

SAFEHOME and NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, Receive Grant To Provide Outreach and Education on Domestic Violence to Jewish Community

SAFEHOME, Johnson County's domestic violence shelter and program of support services for victims and their children, and NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, recently received word that they were selected by The Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City to receive a grant of \$15,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide domestic violence outreach and education to the Jewish community of Greater Kansas City.

Sharon Katz, Executive Director of SAFEHOME and NCJW life member, explained that the grant will specifically be used to hire a part-time (20 hours per

week) advocate who will work to raise awareness in the Jewish community of about domestic violence, educate Jewish victims about available services, and to assess how and where domestic violence services can best be provided to Jewish people.

Ms. Katz said, "We are very pleased to be able to work with the NCJW on this project and are very hopeful that significant progress can be made in 1999 toward reaching victims of domestic violence in the Greater Kansas City's Jewish community." In coordination with NCJW, the Program Coordinator will organize and facilitate a program advisory

committee. The program advisory committee will include members of other Jewish women's groups, be inclusive of men and women from area synagogues, as well as Jewish professionals.

The committee will work closely with the Program Coordinator in assessing needs and setting priorities. The Coordinator will make contact with at least five synagogues during 1999 and present domestic violence education to their youth and adult groups. The Coordinator will also prepare and adapt written materials targeted to the Jewish community and the Russian Jewish community.

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Section Recognized for CASA Project and *Parties for the Blind*



Receiving the Selma Feld Heart of CASA Award

The Section was presented with the Selma Feld Heart of CASA award at the CASA Project of Jackson County 1998 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event. NCJW members attending the event included: (Front left to right): Stevie Shuchart, Ann Stern, Naomi Kauffman, Roni Beshears, and Dorothy Rosenwald. (Rear left to right): Daniel Stern, Merle and Arnold Cole.

NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, was recognized for outstanding contributions to CASA and the *Parties for the Blind* Community Service Project.

Roni Beshears, Section President, and Dorothy Rosenwald, Honorary National Vice President and Section Board member, accepted the Selma Feld Heart of CASA Award from Jim Girardeau, Executive Director of the Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Project. The Award was presented at the CASA Project 1998 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event.

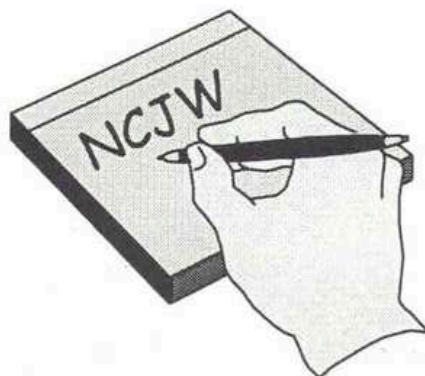
NCJW initiated the local CASA project more than 15 years ago to help abused and neglected children. The project is now an independent non-profit organization. The award was given to NCJW for its continued support and advocacy of disadvantaged children.

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President's Message



By Roni Beshears



I am writing this message during Hanukkah, a season when we remember the recapture of the Temple and the miracle of the oil in days of old. It is a time when we give thanks for life and sustenance and the glory of reaching this day. As we enter 1999, we truly have much to be thankful as an organization and as citizens of our great country.

This season, the Section, in association with the Quality Hill Playhouse, presented *The Odd Potato* to about 1,200 children and adults in the Jewish and secular community. The Hanukkah musical is based on the picture book, *The Odd Potato* by Eileen Bluestone Sherman (an NCJW member), with music by Gail Bluestone (Eileen's sister). J. Kent Barnhart provided musical direction. The production was very well received and provided a valuable resource for teaching about Hanukkah in the community. I want to especially thank: **Ellen Dalen** for scheduling and coordinating the four performances; **Gloria Kagan** for introducing the story and symbols of Hanukkah to the audience prior to the performance; and, **Eileen Bluestone Sherman** for proposing the community service project to the Emelie Levin Committee and serving as consultant.

