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3 abortionists chastised in Elkton abortion scandal

On August 13 a rented Chevy Malibu pulled up to the emergency entrance of Union Hospital in Elkton, Md.

The male driver and a woman passenger, both dressed in hospital scrubs, jumped out and began unloading a semi-conscious 18-year-old girl from the car.

When hospital staff and security personnel rushed up to take the girl inside, the woman passenger insisted on getting their identities and demanded that an emergency room physician come outside and talk to her.

The woman and man were evasive about who they were, what had happened and from where they had come.

In fact, the slumped-over and half-conscious girl in the wheelchair had just undergone a badly botched abortion at an Elkton clinic whose existence was unknown by hospital staffers.

Her condition was so critical that Union Hospital doctors transferred her by helicopter to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where doctors rushed her into the operating room to repair the damage.

In the next two weeks, the Elkton police would raid the clinic, the operating Hopkins physician would



The Maryland State Board of Physicians has ordered abortionist Steven Brigham to stop his illegal practice of medicine in Maryland and has suspended the medical license of abortionist Nicola Riley.

Elkton abortion clinic was secret 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The Elkton abortion clinic where an 18-year-old girl underwent a botched abortion that put her life at risk is closed now, a "Cease and Desist" order taped on its front door.

But documents obtained by the Kansas-based pro-life group Operation Rescue indicate that for over half a year, behind the clinic's locked doors, abortionist Steven Brigham

and his cohorts flouted state laws, aborting late term – sometimes nearly full-term – babies, whose little bodies police found stacked in a chest freezer.

"The documents tell a shocking story of a well-planned conspiracy to circumvent abortion laws," wrote Operation Rescue's Cheryl Sullenger.

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lodge a complaint with the Maryland State Board of Physicians, and the board would launch an investigation.

On August 31 the board summarily suspended the license to practice medicine in Maryland of Dr. Nicola Riley, who performed the abortion, and Dr. George Shepard, Jr., the medical director at the Elkton clinic.

The Elkton clinic owner, abortionist Steven Chase Brigham, was ordered by the board to cease his illegal practice of medicine in Maryland immediately.

For Dr. Steven Brigham, the drama at Union Hospital was far from being an isolated incident in his troubled career.

The 54-year-old abortionist, who owns a multi-state chain of abortion mills, five of them in Maryland, had his medical license revoked in New York in 1994 following two botched abortions.

The New York state medical board stated that he was a “danger to the public” and that he was “under-trained, has demonstrated grievous deviations from accepted standards of care and diligence, has shown submarginal abilities and has evidenced not the slightest recognition of any of his deficiencies.”

Brigham’s medical license in New Jersey, where he owns six clinics, came under jeopardy in 1993, when the state attorney general’s office charged that he had performed unauthorized second-trimester abortions.

The state’s medical board in 1994 limited him to performing only first trimester abortions.

This restriction apparently led

to the August 13 crisis in Elkton.

According to the summary suspension order filed by the Maryland physicians board against Dr. Nicola Riley, Brigham had set up an arrangement in which he would begin second trimester abortions in New Jersey and complete them in Elkton.

Although licensed to practice medicine in New Jersey, Brigham has never been licensed to practice in Maryland.

Dr. Riley, 45, a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, who is board-certified in family medicine, received her license to practice medicine in Maryland on July 20, 2010.

Shortly after that, Brigham hired her to do abortions at his Maryland facilities.

Dr. Riley perforated the girl’s uterus and thought she may have injured her bowel.

Brigham’s Maryland offices are at 3506 Calvert Street, Baltimore; 6005 Landover Road, Cheverly; 801 Toll House Avenue, Frederick; 4700 Berwyn House Road, College Park; and 126 High Street, Elkton.

At the time Riley accepted employment from Dr. Brigham, the board’s order alleges, “she was aware of the fact that the initial intake for her abortion patients would take place in New Jersey, where they would undergo initial assessment, including laminaria insertion, digoxin insertion and ultrasound.”

Riley was told that the patients would then be sent to Maryland for the completion of the abortion, and that Brigham would accompany the

patients and bring their charts.

On August 12 an 18-year-old whom the board’s order identifies only as “Patient A” came to Brigham’s Voorhees, N.J., office for an abortion. She was 21 weeks pregnant.

Brigham began the abortion process by inserting laminaria, a product developed from seaweed used to dilate the cervix.

The next morning she returned and was given two pills to induce contractions.

Patient A had been told earlier that the clinic would provide her transportation to Philadelphia to complete the abortion.

But on August 13 she learned that she must use her own vehicle. She and two other women who were scheduled to complete their abortions formed a line of cars and followed a lead car.

The 18-year-old, accompanied by her mother and boyfriend, drove in the caravan of cars to Brigham’s Elkton clinic.

In the “procedure room,” the girl recalls, Dr. Brigham introduced her to Dr. Riley, who began administering medications to her at Brigham’s direction. She then lost consciousness.

Dr. Riley performed the abortion, during which she perforated the girl’s uterus and also, according to the order, “suspected” that she may have injured the girl’s bowel.

Exiting the procedure room, Riley told the girl’s mother and boyfriend that the girl would have to be taken to the hospital.

She refused their request to call an ambulance.

Instead, Riley and Brigham placed the now half-conscious girl in a wheelchair and wheeled her

outside the facility to the Chevrolet Malibu.

Riley sat with her in the back seat and Brigham drove them to Union Hospital where, after the confrontation in the parking lot, hospital physicians determined that the girl had sustained a uterine perforation with evisceration of small bowel through the uterine perforation into the vagina.

At Hopkins, physicians performed an exploratory laparotomy, repair of the hysterotomy, and small bowel resection to repair the girl's injuries.

On August 18 the Elkton police went to the Elkton clinic to serve a search and seizure warrant for Patient A's medical record, which they were not able to find.

But they did find a chest freezer, which contained approximately 35 late-term aborted babies and baby parts removed from Patient A.

Police also found two sets of logs, titled "Daily Tissue and Regulated Medical Waste Log for NJ offices" and "Recovery Room Log."

The logs listed late-term abortions involving aborted babies as late as 28, 33, 35 and 36 weeks gestation.

In her complaint to the board, the operating Hopkins physician said that it was "unsafe" and "demonstrates poor clinical judgment" that placed the patient at risk to transport someone in her condition by personal vehicle to the emergency room.

She also said, "It is concerning that patients were being transported across state lines to complete medical care."

On August 25 the board issued a Cease and Desist Order, demanding that Brigham immediately stop practicing medicine in Maryland without a license.

The order stated that Brigham had been observed performing surgical procedures on approximately 50 occasions in Maryland since January, and that the health of Maryland patients was endangered by his unlicensed practice of medicine in the state.

Brigham had hired Dr. Shepard, 88, of Seaford, Del., as medical

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director at his Maryland facilities around September 2009.

According to the board's Summary Suspension Order against Shepard, Shepard stated that Brigham came down from New Jersey and performed both first- and second-trimester abortions at the Elkton clinic.

The board charged both Shepard and Riley with violating Maryland law by exhibiting unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, and by practicing medicine with, or aiding in the practice of medicine, an unlicensed person, namely, Dr.

Brigham.

