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NEWSLETTER OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO

PETITION DRIVE CONTINUES

We will need more petition signatures to stop any embryonic stem cell research from taking place in the 2008 legislative session. This issue is not going away, and you shouldn't go away either. Please call 505-881-4563 to get a petition or come in to the State office at 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, Suite 107. This is between Menaul and Candelaria Boulevards, on the east side of the street in the Lamy building on the southside at Claremont Street. Check our website www.rtlcnm.org to print out a petition if you can do legal size.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

At the legislature this year, the question asked many times by legislators, the press and other interested people was "How many members do you have?" The answer given had to be honest, and unfortunately we have many donors who are not members. The press decides if what RTLNCNM is doing is worth the time to give coverage. Legislators weigh whether they will lose or gain votes, and if they think RTLNCNM does not have enough members, they may decide they can "risk" voting against our bills, as the pro-abortion people give them money or may have more people.

Your membership is needed not only for helping get pro-life bills passed but to support The Right to Life Committee with the funds from membership to carry on organizational activities. The money raised pays for the cost of travel, etc. to establish chapters. The money raised from your membership helps support the cost of having an office and to pay one full-time and two part-time employees. Money raised from your membership pays for the cost of having six state board meetings, an annual organizational meeting, and all the mailings throughout the year to chapter and state board of directors. It is not tax-deductible, but it is essential.

If your label on this newsletter is highlighted and it says "non-member" and you have a yellow membership form, you are not a member, and we need your support.

If your label has no highlight, and the membership form is green, you are a member, and we are asking you to find someone else to be a member. You become a recruiter for life.

For those who have received this particular newsletter by e-mail, you are not members.

I can't tell you how important it is that everyone who gets our newsletter be a member. Your voice and support need to tell our fellow New Mexicans you agree with RTLNCNM and its agenda. PLEASE BE A MEMBER!



It's Time for Baseball at Isotopes Park!

This also means an opportunity for pro-lifers to have a great time together and earn funds to support pro-life education via TV ads, bus ads, radio spots, billboards, educational conferences, the State Fair, and other opportunities. For the time being, this is the **only fundraising that does not ask you to contribute money**, but it does ask for your time.

We are signed up to work at 32 games this season and need a minimum of 16 volunteers per game. RTL's cut is dependent on the amount of money the concession stand brings in a particular game. The more money that comes in, the more goes to RTL. The larger stands have a bigger menu and higher priced items, thus bringing in bigger bucks! We aren't asking for your money for this particular endeavor, but we are asking for your time.

We're taking signups **immediately**. We only are assigned two games this month: Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. The complete calendar of our schedule for the season can be found at www.rtlnm.org. Individuals or organizations are most welcome. Please join other pro-lifers for a great time at the ballpark while helping RTLNCNM. It's work, but we have a blast!

If there are any questions or to sign up, please call Betty in Albuquerque at 1-505-821-9101, or you can email her at eeichenseer@bigplanet.com.

Thank you all in advance for your tremendous selflessness for the babies. You are what makes this work.

BE A SPEAKER FOR LIFE

This is an invitation to those of you who would like to be a speaker for The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico. Once trained, you would speak for a chapter in your county if one is established or for the state where there is no chapter.

You must be a member of RTLNCNM and must be trained by RTLNCNM on the issues of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. Related subjects are stem cell research which includes embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells and assisted suicide. We do not discuss any other topic and our approach is one of civil rights issues not a religious issue.

There will be training on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at the state office at 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE Suite 107, Albuquerque, N.M. The training is being done by Dauneen Dolce and lasts 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30. The subject matter is abortion and some informa-

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tion on stem cell research. A book called *Abortion Questions and Answers* (\$6.95) will need to be purchased at the training.

We must have at least 5 people to hold this training. Please e-mail info@rtlcnm.org, call 1-505-881-4563 if you have questions or wish to register. You are very much needed so please call or e-mail today.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NM EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2007 RTLCLNM Educational Conference took place on March 24, 2007 and was a great success. If you didn't attend, you missed much information provided in an excellent way that was enjoyed by all.

The workshops were on:

The Legislative Process was given by PAC Director Dauneen Dolce. It started with how to get pro-life candidates elected who will vote on pro-life bills, to how a bill is suppose to be processed, and then the "real" story on what happens to pro-life bills or pro-death bills.