The Section was presented with the Selma Feld Heart of CASA Award at the CASA Project of Jackson County 1998 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event. At the meeting, Dorothy Rosenwald and I accepted the award for the Section. Please stop by the office and see the framed paper collage of children we received.

In November, the State of Missouri acknowledged the *Parties For The Blind*

through a certificate of nomination for service to disabled persons.

As we begin the New Year, please mark your calendar and join us for some very important advocacy events that will take place January 20 and 21 and February 2. **Barbara Holzmark** and **Naomi Kauffman** are busy at work planning these events to educate our membership about critical issues that support NCJW's advocacy platforms.

The committee is working in collaboration with Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters and other groups to "join our voices together to be heard."

By this time, you should have received an invitation to the January programs. If you have not, please call the office for information.

Merle Cole, V-P Programming and her committee, are actively planning a *TRIBUTE LUNCHEON FOR DOROTHY ROSENWALD* on Wednesday, April 14, at Meadowbrook Country Club.

I hope you will join the Board to recognize the outstanding contribution Dorothy has made to NCJW both locally and nationally.

Thank you for your continued support and a heartfelt thanks to all the active volunteers who give of their time and energy to carry out the mission of NCJW.

*Best wishes for a
happy and healthy
1999 to you and
your family.*

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Parties for the Blind Receives Certificate From Labor Department

Our Section also recently received a Certificate of Recognition from the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of the Governor's Council on Disability, for *Parties for the Blind* (PFTB), now in its 63rd year.

The Certificate recognizes the Section for helping persons with visual impairments achieve equal opportunity and independence.

Monthly, from October through June, NCJW and other volunteers chauffeur blind and partially sighted adults from their homes to B'nai Jehudah's social hall where additional volunteers prepare and serve lunch, distribute door prizes and provide musical entertainment. The guests, all visually impaired and from all religious denominations, have formed their own caring community, sharing personal joys and sorrows. For some, these parties are among the few community events they attend; all look forward to this chance to see longtime friends and make new ones.

Lydia Roth, co-chair, said, "We could not have received this recognition with-

"For some, these parties are among the few community events they attend."

out the help of our more than 50 volunteer drivers, servers, and cooks." She also cites the hard work of her committee members. Natalie Wilk, who has volunteered for the Parties for 37 years, works full-time, yet sends monthly postcards to the 90+ blind guests and all the volunteers. In addition, she coordinates the activities, including recognizing guests' birthdays and anniversaries and hiring musical entertainment. Sarah JoYukon also takes time off from her regular job to supervise the kitchen. Heather Aronoff, co-chair, arranges for doorprizes and helps in the kitchen.

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Contributions: Thanks for your continued support!

Contributions to NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

To commemorate all occasions, remember NCJW's philanthropies. \$5 minimum. Contributions through December 17, 1998.

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RECOVERY
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RECOVERY
RHODA DUBINSKY - RECOVERY
RONI BESHEARS - EMERGING
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DIERDRE BAKER - JENNIE
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GRANDDAUGHTER'S BAT
MITZVAH
PAUL WACKNOV - 75th
BIRTHDAY
LENNY GREEN - 40th BIRTHDAY
MARTY KRAMER - SPEEDY
RECOVERY
CHICKIE & NORM DOLLINGER -
50th ANNIVERSARY
LYDIA ROTH'S BIRTHDAY
Heather Aronoff
PAUL WACKNOV - 75th
BIRTHDAY
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Barbara Krasne

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In honor of:

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FRIENDSHIP
Natalie & Chet Litman

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CHUCK LEVY SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of:

SARA LEE ABRAHAM
Jill Jacob

In honor of:

HOWARD ROSENTHAL'S 50th
BIRTHDAY
GLORIA STEINZEIG'S 70th
BIRTHDAY
Jill, Andy & Keith Jacob & Lou
Kram
NELSON ABRAHAM'S 85th
BIRTHDAY
Jill Jacob

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Cookbooks for Sale

The Section's Cookbook is now on sale for \$5.00 instead of \$7.50. Stop by the office and purchase a cookbook for yourself, a friend or family member, or as a gift. Many of the recipes are longtime favorites of our members.

