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# Library's 'banned books' display angers St. Mary's residents

Caution: Portions of this article contain language that may be offensive to some readers. Parental discretion is advised.

When Georgia Kijesky approached the front desk at the Lexington Park Library in St. Mary's County, Md., on October 11, a prominent display in the teen section, just off to the side, caught her eye.

Lined along the top shelf of a book aisle, brightly colored labels taped to brown lunch bags turned upside down read, "DO NOT READ THIS: Lift to see the banned book, you rebel, you."

Kijesky lifted one of the bags to look at the book underneath. One after another, she lifted more of the bags.

"I was absolutely horrified!" she recalls.

She took photos of the display and of the individual books.

The display, she learned, was part of the American Library Association's Banned Books Week, held September 24-30, "an annual event celebrating the freedom to read," according to ALA's website.

The event's ostensible purpose, said ALA, was "To continue to raise awareness about the harms of censorship and the freedom to read."

There were similar displays at St. Mary's County's other two librar-

ies, in Leonardtown and Charlotte Hall.

None of the books in the Lexington Park Library display had actually been censored or banned, as



"Lift to see the banned book, you rebel, you," reads the sign on a bag covering a salacious book at Lexington Park Library.

evidenced by the fact that Kijesky readily checked out copies of some of them.

Instead, they had been "challenged," the ALA website explained: persons or groups had complained about them and tried to get them removed from the library.

Barely a week after her discov-

ery, the homeschooling mom from Great Mills stood at a podium to address the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners at their October 17 public forum.

Telling the commissioners she was there to inform them about "the sexualization of children in our libraries" at the "banned book" display, she held up a copy of one of the books.

"Pick up the bag, you look underneath and you find *The Little Black Book for Girlz*, riddled with graphic, sexually explicit photographs," she said.

The book is subtitled "A Healthy Sexuality," she noted angrily; "I'd like to know what's healthy about telling children to lick people's anuses and penises and vaginas!"

Kijeski then displayed a copy of an illustration in *Little Black Book* titled "The Dental Dam," showing a thin, square piece of rubber being placed over a naked woman's vagina with the instructions:

- Place dental dam over the 'lickin' area' (vagina, anus, penis)
- Make sure you don't lick the powdery side
- Go for it!

Kijesky cited another book in the display titled *Cherry*, the front cover of which shows "the tip of a bloody penis. And on the back [of the book], the explanation: 'Grooms our young children for group sex,'" she added.

The "banned book" display "encourages kids to become sexually active," said Christina Timmons of Hollywood, Md., who also addressed the commissioners.

"The enticement to promiscuity is what the library is pushing," said Timmons.

"These enticements constitute aiding in the delinquency of minors: this is malicious intent on the part of the library staff," she charged.

Timmons, also a homeschooling mother, noted that she has taken classes to identify predator behavior "because I work with kids.

"Commissioners, I'm alerting you: our library is preying on kids. Predators collect their victims and they groom them. They gain the kids' trust and they introduce sexual scenarios and encourage kids to cross comfort lines."

#### Library 'enticing children'

The October 17 public forum was the third time this year that irate St. Mary's County parents and residents have confronted the commissioners about the Lexington Park Library's sex initiatives for teens.

At St. Mary's County Commissioners' public forums on March 7 and May 2 they spoke out against a planned graphic sex workshop for kids by "sex educator" Bianca Palmisano.

Despite their opposition, the workshop was held May 21 at Lexington Park Library (see "Md. library hosts raunchy sex class for kids," *Defend Life*, May-June 2017).



Georgia Kijesky displays a book "riddled with graphic, sexually explicit" pictures available in Lexington Park Library's teen section.

"The library started grooming kids by introducing a sex class taught by a pervert who promotes kinky sex and pole dancing—yeah, that's just what kids need!" Timmons told the commissioners on October 17.

"The libraries, like the predators, work to gain the trust of children," she charged.

For years, parents have trusted libraries; children have been taught to trust librarians like they trust police, Timmons noted. But the library has taken that trust and used it for perversion.

"They are enticing children to have sex with each other, same-sex partners, kinky sex and sex with anyone."

#### That book came from library?

When Kijesky finished her talk on October 17, County Commissioner Michael Hewitt, referring to the book she had held up, asked, "That book came from the library?"

"Yes, it did," said Kijesky.

"It has a library bar code on it?" he queried. "Let me see it."

Kijesky walked up and handed him her copy of *The Little Black Book for Girlz*.

Hewitt examined the book, then confirmed to his fellow commissioners that it bore a St. Mary's County Library bar code.

He handed the book to County Commissioner President James Guy, who passed it to Commissioner Todd Morgan.

Morgan, leafing through the book, commented, "These are tampons! Huh. Surprising."

