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Md. State Police meet the First Amendment State pays \$385,000 to Defend Lifers for wrongful arrests

The Maryland State Police have agreed to pay \$385,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by nine pro-lifers whom State Police arrested and jailed during Defend Life's 2008 Face the Truth Tour.

The state's Board of Public Works approved the payment on March 7 without discussion.

"This is a landmark settlement," said Defend Life Director Jack Ames, one of the nine plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

"If we ever have a problem with the State Police interfering with our constitutional rights on our Truth Tours in the future, we can go back to federal court and sue the Maryland State Police once again – so that's huge."

The settlement follows a 2011 summary judgment by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Bennett that the seven state troopers named in the lawsuit along with the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police violated the Defend Lifers' First Amendment free speech rights and their Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable seizures.

"The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of free speech – a right that was unquestionably restricted by the Troopers' actions on August 1, 2008,"



Katelyn, James and Alex Palmateer of Perry Hall display a sign along with Jack Ames at the State Police Barrack in Bel Air announcing the settlement for the unconstitutional arrests of 18 Defend Lifers in 2008.

Judge Bennett wrote.

The State Police agreed to settle out of court rather than proceed to a jury trial for assessment of damages the pro-lifers suffered due to the state troopers' unconstitutional actions.

The settlement agreement states that the Maryland State Police cannot restrict speech, including speech employing images of aborted human babies, based on the reactions of viewers or motorists to that speech.

The State Police also must begin a program to train their officials and employees on First and Fourth Amendment rights in accord with Judge Bennett's opinion.

The program must include instruction that "offensive" speech receives broad First Amendment protection and cannot be restricted based upon the hostile reaction of people hearing or viewing it.

Finally, the agreement states, the program must include a detailed review of the pro-lifers' 2008 arrest case, including Judge Bennett's opinion, as an example of "inappropriate law enforcement conduct."

"We intend to follow through and see that this First and Fourth Amendment training is done, and done properly – that it's not just cosmetic training, but real training," said Ames.

Responding to the Board of Public Works approval of the settlement, State Police spokesman Greg Shipley stated that the troopers “acted in good faith, in the interest of public safety,” and that the troopers were responding “to numerous calls from motorists who complained of individuals disrupting traffic at the intersection.”

Shipley’s statement contradicts Judge Bennett’s conclusion in his opinion that, “While some of the recorded calls reference traffic concerns, it is clear that the overwhelming sentiment of the callers relates to their offense or disapproval of the *content* of the Tour’s signs depicting aborted fetuses.” (Emphasis in the original.)

In a sworn deposition given by Lieutenant Douglas Zeller, commander of the Bel Air State Police Barrack at the time of the August 1, 2008, arrests, Zeller said, in part, “If I knew the freedom of speech applied to this case, you know, I would not have done what I’ve done . . . what I’ve gotten out of this case has enlightened me greatly . . . If I knew what I know today, I wouldn’t have arrested.”

The 2008 mass arrest of 18 pro-lifers (16 of whom were jailed overnight) occurred during Defend Life’s annual Face the Truth Tour, in which pro-lifers stood along highways throughout Maryland, holding graphic posters of aborted babies to show the public the reality of abortion.

On August 1, 2008, the final day of the five-day tour, pro-lifers conducted a stop on the grassy shoulder along Route 24, near Route 924 in Harford County.

State police began to receive a deluge of complaints from motorists about the demonstrators.

These calls prompted the Maryland State Police into action.

Trooper Christopher Bradley, the



The \$385,000 settlement mandates that State Police instruct their troopers not to arrest pro-lifers merely for exercising their free speech rights, as this trooper did in 2008.

first trooper to arrive on the scene, told Tour Director Elizabeth Walsh that the tour needed a permit to demonstrate.

When Walsh said she didn’t have a permit, Bradley said, “You need to pack up and go, or you’re going to jail, that’s it.”

**‘If I knew what
I know today, I wouldn’t
have arrested.’
– Lt. Douglas Zeller**

Harford County has no such permit requirement, said Judge Bennett, adding, “The Troopers interpreted the non-existent permit requirement as closing all of Harford County, and not merely a small section of Route 24 to the demonstrators.”

The pro-lifers moved their demonstration about five miles north on

Route 24, within the town of Bel Air, believing that there they were out of the jurisdiction of the State Police.

Following more motorists’ complaints at the new location, the troopers swooped in and arrested 18 tour members in about one-half hour.

Harford County, also named as a defendant in the Truth Tour lawsuit, reached an out of court settlement for an undisclosed amount with the pro-lifers in March 2011.

The settlement with Harford County forbids “strip searches” of arrestees who were engaged in First Amendment activities.

During the 2008 arrests, female arrestees had to lift up their shirts and then lift their brassieres off their breasts during a search at the Harford County Detention Center.

Attorneys from the Thomas More Society, the Alliance Defense Fund and the American Catholic Lawyers Association represented the pro-lifers in the lawsuit.

Constellation works to kill Defense of Marriage Act

Foes charge Gov. O'Malley with collusion for political gain

Folks in Central Maryland who get their gas and electric service from BGE may be surprised to learn that their monthly payments are helping to fund litigation to overturn the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

Constellation Energy, the parent company of Baltimore Gas & Electric, is among 70 companies or organizations who, in November, signed a friend of the court brief supporting two lower court rulings that DOMA is unconstitutional.

In 2010 a U.S. District Court judge in Boston ruled in two suits challenging DOMA that the law is unconstitutional because it violates the Fifth and Tenth Amendments.

The amicus brief filed by Constellation Energy and other large employers such as Microsoft, Starbucks and Google argues that DOMA forces them unfairly to discriminate against certain employees; burdens these employees and strains the employer/employee relationship; and forces the employers to incur administrative burdens and expense.

Leaders in the battles against same-sex marriage and abortion suspect a link between Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley's well-known ambitions for higher office and Constellation's signing on to the anti-Defense of Marriage Act brief.

Jonathan Baker, director of the National Organization for Marriage's Corporate Fairness Project, points to the March 12 sale of Constellation Energy to Exelon Corporation, a merger that was approved by Maryland's Public Service Commission on February 17.

"I find it notable that both Constellation and Exelon signed onto

the anti-DOMA brief when no other energy companies did so," observed Baker – "and that the [Public Service Commission] approval was granted on the same day that the Maryland House of Delegates approved same-sex marriage after being heavily lobbied by Governor O'Malley, who would also hold a large degree of influence over mergers approved by the Maryland Public Utilities department."

Baker quotes from the Public Service Commission's approval decision, which states that while Exelon's and Constellation's present stances on "diversity" are "accept-

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– Tom Strobhar

able," "the merged companies must go further."

"Work force diversity requires a commitment to employment goals that foster inclusiveness," the Commission states.

The Commission's approval document goes on to instruct that "Exelon should, if it has not already, appoint a company-wide team tasked with ensuring that both supplier and work force diversity are fundamental parts of the business culture of the merged Company."

Agreeing with Baker is Tom Strobhar, chairman of Life Decisions International, an organization that has helped convince over 200 companies to stop giving money to

Planned Parenthood.

"O'Malley may have used BG&E to further his political agenda," said Strobhar.

"Keep in mind, BG&E is one of the largest employers in the state. If he can get them on board for same-sex marriage, he has stifled public opinion from any employees there. Comment and you might lose your job.

"The fact that BG&E is trying to overturn a validly passed law without a vote of any kind is incredible," Strobhar added. "Once again the gay-rights folks want the results without any messy things like votes!