Understanding Stem Cells was given by Dr. Frank Maldonado, who made the differences of stem cell research very clear. He presented what is happening in the world regarding this research and the promise of adult stem cells and the futility of embryonic stem cell research at present.

Euthanasia Update was done by Tom McBride, attorney, who covered pro-death legislation that has passed and why government is not the best answer to our health care problems.

The banquet had Congressman Steve Pearce as the main speaker. He reminded us that we are a "wall against a pro-death society". He said that grassroots workers are making the difference and that we must continue to protect innocent life. He shared his faith and love of life.

DVDs of the event are available for \$5.00 each. The Euthanasia Update will be delayed for a period of time. To order, call 505-881-4563, e-mail to info@rtlcnm.org (checks must be provided before DVDS are sent), or write to RTLCLNM, 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Suite 107, Albuquerque, NM, 87110. Checks are to be made to RTLCLNM with a list of what DVDs you want.

These DVDs would be useful for church groups, civic groups, schools, etc.

Since these speakers reside in New Mexico, they may be available for speaking engagements in New Mexico.



NOW THE REST OF THE STORY By Dauneen Dolce, Lobbyist for RTLNM

Last month's newsletter gave a review of the activities that had taken place on the two bills The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico was involved with at the 2007 New Mexico State Legislative session. What follows is the conclusion to these two bills.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BILL

In the House, HB 239 was tabled in Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, the first committee it went to. The bill stayed there until the end.

In the Senate, SB 442 passed the first committee, Public Affairs, by a vote 4-3 on February 20th. It then went to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where chairman Sen. Cisco McSorley "sat" on the bill not calling it up for discussion until March 9th when the bill was removed from the committee to the Senate floor. The bill passed the whole Senate 27-13. The people who voted **FOR** the bill were Senators Rod Adair, Vernon Asbill, Sue Beffort, Mark Boitano, Pete Campos, Joe Carraro, Carlos Cisneros, Kent Cravens, Diane Duran, Phil Griego, Clinton Harden, Stuart Ingle, Tim Jennings, Gay Kernan, Steve Komadina, Carroll Leavell, Richard Martinez, Steven Neville, William Payne, Lee Rawson, Nancy Rodriguez, John Ryan, William Sharer, John Arthur Smith, Diane Snyder, James Taylor, and David Ullibarri

Those who voted **AGAINST** the bill were Senators Ben Altamirano, Mary Jane Garcia, John Grubestic, Linda Lopez, Lynda Lovejoy, Cisco McSorley, Cynthia Nava, Mary Kay Papen, John Pinto, Lidio Rainaldi, Shannon Robinson, Bernadette Sanchez, and Michael Sanchez. **ABSENT:** Sens. Dede Feldman and Gerald Ortiz y Pino.

There were some "conversions" since the last time we presented this bill. Sen. Timothy Jennings (D) representing Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln, & Otero counties and Nancy Rodriguez (D) from Santa Fe County both now voted for Parental Notification. Sen. Lidio Rainaldi voted incorrectly due to confusion.

Now the bill was to go over to the House. The plan was to "blast" the bill out of committee once it was assigned to one. This didn't happen, and it was due to the Republican leadership that the bill was never removed from the Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, which killed the House bill.

There were enough Democrats and Republicans to "blast" the bill out of committee, and had it come to the floor, we had more than enough votes to pass the bill. It is very sad that this bill didn't get passed and that those in charge will have to explain why it didn't happen. Since this went to the last day, those questions have not been asked yet but will be soon. Conclusion: The Parental Notification bill did not pass.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH LEGISLATION

The last newsletter stated that the embryonic stem cell research legislation was dead. I was wrong. Gov. Richardson was determined to have some legislation passed that would make future stem cell legislation possible.

The bill that was presented was a bill to amend a law passed in 1978 that was called the Maternal, Fetal, and Infant Experimentation Act. This bill was later amended to include invitro fertilization but was amended to say that all fertilized eggs created through invitro fertilization had

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to be implanted, for to have leftovers was considered experimentation.

The bill introduced would amend this law to *allow* eggs to not be implanted, thus creating the “throw away eggs” that they argued we had and you can’t waste.

This bill was SB 894 and was defeated in Public Affairs Committee midway in the legislative session. When this happened, we thought the issue was dead. It was not.