#### Fire the library director

Great Mills resident Robert Myers, who also spoke at the forum, urged the commissioners to remove St. Mary's County Library Director Michael Blackwell because of "poor decisions" on his part, including facilitating the sex ed workshop.

Myers noted that the Maryland

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# Mary's Home for pregnant moms opens in Howard County

Thirty years ago, Mary Therese Pfau was a stay-at-home mom with four young children; the youngest was just two weeks old and keeping her up at night, as newborns tend to do.

But when a young, pregnant woman came for help to Columbia Pregnancy Center, where Mary Therese volunteered, and needed a place to stay, she took her into her home.

"She had no other mother-figure in her life—and I figured I wasn't getting any sleep anyway, so what difference would one more person make?" she jokes.

Over a ten-year period, Mary Therese and her husband Michael opened their home, giving shelter and love to ten different women in crisis pregnancies, and showing them up close how a loving family operates.

"They hadn't had good parenting," Mary Therese remembers. "Almost all of them had stories of loss. One's father committed suicide. An-



Larry Bowers (left) and Tony Stramella provide music at the Mary's Home dedication on October 11.

other's mother died in an auto accident. One had a mother who walked out on her.

"A lot of them got pregnant because they were looking for love, and then they got ditched by their boyfriend." Actually, it was a win-win arrangement, she says; "The girls ended up being helpful" with family chores and with her own children.

The pregnant moms she took in were "emotional—they're in a crisis," she admits. And there can be problems with the boyfriends.

"We had one boyfriend who would phone his girlfriend in the middle of the night," she recalls. "I waited until he was sober and then had him over for dinner. I had a long talk with him—asked him not to call her at 1 a.m."

Still, she thinks it would be good if more people would open their homes to women in crisis pregnancies.

"If you have that gift of hospitality, don't let fear dictate your actions," she advises.

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Msgr. Joseph Luca joins Michael and Mary Therese Pfau at the Mary's Home dedication.

#### **Dream becomes reality**

Mary Therese and Michael's hands-on experience caring for preg-

nant unwed moms helped germinate a dream to build a home for pregnant, homeless women and donate it to the community.

The Pfaus were in a unique situation to bring their dream to fruition: in 1987 they began Trinity Homes, a company that builds luxury homes in Howard County, Md.

Mary's Home Maryland is actually two new, large detached houses, built in a cul-de-sac set back from the upscale town houses of a Trinity Homes housing development.

After years of planning and work, the two homes were blessed and dedicated by Baltimore Archbishop William Lori at a ceremony on October 11.

"Whenever we look to the interests of our neighbor, we are, in a sense, God's own co-workers," the Archbishop told the forty to fifty prolifers attending the ceremony. "We ask that God will be with us in this beautiful work of affirming life."

The first house, Hope House, opened its doors in August and has three pregnant moms living in it. The dedication was held in the second house, Abundant Life House, which was ready for occupants in October.

The second floor of each house has four bedrooms, including a 12' x 19' master bedroom, two bathrooms and a large sitting room.

Portraits of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Josephine Bakhita, as well as other religious artwork, hang on the bedroom walls.

New beige wall-to-wall carpeting covers the upper floors, with beige carpets and gleaming hardwood floors on the main floor.

After Archbishop Lori had blessed all of the rooms with holy water, guests collected in the spacious dining room to enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres prepared by the Hope House residents.



Resident Shakashia Green (left) and Mary's Home Director Kim Roche chat after the dedication and blessing ceremonies.

#### Love spreads in ripples

Mary's Home will provide a secure living space for eight homeless pregnant women and their children, both during their pregnancy and after birth, for as long as two years.

The master bedrooms will each accommodate a pregnant woman who already has one or two small children.

Each mother will receive counseling and learn parenting and other living skills in a structured program based on Catholic values and tradition. They will also work toward becoming self-supporting and independent.

"A lot of girls don't have basic skills," notes Mary Therese. "For example, we teach them how to cook, instead of buying prepared food, which is much more expensive.

"And we teach them monetary skills. I once had an argument with one girl on 'needs' versus 'wants,"" she recalls with a smile; "I explained to her that a \$300 pair of sunglasses is a 'want,' not a 'need.""

teers to help their moms and babies, says Kim Roche, the home's executive director.

Volunteers can help out by:

- · Mentoring an individual expectant mother
- · Assisting at the on-site "boutique"
- · Helping moms with errands and doctor appointments
- Helping at special "service days" and events
- ·Assembling donated items for layettes and gift baskets.

At Mary's Home, says Mary Therese, "We have house mothers who will give these young mothers the love that they need—so instead of passing on the cycle of violence, we will show them how to make a loving home for their babies.

"What we teach them can spread out in ripples, for generations to come," she predicts.

And as for the babies in Mary's Home, she declares, "All these babies are going to be loved!"

For more information see Mary's Home welcomes volun- maryshomemaryland.org.

