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Pro-lifer arrested at Md. Drag Queen Story Hour

Ashley Morgan did not go quietly when he was refused admittance to Drag Queen Story Hour at Lexington Park Library on June 23.

Sheriff's deputies, library security and the event coordinator told him he was not welcome to attend the story hour.

But minutes before the event was due to begin, Morgan defied them all, running past the check-in table and into the meeting room, where children and adults were seated on rugs.

Morgan reportedly told the children, "Do not believe these lies" told to them by "men in dresses."

The 42-year-old Leonardtown resident was arrested, handcuffed, and escorted by three St. Mary's County (Md.) sheriff's deputies to a waiting car.

Morgan was charged with five misdemeanors: disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, failure to obey a reasonable/lawful order, resisting arrest, and trespassing at a public agency.

He was released on his own recognizance.

"Open to the public"

Morgan, an active pro-lifer and Defend Life supporter, had helped organize a large group of Christians who, cordoned off with yellow po-



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Ashley Morgan is escorted by sheriff's deputies after his arrest at Lexington Park Library's Drag Queen Story Hour.

lice "crime scene" tape in front of the library, peacefully spoke and prayed in opposition to the story hour.

He had preregistered for the 3-to-5 p.m. portion of the Drag Queen event, a "Drag Queen Make-Up Tutorial for Tweens and Teens," but was told he could not go into the 2 p.m. story hour because he had to be registered for it.

According to the June 13 *St. Mary's County Times*, however, a spokesperson for SMASH, one of the event's sponsors, said that although people could sign up ahead of time, the story hour "is open to the public...anybody can walk into that room."

"How can he not be 'welcome' into a 'public event' where 'anyone can walk into that room?'" demanded St. Mary's County pro-life activist Georgia Kijesky.

"SMASH, as a non-profit group, was given the room for free, which requires them to open their event to the public unless the private party or business fee is paid," she added.

"It's highly doubtful that they paid the private party or business fee."

Defend Life Director Jack Ames described Morgan as "a fine, up-standing, righteous Christian man."

Morgan became active in De-

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Protesters at Md. Drag Queen Story Hour outnumber attendees

By Doug Mainwaring

On June 23, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Christians stood praying outside a Maryland library as a “Drag Queen Story Hour” event for kids went on inside.

The three-hour-long drag queen event—organized by atheist group Southern Maryland Secular Humanists in conjunction with the LGBTQ organization PFLAG of Leonardtown—was held in Lexington Park Public Library.

Although a local newspaper, the *St. Mary's County Times*, had reported a few weeks earlier that over 100 children had been registered by their parents to attend the event, only about 30 showed up.

A rosary rally, along with a simultaneous Christian prayer vigil, attracted more people than the drag event.

About one hundred Christians showed up throughout the day “to pray in reparation for the violation of childhood innocence and for the conversion of parents who’ve abandoned their God-given role as pro-



Photo: MRCTV.org

Todd Musick, who performs as drag queen Stormy Vain, stands outside Lexington Park Library with PFLAG President Louise Ball.

tectors of their children by bringing them to this depraved event,” according to Father Kevin Cusik, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish in neighboring Charles County, Md..

The drag queen event began with a one-hour session consisting of men outlandishly dressed as women reading “gender-fluid” books to 3-to 8-year-olds, including *Free to Be Incredible Me* by Joelle-Elizabeth Retener, *This Day in June*

by Gayle Pitman, and *Neither* by Airlie Anderson.

It is unclear if a planned second two-hour session took place in which drag queens were to teach “tweens [10-to-12-year-olds] and teens” how to apply drag queen-style make-up.

Concerned about possible confrontations, local police arrived on the scene early and deployed yellow “crime scene” tape in order to keep protesters separated from the Drag Queen Story Hour supporters.

Father Cusick was the sole priest to attend the rosary rally. A dozen of his parishioners joined him.

No priests from the 15 Catholic parishes in St. Mary’s County, where the event was being held, attended the prayerful protest.

Participants waved Vatican and Sacred Heart flags as they sang “Ave Maria,” contrasting with a few drag queen-supporting counter-



Catholics pray the rosary outside the Lexington Park Library during Drag Queen Story Hour (Father Kusik is 6th from left).

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LGBTQ+ Family Fair comes to Dundalk library

Librarian orders *Defend Life* reporter to leave library

The two Defend Life pro-lifers holding a large poster along Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk, Md., were getting a lot of feedback from passing motorists.

Their sign read, “North Point Library Is Corrupting Innocent Children with LGBTQ Story Time.”

“What’s this all about?” inquired a driver, slowing his car.

“North Point Library is having an LGBTQ story time—reading books to little kids like “Heather has two mommies,” explained one pro-lifer.

“That’s terrible!” exclaimed the driver, shaking his head.

A woman driver with a young child in her car shouted, “I agree with your sign! God bless you for what you’re doing!”

Another motorist gave the protesters two thumbs up and snapped a photo of their sign with his cell phone.

“I love you guys! Thanks for doing this—I’ve been telling everyone about your sign!” he told them.

Other passing drivers were not so sympathetic. Some held up middle fingers or shouted profanities.

One man yelled angrily, “You guys are disgusting—you should be ashamed of yourselves! I took my daughter to the story time. You are bad people!”

On the opposite side of Merritt Boulevard, in front of the North Point Library, five members of America Needs Fatima quietly prayed the rosary and other prayers.

Mary Kollner, who heads the local ANF chapter, had obtained permission to pray there from local



Linda and Jim Bocklage hold a sign protesting the LGBTQ Story Time being held across the street at North Point Library in Dundalk, Md.

police, assuring them that their presence would be peaceful and non-confrontational.

A Baltimore County police officer sat in his car next to the lawn in front of the library where they were praying.

Worm loves worm

Baltimore County Public Library had announced the June 19 event on its website, urging, “Bring out the entire family for North Point’s first LGBTQ+ Family Fair!

“Sing and read with us at a Pride Story Time for children of all ages at 6 p.m. Then, make some rainbow crafts for all ages or get informed

visiting with tables from local LGBTQ+ friendly organizations.”

