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Judging the Judgment on Gunn

Of course David Gunn ought to have been drawn and quartered unto death. This, of course, is the *lex talionis*, the "law of retaliation" which declares that an eye is to be taken from the one who takes another's eye. And so, even as David Gunn had cut and torn children to pieces, albeit under the approval of their mothers, he ought properly to have received the same treatment were he to have been brought to justice.

But now, stoning has some benefits to consider. It involves the community in the act of purging itself of evil, assuaging the wrath of God. The community enjoys a sense of responsibility and involvement. Neighborhood participation. And there is more! The actual stone throwing process may well serve the ultimate interests of the one being executed! Consider the opportunity the guilty one has of repenting and calling out to God in the name of Jesus. With each blow he feels the approach of final judgment. And, by the grace of God, he may confess his sins and be saved before expiring.

Perhaps liberalism has affected even my mind. Nevertheless, I aver that we can opt for execution in these times by whatever means seem most expedient and swift. Hence the modern methods including hanging, firing squad, electrocution, guillotine, or lethal injection are tolerable. (The last option might present a stumbling block, however, to those weak members of a culture tempted by drugs and Kervorkianism.) And, I should hasten to add, we who hold this liberal view of capital punishment ought not look down upon those conservatives who would insist on stoning. Let each church and town be free to advocate that method of executing capital offenders which seems best.

Ah, but I have missed the point, you complain. The man who terminated Mr. Gunn was not a legally constituted authority. No due process was given the abortionist. He was not charged, arraigned before

the judge, indicted, tried, convicted, and sentenced. Instead, Mr. Griffin, took the law of God into his own hands and illegally executed Gunn.

Yes, we confess that Mr. Griffin's actions remind us of those of the prophet Elijah at Mt. Carmel, or Samuel and the slaying of Agag, or Ehud and his "message from God" to Eglon. And these men were old time prophets of God. And we probably don't have men like that these days. We live in New Testament and modern times. And we don't "war against flesh and blood" and use force like Jesus did when he whipped those people and threw the furniture around. And even if God were to raise up a prophet of sorts, how does one really know? People spank children and do all kinds of crazy things in the name of religion. It's just too radical, extreme, out of the mainstream, cultic, etc. What if everybody just did whatever he thought was right in his own eyes?

Oh, but I have not missed the point. I do not assume that Mr. Griffin "executed" (as in a judicial act) Mr. Gunn. I haven't heard a report from Mr. Griffin's mouth on this matter. All reports from those who knew him indicated that his actions were other than judicial. They were, on the contrary, quite eleemosynary. Mr. Griffin acted from the perspective of compassion, showing mercy upon innocent children by delivering them from death and upon Gunn by praying for his soul days before terminating his existence on earth.

Mr. Griffin committed no murder, he performed a homicide. Michael Griffin killed; he slew; he neutralized; he terminated a serial killer. There is no guilt imputed to the one who kills a man who is about to commit murder. Even a man who encounters a thief in the night is excused from slaying him and cannot be convicted of murder. The threat of murder was present and the threat justified the slaying of the one posing the threat. A homicide resulting

from the defense of oneself or of another is excused (Cf. Exodus 22:2).

Michael Griffin ought to be acquitted. To reject Michael Griffin is to reject a righteous man. To shun Michael Griffin is to vindicate an abortionist. Let Griffin be acquitted and Gunn and his bloody profession, thereby, be condemned.

For the Record—Judging the Judges of Griffin

Following are the documented responses of various anti-abortionists, likeminded columnists, and prolife organizations to the deed of Michael Griffin. By a man's words let him be justified or condemned.

National Review

"The shooting of Dr. David Gunn... was murder, legally and morally. It is to be condemned without qualification... Civilization cannot tolerate private executions, as civilization cannot long survive the license to terminate unwanted human lives."¹

(As you like it. Send out invitations and arrange for a public execution of Gunn's replacement.)

Christianity Today

"Most of the Rescue movement leadership were quick to point out that the doctor (sic) deserved what happened to him and slow to condemn the doctors' assailant as a cold-blooded murderer.

"Christians working for justice, including saving of preborn lives, must not only condemn such a murder, but they must firmly eschew violence..."