Shepard and Riley, the board declared, "knowingly participated in a practice arrangement in which abortions were initiated in one state, after which the patients were instructed to drive across state lines to an undisclosed location for the completion of the abortion."

"This arrangement potentially placed patients at grave risk for harm or catastrophic outcomes."

In July the Pennsylvania Department of Health revoked Brigham's permission to own clinics in the state because he had repeatedly employed unlicensed caregivers.

Brigham, who has clinics in Pittsburgh, Allentown, Erie, and State College, Pa., is appealing the decision.

Brigham had voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania in 1992, just prior to an investigation of one of his Pennsylvania clinics.

His American Women's Services website also lists a clinic in Fairfax, Va.

In April the IRS placed \$234,536 in liens against Brigham for failing to pay payroll taxes from 2002 to 2006.

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Board suspends abortionist Ferrer's license

The Maryland State Board of Physicians on September 8 suspended the Maryland medical license of Severna Park abortionist Romeo Ferrer.

The board based its suspension order on the case of a 21-year-old African-American woman who died during a second-trimester abortion performed by Ferrer in 2006.

"This long-time child-killer got exactly what he deserved when the Board of Physicians suspended his license," said Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

"I hope and pray that this suspension will become permanent when his license is ultimately revoked."

A coalition of pro-lifers organized by Defend Life had targeted Ferrer in a June 1 press conference, demanding that the board revoke his license.

The press conference was held the day before the physicians board held a case resolution conference on the Ferrer matter.

On July 29 Ames and Day Gardner, president of the National Black Pro-Life Union, had presented an extensive set of legal documents regarding Ferrer to Irving Pinder, Jr., executive director of the Maryland Board of Physicians.

Gardner explained to Pinder that they were submitting the documents, which concerned numerous lawsuits and complaints against Ferrer dating back as far as 1981, to buttress their call for the revocation of his license.

The board's suspension order stated that on February 3, 2006, a woman who was 16 weeks pregnant underwent a dilation and evacuation (D&E) abortion by Ferrer at his Gy-

necare Center in Severna Park.

Minutes after the abortion was completed, a medical assistant noticed that the patient's fingernails had turned blue.

Efforts to obtain blood pressure readings were unsuccessful.

When CPR and other efforts by the 69-year-old abortionist failed to revive the woman, an assistant called 911.

Paramedics transported the patient to Anne Arundel Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead shortly afterwards.

The board found that Ferrer failed to appropriately administer anesthesia, failed to monitor the anesthesia properly, and failed to provide adequate resuscitative efforts.

In a cover letter from Defend Life that accompanied the legal documents presented to the board July 29, Director Ames stated, "Our attorneys have reviewed the numerous lawsuits and regulatory complaints against Dr. Romeo Ferrer.

"They have found extensive allegations of malfeasance, ineptitude and numerous instances where Dr. Ferrer failed to meet the standards of care established by your very board."

The documents detailed the following allegations and incidents:

- June 1981 – Court documents allege that Ferrer severely damaged and perforated the small bowel of a 15-year-old patient, requiring emergency surgery and possible lifetime bowel problems.
- September 1981 – Court documents allege that Ferrer treated a woman with the hormonal drug Provera while she was pregnant. The woman's son

was born with a severe amputation-type birth defect of the right arm.

- December 1988 – Ferrer unsuccessfully tried to place a catheter in a patient and lost a metal cannula, but closed the incision anyway. Peer reviewers found he did not obtain a correct instrument count and did not meet the standard of care.
- December 1991 – Court documents allege that in performing an abortion on a 17-year-old girl, Ferrer failed to terminate the pregnancy and remove the fetus. On January 3, 1992, he also failed to determine that the girl was still pregnant. The girl's son was born in May 1992 with severe medical problems, including brain damage. He died in 1994.
- July 2001 – Court documents allege that Ferrer "nicked" a patient's large bowel during a hysterectomy. The documents allege that due to Ferrer's negligence, instead of the expected three-day hospital stay, the patient was in the hospital for 25 days. Her complications required over 20 additional surgeries at three separate facilities, a colostomy, and continuing care for over four years.

The physicians board scheduled a post-deprivation hearing on Ferrer's suspension for September 22.

If he is dissatisfied with the results of the hearing, he may request an evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge.

WHAT MAKES MISSY RUN?

Smith will get out the pro-life message in her D.C. delegate run

Missy Reilly Smith is a long-time staple on the Washington pro-life scene.

Sidewalk counselor, founder of Chastity Programs International and WAKE-UP (Women Against the Killing and Exploitation of Unprotected Persons), talk-show host on National Pro-Life Radio, active in Defend Life, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Operation Outcry – she's done it all.

Why would she toss all that aside to run for D.C.'s sole, nonvoting congressional seat this November?

In the District, where registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans 16 to 1, Smith, a Republican, will be challenging the firmly entrenched Democrat incumbent Eleanor Holmes Norton, who has held the office since 1991.

The reason for Missy's seemingly quixotic run can be found in the anti-censorship provision of the federal Communications Act, which allows candidates to present their unvarnished positions on issues important to the American public.

Recent court decisions interpreting that law have upheld the right of pro-life candidates to air TV ads with graphic visuals of aborted babies.

"Fr. Frank Pavone has said that America will not reject abortion until America sees abortion," explained Missy.

"I believe there's a blackout in the media on the graphic pictures of abortion, which I think are important."

But TV stations can't refuse a congressional candidate's graphic anti-abortion ads.

"I don't have any idea of getting any votes," Smith added.



Missy Smith is challenging incumbent Eleanor Holmes Norton for the Washington, D.C., U.S. House of Representatives seat.

"To really be a viable candidate, you need at least \$1 million, and you need to do some heavy-duty campaigning.

"Eleanor Holmes Norton has an enormous war chest; I am no threat to her. Our objective is to get the ads out and have them seen."

Smith's first hurdle, however, was to get enough signatures to get her name on the ballot.

For someone with no party backing or support, she said, "This was a Herculean effort."

At D.C.'s Board of Elections and Ethics, she was given maps showing the wards, and the names and addresses of D.C.'s registered Republicans – all 29,300.

To get on the ballot, she needed the signatures of 1 percent of them.

For three weeks, for four hours a night, Smith and her small cadre

of pro-life supporters broke up in teams and went up and down streets, knocking on doors.

By the deadline, instead of the required 293 signatures, Missy submitted 600.

"The people at the Board of Elections were so nice to me!" she recalled. "I can't tell you how lovely they were."

In D.C.'s September 14 primary, Norton squelched her sole Democratic opponent with 106,574 votes. Smith, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, got 1,752 votes.

In the meantime, Missy's ads were well on their way to completion.

Missy is taking the visuals for a 48-second trailer for a short pro-life movie called "To Be Born" and having them edited down to a 28-second TV spot.

The 48-second trailer consists of "crisp vignettes of a young woman playing with her daughter, followed by a woman having an abortion and in pain," she said.

Smith described the scenes as "disturbing, penetrating, powerful."

Accompanying the visuals will be voice-overs such as, "This is murder; it's time to end child-killing," with a tag plugging her candidacy.

Several versions of her ad, when completed, will air on her campaign website, MissySmith2010.com.

People can view the ads, pick the one they like, and donate money to get that specific ad on the air, said Missy.

