life - LIFESPAN Legislative Breakfast



State Representative Dave Robertson



Dennis Kasprowicz

Saturday, September 11

9:00 - 12:00 noon • Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Burton Manor

27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

(south side of I-96 service drive, between Inkster and Middlebelt)

Reservations are required by Wednesday, September 1 \$18.00 per person (\$7.50 for students 21 or younger) Make check payable to: Right to Life - Lifespan and mail to: 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 127, Livonia, MI 48152

For more information, see page 3, and/or call 248-777-9090 or 734-422-6230

News Notes

Teens hold strong pro-life views

According to a new Gallup Youth Survey, most teens, aged 13 to 17, do not consider abortion to be a morally acceptable choice and oppose the use of abortion in most circumstances.

Some 72 percent of American teenagers agree that abortion is morally wrong while only 26 percent find abortion morally acceptable. When asked, 32 percent of teens said abortions should be illegal in all circumstances, and 47 percent said abortions should only be legal under certain circumstances. Less than one in five (19%) say abortion should always be legal. Almost twice as many teens thought abortions should never be legal as only 17 percent of adults say that should be the case. About 55 percent of adults say abortion ought to be legal under certain circumstances while some 26 percent of adults in the U.S. say abortion should always be legal.

The Gallup Youth Survey is conducted via an Internet methodology provided by Knowledge Networks, using an online research panel that is designed to be representative of the entire U.S. population. The current questionnaire was completed by 517 respondents, aged 13 to 17, between August 1 and August 29, 2003. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 94% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5 percentage points.

-LifeNews.com

Three little pigs die from cloning effects

Cloned animals are dying again, but it's not a new problem. This time, adult cloned pigs at the University of Connecticut have dropped dead from heart attacks. They were created using a variation of the methods that produced Dolly the sheep, who also died unexpectedly. The death of the three litle pigs is prompting pro-life groups to point to animal cloning problems as a reason not to venture down the road of human cloning. Of four piglets born, one died within days. The remaining three have now collapsed and expired of heart failure at less than six months of age, team leader Jerry Yang said. "It was totally shocking," says Yang. He has dubbed the fatalities "adult clone sudden death syndrome."

Editor's note: What would it be called in human beings?
—LifeNews.com

Michigan Nurses for Life

Michigan Nurses for Life (MNFL) has selected the topics of its bi-monthly meetings based on a survey taken at the spring conference. We will start the meetings on **September 14** with a presentation on Hospice. This is a topic we have covered before, but there always seems to be a great interest in advances in end-of-life care.

On November 9th we will discuss organ donation. Many of us have signed our driver's licenses making us organ donors. Now the issue of non-heartbeating organ donation is causing concern.

January 11th will see a discussion on Post-Abortion Syndrome. This is the syndrome society tells abortive women doesn't exist. Social workers and psychologists who counsel women suffering from it know better.

On April 9th, we will have a less grand spring seminar than usual. It will be in the same place as always, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac but will have only one speaker. We are hoping to have the author of Sex is Killing our Kids as our speaker. The number one requested topic at last year's conference was information on STDs, and we hope that this will answer that request.

Our meetings are open to all. Registered Nurses do receive CEU credits for attending the meetings. Please plan to join us at one or all of our meetings. MNFL is the only professional pro-life organization for nurses in the state. We want, and need, to grow! You can help—if you are a nurse and not a member of Michigan Nurses for Life, please consider joining. If you are a member, please make a real effort to get one co-worker to join this year. If we all did that, our membership would double and we could plan even more educational events. For more information, please call **248-816-1546**.

—Diane Trombley, President, Michigan Nurses for Life

In memoriam—Ronald Reagan

Pro-lifers and unborn babies lost a great champion with the recent death of President Ronald Reagan.

While governor of California, he was not always such a champion, but when he became more fully aware of abortion and the awful consequences of destroying babies before they are born, he became an advocate for all human life. He was the only sitting president to write a book while in office and, fittingly, *Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation* (available through the Educational Center for Life) was a celebration of the pro-life perspective and an encouragement to the pro-life community to never give up.