"This entire episode smells of political collusion. Maybe it is time for the 'cowardly' rate payers to stand up and ask BG&E to get back to providing low cost energy and leave the politics to the politicians."

The Defense of Marriage Act, in which the federal government defines marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman, passed both houses of Congress by large majorities and was signed into law by President Clinton in 1996.

DOMA forbids recognition of same-sex marriages for all federal purposes, including family insurance benefits for government employees, Social Security survivors' benefits, and joint tax filings.

The Obama administration announced in February 2011 that it had determined that DOMA was unconstitutional and that the U.S. Department of Justice, which ordinarily defends federal laws, will no longer defend DOMA in court.

New York Cardinal Timothy

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Defend Life targets Mike Miller's pro-abortion record

Why does Maryland have an abortion law that allows abortion for any reason at any gestational age up to the birth of the baby?

On February 5 and 19 Defend Life took to the streets to name names: specifically, that of Maryland State Senate President Mike Miller.

They centered their campaign in Clinton, Md., where Miller was born and raised and attended St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

On February 5 Defend Lifers leafleted cars on the parking lot at St. John's with large post cards detailing Miller's pro-abortion record and asking Donald Cardinal Wuerl to refuse Communion to the pro-abortion senator.

Two Sundays later, a dozen Defend Life demonstrators lined Old Branch Avenue in front of the church, holding signs reading "Pray for Mike Miller's Conversion" and large graphic posters of aborted babies.

"We wanted to create an awareness that Miller is the leader of the pro-abortion forces in Annapolis," explained Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

As parishioners entered or left the church's 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Masses, "A lot gasped in horror when they saw the signs of aborted babies," said Bill Simpson, one of the demonstrators.

"We got a lot of people who were very supportive. One guy, a Hispanic Catholic named Luis, just saw us and joined us. He stayed with us for 1½ hours, holding a sign."

Ames noted one angry response by a man who took pictures of the demonstrators.

"I talked to him genteelly," said



Pro-lifers picket State Senate President Mike Miller's law offices in Clinton.

Ames. "About 20 minutes later he simmered down and came back and talked to me."

Long-time pro-life activist Ron Brock joined in the effort, driving his pick-up truck plastered with 18 "Pray for Mike Miller's Conversion" signs around Annapolis for several days before the February 19 picket.

The day before the demonstration, Ames received a certified letter from the pastor of St. John's, Fr. Jaime Hernandez, warning him that "distribution of leaflets on parish property is not permitted, and you must refrain from doing so in the future."

Father Hernandez stated that Defend Life's planned demonstration in front of the church "must take place on public property."

Ames had talked with Hernandez on February 5 when he was leafleting.

"I had a very pleasant conversation with him," he recalled.

Ames learned that the young pastor grew up in El Salvador and

had gotten his leg blown off in a land mine.

"He didn't object to what we were doing" at the time, said Ames. "He is very pro-life."

At the February 19 demonstration, said Simpson, Father Hernandez came out and said, "You can't be here on our property; you have to go across the street."

In preparation for the event, however, Simpson had earlier gone to Prince George's County offices and spent three hours researching the property lines in front of the church.

He showed the pastor plats, aerial photos, and an 1859 deed, which proved that the demonstrators were on public property.

"A woman came with him and said, 'You shouldn't be here! Children shouldn't see these signs.'"

"I reminded her and Father that we were there to pray for Mike's eternal salvation – we weren't there against the church."

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Board hits saline abortion doc with multiple charges

A 59-year-old Forestville, Md., abortionist is facing charges by the Maryland State Board of Physicians that include allegedly botching a second-semester saline abortion and then trying to deny that the woman was even his patient.

The saline abortion case proved to be just the tip of an iceberg of multiple charges brought by the Board against Harold O. Alexander.

Subsequent investigations by the Board uncovered numerous instances in which Alexander allegedly provided substandard medical care resulting in adverse effects to the patient; kept sloppy patient medical records, or no records at all; prescribed Viagra and other drugs to friends, family and himself in what he called “curbside consults”; and made raunchy and offensive sexual remarks to female patients.

According to the Board’s January 20 charging document, on April 5, 2006, the Board received a complaint from the attending physician at “Hospital B” alleging that Alexander had begun a second trimester abortion on “Patient A” by saline injection and had subsequently told the patient to go to the nearest hospital when she began contracting.

Patient A, a 25-year-old female who was 20+ weeks pregnant, came to Hospital B on March 31, 2006, with cramping, vaginal bleeding and nausea.

The woman’s membranes had been ruptured, she had no amniotic fluid, and there was a single puncture site in her abdomen.

An ultrasound revealed no fetal heartbeat. The hospital obstetricians induced labor to complete the abortion.

When the woman told the hospital that Dr. Alexander had begun

the saline abortion the day before, the attending physician phoned Alexander and spoke to his nursing assistant.

The nursing assistant said that Alexander had no medical records on the woman, as she had been seen as a “consult,” and that the abortionist was unavailable. Alexander did not return the physician’s phone call.



Harold Alexander faces charges that he botched a second-trimester saline abortion and then denied that the woman was even his patient.

The woman, however, produced a receipt for \$2,000 cash dated March 30, 2006, from Alexander’s medical facility, as well as copies of prescriptions issued by the abortionist on the same day, including one for Methergine, which increases the rate and strength of uterine contractions.

On May 11, 2007, Alexander filed a written response to the Board stating that he couldn’t locate Patient A’s medical records and that he “[did] not believe that this is a patient that I have treated.”

The Board staff sent Alexander

documentation showing that he had provided care to Patient A.

Finally, in a March 8, 2010, written response, Alexander wrote, “Having seen the complaint . . . it is apparent that I did perform a second trimester abortion” on Patient A.

Alexander also admitted, “Further, for patients who are more than 20 weeks pregnant, my practice is to terminate pregnancies with saline intra-amniotic injections as described in the complaint.”

He still could not produce a medical record for the patient.

In a subsequent interview by the Board staff on June 1, 2010, Alexander said that after he had injected her with intra-amniotic saline, that since there was no heartbeat, he had performed an amniotomy (artificial rupture of the membranes) the same day and instructed her to return to the office the following morning or telephone if she experienced certain symptoms.

The Board charges that Alexander failed to meet the required standard of quality care because he should have maintained close contact with the patient or pre-arranged a follow-up with her within 24 hours.

Saline abortions, which are most frequently used between the 16th and 24th weeks of pregnancy, were once common practice, but have fallen out of favor and now are rarely used.

In a saline abortion, a long needle is inserted through the mother’s abdomen and the wall of the uterus.

As much amniotic fluid as possible, usually about one cup, is withdrawn. Then a saline solution is injected.

The baby swallows the saline solution and is poisoned and his

skin burned. He suffers for 1- to 1½ hours until his heartbeat stops.

The salt solution burns the lungs and strips away the outer layer of the baby's skin. The mother eventually goes through labor and delivers a burned, shriveled and dead baby.

Saline abortions were banned in Japan in the 1960s because too many women were being injured and killed by them.

Sweden and the Soviet Union also abandoned saline abortions in the late 1960s as too dangerous for women. The procedure still remains legal in the United States, however.

Melissa Ohden, one of a few dozen people who actually survived a saline abortion as a baby, said in a November 17 *Defend Life*-sponsored talk, "They stopped doing [saline abortions] not because they're so horrible, but because we lived" (*Defend Life*, November-December 2011).