## Pavone to pro-abortionists: get your hands off *God's* property

Fr. Frank Pavone recalls that once, when he was praying with a group at an abortion clinic in the Midwest, one pro-lifer, without realizing it, had his toes over the property line of the clinic.

"The people inside noticed and they came out and started yelling, 'Get your feet off our property!"" said the priest.

"I was leading the prayers at the time. I paused and looked at them and said, 'And when are you going to get your hands off *God's* property?""

This theme permeated the Priest for Life director's Defend Life-sponsored talks at five locations in Maryland November 9-11.

"We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life," he told listeners at Mother Seton Catholic Church in Germantown.

"If He is Lord, then nobody else is. He is the Lord and Giver of

Life—and if He gives life, than none can take it but Him."

There are two simple truths in life, Father Pavone told pro-lifers at Our Lady's Center Chapel in Ellicott City:

- 1. There is a God.
- 2. It isn't me.

We have to understand our place as creatures, as subordinate to the Lord, he explained.

Lucifer was cast out of heaven because he wanted to be God and make the rules, said Father. On earth, he tried to plant in the hearts of our first parents the idea that they would be like God if they disobeyed His laws and ate the forbidden fruit.

"We are *recipients* of the truth, not creators of it," said Father. "When we realize we're not God, we know that the choices we make have to be centered on Him."

All Christian morality is based on the concept that we help one another because God has entrusted to us the care of one another, said Pavone.

"The Culture of Death says we have responsibility to one another if we *choose* to.

"But in the Culture of Life, we understand that we already have responsibility to one another *before* we choose to.

"In the Culture of Death, if we try to reach out to help a woman or her unborn child, they say, 'Why is it any of your business? Mind your own business!'

"But the Culture of Life teaches us that abortion *is* our business."

People who are leading the charge to protect unborn babies are getting involved in the most fundamental human rights battle today, said Father.

"People will champion like crazy all kinds of causes, but will not say a word about the child in the womb," he noted.

For example, he said, "A lot of people are concerned about immigration—it's a hot topic.

"But who is the first immigrant? What is the first border that we must cross? The border of the womb; if you don't cross that border, you can't cross any other border!"

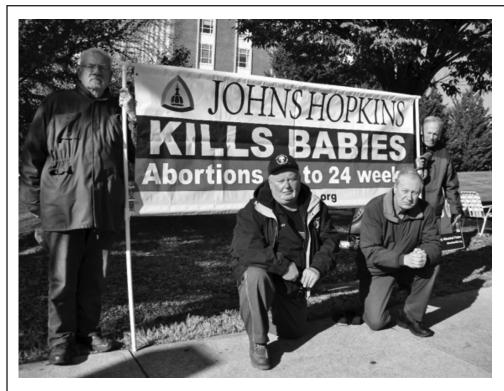
So fighting to end abortion is "Priority No. 1," said the priest.

Father named several ways we can help fight abortion:

First, ask your church to put in its bulletin—and keep it there every week—the following phone number and website for women in crisis pregnancies: 1-800-712-HELP and pregnancycenters.org.



Fr. Frank Pavone discusses logistics with Christine Cunningham, manager of Our Lady's Center, before his talk.



# 'Thank God, you're here!'

--a passerby told the men protesting the committing of abortions at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center at Defend Life's November 17 protest: 'You people keep on doing this—people will try to stop you, but what you're doing is good!' From left: John Lewis, August (Buzzy) Stockman, Jim Bocklage, Ron Herning.

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Code calls for county public library systems to be free from political influence.

But, he said, "I believe that's what we have [in St. Mary's County]; a public library that is influenced by a political agenda. The people responsible for that would be the director and his team.

"I ask you commissioners to step up, hold the county library accountable, and replace the leadership so that we have something that represents this community," Myers concluded.

Blackwell was named library director by the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's County Library in 2015.

The Board of Trustees is a sevenmember board whose members are nominated by the Board and then appointed by the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners.

Kijesky, Timmons, and Jennifer Mountjoy, of Hollywood, Md., who also spoke at the forum, have applied for positions on the Library Board of Trustees that will be open in December.

Timmons and Mountjoy have been granted interviews for the unpaid positions. The Board of Trustees denied Kijesky an interview in an October 25 email.

The St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners could change the law to effectively control the Library Board of Trustees, maintains Kijesky.

But, she says, "The majority of commissioners side with the library and like the comfort of hiding behind [the present law], which frees them from being held responsible for the heinous actions of the library."

Other elected officials won't help the parents fight the county library's radical sex agenda, fearful of jeopardizing the building of a new, \$16 million library for the county, she maintains.

#### Drag queens at story time

"Libraries in general have been

infiltrated by leftist progressives pushing a very deadly agenda—to normalize the abnormal and change family values," Kijesky told *Defend Life* in a phone interview.

This is happening all over the country, not just in St. Mary's County, she noted, citing recent news reports of libraries in California and New York holding story hours for preschoolers in which "drag queens come in to indoctrinate the kids."

