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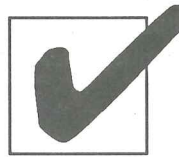
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## VOTE



## AUG. 6

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

1. If the U.S. Supreme Court should vote to overturn its 1973 decision legalizing abortion on demand, would you SUPPORT legislation permitting states to restore protection to unborn children?
2. Do you OPPOSE abortion except to save the life of the mother?
3. Would you SUPPORT all legislative efforts to prohibit tax-funding of abortion except where necessary to save the life of the mother?
4. Would you SUPPORT legislation that would prohibit fetal experimentation and the use of tissue from aborted babies?
5. Would you OPPOSE legislation that would allow assisted suicide?

*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 responses we received are printed without bias, although some had to be edited because of space limitations. 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. Turn to pages 4 and 6 for district maps.*

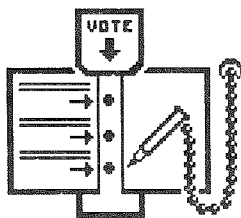
## Registering to vote

In Michigan you may register to vote if:

- You are a United States' citizen
- You are at least 18 years old by election day
- You have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days before the election in which you are voting

To register, simply appear in person at any Secretary of State Branch Office, or at your city, township or village clerk's office. Fill out a form swearing you are who you are, sign your name, and that's it! Under special circumstances you may register by mail.

You may register at any time. However, you must be registered 30 days in advance of an election in order to vote in that election (by July 8, 1996 for the August 6 primary). If you have moved, notify the local clerk. If you move within Michigan during the 60 days before an election, you may vote at your former precinct in that election. You may only be registered in one precinct at a time.

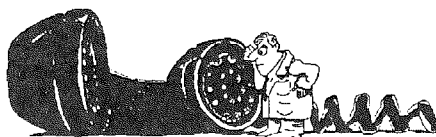


## Absentee ballots

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.



## We need your help

But this time we're not asking you to dig into your pockets. Simply participate in Lifespan's long-distance telephone program.

You'll enjoy up to 30% savings over other major long-distance carriers, but most importantly, Lifespan will receive a percentage of the total amount of your long-distance phone bill each month.

### LIFESPAN BENEFITS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU.

Just say YES. That's all it takes to help generate additional monthly income to help with office expenses and all of the many activities in which Lifespan is involved.

There are no physical changes necessary to your telephone service. No special codes to be punched in or special sequences to remember. As a matter of fact, the only difference you'll probably notice is a LOWER MONTHLY LONG-DISTANCE BILL.

Please call the Lifespan Wayne West/Downriver office at (313) 422-6230 for more details and to sign up.

## Donations have been made In loving memory of:

**John Fodell**

Given by: Ray & Marlene Vincent

**Nicholas Soeka**

Given by: Diane & Norv Trombley

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.

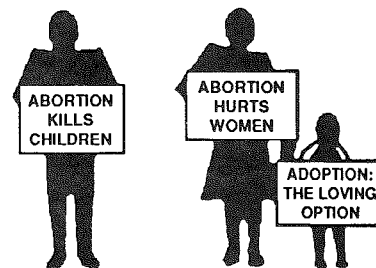
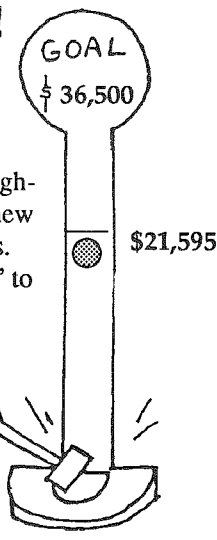
## Help our baby ring this bell!

Lifespan's billboard this year will be positioned on six different metro Detroit main highways. It will move to a new location every sixty days.

A special "thank you" to Barbara Valasek and Carol Ann Putzig who each

"Adopted the Billboard" for a week.

Please mark your donation, "Billboard Campaign," and send it to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152. Call (313) 533-9090. (Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.)



## National Life Chain Sunday

October 6, 1996  
Woodward Ave.

From 7 Mile Rd. to 12 Mile Rd.  
Stand Up for the Unborn!  
For more information,  
call (313) 533-9090