In 2009 and 2010, when the Board issued subpoenas for the medical records of 15 patients in order to conduct a peer review, Alexander was unable to come up with records for seven of them.

Board peer reviewers found that records kept on other patients were inadequate and in violation of the law.

In the case of a 2009 dila-

tion and evacuation abortion on a 21-year-old woman who was 18+ weeks pregnant, for example, Alexander did not document an adequate history, physical examination, record of any vital signs, or discharge instructions.

The Board also charged Alexander with instances of failure to meet the standard for the deliv-

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ery of quality medical and surgical care, and with numerous instances of prescribing drugs to non-patients, friends and family members, keeping no medical records on them.

During Alexander's interview under oath with the Board's staff in 2010, he testified that he prescribed Viagra to "guys I've known for years," calling these instances "curbside consults" and keeping no records on them.

He also self-prescribed several medications, including Viagra.

The Board's charges include two cases of formal complaints

from women patients that Alexander made crude and vulgar sexual comments to them – one during a routine gynecological visit and the second one as she was on the examination table for an abortion.

Alexander, who received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine, was initially licensed to practice medicine in Maryland in 1978.

As a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Prince George's General Hospital and Medical Center in Cheverly, Md., from 1977-79, he received a performance rating of "Poor to Fair."

In 2002 he settled a malpractice case filed in Prince George's County, Md., for a brachial plexus injury in 2000 for \$335,000.

According to the Board, Alexander holds hospital privileges at "Hospital A," but in 2008, Hospital A "deleted" his obstetrical privileges, leaving him with privileges only in gynecology.

A Case Resolution Conference for Alexander at the Board's office in Baltimore is set for May 2.

The Board may reprimand him, place him on probation, or suspend or revoke his license.

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Baltimore ralliers protest Obama's HHS mandate

Over 300 people jammed into Hopkins Plaza in front of the Falcon Federal Building in Baltimore on March 23 to rally in support of religious freedom.

Baltimore's Stand Up for Religious Freedom rally, organized and funded by Defend Life, was one of 140 such rallies held the same day to protest attacks by the Obama administration on religious freedom.

The rally took aim in particular at the recent Health and Human Services mandate requiring Catholic hospitals and other organizations to provide coverage of contraception, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations in their health insurance plans.

"This is not about birth control, it's not about contraception; it is about telling people of faith that the federal government has a belief and your belief better agree with them, no matter what your religion dictates," U.S. Rep. Andy Harris (R, Dist. 1) told the enthusiastic crowd.

"Even in the face of abusive government power, we must stand



Above, ralliers applaud at the Stand Up for Religious Freedom rally in Baltimore; left, Alan Keyes delivers the keynote address; below, Congressman Andy Harris (right) joins Jack Ames at the rally.



to bear witness to the truth, no matter what," said keynote speaker former Ambassador Alan Keyes.

Other speakers represented various Christian denominations, pro-life groups and legislators.

Baltimore auxiliary Bishop Denis Madden gave the invocation. Fr. Edward Ifkovitz, S.J., associate pastor of St. Ignatius Church in Baltimore, offered the closing prayer.

At one point in the rally, said Defend Life Director Jack Ames, "I started yelling 'Freedom! Freedom' and everyone picked up the chant.

"There was a real sense of patriotism; people want to take back their country. This is a crucial mo-

ment in the history of our country."

Volunteers passed out fliers containing "marching orders" that said, "Now that you've come to the rally, here's what we want you to do: call up Senators Mikulski and Cardin – ask them to get rid of this mandate and Obamacare."

The Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League and Michigan-based Citizens for a Pro-Life Society organized the nationwide rallies.

Volunteers Needed to send blanket emails.

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Russia dying? Mosher offers steps to reverse the trend

Last June, Steve Mosher visited Russia, but not as a tourist.

The president of the Population Research Institute attended the Moscow Demographic Summit, where social scientists and leaders from all over the world met to discuss Russia's looming demographic disaster.

"I celebrated when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991," Mosher told his audience at a Defend Life-sponsored talk in Gaithersburg March 15. "I believe that was a promise from Our Lady that was kept."

But seventy years of Communist tyranny where there is no hope has left a devastating legacy, he said.

"When the Bolsheviks seized power in the 1920s, they made an effort to crush all faith, crush the family, and extinguish human life on a massive scale.

"They began killing Orthodox priests by the tens of thousands, closing churches, often burning them to the ground."

In schools the Communists taught a perverted atheistic philosophy that denigrated the family.

"They wanted to destroy the family, the Church, and voluntary associations of all kinds so that people would be totally subject to the state," he explained.

"They told young people that having sex was no more important than having a drink of water."

The unsurprising result was millions of unexpected pregnancies.

The Soviet Union became the first country to legalize abortion.

They invented two types of suction abortion machines: one powered by electricity, and for remote villages where there was no elec-



Russia must take drastic steps to halt its population freefall, says Steve Mosher.

tricity, the handheld suction abortion machine, known as the manual vacuum aspirator.

The latter extracts the baby piecemeal, in tiny pieces – "death by a thousand cuts," Mosher called it.

"A few years ago, we tried to get the manual vacuum aspirator banned in the U.S.," he noted. "We argued that there were no trials ever conducted on it.

"We were told that it had been grandfathered in in 1972 because it was used safely in the Soviet Union."

But they learned that in 2003 trials of a different type *had* been conducted by Johns Hopkins researchers in Baltimore.

"The trials were to show that you could use the manual vacuum aspirator in *second* trimester abortions. It was tried on poor women in the inner city. They were told that the procedure would be free if they allowed themselves to be experimented on."

Because of the undermining of

marriage and faith and the promotion of abortion, abortion became a way of life in the Soviet Union.

The average Russian woman has seven abortions. The birthrate per woman is 1.2 children.

"Up until 1991 there was a minimal cradle-to-grave security that collapsed with the fall of the Soviet Union," said Mosher.

The economic malaise that followed caused couples to delay having children or to have none at all.

As a result, Russia's population, currently 140 million, will drop to an estimated 124 million by 2030.

"The Russian government has begun to realize that if it can't lower the abortion rate, Russia has no future to speak of," said Mosher.

In 2006 President Vladimir Putin initiated a one-time baby bonus for a couple's second baby that is now equivalent to \$13,000.

But only about 10 percent of couples have gone on to have a second child because of the bonus, he noted. More drastic moves are needed.

At the demographic summit, Mosher recommended to Russian leaders that they do three things if they want Russia to survive:

1. Amend their constitution to protect life from conception – not an unrealistic goal, he pointed out, since Hungary did so in 2011.
2. Rewrite the textbooks so that children are no longer taught that there is an over-population problem and that people are harming the environment (just as our own children are now taught in the U.S.)

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Same-sex marriage bill foes have just begun to fight

By Karen Wingard

A massive petition drive is currently underway to overturn Governor Martin O'Malley's bill to redefine marriage.

The petition will place House Bill 438, the Civil Marriage Protection Act, on the ballot in November for citizens to accept or reject.

Maryland Marriage Alliance, which is coordinating the petition drive, hopes to collect over 100,000 signatures, well over the 56,000 required by the state's Board of Elections.

Last year the bill to redefine marriage was passed in the Senate, but blocked in the House after several dramatic turns of events.

This year the governor sponsored the bill and used his considerable power to push the bill to passage. Rejecting the urging of Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, he announced his sponsorship in July 2011, after New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo had coerced passage of same-sex marriage in his state a month earlier.