"They will be running in Maryland, Virginia and D.C. How much

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CBR Maryland hits two college campuses in 6-day blitz

By Kurt Linneman

If one major pro-life event on a college campus is a good thing, then two is even better.

With that idea in mind, CBR Maryland conducted a six-day pro-life campaign blitz from September 12-17, starting at University of Maryland College Park and finishing up at The College of New Jersey.

At each campus we conducted a half-day of Pro-Life Institute (PLI) training.

PLI is a free, four-hour, professional training program that educates students and local pro-lifers on the legislative history of abortion, the history of social reform, and pro-life apologetics.

PLI-trained and equipped pro-lifers then manned Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) displays, engaging with students for two full days at each campus.

GAP is a massive photo mural placed in a high traffic area of the campus, consisting of sixteen 6-by-12-foot photo panels. Each panel



CBR Maryland's Bryan McKinney explains the GAP display to College of New Jersey students.

shows a picture of an aborted baby and compares the modern-day genocide of abortion to pictures of historically recognized examples of genocide.

The purpose of GAP is twofold: 1. to unmask abortion; to show what abortion does to a defenseless pre-

born baby and; 2. to challenge conventional teaching about abortion, revealing the truth about abortion in photos and words.

"I am amazed by how many civil, calm and insightful discussions took place in front of such controversial pictures," said Marie Minano of Lifenet, Inc., a New Jersey pro-life organization.

"I met a few people who had to re-think their pro-choice opinion because of the pictures. Interacting with the students made me realize how many people are not informed about the truth of abortion."

While one of the goals of CBR Maryland is to invigorate the pro-life community, another goal is to build up the existing campus pro-life group or start a new one.

Whenever the opportunity presented itself, we asked College Park students if they would like to become

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depends on how much money I can raise. I've got a little money, but we need to raise more."

What would she do if lightning struck and she won the election?

"I would work very hard to turn around the things that Norton has done," Smith said earnestly.

"She pushed through federally funded abortion and same-sex marriage in D.C.

"And she's in with the teachers' unions; they're very powerful. I'm very pro-school choice.

"In D.C. we pay \$25,000 to educate each child, yet the illiteracy rate is close to 60 percent. We have charter schools that are not under the auspices of the unions, and the unions hate them."

Back on a more realistic note, Smith hopes that her ads will help further educate and enlighten people on the subject of abortion.

"We know that a majority of Americans believe abortion is immoral," she noted.

"These ads can only bring the issue more to the surface."

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On Friday, August 13, “D.B.” (the initials by which the 18-year-old is identified in the records) was the second of three patients driving down in a car caravan from Brigham’s New Jersey clinic to complete their late-term abortions in his Elkton facility.

The first patient that day, described as an “Indian” woman, aborted twins that were 25 weeks gestation.

D.B. was then taken into the procedure room where, she told a Maryland Board of Physicians (MDBP) investigator, she met Utah abortionist Nicola Riley for the first time.

Riley, said D.B., appeared to be in training by Brigham, who was instructing her on administering the anesthesia. That’s all she remembers of the operation.

For her mother, who was waiting outside, it was another matter.

“[The abortion] did take long,” she told the MDBP interviewer.

“It took like two hours, I think . . . All I kept hearing was her screaming and hollering. And I told the lady that worked there, I can’t stand this. I got to leave out. So I kept going out to the hall . . . Because, you know, I didn’t want to hear her [screaming] – and why is she screaming now, because they put her to sleep.”

Meanwhile, in the procedure room, Riley was performing the abortion. She remembers removing an arm, a leg, and some soft tissue.

As she was going in to search for the baby’s head, Riley discovered what appeared to be a bowel in D.B.’s birth canal.

Riley had perforated the girl’s uterus, shoved the remains of the baby into her abdominal cavity, and

pulled out part of her bowel through her vagina.

After refusing urgings by D.B.’s mother to call an ambulance, Riley and Brigham took the girl to nearby Union Hospital in a rental car.

Hospital records indicate that the girl arrived unmonitored and without I.V. support.

Once at the hospital, according to hospital records, Riley identified herself as a physician “that works at a secret clinic that performs second trimester abortions in town.”

Brigham, who did not have a license to practice medicine in Maryland, did not identify himself and let Riley do the talking.

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warrant, and I am
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is basically murder.’**

After 10 minutes at the hospital, Riley and Brigham returned to the “secret clinic” in Elkton and completed the third abortion.

Staff at Union Hospital, who were not aware of any abortion clinic operating legally in Elkton, may have tipped off the police, because as Riley was finishing up her last abortion, Elkton police arrived at the facility and asked to speak with her and any other doctors there.

When Riley went to look for Brigham, she discovered that he had fled the building without a word to her.

She was left on her own to reluctantly show the officers through the facility.

The atmosphere “was very kind of heated,” she told the MDBP.

Based on the way she was “treated” by the police, Riley arrived at

her next shift at Elkton, on August 20, fearing more trouble.

She got there two hours early and remained in her car, reading and drinking coffee, until a plainclothes detective came up and asked her for identification.

Suddenly, six squad cars had blocked the clinic entrances, including her vehicle.

The police questioned Riley about “Maryland law and illegal criminal activity” and told her there was an open criminal investigation.

Riley knew that Brigham was already en route from his New Jersey clinic with a caravan including four women who were “active” (they had been given medication to induce contractions) and would need to have their abortions completed.

Once Riley managed to get away from the police, she alerted Brigham by phone, warning him to divert his caravan to his Baltimore facility.

Then she drove to the clinic on Calvert Street, where she met Brigham and the four late-term abortions were completed.

Unknown to Riley at that time, two days earlier, Elkton police had executed a search and seizure warrant on the Elkton clinic, where they discovered the freezer holding the late-term aborted babies.

It was not until August 24 that Brigham “casually” told Riley of the warrant.

Riley demanded that he send her the search and seizure warrant, which he did that day – the same day of her MDPB interview.

“The accusations in these warrants are pretty serious,” she told the MDPB interviewer.

“The basis of the warrant, and I freely disclose this, because I am shocked by it, it is basically murder

... this affidavit that I'm looking at in front of me uses that word, "murder."

In Maryland, abortions can be done legally at any gestational age, up to full-term.

But Maryland law states that if an unborn baby is past viability (generally considered to be 24 weeks), and the baby's life is taken in an illegal act, the perpetrator can be prosecuted for murder or manslaughter. (Md. Criminal Law Code Ann. 2-103)

Abortion logs seized at the Elkton facility show that in addition to the August 13 abortion of 25-week-old twins, on July 30, Riley's first day at work for Brigham, a 33-weeks gestation baby was aborted.

Brigham had been under investigation at least since June by New Jersey authorities, who suspected that he had been conducting illegal late-term abortions in their state.

His New Jersey medical license was suspended effective September 15.

A hearing on his suspension was scheduled for October 13.

On the day of Brigham's New Jersey suspension, pro-life leaders held a press conference outside the Maryland State House in Annapolis, calling on Maryland authorities to criminally charge four abortionists.

In addition to Riley and Brigham, the pro-life leaders, including Defend Life Director Jack Ames, demanded the criminal prosecution of Brigham's Maryland medical director, George Shepard, Jr., and Romeo Ferrer, whose license was suspended due to the death of Denise Crowe, who died during his abortion of her child in 2006.