As for the radical leftist agenda in the St. Mary's County libraries, says Kijesky, "The only way this will change is if more people within the community rise up and put pressure on the politicians to do their job."

See the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners October 17, 2017, public forum at you tube. com /watch ?v=p29Yab Wu 731 & feature=youtu.be.

For more information see cree-pylibrary.com.

#### **Editorial**

## Abortions by Carhart are awful—but okay at Hopkins Bayview?

Ever since LeRoy Carhart began committing late-term abortions at Germantown Reproductive Health Care Services in Germantown, Md.. in 2010, pro-lifers have been waging full-scale war against the notorious Nebraska abortionist.

Their non-stop pressure to kick Carhart out of Maryland resulted in the sale of the Germantown facility to Maryland Coalition for Life, which closed it down.

Undaunted, Carhart opened his own abortion mill in Bethesda on October 17.

More than 150 pro-lifers came to peacefully protest that day.

Currently, pro-lifers are holding weekly, well-attended protests there Prayforbethesda. every Monday. com offers an excellent overview of the pro-life campaign against Carhart.

It's wonderful to see the energy and effort that these dynamic prolifers are putting forth in a truly righteous battle

if late-term But we wonder: abortion by this 75-year-old babykiller is so reprehensible—and it is—is the same killing of late-term unborn babies okay if it's done by the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital?

In December 2014 Defend Life exposed the fact that Johns Hopkins was regularly aborting babies through the second trimester (up to 24 weeks) at Hopkins' Bavview Medical Center in Southeast Baltimore.

The exact point when a pregnancy becomes "late-term" is not clearly defined. Some authorities define an abortion after 16 weeks as "late";



Question: Are late-term abortions "nicer" or more acceptable to pro-lifers when they're committed by prestigious Johns Hopkins?

others say late-term abortions are those occurring after 20 to 23 weeks.

Prayforbethesda.com identifies an abortion as late-term "when the baby is over 14 weeks old from conception."

Hopkins Medicine's main website confirms that Hopkins Bayview offers "termination of pregnancy (medical and surgical)."

A NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland website says Hopkins Bayview currently provides "Surgical Abortion: 1st & 2nd trimester"

Defend Life launched its first protest at Hopkins Bayview in June 2015. Since then we have protested there every third Wednesday of the month.

Usually, four to six courageous pro-lifers—at the most—show up.

Which makes us ask a few questions:

> • Is a late-term abortion somehow *nicer* or more acceptable when the prestigious Johns for more information. Hopkins commits it?

- Isn't the baby slaughtered in the sanitized precincts of Hopkins Bayview just as dead as one aborted by Carhart?
- Is the pro-life community so cowed by the power and name of Johns Hopkins that it will keep collectively silent—even though silence implies consent?

Our Lord Jesus Christ set us the perfect example of refusing to be silent in the face of evil—and of speaking truth to power.

Will you join us in imitating His example and speak truth to power at Johns Hopkins Bayview?

Defend Life holds a peaceful protest at Johns Hopkins Bayview from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Call Jack Ames at 410-337-3721 or Jim Bocklage at 443-683-9498



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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Here we are again at the end of 2017. With Christmas rapidly approaching, I want to personally wish you and your family your most joyful and blessed Christmas season ever. America has so much for which to be thankful this Christmas! Need I be more specific! Once again, we have been blessed with a \$15,000 \$ for \$ Matching Grant from a small group of generous individuals whom I can never thank enough!

In very simple terms, this means that anything you donate between now and December 31 will be matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$15,000. Your donation of \$100 becomes \$200, \$250 becomes \$500, \$500 becomes \$1,000, and \$1,000 becomes \$2,000 and so forth! Please give generously. In deciding how much to give, remember this... Almighty God is never outdone in generosity!

#### Here is some of what DEFEND LIFE did with your support in 2017

• Sponsored numerous world-class speakers who spoke to **36** different audiences including:



**Honorable Bob Dornan** 



Fr. Terrence Henry, T.O.R.





Fr. Frank Pavone Dr. Christina Lynch Katherine Hunter





Fr. Paul C.B. **Schenck** 



**Terry Beatley** 



**David Bereit** 



**Barry Sullivan** 



**Moira Sheridan** 



**Hugh Owen** 



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- In May, we arranged and co-hosted 4 different sidewalk counseling training courses including a 1-day course at Saint Philip and James in Baltimore. These 4 courses were taught by Lauren Muzyka, the Founder and Director of Sidewalk **Advocates for Life from Dallas.**
- In July, we sponsored our 17th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour with **22 Core Team** members and **15** different stops.
- We also distributed over **24,000** copies of **DEFEND LIFE** as well as hundreds of our **PRO-LIFE** T-shirts.