Governor O'Malley stated that his support was due to his conviction that "as a free and diverse people" all children should have equal protection under the law. He promised legislation that "protects religious freedom and protects marital equality rights equally under the law."

It was widely rumored that aspirations for the presidency motivated the governor's new role.

To allay such concerns, in September 2011 Attorney General Doug Gansler reassured attendees at a Maryland Equality fundraiser of O'Malley's longtime support.

Governor O'Malley has appointed three new members to the Court of Appeals since the court upheld traditional marriage in its 4-3 vote in 2007; the appointment of the new judges ensures that the court will be able to overturn any potential referendum, Gansler said to applause.

Meanwhile, Derek McCoy, president of Maryland Family Council, was networking with Maryland Catholic Conference, National Organiza-

tion of Marriage, Maryland pastors and grassroots marriage advocates to form Maryland Marriage Alliance, dedicated to preserving traditional marriage.

November press conferences, which announced its formation, showcased its diverse membership across racial, ethnic, political and faith lines.

The 2012 legislative session began January 9 with expectations that the governor would try to push his marriage bill through quickly. As in the past, the bill was introduced into both the House of Delegates and the Senate with different numbers but identical content.

Senate Bill 241 and House Bill 438, entitled Civil Marriage Protection Act, had broadened its religious protection language this year in hopes of gaining more support.

Once bills are introduced, they are assigned to a committee for review, public hearings, and a favorable or unfavorable report. Marriage bills are referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee.

In a rare move, knowing that the House Judiciary Committee lacked the votes to approve the bill, the bill was assigned to *two* House committees, the Judiciary and the Health and Government Operations committees. Such a move had not been done in 40 years. It was a blatant attempt to ensure that the bill could come to a floor vote in the House.

The Senate hearing was scheduled for January 31, and both sides were lobbying hard. At a Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) conference in Baltimore on January 26 Judge Katie O'Malley, the gov-



Elle Staniszewski and Marilyn Iyengar display a marriage banner outside the House building during the same-sex marriage bill debates.

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Dear Friend of DEFEND LIFE,

By now you have read the front page article proclaiming our March 7 settlement for **\$385,000** with the Maryland State Police. Now that our lawsuit is complete, I can tell you much more for the first time.

But first, let's thank those who made our monumental victory possible.

- Let us first and foremost be thankful to **Almighty God** who rewarded us for being faithful to **Him** when we ventured four miles up the road after being kicked off the first site. Visit YouTube.Com/4DefendLife to see what actually happened. **Remember, with God all things are possible! Without Him, nothing is possible!**
- Thanks to all **18** who were arrested, mostly teenagers, some of whom came from as far away as **New Mexico** and **Iowa**. Thanks to their wonderful parents who trusted us with their sons and daughters and fretted anxiously the evening of August 1, 2008 when they didn't hear from their teenagers and when their repeated calls to them continued to go to voice mail.
- Thanks to **Beth Walsh**, our Truth Tour Director, and her sister **Joanie** who videotaped the first incident and the first two arrests until she herself was arrested. Without that video, we might not have won. Joan Walsh is now a Poor Claire in Alexandria, Virginia. Be assured that Joanie prays repeatedly for those babies threatened by abortion and for the day that **abortion is not only illegal, but unthinkable!**
- Special thanks to **Joe Healy** who risked arrest by courageously taking pictures at the arrest site and then got them out to the world via the Internet.
- Thanks to **Sue Melefsky** who hosted the Victory Party that never was because the guests of honor never showed up! When Sue found out what had happened, she went to the Harford County Fair to spread the word!



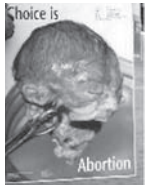
- Thanks to **State Senator Nancy Jacobs** and **Delegate Donna Stifler** who contacted Harford County State's Attorney Joe Cassilly who was on vacation when the arrests occurred.
- Thanks to **Joe Cassilly** who allegedly called the Harford County Jail saying, **Immediately release those who are still being held.**
- Thanks to **Sheriff Jesse Bane** or one of his subordinates who **smelled a rat** and refused to allow Harford County paddy wagons to transport the 9 males who had been arrested to the Bel Air Barrack. As a result, a paddy wagon had to be summoned all the way from Baltimore County.
- Thanks to the **anonymous Trooper**, whom we never saw, who walked by our concrete block holding cells and shouted, **Don't worry, all the charges will be dropped.** We needed to hear that!
- Thanks to **Steve Peroutka**, who when he learned we had been arrested, came to act as our attorney and was refused admittance. Steve stayed all night. When we were finally released one by one the following morning, Steve and **Attorney Scott Whiteman** interviewed each of us.
- Thanks to **Attorney Tom Brejcha** who when he learned of our arrests immediately initiated a **Freedom of Information** request to obtain recordings of the Police telephone and radio recordings that took place at the time of our arrests. These recordings proved vital in uncovering the **comedy of errors** which led to our illegal arrests.
- To our other attorneys including **Chris Ferrara, Matt Paavola, Daniel Blomberg, Dan Cox, Dennis Brennan, and Pat Gillen** who worked so diligently in achieving our landmark victory.
- To United States District Court **Judge Richard Bennett** who ruled in our favor on Summary Judgment stating that the only thing the jury would decide if our case went to trial was **the amount of damages to be awarded to the DEFEND LIFE Plaintiffs.**

MONUMENTAL PARTS OF OUR SETTLEMENT

- Its **PRECEDENT** value. Our case makes it clear that the **Heckler's Veto** does not apply to us or any other

PRO-LIFE group when they show graphic abortion pictures along public right of ways. This should be a great encouragement to every other **PRO-LIFE ACTIVIST** group across America to organize **Face the Truth Tours** similar to ours.

- If ever again **DEFEND LIFE** should experience intimidation, harassment, or arrest in similar situations, we can go directly to Federal court and sue.
- All Maryland State Troopers must undergo training to learn about the **First Amendment** and **Fourth Amendment** to better understand how they violated our Constitutional Rights! We have the right to review that training before implementation to be sure it contains everything designated by Judge Bennett. We will also be monitoring this training to make sure it **really happens as intended!**



LESSONS LEARNED

- **BE NOT AFRAID!** Our Lord mentions this a mere **80** times in the New Testament. **John Paul the Great** took this as the motto of his Papacy. We were not afraid when we advanced our Truth Tour 4 miles up Route 24 inside the town limits of Bel Air. It seemed quite obvious that Trooper Bradley did not know what he was talking about so why should we have given a second thought to **wimping out** and complying with an illegal order.
- **TRUST IN GOD COMPLETELY!** Beth Walsh was the first to be arrested. I was the second. Joanie Walsh, our fabulous videotaper, was the third to be arrested. Joanie was crying as we sat handcuffed next to each other on the guardrail. I remember saying, **Joanie, don't cry! You were named after the fearless Joan Andrews and God will bring good out of this evil!** After being incarcerated about an hour, our wonderful female Core Team members began to sing out joyfully in the concrete block holding cell that adjoined our male concrete block holding cell. The male Core Team members responded joyfully as we alternated. When your rights have been violated in every imaginable way by corrupted men, what else is there to do except to **Trust God completely** remembering that somehow **God** would make all things right. **God** allowed this evil to happen knowing the incalculable good that would come from it. **\$1,000,000** could not have bought the publicity that resulted from our illegal arrests.
- **ACT SMART!** After being kicked off the first site, we reconnoitered in the parking lot at a nearby shopping center. We took the time to rationally discuss what had happened and what were the best alternatives. The consensus was to proceed to Bel Air where we thought we would be dealing with **Town of Bel Air Police** and **not the Maryland State Police**. That's exactly what we did!
- **ALWAYS VIDEOTAPE!** At the suggestion of Attorney Matt Bowman, we decided to videotape any potential interaction we had with police. Joanie Walsh handled that important duty beautifully! On these very few occasions when police did show up, Joanie was there to begin videotaping immediately. She became very good at it, even zooming in on Troopers' name plates and cruiser license plates. You can appreciate the great job she did by viewing the video at **YouTube.com/4DefendLife**. One of the taped comments a trooper made was, **they kept sticking cameras in our face**. When Joanie was the third person to be arrested, that was the end of our videotaping. The only thing that we might have done differently was to have two persons videotaping any police interaction instead of just one.



