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Lawsuit charges troopers with malice

Arrest them first, figure out the charges later.

A lawsuit filed July 27 in U.S. District Court charges that that's what Maryland state troopers did when they arrested and imprisoned 18 participants in Defend Life's Face the Truth Tour August 1 last year in Bel Air.

The suit, brought by Defend Life Director Jack Ames and five other pro-lifers, charges the defendants with wrongful arrest, search and imprisonment and malicious pros-

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Defend Life demands protection, not arrests

Don't mess with Defend Life.

That's the message the pro-life group delivered to the Maryland State Police, the town of Bel Air and the Harford County Sheriff's Office at a July 20 press conference in Annapolis.

Director Jack Ames and several attorneys put these officials on notice that Defend Life would not tolerate a repeat of last summer's mass arrest of pro-lifers at its Face the Truth Tour stop in Bel Air.

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Truth Tour grabs media, public's attention

Certainly this group is made up of despicable people with no values, morals or ethics, and they are already borderline – many with severe mental issues, I would imagine.

E-mail to *Herald Mail* after Truth Tour stop in Hagerstown

I saw your images and, oh my God, I felt like crying. I'm a 30-year-old man, mind you, not a little girl. But that is the most horrible thing I've ever seen. I just wanted you to know that you're doing God's work, man, keep it up.

— Phone message to Defend Life

For the ninth summer in a row, from July 27-31, Defend Life's annual Face the Truth Tour rolled into and out of towns and cities, mostly in Maryland, but also in West Virginia, metro D.C. and Pennsylvania.

At each of 15 stops, local pro-lifers joined with the 24 members of the traveling core team who were mostly young, mostly college students, and very pumped up about bringing the visual truth of the evil of abortion to a public kept in the dark by the mainstream media.

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Truth Tour Co-Director Jonathan Benitez (foreground) rallies the troops at the Harborplace stop in Baltimore.

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“We met very hostile people, but we also met very gracious people,” said Angela Swagler, a Christendom College sophomore.

As tour co-director, Swagler was the first one up each morning and the last one to bed. She averaged 4 to 6 hours of sleep a night.

“God gives us the grace we need in these situations,” she reflected, adding, “I think I lived on adrenaline!”

Swagler, one of the 18 arrested by state troopers at last summer’s Bel Air stop and held overnight in jail, said that this year, rather than worry about a possible repeat of such happenings, “I learned to live in the moment: to *participate*, not *anticipate*.”

But police everywhere were mostly “cordial,” and there were only two minor incidents, said Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

“Somebody threw a small battery at one of our signs in Frederick. They knocked a hole in the lamination,” he said.



Fr. Peter West of Priests for Life talks to demonstrators at the Harborplace stop.

tion,” he said.

“We videotaped the guy driving away and made a police report.”

In Westminster a business owner, insisting that the demonstrators were on his property, “went ballistic, swearing and cursing,” Ames recalled.

“The police got involved; they

were very nice and professional. To avoid a confrontation, we just moved down the street.”

At the final stop in Bel Air, the pro-lifers chose a new location, on Business Route 1, because it had heavier traffic than last year’s site.

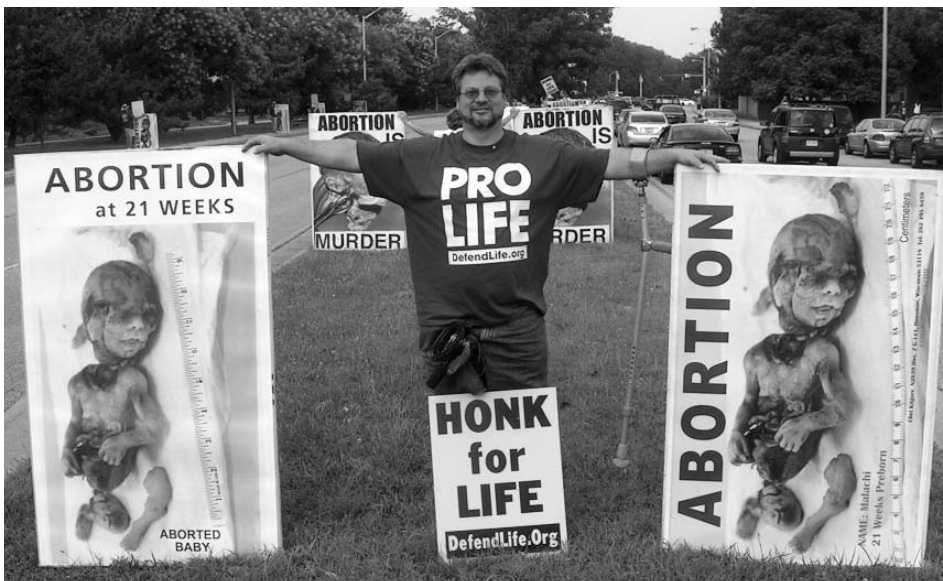
Six or seven Bel Air police cruisers parked quietly across the street from them, without interfering, and the 2-hour stop went off without incident.

But Ames sent a half-dozen pro-lifers to hold signs at Route 24 and McPhail Road, the scene of last summer’s arrest, “to establish that we were within our rights last year.”

He also had a core team member make a “test call” complaining about the demonstrators.

The “complainant” was told, “That’s all right – they’re within their rights” to hold such signs, said Ames.

The amount of positive reaction



Peter Shinn mans two signs in the median strip on Northern Parkway in Baltimore.

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ecution in violation of the pro-lifers' First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, religion and assembly.

The defendants include eight Maryland state troopers, State Police Superintendent Col. Terrence Sheridan, Harford County, the Town of Bel Air, three Harford County sheriff's deputies, and three Bel Air police officers.