Protest at Physicians Board

Defend Life demonstrated outside the Maryland Board of Physicians office in Baltimore September 8, calling for the board to permanently revoke the medical licenses of abortionists Nicola Riley and George Shepard, Jr. The board, which was meeting on the matter that day, had suspended Riley's and Shepard's licenses August 31 after investigating their involvement in a botched abortion at a secret late-term abortion clinic in Elkton. Among the demonstrators were (from left) Albert Stecklein, Jon Darnell, Annette Bryce and Joan McKee.

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part of the campus pro-life group, Terps for Life. As a result, we were able to provide Terps for Life President Mary Schulte with the names of 150 interested students.

The College of New Jersey, however, does not have a pro-life group. We were sponsored there by the College Republicans.

At TCNJ we invited Students for Life, which helps start and maintain campus pro-life groups, to join us. They were able to collect the names of dozens of students who wanted to start a new pro-life group at the New

Jersey campus.

On September 14, on our way from College Park to TCNJ, we made a Face the Truth stop in Collegeville, Pa., the home both of Ursinus College and a Planned Parenthood office.

With the help of 25 local pro-lifers, we held large posters of aborted babies along the roadways.

Simultaneously, CBR's Jim Davis drove our Truth Truck, which was plastered with huge aborted baby photos, through the town and the college campus.

CBR's six-day campaign took five months of planning and coordi-

nating on the part of myself and my wife Samantha (we are co-directors of CBR Maryland).

We are already planning the next PLI and GAP, to be held in the spring of 2011. In the meantime, CBR Maryland is involved with ongoing pro-life activism that includes providing education programs, weekly Truth Tours and weekly witnessing outside abortion mills.

To learn more about CBR Maryland, contact us at klinnemann@cbrinfo.org or call 410-913-3931.

Rose has been thorn in side of Planned Parenthood

When Lila Rose was an 18-year-old freshman at UCLA, she met James O'Keefe, who had come from the conservative, Arlington, Va.-based Leadership Institute to help students do publication work.

"He and I hit it off as activists," the now 22-year-old Rose told proliferators at a Defend Life-sponsored talk in Towson September 15.

"So we decided to go undercover into a Planned Parenthood clinic."

Lila had been pro-life ever since, as a homeschooler with eight brothers and sisters, she had been horrified by a picture in a book of a 10-week-old aborted baby.

"I thought, how can anyone do this to a baby?" she recalled.

As she got older and learned more about abortion, she prayed, "God, use me somehow."

In 2002 she had learned about Life Dynamics' Mark Crutcher's undercover phone sting operation which exposed Planned Parenthood's "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding statutory rape victims.

"But Crutcher had no visuals," she said.

So, armed with an old camcorder in her purse, Lila and O'Keefe decided to see what they could get on videotape at a Planned Parenthood clinic near the campus.

While O'Keefe waited in the car, Rose rode the elevator to the second-floor abortion clinic and got buzzed in.

"Hi, can I talk to somebody?" she asked the woman behind the counter.

"Fill out the paperwork," the woman replied brusquely.

"Can I talk to somebody first?" countered Lila in a timid voice. "I'm 15, and I don't know what to do." Her boyfriend was 24, she added.

It was a clear case of statutory rape.

"California statute requires Planned Parenthood or any clinician to immediately report abuse like that to Child Protection Services or the police," Rose explained.

But the woman told her, "Just figure out a birth date that works. Say



Lila Rose's undercover sting operations have exposed Planned Parenthood's contempt for the law.

you're older than you are. No one will ever know."

Back in the car with O'Keefe, she told him, "You won't believe what they just told me. They told me to lie — they didn't care!"

The two drove off to another clinic the same day. This time O'Keefe went in with the supposedly 15-year-old Lila, posing as her 24-year-old boyfriend.

The clinic manager told them that she herself had gotten pregnant at 17, but went on and had the baby.

If she had it to do over, she said, she would "terminate the pregnancy."

The apparent statutory rape dilemma posed by the young couple

seated in front of her? No problem, she assured them.

O'Keefe went on to make national headlines last year with undercover videos exposing corrupt activities of ACORN in Baltimore and elsewhere.

Lila continued her undercover investigations of Planned Parenthood's violation of state laws meant to protect underage girls against sexual predators.

In the summer of 2008, Rose and three other young women traveled across the country, "to clinic after clinic, state after state, with my Hannah Montana shirt and bleached hair.

"We would say, 'I'm 13, he's 31.' We got clinicians on camera saying, 'Oh, we don't care how old he is, it doesn't matter. Just say you're 16.'"

"Or they would say, 'Have your 31-year-old boyfriend take you to a neighboring state where there's no parental consent law.'"

They called their effort the Mona Lisa Project.

"We created YouTube videos of this evidence, which we gave to law enforcement.

"After we released 11 different videos showing the same sexual abuse cover-up, we started seeing some results."

In Tennessee the state legislature defunded the local Planned Parenthood of \$1.1 million.

The Alabama State Health Department found nine violations in one year at one clinic that Rose had investigated.

They placed the clinic on probation. "They should have closed it down, but it was a good start," said Rose.

After the group had released two

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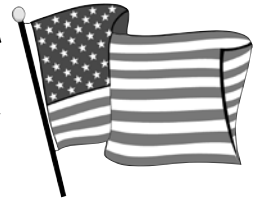
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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

As usual, there is much to tell and too little space in which to tell it.

Eileen Fitzpatrick Bolgiano – Co-Founder of Defend Life – RIP

Eileen Fitzpatrick Bolgiano, the co-founder of **DEFEND LIFE** back in 1987 along with myself, went on to her Eternal Reward on Thursday, September 16. Chances are **DEFEND LIFE** never would have begun had it not been for a picnic supper Eileen held at her beautiful North Baltimore home on Charlesbrooke Road in May, 1986. Eileen, who had founded the Cathedral Pro-Life group several years earlier, had been urging me to take it over, but I was reluctant to do so. After a great picnic, we reconvened in Eileen's living room. Two persons present that evening were the wonderful parents of **George Weigel** who later became the biographer of **John Paul the Great**. Perhaps that was a sign of great things to come for what ultimately was to become **DEFEND LIFE**.

Eileen made her plea for a successor to all those gathered. I reluctantly volunteered saying that I would do it **if someone helped with the typing**. The following fall, we began a bi-weekly speaker and video series in the Undercroft of the Cathedral on Sunday mornings. On the second Sunday morning, we would host a speaker and on the fourth Sunday we would show a great video. The turnouts were sparse, typically 10 to 15, but it was a beginning. Three of those monthly speakers were **Michael Schwartz**, **Judie Brown**, and **Joe Scheidler**. To make a long story short, we decided to move to Loyola College the following fall so that we could have our talks on Friday nights and hopefully attract larger crowds.

Eileen was reluctant at first, but with the help of **Joseph Koterski, S. J.**, then a Jesuit Scholastic who was teaching philosophy at Loyola, we pulled it off. We began having monthly lectures at Loyola's Old Maryland Hall in September of 1987. **Dr. Mildred Jefferson** was our very first speaker. Eileen came up with the beautiful name **DEFEND LIFE** as well as adopting **St Michael the Archangel** as our patron. How appropriate that was for the battles that lay ahead.