JULY 23-27 FACE THE TRUTH TOUR

July 23-27 will be our 12th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour. Needless to say, we are not expecting any problems from any police authority. Keep these dates open and don't dare go on vacation then! **We still need more student directors! These are paid positions!** Call me at **410-337-3721** if you are interested or know of someone that is.

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P.S. Lest you think that **DEFEND LIFE** or individual plaintiffs got rich from this settlement, think again! Our attorneys received about **\$300,000** of the **\$385,000** and they deserved every **\$** they got!

MARRIAGE, from page 9

ernor's wife, blamed the failure of the same-sex marriage bill in 2011 on "some cowards that prevented it from passing."

Her comments triggered anger in the House and garnered at least one more sponsor for Delegate Don Dwyer's Marriage Protection Act, which would amend the Maryland constitution to state that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid in Maryland.

Her comments also inspired many signs at the Rally for Marriage on January 30.

An estimated crowd of 2,500 packed Lawyers Mall to hear pastors and legislators defend traditional marriage. The Maryland Marriage Alliance, which hosted the rally, also organized a postcard drive at churches, ultimately sending 7,000 postcards to legislators to oppose the bills to redefine marriage.

The Senate hearing was limited to four hours. Governor O'Malley testified on behalf of his bill, but the testimony that went viral was a one-minute speech by a young girl turning 14. Sarah Crank expressed a birthday wish that the senators vote "No" on the bill. Her short, sweet plea elicited hundreds of venomous responses on the web.

After the hearing, the Senate committee sat on the bill, waiting to see what would transpire in the House, where the bill had died in 2011.

The House hearing on February 10 was held jointly before both com-

mittees and lasted 10½ hours. This time the governor brought two Baptist ministers to testify that they had no problem with the new version of the bill, which allowed them to continue to perform marriages according to their own church teaching.

Late in the evening, after the press had gone, members of New Ways Ministry testified as nuns and Catholic clergy who supported the bill, declaring they spoke for the Catholics in the pew. Delegate Michael Hough challenged them, saying their group had been denounced by the Catholic Church.

At LGBT's rally for Marriage Equality on February 13 O'Malley

One by one, delegates caved to pressure or promises of rewards.

announced he was still a few votes shy, but the key was to gain several Republican votes. Equality Maryland delivered 15,000 postcards to legislators in support of same-sex marriage.

Marriage stalwarts held a large banner supporting traditional marriage outside the House building throughout the week.

On February 15, HB 438 received a favorable report from the joint committees (25-18) and went directly to the House floor. The bill was held over until the next day for debate and amendments.

The atmosphere in the House was tense, as one by one, delegates caved to pressure or promises of rewards. One of the biggest blows was Delegate Wade Kach's defection. Kach, a conservative Republican from a conservative district, had voted against the bill in committee and then switched his vote overnight.

Delegates Robert Costa (R) and Marvin Holmes (D) also switched their votes. Delegate Tiffany Alston (D), whose turnaround against the bill last year had helped lead to its defeat, was the last to cave.

She voted for the bill in exchange for sponsoring an amendment which altered the bill's effective date from October 1, 2012, to January 2013. The amendment will prevent same-sex marriages from being performed until after a referendum vote in November.

In a vote taken February 17 the bill passed, 72-67.

The House was the major hurdle to passage of the bill. Rather than pass the Senate version of the bill, the Senate took the House-amended version and passed it out of committee on February 22.

Amendments were offered by Senate marriage supporters and rejected, and the bill passed February 23 by a vote of 25-22.

On March 1, Governor O'Malley signed the bill into law, amid great ceremony.

Delegate Neil Parrott immediately put his www.mdpetitions.com into service for a petition drive for a referendum vote in November, as he successfully did last year with the Dream Act.

Maryland Marriage Alliance is the official marriage referendum proponent and is spearheading the petition drive to collect the signatures needed for the bill to go to referendum in the General Election November 6.

Thirty-one out of 31 states have voted to keep marriage between one man and one woman, but recent polls taken in Maryland show an almost even split of opinion. Both sides will be ardently trying to move public opinion in the time before the election.

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In My Humble Opinion

Embattled priest may be down but he's not out

By Janet Baker

On February 25 Father Marcel Guarnizo, parochial vicar of St. John Neumann Church in Gaithersburg (my parish), was scheduled to officiate at a funeral Mass for one of the parishioners.

Most of the deceased's children lived outside of the parish. Just before the Mass, one of the children, Barbara Johnson, walked into the sacristy to speak with Father.

Ms. Johnson was accompanied by another woman whom she introduced to Father as "her lover." Father immediately realized that the two were involved in a lesbian relationship. Father moved towards Ms. Johnson to discuss the matter with her, but the "lover" blocked his way as Johnson departed.

During Mass, just as Communion was about to be distributed, Father told those gathered the canonical requirements for proper reception of Holy Communion. He pointed out that sexual relations outside of a marriage between a man and a woman were mortally sinful and would disqualify any person so engaged from receiving Holy Communion.

Johnson presented herself for Communion anyway. At that, Father covered the ciborium and whispered to her that he could not give her Communion, owing to her sinful lifestyle. He said this in such a low voice that the extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, who was standing just on the other side of the casket, didn't hear it.

Thus, when Johnson got into his line, she succeeded in her attempt



Father Marcel Guarnizo's priestly faculties were removed in the Washington Archdiocese after he refused to give Communion to an avowed lesbian.

to receive Communion. In other words, she did incur the guilt of a sacrilegious Holy Communion, despite Father's best efforts.

Within one or two days, Johnson commanded the attention of the *Washington Post* and other liberal mainstream media, complaining how "mean-spirited" Father was for denying her Communion.

Immediately, the email boxes of both St. John Neumann parish and the Archdiocese filled with vile, foul-mouthed vitriol from the gay-rights community and sympathizers.

With equal alacrity the Washington chancery rose – no, really they fell – to the occasion. On February 28, a scant three days after the funeral, Bishop Barry Knestout issued an apology to Johnson. One can see the actual document by going to <http://www.washingtonpost.com/r/2010-2019/WashingtonPost/2012/02/29/Local/>

Graphics/Letter%20toBarbara%20Johnson.%20BCK.%2002282012.pdf.

Now let's be very clear about that apology. In such a short time frame, there could not have been a proper archdiocesan investigation into the events of February 25. Yet Bishop Knestout stated that there was "lack of pastoral sensitivity." He made no mention of Johnson's serious sins: her lesbian lifestyle and her sacrilegious reception of Holy Communion.