- In September, we hosted a **National Day of Remembrance** commemorating the **35** late trimester aborted babies found in a freezer in Elkton, Maryland in 2012.
- We also arranged for beautiful **Nativity Scenes** at **6** different locations. See *AmericanNativityScene.com* for more information.
- We are sponsoring Christmas caroling at Union Station on December 20 See page 16 for details.
- Finally, we **Tailgated for Life** at 2 different University of Delaware football games.



#### **BILL McCAFFREY - RIP**



Bill McCaffrey was a fearless, tenacious **PRO-LIFER**. I only knew Bill from our several great phone conversations. Somehow he had heard about **DEFEND LIFE**, perhaps by **YOU** distributing bulk copies of our outstanding magazine. Bill grew up in North Philadelphia, attended Saint Stephen's Parochial School, and Father Judge High School. You can learn more about Bill by reading his amazing book *JMJ*. It's about growing up in Philadelphia in the '40s and '50s. It covers everything from playing *street ball*, a modified version of baseball and *football* on the row-house lined streets

of North Philadelphia, going to Saint Stephen's School, the *Free Library* of Philadelphia, *stealing* a car parked in front of their row house, and heading the Notre Dame *Subway Alumni* of Philadelphia.

Every Catholic Philadelphia boy, including Bill, dreamed about going to Notre Dame but very few did. While playing street football, they took the names of their favorite Notre Dame players.

Bill went to Sienna College in Albany instead. Many years later while working for **IBM** in Montgomery County, Maryland, Bill was transferred to an IBM facility in Greencastle, Indiana. Bill's dream to attend Notre Dame became a reality when for 3 years he would drive 3 hours every Thursday night to attend classes Friday and Saturday. Towards the end of those three years, IBM closed their Indiana facility and Bill was transferred back to Maryland. Amazingly, for the last 3 months of his Notre Dame career, Bill would fly from his Maryland home to South Bend weekly. He finally received his cherished degree.

Bill was a member of Saint John Neumann Parish in Gaithersburg where he would attend the 6:30 AM daily Mass. He and his dear friend **Michael Allen** had a contest to see who would arrive first. Afterwards, they and others would go to a McDonalds in Montgomery Village where Bill would pontificate at what became known as the **Coffee Club**. All were welcome to attend. Bill never had a problem standing up and pounding on the table, if needed to make a point. Bill was a fervent believer last fall that **America needed Donald Trump**, not in the future, but **right then!** 

Bill wrote a great article for **DEFEND LIFE** in our May-June 2016 issue entitled **Joe Biden Got the Laeture Medal? You Gotta Be Kidding!** 

Bill's book **JMJ** by Gilroy MacFrancis (his pen name) is available in soft cover and e-book from Trafford Publishing, **Trafford.com 888-232-4444.** You will begin to appreciate the greatness of Bill McCaffrey when you read his fascinating book.

Bill taught business classes at Johns Hopkins, Loyola College, and University of Maryland University College. He was teaching at University of Texas in McAllen, Texas, when he died suddenly on September 27. Mass cards for his immortal soul may be sent to his dear wife **Anne McCaffrey, 8306 Frontwell Circle, Montgomery Village, Maryland 20886**.

Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames, Director

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# NARAL gives Carharts top award at Chocolate Gala

#### By Naomi daGuerra

At its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of Chocolate Gala, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland named Dr. LeRoy and Mary Lou Carhart the organization's Choice Advocates of the Year.

The notorious late-term abortionist and his wife were honored on October 20 for "making abortion access a reality amid the more challenging of circumstances."

Although the presenter did not identify those "challenging circumstances," she probably was not referring to the difficult task of killing a 30- or 35-week preborn baby. Children at that age are quite strong. Some are known, despite the many adults teamed up against them, to have survived the abortion.

Instead, NPCM was likely praising Carhart for his seeming ability to withstand the pressure Maryland pro-lifers have been putting on him.

Six years ago, after Nebraska had made post-20-week abortions il-

legal there, Carhart left that state and set up shop in Montgomery County, Md., where he began aborting lateterm babies at Germantown Reproductive Health Services.

For the last year or so, however, a pro-life coalition had been bargaining with GRHS's landlord, Todd Stave.

By September 2017, the coalition had finalized a deal to shut down GRHS as well as an abortion center in Prince George's County that Stave owned. But the buyout didn't propel Carhart into retirement; more on Carhart's migration below.

#### No EC in vending machines!

As during the past few autumns, Maryland's premier pro-abortion party was held at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, Howard County.

NPCM members, casual supporters, and major sponsors gathered to celebrate their part in maintaining the state's abortion-friendly laws and regulations.

A number of politicians—some elected, some wannabes—also attended, including Congressman John Sarbanes, who doesn't miss the annual bash.

About 200 people mingled, most standing and a few sitting at small, round tables. A five-piece band called the Gin Canaries played live music as guests sampled sweets and swigged alcohol—beer, wine, and, of course, chocolate martinis.