Eileen could never do enough to help. She was constantly making posters, hosting potluck suppers for our speakers and arranging picnics for other events. More importantly, she was a constant source of encouragement to me. **DEFEND LIFE** probably never would have begun without **Eileen Bolgiano**, and it certainly would not have continued without her constant encouragement.

I lost my own dear mother, **Helen Cebrelli Ames**, while I was still at Villanova and still getting to know her. Eileen was truly like a second mother to me and I will miss her so very much, more than mere words can convey.

Eileen is survived by her husband John, a retired attorney, and three adult sons, John, Jr., Ned, and David.

Well done, good and faithful servant! Eyes have not seen and ears have not heard the wonders God has prepared for you! Mass cards may be sent to **John Bolgiano, 8810 Walther Boulevard #1150, Baltimore, MD 21234**.

Lila Rose Tour a Smashing Success

The September Defend Life kick-off **Lecture Tour** featuring **Lila Rose** was a smashing success. You can read about it on page 9 of this newsletter. The last of four talks given by the amazing 22-year-old Lila was at Catholic University of America. Thanks to **Daria Phair** for her persistence in arranging this talk as well as the three others.

**We are starting
to see the fruits
of Catholic
Home Schooling!**

The talk at CUA was most heartening. The 200-seat auditorium was virtually full. The new president of Catholic, **John Garvey** and his wife were sitting attentively in the front row. Vice President of Student Life Sue Pervi was also there. **Deirdre Lawler**, the junior who heads the Student for Life group, ran the meeting beautifully. Deirdre just happens to be home schooled as was Lila Rose before she went to UCLA to major in **Pro-Life Activism**. Numerous other students to whom I spoke afterwards were also home schooled. Perhaps we are beginning to see the wonderful fruits of Catholic home schooling which, pray God, will be instrumental in taking back our Church and our country.

Lila's talk at Catholic was so outstanding she received a standing ovation!

Maryland Abortionists Biting the Dust Left and Right

Four abortionists will no longer be killing in Maryland. They include:

- Abortionist **Stephen Brigham** who could possibly be prosecuted for murder
- Abortionist **Nicola Riley** whose Maryland medical license has been suspended and could also be prosecuted for murder
- Abortionist **George Shepard** whose Maryland medical license has been suspended
- Ex-Seminarian and abortionist **Romeo Ferrer**, whose botched abortion in 2007 resulted in the death of a 21-year-old woman, has also had his license suspended; his Gynecare Abortuary in Severna Park is now closed!

Read more details about these exciting happenings in this issue of **DEFEND LIFE**. Briefly, **Stephen Brigham** owns and operates arbortuaries in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. Four of the five in Maryland operate under the name **American Women's Services**. The fifth one was a secret **NO NAME** abortuary located in Elkton, Maryland, which opened in January 2010. Brigham has already served 120 days in jail back in 1998 for billing fraud and **IRS** has **\$245,000** in liens against him for non-payment of payroll taxes. One of Brigham's arbortuaries, located just across the river from Philadelphia, was licensed only to do abortions through 14 weeks. To get around this, Brigham was inserting laminaria into these women at his New Jersey arbortuary and then convoying them the next day to the secret arbortuary in Elkton, Maryland where their second- and third-trimester abortions would be completed.

On August 13, an 18-year-old woman who was 21 weeks pregnant suffered a botched abortion at the **secret Elkton mill**. She could not be treated at nearby Union Hospital in Elkton because of the severity of her injuries, and was air lifted to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore (also an arbortuary) where emergency surgery was performed to save her life.

The abortion in Elkton was committed by Nicola Riley, an abortionist who was coming to Maryland from Salt Lake City, Utah. While in the military, this West Point graduate had committed credit card fraud and served one year at Fort Leavenworth penitentiary.

One week after the botched abortion, Elkton police raided the secret abortion mill. They found the remains of 35 babies, some as old as 37 weeks stored in freezers. The law in Maryland clearly allows for third-trimester abortions. But if an abortion is committed after viability (generally considered to be 24 weeks gestation) by someone without a Maryland medical license, that person can be prosecuted for murder or manslaughter. The question remains: **who committed the abortions of the numerous babies who were older than 24 weeks?**

Was it **Brigham, Riley**, others aborting under Brigham's direction, or all of the above? **See the ad on page 20 to help put these abortionists behind bars!**

Spread this important information to your friends as they most likely will not learn about it in the media.

Long Live Christ Our King!



Jack Ames, Director

Enclosure

ROSE, from page 9

videos of Indiana clinics, some of their workers were fired or suspended.

"So we've seen some results, said Rose.

But Planned Parenthood still has a \$1 billion budget, she noted.

One-third of it comes from state and federal funding. They help raise the other two-thirds through "very successful, manipulative sales techniques," she said.

Rose's next project targeted the dishonest sales pitches Planned Parenthood uses on unsuspecting clients.

She named it the Rosa Acuna Project, after a New Jersey woman who, trying to decide if she should have an abortion, had asked the abortionist, "Would I be killing a baby?"

"He said, 'Don't be stupid! It's just a blood clot, a bunch of cells,'" said Lila.

"Her conscience soothed, she went through with the abortion."

Back home after the abortion, Acuna began bleeding profusely and went to the emergency room.

There she was told that she had some parts of her baby – an arm and a leg – left in her.

Then she realized she had killed her own baby.

"There are millions of Rosa Acunas being lied to," said Lila.

"In the Rosa Acuna Project we again went across the country. We

Planned Parenthood has posted Lila Rose's picture in their clinics.

documented all these lies: Planned Parenthood clinicians giving outright medical disinformation about basic, elementary facts about pregnancy and unborn children.

"They told us on camera that the baby's heartbeat starts at 11 weeks, 18 weeks, or right before the baby is born.

"We'd ask, 'Does it have arms and legs?' They'd answer, no, it

looks like a bean – or like an electrical flicker – or like a blood clot."

Planned Parenthood is on the lookout for Rose and her team. They have posted her picture in their clinics – both as a brunette, and when she had bleached her hair platinum blonde as a disguise, "next to the picture of one of my best friends, Jackie, who has also done investigations."

But her organization, Live Action, is continuing its undercover efforts.

"As Fr. Frank Pavone says, 'In the practice of vice, how can there be any virtue?' So in the practice of the killing of unborn children, we're not going to find any virtue.

"It should not surprise us that in an abortion clinic, sin abounds, murder abounds, all these evil things abound.

"It's up to us to drag this ugliness out into the light of day so that people can see it for what it is and say, 'I don't want this in my country any more.'"

Lila Rose's website is Live Action.org.

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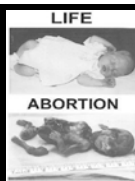
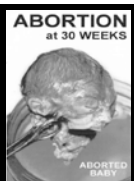
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One morning's work nets two saved babies

By Kurt Linneman

Saturday morning, August 8, proved to be a divine appointment for me, resulting in two babies being saved from the butchery of an abortionist, and two sets of parents being saved from broken hearts.

All week I had felt led to go to Gynemed Surgical (abortion) Center to stand as a witness for life and to offer women alternatives to abortion. So with the prompting of the Holy Spirit, I went to their facility at 17 Fontana Lane in Baltimore.