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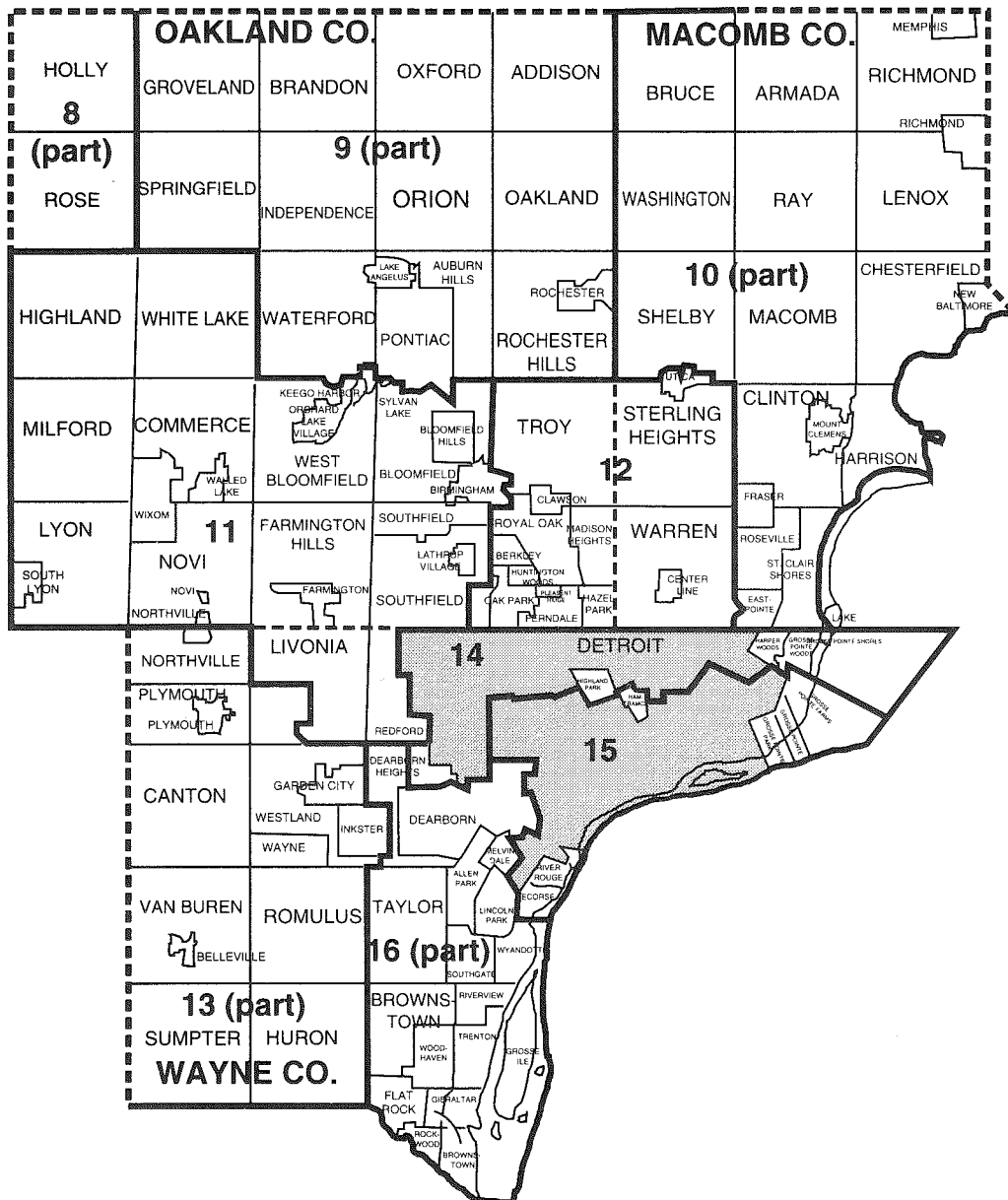




## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>U.S. SENATE</b>						
Carl Levin (D)	No Response					
Jim Nicholson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	...I support the role of states in restricting abortion as defined by the Supreme Court in the <i>Casey</i> decision...
Ronna Romney (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b>						
<b>8th Congressional District</b>						
Debbie Stabenow (D)	No Response					
Dick Chrysler (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>9th Congressional District</b>						
Dale E. Kildee (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Patrick M. Nowak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>10th Congressional District</b>						
David E. Bonior (D)	Y	Y	Y	N	-	#5 I am studying this issue.
Gilbert J. DiNello (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I have never changed my position on my stand for pro-life and will always support pro-life issues.
Susy Heintz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am strongly pro-life and will work for the passage of legislation in Congress to protect the unborn and elderly.
Donald J. Lobsinger (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	#2 I oppose abortion under any and all circumstances.
<b>11th Congressional District</b>						
Morris Frumin (D)	No Response					
Joe Knollenberg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>12th Congressional District</b>						
Sander Levin (D)	No Response					
John Pappageorge (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	#2 I would also support tightly drawn exceptions for pregnancy resulting from <u>reported</u> rape or incest and <u>prosecution</u> of the offender.
Kevin Wright (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am unapologetically pro-life. I will be a champion for the innocent unborn, the elderly and the terminally ill.
<b>13th Congressional District</b>						
Lynn Nancy Rivers (D)	No Response					
Joe Fitzsimmons (R)	Y	N	Y	N	-	Adoption is the best choice for families. I have two adopted grandchildren.
<b>14th Congressional District</b>						
John Conyers, Jr. (D)	No Response					
William A. Ashe (R)	-	-	-	-	-	I support the Right to Life without any or all qualifications.
<b>15th Congressional District</b>						
Barbara-Rose Collins (D)	No Response					
Douglass J. Diggs (D)	No Response					
Godfrey Dillard (D)	N	N	N	Y	Y	
George Hart (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Leon Jenkins (D)	No Response					
Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D)	No Response					
Henry Edward Stallings II (D)	-	N	N	N	N	
Stephen Hume (R)	No Response					



## UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Metropolitan Detroit Area

Wayne/Oakland/Macomb Counties



## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>16th Congressional District</b>						
John D. Dingell (D)	No Response					
James R. DeSana (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am fully committed to protecting and preserving life... Such an inalienable gift...must not be forgotten or destroyed.
Steve Hoffman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Ken Larkin (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am not a candidate with <u>just</u> a position. I am a pro-life warrior and <u>live</u> this issue!
William Morse (R)	No Response					

### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

#### **1st State Representative District**

Elaine Hartmann (D)	No Response					
Timothy R. Beck (R)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Abortion is a tragedy. All efforts should be made to educate the public about the negative aspects of it.
Paul D. McCarthy (R)	No Response					
Sue Radulovich (R)	No Response					
Andrew C. Richner (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Philip G. Tannian (R)	No Response					

#### **2nd State Representative District**

Curtis Hertel (D)	No Response
Patrick Kukla (R)	No Response

#### **3rd State Representative District**

Tom T. A. Allison (D)	No Response
Mary Lou Parks (D)	No Response
Marlyss Landeros (R)	No Response

#### **4th State Representative District**

Ed Vaughn (D)	No Response
Donna Wawrzyniak (R)	No Response

#### **5th State Representative District**

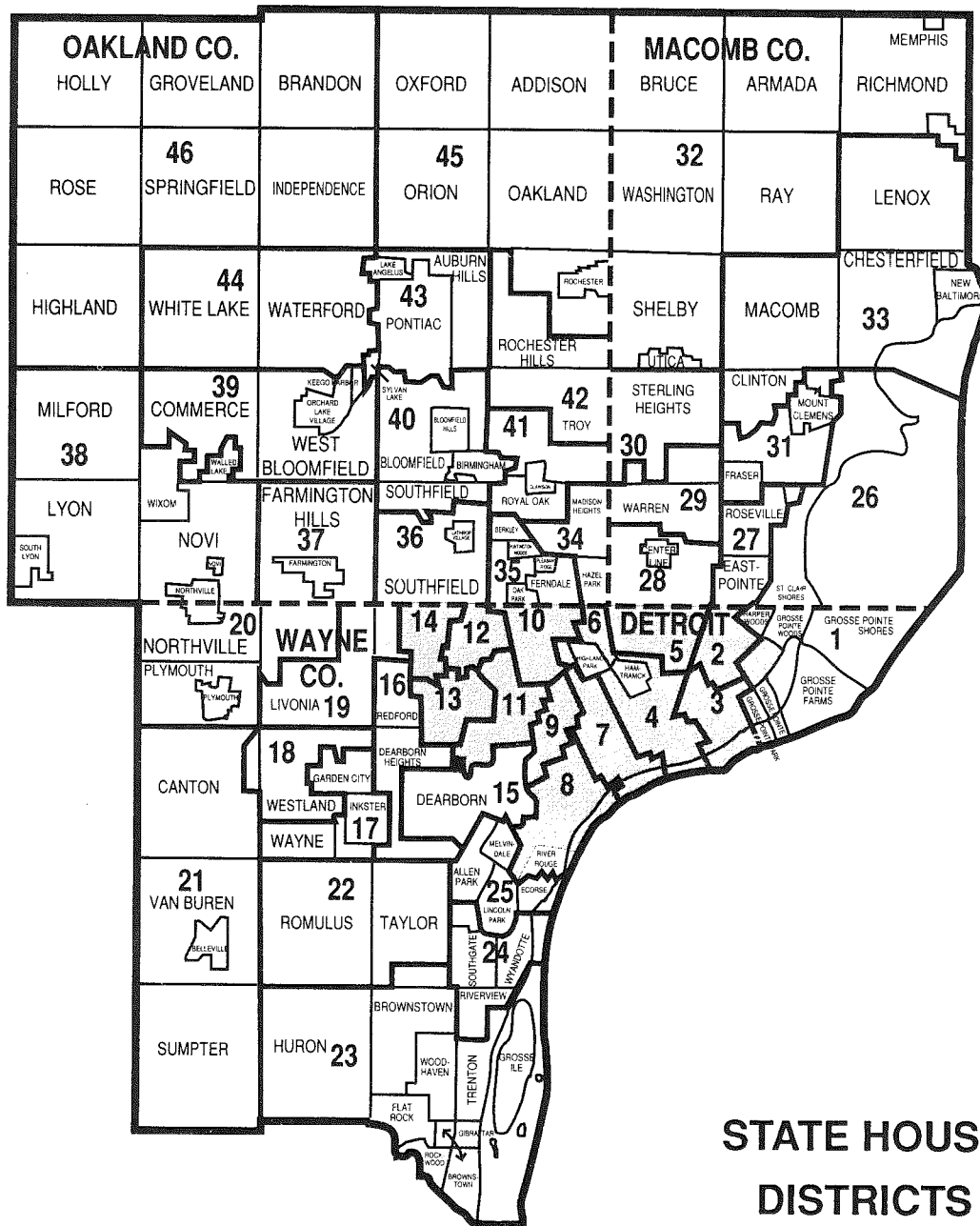
Sara Rayford (D)	No Response
Ted Wallace (D)	No Response
Yolanda C. Haynes (R)	No Response