On Monday, March 5th a dummy bill was introduced in Senate Judiciary. A dummy bill is a bill that is assigned a number but not a subject matter, which can later be called up and have a subject assigned to it and submitted for review. The bill was sent to *one* committee and wasn’t even listed on the legislative website or even printed beyond the original bill, so we didn’t even know it existed until Sen. Joe Carraro, who had been in the committee for one of his bills, told us of the action taken and that it passed.

It then went to the Senate floor, and it passed with many of our pro-life Republicans and some pro-life Democrats supporting the bill that would amend our fetal experimentation law. This vote is considered to be an anti-life vote. Those who SUPPORTED the bill are Senators Rod Adair (who also lobbied the bill), Ben Altamirano, Sue Beffort, Kent Cravens, Dede Feldman, Phil Griego, John Grubestic, Clinton Harden, Stuart Ingle, Tim Jennings, Steve Komadina (who voted against it in committee), Cisco McSorley, Cynthia Nava, Gerald Ortiz y Pino, John Pinto, Lidio Rainaldi, John Ryan (who sponsored the bill and lobbied for it), Michael Sanchez, and Dianne Snyder.

The pro-life vote came from those who voted AGAINST the bill. The senators who voted against the bill are Senators Vernon Asbill, Mark Boitano, Pete Campos, Joe Carraro, Carlos Cisneros, Diana Duran, Mary Jane Garcia, Gay Kernan, Carroll Leavell, Lynda Lovejoy, Richard Martinez, Mary Kay Papen, Lee Rawson, Bernadette Sanchez, William Sharer, James Taylor, and David Ulibarri. ABSENT: Sens. Linda Lopez, Steven Nevelle, William Payne, Shannon Robinson, Nancy Rodriguez, and John Arthur Smith.

The bill now went over to the House and was assigned to Health and Government Committee. This committee passed the bill 6-1. Rep. Paul Bandy voted against the bill. Those voting for it were Reps. Mimi Stewart, Nick Salazar, Justine Fox-Young (who also lobbied for the bill), John Heaton, Jeff Steinborn. Absent were Reps. Jeannette Wallace and Luciano “Lucky” Varela.

The bill now went to House Judiciary where after intense lobbying and providing factual information by Allan Sanchez, the lobbyist for the Catholic Church, and I, the bill was tabled.

The pro-life votes who voted AGAINST the bill were Reps. Dan Foley, Joseph Cervantes, William Rehm, Thomas Swisstack, Gloria Vaughn, Eric Youngberg, and Teresa Zanetti. The anti-life vote came from these representatives who voted FOR the bill: Al Park, Elias Barela, Gail Chasey Antonio Maestas, Mimi Stewart. Representative Ken Martinez was absent.

However, even now the effort to stop embryonic stem cell research was not decided. Immediately after the vote to table, there were those on the committee who were

discussing the means to “untable” it and to take another vote. This could happen anytime that the Judiciary Committee met. It was necessary to sit in all the judiciary committee meetings to be there to address the subject as before.

Al Park, the committee chairman, waited until the whole agenda was finished and some legislators had left to make a motion to untable the bill. This was accomplished, as many of those who opposed it before were gone. Those pro-life legislators who were left - William Rehm, Teresa Zanetti, Gloria Vaughn, and Joseph Cervantes - left the gathering, which left the committee without a quorum, and no more action could be taken at this very last Judiciary Committee hearing.

It is to be noted that Rep. Eric Youngberg changed his pro-life vote to untable the bill. Rep. Dan Foley was not present during the last session, although he had been told that an attempt was going to be made to untable the bill. Rep. Ken Martinez was not present for the bill each time it was heard.

Then there was word that the bill was going to be blasted to the floor of the House. However, Gov. Richardson said no to this idea. He probably would have lost that vote, and that could have been embarrassing for a presidential candidate.

As you can see, there were some consistent votes from our pro-lifers, but there were also many who were inconsistent. We will have to work with these legislators and try to persuade them to return to the consistent pro-life ethic. Please contact those who voted correctly and thank them.

We thank all who signed the petitions, made the calls, sent the e-mails, wrote your letters, came to the Capitol, and those who helped pay for our ads on embryonic stem cell that were shown at the beginning of the legislative session. YOU ALL HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE OUTCOME.