I arrived at 8:45 a.m., bringing three 3-by-5-foot photo signs and one sign stand. One photo was of a second-trimester aborted baby, another was of a third-trimester aborted baby, and the last was of a healthy 8-week-old baby. I also held a small sign reading, "You Are Not Alone, You Have a Choice; We Can Help You."

When I arrived, I saw a nicely dressed African-American woman talking on her cell phone while standing by herself on the top stair in front of the door to Gynemed.

Although she was 50 feet from me, I began talking to her about the decision she was about to make.

I spoke of the innocence of her son or daughter who was about to be killed by her own decision. I spoke about the horrible death her baby would go through in abortion. I encouraged her to make a life decision. I told her that she is a great mom and would make a great parent. She seemed not to hear or care and eventually went inside.

Shortly after that, I saw a good-looking young African-American man standing by himself on the same stairs leading to Gynemed. I

began to call out to him, asking him not to kill his baby boy or girl, asking him to be a hero and bring his woman out of that killing place.

I described what would happen to his baby in abortion. I encouraged him to take a stand for life – to choose life for his baby, his woman and himself.

I challenged him by saying that men were meant to defend life, not take life – especially the life of their own son or daughter. He, like the girl, did not seem to hear me or care.

Shortly after this, a van pulled into the parking lot and an Arab-looking man and woman got out of the van.

The man started walking toward me. I thought, *Here it goes!*

The woman was dressed as most women are who are scheduled to kill their child: in baggy clothes. I began to call out to this couple as I had to the African-American woman and man. The woman proceeded up the stairs into Gynemed while the man started walking toward me. I thought, *Here it goes!* I was sure he was going to get in a verbal or physical confrontation with me.

Much to my surprise, he came up to me and said, "I believe in what you are doing."

"Then why are you here?" I asked.

He explained that during their last pregnancy, his wife had preeclampsia, which is a potentially life-threatening condition due to very high blood pressure.

He said they had three other children who were waiting in the van and he did not want them to lose their mom.

He said she was not suffering from preeclampsia now, but there was the chance she might.

"You are going to kill your child because of a chance?" I responded. He said yes.

I asked if he had spoken with any OB/GYNs about her current pregnancy and past experience. He said he had talked to three doctors who all told him that just because she had this condition before does not automatically mean that she will have it again.

"We really do not want to go through with this," he admitted.

"Then don't!" I urged. "Go in there right now and bring her out."

"I will," he replied. "I'm going to get her right now."

But he did not go in but instead, walked around the parking lot for 15 minutes talking on his cell phone.

Then he walked back up to me and said he spoke to the doctor about his situation.

"Your OB/GYN?" I queried.

"No, the abortionist at Gynemed," he replied.

Much to my shock, the abortionist said that if that was the only reason that he was getting an abortion, she would advise him to keep the baby and have their OB/GYN treat his wife as a high-risk pregnancy.

As he spoke, I could see his wife walking down the stairs from the Gynemed killing center. I waved to her, and she smiled and waved back.

As they drove away, they both said thank-you!

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Readers protest review of Jones' *Medjugorje Deception*

The following are emails from readers objecting to the book review, "Jones takes a hard look at Medjugorje," in the July-August Defend Life.

Having read Diane Levero's Michael Jones book review regarding Medjugorje, I was quite dismayed at the misinformation it contained and also questioned the purpose of *Defend Life* allowing such horrendous, misleading information to be published.

I have made pilgrimage seven times to Medjugorje since 1988, as have quite a few people from Frederick and Libertytown. We all have seen and know for a fact that Ivan does not live in a mansion and that he is an humble servant of the Lord that along with his wife are more than willing to make sacrifices to do the Lord's will.

For a truthful review of Medjugorje, Queenship Publishing has a very good booklet entitled, *Medjugorje - What Does the Church Say?*

A more detailed history of these events is documented in *Medjugorje: A Time For Truth and a Time For Action* (available from Queenship Publishing Company).

Immediately after reading the article, I closed the magazine with a very saddened heart that an organization such as yours would turn from mainstream articles on your apostolate to defend life to such a misinformed article that has positively nothing to do with ending abortion.

The next piece of mail I received was a petition from Fr. Groeschel to support Catholic Advocate, a group working to get true practicing Catholics into Congress. I'm wondering if the Lord is telling me

it is time to reevaluate who and what we are supporting.

More than 32 million pilgrims have visited Medjugorje, and it did not all but shut down during the Croat/Serbian war, as the book review stated. I traveled to Medjugorje during the war and it was very much alive with pilgrims at that time.

The Church judges truth by the fruits it produces. Since Medjugorje, we have had and still are receiving many priest and religious vocations as the result of Our Lady's daily appearances. Please pray about Medjugorje, as Levero's article has done a great disservice to Our Blessed Mother's work throughout the World.

Priscilla Spielman
St. Peter's Church, Libertytown

The article about Medjugorje was outrageous and scandalous and should never have been printed in your magazine!

It has nothing to do with pro-life, so at the very least it was inappropriate for a pro-life magazine

It implies that Pope John Paul II used the "apparitions" to help cause the war. This is so scandalous an accusation, it is beyond comprehension and is very injurious to the faithful.

Two priests that I know personally received or had affirmed their vocations there.

The daughter of a personal friend received an immediate gift of faith and went from being a person who never went to Mass to going daily.

A personal friend had a medal blessed there and he has given this medal to numerous women who ei-

ther could not conceive or could not carry children to term. These women now have healthy babies.

I will let the Holy Roman Catholic Church decide if this is authentic or not.

Defend Life MUST print a retraction and an apology because this article is too scandalous to stand.

God bless you and your pro-life work.

Charlie Hawkins

The article you allowed to go in your last issue on Medjugorje was off purpose. Not a good idea to venture into areas that don't line up with your mission.

Sent with the best intentions,

Pax Domini.
Rob Bart, Jr

I have been debating whether to discontinue receiving the *Defend Life* newsletter based on the book review on the subject of Medjugorje. It was pointed out to me by a fellow parishioner that the contents of the article were extremely offensive, especially to those who have been to Medjugorje. It was judged to be an unfair and one-sided opinion and should never have appeared in your publication. Based on this, my fellow parishioner, Madeline Bender (an active believer in your cause) has authorized me to request that she be taken off your mailing list.

Thank you.

Helen Scanlan

Medjugorje changed my life and the lives of millions

By Missy Smith

It was a stormy spring night, that March 16, 1993, when the phone rang. I answered it to hear Sister Jeannette's voice on the other end, from our son John Lewis Smith IV's school in Ridgely, Maryland, The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children.

John was born April 23, 1974, and indeed he was "exceptional" and was about to be 19 years old.

John had been born with Down syndrome.

At birth the doctor counseled my husband Lewis that John's bassinet should be pushed to the side and he was not to be fed, killing him.

"This is the way we handle these babies," was his strong professional opinion. My husband was horrified and considered punching the pediatrician out, right there in the hospital corridor. Lewis was 6-foot-2, 200 pounds, and was known for his impulsive inclination to deck a man when it was called for.

Since he represented organized medicine as an attorney and all the doctors in the Washington, D.C., area, I guess he thought better of it. Instead he came to my room and held me close, assuring me that we would bestow on our son the name that for three generations had honored the legal profession: John Lewis Smith IV.