#### **6th State Representative District**

Kevin Davis (D)	No Response				
David Points (D)	No Response				
Martha G. Scott (D)	No Response				
Urszula Sergott (D)	No Response				
David Young III (D)	No Response				
Raymond F. Prus (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

#### **7th State Representative District**

Joyce Moore (D)	No Response					
Irving D. Morrow (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	#1 Kill no one. Under no circumstances should life be taken.
Raymond M. Murphy (D)	No Response					
Ernest Perry (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am a Catholic and I firmly believe that only God can give life and only God should take it.
Willie J. Cambell (R)	No Response					



## STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS METRO AREA



## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>8th State Representative District</b>						
Gary Hunter (D)						No Response
Ilona Varga (D)						No Response
Cheryl Fobbs-Lewis (R)						No Response
<b>9th State Representative District</b>						
Fred Durhal, Jr. (D)						No Response
Tonya Hood (D)						No Response
Jeffrey C. Hunt (D)						No Response
Kwame M. Kilpatrick (D)						No Response
Wilma T. Mangham-Harris (D)						No Response
Edward A. Romanowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>10th State Representative District</b>						
Cheryl A. Anderson-Small (D)						No Response
Jesse L. Cockrel (D)						No Response
Michael D. Grundy (D)						No Response
Roger S. Hood (D)						No Response
Emmett Long III (D)						No Response
Brooke McCauley (D)						No Response
Ralph R. Rayner (D)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
Nelson W. Saunders (D)						No Response
Samuel Buzz Thomas III (D)						No Response
Myron Wahls (D)						No Response
Richard Henry (R)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Do to priers; legislations overwhelmed majority. In vote at the close of 1996; prohibits further advance statement without petitions. (sic)
<b>11th State Representative District</b>						
James C. Gulley, Jr.						No Response
Morris Hood, Jr. (D)						No Response
Karl Robinson (D)						No Response
Ron Scott (D)						No Response
Raquel Reardon (R)						No Response
<b>12th State Representative District</b>						
Arnold McKinney, Sr. (D)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	I believe in a person and family right to make these important decision. (sic)
Keith B. Stallworth (D)						No Response
Raymond L. Twine (D)						No Response
Larry J. Davis (R)						No Response
<b>13th State Representative District</b>						
Burton LeLand (D)						No Response
Shannon C. Moody (D)						No Response
Dawn Moore (D)						No Response
Ernestine Nelson (R)						No Response
Gregory McCann Riffle (R)						No Response



## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>14th State Representative District</b>						
Marvel K. Cheeks (D)	No Response					As a man I cannot have an abortion; that decision should be left up to the woman, family and mate.
Derrick Hale (D)	N	N	N	N	N	
Raymond W. Hood, Jr. (D)	No Response					
Charles Johnson (D)	No Response					
Howard Worthy (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Catherine Starks (R)	No Response					
<b>15th State Representative District</b>						
Agnes M. Dobronski (D)	No Response					#2 and in cases of rape and incest.
Ted Tifrea (R)	No Response					
Gary Woronchak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>16th State Representative District</b>						
Bob Brown (D)	No Response					
James R. Ryan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>17th State Representative District</b>						
Thomas H. Kelly (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Diane I. Dore (R)	No Response					
<b>18th State Representative District</b>						
Eileen DeHart (D)	No Response					
Dennis LeMaitre (R)	No Response					
Michael D. Novak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>19th State Representative District</b>						
Patrick A. McRae (D)	No Response					
Lyn R. Bankes (R)	No Response					
<b>20th State Representative District</b>						
Deborah A. Hoadley (D)	No Response					You change people’s hearts and minds through family, church, and Christian education not through the law.
Gerald H. Law (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jerry Vorva (R)	Y	N	Y	N	N	
<b>21st State Representative District</b>						
Deborah Jean Nesbit (D)	No Response					
Deborah Whyman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>22nd State Representative District</b>						
Gregory E. Pitoniak (D)	No Response					...life begins at conception...we have a responsibility to protect that life, born or unborn...there should be no compromise. I believe...the Right to Life is the most fundamental of...rights... <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was the most grievous decision ever...
Donald L. Zub (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Justin Morderski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Matthew Ruffner (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	



# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL BOWLING FOR LIFE

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**Sunday, July 28, 1996**

**2 PM to 5 PM**

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**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES, AT LEAST \$50 IN PLEDGES MUST BE IN LIFESPAN  
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# Chapter News

## detroit

### Office hours

MW 10-2; TThF Closed  
Carol Smith, Chairman  
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Manager

### State Fair

The Detroit Chapter will be working at the Lifespan Booth at the Michigan State Fair on August 25 - 28. Please consider volunteering a few hours at our booth. Your admission to the Fair will be FREE, and if you are a new volunteer, you will be placed with a seasoned veteran. 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. Shifts are four hours long. Call (313) 874-0432.

