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## VOTERS' GUIDE

Lifespan sent the following eight-question survey to each candidate for U.S. Senate, U. S. House of Representatives and Michigan House of Representatives:

1. The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision allows for abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control, even in the late stages of pregnancy. Do you **SUPPORT** the reversal of this decision?
2. Do you **SUPPORT** a law banning partial-birth abortions, except to prevent the death of the mother?
3. Some public funds are used for abortions or abortion referral. Do you **OPPOSE** the use of public funds for abortion or abortion referral, except to prevent the death of the mother?
4. Human embryonic stem cells and human fetal tissue are used in some medical experimentation which has no beneficial effects for the fetus. Would you **SUPPORT** legislation that would prohibit the use of embryonic stem cells and fetal tissue in such experiments?
5. Would you **SUPPORT** legislation that would prohibit the use of tax dollars for obtaining human embryonic stem cell and human fetal tissue to be used for medical experimentation (such experimentation having no beneficial effects for the fetus)?
6. Do you **OPPOSE** the harvesting and selling of fetal body parts for transplantation or research purposes?
7. Do you **OPPOSE** laws allowing assisted suicide?
8. Do you **SUPPORT** honoring the wishes of patients who want life-saving treatment (including food and water) regardless of their degree of disability, age and "quality of life"?

*NOTE: Lifespan is not a political organization and does not endorse candidates for election. We have surveyed the candidates as a service to our members. The questionnaires are on file at Lifespan's Main Office for your perusal. If you need further verification on a candidate's stand on these or other issues, please contact the candidate directly (see page 2).*

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Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc. is a non-profit educational and legislative organization. The first informs and motivates people to do something. The second speaks to changing laws. Lifespan can take sides and urge passage of legislation which is called lobbying. Lifespan is not "political." Lifespan does not have a political action committee (PAC) to elect or to defeat candidates.

However, we can publish candidate surveys. This has been clearly permitted on a number of occasions by the U.S. Supreme Court. We can also list office holders and tell you how they have voted on various issues. Such reporting, as we do it, is not "political." Because this comes under Freedom of the Press, such information can be passed out through churches, without jeopardizing their tax status (again by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court). According to legal terminology, this corporation can engage in "issue advocacy."

## Getting involved

Here's how to get more information and get involved in this year's elections:

### Republican Party of Michigan

Phone: (517) 487-5413

Fax: (517) 487-0090

E-mail: tmarquardt@migop.org

### Macomb County

#### Republican Party Chair

Phone: Janice Nearon (810) 775-6529

### Oakland County

#### Republican Party Chair

Phone: David Sebastian (248) 540-7262

### Wayne County Republicans

Phone: Helen Szabo (313) 284-7344

### Democratic Party of Michigan

Phone: (517) 371-5410

Fax: (517) 371-2056

### Macomb County

#### Democratic Committee

Phone: Sharon Gire (810) 463-0337

### Oakland County

#### Democratic Committee

Phone: Gary Kohut (248) 680-8870

### Wayne County Democrats

Phone: Patricia McRae (313) 531-0011

## Campaign Calendar 2000

Important election-year dates:

**July 10:** Last date to register for August primary.

**Aug. 5:** Deadline for absentee ballot requests for the August primary.

**Aug. 8:** Primary election

**Oct. 10:** Last date to register for November general election.

**Nov. 4:** Deadline for absentee ballot requests for the November general election.

**Nov. 7:** General election

## Are you registered?

You may register at a number of state and local government offices, including all Secretary of State branch offices. For more information, call your county, city or township clerk, or contact the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections. P. O. Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901. The phone number is (517) 373-2540, fax (517) 373-0941.

## Absentee ballots

According to Michigan law, you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot if one of the following applies:

You are 60 years of age or older; you will be out of town on election day; you prefer to vote absentee because of illness, physical disability or religious tenets; you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial; you are an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the one where you preside.

To get an absentee ballot simply call or write to your city, township or village clerk and ask for an absentee voter application. Or, apply in person to the clerk and fill out a standard form.

If you want the ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before an election date.

Your vote must reach your local clerk before the polls close on election day at 8:00 p.m.