Where was the bishop's "pastoral sensitivity" to the state of her immortal soul? We can also be certain that while Bishop Knestout signed the letter, Donald Cardinal Wuerl was the driving force behind it. At the very least, he had to approve it, or Bishop Knestout would never have released it.

Since the archdiocese declined to do any "due diligence" research into this matter, we bloggers had to take up the slack.

Tom Peter's "Catholic Vote" blog disclosed that Johnson was also a Buddhist.

Granted, that fact did not impact the events of February 25 (Father Guarnizo had no knowledge of it at the time), but this revelation gives some insight as to how seriously Johnson takes the Real Presence.

On Sunday, March 11, at Mass our pastor read to us a letter from Bishop Knestout alleging "intimidating behavior...having nothing to do with the funeral" on the part of Father Guarnizo.

The bishop announced that Fa-

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Science is becoming pro-life, says Fr. Schenck

The young woman in the video on the CNN website's home page asked her viewers, "When does learning begin?"

Then Annie Murphy Paul, a scientific reporter who has written for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Slate*, and *The New Yorker*, answered her own question.

Learning begins not in pre-K, not as a toddler, or even in infancy: "Some of the most important learning we do occurs before we're born," she asserted.

Paul's front-page stint on the liberal CNN website in December 2011 garnered 3.5 million hits, Fr. Paul Schenck told the audience at his Defend Life-sponsored talk in Germantown on February 16.

Her book, *Origins: How the Nine Months Before Birth Shape the Rest of Our Lives*, a *New York Times* best-seller for 4-5 months, has helped mainstream a breakthrough science in the field of biology and psychology called "fetal origins."

"This exciting new science, a scientific discipline that began two decades ago, has been under the radar screen for the most part – published in professional journals," said Father Schenck, who heads the Diocese of Harrisburg's Respect Life Office.

But it is a body of science that has jumped from the universities and scholarly journals and, unbeknownst to many veteran pro-lifers, is now passing on to high schoolers.

"You and I do not need to be convinced of the humanity of the unborn child," he said. "For most Christians, the recognition of the miracle of life beginning before birth is a de facto element of their faith."



New scientific research is confirming the humanity of the unborn child, says Fr. Paul Schenck.

But for others, he added, "I suggest that this new science is leading the way to the rejection of abortion as being morally neutral.

"We pro-lifers don't need this information – but this generation of high schoolers does."

An article in the August 2005 *The Psychologist* by Dr. Peter Hepper, director of The Fetal Behavior Research Center in Belfast, Ireland, exemplifies the findings of researchers in this field.

Dr. Hepper reported that the fetus develops her sense of touch at 8 weeks' gestation, responding to touch around her lips and cheeks.

Right-handedness or left-handedness develops at 10 weeks. Hepper determined as well that the child chooses which hand and then trains her brain to strengthen and favor that hand.

A 1994 study by Hepper demonstrates that the fetus responds to sound at 22-24 weeks, discriminating between the sounds of differ-

ent voices, individual sounds and words.

"Newborns recognize and prefer their mother's speech and language," Father Schenck explained.

Furthermore, he said, research in 2000 indicated that the experience of speech sounds in the womb may begin the process of language acquisition.

For example, researchers discovered that after mothers repeatedly read aloud a passage of *The Cat in the Hat* while they were pregnant, their newborn babies recognized and responded to the passage outside the womb.

The most rapid development of the brain occurs during the prenatal period; "This is what the scientific journals are publishing now," declared Schenck.

Pregnancy is not just a time for growing parts of the body, these researchers are discovering. It is also a time of preparation for survival after birth.

Rather than being just "a blob of tissue," long before birth the fetus is hiccupping, touching her face, tasting, thumb-sucking, swallowing, yawning and hearing.

"This science of fetal origins is bringing forward all the amazing human features of the unborn child," said Father. "It is humanizing the unborn."

Father Schenck noted that Annie Murphy Paul, who was pregnant when she wrote *Origins*, professed to be "pro-choice."

"But she says in her book, 'I don't know how I can continue to hold on to this view, knowing what I now know.'"

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Movie Review

Abortion survivor's odyssey tugs at the heart

By Diane Levero

I went in to see “October Baby” as a skeptic and I came out a believer.

Defend Life Director Jack Ames will testify that he had to almost drag me in to see the movie. He had already seen it. “It’s great!” he said. “You’ll love it!”

Past experience with well-meaning but heavy-handed amateur writers/movie producers trying to deal with the touchy subject of abortion left me leery and expecting to be disappointed.

I learned that “October Baby” co-directors and brothers Andrew and Jon Erwin (Jon also wrote the script) had directed videos and worked with well-known acts in both the Christian and mainstream world – but had never before done a feature film.

Uh-oh.

But Jack promised me a big bucket of popcorn, so off we went to Snowden Square Theater in Columbia.

Hannah (Rachel Hendrix), heroine of “October Baby,” is a beautiful 19-year-old freshman who, at her debut in a college play, collapses onstage with an epileptic seizure.

At a subsequent session with her parents and a doctor, the troubled young woman learns, to her shock, that not only is she adopted, but that she is a survivor of a failed abortion.

Her world is turned upside down. Angry at her adoptive parents for never telling her that she was adopted, hurt and bewildered that her “real” mother didn’t want her, she grasps at the chance to try

to make sense out of her life when Jason (Jason Burkey), a childhood buddy, invites her to go on a trek with friends during spring break.

Mobile, Alabama, where, she has learned, she was born, is on the way. Maybe she can find her mother and get some answers.

Do you remember when you were 17, 18 or 19, and how dopey you often were? I do – and for

Gianna Jessen, a survivor of a failed saline abortion.

A PG-13 rating, which “October Baby” has, generally means a movie will contain some pretty raunchy, salacious stuff. This movie doesn’t. The horrendous details of what a saline abortion does to a baby are dealt with, but with restraint.

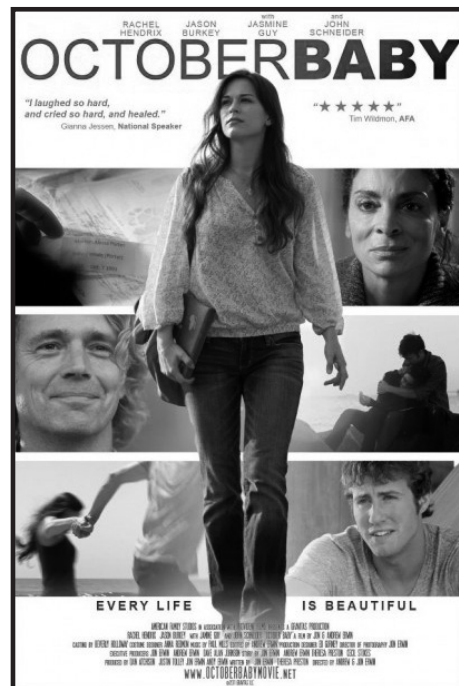
What the movie *does* contain is excellent acting, gripping dialog and story line, and characters that are so real and convincing they almost jump off the screen.

Look for some strong, wonderful male characters: the sympathetic police officer; a Catholic priest who truly earns the name “Father”; and above all, Hannah’s adoptive father (John Schneider), a heroic guy whom you will love.

Look also for the mesmerizing performance of Jasmine Guy as the nurse present at Hannah’s abortion.

Jon and Andrew Erwin started out with a simple theme: Abortion bad. Love and forgiveness good.

They made it come alive with flesh-and-blood characters and a message that will grab at your heart and not let you go.



what I have forgot, I have a granddaughter who reminds me greatly of Hannah – bubbly, naïve, impulsive, temperamental, easily hurt, and absolutely lovable.