Bulletin Helpers!

Our *Bulletin* relies on volunteers for articles, photographs, proofreading and mailing.

Many thanks to the following individuals who have helped with this issue: Roni Beshears, Barbara Cosner, Clara and Hal Fogel, Bea and Phil Goldsten, Barbara Holzmark, Symie Menitove, Merna Siegler, and Anne Stern.

Please send your photographs and articles to the NCJW office!

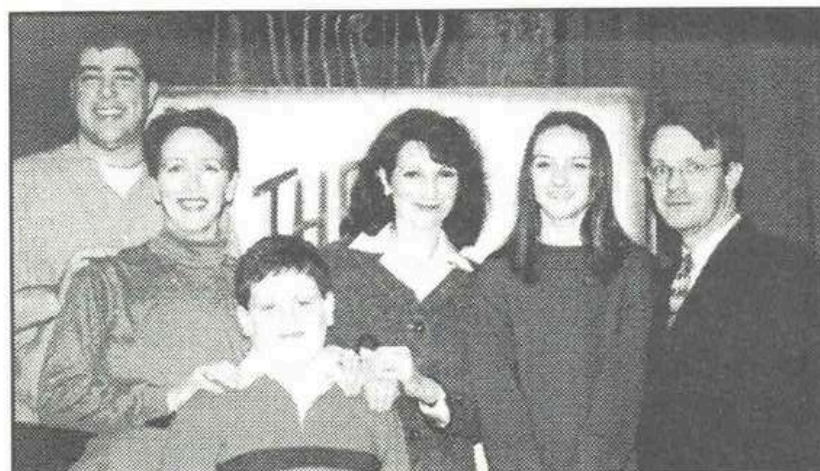
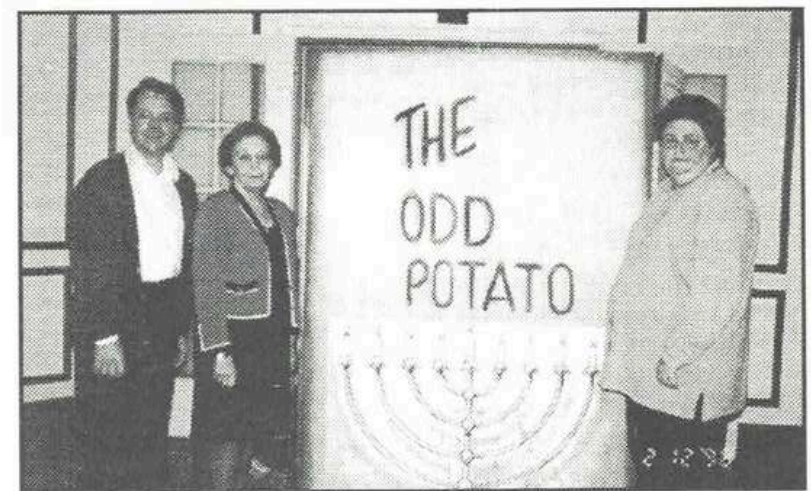
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Approximately 1,200 Children and Adults Attend Performances of *The Odd Potato*

The NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, Emelie Levin Community Service Fund, sponsored four performances of *The Odd Potato*, a delightful Hanukkah musical at three area locations: Notre Dame de Sion, B'nai Jehudah (2 shows) and the Hebrew Academy.

The combined audiences of approximately 1,200 children and adults were completely enthralled by this marvelous presentation. The play was written by NCJW member, Eileen Bluestone Sherman, with music by Gail Bluestone and produced by the Quality Hill Playhouse.