The first award presentation, for Choice Advocate Team of the Year, went to Dr. David McBride, director of the University of Maryland Health Center, and to his associates.

McBride and his crew received the award for being the first to bring "24/7 on-campus access to over-thecounter emergency contraception" to a public university in Maryland.

While accepting the award, Mc-Bride said that his lone regret was not getting "EC" into campus vending machines.

#### "Thirty pieces of silver"

Then came Carhart's award. At the microphone, the abortionist didn't say much about his business troubles, but he did talk with several people about them afterwards.

Because the buyout money went to the abortion center landlord, not the abortionist, pro-lifers weren't able to kick out Carhart from Maryland.

In fact, by the third week of October, the 75-year-old abortionist had obtained a license for a new office—still in Montgomery County, but this time in Bethesda, about 15 miles from his previous killing center.

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Late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart and his wife Mary Lou pause for a photo at the NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland Chocolate Gala.

#### **Book Review**

# Subverted: Good insights and info, but a few problems

#### By Diane Levero

In Subverted: How I Helped the Sexual Revolution Hijack the Women's Movement, author Sue Ellen Browder gives us a fascinating account of the feminist movement on two levels:

- Sweeping coverage of the feminist movement of the 1960s, detailing how advocates for women's rights in the workplace joined forces with the pro-abortion movement.
- Her own personal odyssey as a would-be investigative journalist duped into a long-time career penning articles for *Cosmopolitan* that glorified the joys of sexual promiscuity, contraception and abortion.

Browder makes no excuses for, as a small-town Iowa girl, succumbing to the siren call of glamour and excitement promised by writing for—as she put it—"the hottest women's magazine in the nation."

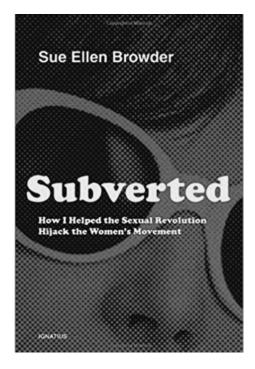
At *Cosmo*, Browder became a propagandist pushing editor Helen Gurley Brown's dogma that the way for a woman to succeed in a career and in life was to (1) work hard (2) take the Pill or use some other contraceptive; and (3) if the contraceptive failed, get an abortion.

The *Cosmo* philosophy, writes Browder, turned every conventional value upside down: "Bitchiness and selfishness were good, generosity and putting others first were bad."

With such a corrupt moral lens, it's no surprise that Brown encouraged her writers to pepper their

articles with made-up anecdotes about a fictitious "Cosmo girl" who had a glamor job, traveled a lot, and led a carefree, sex-saturated life. Browder made up such characters with gusto.

On the broader level, *Subverted*'s blow-by-blow account of how National Organization for Women



President Betty Friedan strongarmed NOW into inserting support for abortion in its platform in 1967 is riveting.

But I'm afraid I have a problem with Browder's narrative on several counts.

First is her take on Friedan. "Some say she was a Marxist," Browder remarks casually. Then she basically lets that contention slide, as if it weren't all that important.

Well, was she or wasn't she? A quick Google search turns up, among other things, the facts that Friedan wrote for a Communist-front union newspaper for six years, and tried to join the Communist Party twice.

Yet, Browder generally portrays Friedan's motivations in writing the game-changing blockbuster, *The Feminine Mystique*, as pure and noble—aimed only at freeing women from the chains of stultifying housewifery by pursuing fulfilling careers in the workforce.

Could Friedan's ulterior aim in writing *Mystique* have been the breakdown of the family in order to facilitate an all-powerful Communist government?

Browder tells us that Friedan only supported the legalization of abortion for *other* women—personally, she was opposed and would never have an abortion herself.

Have we heard that mantra, "I'm personally opposed to abortion, but—" before, boys and girls? Do we buy it? I don't.

According to Browder, Friedan came to support NOW's pro-abortion plank only after persuasion by the powerful pro-abortion advocate Lawrence Lader.

I don't think it took much persuasion.

In addition to my concerns with her assessment of Friedan, I found Browder's tendency toward a "The world owes me a living" liberalprogressive mindset to be disconcerting.

Writes Browder, "NOW's abortion plank gave the U.S. government, universities, and all of corporate America (including the major

media monopolies) a convenient, expedient way to escape from *having to provide* day care, parental leave, and other benefits for mothers and families." (Italics added.)

So it's *the duty* of businesses to provide day care, parental leave, etc., to their employees?

On the positive side, though, Browder gives us an engaging, often humorous account of her career and her family life.

She pokes fun at what she terms

her "cognitive dissonance"—for, while she was extolling the joys of sexual libertinism at *Cosmo*, she led an often-idyllic family life with her writer husband and their two children, right down to having chocolate chip cookies or homemade bread for the kids when they got home from school.