In Mobile, the story alternates between wacky and gut-wrenching as, through luck and the kindness of strangers, Hannah gets closer and closer to the tragic story of her abortion and survival.

The Erwin brothers based the movie loosely on the true story of

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CONSTELLATION, from page 3

Dolan, president of the U.S. Catholic bishops' conference, warned President Obama in a September 20 letter that his administration's fight against the Defense of Marriage Act would "precipitate a national conflict between church and state of enormous proportions and to the detriment of both institutions."

The Obama administration's efforts to change the law threaten to spawn a wide range of legal sanctions against individuals and institutions within the Catholic community and elsewhere, the archbishop said.

In response to the Department of Justice's failure to act, the House of Representatives has filed appeals in defense of DOMA in the two Massachusetts cases.

The Alliance Defense Fund, which supports religious liberty cases, has cross-filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas).

The ADF brief argues that in prior challenges to DOMA, the law has been consistently upheld.

In previous cases, it states, "DOJ forcefully argued that the traditional opposite sex definition of marriage codified by DOMA furthers the important interests identified by Congress – including, most notably, society's 'deep and abiding interest in encouraging responsible procreation and child rearing.'"

The ADF brief cited numerous cases to show that "The district court's rulings contradict binding precedent from the Supreme Court and the uniform judgment of state and federal appellate courts across the nation."

When Congress codified the traditional opposite-sex definition of marriage, it "stood on firm, well-

trodden ground," ADF notes.

"With only a handful of very recent exceptions, marriage is, and has always been, limited to opposite sex unions in virtually every society," the brief observes.

This traditional limitation is neither arbitrary nor irrational; it simply reflects the undeniable biological reality that only opposite-sex unions can produce children, argues ADF.

"Indeed, an overriding purpose of marriage in every society is, and always has been, to regulate sexual relationships between men and women so that the unique procreative capacity of such relationships benefits rather than harms society."

The amicus brief cites authorities in support of its arguments ranging from jurist William Blackstone and political philosopher John Locke to lexicographer Noah Webster, philosopher Bertrand Russell and sociologist David Popenoe.

It also references scholars who hold that while current research on children raised by same-sex couples is inconclusive and underdeveloped, "[T]he larger empirical literature on child well-being suggests that the two sexes bring different talents to the parenting enterprise, and that children benefit from growing up with both biological parents."

GUARNIZO, from page 13

ther Guarnizo's assignment at our parish was terminated and that his priestly faculties within the Archdiocese of Washington were lifted.

On March 14, Father Guarnizo released a statement detailing his account of the events of February 25. He made plain that the "intimidating behavior" alleged by Bishop Kneestout had everything to do with the funeral incident. His full state-

ment can be read at <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/priest-removal-from-ministry-was-tied-to-communion-incident/>.

Prior to this incident, Father had been a prominent figure in the effort to end the bloody late-term abortion career of Leroy Carhart in Germantown. Most Monday mornings Father had been there, attempting to reach out to abortion-minded women to encourage them to choose life. In that he succeeded a number of times.

Also bear in mind that Governor O'Malley recently signed into law a bill legalizing so-called "gay marriage." Many activists of good will are gearing up to petition this bill to the next ballot for voter referendum.

Are the gay activists and their supporters glomming onto this incident to intimidate the Catholic Church in Maryland from joining this effort? If so, the Archdiocese of Washington is showing troubling signs of capitulation even before the battle is joined in earnest.

Barbara Johnson gave a talk at the New Ways meeting in Baltimore during the weekend of March 17. Has she become the "Cindy Sheehan" of the gay-rights movement in Maryland?

I did not attend Mass on the Sunday after the funeral. By the time I returned the following weekend, Father had moved out. He made his first public appearance since the funeral when he gave an address at the Washington, D.C., Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally on March 24. I understand he was the only Catholic clergy to give an address (although many priests and religious did attend).

At the time of this writing, I am unaware of any further changes

Book Review

Buchanan's doomsday scenario for U.S.: harsh but not hopeless

By Diane Levero

I'm a long-time reader of Pat Buchanan's columns and books, so I know that no one ever has to ask Pat, "Mr. Buchanan, tell us what you *really* think about . . ."

In *Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?* Buchanan spells out in unmerciful detail why he believes that America is going to hell in a hand-basket.

"Documented in the 488 pages and 1,500 footnotes of *Suicide of a Superpower* is my thesis that America is Balkanizing, breaking down along the lines of religion, race, ethnicity, culture and ideology," he wrote in his February 17 column.

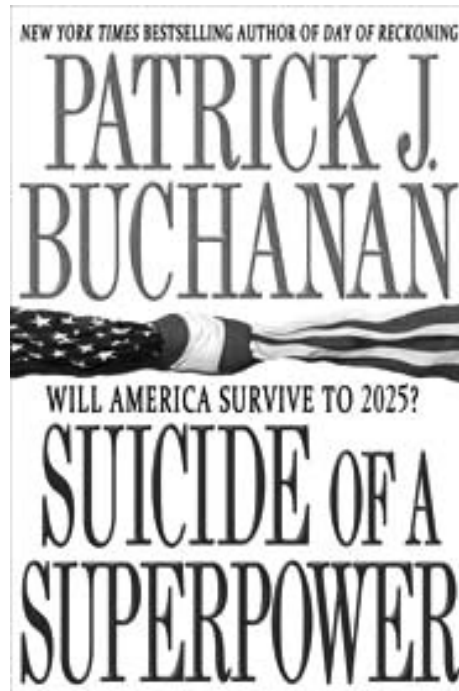
In that column he announced that because of the book, the "thought police" who oppose his views finally succeeded in getting him canned as a political analyst at MSNBC.

"I don't think the ideas that he put forth [in his book] are appropriate for the national dialog, much less on MSNBC," MSNBC President Phil Griffin told reporters.

Good heavens, what sort of obscenities, heresies and other unspeakable blasphemies did Buchanan expound in his book that are unfit for the delicate pink ears of MSNBC listeners?

Much of *Suicide* is not new to Buchanan fans. Pat rails against the free trade and globalism – as he has for years – that has resulted in the deindustrialization of the U.S.

It's hard to dispute his point. In Dundalk alone, where I live, within Pat's and my lifetimes, we used to have Bethlehem Steel (30,000 jobs), Western Electric, and the General



Motors assembly plant, just to name a few. They are all gone now, gone with the wind.

"But not only is it in the realm of economics and politics that America appears in a downward spiral," writes Buchanan. "Socially, culturally, morally, America has taken on the aspect of a decadent society and a declining nation.

"When the faith dies, the culture dies, the civilization dies, the people die. That is the progression."

Buchanan begins with the most glaring facts: the economic decline of the U.S. and her passing as a superpower.

As the U.S. loses its industries her trade deficits have averaged \$500 to \$600 billion a year for 10 years, "the single greatest factor raising China up and pulling America down," he charges.

"China is now the factory to the world and the banker to America."

He sounds very Ron Paulian declaring, "For four generations, Americans have been subtly and systematically robbed of their savings by a Federal Reserve that has steadily inflated the money supply to accommodate politicians who wished to wage wars and win applause by an endless expansion of government that now consumes a fourth of the economy, and taxes and regulates people in ways George III never dreamed of."

But Buchanan delves much deeper than economics and politics in his search for the cause of America's decline.