“LGBTQ+ friendly organizations” with display tables included the Baltimore County Commission for Women, GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Network), Baltimore County Community College Rainbow Club, and Planned Parenthood.

Elizabeth Storms, the branch manager for North Point Library, conducted the Pride Story Time, assisted by library staffer Zee Hinz.

Four women and six children, approximately two to six years of age, sat on a rug while Storms and Hinz led them in early childhood songs and exercises, such as waving

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Terrible truths, tearful repentance at Truth Tour 2019

When a driver slowed and rolled down his window at the White Marsh stop on the last day of Defend Life’s annual summer Face the Truth Tour, core team member Albert Stecklein wasn’t sure what to expect.

“But the guy complimented us!” said Stecklein.

“He had seen the sign that said, ‘Abortion Is Murder,’ and he appreciated that we followed it up with a sign reading ‘Jesus Forgives and Heals.’”

Earlier that week, at the Columbia stop, the message of those two signs played out in a moving, real-life scenario.

“A young woman, about 22 years old, was very upset with the graphic signs of aborted babies,” recalled Truth Tour Co-Director Katherine Adelaide.

Despite the girl’s angry tirade, the pro-lifer remained calm and sympathetic.

“I hear you,” she told the young woman; “it *is* upsetting.”

As Adelaide talked quietly with



Monica Roberts displays a sign at the Truth Tour’s White Marsh stop.

her, “Her rage and anger suddenly turned to tears.”

She confessed that she had had an abortion when she was 17. Her mother had told her matter-of-factly, “You’re getting an abortion, right?” And her sister took her for the abortion.

“She was only 6 weeks pregnant. She was devastated; she had no support from anyone!”

Adelaide walked the young

woman all the way to her car.

“I said, ‘Can I pray with you?’ And she said, ‘Okay.’”

They talked and prayed for a long time. Her parents were atheists, but she had Christian friends—so that helped, said the pro-lifer.

“She repented and she accepted Jesus,” said Adelaide.

“I told her, ‘You’ll see your baby in heaven.’ Knowing she would see her baby again, a glow came over her face; I’ve never seen such sheer joy!”

“You’re a pig!”

Pro-lifers trekked across West Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Maryland on Defend Life’s nineteenth annual summer Face the Truth Tour from July 29 through August 2, making 15 separate stops, where they lined the streets and highways, displaying signs of abortion victims.

“The world is so numb to abortion—so desensitized to what that word means,” said Tour Co-Director Julie Smith. “We need to open



Face the Truthers assemble outside Christ the King Catholic Church in Towson after morning Mass.

their eyes to what it really is!”

“We’re showing people what abortion is,” agreed 18-year-old core team member Nicholas Schnitker. “Most people don’t know what it is, or they have a skewed knowledge.”

The Truthers witnessed the gamut of human reactions to the gruesome signs.

Many of those reactions were negative.

“A guy in a car flipped me off, called me a ‘B’ word,” recalled Schnitker.

“But about half an hour later, he drove back. He said, ‘Hey man, I’m really sorry about earlier! I shouldn’t have done that, I apologize.’ He was about my age.”

At the stop in front of the White House, where the heat index hit 115 degrees (“We lined up everyone in the shade!” said Adelaide), several onlookers lost their cool.

“An obnoxious guy with a microphone was profaning the Bible and Christians,” said Adelaide.

“He said we were devil worshippers—that by saying the rosary we were trying to put ourselves in a demonic trance,” said core team member Sophia Gillespie.

“We tried to respond, but he had some issues, so we just ignored him.”

“We prayed for him,” said Adelaide.

Another passerby at the White House, a young woman in her twenties, knocked down the Truth Tour’s giant blue “feather banner,” which has the word LIFE and a likeness of an unborn baby.

“We could have had her arrested, but we decided not to press charges,” said Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

Later that day, at the Chevy Chase stop, core team member Bill

Gallagher was standing on the sidewalk along Connecticut Avenue when a car pulled into the residential driveway in front of him.

“A 15-year-old girl in the car yelled, ‘Get off my property!’” said Gallagher. “I told her the sidewalk is public property.”

Ten minutes later, the girl and her mother came out of their house with homemade signs opposing the pro-lifers.

“The mother screamed, ‘You’re a pig! You’re a pig! Get off my property!’ I told her there was a police officer there, but she pushed my sign over anyway.”

When Gallagher picked up the sign, the woman tried to grab it from him and break it.

Police Chief John Fitzgerald intervened, said Ames: “He read the riot act to her, and she apologized to Bill.”

“I thought she might be post-abortive,” said Gallagher, who accepted her apology and did not press charges.

At the stop in Columbia, another woman registered her disagreement with pro-lifers with a handmade sign reading “You all should be aborted” on one side and “I hate you” on the other.



Father Denis Wilde of Priests for Life (left) and Bill Gallagher display a sign and an American flag on Main Street at the Westminster stop on July 31.



Long-time Defend Life supporter Joe Frese waves to drivers as he mans a sign at the White Marsh stop.

Baptists join in

For Monica Roberts, who was on her second year with the Truth Tour, reactions from the public ranged fairly evenly, from “people giving us thumbs up, to people yelling at us or flipping us off.”

But 19-year-old Joseph Hibl, on his first Truth Tour, declared, “We’ve gotten more positive than negative reactions.”

Veteran Truthers Albert Stecklein and Barry Sullivan agreed.

“I’ve gotten a lot of ‘Thank-

you’s’ over the last five days—a lot more than we got in the past,” observed Stecklein.

Sullivan received a \$20 donation from a woman at the Chevy Chase stop, and Stecklein was given \$20 at the White Marsh stop.

“This year’s Truth Tour was terrific—good theme, good stops!” said Ames. “We had five great speakers at the luncheons each day,” including Detective Jim Wood, who helped put notorious Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell in jail for life, and Mary O’Connor, the

sister of Cardinal John O’Connor.

“Some of the stories Mary told about her brother were just priceless!” he recalled. (All of the speakers were videotaped, and the talks will be posted on Defend Life’s Facebook page.)