### Membership renewal

Please help us cut costs for second notices by renewing your membership early. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member and receive our *Lifespan News*, give us a call at the office (313) 874-0432 or send us a note. Thanks for your continued support.

**Detroit Chapter**  
5930 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202-3516  
(313) 874-0432

## oakland

### Office hours

M, T, Th, F 9-2:30; W 9-6  
Diane Fagelman, Chairman  
Diane Trombley, Ofc. Manager  
Mary Small, Secretary  
Theresa Koehler, Membership Coor.  
Clare Schneider, Newsletter Coor.

### Fairs and festivals

Our dates at the State Fair are August 20-24. The Davisburg Fair is July 29-

August 4 and Troy Daze is September 13, 14, 15. As always, we need your help. Staffing a Lifespan table at the State Fair or a local city or church fair is really fun and if you've never done it before, we promise to pair you with a "veteran." Please call the office and let us know when you can volunteer. Also, if you know of any local fairs at which we could have a table, please let us know.

### Representative's reply

Lifespan reps—if you haven't sent your questionnaire in to the office, please dig it out and send it in—it will really help us do a better job for you.

### Dad's were delighted

Thanks to all who helped make Father's Day a little sweeter with our Dad's Day candy bars!

### Bowling bash

Oakland's 2nd annual Bowl-a-thon will be Friday, August 2, at 7:00 p.m. Dust off your shoes and bowling balls and call the office for pledge sheets (810) 816-1546.

### Postcard progress

Volunteer postcards are coming in nicely; if yours is still in your "bill box," please send it in to Diane T.

**Oakland County Chapter**  
Coventry Place  
1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G  
Troy, MI 48084-3540  
(810) 816-1546

## wayne west & downriver

### Office hours

M-Th 10-4  
Patricia Holscher, Chairman  
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Manager

### Bowling for Life

Our Bowling for Life FUNdraiser will be held Sunday, July 28, 2:00-5:00 p.m.,



at Woodland Lanes on Plymouth Rd., just west of Farmington Rd., Livonia. This is good family fun for ages seven and older.

Bowl three GAMES FREE by submitting a sponsored pledge sheet. Men, women and children can win exciting great money prizes and bonds. See complete details in our June newsletter. Call (313) 422-6230 or (313) 728-5856.

### State Fair

The Wayne West/Downriver Chapter will be working at the Lifespan booth August 29-September 2 at the Michigan State Fair. We need booth workers. Newcomers are welcome; you will always be placed with experienced workers. FAIRS ARE FUN! Join us.

### Autumn garage sale

Friday and Saturday  
September 6 and 7  
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cindy Gauvin  
26781 Timber Trail, Dearborn Heights  
(between Inkster and Beech Daly Rds.)  
(313) 565-2246

Cindy, her family and friends host this annual event. They need workers for pricing and selling. Tools, furniture, jewelry, purses, scarves, knick-knacks, glassware, pictures and toys are big sellers. No clothes, please.

### A job well done!

Our thanks to Barb and Horst Schmid and their crew for a very successful summer garage sale and bake sale held at St. Thomas A' Becket. The outpouring of donations and sales was remarkable. Your love for the unborn is evident by your continual support of Lifespan projects.