## Correction

In the June 2000 *Lifespan News* Book Review, Paul Ervin is incorrectly attributed authorship of *Aborted Women—Silent No More*. David C. Reardon is the author of this book. Mrs. Ervin wrote *Women Exploited—The Other Victims of Abortion*.

Lord,

*You are the only King of Kings,  
Lord of Lords and Righteous Judge.  
We praise Your Holy Name!*

*Thank you for those men and women You have placed in authority in our state and nation. Forgive us for voicing our frustrations with certain leaders to other people instead of turning them into opportunities to pray. Forgive those leaders who have a blatant disregard for all You are and stand for.*

*For those leaders who do not know You, we also pray for their salvation, for an undersanding of all Jesus did on the cross to restore their relationship with a Holy God. Have mercy on them and draw them to Yourself.*

*For those who do know You, we ask for strength and wisdom to follow you. Give them all they need to stand firm on Your Truth. Keep their hearts completely Yours. Guard and protect them and their families.*

*With another election approaching, we ask You to work in the lives of all the candidates. Put people in their paths who know and love You and can be a witness for You. Place men and women in positions of authority who know and follow You...those who will lean on You as they serve in their positions of leadership. We need men and women of character. We need You!*

*In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.*

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## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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KEY: Y = YES N = NO <sup>a</sup> = with qualifications

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### U.S. SENATE

Spencer Abraham (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Debbie Stabenow (D)	No Response							

### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 8th Congressional District

Mike Rogers (R)	No Response							
Dianne Byrum (D)	No Response							

#### 9th Congressional District

Grant Garrett (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
John Geisler (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carlo Iovannitti (R)	—	Y <sup>a</sup>	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
Dale Kildee (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y

#### 10th Congressional District

Tom Turner (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Anthony America (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Bonior (D)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	—	Y
Mario Fundaro (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

#### 11th Congressional District

Joe Knollenberg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matthew Frumin (D)	No Response							

#### 12th Congressional District

Bart Baron (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sander Levin (D)	No Response							

#### 13th Congressional District

Carl Berry (R)	No Response							
Lynn Rivers (D)	No Response							

#### 14th Congressional District

William Ashe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Conyers, Jr. (D)	No Response							

#### 15th Congressional District

Chrysanthea								
Boyd-Fields (R)	No Response							
Carolyn								
Cheeks-Kilpatrick (D)	No Response							

#### 16th Congressional District

William Morse (R)	No Response							
John D. Dingell (D)	No Response							

### STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 1st State Rep. District

Andrew C. Richner (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Patrick Anderson (D)	No Response							
Patricia Irving Cwiek (D)	No Response							
Jamie Fields (D)	No Response							
A. Karriem Muhammad (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

#### 2nd State Rep. District

Robert Ridley (R)	No Response							
Denise Hood (D)	No Response							
Lamar Lemmons, III (D)	No Response							
Terrance Lemmons, Jr. (D)	No Response							
Liscious Williams, III (D)	No Response							

#### 3rd State Rep. District

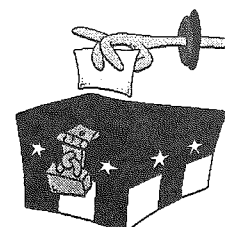
Michael Embry (R)	No Response							
Bettie Cook Scott (D)	No Response							
Sha-Ron Hampton (D)	No Response							
Artina Tinsley Hardman (D)	No Response							
Kenneth Hylton, Jr. (D)	No Response							

#### 4th State Rep. District

Robert Bruner (R)	No Response							
Muhammad Abdullah (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Robin Benson (D)	No Response							
Samuel Antonius Black (D)	No Response							
James DelRio (D)	No Response							
Charles Frazier (D)	No Response							
Frazier Kimpson (D)	—	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ernest Little (D)	No Response							
Dalton Roberson (F)	No Response							
Mary Waters (D)	No Response							

#### 5th State Rep. District

Marie Kaigler (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wendell Byrd (D)	No Response							
Kenneth Daniels (D)	No Response							
Catrice Jones (D)	No Response							
Harriet Jones (D)	No Response							
Rose Jones (D)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y