Right: (Left to right) J. Kent Barnhart of the Quality Hill Playhouse; Ann Stern, Chair of the Emelie Levin Community Service Fund; and Ellen Dalen, coordinator of the NCJW sponsored performances of *The Odd Potato*.



Left: (Left to Right) Vincent Monachino, Ruth Baum Bigus, Alex Bigus, Eileen Bluestone Sherman, Aurelie Roque, J. Kent Barnhart. Eileen Bluestone Sherman, an NCJW member, wrote the play.



NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Warady
Laura Ziegler

Please encourage your friends and family to be part of our Section and continue the work of women who started NCJW more than 100 years ago! Our annual membership dues are only \$30. Contact the NCJW office (648-0747) for a brochure to be mailed to prospective members.



In Memorium

We record with sorrow the passing of the following member and extend our condolences to her family:

Dorothy Bodker

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Parties for the Blind Receives Certificate



Displaying the Certificate of Recognition from the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of the Governor's Council on Disability, are NCJW Committee members for *Parties for the Blind* (PFTB), now in its 63rd year. (Left to right) Natalie Wilk, Heather Aronoff, co-chair, Lydia Roth, co-chair, and Sara Jo Yukon.

The program is funded entirely by donations. The Section is very appreciative of a generous bequest by Beth Lyons, who was active in PFTB for 60 years. The project is also grateful to those individuals, families and organizations who have sponsored individual luncheons. These sponsors include Barnett and Shirley Helzberg, Phyllis Maizlish in memory of her mother-in-law, Anna Maizlish, Alpha Pointe Association for the Blind, Bertha Silberg, Allied Work-

ers of the Blind, Dierdre Baker, and Elinor Kamen in memory of her husband, Morris.

The Parties are tremendously upbeat. Natalie Wilk doesn't know who goes home more satisfied – the guests or the volunteers. She said, "The volunteers go home feeling ten feet tall!" Volunteer drivers are desperately needed to ferry guests to and from B'nai Jehudah. To learn more, please call the NCJW office at 648-0747.

Stop Violence:

NCJW's latest National Initiative on Domestic Violence

~ A woman is battered in the United States every 15 seconds.

~ 1 in 3 women will be abused by a domestic partner at some point in her life.

~ Teenage girls (ages 16 – 19) experience one of the highest rates of violence by intimate partners.

~ 15 – 20% of Jewish women are abused by their husbands, a rate comparable to non-Jewish women.

Facts like these have spurred the NCJW National Office to develop the **StoP** (Strategies to Prevent) **Domestic Violence** initiative. **StoP** is a

multi-faceted program which combines education, advocacy, community action and training. Focusing on domestic violence in general and in the Jewish community, as well as on teen dating violence, the program counters myths about the scope and seriousness of the problem. It provides the tools to educate yourself and your community, offers suggestions for involvement in prevention and victim support activities, and lists resources for women who have been victimized.

The **StoP** program covers such topics as the role of power and control tactics in the cycle of abuse, domestic violence in Jewish households, and the warning

signs of abuse in teen dating relationships.

NCJW National President Nan Rich announced that a new **StoP** newsletter will be introduced in the coming months. "The publication will highlight Section domestic violence prevention programs, and provide updates on the latest information and resources," Nan said. "By educating ourselves and others about domestic violence through **StoP**, we are taking an important step toward eliminating this silent plague."

Especially for Children Concert

The Especially for Children, Johnny the "K" Concert, presented November 8th at Johnson County Community College's Yardley Hall was fun and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The event, designed to be a community service and fund raising project, was successful in both plans. Tickets to the program were sent to more than 800 disadvantaged and special needs children from 30 agencies throughout the metropolitan area. NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, earned beyond our budgeted figure.