For Ames, a highlight of the tour occurred on the morning of August 2, when about fifteen members of the predominantly African-American Huber Memorial Baptist Church joined the core team at the Northeast Baltimore stop on Loch Raven Boulevard, led by their pastor, P.M. Smith.

“They joined us on the median strip; they couldn’t have been more enthusiastic!” said Ames.

Pastor Smith, who heads a 1,200-member-plus “mega-church” in Baltimore, “is fearless,” he declared.

“Overall, the tour was wonderful!” he concluded.

Co-Director Smith agreed. “I can’t believe it’s Friday; it went so quickly! We all worked together really well,” she exclaimed on the last day of the tour.

First-year Truther Hibl concurred with their assessment.

“It’s been really cool; I’ll be coming back next year!” he said.



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FATHER FRANK PAVONE
Director, Priests for Life

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Young Truthers relax and share a table at the luncheon at St. Joseph’s parish hall in Fullerton August 2; (from left) Nicholas Schnitker, Joseph Hibl, Sophia Gillespie and Monica Roberts.

Kijesky starts Personhood Md. to fight anti-life forces

Md. library drag queen runs nude male ‘service,’ she reveals

Pro-lifer and drag queen story hour foe Georgia Kijesky dropped a bombshell at the St. Mary’s County Board of Commissioner’s Public Forum on July 9.

Kijesky told the board members that drag queen Stormy Vain, who read pro-LGBT-themed books to children at Lexington Park Library, Md., on June 23, runs a business in which he hires out men to do various “services” in the nude.

“His business offerings, which he publicly posted on social media, include hiring out nude male hair stylists, nude male housekeepers, nude male personal trainers, nude male handymen, and nude male strippers for parties,” she told the five-member board.

“Our library allowed this man access to children and was held out by the event organizers as a positive role model with important lessons to teach children!” she added angrily.

A 2017 American Library Association article written by a local Southern Maryland librarian reveals that library officials “are actively targeting small, rural conservative libraries like ours that resist exposing young children to sexual deviancy,” noted Kijesky.

The article shares “tips and tricks to sneakily fit” LGBTQ ideology into libraries, with the goal of eventually getting drag queen story hours, explained the home-schooling mom.

“The ALA’s self-confessed goal came to fruition on June 23 in the form of an unidentified cross-dresser who wanted access to the local children in a taxpayer-funded venue.”



GEORGIA KIJESKY
Founder, Personhood Maryland
EWTN News Nightly

Interviewed on EWTN, Personhood Maryland founder Georgia Kijesky calls drag queen story hours at libraries “a form of child abuse.”

The American College of Pediatricians rightly calls this child abuse, Kijesky charged.

She also cited Jon Uhler, a professional counselor who has done years of research on sexual predators and written hundreds of parole

queen predators are using these library events to gain ready access to select and sexually groom children,” said Kijesky.

“Shame on you for not doing the right thing!” she scolded the commissioners.

“We elected *you*, not the ALA, not the library officials to protect our children—and we don’t want sex grooming in our libraries.

“Find a way to solve the problem—immediately, please,” she concluded (youtu.be/-z4k6F004EU).

Drag queen Stormy Vain was hiring out men as nude male hair stylists, nude male housekeepers and nude male personal trainers.

evaluations on sex offenders.

Uhler has grave warnings about drag queen story hours and about Drag Queen 101 events, in which children are taught how to dress as drag queens.

“Uhler warns that these drag

Launches Personhood Md.

Two years of battles with her local library, including fighting sex-ed classes for teens by a self-proclaimed lesbian pole-dancer and a Banned Books Week display enticing adolescents to read salacious books, taught Kijesky that the events at Lexington Park Library were not

isolated or locally generated.

Instead, they were part of a carefully planned and administered nationwide agenda by the American Library Association, aimed at sexualizing young children and inculcating them with LGBT ideology.

Realizing that the battle must be fought at more than a local level, Kijesky allied with Personhood Alliance, a national, Christian pro-life organization working to defend the right to life and dignity of all humans, from conception to natural death.

In June she launched Personhood Maryland, one of 25 Personhood Alliance state affiliates.

“As part of its pro-family mission, Personhood Maryland has worked to uncover how the American Library Association and others are using taxpayer money to bring

drag queen story hours and similar events to libraries in resistant communities,” its website states (personhood.org/map/Maryland).

Personhood Maryland succeeded in getting coverage of Lexington Park Library’s Drag Queen Story Hour on LifeSiteNews, Brent Bozell’s Media Research Center, EWTN, and ChruMilitant.com.

Personhood Maryland’s immediate goal is to expose how the ALA and cooperating local libraries across the nation are pushing drag queen story hours and similar events—“To build momentum against the corruption and try to expose what these perverts are doing,” said Kijesky.

The second step will be to get Congress to defund the ALA.

The American Library Association has received over \$10 million

in taxpayer money over the past 10 years, notes Personhood Alliance’s Sarah Quale (“How libraries are being used to corrupt children and what you can do about it,” Personhood.org, June 10, 2016).

Kijesky is asking pro-lifers to sign a petition sponsored by LifeSiteNews and Personhood Alliance telling the ALA to “promote literacy, not homosexuality.”

Copies of the petition will be sent to President Trump and members of Congress.

“The goal is to get a congressional investigation going, so the more signatures, the better!” explains Kijesky.

To sign the petition, go to: lifepetitions.com/petition/tell-the-american-library-association-to-promote-literacy-not-homosexuality.

Pro-lifer shames waste hauler at abortion mill

The driver of the Curtis Bay Medical Waste Services truck and the maintenance man in the alley behind Planned Parenthood on Howard Street in Baltimore were trying to load the truck as quickly as possible.

They had their routine worked out: the trucker phoned that he was on the way; then he sneaked into the alley via Saratoga Street, so the pro-lifers out in front of the abortion clinic couldn’t see him coming.

The maintenance man was waiting inside the open back door to the alley, so when the truck arrived, he and the driver could load the boxes with the aborted baby parts in

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Editorial

Stormy Vain and other creeps shouldn't be anywhere near kids!

Who is Stormy Vain?