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<b>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES contd.</b>									<b>14th State Rep. District</b>								
<b>6th State Rep. District</b>									Nicole Aikens (R)	No Response							
Anthony Elam, Sr. (R)	No Response								Anthony Bradford (D)	No Response							
Robert Davis (D)	No Response								Derrick Hale (D)	No Response							
Joseph Grzecki, Jr. (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Joe Hart (D)	No Response							
Greta Johnson (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	<b>15th State Rep. District</b>								
Bill McConico (D)	No Response								Gary Woronchak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Points (D)	No Response								Amanda Howe (D)	No Response							
Joseph Sobota (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>16th State Rep. District</b>								
Sigmunt Szczepkowski (D)	No Response								Colleen Wing (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bernadette Traylor (D)	No Response								Bob Brown (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Charles White (D)	No Response								<b>17th State Rep. District</b>								
<b>7th State Rep. District</b>									Delvyn Rockwell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Curtis Jacobson (R)	No Response								Jim Barker (D)	Y	Y	Y	—	—	—	N	Y
Hansen Clarke (D)	No Response								Bennie Horne (D)	No Response							
Daron Fossett (D)	No Response								Jim Plakas (D)	No Response							
Sixto Rodriquez (D)	No Response								Shirley Powser (D)	No Response							
<b>8th State Rep. District</b>									Kenneth Warfield (D)	No Response							
Judith Montville (R)	No Response								<b>18th State Rep. District</b>								
Belda Garza (D)	No Response								Patricia Gibbons (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JoAnn Harris Carson (D)	No Response								Glenn Anderson (D)	No Response							
Carl Ramsey (D)	No Response								Sharon Scott (D)	No Response							
<b>9th State Rep. District</b>									<b>19th State Rep. District</b>								
Lydia Polley (R)	No Response								Bill Bates (R)	No Response							
Kwame Kilpatrick (D)	No Response								Laura Toy (R)	No Response							
<b>10th State Rep. District</b>									Michael Burke Sullivan (D)	No Response							
Martin Royster (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	<b>20th State Rep. District</b>								
Rich Henry (D)	No Response								Matthew Cowles (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
David Murray (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Teresa Folino (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Samuel Buzz									David McDonald (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas, III (D)	No Response								John Stewart (R)	No Response							
<b>11th State Rep. District</b>									David Gray (D)	No Response							
Charles Powell, Jr. (R)	No Response								<b>21st State Rep. District</b>								
Irma Clark (D)	No Response								Bruce Patterson (R)	No Response							
Gavin Dobey (D)	No Response								Mickey Walsh (D)	No Response							
Tonya Renay Wells (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>22nd State Rep. District</b>								
<b>12th State Rep. District</b>									Robert Chmielewski (R)	No Response							
Karen Mastney (R)	No Response								Raymond Basham (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keith Stallworth (D)	No Response								<b>23rd State Rep. District</b>								
Gilbert Thompson, Jr.	No Response								Burl Adkins (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>13th State Rep. District</b>									George Mans (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	—
Ernestine Nelson (R)	No Response																
Triette Reeves (D)	No Response																