He also whispered that we were never to pity John, that he was to be treated with respect and dignity like all other human beings.

A second doctor, a specialist in neurology, advised us to not bring John home from the hospital but to send him directly to an institution in Pennsylvania. "This child will ruin your marriage and your family," he

said. No more untrue words were ever spoken.

Despite all the "professional" advice, Lewis and I brought John into our home and our hearts.

He was to have 10 surgeries before he was six. All this notwithstanding, John became the love of our lives. He was to be "Heaven's Very Special Child" in every way. Unconditional love was the hallmark of his life.

At the age of 14 it became apparent he needed to have peers. The Benedictine School, with a residential program and 45 minutes away from our home, afforded him the education, the social exposure and the training for the future he needed to work and live in an independent living home.

He came home every weekend.

It was very unusual for Sister Jeanette to call me and I could feel my breath catch in my throat. She informed me John had collapsed in the gym with his friends after dinner and they were on their way to the hospital. She gave me directions and I headed out in the dark and rain with our 23-year-old daughter, Gigi.

Gigi and I prayed that John's life would be spared. I found myself even bargaining with God to let him live and in return I would return to the faith of my father's. I promised to say the rosary and go to Mass daily.

At that time I had drifted away from my Catholic faith, becoming a cafeteria Catholic at best, picking and choosing what I wanted and not following the rest. So much confusion, so many mistakes, so much heartache.

Sister Jeanette met us at the hospital with the news. They had tried everything and could not revive him.

My life changed forever that

wicked night, in ways I could not have comprehended or forecast.

On the drive home, the rain was hard and the tears were many. The ensuing days were filled with funeral arrangements and a great outpouring of love.

When the dust settled, I was left with only my memories of "Heaven's Very Special Child" and questions in my mind about where he was.

Although John didn't physically live, I knew his spirit lived on and remembered my Catholic faith's teaching on eternal life. I felt moved to keep my end of the bargain and returned to Mass every day with new ears and eyes. My faith in seeing John again was very comforting. It was simply a matter of time.

On December 8, 1994, John's teacher and my friend, Donna Tambornino, and I had dinner.

Donna gave me a book by Marian author and lawyer Janice Connell titled *Visions of the Children*.

The book was a compilation of interviews with the visionaries from Medjugorje, the small village in Yugoslavia where the Mother of God was said to be appearing to six young children and giving them messages for the world.

Janice had traveled with family members to Medjugorje, arriving there in the middle of the night.

They were drawn to the electrified 30-ton cross on Mt. Krizevac. It was only in the morning that they found out the cross was illuminated supernaturally. In the light of day it was simply a large concrete cross at the top of the mountain.

As an attorney Janice deposed each of the visionaries and filled the book with her questions and their answers.

It was apparent to me by the

children's responses that it was from God's mouth to their ears, since these humble, uneducated young people had no other way to be so well-spoken on every issue.

No one I know could answer Janice's questions so directly, simply and theologically correct, unless God was using them in a very holy, powerful way to inspire Our Lord's poor lost sheep and have them "turn back to God before it is too late," as the Blessed Mother repeatedly begged.

There are only a few times in my life which I call "Holy Spirit moments," when I can actually feel the Holy Spirit move me strongly, and this was definitely one of those times. Somewhere in my heart I just knew it was God calling me and I knew I was going.

Donna reminded me there was a civil war going on in Medjugorje. I said, "Well, I am going anyway." And go I did, flying into Paris to meet Donna and a French-speaking group of pilgrims.

We arrived at four in the morning after three airplane flights and being bused into the village of Medjugorje in the dead of night because of the war.

We could hear the mortar fire coming from Mostar. No sooner had we nodded off to sleep then the cock crowed and we were all up, anxious to see the sleepy village of Medjugorje.

There were no sidewalks or street lights – just one or two stores with rosaries, a tiny "restaurant," and lots of dry, dusty roads. Mass was said in numerous languages in St. James Church during the day.

The church had been considered large when built, since there were only 200 families in the village. No one had realized that soon there would be millions of pilgrims coming to pray there.

Mass was said in Croatian every evening in the fields in the back of St. James. There were just sharp stones and dust to kneel on.

The first night, as Donna and I walked back to our rooms along a dirt road, we looked up at the sky and saw the most amazing star. It contained a large, pulsating heart and we smelled the beautiful "scent of sanctity."

We were directed to focus on our spiritual relationship with God and not on the "signs and wonders," of which there were many, for they were there only for encouragement.

The days and nights consisted of Mass, the rosary and prayer. Trips up the side of the mountain took over an hour, stopping at all 14 of the Stations of the Cross, kneeling in the dirt filled with sharp, pointed stones. Some pilgrims removed their shoes to suffer more.

Each evening we would see the women of the village come from their homes dressed in long black skirts, their heads covered with scarves and carrying rosaries, heading to the field in the back of St. James for 5:30 Mass.

Outside the church were 20 confessionals where confessions were heard every day in every language.

Sister Emanuel had started an order of nuns in the woods of Medjugorje and we went as a group to visit and pray at the convent.

As Donna and I were returning, we were alarmed to see enormous flames at least 8 to 10 feet high on the side of Mt. Krizevac. We later found out that what we saw was called "the fire that does not consume": another of the "signs and wonders" sent to encourage our faith.

Every day at exactly 6:40 p.m. in the Room of Apparitions, our Blessed Mother appeared to the visionaries and gave them a message

for the world.

So often we heard the words, "To Jesus through Mary," and indeed that was what was happening there. Mary was leading us back to her son with messages, prayer and grace.

August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, is the most glorious day in Medjugorje since Our Lady appears completely in gold. We had all wanted to be there to celebrate her feast day and she called us to the smaller mountain, called Blue Mountain, for a message.

Thousands of pilgrims walked up the steep hill saying the rosary in every language imaginable.

Our time in Medjugorje passed quickly.

I can't prove to anyone that Medjugorje is an authentic apparition site. Only God knows that.

I am reasonably certain that the scandalous accusations made by E. Michael Jones have some truth in them. I don't see where that makes Medjugorje false. Humans sin. Only God is sinless.

I only wonder, why these vicious attacks? What is behind them?

My guess is it is my old friend whom I call "Hairy Legs," Satan. I am sure he hates the enormous number of vocations and conversions connected to this place of redemption.

All I know is that my life changed and the fruit of my pilgrimage was good works.

Specifically, I became a fulltime pro-life activist. Simply asking God to use me as He saw fit, my life became God-centered, and where there had been sin, it was replaced with love and closeness to Jesus, Mary, all the angels and the saints.

My story is only one of millions of conversions. Good fruit does not

See MEDJUGORJE, page 19

Abortionist tries to justify himself to pro-lifers

By Theodore Gordon

An unusual event occurred on March 23 at the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic in Berwyn Heights, Md.

An abortionist, Dr. A. H. Gohari, initiated a lengthy discussion of his practice with two pro-life activists in front of the clinic. The encounter came as a complete surprise to the activists, who at the time were engaged in a private conversation.

Dr. Gohari must have recognized them because he walked over to the two, who were in compliance with the proscribed boundaries regarding his clinic, dutifully standing behind an imaginary line.

The doctor respected the boundaries as much as the two he addressed. Anyone viewing the scene might have found it comical, if he were able to ignore the serious reasons for the pro-lifers being there.