Our forefathers declared that religion is the foundation of morality, and only a moral people can sustain a free republic.

"America has ceased to be the Christian country they and we grew up in," he asserts.

With the rejection of Christianity and its moral code, we have no common moral ground on which to stand. The result is "moral decomposition," epitomized in the illegitimacy rate, which has, since 1960, shot up from 5 percent to 41 percent overall, and from 23 percent to 71 percent for African-Americans.

When Christianity dies, people seek a new god to worship, says Buchanan: Communism, feminism, environmentalism, New Age, Scientology, Wicca, Santeria, individualism, hedonism.

A sincere Catholic, Buchanan devotes an entire chapter to the crisis of Catholicism in America.

"No institution has been more ravaged by the revolution that has swept over America since the 1960s than has the Catholic Church," he

observes.

From the 1950s, when the moral authority of the Pope and America's bishops was never higher (remember Bishop Fulton Sheen, who got better TV ratings than Milton Berle?), the Catholic Church has become "a hollow army.

"Though her numbers, 65 million, are as large as they have ever been, her moral precepts are ignored even by Catholic politicians," Buchanan points out.

As the Catholic Church has weakened, anti-Catholicism has come out of the closet and is now rampant in the culture.

"The conflict between Catholicism and America is becoming irreconcilable," he says.

Buchanan next tackles the emotion-laden topic, the end of an America where the majority of the population is white.

According to the 2010 Census, white Americans will be a minority in 2041. Many in the mainstream culture have already acknowledged this phenomenon.

In 1998, for example, President Clinton told a cheering college audience that this demographic change would be a wonderful thing that would enrich and strengthen our nation.

But Buchanan argues the opposite: "diversity," far from strengthening a country, pulls it apart, often in violent and bloody conflicts.

"Not parchment, but language, literature, blood, soil, history and faith make a nation," he contends.

"What the disintegration of the USSR and Yugoslavia into 22 nations reveals is this: absent an authoritarian regime or dominant ethnocultural core, all multiracial, multiethnic and multilingual nations are ever at risk of disintegration."

Also fostering America's descent as a nation is our tectonic shift, since

the 1960s, from striving for equality of rights to pushing for equality of outcome.

Based upon the false premise that we are all born with equal amounts of intelligence, talents and abilities, we have striven for the unattainable utopia of egalitarianism with programs such as Head Start, No Child Left Behind, quotas and set-asides, progressive taxes and a mammoth welfare state.

History has shown that it is under the deceptive promise of egalitarianism that new elites and tyrants rise to power. Our pursuit of the ideal nation where at last all are equal is killing our country, says Buchanan.

The author's views on our foreign policy are, if possible, even

'The conflict between Catholicism and America is becoming irreconcilable.'

more harsh.

Our NATO and other commitments to protect countries that don't need protecting or that should be protecting themselves cannot be covered by our overstretched and declining military power, he maintains.

"How long before we borrow our country into bankruptcy, so our foreign policy elites can continue to play the empire game?"

"It is our pervasive military presence abroad, our support of despotic regimes and our endless interventions and wars that have made America, once the most admired of nations, among the world's most detested and resented."

While we have become a different nation, far off course from the one our forefathers set, Buchanan still thinks

we can avoid complete disaster culturally, economically and militarily – but it will take some radical steps.

We must:

- Keep fighting the culture wars. They are rooted in deep beliefs about right and wrong, good and evil, and we still have enough Christians to keep up the fight.
- Make drastic cuts in both the welfare and the warfare state.
- Withdraw from NATO, transfer leadership of the alliances to European nations, and vacate air and naval bases.
- End the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, which have bled us for a decade, have not made us safe, and have inflamed the Islamic world against us.
- Derail the War Party's campaign to launch a preemptive strike on Iran's nuclear facilities.
- Impose tariffs on all imports and reduce taxes on U.S. producers to reduce our dependence on foreign-made goods.
- Impose a moratorium on new immigration until unemployment falls below 6 percent, complete a border fence, and give no amnesty for illegal aliens.
- Republicans should block any liberal activist Obama nominees for the Supreme Court.
- Congress should append to every law dealing with social policy, such as the Defense of Marriage Act, a rider that says that this law is not subject to judicial review.

Radical steps indeed. No wonder Buchanan's enemies want him silenced.

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in Father's status or plans. In the meantime, I urge you to:

- Ask the Apostolic Nuncio to investigate the treatment of Father Guarnizo. His contact information is: Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 email nuntiususa@nuntiususa.org
- Ask Cardinal Wuerl to render justice to Father Guarnizo. Contact information is: Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017 email chancery@adw.org
- Seriously consider suspending all archdiocesan donations; tell the archdiocese why, and give those funds to another worthy charity.

MILLER, from page 4

"We want Miller to change his position and become an advocate for life rather than death."

Father Hernandez "reiterated a gracious invitation to us to come to the 11:30 Mass," Simpson added.

Miller, 69, who has been president of the State Senate since 1987, was the prime architect of Maryland's liberal 1991 abortion law, pushed for by pro-abortion forces to assure that all abortions would remain legal in Maryland if the U.S. Supreme Court were ever to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"He even called each senator to personally lobby for this bill," Ames noted.

Miller has voted consistently against amendments in 2008, 2009 and 2011 that would have limited taxpayer funding of abortions in

Maryland.

Ames, however, thinks that Miller is "conflicted" on the issue: "There was a point when he was clearly pro-life, and then he switched."

When pro-lifer Barry Sullivan confronted Miller in Annapolis in January, asking him to change his stance on abortion, he exhibited no anger, but told Sullivan that his daughter and granddaughter had gone to the March for Life.

After the demonstration at St. John's, the pro-lifers took their signs several blocks down the street and picketed Miller's law firm office on Old Branch Avenue.

Of the demonstration at St. John's, said Simpson, "I believe we showed parishioners that we were there for a constructive rather than an obstructive purpose.

"We raised their awareness of the need to reach out to their elected officials in prayer and word – that people need to speak out in public and bring these issues in the open."

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"They should be taught that the socially responsible thing to do is get married and have children," said Mosher.

3. Rather than a one-time bonus, shelter couples who are willing to marry and have children from all taxes – income, sales and property – "because they're willing to economically sacrifice to have children, the only future that the country has," he explained.

Mosher is encouraged by the work of a "dynamic young Russian," Alexei Komov, representative

of the World Congress of Families in Moscow, whom he met at the summit.

"He is setting up a series of crisis pregnancy centers across Russia," said Mosher.

"The initial plan is to have 30 centers and then expand them into the smaller cities."

Komov's plans are being supported by some Russian billionaires.

"In 1991, everyone in a position of power grabbed a piece of the economic pie as they went out the door: railroads, steel mills, factories. Wealth was concentrated in a very few hands."

Fortunately, said Mosher, they're not all bad men. Some have returned to their Russian Orthodox faith and are doing what they can to promote life.

"Alexei is trying to convince one of his billionaire friends to rent out the main assembly hall in the Kremlin for our next meeting!"

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"That's precisely what we want this literature to do!" exclaimed Schenck.

The knowledge that this scientific research has brought forth is turning the tide from "unknowing and uncertainty to a 51 percent-plus majority saying that abortion is immoral and unacceptable," he contends.

Quoting from Psalm 139, "For thou didst form me in my inward parts; thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb," Father Schenck quipped, "Science is forever trying to catch up with Scripture."

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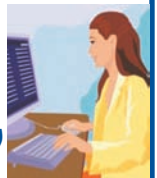
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