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ELECTION 2002

Douglas R. Scott, president of Life Decisions International, has called on Congress to move forward with pro-life legislation and judicial nominations. "The radical Democrats in the Senate have been gutting pro-life legislation and nixing pro-life judicial nominations since taking power two years ago," Scott said. "Now we expect both houses of Congress to make up for the losses by moving forward as diligently as possible."

Scott highlighted those races that had especially disappointing results and some that were remarkable victories for the Pro-Life Movement:

☹ "We are very sorry that Steve Largent narrowly lost the race to become the next governor of Oklahoma," Scott said. "Mr. Largent had been a leading pro-life voice while he was a member of Congress and we see him as a remarkable choice for president or vice president in the not-too-distant future. While Mr. Largent probably plans to leave public life for good, we hope that he will reconsider and stay involved in Oklahoma and national politics." During the campaign, Democrat Brad Henry portrayed Largent as a right-wing fanatic.

☺ The reelection of Rep. Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J., was no surprise, but the landslide victory shows that his pro-life views are anything but a hindrance. "Not only is Mr. Smith smart and a good member of Congress in general, he is one of the most articulate when it comes to the issues we care about so deeply," Scott said.

☹ The reelection of Senator Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is also a defeat. "Senator Harkin is a leading pro-abortion activist," Scott said. "He claims to be a Catholic but you would never know it by the way he votes. Unfortunately, too many Catholic Iowans have fallen for Harkin's stereotypical 'used-car-salesman' type of rhetoric." Scott said it is time that people of all faiths put policy above religion. "I don't care how 'Christian' someone claims to be." Scott said he would prefer that a non-Christian be elected to Congress than one who claims to be Christian but does not live and vote like it. "If the walk and the talk do not match, the candidate needs to automatically be rejected," Scott said.

☹ The election to the United States Senate of Lamar Alexander, the pro-abortion Republican from Tennessee, is a disappointment. "The perennial presidential candidate is not a friend of the unborn child," Scott said. In the past, Scott has been critical of at least one pro-life leader who has actively supported Alexander. Highlights of Alexander's résumé are his service as governor of Tennessee and Secretary of Education.

☺ "The election to Congress of Trent Franks (R-Ariz.) is probably the best thing to happen to that body in 20 years," Scott said. "Mr. Franks is a committed pro-life activist and a quality human being overall." Scott called Franks a "man with a gentle spirit who is clearly called to do great things." Scott

worked with Franks when the former was executive director of Arizona Right to Life. Franks had served as one of the leading pro-life members of the state legislature.

☹ In the race for Governor of Maryland, pro-abortion Democrat Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (daughter of Ethel and the late Robert F. Kennedy) accused pro-abortion Republican Bob Ehrlich of being “against a woman’s right to choose.” A Townsend commercial claimed that Ehrlich had voted to ban abortion for poor women. In reality, he had merely voted against federal funding of abortion. “The ‘I’m in favor of more dead babies than my opponent’ campaign tactic was pathetic to watch, but it was interesting to see the two candidates lie about each other’s record on the issue,” Scott said. We hope that pro-life voters chose to support neither one.

☹ Another race in Maryland featured pro-abortion Republican Connie Morella facing pro-abortion Democrat Chris Van Hollen. Morella had been representing the primarily Democrat district for twelve years by touting her “independent leadership” (i.e., liberal views).

Shockingly, the National Organization for Women (NOW), which had historically endorsed Morella, favored Van Hollen, even though the female incumbent had scored a 100 percent pro-abortion voting record in Congress. The National Abortion and Reproductive Right Action League (NARAL) stuck by Morella, which virtually any campaign expert would say was the wise thing to do.

Faced with an equally pro-abortion and liberal Democrat, Morella lost her seat. Morella claims to be Catholic. Van Hollen cites no religious affiliation.

“Anytime we can get rid of an activist pro-abortion Republican, that’s a good thing,” Scott said.

“We at LDI look forward to the new Congress with great anticipation,” Scott said. “But we understand that pro-life Americans must work hard to get the Congress to move on pro-life issues. After all, many of the new Republicans are not pro-family.”

Scott has warned Republican lawmakers that the Pro-Life Movement can be counted on to support them now and in future races to the same degree that they support our cause. “Republicans should not assume that we will support them just because they are a little less reprehensible than their Democrat counterparts,” Scott said. “If Republicans are too cowardly to deliver for the unborn as well as the Pro-Life Movement has delivered for them during every campaign, Republican politicians can expect the ‘axe to fall’ their way in two years.”