One activist had considerable counseling experience, the other less, but the doctor revealed no secrets that the two were not familiar with.

The doctor seemed in no mood to accept our literature.

He apparently wanted to be sure his reasons for being an abortionist were clearly understood. His discourse lasted about 30 minutes and included the obligatory show-stopper; "Babies are just soulless blobs of tissue."

In a fit of self-congratulation he also made sure we knew he was providing a necessary service to women, who are quite capable of deciding for themselves if they want an abortion.

He gave a few biographical details. He said that he was near the

top of his university class and that he and his brother had arrived in this country with about \$10 million.

He said that he would not choose to be an abortionist again. In another, earlier meeting with one of the demonstrators, Dr. Gohari had said he would be retiring soon from medicine because of a weak heart.

One may surmise that Dr. Gohari finds the service he is providing to women is taking its toll on his peace of mind. He made known several times that he would be quite happy if we simply left him in peace.

We listened. Among the subjects he addressed were the thousands of abortions he had done, and that Abraham and Christ were just concepts, not God or prophets.

The doctor returned to the issue of money for abortions several times, always insisting he was not performing abortions for money but as a public service.

We interrupted a few times to point out to him that we hoped he would go out of business. To this he responded that already in the U.S. the number of abortion clinics was declining.

Twice we said that he was operating the abortuary for money. The second time we mentioned this motivation, the doctor turned on his heel and went inside his clinic, but not before telling us of the decline in numbers of abortuaries in the U.S.

His point in so stating was to re-emphasize his opinion that it would be a foolish business decision to enter a field for money when that field had declining earnings and many of its practitioners were out of business.

The man was beside himself; irrational in his discourse, often fin-

gering our clothing and saying he "loved us." The half-hour was filled with repetitions of what he had already said many times.

A few minutes after he left us, he came out of the clinic, got into his black Mercedes, drove towards us across the imaginary line, turned abruptly to the right on the sidewalk, then swerved onto Greenbelt Road to the east.

Contemplating the scene, looking for the deeper meaning of two pro-lifers listening across an imaginary line to an obviously distraught, irrational abortionist, one might sense a faint whiff of repentance.

Was the good doctor expressing repentance to us? Was this a moment of grace for this man?

One of the clearest passages of Scripture is Chapter 16 of the Gospel of John: "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit thinks globally. No one is excluded.



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In My Humble Opinion

Some thoughts on the Md. primary election results

By Janet Baker

First, let me make a little “disclaimer.” The opinions in this article are mine alone. They do not necessarily reflect those of the editorial staff of this newsletter or those of the leadership of Defend Life.

Unlike other areas of the country, there were no Tea-Party style upsets here. There was the potential for one in the Republican gubernatorial race. Brian Murphy, a relative newcomer to politics who ran on a solid pro-life, pro-family platform, lost to Robert Ehrlich.

He garnered 25 percent of the vote across Maryland – not bad, for a newcomer, and for one who had the GOP establishment stacked against him. I hope we haven’t heard the last from him.

In the primaries for federal-level offices, all incumbents won their respective primaries. Of these, only Roscoe Bartlett, current congressman for District 6, espouses a pro-life position – and has championed it during his career. The following candidates for U.S. House of Representatives espouse pro-life positions:

- Andrew Harris – District 1
- Robert Broadus – District 4
- Charles Lollar – District 5
- Michael Phillips – District 8

I do not know enough about the Republican candidates for Districts 2, 3 or 7 to comment on them.

Barbara Mikulski, the senior U.S. senator from

Maryland, is up for re-election. Throughout her checkered career, she has taken every opportunity to vote for liberalized abortion, the promotion of the gay lifestyle, etc.

Just this past December, when the Obama health bill was being debated, she authored an amendment to allow abortion to be covered as “preventative care.” She made no secret of her favoring of abortion funding. So who’s running against her?

Eric Wargotz won the Republican primary and will face Mikulski in the general election. He does espouse a pro-life platform. If you want a laugh, check out a video of his at youtube.com/watch?v=v3k6PM9AEos. Yes, it’s cheesy, but it’s supposed to be.

I’ll say only one word about Montgomery County results, because there was a bit of a Tea-Party expulsion there. Duchy Trachtenberg, during her tenure as at-large councilperson, has been an absolute menace to unborn children and families. You might recall recent struggles in Montgomery County with bills favoring transgender “rights” and the signage required of pro-life pregnancy centers. She authored both those bills. That’s not too surprising from a former Maryland NOW president. However, on September 14, her career ended (at least for now). Deo gratias!

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MEDJUGORJE, from page 16

come from a bad tree.

When I think of the questioning around Medjugorje's authenticity, I remember the opening lines of the movie, "The Song of Bernadette": "For those that don't believe, there is no explanation possible. For those that believe, no explanation is necessary."

SAVES, from page 13

Looking up at the top floor of the building where Gynemed is located, I saw the young African-American woman and man whom I had called out to earlier.

I realized they were a couple, so I once again began speaking with them. After 10 minutes they both started walking down the stairs away from Gynemed. I was filled with joy as I thought, *They are reversing their decision to kill their own child.*

Although I lost sight of them for a while, my hope was, *please keep going.*

Several minutes later they drove past me. I offered them literature about abortion alternatives. They did not stop, and my prayer continued: Keep going and never come back to this killing place.

In just about one hour, two babies were spared a certain, cruel and inhuman death. Two sets of parents will not have to live with the lifetime regret that they murdered their own child. Heaven rejoiced and so did I.

Brothers and sisters, our presence at killing centers, a.k.a. abortion clinics, makes a difference. Babies and hearts are saved.

Be faithful, be courageous. You will be amazed at how God can use you. We are His hands, feet and

mouths in the world.

Come as you are, with a heart of praise, trusting in our Savior, armed with prayers, a mouth, text signs, your rosary, healthy baby signs and yes, even with pictures of aborted babies that show the handiwork of the abortionist death mongers.

Do not fear or let self-doubt stop you. God is with us; God is for us. We cannot be defeated!

As many of you know, I am the executive director of CBR Maryland, a regional office for the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform.

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PROTEST, from page 14

I need to comment on the book review by Diane Levero in the July – August issue of *Defend Life*.

In 1981 Medjugorje was under Communist rule and it was not an easy time for the visionaries. Also, tests were inflicted on the children during the apparitions to see their reactions. As at Fatima, I don't think these children would let all this hap-

pen if they were making it all up.

We must test the authenticity of the visions and messages by their fruits. There have been many eye-witnessed miracles and conversions. When a person asked the late Pope John Paul II if it was okay to go on pilgrimage to Medjugorje since the church had not ruled on it, he said, "Go."

There is nothing in the *messages* new or contrary to Church teachings, only a Loving Mother pleading with and teaching her children to draw closer to Jesus. Pray, pray, pray and fast is the main message. Check out medjugorje.com for more information.

I think Mr. Jones has focused on the half-truths, innuendos and anything negative, rather than on the over-shadowing positive messages and effects of the apparitions.

Peggy Lunnen

The book review, "Jones takes a hard look at Medjugorje," is a one-sided attack on Medjugorje. It is full of lies. For *Defend Life* to print it shows a profound lack of journalistic integrity and honesty.

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