A special thanks to Elaine and Norman Polsky for their generous support on this project, as well as the more than 100 other very supportive donors. Johnson County Community College became a *Community Arts Partner* with us for this concert. We thank them for their generous support of this very worthwhile project. Also, Metropolis American Grill helped underwrite our pre-concert luncheon honoring our Community Concern Award recipients and our many donors.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation by Bev Chapman of KMBC Channel 9 of our Section's NCJW *Community Concern Award* to Beverly Timmons, Advisor, and five Shawnee Mission East students. This group represented the Habitat for Humanity committee who built three homes for families in need. All of the students who participate in this outstanding community service are fine examples and role models for the young people who were able to attend the program.

Thank you to all our donors and sponsors who made this event a success!



Johnny the "K" rehearsing with some of the children who attended the event.

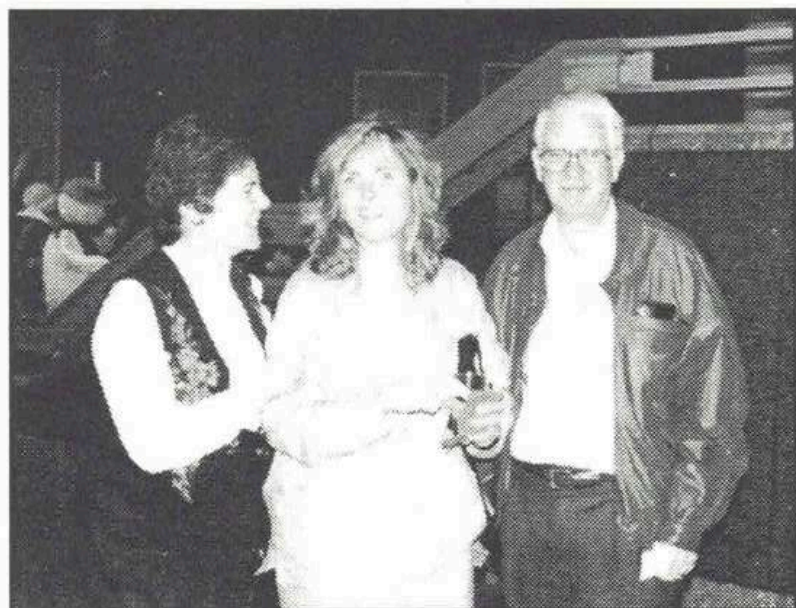


(Above) Barbara Cosner (left) and Lois Winston, served as Co-Chairs of the event. They are standing next to the Community Concern Award.

(Below) The children also enjoyed pre-show festivities!



Successful and Fun!



(Above) Barbara and Richard Atlas speaking to Beverly Timmons (center), Shawnee Mission East Sponsor of the SHARE program.



(Right) Bev Chapman of KMBC Channel 9 helped present the Community Concern Award.

Many Thanks!

The John Kelleher Concert, Especially for Children, would not have been possible without the help of many people in our community and especially the hard working volunteers on our committee.

Our sincere thanks to all of you for making this concert a great success!

Dierdre Baker	Lisa Montague
Carol Barnett	Marjorie Montague
Estelle Dalen	Miki Penner
Jackie Fleschman	Janet Price
Randi Friedlander	Dorothy Rosenwald
Gloria Goodfriend	Merna Siegler
Dawn Herbet	Dolores Sosnow
Debbie Jacobson	Ann Stern
Jody Kaplan	Stevie Shuchart
Naomi Kauffman	Donna Thalblum
Sharon Mallin	Judy Wasserman
Sharon Milens	Carol Yarmo