Scott noted that other interest groups do not accept cowardice and failure. As a homosexual activist recently wrote: “More lipstick! See, Dem[ocrat]s, you cannot automatically count on my vote by lip-synching the same old promises at election time. You haven’t delivered—so why in the [expletive deleted] would I pucker up for you again?”

ACTION: Your members of Congress should be home now. Please contact them and make your voice heard, even those who are rabidly pro-abortion and those who are staunchly pro-life. The former lawmakers need to feel the pressure from their pro-life constituents. The latter group of lawmakers needs to know we are there to support their work.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“My position is very clear. I have historically believed that we should recognize all elements in our society as long as they obey whatever the laws may be. As far as I’m concerned, I welcome gays, lesbians and all others into the ranks of the Republican Party as long as they have the ideological views of the party as a whole.”

— Former President Gerald R. Ford, asked why he agreed to serve on the advisory board of the Republican Unity Coalition, a homosexual-heterosexual Republican group. Ironically, Ford does not “have the ideological views of the [Republican] party as a whole” on abortion.

FROM CVS

LDI contacted CVS Pharmacy to confirm that the company would no longer participate in the “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” program. While we were able to confirm that the philanthropic change did indeed take place, a CVS spokesman felt it necessary to make her views clear.

During the phone call, a LDI representative said that he was “glad to hear” that the company would no longer fund pro-abortion UNICEF. The spokesman’s response: “That’s your opinion, but because of you people poor children will have to do without!”

Douglas R. Scott, LDI’s president, expressed dismay at the comment: “One would think that people in public relations department would be better at, well, public relations.”

SIENNA COMMUNICATIONS

Over the past year, a number of people have asked LDI to look into Sienna Communications Group. Those asking for the research expressed concerns about the company’s claims. LDI has concluded an exhaustive investigation of Sienna Communications Group, primarily through correspondence with its corporate officials and attorney. The January-February 2003 edition of *The Caleb Report* will include a detailed report on our findings and will consist primarily of direct quotations from Sienna letters and other material.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

The Prayer Project encourages prayer for those in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions. Please join us in daily prayer for the following individuals:

November—Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan;

December—Mark Shriver, D-Md.;

January—Governor-elect Bob Erlich, R-Md.; and

February—Senator-elect Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

THE RUMOR MILL

It is always disheartening when we hear rumors, especially those that turn out to be untrue. It is even worse when Christians and pro-life people spread such rumors. Here is a recent example:

The Rumor (exactly as we received it via e-mail):

“Pepsi has a new patriotic can coming out with pictures of the Empire State Building and the Pledge of Allegiance on them. But Pepsi forgot two little words on the pledge, ‘Under God.’ Pepsi said they did not want to offend anyone. If this is true then we do not want to offend anyone at the Pepsi corporate office. If we do not buy any Pepsi product then they will not receive any of our monies. Our money after all does have the words ‘Under God’ on it.”

The Truth: Dr. Pepper, not Pepsi, markets the can in question. Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up Inc., is owned by Cadbury Schweppes (based in London, England). PepsiCo has nothing to do with it. In the case of Dr. Pepper, the can includes very few words of the Pledge of Allegiance. The phrase “under God” was omitted, as was 95 percent of the rest of the Pledge. While we believe Dr. Pepper handled this matter in a very unintelligent way, it would be wrong to assume it was done with the specific intention of offending someone or to show an anti-God mentality.

Several years ago, LDI came to the defense of McDonald’s Corporation when the company was the victim of several baseless rumors. LDI also took on those who were claiming that the chief executive officer of Procter & Gamble had appeared on a nationwide talk show where he allegedly said that the profits from his company go to the “Church of Satan”

Note: After coming to the defense of McDonald's and Procter & Gamble, LDI received mail claiming that both rumors were "definitely true" and LDI must have received money from McDonald's and Procter & Gamble as a payoff. We want to assure everyone that LDI has never received funds from McDonald's or Procter & Gamble. Similarly, LDI has never received funds from Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up Inc., Cadbury Schweppes, or PepsiCo. The most important asset LDI has is its integrity. LDI will absolutely never mislead anyone in any way whatsoever.

It may interest our supporters to know that LDI was once offered money by a corporate supporter of Planned Parenthood, which came with the underlying implication that the offending company would no longer be boycotted. Our response: "Sure, you may donate to us, but you will still be a boycott target and we will use your gift to further this effort." Not surprisingly, LDI did not receive the donation.

If it cannot be proven it should not be said. This should not be difficult to understand. No excuse can justify spreading unsubstantiated rumors. Doing so is an embarrassment to the church of Jesus Christ and all pro-life people. It severely harms our credibility. Moreover, it is a sin.