Concocted false charges

Citing evidence from Maryland State Police audio tapes, the suit alleges that state troopers, "improperly and unconstitutionally motivated" by complaints from passing motorists about the graphic signs held by the demonstrators, concocted false charges as the basis for their arrests.

Bias by the state troopers themselves was also a factor in the arrests, the suit charges.

The complaint cites in particular State Trooper Sgt. Donna Bolen, one

of eight trooper defendants, who, acting as State Police dispatcher and logistical supervisor, allegedly helped coordinate the mass arrest.

"On audio tapes obtained under the [Access to Public Records Law] request," the complaint states, "defendant Bolen expresses disgust and contempt concerning the content of plaintiffs' pro-life message, complaining that she had received reports of 'signs, real graphic ones, I mean the worst that I've heard so far, where they actually had, you know, pictures of babies ripped apart, heads ripped off, that kind of stuff . . . I am about ready to tell them to get the hell out of this county . . . because, you know, because I am a bitch.'"

Sit in a cell and rot

Later in the same tape, according to the complaint, "Bolen reveals that the motive for the impending arrest she was coordinating is that 'we told them [plaintiffs and other pro-life advocates] to leave the county' and

that 'they're [the Trooper defendants] bringing them here [the State Police barracks where Bolen was stationed] and they can all sit in a cell for an hour . . . and two, or three or four *and rot* . . . When a police officer tells them to "leave the county" they are not kidding . . . They need to understand that this is not acceptable behavior.'" [Emphases are in complaint.]

Audio tapes of 911 calls received by the State Police reveal passing motorists complaining that the pro-lifers' signs and posters were "offensive," "annoying," "not cool," "disturbing," "awful," "grotesque," "extremely inappropriate," "disgusting," and "obscene."

In response to the complaints, three troopers arrived at the protest site, on Route 24 near Route 294, and told the demonstrators that they "needed a 'permit' under a clearly inapplicable county ordinance," the suit states.

The Harford County permit ordinance governs the placement of signs on public property but does not authorize the arrest or imprisonment of alleged violators.

The troopers told the pro-lifers they must "pack up and leave" or they would be arrested on the spot for demonstrating without a permit.

The pro-lifers then moved their demonstration about 4 miles away, near the intersection of Route 24 and McPhail Road in Bel Air, where they believed they would not be subject to State Police jurisdiction.

At the new location, six state troopers arrived, supported by three Bel Air police officers and three Harford County sheriff's deputies.

The twelve officers carried out "a clearly prearranged and carefully coordinated plan to arrest plaintiffs and their fellow pro-life advocates on account of the 'offensive' content



Attorney Matt Paavola, shown here speaking at Defend Life's July 20 press conference, helped file a lawsuit on behalf of Jack Ames and other pro-lifers.

of their pro-life message,” the suit charges.

“One of the Trooper defendants declared, ‘Arrest them all!’ thereby evincing a predetermination to punish all of the pro-life advocates for their mere presence at the demonstration, without regard to the particular conduct of each advocate.”

Shoved to the ground

In the process of being arrested, plaintiff Laura Beeson, then 17, from Las Cruces, New Mexico, was allegedly shoved to the ground by one of the troopers.

Plaintiff Jessica Ward, of Robins, Iowa, “was likewise subjected to excessive force in that she was handcuffed too tightly, causing her to develop numbness and swelling in both hands,” the suit states.

Beeson and Ward reportedly underwent invasive sexual searches: both by a female state trooper at the State Police barracks, and Ward a second time at the County Detention Center (Beeson, as a minor, was re-

leased at the barracks.).

The suit contends that the mass arrest reflects a state policy, dating from 2005, “under which two peaceful and law-abiding associates of ‘Defend Life’ were designated ‘terrorists’ and ‘Defend Life’ was placed under surveillance by undercover agents of the Maryland State Police

Laura Beeson, then 17, was allegedly shoved to the ground by one of the troopers.

Homeland Security Intelligence Bureau (HSIB) during its 2005 ‘Face the Truth’ event in Maryland.”

Brought before the county commissioner early on the morning of August 2, the five adult plaintiffs were charged with what the complaint calls “three sham offenses”: disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order, and loitering.

Permit charge abandoned

The original charge of demonstrating without a permit was abandoned.

Ten days later, the Maryland state prosecutor entered a *nolle prosequi* dismissing all charges, “terminating the groundless prosecutions in plaintiffs’ favor,” the suit states.

“The Trooper defendants acted willfully and maliciously in falsely arresting and imprisoning plaintiffs without probable cause and commencing groundless criminal prosecutions against them,” the suit contends.

In addition to Ames, Beeson and Ward, the plaintiffs are Nathan Cain, of Williamsburg, Iowa; Jordan Mooney, a minor from Greenville, South Carolina; Albert Stecklein III, of Bethesda; and Timothy Sullivan, of Ravenna, Ohio.

All seven are Roman Catholics “who are compelled in conscience to express their religious views, especially with regard to the evils of abortion,” the suit states.

“Plaintiffs have a deeply held religious belief that abortion is murder and are motivated by their faith to advocate against abortion on a regular basis in traditional public forums.”

The civil suit, which asks for declaratory and injunctive relief and monetary damages, was filed on behalf of the pro-lifers by Baltimore attorney Matt Paavola and the American Catholic Lawyers Association.

The seven pro-lifers are demanding a jury trial.

Their suit is the second to be brought in regard to the August 1, 2008, mass arrest in Bel Air. The first suit was filed last September by pro-lifers Angela Swagler, Beth Walsh and Joan Walsh.

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“We’re here to see that the outrage that occurred last year does not recur this year,” said Tom Brejcha, president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society, a public interest law firm based in Chicago.