**Wayne County, West and Downriver Chapter**  
27578 Schoolcraft  
Livonia, MI 48150-2203  
(313) 422-6230



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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>23rd State Representative District</b>						
Leonard H. Mannausa (D)	No Response					... As a first-time candidate for state-wide office, I am in the process of formulating positions on a number of issues...
George W. Mans (D)	-	-	-	-	-	
Tim O'Connor (D)	No Response					We should not accept politicians who gloss over the sanctity of life. We should demand they take a clear stand. #2 A woman who is raped, and counseled to carry her baby to term, should be able to terminate her pregnancy.
Walter Barron (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
David A. Glaab (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am pro-life and opposed to abortion..., assisted suicide and fetal tissue experimentation...except to save life of mother.
Karen M. Mazo (R)	No Response					
Edward J. Nykiel (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>24th State Representative District</b>						
Joseph Palamara (D)	No Response					
Raymond T. Krutsch (R)	No Response					
<b>25th State Representative District</b>						
Robert A. DeMars (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I support a person's right to life from conception to the natural end of life.
Andrew Hill (D)	No Response					
William A. Beddoes (R)	No Response					
<b>26th State Representative District</b>						
William J. Callahan (D)	No Response					If elected, my support for all of the issues related to the protection of life will be 100%.  I believe in <u>no</u> exceptions to abortion policy.
William B. Kolasa (D)	No Response					
Charleen O'Neill (D)	No Response					
Robert M. Sawicki (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	
Peter J. Lund (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Robert C. MacDonald (R)	No Response					
Tom Ulrich (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>27th State Representative District</b>						
Nick Ciaramitaro (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I look forward to working with the Right to Life on these important issues.
Thomas Phillips (D)	No Response					
James Zelmanski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>28th State Representative District</b>						
Lloyd F. Weeks (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Paul Wojno (D)	No Response					
Dan Nixon (R)	No Response					
<b>29th State Representative District</b>						
Dennis Olshove (D)	No Response					#2 I strongly oppose abortion except in the case of rape, incest or to save the mother's life. In my last race for the city council, I was endorsed by Right to Life. I am pro-life. Society needs to come together to learn to value life and not treat (sic) life for granted.
Joseph Cooke (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
Steve Rice (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Joe Smihula (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	



## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>30th State Representative District</b>						
Ed Oberski (D)	No Response					
Thomas Kluchnik (R)	No Response					
Sue Rocca (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	My voting record clearly shows that I am a strong pro-life supporter.
<b>31st State Representative District</b>						
Sharon L. Gire (D)	No Response					
Donald P. DeNault, Jr. (R)	No Response					
Gordon Reh (R)	No Response					
<b>32nd State Representative District</b>						
Dick Kennedy (D)	No Response					
Eugene B. Strzalka (D)	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	#3 Undecided.
A. J. Davis (R)	No Response					
Dave Jaye (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am the most aggressive legislator working to end taxpayer paid abortions for state employees, local schools and universities.
Morton J. Kripke (R)	No Response					
Paul G. Palaventi (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	If no one can say exactly what a fetus is, why should people have the power to kill it?
Alan B. Sanborn (R)	No Response					
Sherri Sassin (R)	No Response					
<b>33rd State Representative District</b>						
James J. Johnstone (D)	No Response					
Joel S. Leach (D)	No Response					
Alvin H. Kukuk (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I am a strong pro-life candidate which is reflected in my record at the state and county level.
<b>34th State Representative District</b>						
John F. Freeman (D)	No Response					
Paul Garfield (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Terrence R. Adams (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/N	Doctors can't be permitted to leave cadavers in vans at police stations.
Mike Andrzejak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	#2 With exception of rape and incest. #5 I am drawing upon my...experience of how cancer devastated...my father's life.
Brian Senia (R)	No Response					
<b>35th State Representative District</b>						
Peter Friedlander (D)	No Response					
David M. Gubow (D)	No Response					
David Fleetham (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	When "choice" becomes playing God (the power to endow a fetus with humanity) I say it's time to stop.
<b>36th State Representative District</b>						
Paul Condino (D)	No Response					
Milton Dzodin (D)	Y	N	Y	N	-	#5 Undecided.
Carol King (D)	No Response					
Nancy L. Quarles (D)	No Response					
Roderick J. Fracassi (R)	No Response					



## Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>37th State Representative District</b>						
Carl S. Christoph (D)	No Response					
Stephen Dibert (D)	No Response					
Linda Jolicoeur (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	...I will do everything I can to make sure the rights of our most vulnerable members of society are protected.
Andrew Raczkowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	The lives of the unborn will have a strong advocate, upon our election, in the state house.
Terry Sever (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	#2 rape and incest.
Cathleen M. Webb (R)	No Response					
<b>38th State Representative District</b>						
Gary Johnson (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	By our own decree, this nation is under God. I believe that God is pro-life.
Chris Bachelder (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	As a father of two daughters, I feel it is imperative that we restore morality to society.
Nancy C. Cassis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I support "right to life" and am committed to protecting vulnerable human life from conception to natural death.
Craig M. DeRoche (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>39th State Representative District</b>						
Matthew R. Abel (D)	N	N	N	N	N	
Sheri B. Katzman (D)	No Response					
Barbara Dobb (R)	No Response					
Sam Washington (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>40th State Representative District</b>						
Lynn Shecter (D)	No Response					
David B. Buckley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	My faith and the sanctity of human life is very important to me!
Vicki Dallas (R)	No Response					
Patricia A. K. Godchaux (R)	No Response					
Pat Hardy (R)	No Response					
Bill McMaster (R)	No Response					
John Paul Ogurek (R)	No Response					
<b>41st State Representative District</b>						
Gary Kohut (D)	-	N	N	N	-	#1 Depends... #5 Depends... We should decide first whether govt. should interfere with the most private of personal decisions...
Shirley Johnson (R)	No Response					
<b>42nd State Representative District</b>						
Brian Etzel (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Greg Kaza (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Defense of the unborn is the civil rights issue of the 21st century.
Theodore J. Wilk (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>43rd State Representative District</b>						
Hubert Price, Jr. (D)	No Response					
Elsie E. Bigger (R)	No Response					
<b>44th State Representative District</b>						
George Montgomery (D)	No Response					
David N. Galloway (R)	No Response					