Browder also writes extensively and very movingly of her journey from "lukewarm" (almost non-existent) Protestantism to Catholicism, along with her husband Walter.

In short, I'm not comfortable with some of Browder's views, or with her sometimes overboard hyperbole in her account of the feminist movement (she writes of the "economic, educational, and social injustices that had long bound women *in chains*"—oh, puh-leeze!).

But *Subverted* is still worthwhile reading, in my humble opinion.

#### PAVONE, from page 5

Second, go in front of abortion clinics.

"Be present at the clinics as prayer warriors, as protesters, as sign holders," advised Father.

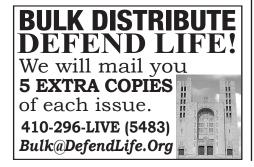
"There are many different, creative ways to act there; you don't know what will reach women to turn them around."

But show up—be there, he urged: "Often, just your mere presence there will be enough to make them change their minds."

Third, sign up at stopabortionnow.org for Priests for Life's email Action Alerts.

These alerts will help you to act quickly on urgent issues, letting you know when to put pressure on legislators to vote pro-life.

Alerts go out on matters such as the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the defunding of



Planned Parenthood.

"Overwhelming pressure" on politicians from the public *does* work, said Father.

"There is so much to do in the pro-life movement, there is so much hope, we are making so much progress!" he exclaimed.

"Let's all join in more than ever in this great effort. We are going to have victory over abortion; in the name of Jesus, we are going to see that victory!"

All five of Father Pavone's Defend Life-sponsored talks are posted at facebook.com/FatherFrankPavone.

#### NARAL, from page 10

In a conversation that I happened to overhear, Carhart said he'd be seeing the first client at his new abortion center on the morning of Sunday, October 22, less than thirty-six hours later.

He claimed he was "booked solid," and seemed to have taken his brief unemployment in stride.

"This is the fifth time we've been evicted because of a change of heart of the landlord," Carhart noted flatly.

He stated incorrectly that the two shuttered abortion centers had been "sold to Maryland Right to Life." As the *Washington Post* reported on August 25, they were (to be) bought by the Maryland Coalition for Life, which raised the money with help from several area churches.

Carhart also said that he "heard the selling price was \$1.2 million," adding that he "hope[d] Stave was enjoying his thirty pieces of silver."

The following organizations donated items to the gala's silent auction, helping NPCM to keep child-killing legal in Maryland: the Baltimore Museum of Industry, Freer Gallery, Maryland Lyric Opera, Center Stage, Round House Theatre, Signature Theatre, the American Visionary Art Museum, Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, Whitetail Resort, Sleepy Creek Retreat, Potomac Riverboat Company, Radical Skateboard, Zinn Chiropractic, and St. Michaels Winery.

According to a line at the top of the Baltimore Museum of Industry's bid sheet, the high bidder would win "2 Family Passes" to the museum.

The BMI auction item was the only one that mentioned "family"—and it was the only one without a single bidder by the evening's close.

This would be funny if it weren't so sad.

#### **In My Humble Opinion**

# Time to rally against Carhart, Bethesda area pro-lifers!

#### By Janet Baker

After 6.5 long years of Leroy Carhart slaughtering babies in Germantown Md., we received word that as of September 27, abortions at both Germantown Reproductive Health Services and Prince Georges Reproductive Health Services would cease.

Both abortuaries were owned by Todd Stave and Nancy Samuels, children of abortionist Carl Stave, the original owner of the mills.

The Staves had sold both mills, essentially giving Leroy Carhart the heave-ho. As part of the deal, the Staves agreed not to engage in abortions. Shortly after their parting, Carhart sued the two Stave siblings for custody of the medical records; we understand that some sort of settlement was reached.

We knew that Carhart wasn't going to let his Maryland business go, since this state is so abortion-friendly. Moreover, MD NARAL and others banded together to find him a new locality.

Sure enough, in mid-October we learned that he had leased space at 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 104. That's just north of Wildwood Shopping Center on the east side of Old Georgetown Road. It's just one block south of the I-270 interchange, making it very convenient for his out-of-state clientele to come and have their late-term babies murdered.

We learned that his office had scheduled its first appointments to occur on October 16—a Monday. Then came word from Operation Rescue that as of October 14, the new facility was unlicensed. One of us went into

the building at that time and found that people were still renovating Suite 104—painting, installing fixtures, etc.

There was no humanly possible way that the facility could be in a condition to pass the necessary inspections for state licensure in less than two days, and yet the abortuary staff had scheduled client appointments for that Monday.

We quickly noised that fact to the surrounding area, distributing flyers to both other businesses in Wildwood Shopping Center and the building it-

By God's grace, we can expel Carhart from Bethesda, but only if we pray and work.

self as well as the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The ensuing pressure must have worked, for when we had our first press conference at noon on October 17 and the first prayer vigil that evening, it was announced that Carhart had canceled all appointments that day and for the foreseeable future.