BOYCOTT UPDATE

A new *Boycott List* was released on October 30, 2002. **Fortis Inc.**, is no longer a boycott target. To date, 85 corporations have ceased support of Planned Parenthood. Needless-to-say, this makes Planned Parenthood very, very angry because of the impact it has on the group's killing business. Good for you!

We want to remind everyone that J. P. Morgan and Company and Chase Manhattan Bank are now one entity. Therefore, credit cards and other services of J. P. Morgan and Chase Manhattan are boycott targets under its new name, **J. P. Morgan Chase**.

Persons who received the updated *Boycott List* surely noticed an extensive list of credit cards that are being targeted. For example, credit cards issued by American Airlines, United Airlines, Wal-Mart, University of Notre Dame, and Villanova University appear on *The Boycott List*. This is because the bank chosen to administer their respective credit card is a boycott target (**American Express, Bank of America, Bank One, J. P. Morgan Chase, or Wachovia**). While we ask that you boycott the credit card listed, the action does not include the card issuer (Wal-Mart, United Airlines, etc.) unless specifically noted otherwise.

NOTHING BUT HYPE

LifeSiteNews.com reports that all of the public pledges and congressional testimony promising that amazing cures would be found by experimenting on embryonic stem cells have proven false with an astounding admission by one of the world's leading scientists in the field. "I am not sure these cells are going to be used in therapies," said John Gearhart, who gained international recognition after successfully extracting human pluripotent stem cells from aborted fetal tissue.

Gearhart, director of research for Johns Hopkins University's Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, insisted that embryonic stem cell research should still be allowed in order to learn how to work with adult stem cells from the patient's own body. Speaking at the "Human Embryonic Stem Cells: Differentiation and Transplantation" conference on November 14, 2002, Gearhart said that he intends to "use the information we get out of this research to get the patient's own cells and work with them to get them to do what we want. This is really where I see the future now." The National Human Genome Research Institute had convened the conference.

John Shea, M.D., medical consultant to Campaign Life Coalition Canada, said the statement by Gearhart is likely "a covert admission that the promises made of the wonders to come from embryonic stem cells were false and foolish." Shea explained that "they are probably beginning to face the fact that they will not be able to overcome the rejection problem with embryonic stem cells and that the cloning method they proposed to avoid rejection has been discounted since the vast abnormalities exhibited with cloning."

Shea predicts that Gearhart's next attempt to justify the controversial embryonic research will be to sponge off of the real promise of ethical adult stem cell research. "The game is up and I think they are preparing the public to soften the blow to their ego," Shea said.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD MOVES IN

A financial agreement between Planned Parenthood of Central Texas and the City of Waco has enabled the pro-abortion group to incorporate its agenda into the local public library system, reports CyberCast News Service. The Planned Parenthood library also warns patrons that it can deny access "to anyone who has participated in protests" against Planned Parenthood.

On October 28, 2002, Planned Parenthood of Central Texas distributed a flyer inviting residents of the community to an open house at its Audre Rapoport Library in Waco. The invitation stated that the abortion-committing group's library is now a "branch of the Waco-McLennan County Public Library System."

Larry Holze, spokesman for the City of Waco, said Planned Parenthood is paying an unspecified amount of money to include its collection of "women's health care" materials into the library system's computer catalog. Prior to the partnership, Holze said the health information had not been available to library patrons.

Pamela Smallwood, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas, announced that her group's "specialized collection of books, periodicals, pamphlets, videos, curricula and teaching aides" have been added to the local library's system. She said the library partnership would make Planned Parenthood's "valuable resources available to parents, students, educators and anyone else sincerely interested in increasing his or her knowledge about many subjects."

An Internet search of the Waco-McLennan County Library System's online card catalog revealed that titles available through the Audre Rapoport Library contain pro-abortion material. Some of the titles returned using specific keywords included *Mandatory Motherhood: The True Meaning of 'Right to Life, The Complete Guide to Sexual Fulfillment: Your Questions Answered*, and *Going All the Way: Teenage Girls' Tales of Sex, Romance, and Pregnancy*. Holze said the library system does not endorse or promote any of the materials contained in the Planned Parenthood library from which the city is collecting money.

Holze denied that the Audre Rapoport Library is a library "branch" within the county's system, even though Planned Parenthood's flyer contradicts this position. According to Holze, the Audre Rapoport Library is not an official library branch because it neither employs civil servants nor receives taxpayer funds to support its operation. Instead, he said Planned Parenthood of Central Texas has agreed to pay the city an undisclosed amount each year for the privilege of posting the contents of its library collection on the city's computer catalog system.