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<b>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES contd.</b>									<b>34th State Rep. District</b>								
<b>24th State Rep. District</b>									Douglas MacLean, Sr. (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joseph Lenard (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	David Woodward (D)	No Response							
William O'Neil (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>35th State Rep. District</b>								
<b>25th State Rep. District</b>									Aaron Samson (R)	Y	Y	Y	—	—	—	Y	Y
Jesse Church (R)	No Response								Gilda Jacobs (D)	No Response							
Gloria Schermesser (D)	No Response								<b>36th State Rep. District</b>								
Frank Vaslo (D)	No Response								Mel Palmer (R)	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
<b>26th State Rep. District</b>									Nancy Quarles (D)	No Response							
William Nearon (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>37th State Rep. District</b>								
William Callahan (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Andrew Raczowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>27th State Rep. District</b>									Aldo Vagnozzi (D)	No Response							
Jim Riske (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>38th State Rep. District</b>								
Michael Switalski (D)	No Response								Nancy Cassis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>28th State Rep. District</b>									Linda Premo (D)	No Response							
Diane Goff-Gaffke (R)	No Response								<b>39th State Rep. District</b>								
Paul Welch (R)	No Response								Marc Shulman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Wojno (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ruth Fuller (D)	No Response							
<b>29th State Rep. District</b>									<b>40th State Rep. District</b>								
Jennifer Faunce (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Patricia Godchaux (R)	No Response							
Steve Bieda (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	David Kaner (D)	No Response							
<b>30th State Rep. District</b>									<b>41st State Rep. District</b>								
Thomas Derocha (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	John Pappageorge (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Kluchnik (R)	No Response								David Woodward (D)	No Response							
Robert Murphy (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>42nd State Rep. District</b>								
Sal Rocca (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Robert Gosselin (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Irvin Droste (D)	No Response								Jerry Bixby (D)	No Response							
Frank King (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>43rd State Rep. District</b>								
<b>31st State Rep. District</b>									Pamela Neeley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Donald DeNault (R)	Y	Y	Y	N <sup>a</sup>	N <sup>a</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Jeff Kingzett (D)	No Response							
Gordon Reh (R)	No Response								Clarence Phillips (D)	No Response							
Diane Zontini (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<b>44th State Rep. District</b>								
Paul Gielegghem (D)	No Response								Mike Kowall (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>32nd State Rep. District</b>									Matthew Hogan III (D)	No Response							
Douglas Chandler (R)	No Response								<b>45th State Rep. District</b>								
Alan Sanborn (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Mike Bishop (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greg Moore (D)	No Response								Keith Van Wagner (D)	No Response							
Craig Tank (D)	No Response								<b>46th State Rep. District</b>								
<b>33rd State Rep. District</b>									Ruth Johnson (R)	No Response							
Janet Kukuk (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Patrick Doyon (D)	No Response							
Bernadette DiSano (D)	No Response								☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆								



# Chapter

detroit

oakland/macomb

## Office hours

MW 10-2; TThF Closed  
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Mgr.

## State Fair— volunteers needed

Lifespan will again be at the Michigan State Fair and will need volunteers to work the booth. Your admission to the Fair 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 filling Monday, August 28 and Tuesday, August 29. So, we are in need of twelve volunteers. Shift times are 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10

p.m. Call early to get your desired shift. Besides having a great time exploring the Fair before or after your shift, you will also feel good about helping us spread the pro-life message to the thousands who walk by our booth. Call (313) 650-8534.

## Membership renewal

Please help us cut costs by renewing your membership early. We send a second notice about two months after the initial renewal notice. If you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving our monthly *Lifespan News*, give us a call at (313) 640-8534. Our *Lifespan News* is a great way to keep up with all LIFE issues.

## Message from God

When God wants an important thing done in this world or a wrong righted, He

goes about it in a very singular way. He doesn't release His thunderbolts or stir up His earthquakes. He simply has a tiny baby born, perhaps in a very humble home, perhaps of a very humble mother. And, He puts the idea into the mother's heart. And puts it in the baby's mind, then—God waits. The great events of this world are not battles and elections and earthquakes and thunderbolts. The great events are babies—for each child comes with a message that God is not yet discouraged with man, but still expecting goodwill to become incarnate in each human life.

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## Counting crosses

In one of their few trips back "home," the crosses are in our office and can be reserved for the next several weeks for your home or business. It is rare that the crosses are not on display somewhere, so if you have been waiting for a chance to have them, here it is. The visual impact of these simple white crosses is really incredible. If your church administrators would like to see pictures of the display, please contact us.

## What did she say?

At a recent Utahns for Choice dinner in Salt Lake City, actress Jane Fonda accused pro-life people of being hypocrites and assured her audience that, "The

whole issue of choice has nothing to do with the fetus." It would seem that Ms. Fonda just doesn't get it.

## Powerful prayers

Sometimes we get a little confused when we know we need help from a "Higher Authority" and feel we don't know the right words to use. The following, by that famous person, Author Unknown, points out that it is not so much the words we use as the trust we have.

## Ice Cream for the Soul

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old asked if he could say the grace before the meal. As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food and I would thank you even more if we could have ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all. Amen."

Along with some laughter from nearby diners, I heard a woman say, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this,

my son burst into tears and asked, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" I assured him that he had done nothing wrong and that God certainly was not mad at him. At this point, an elderly gentleman approached and winked at my son, saying, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer. Then, gesturing toward the woman who had spoken, he said, "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. Sometimes a little ice cream can be good for the soul."