We also want to thank the New Mexico Catholic Church for its help. Their lobbyist, Allan Sanchez, worked very closely with me and did a wonderful job despite personal problems and having many other bills to lobby. We hope to work with the Catholic Church as well as the Protestant churches and Fundamentalists in the future. We are a positive power if we all work together.

This issue will not go away. Gov. Richardson will bring it back in the 2008 legislative session. We will need to raise money for the Political Action Committee to ensure that we have pro-life legislators elected in 2008, and we will have to raise media money to educate the public.

Become educated on this subject so that you tell others the facts and encourage the use of adult stem cell research and its positive results.

LEGISLATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND OTHER STATES

There is much activity at the national and state level on pro-life legislation. This is good news.

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

The U.S. Senate is to hear S.5, a bill supporting embryonic stem cell research, which is the same as H.R.3 that passed the U.S. House on January 11th. This bill will come up after the Easter break and is sponsored by Senators Harry Reid (D-NV) and Tom Harkin (D-IA).

An alternative bill that has not been introduced yet is going to be submitted by Senators Norm Coleman (R-MN) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA). Since this bill can be modified yet, NRLC has not endorsed this bill. However, the draft that is circulating has nothing that NRLC would object to. The bill "doesn't cross the moral line," said Sen. Coleman. This bill will support the research on the types of stem cells that are derived from placentas, adults, etc. that does not involve embryos.

Should S.5 pass, the President has vowed to veto the bill; there are not enough votes to override the veto.

GRASSROOTS LOBBYING

Some special interest groups are pushing for regulation of so-called "grassroots lobbying." Many of these groups are funded and run by small groups of elite inside players. Democracy 21, an entity that is headed by a registered lobbyist, Fred Wertheimer, has no members. The bulk of Democracy 21's funding comes from the Pew, Carnegie, Joyce, and Open Society (George Soros) Foundations, which themselves have no broad membership to whom to be accountable, and which operate with no accountability to the general public. They ridicule Congress's constituents as "fake" and "Astroturf" while claiming to speak for "the American People."

Wertheimer is supporting a new legislation proposal to regulate what has come to be referred to as "grassroots lobbying." The Senate rejected this proposal on January 18th

We will be watching this carefully, as National RTL and RTLCNM are grassroots based. Grassroots lobbying is a term that refers to organized efforts to encourage citizens to express their views on pending legislation to their elected representatives. At present, we are opposing House Bill H.R. 984 – The Waxman-Davis Executive Branch Reform Act. See

<http://www.nrlc.org/FreeSpeech/index.html>.

GRASSROOTS LEGAL ACTION

On March 22, 2007 Wisconsin RTL filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court responding to the argument in a Federal Election Commission brief and another filed by Sen. McCain and other Congressional interveners that the government may prohibit communications by citizen groups that "took a critical stance regarding a candidate's position on an issue."

In 2004 WRTL challenged a provision of the 2002 McCain-Feingold campaign finance law that prohibits citizen groups from broadcasting communications that mention a federal candidate during blackout periods before elections.

Since Sen. Feingold was a candidate, WRTL had to stop its ads for 60 days before the November election because of the McCain Feingold Act, so it challenged the "electioneering Communication" prohibition as applied to its ads. In December 2006; a federal district court in D.C. held that the ads were constitutionally protected. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sen. McCain and other members of Congress intervened in the case so that they could argue that the government had every right to restrict WRTL's ads because they criticized a candidate on an issue. WRTL didn't criticize Sen. Feingold, but even if it had, WRTL's brief argues that criticizing actions by public officials is a bedrock foundation of our government. WRTL sketched the histo-

ry of the original reform movement – the movement to establish that (1) the people are sovereign, and (2) the government may not silence their criticism – that led to the First Amendment mandate that Congress shall not restrict the people's expression, association, and petition.

WRTL's brief established that the Supreme Court should use "strict scrutiny" in reviewing the application of "electioneering communication" prohibition to WRTL's grassroots lobbying ads and demonstrated that the prohibition failed strict scrutiny because the Supreme Court already held that citizen groups have a constitutional right to lobby the government through grassroots lobbying ads. WRTL then explained how the Court could identify grassroots lobbying for the as-applied exception.

This information comes from James Bopp, NRLC's General Counsel who will be presenting the case.

STATE LEGISLATION

This is what can be done with the current Supreme Court rulings *if* you have a pro-life legislature - something we have not worked hard enough to obtain but can make such a difference in protecting lives.