Despite questions about the library's status, Holze admitted that any Waco-McLennan County Library patron could borrow items contained in Planned Parenthood's collection. "All we're saying is the fact that here are the materials that are available," Holze said. "We do not own them. We do not control them. It is a resource only."

John Pisciotta, a spokesman for Greater Waco Respect Life, said Planned Parenthood of Central Texas is promoting its library as an official "branch" of the local library system in order to legitimize the group's presence in the community. But unlike other public libraries, Pisciotta accused the Audre Rapoport Library of selectively denying entrance to pro-life citizens suspected of opposing Planned Parenthood's pro-abortion agenda. For example, several pro-life women were denied entrance to the Audre Rapoport Library's open house because they had been protesting against Planned Parenthood earlier that day.

"Generally, as a taxpaying citizen that's never broken a law, I can go into any public [library] branch that I want to go into," Pisciotta said. "But [Planned Parenthood] would deny us access to this."

Pisciotta fears Planned Parenthood's successful and uncontested integration into the Waco-McLennan County Library System might spark a national trend. "It's really breaking new ground," Pisciotta said. "If they can get in our public library without any stink about it, well, who's the next public library that they're going to get into?" he asked.

TIS THE SEASON TO BE...A BIGOT?

Did you send out Christmas cards? If you are a fan of Planned Parenthood, you may have sent its brand of card, which reads: "Choice on Earth."

Kerry Daughtery, a columnist for the *Virginian-Pilot*, wrote about the cards in a recent piece:

[After hearing about the cards,] I sighed and headed to the Planned Parenthood Web site.

Sure enough, nestled among the offerings for such delectables as Milk Chocolate Planned Parenthood Birth Control Pill Packets (75 cents each) and Planned Parenthood Chocolate Holiday Gift Bars (\$3) were holiday cards with giant snowflakes.

And the slogan "Choice on Earth" (25 cards for \$15).

Which raises the question, what on earth are they thinking?

When these guys talk about "choice," they're talking about abortion.

So unless I'm missing something...Planned Parenthood is peddling abortion cards for Christmas.

Did they deliberately set out to offend all of Christianity?

Did their marketing people make a conscious decision—like PETA [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals] does from time to time—to undertake an outrageous stunt to raise the ire of every commentator in the country, thus guaranteeing them barrels of newspaper ink?

If so, it worked.

I almost never even breathe the word "abortion." Let alone write it. Till [sic] today.

But using the message of Christmas to promote this ghastly procedure crosses even the most blurred line of common decency.

For those a little hazy on where "Peace on Earth" comes from in the context of Christmas, it's the Bible. The Gospel According to Luke tells the moving story of shepherds near Bethlehem on that first Christmas, "keeping watch over their flocks by night." Suddenly angels appear saying, "Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests."

It's one of those passages we read at Mass on Christmas Eve. And it always gives me goose bumps. Especially when I listen to it by candlelight with my family around me and the magic of Christmas and incense in the air.

So if anyone is keeping score, put me in the column of people profoundly offended by Planned Parenthood's perverse paraphrasing of Scripture.

That said, they have a perfect right to say what they choose.

Just as the rest of us have the choice to be repulsed by their antics.

Exactly, but why is Daughtery so surprised? Planned Parenthood has a long a proud tradition of ridiculing the things and people of God. Moreover, anyone who claims to be a follower of Jesus Christ and who is offended by the Planned Parenthood card had better be totally appalled by its abortion business and indoctrination programs.

DEMOCRAT LEADER ANGERS CATHOLICS

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who was recently elected leader of the Democrats in the House of Representatives, has represented California's eighth congressional district since 1987. Reporting on her ascendancy, *USA Today* noted the concern expressed by many in Washington, D.C., that Pelosi is far too liberal and will pull Democrats even more left. "Yes, I'm a liberal Democrat, but I'm a conservative Catholic," Pelosi claimed.

"This is an oxymoron, considering her voting record and list of supporters over the past 15 years," said Colleen Parro of the Republican National Coalition for Life. "Rep. Pelosi's claim to be a 'conservative Catholic' connotes faithfulness to the teaching authority of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church and Pope John Paul II. Yet Nancy Pelosi has voted against every legislative attempt by Congress to curtail abortion. Her actions belie her claim. She even voted *no* on banning partial-birth abortions! She voted *against* banning the cloning of human beings!"

"There is nothing 'conservative' or 'Catholic' about her views or her voting record," Parro continued. "In fact, her pro-abortion advocacy makes her complicit in every abortion committed in this country. Because of this, she has excommunicated *herself* from the Catholic Church."