Naturally, my son got his ice cream and after it arrived, he stared at it briefly. Then, without a word to me, he got up and carried his dish of ice cream to the lady who had spoken so harshly and placed it in front of her. With a big smile, he said, "Here. This is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already."

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wayne west/downriver

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## 18th annual "Bowling for Life" reminder

Don't get left out of the fun! Join other pro-lifers

on Sunday, July 30, 2 to 5 p.m. at Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Rd., Livonia to bowl 3 GAMES FREE and help support Lifespan financially. Get your families or church members to make up a team or come alone—no one is a stranger in a pro-life crowd. If you are on a bowling league, bring your team or a partner. The prizes are great; everyone has a good time; it's a good cause and everyone wins—a free gift certificate donated by area merchants.

You don't have to be a good bowler to win exciting prizes because sponsors can pledge you by pins or a set amount of money per game. Ex: \$1.50 per pin pledged...bowler bowls 3 games...amount due \$4.50; OR, \$.01 per pin pledged...bowler scores 450...amount due \$4.50. By collecting pledges, you are eligible to win the following prizes. GRAND PRIZES in bonds for the most pledged money collected are: 1st prize...\$200; 2nd prize...\$100; 3rd prize...\$75; 4th prize...\$50 and 5th prize...\$50.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES in bonds are: High game scores (with handicaps) for men, women and children...\$100 for each category. High series score including men, women and children (with handicaps)...\$100.

To be eligible for any of the above prizes, at least \$50 in pledge money must be turned into our office no later than Monday, August 20, 2000.

A gold electroplated "precious hands or feet pin" will be awarded. Call Lifespan for pledge sheets or further information.

## State Fair

Volunteers are needed to work our pro-life information booth at the State Fair. Our Chapter's shift is from Tuesday, August 30 through Labor Day, Monday, September 4.

Usually, we talk to people who don't have any true knowledge of the LIFE issues. It's great watching parents use our life-size fetal models to explain to their children the development of the preborn baby in the womb. Many don't even realize that they're giving their kids their first biology lesson.

Don't be hesitant to volunteer because you will be placed with an experienced pro-lifer. I love fairs and so will YOU! Only qualifications are a friendly smile and love for the

unborn. Tickets to the fair are provided for the workers. Call and reserve your shift now.

## A job well done

Our thanks to church reps Ruth Ann Wickham and Donna Kempfer, and the members from St. Thomas a' Becket parish and Lifespan bakers for the successful bake sale on Father's Day. Because of you, many moms had the day off from baking for those "special dads." The feedback is that many tasty treats went quickly, and our treasury is enhanced by \$355.25.

We are grateful to Fr. C. Richard Kelly and thank him for endorsing Lifespan's many educational and pro-life awareness programs.

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## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

### ONE VOTE DOES MATTER!!

Did you know?

- 1 vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England in 1645.
- 1 vote caused Charles the 1st to be executed in 1649.
- 1 vote gave us the English language instead of German in 1776.
- 1 vote made Marcus Morton Governor of Massachusetts in 1839.
- 1 vote brought Texas into the Union in 1845.
- 1 vote kept President Andrew Johnson from impeachment in 1868.
- 1 vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic in 1875.
- 1 vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency in 1876.
- 1 vote gave Adolf Hitler control of the Nazi Party in 1933.
- 1 vote saved the Selective Service just 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor in 1941.

**Yes, YOUR VOTE matters.** This election year will be a critical year in the pro-life movement. We have a chance of electing a pro-life Senate, a pro-life House and a pro-life President.

If this occurs, one of the most inhumane medical procedures we have in medicine will stop. We will be able to stop the gruesome killing in our delivery room suites. In our nice, clean, sterile hospitals, babies are being pulled from their mothers' wombs feet first, their spinal cords severed with metzenbaum scissors—their little bodies go limp. The bodies pulled out are disposed of in the garbage.

Don't go to the voter's booth this election without keeping this in mind. Help to bring back to this country moral ethics by taking a stand even if it is not politically correct. Our country is becoming more and more uncivilized, and we must do our part to stop this decline; all of us are responsible.