“What’s at stake here is what’s called a ‘heckler’s veto,’ where people who disagree with the message of protesters exercising their First Amendment rights complain, and law enforcement shuts down that protest as a result,” said Brejcha.

To head off a repeat of last year’s mass arrest, on July 13 Baltimore attorney Matt Paavola, a co-counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, sent “demand letters” to Maryland State Police Superintendent Col. Terrence Sheridan, the Town of Bel Air and Harford County Sheriff Jesse Bane.

The letters asked for assurance that the free speech rights of this year’s Truth Tour participants would be protected.

Paavola warned that if no such assurance was given, he was prepared to file a complaint in federal district court asking for an injunction to prevent these agencies from suppressing the pro-lifers’ First Amendment rights.

Enforced ‘heckler’s veto’

“Last year Maryland State Troopers enforced a ‘Heckler’s Veto’ against our clients, suppressing their free speech in response to citizens’ complaints that the content of their speech was ‘offensive’ or ‘annoying,’” the attorney wrote.

“Yet, as you well know, it is the responsibility of law enforcement to protect the right of citizens to exercise their right of free speech *especially* when such speech stirs unrest, challenges the conscience of the community, and has ‘profound



Angela Swagler (left) speaks at the press conference about her arrest by state troopers.

unsettling effects.”

Approximately 25 pro-lifers attended the press conference, including Angela Swagler, who was one of 18 arrested by Maryland state troopers at the final stop of last year’s Truth Tour, on August 1 in Bel Air.

“Because my speech was deemed offensive by police, I was arrested, imprisoned, shackled, and strip-searched twice,” said Swagler.

“I’m here today to make sure that justice is done and that no one else trying to protect innocent life has to go through what I went through.”

‘Pack up and go’

Coverage of the press conference by the WBAL, WJZ and WBFF television stations included excerpts from a videotape, released by *Defend Life*, of the Bel Air arrests.

On the videotape a state trooper repeatedly tells Ames and Tour Director Beth Walsh that because they don’t have a permit, they need to “pack up and go.”

After their arrest, however, they were not charged with failure to have a permit, but with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order, and loitering.

Eleven days after the arrests, the State entered a *nolle prosequi* of the entire case – that is, it dropped all criminal charges against the arrested pro-lifers – without explanation.

On September 3 Swagler, Beth Walsh and Joan Walsh filed a lawsuit in federal district court against the Maryland State Police, Harford County and the town of Bel Air.

Their complaint charges the defendants with the illegal suppression of free speech, unlawful arrest and imprisonment, and invasive sexual searches.



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Terry launches Insurrecta Nex to end abortion

Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry, never one to mince words or actions in the fight to end abortion, has launched a new initiative called Insurrecta Nex.

The two Latin words mean revolution against death.

“Our mission is to raise up a new generation – to train them, then unleash them to *end* child-killing, not just talk about it,” says Terry.

Ending legalized child-killing will require huge amounts of courage and sacrifice, he warns.

“If you think you can waltz into hell and take the crown jewel of Satan – child-killing – away without conflict and controversy and confrontation, you are kidding yourself.”

At a June 12-14 leadership training conference organized by Terry and held in Arlington, Va., he introduced a 14-part DVD series, titled “Insurrecta Nex,” that lays out the project’s background and aims.

In the series, taped in front of a small studio audience of mostly young pro-lifers, Terry lectures on the theology and philosophy of social revolutions in general, and applies these principles to the anti-abortion movement.

Terry, who became a Catholic in 2006, quotes frequently from Pope John Paul II’s encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*.

“If the Christian world would obey the words of *Evangelium Vitae*, child-killing would have already been obliterated,” he asserts at one point.

In his encyclical, Terry notes, the Pope does not hesitate to call abortion “murder,” saying, “The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize

that we are dealing with murder.”

We should not hesitate either, says Terry.

“I use very jolting rhetoric on purpose: ‘murder,’ ‘child-killing,’ ‘slaughter.’ Some words wake people up by their clarity; others lull them to sleep.

“The child-killers created this



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new vocabulary to lull people to sleep: ‘uterine contents,’ ‘blob of tissue,’ ‘a woman’s right to choose.’

“Our mission is to shake people out of their slumber, blow the trumpet loud and clear.”

Courage is the most important virtue in this battle, Terry emphasizes.

“It’s the propellant that fires the other virtues when you need them.”

To make his point, at the beginning of each DVD episode he cites a “Saint of the Day,” each of whom was notable for his courage in confronting evil.

St. Telemachus, for example, was an Eastern monk who, on a jour-

ney to Rome, visited the Coliseum and saw two gladiators fighting to the death.

“He was horrified! He jumped into the arena and cried, ‘Forbear, in the name of Christ!’” says Terry.

Accounts say he was stoned to death by the crowd or stabbed by a gladiator – or maybe both.

“But word got to the emperor, Honorius. When he heard it, he outlawed the games. They were literally brought to an end because one man had the guts to say, ‘In the name of Christ, stop the killing!’”

The lesson is obvious, says Terry: we need to “jump in and end *this* killing.”

Although some pro-lifers advise “keeping God out of the equation,” Terry insists that we are fighting a “theocentric,” or God-centered battle.

Without God, human life is not sacred, he points out.

“If we’re not made in the image of God, what’s the first law in the animal kingdom? The survival of the fittest. But we are unique in creation.”

Without God, you cannot define good and evil, he adds.

“If you have God, who makes the rules, then the rules don’t change. But if we make the rules ourselves, then anything goes. You’re in a moral freefall.”

If we’re going to end child-killing, there will be a price to pay, one that can be summarized in what Terry calls the The Four Good C’s: courage, controversy, conflict and confrontation.