1	Bryant (R)	?
2	Hertel (D)	X
3	Parks (D)	O
4	Vaughn (D)	O
5	Wallace (D)	O
6	Scott (D)	O
7	Murphy (D)	O
8	Varga (D)	O
9	Kilpatrick (D)	?
10	Saunders (D)	?
11	Hood (D)	O
12	Stallworth (D)	O
13	Leland (D)	O
14	Bennane (D)	?
15	Dobronski (D)	?
16	Ryan (R)	X
17	Kelly (D)	X
18	DeHart (D)	X
19	Bankes (R)	?
20	Law (R)	X
21	Whyman (R)	X
22	Pitoniak (D)	X
23	Porreca (D)	X



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CANDIDATE	1	2	3	4	5	COMMENTS (20 words or less)
<b>45th State Representative District</b>						
David Lillis (D)	Y	Y	N	-	N	I would be willing to work with and learn from "Right to Life" on future legislation.
Paul Sweda (D)						No Response
Penny M. Crissman (R)						No Response
<b>46th State Representative District</b>						
Jeff Dupuis (D)						No Response
Tom Middleton (R)						No Response

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#### Michigan State House

24	Palamara (D)	X
25	DeMars (D)	X
26	Yokich (D)	?
27	Ciaramitaro (D)	X
28	Weeks (D)	?
29	Olshove (D)	X
30	Rocca (R)	X
31	Gire (D)	O
32	Jaye (R)	X
33	Kukuk (R)	X
34	Freeman (D)	O
35	Gubow (D)	O
36	Berman (D)	O
37	Dolan (R)	O
38	Bullard (R)	X
39	Dobb (R)	O
40	Jamian (R)	X
41	Johnson (R)	X
42	Kaza (R)	X
43	Price (D)	O
44	Galloway (R)	O
45	Crissman (R)	O
46	Middleton (R)	X

### Clinton, Dole on Assisted Suicide

As rulings from the Ninth and Second Circuits increasingly make assisted suicide a federal issue, presidential candidates of both major parties are issuing new statements.

On April 16, White House deputy press secretary Mary Ellen Glynn announced that President Clinton opposes assisted suicide. Ironically, Clinton's veto message on abortion used a familiar pro-euthanasia argument, justifying the grotesque "partial-birth" procedure by arguing that some of its victims would have died soon outside the womb in any event. The Administration then declined an invitation to testify at Congress's first-ever hearing on assisted suicide.

In a May 2 statement released by his Senate Majority Leader office, Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole was more forthright. "On this issue," he said, "I happen to share the view of the American Medical Association—that doctors who are sworn to be life-givers, should not act as life-takers, and that the licensing of doctors to administer death is 'fundamentally inconsistent with the pledge physicians make to devote themselves to healing and to life.'"

—*Life At Risk, April/May 1996*

### Calendar of Events

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WayneWest/Downriver Bowling for Life .....	July 28
Davisburg Fair .....	July 29-Aug. 4
Oakland Chapter Bowl-a-thon .....	Aug. 2
Primary Election .....	Aug. 6
State Fair .....	Aug. 20-Sept. 2
Garage Sale, Dbn. Hts. ....	Sept. 6, 7
Troy Daze .....	Sept. 13-15
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## Persistent Vegetative State

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have been physically injured from accidents, others suffer from stroke or progressed dementia. In some cases, the brain itself appears to change; in other cases, it appears unchanged.

Some patients are not actually in PVS, but are "locked-in." They may be mute and immobile but mentally alert and able to communicate by blinking or through aids such as a computer—if someone gives them that opportunity.

In any case, the description "PVS" is so elastic that it has been stretched to include those who appear totally unresponsive as well as those like Christine Busalacchi, a young woman who became severely disabled in a car accident, who said "hi," recognized her father on television and pushed a button to play a cassette tape. (In this nationally publicized case, Christine was starved and dehydrated to death—with court approval.)

## PVS often misdiagnosed

A recent study indicates that PVS (persistent vegetative state) may often be misdiagnosed in patients with severe brain injuries. Of 49 patients diagnosed with PVS who were referred to the Health Care Rehabilitation Center in Austin, TX, 18 (38%) responded to stimuli during subsequent neurological exams. Investigators were able to identify three-quarters of the misdiagnosed patients within three days of their admittance. In most cases, the patients responded to movement commands; others answered yes or no to questions by mouthing the words or blinking eyes; a few smiled at jokes.