Pro-LGBTQ groups SMASH and PFLAG selected Stormy to read pro-gay-themed books to children at Lexington Park Library's Drag Queen Story Hour on June 23.

Drag queens "give kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models," they assured us.

They declined to give Stormy's legal name to the public, either before or after the event.

Homeschooling mom and DQSH foe Georgia Kijesky wanted to know about Stormy.

So she contacted MassResistance, a feisty, national pro-family organization that battles against assaults on the traditional family and Christian morality.

Earlier this year, expert researcher Tracy Shannon, director of MassResistance Houston, had exposed the criminal past of two drag queens who took part in drag queen story hours at Houston, Texas, libraries.

Both had records of sexually assaulting children, aged 8 and younger.

Shannon went to work researching Stormy. It took her less than ten minutes on social media to find Stormy Vain's real name: Todd Musick.

"Within minutes, it was clear that this man should not be anywhere near children," says Shannon.

Tracy wrote a 70-page exposé on Todd Musick, aka Stormy Vain (massresistance.org/docs/gen3/19c/MD-Lexington-DQSH-expose/index.html).

The stuff she uncovered was



This "Profile Picture" of Stormy Vain/Todd Musick appeared on the Facebook pages of both men (accessed by *Defend Life* on July 17). Since then, Stormy Vain's Facebook page has mysteriously disappeared.

gross and revolting—so much so, that she headed a particularly sickening section of her report with the warning: "Caution: Graphic and repulsive sexual images."

Among other sex-related businesses, Stormy/Todd runs Stormy's Angels of Entertainment.

"Clearly, Stormy Vain's Twitter feed shows that this drag queen business goes beyond promoting strippers, nude handymen, nude maids, and homosexual escorts," declares Tracy.

"Some of his posts imply these people can be paid for sex. Sure enough, if you click into the profiles of the naked homosexual men that he hires out for various services,

they are prostitutes," she charges.

"Stormy Vain is essentially a drag madame."

Did SMASH and PFLAG know—or care—who they were foisting as a "role model" on innocent kids?

They *had* to know. Musick/Vain is a local guy; Musick's Facebook page, still extant as of July 28, says he lives in Washington, D.C. Many of Musick/Vain's drag queen events occur in Maryland.

Lexington Park Library in St. Mary's County was not the only Maryland library to hold a drag queen story time in June.

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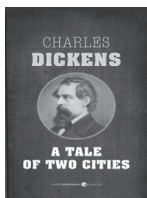
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*August 15, 2019 Anno Domini
Feast of the Assumption*



Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



Our **19th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour (July 29-August 2)** can best be described by the opening lines of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, "**It was the best of times – it was the worst of times.**"

It was the Worst of Times!

Unusual things happened while preparing for and during our Tour. Perhaps the only logical explanation is that **Abortion is the Sacrament of Satan** who is **enraged** as he sees legal abortion possibly ending. Here are some examples:

- On July **2** at **1:30AM**, my car parked in front of my home was totaled; there were at least 60 other cars parked in a **2-block** stretch that could have been hit. **Why mine?**
- **WMET 1169 AM**, a Catholic radio station that we had befriended, promised to do ad spots promoting our Tour. I was all set to go and record these ads when I received an abrupt call cancelling them but offering no good reason.
- Several Core Team members who had promised to be with us cancelled without giving any good reason.
- The wireless ignition controller for the borrowed car I was driving mysteriously vanished the night before our Tour was to begin, meaning that we could not use it and had to leave it in **West Virginia**.
- The car of the driver who was to pick up luncheon speaker Mary O'Conner Ward (**kid sister of John Cardinal O'Connor**) was rear-ended and seriously damaged a few days before the Tour was to begin.
- At two different locations our signs and feather banner were physically assaulted by **irate feminists**.
- At one of our Stops, an adult male Core Team member fell flat on his face on **perfectly dry pavement**. He suffered a dental injury and an ambulance had to be called.



It Was the Best of Times!

In spite of all this, God protected and Blessed our **DEFEND LIFE** Truth Tour in many ways.

- Fifteen (**15**) great stops revealing the ugly evil Truth about Abortion to tens of thousands of drivers;
- At some of our Stops drivers were so enthusiastic they said **God Bless You** repeatedly and some even gave us money.
- Five great speakers including **Detective Jim Wood** who led the drug raid on **Abortionist Kermit Gosnell** and **Mary O'Connor Ward**. All can be seen and heard at **DefendLife.org**;
- Fantastic donors like **YOU** who made our Tour financially possible;
- Great lunches and picnic suppers provided by wonderful host families and parishes, as well as all those who provided overnight accommodations for our Core Team members.
- **Father Dennis Wilde of Priests for Life, Father Jack Lombardi, and Father Peter Sweeney** who celebrated Holy Mass each day.
- Pastor **P.M. Smith** of **Huber Memorial Church** and **15** of his flock who joined us Friday.



- Tenacious Core Team Members who persevered all five days during a severe heat wave.
- Reaching out to post-abortive women who showed up at several Stops.

Deacon Monti Montalto – RIP

Deacon Monti often recalled growing up in a wonderfully Catholic parish in New Haven, Connecticut. They would have beautiful processions on the public streets of that neighborhood including processing the **Blessed Sacrament** as well as the Knights of Columbus marching in their beautiful regalia.

Back in 2002, Republican Bob Ehrlich was elected Governor of Maryland along with his running mate Michael Steele who was elected Lieutenant Governor. We had reason to believe Steele was **PRO-LIFE**. Those of us on the board of Maryland March for Life decided to invite him as our keynote speaker. Steele ignored the written invitation and several follow-ups. As the date was drawing near, Deacon Monti **took the bull by the horns** and simply went to Steele's office in person. Steele immediately accepted that invitation. Sadly, Steele's extremely brief speech turned out to be a **bust**.

Monti recalled how he loved to attend and speak at baptisms, weddings and funerals. There would always be **tons of lapsed Catholics present** who had not seen the inside of a Catholic Church for many years. He used these occasions to reach out to lapsed Catholics.



Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

Pro-lifer serving jail time in Drag Queen Story Hour case

Pro-lifer Ashley Morgan is currently serving out a 10-day jail sentence at St. Mary's County Detention Center, Md., after pleading guilty to trespassing at a Drag Queen Story Hour at Lexington Park Library.

At an August 8 hearing in St. Mary's County District Court, Judge Robyn E. Riddle sentenced Morgan to 6 months in jail, then suspended all but 10 days.

Judge Riddle also sentenced him to 3 years' probation and a \$1,000 fine, which was reduced to \$250 and court costs.

She also banned him from Lexington Park Library.

The pro-lifer had been arrested and charged on June 23 with five misdemeanors: disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, failure to obey a reasonable/law-



Ashley Morgan speaks at the White House against abortion in this Truth Tour 2018 photo.

ful order, resisting arrest, and trespassing at a public agency.

Morgan waived his right to a trial and entered a plea agreement, in

which he pled guilty to trespassing and the other four charges were dropped.

Morgan reportedly told the court that he hadn't planned on entering the Drag Queen Story Hour when sheriff's deputies and other officials told him he was not allowed in the meeting room where the story hour was taking place.

He said his original plan was to be a witness for Christ on the Cross. He apologized for his actions.

Several people made victim impact statements after his guilty plea.

Samantha McGuire, coordinator of Southern Maryland Area Secular Humanists, which

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Severna Park Library in Anne Arundel County held one on June 29. While thirty protesters prayed peacefully outside, two protesters went into the library and shouted at the drag queen.

One, a 28-year-old man, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct.

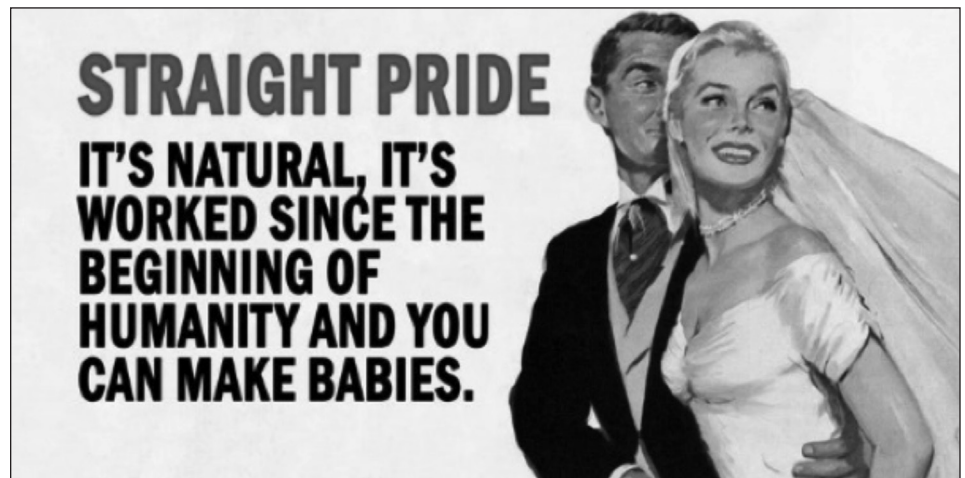
Baltimore County Library dipped its toe into the drag queen cesspool on June 19, when library staff read LGBT-themed books to kids at a Pride Story Time at the county's North Point branch.

The American Library Association touts Pride Story Time as a good first step to prime library patrons for Drag Queen Story Hour.

When a *Defend Life* reporter covering this newsworthy event took a photo of the librarian reading



Drag Queen Stormy Vain posted this photo of himself on social media.



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Boston is having a Straight Pride Parade. Why not Baltimore?

to the kids, the librarian in charge of the event ordered her to leave the library.

So much for freedom of the press.

Anyone who objects to anything on the LGBTQ agenda is automatically guilty of a “hate crime,” and labeled a homophobe, a “hater,” or anti-gay.

So much for freedom of speech.

Do Maryland taxpayers have a right to say what programs their tax money goes to fund at their county libraries?

Defend Life thinks so.

It's time to end our silence: time to stand up for our rights against the LGBT activists who are waging war against God's plan for men and women, the traditional family, and traditional marriage.

We must fight to end Drag

Queen Story Hours and other pro-LGBTQ events in our public libraries—funded with our taxes.

Prayer is good—but it should be accompanied by action.

Let's hold peaceful but *outspoken* protests in public venues.

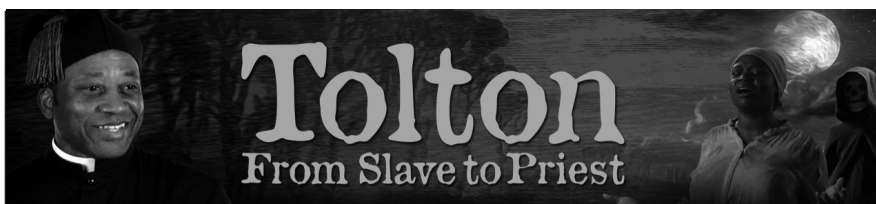
Let's *demand* that our elected officials stop the sexualization and corruption of innocent children by our county libraries.

And why not think outside the box—take some new and imaginative steps?

A group with a sense of humor will be hosting a Straight Pride Parade in Boston August 31 (superhappyfunamerica.com).

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Book Review

The Book of Gomorrah: A profile in priestly courage

By Diane Levero

On June 1, Bishop Thomas Tobin, bishop for Providence, Rhode Island, tweeted, “A reminder that Catholics should not support or attend LGBTQ ‘Pride Month’ events held in June.

“They promote a culture and encourage activities that are contrary to Catholic faith and morals. They are especially harmful for children,” he wrote.

Bishop Tobin was stating a simple truth: “Pride Month” events, such as the Gay Pride parades, are lewd and disgusting promotions of the grave sin of sodomy. They should rightfully be condemned by *all* Catholic bishops.

But Tobin’s “profile in courage” stands alone.

To the LGBTQ activists’ demands that we “celebrate” their ungodly behavior, the rest of the bishops have responded with the sound of crickets.

They are afraid to call a sin by its name: sodomy—or even to call it a sin. They are profiles in cowardice.

Which brings me to St. Peter Damian’s *Book of Gomorrah*.