Canon 1398 of the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law states that, "A person who procures a completed abortion incurs an automatic excommunication." Such excommunication, Pope John Paul II said in his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, "affects all those who commit this crime with knowledge of the penalty attached and thus includes those accomplices without whose help the crime would not have been committed."

Bishop John Myers of Peoria, Illinois, restated the position of the Catholic Church in his 1990 pastoral letter entitled, "The Obligations of Catholics and the Rights of Unborn Children":

One who supports legal abortion cannot avoid formal complicity by maintaining that he or she wills not abortion as such, but only the freedom of others to choose abortion. Anyone who supports legal abortion seeks to remove from one class of human beings a basic protection afforded to others. By helping to make abortion available, a person becomes formally complicit in its basic injustice whether or not he or she would actively encourage anyone else to have an abortion. From the ethical point of view, there is no distinction between being 'pro-choice' and being "pro-abortion"...All formal cooperation in abortion is gravely immoral.

In 1998, the American Catholic Bishops issued "Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics" in which they urged "those Catholic officials who choose to depart from Church teaching on the inviolability of human life in their public life to consider the consequences for their own spiritual well-being, as well as the scandal they risk by leading others into serious sin."

"Nancy Pelosi is solidly pro-abortion," Parro said, "and is consistently supported and endorsed by the National Organization for Women, the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), and Emily's List which raises tens of millions of dollars to back pro-abortion Democrats." Parro noted that Pelosi earned a perfect 100 percent rating from Americans for Democratic Action and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Parro said that Republican members of Congress who have "bipartisan leanings" should reflect on Congresswoman Pelosi's record and understand that "in the new leader of Congressional Democrats they are facing a smooth, attractive, intelligent and articulate adversary who is a consummate left-wing ideologue, and a member of the executive committee of the Progressive Caucus, an arm of the Democratic Socialists of America and the Socialist International. She is tough as nails and willing, on any given day, to publicly defy the teachings of the Church in which she was baptized in exchange for political power."

LDI President Douglas R. Scott was a little less harsh. “Sure, everything Parro says about the congresswoman is true, but Pelosi may claim to be Catholic if she wants to do so. It holds just as much truth and weight as Binyamin Netanyahu claiming that he is Muslim, Osama bin Laden claiming that he is Jewish, or the Wicked Witch of the West claiming she was a ‘nice girl.’”

MORE CORPORATIONS SHOW “BRAVERY”

An increasing number of North America’s corporations and organizations are showing that they are willing to stand for those principles espoused by their leaders. The following corporations and organizations have recently given their sponsorship to political and/or cultural causes for homosexuals (those in bold type are boycott targets due to their funding of Planned Parenthood):

ABSOLUT

American Airlines

Americans United for Separation of Church & State

AOL Time Warner

Avalon Consulting Group

boxofficetickets.com

Carteret Mortgage Corp.

Cingular

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Coors Brewing Co.

Eagle @ IBM

Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, C.P.A.

Hargrove Press

Home Box Office

Hotel Washington

IA Films Inc.

ID Lubricants

Kalamar Design

Martin & Wall, C.P.A.

Mediapolis

Mitchell Gold

Morrison & Foerster, LLP

National Education Association

Nationwide Insurance

The New Washington Land Co.

Nike

Nixon Peabody LLP

Olivia cruises & resorts

OmniStudio

Passport magazine

Production Advantage

Radisson Barceló Hotel Washington

RE/MAX Capital Realtors

Replacements Ltd.

Republican Unity Coalition

ROL Solutions

RSVP Vacations

Shell Oil

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

SunTrust Bank

Universal Gear

US Airways

Venus

Viacom

Whole Foods Market

Williams & Jensen

OREGON DEFENDS DEATH LAW

Oregon’s attorney general defended the nation’s only legal assisted suicide law allowing the killing of the elderly and disabled in a brief filed with a federal appeals court. The Justice Department in September asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a decision by pro-life Attorney General John Ashcroft to prohibit doctors from using federally controlled drugs in assisted suicides. All of the assisted suicides in Oregon involved these federally regulated barbiturates.

Oregon’s brief argues that Congress has not given Ashcroft the authority to decide what constitutes a legitimate medical purpose and that he would be exceeding his power under the Constitution. The brief also argues that the government is wrongly trying to apply the Controlled Substances Act, which is mainly meant to combat illegal drug use or trafficking.

The federal government's September filing was an appeal of an April ruling by a federal judge who sided with Oregon. If the United States wins, it could gut Oregon's law. At least 92 people have used the law to end their lives.

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