Mr. Reagan instituted the "Mexico City" policy that forbids the use of U. S. tax dollars from being given to groups and organizations that promote abortion in foreign countries. President Bill Clinton rescinded this policy the day he was first inaugurated, but President George W. Bush reinstated the policy insisting that funding abortion-providing organizations with U.S. tax dollars was an inappropriate use of those dollars.

On Mr. Reagan's memorial stone, one finds the following quotation, "I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there is worth and purpose to each and every life."

There are those who call Mr. Reagan the Father of the Pro-life movement. Perhaps, or perhaps not, but he clearly gave our nation to understand that protection for all human life, born and unborn, was a legitimate function of our government and working for that protection was a good and worthy effort.

Right to Life - Lifespan Legislative Breakfast



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Legislative Update will be given by State Representative Dave Robertson. He was the main sponsor of House Bill 4603, the House version of the Live Birth Definition Act (LBDA) which would in effect ban partial-birth abortion. After the Senate version of this bill was vetoed by Governor Granholm, Rep. Robertson publicly condemned the veto and worked aggressively to override it. Due to the hard work of organizations like Lifespan, the override was successful, and he was happy to vote it into law in June, 2004. Dave has a 100% pro-life voting record, and he will continue to be an advocate for Michigan's most vulnerable citizens—the unborn.

Making Abortion Unthinkable Presented by: Dennis Kasprowicz; Denny is Lifespan's

Programs Facilitator and is an award-winning Trainer for Ford Credit. How well can you persuade others to consider adopting a pro-life view? It has never been more critical than now that pro-lifers be able to talk to family, friends and neighbors about this core value issue, the sanctity of life. For this reason we are taking a portion of this year's breakfast to show attendees how to assemble a persuasive pro-life argument.

Participants will: ☆ Learn how to establish meaning to the word abortion

- ☆ Understand how to communicate without saying a word
- ☆ List objections from pro-abortion people about a pro-life view
- ☆ Memorize the one question and two powerful statements that take the complex issue of abortion and make it simple
- Refute the pro-choice argument with one simple question

It is critical to be involved in the pro-life movement and be an advocate for change.

Testimony and Song by Sandy and Margie Mascow

Margie was born in 1982 and has been raised as a "special needs" child. Her mother, Sandy, does not believe that God gives "special children to special people." "We are not exceptional parents, but God does give us the grace to do what we need to do. Having Margie has changed us in many ways."

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Yes! I will attend Lifespan's Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, September 11!

Send me	tickets @ \$18.00 each; tickets @ \$7.50 each (students 21 or younger);	\$ total enclosed
Name (s)	Address	
City	ZipArea Code/Phone	
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his spring, Michigan's pro-life movement lost one of its earliest and most ardent advocates: Fred Gee. In 1970, Fred was one of the founders of Right to Life - Lifespan. He passed away on April 23 after a long illness, but his legacy lives on.

Fred was an early protector of the unborn, supporting pro-life initiatives in Michigan even prior to the passage of *Roe v. Wade*. He worked at both the state and local levels, which included the Honorable James L. Ryan of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as with many of the current and past Lifespan officers and staff, including Gloria Klein, Diane Fagelman and Paula Ervin. With them and others, Fred helped create Lifespan, which to this day provides education and services to support the pro-life movement and give voice to those who cannot speak for

themselves. In fact, Fred donated Lifespan's first office, housing the new organization and supporting its early operations within The Gee Company, Fred's construction-specialities company. He also gave Lifespan \$1000 for start-

up expenses.

For decades, Fred promoted a respect for life in everything he did, always advocating our responsibility to defend the defenseless. He did so with all who would listen and used every resource at his disposal. Fred was active in politics—campaigning in each election cycle for legislative issues and candidates that supported protection of human life.