SOUTH CAROLINA: The South Carolina House passed the Ultrasound Bill on March 21, 2007 by a vote of 91-23 after weakening amendments were defeated. The bill requires that women seeking an abortion must view their unborn child by ultrasound and wait an hour before proceeding with the abortion.

MISSISSIPPI: On March 22, 2007 Governor Haley Barbour signed into law the same type of legislation. Other states that have passed this bill are Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wisconsin.

"Ultrasound technology provides a woman the opportunity to see her unborn child in real time and see her beating heart," said Mary Balch, NRLC's Legislative Director. "It provides an amazing window to the womb."

VERMONT: The Vermont House of Representatives defeated an assisted suicide bill by a vote of 82-63. This bill was patterned after Oregon's "Death With Dignity" Act. Only a few weeks ago this bill was considered a "sure thing" for passage. It was a tremendous amount of grassroots effort led by Vermont RTL and the Catholic Church and a very good debate on the subject that changed minds and hearts.

We must not forget the other pro-life issues that are out there aside from embryonic stem cell research and abortion. Euthanasia is an ever-growing problem, and assisted suicide is being addressed in states on a continuous basis.

To write to your legislators, write to representatives Heather Wilson, 328 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington DC 20514; Tom Udall, 1414 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington DC 20515; Steve Pearce, 1408 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515

Write to your senators Jeff Bingaman, 702 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington DC 20510; and Pete Domenici, 328 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington DC 20510.

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.

Ideas are the very coinage of your brain.

Coming Events

– PLEASE CONSIDER SERIOUSLY –

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE 2007 CONVENTION JUNE 14-16 IN KANSAS CITY, MO

NRL is presenting many workshops, 70 in three days, that cover all aspects of the pro-life issues of abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, assisted suicide, workshops for chapters in the state, RU-486, Statistics and Polling to mention a few.

Speakers include:

- Wesley Smith - bioethicist and author on the subject of stem cell research
- R. Richard Neuhaus, Editor-in-Chief, First Things, banquet speaker
- Dr. Angela Lanfranchi on the abortion-breast cancer connection

The convention will be at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. The cost is \$119 flat room rate for 1-4 people per room. Reservations can be made to 816-421-1234 or you can log onto

<http://crowncenter.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mkcrknrli2007>

The convention costs are: \$95.00 (\$130.00 after May 31); Seniors \$70.00; Married Couples \$150.00; and Student (teens and college) registration is \$25.00. The Prayer Breakfast is \$25.00 and the Banquet is \$50.00.

Childcare for three days is: Newborn to 3 years - \$20.00, 4 - 12 year olds \$35.00. Children must be registered. Cost includes snacks, in-hotel activities for newborn to three years; field trips, lunch and snacks for 4 - 12 year olds.

The convention starts:

Thursday, June 14 10 am – 9 pm.

Friday, June 15: Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Sessions start after this and end at 6:30 pm.

Saturday: 9:00 am. Banquet 8:00 pm. to 11 pm.

Checks can be mailed to: NRLC 2007, 512 10th St, NW, Washington, DC 2004. For more information and registration, go online to:

www.nrlc.org/convention

You may also call **202-378-8842**.

This convention is taking place closer to us than in the past, so try to take advantage. It is possible that a bus could be chartered if there are enough people. Contact the State office if you are interested. E-mail info@rtlcnm.org, call 505-881-4563, or mail to RTL CNM, 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE Suite 107, Albuquerque, NM 87110. WHAT WE KNOW CAN CHANGE HEARTS AND MINDS.

WEBMASTER IS NEEDED

Do you have the qualifications, skills, and dedication to the pro-life cause to volunteer to be our Webmaster? This is a very important job, as our website must provide accurate information on the subjects of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and stem cell research - subjects that need constant up-dating. Our website also covers events and at times fundraising. If you have time to volunteer for this important project, please contact Daureen Dolce at 505-881-4563.

UPDATE ON STEM CELL RESEARCH

RTL CNM has a new website dealing with Stem Cell research: www.stemcellnm.org. More information than what can be covered in the newsletter is available on this website.

IRELAND: An Irish judge ruled November 15, 2006 that frozen embryos do not have a right to life under the country's constitution, and, therefore, a woman cannot implant her embryos created in *in vitro* fertilization without her husband's permission.