“There were times when I was scared spitless, but I spoke out against child-killing because I feared

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NaPro family doctors challenge IVF

By Michaela Dasteel, FCP

NaProTechnology (NPT), a new science of women's health and fertility, has thrown down the scientific gauntlet before what the world is slowly coming to recognize as an abomination of desolation in our time, the artificial reproductive technologies (ART).

The purveyors of this eugenic form of medicine, who think nothing of substituting lab coats and petri dishes for the "one-flesh union" of the bodies of the beloveds, had better hold onto their petri dishes.

Our modern-day Dr. Frankensteins have been put on notice by the research of three NPT family physicians that their in vitro fertilization (IVF) techniques of hyper-stimulating women's ovaries, "harvesting" twelve or so of their eggs, fertilizing maybe eight of them in a petri dish with sperm from an act of masturbation (not necessarily the husband's), screening these tiny children for genetic defects, culling the ones with abnormal genes or development (often caused by the way they've been "produced"), transferring the "fit" ones to Mom, freezing or aborting the excess – all these eugenic manipulations are no longer the only "evidence-based" game in town.

Last fall, the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine* published a landmark study by Joseph B. Stanford, MD, MSPH, Tracey A. Parnell, MD, and Dr. Phil C. Boyle entitled "Outcomes from Treatment of Infertility with Natural Procreative Technology in an Irish General Practice."

Data from the first four years (over 1,000) of Dr. Phil Boyle's infertility practice (1998 to 2002) were



A study by NaPro family physicians (clockwise, from top) Dr. Phil Boyle, Dr. Joseph Stanford and Dr. Tracey Parnell shows NPT has baby-producing success as good as IVF.

analyzed. The study concluded that "NPT provided by trained general practitioners had live birth rates comparable to cohort studies of more invasive treatments, including ART."

Bingo! Did you hear that? A family doctor trained in NaPro Technology can at least match the success rates of highly specialized reproductive endocrinologists and other practitioners of IVF.

Because the NaPro ethos recognizes the right of the child to be conceived under her mother's heart and because they acknowledge marital intimacy as the proper environment for handing on the gift of life, they haven't followed the herd down the high tech rabbit hole of IVF, and left alone on terra firma, have become world leaders in diagnosing and treating underlying causes of infertility.

All three of the paper's authors

were present at this July's American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals' annual meeting hosted by Spirit FertilityCare in Harrisburg, Pa.

Dr. Boyle said of his study, "Anybody who's working in NaPro-Technology knows that there's an evolution in the process, that you get much better with it over time.

"So, although on one level we could be very proud to say that it's great to have a paper published, I also firmly believe that these are the worst figures you'll ever see for a success rate of NaPro, and the only way is up in terms of our presented success rate."

His worst rates actually beat IVF's because the population studied was older (averaging 36 years), had been trying to conceive longer (almost 6 years) and 80-90 percent had already been in infertility treatment, with 33 percent of them already having tried and failed at IVF.

According to Dr. Tracey Parnell, "These are the patients no one else wanted. . . a very different comparison group than most of the IVF or infertility studies in the literature."

Even so, 66 percent of those who'd been trying for 3 years went home with a baby.

According to Dr. Joe Stanford, this study will be repeated in multiple practices, sharing the improvements as they happen so as to get the synergy between research and practice. By the way, this first study had no funding.

In addition to treating infertility, NaPro doctors have had great success treating other women's health issues in which "standard of care"

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

Thanks to great pro-lifers like you, our **9th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour** was the best ever. I probably say that every year, but I honestly believe it's true! Here are some of the reasons.

- Our **Co-Directors, Angela Swagler**, Christendom Class of 2012, and **Jon Benitez** (better known as **Benitez**) Mount St. Mary's Class of 2010, were both superb leaders. Angela, from Erie, Pennsylvania, is someone anyone would be immensely proud to have as a daughter or granddaughter. She is as sweet and polite as any young lady could possibly be, but absolutely dedicated to doing things right! One of her greatest accomplishments was recruiting our 20 member **Core Team**, our largest ever. Thirteen members were students and seven were adults.



Incidentally, Angela Swagler was recruited to last year's Core Team by **Joanie Walsh**, last year's **Assistant Director**. Joanie was the heroic young lady who fearlessly videotaped last year's illegal arrests. We just released this amazing video which you can see by visiting www.YouTube.Com and entering **Defend Life Arrest** in the **SEARCH BOX**. Please view this amazing and revealing video and share it with your friends! Speaking of Joanie Walsh, she will be entering the **Poor Clare Sisters** in Alexandria, Virginia on September 17.

Benitez was equally amazing with his attention to the 101 details which are so necessary to pull off an event like our Annual Summer Truth Tour. Benitez, who lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland will be graduating from Mount Saint Mary's this coming May with a major in Theology. Seven different colleges were represented. **Christendom College** led the pack with four Core Team members, followed by **Franciscan** with two. Other schools included **University of Delaware**, **Concord University**, **University of Richmond**, **Montgomery College** and **The Mount**. Two others were home schoolers.