A recent translation from its original Latin by Matthew Cullinan Hoffman has brought attention to what Hoffman calls “the most stirring eloquent and impassioned denunciation of sexual perversion ever penned by a Catholic saint.”

Peter Damian forcefully and fearlessly denounced these evils, especially clerical sodomy and pederasty, and cried out to the pope for

a reform.

He proposed disciplinary measures that were adopted by the Church, some of which remain in effect today (although they’re seldom applied).

Although St. Damian wrote *Gomorrah* almost a thousand years ago, the crisis of clerical homosex-

cism. But because of his abilities as a preacher, he was assigned to preach to the other monks.

In 1043 he was elected prior of the hermitage and began to found other hermitages.

During this period, the Church was corrupted in many ways. Violent conflict over the papacy and the poor example of various popes led to a catastrophic decline in clerical morality.

Clerical offices, including bishoprics, were often sold. Many priests were married or had mistresses. Large numbers engaged in sodomy or other unnatural sexual practices.

Damian, through his experience as a monastic reformer, was aware of the widespread practice of sodomy among clerics and monks.

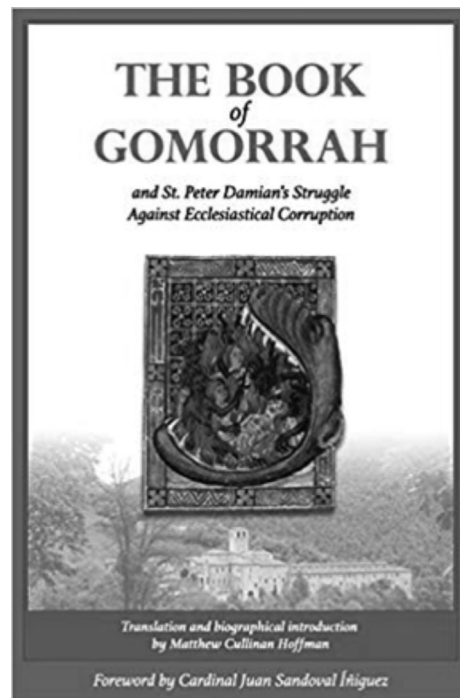
His zeal for reform began to extend beyond the monasteries, and he started to speak out against the corrupt papacy.

Damian addressed his book to Pope St. Leo IX who, like himself, was an indefatigable warrior against the evils in the Church at the time.

When Leo IX became pope in 1049, notes Hoffman, he began an unremitting campaign against clerical and lay corruption.

In *Gomorrah*, Damian informs Leo of the growth of a “disgraceful vice...that needs to be quickly met with the hand of strict chastisement...”

“The cancer of sodomic impurity is creeping through the clerical order, and indeed is raging like a cruel beast within the sheepfold of Christ,” he warns.



ual behavior rampant in the Church in his time unquestionably parallels a similar crisis in today’s Church.

Hoffman prefaces his translation with a short biography of Damian, who was born into a noble but impoverished family in Ravenna, Italy, in 1007.

Young Peter, a brilliant student, became a renowned professor of liberal arts, with great rhetorical gifts.

He joined a monastery about 1035, and practiced rigorous asceti-

Under the term “sodomy,” Damian classifies four actions, in ascending grades of corruption:

1. Solitary masturbation
2. Mutual masturbation
3. Femoral intercourse
4. Anal fornication

Damian employs powerful metaphors to make his case.

“This serpent, which we labor to crush with the stake of our argument, has four heads, and he injects all the poison of his wickedness with the tooth of whichever head has bitten,” he declares.

He also enforces his arguments with Scripture.

Urging sodomite clerics to leave the clerical state rather than add to their sins by trying to be an intercessor between God and their congregants, he quotes Proverbs: “[T]he sacrifices of the impious are abominable to God”—and Isaiah, who says that the sacrifices of Sodom and Gomorrah “are an abomination” to Him.

While insisting that sodomite priests be severely punished, he also urges them to repent and be saved: “Do not despair utterly,” he writes; “continue to gather your strength, strive manfully...and you will be able to triumph, by the mercy of God, over your enemies.”

To those who criticize his book and accuse him of “being a traitor and informer of the crimes of my

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defend Life’s annual summer Face the Truth Tours about six or seven years ago, Ames recalled.

“He came to some of the Face the Truth stops in Bowie, which is a pretty long haul from Leonardtown,” he noted.

Morgan subsequently helped organize a Truth Tour stop at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, near Lexington Park.

Ames thinks Morgan’s arrest was “ludicrous; the man did nothing wrong.

“He had a ticket to get into the 3 p.m. event—but they would not let him into the story hour, because they knew he did not agree with their agenda.

“They were probably afraid he would ask some embarrassing questions—so they clearly violated his



Ashley Morgan was released on his own recognizance after his arrest.

rights and kept him from coming to a public event.

“I hope he sues their pants off!” Ames concluded.

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brothers, he should know that I...do not fear the hatred of the deprived or the tongues of the detractors.”

He reminds them of Ezekial’s words: “If you see your brother doing evil and you do not correct him, I will require his blood from your hand.”

Pope Leo IX backed up Damian’s “little book” with his wholehearted papal approval.

Leo went on to inaugurate “an age of reform that would restore the reputation of the clergy and elevate the papacy to the height of power and influence in Europe,” notes Hoffman.

The Book of Gomorrah presents a thought-provoking picture of what *could* be done to correct catastrophic crises in the Church if selfless and courageous bishops were to step forth to lead the faithful.

We’re waiting.

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co-sponsored the story hour, asked Judge Riddle to impose the maximum allowable sentence on Morgan to make an example of him.

Saying that story hour attendees were terrified that Morgan might be violent, McGuire mentioned the recent mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio, despite the fact that they occurred weeks after the story hour.

Several mothers, two in tears, told the court that Morgan’s actions had made them afraid to let their child go the library, or to wear a rainbow T-shirt in public.

James Gibbons Walker, chaplain at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Southern Maryland, testified that Morgan’s actions had had a detrimental effect on the area’s LGBTQ community.