Perhaps the most clear example of Fred's commitment to the unborn, the aged and the disabled was the slogan he printed on the stationary of The Gee Company. To this day, each piece of correspondence bears the slogan: "Unite to protect the most basic of all rights: the right to life!" Given the thousands of letters mailed annually by the Company over the past 40 years, imagine the number of lives influenced—and perhaps saved—by seeing this simple and critical message! The assaults on the dignity of human life are as threatening today as they were in the early 70s when Fred first became involved. The pro-life movement needs more people like Fred Gee to continue to champion the cause of life. He will be missed!

Fred was 67 and is survived by his wife, Gina, six children, their spouses and four grandchildren.

Student Essay Contest

ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston Counties, 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 or euthanasia. 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 <u>BACK</u> 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 <u>noon, Wednesday, November 3, 2004</u>, and mailed or delivered to: Student Essay Contest 2004, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 127, Livonia, MI 48152.

PRIZES:

First:

\$1000 Savings Bond

Second:

\$400 Savings Bond

Third:

\$200 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, January, 2005. 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*. Call Lifespan's Main Office **248-777-9090**.



LIFE CHAIN

National Life Chain Sunday October 3, 2004 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

☆ Woodward, from 10 to 12 Mile Rds.—Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Berkley

☆ Lapeer Rd., at Indianwood—Lake Orion

☆ M-24 (Main St.) & M-21—Lapeer

☆ Gratiot, from 13 to 16 Mile Rds.—Roseville, Mt. Clemens

☆ Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd—Detroit

☆ Intersection at Wayne and Warren Rds.—Westland

☆ Middlebelt, from Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile Rd.)

to 7 Mile Rd.—Livonia

☆ Michigan Ave. & Grand River to Fowler—Howell

☆ Grand River, from Ann to East—downtown Fowlerville

☆ Grand River & Main to Hacker—Brighton

☆ Main St. (M-36) Town Square—Pinckney



Thousands of participants will stand in the 15th annual LIFE CHAIN in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs we hold deliver the messages that **Abortion Kills Children**, **Adoption is the Loving Option**, **Abortion Hurts Women**, **Pray to End Abortion** and **Life**, **the First Inalienable Right**. It can, and will, make a difference if we stand together!WE NEED YOU. Will <u>YOU</u> stand with us on October 3? Help STOP abortion and the devastation it causes! Gather your family, friends, neighbors and fellow church members to join LIFE CHAIN. Call **248-777-9090**.

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State fair volunteers needed

Lifespan will again be at the Michigan State Fair and will need volunteers to work the booth. Your admission is free, and if you are a new volunteer, you will be placed with an experienced veteran. We will need two volunteers for each four-hour shift.

The Detroit office is responsible for Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th. Shift times are: First shift from 9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m., second shift from 1:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and third shift from 5:45 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Call now to get your desired shift. Besides having a great time exploring the Fair before or after your shift, you will also feel great about helping us spread the pro-life message to the thousands who walk by our booth. Call today!-313-640-8534.

2005 Entertainment Books

The new 2005 Entertainment Books will be in the office at the end of August at a reduced rate of only \$20! Order a book for yourself and for all your relatives and friends; at this price, it makes an exceptional gift. If you only use the Kroger coupons you will pay for your book plus have an extra \$10 in your pocket. While you save money on hundreds of 50% offers, you will also be supporting the Detroit office in its effort to spread the pro-life message. Talk to your Christian service committees, your clubs, your choir, your friends—and help us help the unborn.

Membership renewal

Lifespan Detroit is in desperate need of new members. Please talk to your family, friends and church members about joining. We have one of the most informative prolife newsletters in the nation. Call the office today, and leave the name and address of someone you think would be interested in joining; we'd love to send them a copy of Lifespan News and a membership envelope.

Help us cut costs by renewing your membership early. We send a second renewal notice about two months after the initial notice which takes more postage and paper.

May your summer be filled with fun and restful times!

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P. O. Box 1532, Brighton, MI 48116-9998 Phone 810-220-LIFE (5433) Judy Zabik, Director

Fowlerville Fair

We had a great spot for our table and displays at the Fowlerville Fair in July. A huge amount of foot traffic resulted in numerous contacts with young people. Pro-life helium balloons and Lifesaver lollipops were given to adults and children alike, making for a very festive fair. This fair is a great way to get our Pro-Life message out to the populace.