- Another reason this was the best **Truth Tour** ever was 15 outstanding **STOPS**. Who will ever forget the nearly 100 persons at our luncheon at **St. Mary's in Hagerstown** immediately after that great **STOP**. **Connecticut Avenue** north of **Chevy Chase Circle** was another one of our mega stops as afternoon rush hour traffic inched by our graphic pictures of aborted babies. **White Marsh Mall** was the biggest and loudest **STOP** with 90 minutes of incessant honking thanks to the **HONK FOR LIFE** signs nearly every volunteer was holding.
- **Great publicity** was another key! **Bill Simpson** did a phenomenal job of getting out the crowds for our 15 **STOPS**. Bill kept sending out high impact e-mails reminding you of our numerous stops and **YOU** responded in great numbers! Bill also did a **mind-boggling** job with the media including the following:

- WHAG Hagerstown – 1 interview/news spot	- Hagerstown Herald Mail – 1 news story
- Fox 45 Baltimore – 3 on-site spots & 2 studio spots	- The Gazette – 1 news story
- WBAL 11 Baltimore – 2 on-site news spots	- Hanover Evening Sun - 1 news story
- WJZ 13 Baltimore – 2 on-site news spots	- Towson Times – 1 news story

If there is a company or organization that is in need of a media pro to generate good publicity for itself, it could do no better than to *utilize Bill Simpson* who can be contacted at 301-300-3487 williamsimpson@gmail.com.

Certainly, part of the media interest was due to **the 18 illegal arrests** that occurred on August 1, 2008 in Bel Air, compliments of the **Maryland State Troopers** who behaved like the **Storm Troopers of Nazi Germany**. Our arrests were completely ignored by the print media and all the TV media except **Fox 45** who visited the Bel Air arrest scene with us as we relived what had happened. The **Catholic Review** is hereby given our **First Annual Millstone Award** for not only refusing to cover these abominable arrests, but later pulling a paid color ad that they had first accepted but later pulled without even calling us. Pray that now that former liberal editor, **Dan Medinger**, is gone, things will improve! I remember an editorial Medinger wrote way back in 1987 stating that there must be **common ground** between **Planned Parenthood** and the **PRO-LIFE movement**. I confronted him about this shortly after he had pulled another ad promoting a talk by **Judie Brown**, founder of **American Life League**. **We received no phone call about that pulled ad either!**

- Another great part of our 2009 Truth Tour was our 5 outstanding luncheon speakers including **Randy Terry, Monica Miller, Barry Sullivan, David Bereit, and Paul Schenck**. You can obtain a copy of any of these outstanding talks by emailing **CDs@DefendLife.Org** and specifying the Truth Tour talk(s) you want us to mail you.



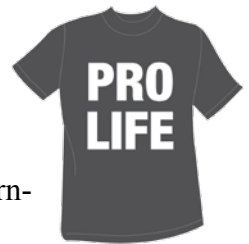
- Another great aspect of our Truth Tour was the **Center for Bioethical Reform Truth Truck** that joined us all the way from **Columbus, Ohio**. It was driven by **Jim Davis** who logged **900 miles** while accompanying us at our **15 STOPS** including ones in **West Virginia, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania**. Visit **www.CbrInfo.Org** to find out more about the good work **CBR** is doing fighting abortion. Jim Davis is hereby awarded our **FIRST ANNUAL HERO AWARD!**



- Our nearly **100 HONK FOR LIFE** signs were invaluable. They were printed in black letters on yellow plastic stock. Each had **DefendLife.Org** on the bottom of it so there would be no question who was sponsoring this event. Our beautiful blue T-Shirts with huge white letters spelling **PRO-LIFE** were a big hit. We gave one to every participant as long as they promised to **wear it publicly at least once a week Spring,**



Summer, and Fall. Most gladly accepted this challenge. We will be e-mailing these **PRO-LIFE** T-shirt recipients asking them to send us a picture of themselves and telling us briefly about one good thing that happened while wearing it. We already know of one life that was saved directly resulting from one of **YOU** who was wearing your **PRO-LIFE T-shirt** at morning Mass.



Wear them proudly and wonderful things are bound to happen! If you didn't get one, simply e-mail us **T-Shirts@DefendLife.Org** with your shirt size and address and we will mail you one **if you promise to wear it publicly once a week, if only for a few hours**. Consider wearing it while shopping or going to the gym. Speaking of T-Shirts, we plan to wear **special PRO-LIFE** T-Shirts at **Maryland Terrapin** and **Navy** football games this fall. Join us in the tailgating area prior to Maryland and Navy games. See the ad for game dates and times on page 16.

Also, see page 16 for the outstanding speakers we have lined up for our **Fall Defend Life Lectures**. As of this writing, we still have a few slots open so contact **Paul Pendergast** or **Eileen Miller** if your parish or congregation would like to host one of these outstanding speakers.

And thanks for all you do to save innocent pre-born babies from death by abortion!

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director

P.S. Thanks to all of you who gave so generously to our **9th Annual Face the Truth Tour**. Because of **YOU**, we met and slightly exceeded our **\$16,000 goal!** Also meet our new campus outreach director **Diana Roccograndi** at College Park (UMCP). See the ad on page 16.



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God more than I feared what someone would think of me,” recalls the veteran pro-lifer.

As for controversy, Terry reminds his audience that Jesus said, “If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first.”

In contrast to The Four Good C’s, there are The Four Bad C’s, which make people falter in the day of trial, says Terry:

1. cowardice – We love our peaceful lives, our reputation, our comfort zone.
2. compromise – When you know the right thing to do but you don’t want to do it, you look for ways to compromise: “Maybe I don’t have to exactly say *that*.” Or maybe your compromise is your silence.
3. concession – I know that the Pope called it murder, but that’s so *extreme*. I’ll just call it “pro-choice.”
4. comfort – We want to retain our comfort zone. But Jesus said, pick up your cross. “I have never seen a comfortable cross. There are no padded crosses,” says Terry.

In line with his activist exhortations, in July Terry led a small group of pro-lifers in demonstrations during confirmation hearings on Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor.

Terry called on pro-life senators to aggressively question Sotomayor on the subject of abortion and to filibuster her.

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treatment is often chemical sterilization via the birth control pill or physical sterilization via hysterectomy.