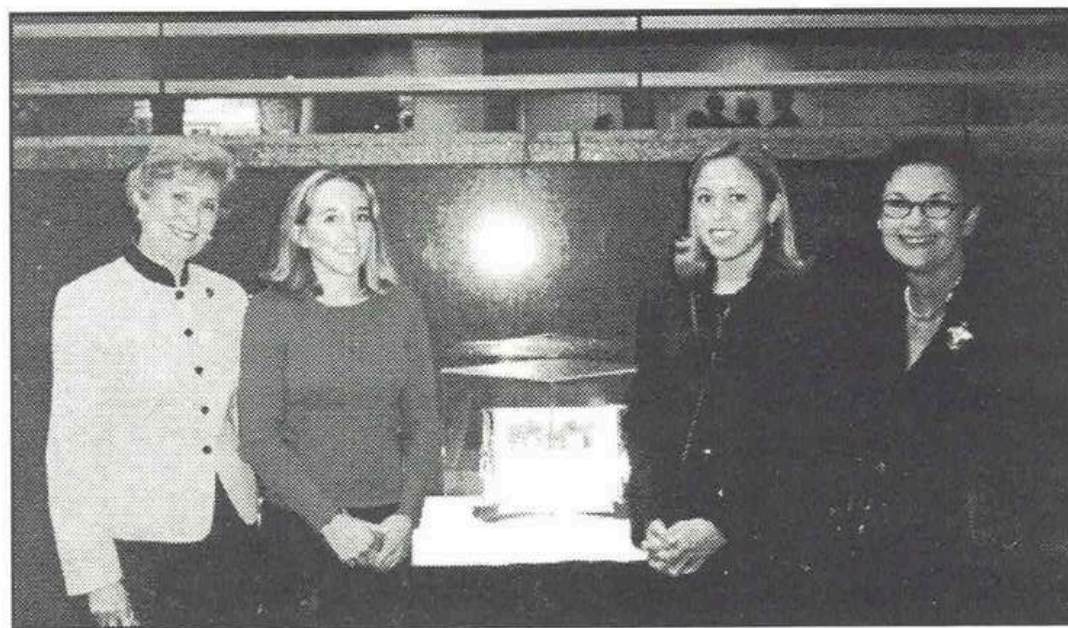
Barbara Cosner and Lois Winston,
Concert Co-Chairs

Dear Barbara and Lois:

On behalf of the students from Shawnee Mission East High School, this letter comes to thank you and the members of NCJW for honoring us with the Community Concern Award. This elegant symbol of the work the students did on the Habitat for Humanity House is proudly displayed in the front office for all to see.

It has been a unique and rewarding experience to have been part of building three Habitat for Humanity homes. The students were able to gain some insights into other cultures as they interacted with various ethnic groups. The joy which comes from sharing one's time and talents has been realized. The students were able to learn about leadership, organization and communication skills that will impact upon their lives in the future.

Sincerely,
Bev Timmons, RN
SHARE Sponsor



Two of the Shawnee Mission East students with Lois Winston (left) and Barbara Cosner, Co-Chairs of the event.

Upcoming Events



JANUARY

20 Wednesday
Advocacy Program
7:30 p.m. Alayne Mooney's Home

21 Thursday
Roe vs. Wade
Topeka, KS

21 Thursday
Executive Board Mtg.
11:30 a.m. Office

26 Tuesday
Parties for the Blind

26 Tuesday
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Office

FEBRUARY

18 Thursday
Executive Board Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Office

23 Tuesday
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Office

23 Tuesday
Parties for the Blind

MARCH

11-14 NCJW National Convention
Miami, Florida

18 Thursday
Executive Board Meeting
11:30 a.m. Office

23 Tuesday
Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Office

23 Tuesday
Parties for the Blind

Mark your Calendar!

Plan now to join other NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, members, along with members of the League of Women Voters of Kansas and the American Association of University Women, for an exceptional opportunity and learning experience.

A Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

Registration:

8:30 a.m. -- 9:00 a.m.

Location:

First Methodist Church, 6th and Harrison, Topeka, Kansas
(Parking available in church parking lot)

Cost: \$12.00 (includes lunch)

Make checks payable to: LWVK (League of Women Voters of Kansas)

Mail to: Barbara Holzmark, 8504 Reinhardt Lane, Leawood, Kansas 66206

R.S.V.P. ~ Barbara, 381-8222 (Carpools available upon request.)

Possible topics:

Campaign Finance, Abortion, Death Penalty, Education,
Children's Issues, Environmental Issues

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