Everyone who volunteered deserves our much appreciated thanks!

Dresser Ministry

We have a 3rd dresser going at the Mason Road Baptist Church in Fowlerville. It is being rapidly filled with baby clothes and accessories. Once filled, the dresser and contents will be donated to a needy mother somewhere in the area. Contact us for an informational kit on this wonderful ministry.

Life Chain

We are already gearing up for our Life Chain participation this coming October. See page 5 for a location near you, and call us to pick up the Life Chain signs that we provide.

Making Abortion Unthinkable

This Fall we will be presenting a seminar: "Making Abortion Unthinkable." Stand by for soon-to-be-released details!

Life Savers on Father's Day

Our Father's Day Lifesaver lollipop sale was extremely successful this past June. Many local churches participated again this year. Our thanks to all of you who put this well-received program together!



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Membership reminder

Membership in Right to Life – LIFESPAN is so very important—both for you and for LIFESPAN. Without your continued support, our organization cannot function. Summer is usually a very quiet time in our office, but this past month alone, we have received three calls from women either facing a problem pregnancy themselves or trying to help someone they know with a life and death decision. Your membership is what provides a warm and caring voice on the end of the phone for these folks. There are, unfortunately, some pregnancy help organizations that are answered by a machine, and the caller is asked to leave a number or to call back later. That is a call that probably will be lost, and the caller will go somewhere else for assistance. Perhaps she will go to a center that will not help her make a life affirming decision. We can answer our

phone because <u>you</u> care enough to provide assistance with you membership. Please, look at the label on this newsletter. If the date following your name is any earlier than August of 2003, you have not renewed your membership in over a year. Please, don't let a woman in crisis hear an answering machine. Renew your membership today and assure that help is truly only one phone call away.

Entertainment excitement

This year's offer from Entertainment Publications certainly did generate a lot of interest in Entertainment Books!! The pre-sale offer is now over, but keep in mind that we will still have 2005 Entertainment books in the office at a cost of only \$20. Don't miss out on the 2005 book—it has a lot of new items and still makes a great gift!!

Christmas cards

Believe it or not, our Christmas cards arrive in our office in September. Get your orders in early so you can get the card you like best. If you would like to offer the card to your faith community this year, call the Oakland/Macomb office, and we can get you started.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill"

Did you know that as you enter the Supreme Court, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on the lower portion of each door?

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Fairs and festivals

If your church, school, group or club is having a meeting, fair or festival, why not invite Lifespan to have a booth. We could bring the fetal models which are always the "best part" to the children and their families when they visit our educational booths. Help us to help others know the "facts" and dispel the "fiction" about the Life issues which the media reports.

Thank you

Many thanks to Donna Kempfer for hosting the Father's Day Bake Sale at St. Thomas a'Becket. The many desserts made by parish and Lifespan members quickly disappeared. We are grateful for the \$391 given to us. We appreciate the pastor's endorsement of this annual event and thank the parishioners for their generosity and support for Lifespan's educational programs.

Life Chain

We are now contacting the churches who have participated in the National Life Chain previously and those who

have shown interest in joining us this year. Our chapter's chains will be on Middlebelt in Livonia and at Wayne and Warren Roads in Westland. If you'd like to see your church take part, call us and we'll help you get started.

We've learned from past experience that when the pastor becomes actively involved in the Life Chain, the congregation is usually eager to join him/her. If your church has not received a registration form, call 248-777-9090. See page 5 for complete list of Lifespan Life Chains.

Memorial for the unborn

"A Project of the Knights of Columbus"

The Knights of Columbus have been very helpful in erecting outdoor memorials for the unborn in some of our local churches. You can contact the K of C Council within the city where your church is located or if you have a parish member or friend who is a knight, you could ask him to take the idea to the Grand Knight. If they are willing to pay or to help pay for a memorial, then contact your pastor and let him know what the K of C is willing to do.