These disorders include polycystic ovarian disease, endometriosis, post partum depression, PMS, recurrent ovarian cysts, recurrent miscarriages, heavy and/or painful menses and irregular and/or painful cycles in teenagers.

This last issue is what is often used as an excuse to put teenage girls on the pill without admitting it’s for birth control. (NaPro physicians realize that young women’s cycles often don’t settle down until they are into their twenties.)

What does this mean for the pro-life movement? We are all familiar with the numbers of surgical abortions enabled by *Roe v. Wade* (over a million per year).

But as big an issue is the number of children who are now being sacrificed per IVF cycle (at least four in the U.S.).

IVF and other progeny of *Roe* (embryo destructive research, chimera and cloning) have little to do with “a woman’s right to choose” and much to do with out-of-control doctors’ and researchers’ right to play God.

Leaving the personhood of this one class of human beings undefined has opened the door not only to one quarter of pregnancies ending in abortion, but also to using people in their earliest days and hours as subjects of experimentation and manipulation.

Just as the pro-life movement

has been given scientific evidence for effective alternatives to embryonic stem cell research, it now has evidence of alternatives to IVF.

The Death Cult unleashed by *Roe* is getting a challenge on its scientific flank. We have a growing group of pro-life doctors out there.

They range from those who won’t perform or refer for abortions, to those who refuse to prescribe abortifacient forms of contraception, to those who are using NaProTechnology or other techniques that don’t rely on separating sex from love from procreation in treating infertility.

These doctors have backers in the Personhood Movement who are working to amend constitutions and pass laws worldwide so as to recognize that all human beings from their biological beginning, from the instant the sperm penetrates the egg, are people – whether in the fallopian tube or in the petri dish.

And with the advances in adult stem cell research and NaProTechnology, there’s really no need, even among the “death-eaters,” for those petri dishes anymore.

Michaela Dasteel, FCP, is a FertilityCare Practitioner and director of Potomac FertilityCare Services. She and Dr. Rob Conkling of D.C. Metro FertilityCare in Alexandria provide Creighton Model charting instruction for the patients of the NaPro physicians in the D.C. area (Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich at Tepeyac Family Center; Dr. Marguerite Duane at Spanish Catholic Center; Dr. Vivian Lugo in Alexandria, and Dr. Amina Porter at Howard University Hospital).



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Cenacles of Life wage spiritual war on abortion

Cenacles of Life is a relatively new program with a very ambitious goal: to end the Culture of Death through spiritual means.

But Mary Weyrich makes it all sound simple.

Cenacles of Life, she explains, are prayer groups that agree to meet once a week, preferably in a church, and pray two rosaries (10 mysteries), offering up the rosaries with fasting to end the Culture of Death.

Each member agrees to fast one day a week on bread and water. Those who cannot fast on bread and water due to age or sickness can offer a day of fasting from their favorite thing (such as watching television or talking on the phone).

"It's so simple: we go to pray in the presence of the Lord and offer up our sacrifices; it's hard to mess it up," says Weyrich.

The mother of eight children ranging in age from 16 to 34 recalls that the idea for Cenacles of Life "just kind of evolved.

"The funny thing is, things that you're doing for the Blessed Mother, you don't know exactly how they got started."

Her inspiration came from Mary's appearance at Fatima.

"The Blessed Mother asked the children of Fatima to pray for the end of war. Now, there's a war on unborn children: we're praying for an end of *that* war, just as she asked."

The term "cenacle" refers to the Upper Room, where Mary and the Apostles prayed, awaiting the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

About two years ago Weyrich and her husband David, using funds from their Weyrich Family Foundation, put together a brochure explaining the Cenacles of Life program

that they proposed. They mailed one to the pastor of every parish in the country.

Their idea caught on. Today there are 120 cenacles in 63 U.S. dioceses.

"We want to have one in every diocese, as a gift to Our Lord. We're about one-third of our way there," says Weyrich.

At the Weyrichs' parish, St. Rose of Lima in Paso Robles, Calif., the cenacle meets at the perpetual adoration chapel every Friday evening at 5:30.

"We picked that time on purpose," says Weyrich. "Just think how people act on Fridays – very self-centered: 'Thank God, the

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week's over, it's been awful! Just give me a beer and pizza!"

"We want to counter that; we go in church and pray."

It's easy to start a cenacle at your parish, she says.

"Go to the pastor and say, 'Can we pray in church?' Be sensitive to the time that is convenient for him."

The weekly set of rosaries only takes 45 minutes, she notes.

"But it's so powerful! When you leave the church, you can hardly walk straight, there's so much grace flowing."

EWTN evangelizer Fr. Andrew Apostoli, of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, is the spiritual advisor "and really the leader" of Cenacles



of Life, says Weyrich.


Once you have begun a cenacle at your parish, she asks that you register it at their website, www.CenaclesofLife.org.

The website has a map showing the dioceses with cenacles and also lists the parishes with cenacles by state. Maryland does not yet have any cenacles.

"This is a spiritual battle, and we're picking up the spiritual tools the Lord gave us," Weyrich concludes.

"I really, truly believe that once there's a cenacle in every diocese in the U.S., heaven will take note and abortion will end."

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Judge won't dismiss Defend Lifers' suit

A federal judge has refused to grant motions by the Maryland State Police, Harford County, and the town of Bel Air to dismiss a lawsuit brought by three young women concerning their arrest during Defend Life's Face the Truth Tour last summer.

"The judge's refusal to dismiss this lawsuit is a positive development for our clients, who deserve justice after what they endured," said Daniel Blomberg, an attorney for the Alliance Defense Fund, which filed the lawsuit on behalf of the pro-lifers.

The suit, filed last September, argues that the women's constitutional rights were violated by officers who arrested, strip-searched, and jailed them overnight for peacefully holding anti-abortion signs along a public highway.