Researchers said that diagnostic errors occur because of the lack of

understanding about what constitutes PVS, a proliferation of ambiguous terms, and as a result of clinicians not spending the time to watch patients carefully or long enough to spot often sporadic signs of cognitive awareness.<sup>1</sup>

## PVS patients feel pain

Many proponents of death claim that people with PVS are incapable of feeling pain. However, a study by University of Michigan neurologist Kenneth Casey, M.D., revealed that while PVS patients have lost their ability to express responses to pain, they most likely feel pain. Casey based his conclusion on a study of 18 patients who had suffered severe damage to the cortex in one hemisphere of their brains. When painful stimuli were applied, some patients could not identify where the pain occurred other than to say it was on the right or left side of the body, having lost their ability to discriminate, while still feeling the pain. (Dr. Casey believes food and fluids may be withdrawn from PVS patients, but that they should be sedated during the process.)<sup>2</sup>

## Debate over PVS changing

Most people remember the case of Karen Ann Quinlan, which prompted a national debate over withdrawing life-sustaining measures. In her case, it was the ventilator that was in question. Indeed, it turned out to be unnecessary—Karen Ann lived ten years after its removal.

Today, the debate has expanded: (a) many now consider *food and water* to be optional "medical treatment"; and (b) there are increasing attempts to redefine "death" to include those who are brain-damaged.

## Calling PVS patients "dead"

*New England Journal of Medicine* editor Marcia Angell (who has several times endorsed physician-assisted suicide) believes that "dead" should be redefined to include babies born with anencephaly and persons in PVS. A major objection, she admits, is that such patients "just do not look dead."

Nevertheless, she recommends that "we should establish a standard of care that included routinely stopping treatment after a specified time in a [PVS]." If families object to discontinuing treatment, "they would have to justify their position...and the burden [would] be shifted to those holding the idiosyncratic view."...Like the redefinition of death, it is also an ethical, social, and legal matter [emphasis added].<sup>3</sup>

That's scary and dangerous stuff. In this series, we'll discuss the challenges of caring for persons who are brain injured, including issues of substituted judgment, nutrition and hydration, rehabilitative programs and bias against the disabled. And we'll discover that some cases of "persistent" vegetative state are not that at all.

<sup>1</sup> *American Journal of Nursing*, February 1994, p. 11.

<sup>2</sup> Antoinette Martin, "Neurologist Says Coma May Not Be Painless," *Detroit Free Press*, June 26, 1990, p. 10A and "Patients on Life Support May Feel Pain," *Primary Care and Cancer*, February 1991, p. 29.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 1524-1525.

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# Persistent Vegetative State

## Part I

By Mary Senander

Adapted from her forthcoming book, *This'll Kill You: Euthanasia and the "Right" to Die*

**T**he ultimate focus of euthanasia enthusiasts is not those who are dying. Quite bluntly, nature will take care of them soon enough. The real targets are those who are not dying *quickly enough*, those whose conditions are judged by some to be "hopeless" or "irreversible" or "intolerable." Among these are adults who have become brain damaged with little hope of recovery or improvement.

And indeed, these cases pose serious challenges, even for those who "want to do what's best." Pro-lifers need to become familiar with the terminology and issues, so that we may help others to understand them.

### Creating the "need" to call brain-damaged persons "dead"

A person cannot be a "little bit dead" any more than a woman can be a "little bit pregnant." Until death, a person may be seriously ill or injured and dying, but he or she is still very much alive—deserving the respect and basic care due any living, vulnerable person.

People with severe brain damage often can live for years if nutrition and nursing care are adequate and if infections are treated. However, those who embrace a "quality of life" ethic consider life with physical or mental limitations to be "burdensome" and unacceptable. This bias creates the "need" to convince the public that brain-damaged is the same as *dead*.

### PVS: a dangerously elastic definition

The words "unconscious," "coma" and "persistent" (or "permanent") "vegetative state" are used to describe severe brain damage. *Coma* is defined as a state of unconsciousness in which a person does not react to stimuli and cannot be aroused. The condition is typically the result of damage to cells in the brain stem from a traumatic head injury, acute illness such as meningitis or lack of oxygen. When a patient emerges from a coma, he or she usually requires physical, speech, cognitive and/or occupational therapy.

Patients who appear conscious but unresponsive after several weeks are often said to be in a *persistent (or permanent) vegetative state* (PVS). The description has also been applied to persons who have lost functioning due to advanced dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease.

Experts disagree about what PVS is; some medical dictionaries do not even include the phrase. While standards have been proposed, they are not accepted by the entire medical community, and methods for diagnostic testing are disputed. Some physicians judge a patient to be in PVS after only weeks of unconsciousness, while others insist it takes months (even years) to get a true reading on a patient's condition.

The person in PVS typically has sleep-wake cycles, eye movement, and normal respiratory, circulatory and digestive functions. Some individuals in this category have random movement, some do not; some can swallow, others cannot. Some

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