But the reprieve for the babies was short-lived, for the slaughter in Bethesda commenced the following week. So far it seems to have been rather sporadic, as Carhart hasn't always arrived to commit the murders; we take little comfort in that, knowing that he most likely kills babies at his other location.

Even some people who otherwise describe themselves as "pro-

choice" find late-term abortion to be abhorrent. We hope to raise their awareness of Carhart's presence in Bethesda, and to alert other Bethesda residents to what is now transpiring in their midst.

To this end, some of the pro-lifers who played a role in the ejection of Carhart from Germantown have established a new website, prayforbethesda.com.

Please check that site often for action items and updates. For now, we suggest the following actions, in addition to your private intercessions for an end to abortion.

First, contact Aubinoe Management and ask them to do what they can to rid their building of baby-killing. Contact information is on the website cited above.

If you visit any other doctor or business in 10401 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda, make known to them your displeasure at having to enter a building where baby-killing occurs.

For those of you near the location, particularly parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Jane de Chantal, Holy Cross parishes (and beyond), please make every effort to attend the Tuesday evening prayer vigils (starting at 6:30 p.m.) and the Monday morning vigils commencing at 9:00 a.m.; again, details are on the prayforbethesda site.

Carhart was expelled from Germantown, but only after 6.5 years of ongoing, dedicated prayers and effort.

By God's grace we can expel him again, but only if we are willing to pray and do the work necessary for that to happen.

#### **Commentary**

# The long game isn't enough; time to scale up our tactics

By Bob Brown

Two historical accounts of the Holocaust, including *The Pope's Jews* by Gordon Thomas, are sitting on my nightstand, bookmarks protruding from their dense middles.

They are great reminders that liberation from evil doesn't happen without great cost. (Calvary is the utmost example, of course.)

Abortion is so heinous yet so mainstream: Do we imagine it can be stopped by methods that don't cost us much?

Except for the work of pregnancy resource centers, I'm concerned that the pro-life movement's efforts aren't costly enough.

Sure, we march, but not under the blast of fire hoses. If legislatures kill our bills, we don't face dismemberment. We easily busy ourselves without having a personal stake in ending abortion.

"But look at all the progress we've made." Actually, it's hard to pin down the cause of the slight downturn in the abortion rate, but it's almost certainly due equally to demographics—the more abortion-vulnerable communities not replenishing their populations—as to prolife victories.

And with unreported chemical abortions replacing a percentage of surgical abortions, substantiating



any reduction in the abortion rate is problematic.

Still, we shouldn't abandon the long game: March, legislate, lecture, write, sell t-shirts, click "Send." Each child saved is worth celebrating.

But remember that a 20-week ban (passed with life-of-mother/ rape/incest exceptions by the House of Representatives in October but not taken up by the Senate at the time of

Leaders should work out a new, expanded agenda, inspired by what Pius XII did.

the writing of this article) would prevent a mere 3 of every 200 abortions.

It's time to be honest: The long game isn't enough. The American abortion industry, in power now four *times* longer than Hitler was, still exterminates one million children every year. Each child lost is a catastrophe. Nothing we're currently doing gives concrete hope for radical changes anytime soon.

Here's my point: Pro-lifers must *rediscover* the courage shown by the underground networks, families, and individuals who hid Jewish people from the Nazis, an illegal enterprise punishable by death.

We should be inspired by maneuvers that flouted Nazi laws, such as the issuing of phony baptismal certificates to Jewish children, gaining them passage to a safe country.

Let it be said, though, that we absolutely renounce all forms of vio-

lence. Even though our laws sanction tearing children to pieces, our resistance must be nonviolent. But we cannot exclude tactics that disregard some juridical boundaries. Is that going too far? Well, again, was hiding Jewish people going too far?

So, what is the pro-life equivalent of hiding Jews? Well, it's been happening in isolated pockets, but now is the time to scale up. Consider this an invitation: Church and organizational leaders should come together to work out a *new, expanded agenda*, inspired by what Pius XII and Vatican officials did in Rome and the entire village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon did in southern France. The whole body of Christ must make protecting the innocent a 24/7 endeavor—a matter of life and death *to us*.

Now, you don't have to "cross the line" to act in ways that are costly. For example, Christians have more than enough money to park a mobile sonogram vehicle outside every abortion center in the United States.

That costs serious money, but what are we throwing our money away on, or grasping it tightly for, instead? Get your church's missions committee on board.

And there are plenty of us to maintain a regular and noticeable witness outside every abortion center. Some of us can also walk in, with gifts to offer, resource information to share, and a loving invitation to talk outside. That will cost time, but doesn't a joyful eternity await the faithful?

You can reach me at *prolife-bob@gmail.com*.



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