In his June 3 opinion U.S. District Judge Richard Bennett wrote, "The Amended Complaint sets forth sufficient facts to suggest that the [State] Trooper Defendants, through their arrest of the Plaintiffs, executed a policy of suppressing free speech that was based upon an unconstitutionally vague and overbroad ordinance."

The lawsuit stems from the August 1 arrest of 18 pro-lifers on the final day of Defend Life's 2008 Face the Truth Tour.

They were among approximately 25 demonstrators holding large signs, many of them graphic pictures of aborted babies, on the shoulder of Route 24 in Harford County.

The three state troopers who are defendants in the suit contend that they arrived at the initial scene of the protest after receiving commuter complaints that the demonstrators were impeding and obstructing traffic.

However, the plaintiffs, Angela



A Bel Air police officer places Defend Life demonstrator Laura Beeson in a patrol car after her arrest on August 1.

Swagler, Elizabeth Walsh and her sister, Joan Walsh, counter that they were obeying traffic rules and that they did not adversely impact traffic.

They maintain that the troopers were responding to callers' concerns over the content of their message and were serving to censor their protest.

The Bel Air officers claimed they played no significant role in the arrests.

The three women allege that after their arrest they were subjected to sexually invasive searches twice: first, in the State Police barracks parking lot and later at the Harford County Detention Center.

The suit also charges three Bel Air police officers with participating in the plaintiffs' "unlawful and unconstitutional arrest."

The Bel Air officer defendants deny playing a role in the arrests, a contention that Judge Bennett, in

his opinion, describes as "hotly contested."

"In support of their claim," his opinion notes, "the Bel Air officers attached affidavits to their motion to dismiss or for summary judgment in which they claimed they played no significant role in the arrest."

"On the other hand, Plaintiffs have attached the arrest report, which identifies each of the Defendant officers as being present and assisting in the arrest."

Sixteen pro-lifers at the August 1 demonstration were charged with loitering, disorderly conduct, and failure to obey a lawful order.

However, they were not charged under Harford County's permit requirement, despite the fact that the state trooper's arrest report cites the permit requirement as a basis for the arrest.

On August 12, 2008, the State entered a *nolle prosequi* of the entire case (dropped the charges) against all the demonstrators.

Although Judge Bennett grant-

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In My Humble Opinion

‘Casual’ vs. ‘committed’ volunteers

By Janet Baker

Most of us who work in the pro-life movement do so as volunteers. We have careers and families that occupy the bulk of our time, but we do give our free time, in varying degrees, to save the babies and help bring about the Culture of Life.

What might bear some examination is the quality of that time that we do put into pro-life efforts, and the amount and quality of self-investment that is attendant with the time that we are able to donate.

Most who are taking the time to read this newsletter do pour our hearts into this effort. We love God, our Church, families, nation, and of course the babies and their moms. We all need to draw boundaries, and we need to respect one another's boundaries.

That being said, though, perhaps some might need to examine the priority that pro-life activism has in their everyday lives. I'm not necessarily speaking of what we do, but the amount of effort that we put into the pro-life tasks that we've chosen to assume.

I believe that there are two basic types of volunteers, regardless of the type of volunteer endeavor being undertaken. Obviously, in the context of this newsletter, we focus on pro-life endeavors.

I'll call the first type "casual volunteers." They come with good hearts, although they most often come at the behest of others. They are very willing to follow directions that are given to them. However, they may not understand the "big picture" of the charitable endeavor and thus may not understand their role and importance of their tasks.

Now quite often, most of us don't grasp the full picture when we first start out. However, there are some who for whatever reason don't ask the questions and thus who don't make the mission their own. In other words, they don't take ownership.

Not taking ownership, they often aren't motivated to do what is necessary and reasonable to bring about a successful conclusion to the endeavor. They often will regurgitate the popular misquote of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, claiming that God is not interested in results. Often, their interests in pro-life matters wane as other things attract their attentions.

Then there are the volunteers who do take a vested interest in their efforts and the outcomes of those ef-

forts. These are what I'll call "committed volunteers." They take ownership of their various apostolates. One can count on them to show, rain or shine, whether they feel like it or not.

They understand the importance of their efforts, realizing that the lives of babies may hang in the balance. They will go the extra mile; they will take risks; they will act on their own initiative, if need be, and are not afraid to "think outside the box." They understand where their efforts fit into the "big picture" of establishing the Culture of Life; they don't have an overly-exalted opinion of their roles, but neither do they depreciate their roles in a false, "humble-pie" fashion.

It will be the committed volunteers who will bring about the Culture of Life, with God's grace, guidance and strength. My challenge here is primarily to the first type of volunteers. By and large, most of us start in that category. However, we cannot remain there and yet hope that the Culture of Life will somehow be established. We must all move beyond that perfunctory stage of our activism and incorporate such activism into our very lives.

Of course, we know that our activism will necessarily stem and draw life from the quality of our Catholic lives in general (frequenting of sacraments, prayer, fidelity to the Magisterium).

A good place to start doing so is to take up front-line activism at your local abortuary. For lists of ongoing pro-life presences, consult www.defendlife.org for the Baltimore area and www.lifeguardsaves.com for the metro DC area.

There's also nothing to stop you from initiating a presence at a mill that currently has no pro-life presence; sadly, such opportunities do abound. We can help get any such effort started.

We also encourage participation in the Face the Truth Tours. Speak out for the children and show the truth of what abortion does to a helpless baby. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The current political climate makes plain that we haven't much time to lose. Let's get going.



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Sidewalk counselors: we're unborn child's last chance

By Emily Rolla

"It's something you never, ever get over."