Or, you may want to talk to your pastor first and if he agrees to a memorial, then you or he could contact the Grand Knight for financial help. Each church is different, and you should approach it the way you feel most comfortable.

Lifespan has a book from the K of C which is full of ideas for memorials and monuments for the unborn which you may borrow.

2005 Entertainment Book Sale

Only \$20—Call now to reserve yours!



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Addresses

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Dear Representative (last name):

Abstinence & Sex Education

Abill (SB943) introduced in the Michigan Senate by State Senator Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) in February, 2004, would reinforce the pro-abstinence messages required in public school sex education classes and require that the majority of members on a school district's sex education advisory board must be parents not employed by the district who have a child in a district school. Under current law, districts that offer sex-education classes must have an advisory board, but in many cases, they are composed predominantly of school employees and non-parents. The bill also transfers some responsibilities related to sex education classes from the state Board of Education to the state Superintendent of Schools.

The measure was passed in the Senate on April 7 and the House on May 20; it was signed into law by the Governor on June 24. Planned Parenthood, the ACLU and some democrats originally opposed the bill.

(See also Senate Bill 944. House Bills 5477 and 5478 are the same bills.) For more information, see *Michigan Votes.org*

Post-Abortion Depression

Legislators have proposed a bill that would foster research into the area of post-abortion depression, a measure supporters say is overdue.

The Post-Abortion Depression Research and Care Act, HR 4543, is sponsored by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) and is co-sponsored by 28 other representatives. It will allocate \$15 million to the National Institutes of Health in the next five years and provides for \$1.5 million in grants for private organizations that diagnose and treat post-

abortion depression. The bill is currently in the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act

Responding to shocking testimony being given in court cases challenging the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, Senator Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) are sponsoring the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act.

The bill would require that before obtaining an abortion 20 or more weeks into a pregnancy, doctors must inform the mothers that the unborn baby will likely experience pain and the doctor must provide the mother with a pamphlet giving her more information on research on fetal pain. The bill would also require that doctors give mothers the option of providing their unborn babies with anesthetic prior to the abortion.

During recent testimony in a New York court case challenging the rcently passed Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, abortionist Dr. Marilynn Fredriksen avoided answering whether or not she informs her clients that the unborn baby will feel pain by replying tartly, "I have never talked to a fetus about whether or not they experience pain." In that same trial, Dr. Timothy Johnson was asked if the question of fetal pain ever "crosses your mind" during an abortion. He answered no, eliciting an increduluous response from New York District Court Judge Richard Conway Casey.

At a May 20 press conference, Brownback said it was the "callous and indifferent" testimony of doctors like Fredriksen and Johnson that convinced him the Child Pain bill was needed. Smith agreed and added, "Now the testimony is overwhelming. These children suffer and they suffer badly."

In expert testimony provided to the Northern District of the U.S. District Court in California, on April 15, Dr. Sunny Anand, Director of the Pain Neurobiology Laboratory at Arkansas Children's Hospital Research said, "The highest density of pain receptors per square inch of skin in human development occurs in utero from 20 to 30 weeks gestation. During this period, the epidermis is still very thin, leaving nerve fibers closer to the surface of the skin than in older neonates and adults...Thus, a fetus at 20-32 weeks of gestation would experience a much more intense pain than older infants or children or adults.

Smith observed that other sentient creatures are given the protection of the government from excessive pain. "Congress requires pain to be minimized when livestock are slaughtered, and has numerous provisions to prevent pain to laboratory animals, but nothing for unborn human beings," he said.

Several organizations immediately endorsed the bill including the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Executive Director Gail Quinn said that because of "compelling testimony provided at the partial-birth abortion trial, this bill is urgently needed." The bill also received the backing of the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) and the Family Research Council. NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson said the bill was important for dispelling the myth that anesthetics given to mothers having abortions also affected the unborn baby. "Both boards of anesthesiologists said that such claims were nonsense," he said.

The bill immediately received considerable support from other members of congress. There are already 28 cosponsors to the House version and 24 senators, almost a quarter of the entire Senate, have added their names to the list of co-sponsors.