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protesters who danced around and sang “YMCA” and “We Are Family” loudly, hoping to drown out those who were praying.

Violation of innocence

Local pro-life activist Georgia Kijesky attributed the anemic turnout for Drag Queen Story Hour to nationwide attention focused on the event. In particular, she cited:

- LifeSiteNews articles and an online petition done in conjunction with the Personhood Alliance, which quickly accrued more than 33,000 signatures.
- Public pressure from pro-life, pro-family “Activist Mommy” Elizabeth Johnston.
- Research conducted by the

Personhood Alliance exposing past and present nefarious behavior of local libraries and the American Library Association.

“This is not the first time Lexington Park Library has pushed sexual perversion on children,” Kijesky told LifeSiteNews.

In 2017, sex ed classes for minors led by an LGBT activist, prostitution-promoter, and self-described “pole dancer” were offered in public libraries in Kijesky’s community.

“It is important for the taxpaying public and concerned parents of America to know that Drag Queen Story Hour is not merely an isolated incident, but a nationwide epidemic,” she said.

“The American Library Association (ALA) has willingly become an instrument to ‘sneak’ LGBT materials and events” into “small,

rural, conservative” libraries in order to indoctrinate “impressionable young children.”

“The goal is to normalize abnormal, sexually deviant homosexual behavior by enticing children to first: question their sexuality,” said Kijesky.

“The more children see men dressing up as women, the more normal it will become.”

“Christians must recognize that the gender revolution, like any Progressive social movement, reaches out to remove children from the influence of the Word of God and replace biblical truth with moral relativism,” said Personhood Alliance Education President Sarah Quale.

“Relativism is the common thread woven into all efforts to destroy the image of God in the human person,” Quale explained.

“For far too long, pro-lifers have been accused of only caring for children while in the womb,” noted Kijesky.

“Defending children from this violation to their innocence is but one of the many ways the prolife movement can prove that this notion could not be further from the truth.”

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A photo of the drag queen Stormy Vain reading at Drag Queen Story Hour at Lexington Park Library indicates he drew a much smaller crowd than anticipated by its sponsors.

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In My Humble Opinion

Warning: Amazon Synod bent on radical changes in Church

By Janet Baker

As most know, the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Pan Amazonia (isn't that a mouthful?) will occur this coming October.

To be frank, its stated purpose is *not* the real reason why the “synod fathers” are convening this gathering. Much concern has been voiced by faithful Catholics, as we believe that the real aim is to subvert the Teaching Magisterium of the Church.

This opinion has been voiced by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Please see Gloria TV for further details (gloria.tv/article/Kq9tfM6LqMjz4WLUxKqT-SY17K).

The “synod fathers,” per protocol, have published the *Instrumentum Laboris*, the working document for the synod participants. It can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MErTqizxZVbmE06Yd7irsWrTnBHdAvU/view>.

(This newsletter is on Defend Life's website, defendlife.org. To save time, you can go to the online article, open up another browser window, and copy/paste this address into the new window. It will take you to *Instrumentum Laboris*.)

Hereafter, I will refer to it as “IL” for brevity's sake. Speaking of “brevity,” that is not to be found in this IL publication. It is 64 pages long. Mind you, this is just the preliminary document. Can you just imagine the verbosity that will be published after the synod?

Both will be a penance to read, but read them we must, for these things

will have impact on the Church.

I regret that the impact will be largely harmful. Just notice the title of IL: “Integral Ecology.” Not Jesus Christ, not eternal salvation, not the sacraments, but—Ecology! Since when are we the Greenpeace Church?

A number of faithful Catholics are trying to make known the dangers of this synod, which appears poised to spread the rot of environmentalism and religious indifferentism.

I recommend for your periodic review [https://panamazonsynod-](https://panamazonsynod-watch.info/)

The Amazon Synod appears poised to spread the rot of environmentalism and religious indifferentism.

[watch.info/](https://panamazonsynod-watch.info/). This site appears to be affiliated with the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property. I have had the pleasure of working with some of their people as we protested at various Catholic events where pro-abortion personalities were honored.

Cardinal Walter Brandmuller, one of the two surviving “dubia cardinals,” stated that this synod has as its aim the “radical restructuring of the Church.”

Priestly celibacy will be under attack. There will be a push to insinuate the “ordination” of women (See lifesitenews.com/blogs/amazon-synod-is-a-ploy-for-radical-re-structur-

[turing-of-church-dubia-cardinal and lifesitenews.com/news/peruvian-expert-in-liberation-theology-reveals-scheme-behind-the-amazon-synod](http://lifesitenews.com/news/peruvian-expert-in-liberation-theology-reveals-scheme-behind-the-amazon-synod)).

In that second link, you will see how the undercurrents of liberation theology are exposed in this document. I myself am in the process of reading the thing and can see those undertones.

What is also unmistakably clear is that there is both a call for environmentalism and indifferentism. There are actually calls for the Amazon natives to relate with “various spiritual forces.”

In other words, the Amazon tribes, and we, are being urged to commit mortal sins against the First Commandment by communicating with diabolical spirits and worshiping them instead of the One True God.

The Amazon Synod will insinuate so much spiritual poison into the Church that it cannot all be encapsulated in this article. Please inform yourselves, for in so doing you will arm yourselves against the onslaught to come.

Also check in with LifeSiteNews.com. Try googling phrases such as “amazon synod married priests” and “amazon synod women deacons” and check out some of those links.

Let's take a brief glance at the history of Pope Francis' papacy so far. He counts as advisors population-control advocates. He kneels before world leaders but not before the Blessed Sacrament.

In calling the death penalty “inadmissible,” he has contradicted the Teaching of the Church. *In Amoris Laetitia* he has weakened the teach-

ing against unrepentant adulterers receiving Holy Communion.

Now with this Amazon synod on the horizon, we are anticipating environmentalism and pantheism being called equal with God Himself.

I regret that within the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington, the chanceries will echo those siren calls.

Yes, there are a few enclaves of sanity in Maryland, but I dare not name them here lest I unwittingly betray them to dissidents in high places.

At the very least, supplement your Catholic education with faithful, older books. Find like-minded Catholics and support each other and work together to combat error.