Missy Smith was speaking from experience at the Lifeguard-sponsored seminar on sidewalk counseling in Bethesda July 18.

Smith, who is post-abortive herself, told the prospective sidewalk counselors at the seminar that a woman damages herself physically, mentally and spiritually when she has an abortion because she is denying the maternal instincts of her body and soul.

The founder of Women Against Killing and Exploitation of Unprotected Persons (WAKEUP) then described how clinics sell body parts

of aborted babies to researchers.

Citing the murder and trafficking of unborn children, as well as the damage done to mothers and their loved ones, Smith urged her listeners to get active on the front-line at abortion mills.

"Make no mistake," she said; "this *is* Satan's workshop!"

Dick Retta, speaking from his years of experience as a sidewalk counselor at Washington, D.C., abortion mills, began by saying, "Sidewalk counselors and prayer warriors are the last defense that child has."

He discussed the importance of each job but stressed that if you decide counseling may not be for you, prayer is equally important.

He told the story of a woman who was going in to abort her twins, and while in the waiting room, saw the prayer circle outside. The idea that others were praying for her – and her children – made her change her mind.

Counselors and prayer warriors need to be single-minded while at abortion mills, Retta cautioned.

With the prayer circles, "deathscorts," and people counseling on the fly, it's easy to lose track of what's going on.

"But there are three things to keep in mind," he continued: "Where are you? Why are you there? What are you doing there? We are there because of love."

Be loud and clear, he advised. "The deathscorts don't want her to hear you" and will try to talk over you.

Counselors should focus on the woman first, because an abortion-minded woman is focusing on her own best interests and not thinking about the baby, said Retta.

But once a woman feels you care about her, then you can focus on the baby.

"Say to them, you don't have to do this! We can get help for you."

He warned, though, while building a bond with the woman, not to get distracted and start socializing.

"We aren't there to socialize; we are there to dialog and save."

After Retta addressed how to properly approach and address an abortion-minded woman, veteran sidewalk counselor Janet Baker spoke on how to prepare yourself for counseling.

A cell phone with crisis pregnancy center numbers already programmed is absolutely indispensable, said Baker.

"You don't want to lose someone fumbling around for a CPC's number."

You also don't want to lose someone before you even have the chance to talk to them, she said.

"So don't go in a bunch of pro-life or religious garb. They see you and automatically think, 'Right-winger.'"

The first few times you sidewalk counsel, it's overwhelming, she admitted.

"But if you feel called, swallow the apprehension. Offer it up."

Lifeguard, a D.C.-Northern Virginia-based pro-life organization, offered the seminar attendees literature, pamphlets, DVDs, 12-week unborn baby models, and aprons to hold their material in when they are at an abortion clinic.

Counselors, Retta reminded his listeners, are the unborn child's last chance. Why? Smith summed it up: "There is money and organizations, but what these women really need is a friend."

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ed parts of the various defendants' motions to dismiss, he refused to dismiss the bulk of the allegations against the defendants.

Charges involving free speech, due process, and unreasonable seizure remain against the three state troopers, State Police Superintendent Col. Terrence Sheridan, the three Bel Air police officers, the Town of Bel Air, and Harford County.

Charges alleging unreasonable search and invasion of privacy also remain against the Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 who allegedly conducted the strip-searches.

The suit now proceeds to the discovery phase, during which parties on each side may request or subpoena documents and other evidence from the other party.

Letter to the Editor

Communism, fascism are far from gone

Editor:

As a person who has been very involved in the fight against Communism and secular humanism in both political parties, I am very concerned when I read remarks such as that “communism and fascism and militarism have long gone . . . into the trash bin of history” — especially when these statements come from someone who should know better.

I am referring to that statement in the article, “Catholic patriotism: putting God first,” by Msgr. Stuart Swetland in the March–April *Defend Life*.

For several years I worked with the late Congressman Clyde Doyle, ranking member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

If, as the monsignor has stated, communism, fascism and militarism are long gone, what the heck does he think is happening in China, Cuba, Venezuela, Iran, etc., ad nauseam? As a matter of fact, what the heck does he think is happening today in Washington, D.C.?

Statements such as this that are attributed to him only help the enemies of our Church and our nation in their so far very successful efforts to hoodwink the American people into surrendering without a fight, and Monsignor Swetland should know that!

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Core team members pause for a group photo at the White Marsh stop.

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overall to the demonstrators and their graphic signs was “incredible,” he said, especially at White Marsh: “I never heard so many honks [of approval] in my life!”

The turnout of local volunteers at each stop was “huge,” Ames noted, with 90 people at Hagerstown and large numbers at Bowie, White Marsh and Hanover, Pa.

Media coverage of the event was especially heavy this year, he said. It included on-the-scene coverage by Fox 45, WBAL-TV and WJZ-TV in Baltimore; NBC 25 in Hagerstown; the *Towson Times*, and several of the Gazette newspapers.

Local pro-lifers were quick to explain why they were there, holding graphic signs of aborted babies in the sweltering July heat.

“Abortion is murder, and the pictures show what happens,” declared Vera Cunane, a parishioner from St. Joseph’s Church in Cockeysville.

“People say that it’s just a procedure; they really need to see this for what it is,” said demonstrator Walt Zajac.

“Abortion is not a word or concept, but the actual killing of a child

in the womb,” said Monty Phair of St. Alphonsus parish, Baltimore.

“A millisecond of exposure can change behavior; you don’t know the long-term impact you could have.”

Swagler thinks that even the considerable negative feedback the pro-lifers got can be looked at in a positive way.

“If they’re offended by the pictures, maybe they’ll think about *why* the pictures were offensive: abortion is ugly and disgusting.

“We’re planting seeds to make people think, and come to grips with the reality of abortion.”

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