—Culture of Life Foundation, Culture and Cosmos May 18, 2004

Embryonic Stem Cells & Alzheimer's Disease

After the death of President Ronald Reagan, proponents of embryonic stem cell research took advantage of the publicity surrounding his death and pressed for an end to restrictions on federal funding of this controversial procedure. 58 members of the U.S. Senate and 206 members of the House sent a letter to President Bush asking him to end federal restrictions on stem cell research, saying that such research could be used to cure Alzheimer's Disease.

Mr. Reagan's son, Michael, wrote an article on June21 asking the media to keep in mind that his father, President Reagan opposed the creation of human embryos for the sole purpose of using their stem cells as possible medical cures. He quotes his father from 1983: "My administration is dedicated to the preservation of America as a free land and there is no cause more important for preserving that freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning."

Michael Reagan goes on to say that those arguing for embryonic stem cell research have embarked on a campaign of disinformation, claiming that there are scientific reasons for believing that their research can be expected to lead to a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

He then quotes Ronald D. G. McKay, a stem cell researcher at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in an interview with the *Washington Post*. "People need a fairy tale," McKay said explaining why scientists have allowed society to believe, wrongly, that stem cells are likely to effectively treat Alzheimer's. He then quotes Wesley Smith in the *Weekly Standard*, "Researchers have apparently known for some time that embryonic stem cells will not be an effective treatment for Alzheimer's because, as two researchers told a Senate subcommittee in May, 2004, it is a "whole brain disease" rather than a cellular disorder.

Another article in the *Washington Post* quoted Michael Shelanski, co-founder of the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain at Columbia University Medical Center in New York, "I think the chance of doing repairs to Alzheimer's brains by putting in stem cells is small. The Reagan-inspired tidal wave of enthusiasm stands as an example of how easily a modest line of scientific inquiry can grow in the public mind to mythological proportions."

McKay, Schelanski and Smith are not politicians. They are scientists. It would be wise if those who seek cures for devastating diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's be sure that the efforts they promote can effect the outcome they desire and that they consult with those who are familiar with these conditions, who know what has a chance of being effective and are more closely aligned with the philosophy of the individual they claim to honor.

More on Stem Cell Research

The following is a list of conditions or diseases treated with some success by **embryonic stem cells**, harvested from days-old embryos. The life of the embryo is taken during the "harvesting."

Conditions or Disease Treated or Cured by Embryonic Stem Cells — 0

The next listing is of conditions or diseases treated by adult stem cells. These are any cells that are not embryonic. No embryos or adults are forced to sacrifice their lives for the collection of these cells.

<u>Heart Disease</u>—the FDA has allowed a human trial to proceed that will use bone-marrow stem cells to treat severe heart disease. This approach has already safely improved heart function in 14 patients in Brazil.

<u>Diabetes</u>—as reported in the November 14, 2003 issue of the distinguished journal *Science*, Type 1 (Juvenile-onset) diabetes has been cured in mice using <u>human spleen</u> cells. <u>Neurological Conditions</u>—German researchers cultured human bone marrow stem cells and were able, in just a few weeks, to morph them into mature neural or glial cells that may be a source of treatment for Parkinson's Disease.

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Photo fundraiser for Wee Care

On Sunday afternoon, October 17 and in the evenings of October 18-22, Wee Care will be sponsoring a

"Wee Care for Families" Portrait Days event. Visual Image Photograpy of Livonia, will open its studio to families who wish to support the work of Wee Care by participating in this unique fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds (20%) collected during these Portrait Days will be donated directly to Wee Care. At a reasonable cost of \$40, a family can have a professional sitting of 2-3 poses and select, from their choice of proofs, four sheets of portraits. What a great idea for Christmas pictures, cards and gifts! When was the last time your family had portraits taken? Now is the time to update that portrait and help a good cause at the same time. Make plans with your family today!

More details to come in *Lifespan News*, September/ October issue. For more information, call Visual Image at **1-800-821-6588** or Wee Care at **248-777-2727**.

Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office, pp. 6-7. 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 248-559-5407. 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. If a relative, friend or even yourself are in need of this counseling assistance, call 800-281-2102.

Calendar of Events

August 7	Teen Jeopardy, back page
August 11-22	Michigan State Fair
September 11	Legislative Breakfast, front page, p. 3
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November 2	VOTE!

Stem Cell Research

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In current clinical trials, adult stem cells are being used to for the treatment of cancers, autoimmune diseases, anemias, bone and cartilage deformities, corneal scarring, stroke and skin grafts. Researchers have successfully restored some eye functions. Adult stem cells from human fat appear useful in regenerative medicine. Adult stem cells do not appear to cause tumors or rejection syndrome prevalent with embryonic stem cells. They do not have to be maintained indefinitely in laboratories because they come from the patient's own body.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

The 2004 political campaign is now in high gear. Ads on TV and articles in newspapers bring this every four-year event into our homes and workplaces. It is an event in which people can actively work to get candidates into office who best represent them and their principles. After all, in case we forget, our nation is a Republic, that is, the majority doesn't rule, nor the minority.

How brilliant our forefathers were to set up a system in which we send to office those people who will represent the views of the people in different sections of the country—thus bringing fairness to all. If not, think of it—the view of the majority vote in California and New York would rule the country—now isn't that scary!

In order for your voice to be heard, you must vote. The representation for the great state of Michigan in Washington, D.C. is not reflecting the voice of the pro-life community. We have two pro-abortion Senators, and the majority of our congressmen are in favor of taking civil and human rights from the child in the womb. Because Lifespan does not have a Political Action Committee, we do not endorse candidates, but we can educate as to the candidates who hold pro-life principles. If Lifespan's voter's survey did not have your candidates' answers, call them and ask why they did not respond. You have a right to know their position on these important issues.

If you are not registered to vote—get registered!Get your family and friends to register and vote. Do what you need to do to get more information on the candidates—get extra newsletters from your Lifespan chapter.

We are so fortunate in this country—we need not take up arms and fight to change the leadership like many other nations do—WE HAVE THE BALLOT BOX TO SPEAK FOR US. Every two, four or six years, you can attempt to change your government to fit your principles, you need only to VOTE—November is very important.

Start now and work toward getting and maintaining the PRO-LIFE VOICE in Washington and in your local communities. We need to have principled people in public office who believe that everyone, including the pre-born human person, has a right to LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS!

College LIFEsavers

Provide Lifespan's Oakland/Macomb Chapter, 248-816-1546, with the name, college address of your favorite student, t-shirt size and \$10 for shipping, and we will send him or her a Lifeline Gift Pack which includes: a pro-life T-shirt, a pen with the notation "My Dad Loves ME," a flexible 12-inch ruler that shows the accurate development of a baby in the inch increments, a button bearing the slogan, "Abortion is Mean," a "Tiny Feet" lapel pin…and more…call today!

Donations have been made— In loving memory of:

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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.

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Wee Care is in desperate need of the following items:

Diapers - newborn to size 3

Wipes Baby towels Crib sheets

Plastic baby bottles Toiletries - lotions and shampoos

Any help will be so very much appreciated! Hope your summer is filled with happy, sunshiny days!

Love, Karen

P.S. Please see information elsewhere in this newsletter regarding photo opportunity to benefit Wee Care!

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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.



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Pro-Life Teen Jeopardy Game Night

for young people ages 12-17 years old!!!

Come join us as part of the AUDIENCE

Saturday evening, August 7th from 6-10 p.m.

at the Auburn Hills Christian Center

2592 East Walton Blvd. (East of Opdyke, North of Squirrel)

To attend this Game Night as part of the audience, please call Lynn Gura by noon on Friday, August 6th at the Oakland/Macomb office at **248-816-1546**. Families are welcome!!

Cost is \$5.00 per person, children under 5 years old are free. Pay at the door. Each game will last approximately 20 minutes and will be broken down into age groups. There will be 2-3 players on each team. The evening will include pizza, pop, snacks and desserts.

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