Above all, stay in the state of grace through prayer (especially the Rosary) and the Sacraments.



“What these guys are doing is awesome!”

Earl (center), a passerby, stops to praise Jim Bocklage (left) and Ron Herning on July 17 as they hold signs protesting the committing of abortions up to 24 weeks at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Southeast Baltimore.

“God is motivating these guys to take time to come out in this heat,” Earl declared, adding, “We need more guys like you!”

Defend Life protests abortions at Bayview every third Wednesday of the month.

Call Jim Bocklage, 443-615-3424 for information.

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minutes, if not in seconds, and the truck could quickly get away before the pro-lifers discovered they were there.

On July 19, they almost made a clean getaway—but not quite.

John Roswell, leader of the Baltimore branch of Sidewalk Advocates for Life, kept checking the alley.

“I caught the truck just as they had finished loading and the driver was closing the truck’s back door,” said Roswell.

“You know you’re burning up babies, don’t you?” he yelled at the driver. “You’re like Nazis—nice Nazi efficiency, burning up babies! You realize your company is doing that, don’t you?”

All the while, he was videotap-



A maintenance man stands watch while the hauler loads his truck.

ing the scene and the truck.

The trucker gunned his engine and began maneuvering the truck down the alley to exit on Mulberry Street. As he drove, he was covering his face with what looked like a yellow vest.

“He was trying to hide his face from my videotaping!” declared Roswell.

Alarmed that the trucker was driving almost blind, the pro-lifer jumped on a ledge on opposite side of the alley for his own safety.

“Covering his face like that shows he’s ashamed of what he’s doing,” he concluded.

Roswell is working with Created Equal, a pro-life group that is trying to pressure companies that collect and dispose of hazardous waste to refuse servicing abortion facilities.

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rainbow-colored scarves, and read from LGBT-themed books.

Storms read *I Will Be Fierce* by Bea Birdsong and Nidhi Chalani—ostensibly merely about a little girl who braves what for her are scary situations, such as getting on a school bus and encountering a group of dogs.

Throughout the book, however, she wears a shirt with rainbow-colored stripes—the well-known trademark of the LGBT movement.

At one point the little girl declares, “I will stand up for my beliefs.” (Her “beliefs” are left unnamed.)

Hinz read J. J. Austrian’s *Worm Loves Worm*, in which two worms fall in love and want to get married.

But, their friends want to know, who will wear the dress, and who will wear a tux? The answer is, “It doesn’t matter”; all that matters is that they love each other.

Unlike a human, an earthworm has both male and female reproductive organs.

But the author’s purpose in equating worms with humans is clearly to groom young children to accept the concept of same-sex “marriage.”

Reporter “asked” to leave

Before Storms began the Pride Story Hour, she told a *Defend Life* reporter not to take any pictures of “customers.”

The reporter, who had taken just one photo, did not take any more.

Not long afterwards, while Storms was leading the children in the action song, “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,” Jason Aglietti, the librarian in charge of the Family Fair, approached the reporter and



North Point Library Branch Manager Elizabeth Storms tells a *Defend Life* reporter not to take pictures of “customers.”

asked her to leave the library.

The reporter earlier had taken several photos of Aglietti, accompanied by a library security officer, talking to the America Needs Fatima participants outside the library.

Aglietti had told the reporter that he and the officer did not want their photos taken, and that it was their right to do so.

According to Aglietti, he had also told her not to take photos of any librarians or library patrons.

The reporter said she had understood him to be saying only that he and the security officer did not want their photos taken.

But Aglietti insisted that he had made a blanket order not to take any photos of librarians, and that it is the library’s policy not to allow such

photos to be taken at such events.

“What you’re doing is infringing on the freedom of the press” to adequately report on newsworthy events in a taxpayer-supported public facility, objected the reporter.

But Aglietti repeated his “request” that the reporter leave the library.

The reporter complied, not wishing to cause a scene or risk possible arrest.

She was thus unable to report on the rest of Pride Story Hour. According to the BCPL website, it was to include making “rainbow crafts.”

“Craft tables” had been set up in the main section of the library.

One of the tables displayed materials for making “Pride Signs,” with suggestions on how to make them:

“You can write a message of support, a drawing, or anything! Here are some ideas:

- Love is love
- PRIDE
- Love comes in all colors
- Proud of who I am!

Glue the popsicle stick on the back of the sign; now march it out!” the instructions conclude.

A large display of LGBT-themed books, many of which were written for children, was located next to the children’s section of the library.

Storms said that the Family Fair was organized and run solely by the Baltimore County Library, not any independent community group.

According to an America Needs Fatima prayer participant, several people leaving the library walked up very close to the praying women and called them “hypocrites.”

“No photos” policy not listed

The Baltimore County Public Library website’s list of policies to be

observed by library patrons makes no mention at all of taking photos of librarians or library users—or of taking photos of any kind.

Under “Rules of Conduct,” twenty prohibited activities are named.

They include: theft; use of loud, abusive, threatening or insulting language; public intoxication; sleeping; and offensive body odor.

Under “Events Guidelines,” library users are informed that all events are free, and that some events require registration. They are advised to “arrive promptly” to assure “a good seat.”

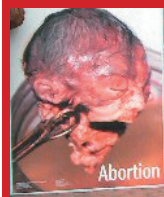
Again, no mention is made of taking photos of librarians or library patrons in Baltimore County libraries (bcpl.info/about-us/policies.html. Accessed 6-25-19).



Above, members of America Needs Fatima pray outside the North Point Library; below, Planned Parenthood has a display table at the library’s LGBTQ+ Family Fair.

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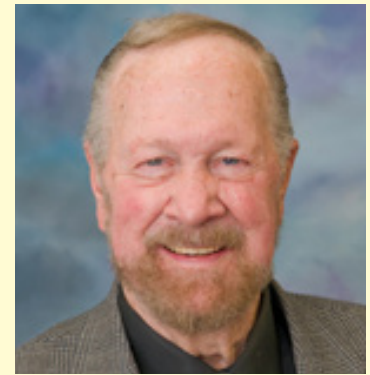
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