"This ruling will anger the vast majority of Irish people who believe human life should be protected from the first moment of conception," Patrick Buckley, Director of European Life Network, an Irish pro-life group affiliated with the British Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children, said in a press release.

Mary Roche, 41, sought to have three frozen embryos implanted over her estranged husband's objections, according to the *Irish Examiner*. Her attorneys argued that despite his refusal, the embryos have a right to life under article 40.3.3 of the constitution, which was approved by voters in 1983. It states, "The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its law to respect, and as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right." However, Justice Brian McGovern ruled that this article was meant to apply to abortion and only included an embryo "which has implanted in the womb, a foetus" under the definition of "the unborn". "This is a faulty and inadequate judgment and, if it is not challenged, the Courts will have effectively overturned the democratically expressed wishes of the people," Buckley said.

RESEARCHERS TRANSFORM UMBILICAL CORD CELLS INTO LUNG CELLS

Researchers at the University of Minnesota announced in the November 7, 2006 issue of *Cytotherapy* that they had transformed umbilical cord stem cells into a specific lung cell, according to the *Minnesota Daily*.

University scientists worked with BioE, a biomedical company that provided the stem cells and the funding for the study. They praised the potential of umbilical cord cells for research and eventual cures. "They are not embryonic stem cells but have characteristics like an embryonic stem cell, and they are not an adult stem cell because they are much younger," Sarah Haecker, BioE Vice-President of Corporate Development, told the *Minnesota Daily*. "So they have the best of both worlds."

The lung cells could be used now for research into the respiratory system and how it is affected by smoking and pollution, and eventually to treat diseases like emphysema and cystic fibrosis. "In the future, we may be able to examine cord blood from babies who have lung diseases, such as cystic fibrosis, to do more research to understand how these diseases evolve as well as to develop medical treatments," said David McKenna, Assistant Professor of Lab Medicine and Pathology and Medical Director of the Clinical Cell Therapy Lab at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview.

NEW STEM CELL SOURCE FOUND: AMNIOTIC FLUID

JANUARY 8, 2007: Scientists report they have found a plentiful source of stem cells in the fluid that cushions

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babies in the womb and produced a variety of tissue typed from these cells – sidestepping the controversy over destroying embryos for research.

Researchers at Wake Forest University and Harvard University report that the cells they drew from amniotic fluid donated by pregnant women hold much the same promise as embryonic stem cells. They were able to extract the stem cells without harm to the fetus or the mother and were able to turn their discovery into several different tissue

cell types, including brain, liver, and bone. "Our hope is that these cells will provide a valuable resource for tissue repair and for engineered organs as well," said Dr. Anthony Atala, head of Wake Forest's Regenerative Medicine Institute and senior researcher. Swiss researcher Simon Hoerstrup said he managed to turn amniotic fluid stem cells into heart cells that could be grown into replacement valves. Atala said new research has found even more promising cells with the potential to turn many more medically useful replacement parts. "We have other cell lines cooking," Atala said.

STATE TREASURER

Due to our State Treasurer's impending move out of state, we are seeking someone with the requisite skills to fill the position. Interested persons please call the State office at 505-821-9101. Applicants need to be dues-paying members of RTLNCNM.

Five Alive PROGRAM

RTLNCNM hopes you will sign up for the *Five Alive Program 2007*, which helps provide a budget to keep our organization operational and meet our basic needs. You can fill out the form below. We will need this a.s.a.p. so that we can mail envelopes out and have you ready to start contributing your tax-deductible donation in January. \$5.00 a month from everyone would allow us to raise money for media and other educational tools, so come on board by sending in the form below...

I wish to donate \$5.00 monthly I wish to donate \$_____ monthly
Monthly thank you notes will not be sent.
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**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

I understand that the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico (RTLNCNM) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to the right to life of all innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death; that this organization takes a stand only on those issues that are directly related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

I support the goals of RTLNCNM, including a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and hereby make application for membership (renewal) as follows:

- Individual — \$20.00
- Corporate — \$40.00 - for business organizations
- Family — \$30.00
- NRL News Subscription (\$5.00 with paid membership)

Name _____

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Wish to: (check one)

- Register to vote
- Re-register

I am a registered: (check one)

- Republican Democrat
- Other

Signature Required

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