**VOTE and VOTE PRO-LIFE.** You have then done your part. Our country's health depends on it.

*Diane*



# Legislative Update



## Addresses

### **President**

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Dear Mr. President:

### **U.S. Senators**

The Honorable (Spencer Abraham, Carl Levin)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
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Dear Senator (last name):

### **U.S. Representatives**

The Honorable (first and last name)  
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Dear Congressman or Congresswoman  
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### **Governor**

The Honorable John Engler  
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Dear Governor Engler:

### **Michigan State Senator**

The Honorable (full name)  
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Dear Senator (last name):

### **Michigan State Representative**

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Dear Representative (last name):

## How to Defeat a Pro-Life Candidate

One way to defeat a pro-life candidate is to vote for a third-party candidate who has no chance of winning.

When a general election is between a pro-life candidate and a pro-abortion candidate, each representing an established party, there will be times when a third party candidate gets into the race. This candidate will claim to be the real pro-lifer and may attack the pro-life candidate from the major party. This is a sure strategy to elect the pro-abortion candidate, as it will split the pro-life vote.

Pro-lifers who support the third-party candidate, to the detriment of the pro-life candidate who could win, may feel like they have not compromised their principles, but if they succeed in helping to elect a candidate who will consistently allow the killing of unborn babies to continue, then they have compromised away something far more important—children's lives.

Another way to defeat a pro-life candidate is to expect the candidate to make abortion the top issue in the campaign. The Voter Research Survey

exit poll in 1992 found that 13% of the voters said that abortion was a top issue in deciding whom to vote for. In 1996, a Wirthlin worldwide poll found that 12% of the voters said that abortion was a top issue for them. In both years, two-thirds of these abortion-minded voters went for the pro-life candidate. This can and does make a difference in the outcome of an election, but it also means that 87% to 88% of the voters had other issues that were more important to them.

In order to win, a candidate has to focus on several issues that will appeal to a broad variety of voters. In some races, making abortion an issue will help the candidate, but in some parts of the country, a pro-life candidate must be careful with what he says and how he says it. In most areas the institutional news media is a powerful tool for the pro-abortion candidate. To always expect the candidate to make abortion the top issue in the campaign could be, for a specific candidate, a sure way to lose an election.

—Carol Long Tobias  
National Right to Life PAC Director

## Legislative Breakfast 2000

Saturday, October 7 • 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

with State Rep. Janet Kukuk

State Senator Christopher Dingell

and a possible appearance by Senator Spencer Abraham

**Holiday Inn**

**17123 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia**

\$15 per person; (\$7.50 students 21 or younger)

Remittance must accompany reservations

Make your check payable, and mail to:

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## LIFE CHAIN of Metro Detroit

### National Life Chain Sunday

October 1, 2000 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Woodward Ave. , from 10 to 12 Mile Rds.

Gratiot, from 13 to 16 Mile Rds.

Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd.

Middlebelt, from Jamison (2 blks. so. of 5 Mile Rd.) to 7 Mile Rd.



Thousands of participants will stand 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 will deliver the messages that **Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women and Jesus Heals and Forgives**. Will you invest one afternoon to help save a lifetime? Churches and organizations must register in advance. Call (248) 777-9090. Individuals and families are also welcome.

### Umbilical cord blood

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But there are huge advantages to the cord blood, too. "The advantage to cord blood is you can get it a lot faster than bone marrow," Banfill said. Once a bone marrow donor is identified, he or she has to complete a medical history, go through testing and decide if this is really the right decision. That can take up to six months. Cord blood can be ready to go in a matter of weeks.

"The other big advantage to using cord blood is the stem cells seem to be a little naive," Banfill said. Typically, a bone marrow donor needs to match six out of six antigens. For cord blood, the standard is four out of six antigens.

The success rate varies depending on the type of cancer and condition of the patient.

—*The Bay City Times, April 4, 2000*

### Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office listed on pages 8 and 9. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hot line number (800) BETHANY. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries (810) 326-0459 or Casa Vitae (248) 559-5407.

For post-abortion counseling, call PACE (734) 455-5255 or 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 (248) 443-7633.

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, do not hesitate to call (800) 281-2102.

### Donations have been made—

#### In loving memory of:

**William Carrier**

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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 of Metro Detroit will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Donations may be sent to your local Lifespan office.

### Calendar of Events

July 10 ..... Deadline-Register to Vote  
..... in Primary Election  
July 30 ..... Bowling for Life  
Aug. 1-6 ..... Davisburg 4-H Fair  
Aug. 8 ..... Primary Election  
Aug. 22-Sept. 4 ..... State Fair  
Sept. 15-17 ..... Troy Daze  
Oct. 1 ..... LIFE CHAIN  
Oct. 7 ..... Legislative Breakfast  
Oct. 10 .. Deadline-Register to Vote  
..... in General Election  
Nov. 7 ..... Election Day

### Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit 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.

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Memberships and donations are not tax-deductible.

# Pregnant women can save lives by donating umbilical cord blood

**E**xpectant parents may want to add one more item to the list of things to do before the baby is born. Call the Michigan Community Blood Centers Cord Blood Bank at (800) 837-0648 and ask for a cord blood collection kit. Doing so sets in motion a painless procedure that could save a life.

The blood found in umbilical cords is used for bone marrow transplants. Bone marrow transplants are one way of combatting some types of cancer. The Michigan cord blood bank sends blood all over the world.

Claire Kaczmarek, born on Oct. 1, is one of the first donors from Bay City. Melissa and Joe Kaczmarek donated their youngest daughter's cord blood after Melissa read about the procedure in a magazine. She contacted her mother, Carol Wackerly, donor resources consultant at the Saginaw Valley Blood Program, to see if she knew how to go about it. Wackerly told her daughter that Community Blood Centers, including her employer, had recently started a cord blood bank in Grand Rapids.

Melissa called and requested the kit. It arrived about six weeks before Claire was due. Melissa and Joe filled out a lengthy questionnaire, let the doctor know they wanted to donate the cord blood and brought the kit to the hospital.

The hospital staff did the rest after Claire was born and the umbilical cord was cut. "The baby is delivered," said Mary Banfill, lead stem cell technologist for the cord blood bank. "Mom has baby in her arms. The placenta is still in utero. The doctor inserts the needle into the cord and drains it."

Thomas S. Markus, an obstetrician/gynecologist at 3175 W. Professional Drive, [Bay City] said he hasn't personally collected cord blood, but others in his practice have. A patient whose baby is due next month is signed up to donate her baby's cord blood, Markus added. He's already familiar with the simple procedure. A representative from the cord blood bank visited the practice recently to explain the process in detail, Markus said. The donation can be made whether the baby is born naturally or through a Caesarean section. "It's very much like drawing blood

off for blood donations," Markus said. "After the baby is delivered, but before the placenta is delivered, you drain off as much blood as you can...It's certainly not any trouble." The process takes less than two minutes. "There's absolutely no risk to anybody," Markus said. "There was no pain. I don't know why more people don't do it."

The reason may be because expectant parents aren't aware of it. The bank didn't even exist when Claire's siblings, Natalie, 4, and Caleb, 3, were born. The Cord Blood Bank opened in June, 1999, Banfill said. "As of June, it was almost a secret," Banfill said. "I was the only tech." By December, though, the center had enough technologists to publicize its existence through obstetricians and labor and delivery classes. So far, 202 women in Michigan have donated their babies' cord blood to the bank.

Once the cord blood arrives, the technologists go to work. The white cells are separated from red. Only the white cells contain stem cells, which produce marrow inside the bones. If the blood passes several tests, the blood bank freezes it and stores it in liquid nitrogen, Banfill said. Cord blood as old as 10 years has been successfully used, but Banfill said the technology is too new to say for sure how long the blood can be stored.

From there, the process is the same whether a patient gets blood cells from an umbilical cord or an adult donor. A transfusion carries white blood cells into the person with cancer. Once inside the blood system, the white blood cells go to the bones and start working to produce marrow. Most of the people turning to the bank are children who can't find family or friends who are compatible donors.

On average, an umbilical cord yields about 100 milliliters of blood. But it can range anywhere from 20 to 200 milliliters. The amount of blood varies depending on the experience of the person drawing it and the size of the baby.

"One of the major disadvantages is the volume we get," Banfill said. "The amount is usually enough to be used in children, but not adults."

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