"Violence against abortionists... violates God's kingdom law... 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' And love... does no wrong to a neighbor."²

In an 800 word report entitled, "Florida Murder Brings New Challenges for Prolifers," Kim Lawton almost fitfully uses the term "murder" to beat readers into submission. The word is used 13 times to

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describe Griffin's deed.³

Patrick Mahoney

CT reported that alleged "Operation Rescue National (OR) spokesman Patrick Mahoney says his group has been unfairly tied to the murder and to acts of 'graffiti, arson, and bombing, all of which we denounce.'" Mahoney is quoted calling Griffin's action a "senseless killing."⁴

Keith Tucci

Seemed to reluctantly condemn Griffin saying, "Our commitment to the dignity of life stands for the born as well as the unborn"⁵

Campaign Life Coalition (Largest prolife group in Canada)

Sent out a statement saying it "deplores and condemns unequivocally" the shooting of Gunn.

American Life League, Inc.

"It is not my role nor is it the role of any person to judge another human being, much less violently take his life..."

"Whether it be by currette, by suction machine or by bullets shot by a man who was most obviously disturbed, the taking of a fellow human being's life is wrong..."⁶

(Roll over Elijah! You got to re-capitate those prophets of Baal. And put down that jawbone, Samson! Make room for those Philistines.)

Family Research Council

Gary Bauer in his *Washington Watch*... "unjust killing" deserving "the sternest punishment the law can mete out." (My O my! Did Michael shoot Mother Theresa?)

National Right To Life Committee

President Wanda Franz declared that she "condemned the violence against abortionist Dr. David Gunn."⁷

Americans United For Life

Called it "lawless and deplorable."⁸

Randall Terry

"Described the killing as an 'inappropriate, repulsive act.'"⁹

Don Treshman

"It's wrong to take life. Every life has a value, even if it's an abortionist."¹⁰

(\$3.00 worth of fertilizer for the weeds of the cemetery? Food for the demons in Hell? Certainly every life has a value and Providence is awesome and beyond our understanding in the use He makes of His creatures!)

William Murchison (Typical prolife columnist, Dallas Morning News)

"If Florida ultimately executes Mr. Griffin, blame should attach not to the Florida



Michael Griffin. Arrested.

justice system but to the prisoner, and to him only. No provocation justifies the cold-blooded murder of a defenseless man." (Yeah. Maybe Griffin should have strapped a holster on him first and called him out for a showdown.)

"From the pro-life standpoint, it was conceivable that, with prayer and time, he might have experienced conversion... And, oh, what a mighty witness he might then have offered!"¹¹

(Are you serious or just ludicrous, William? It would be a curious thing to watch you kneeling beside your wife and praying for the man who is raping her. Might be better to stop him prayerfully, but stop him nonetheless. Might even want to shoot him if he were holding a currette—I mean knife—to her throat.)

Cal Thomas (Another typical prolife columnist)

"Tragic and wrong... for Dr. Gunn to be murdered"¹² (I guess that is prudent, Cal. Don't want to offend those loyal Christian leaders. Bread and butter concerns. We understand.)

U.S. Catholic Conference

Statement issued: "The violence of killing in the name of pro-life makes a mockery of the pro-life cause. As we abhor the violence of abortion, we abhor violence as a dangerous and deplorable means to stop abortion."¹³

For the Record—The Local Pensacola Pastors

Rev. Michael Collins (pastor of the Charity Chapel church Griffin and his family had been attending for several months prior to

the slaying of Gunn.)

"The Rev. Michael Collins called the shooting of Gunn a 'tremendous tragedy' that violated Christian principles. 'We are absolutely committed to the sanctity of life, whether it is in the womb or a grown human being,' Collins told about 80 members gathered for the regular Wednesday night service. 'This is a horrible situation and in no way, shape or form do we condone it.'"¹⁴
Rev. John Kilpatrick (pastor of Brownsville Assembly of God)

"I don't agree, period, with the radical elements that come against these abortion clinics."

"Kilpatrick said he wouldn't stand on a protest line at an abortion clinic because, 'If the person entering the clinic saw the min-

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How Should Christians Respond to Homosexuals?

by Mike Colvin

If your only exposure to homosexuals is TV news footage of ACT-UP and Queer Nation members doing outrageous things designed to shock middle America, you may be unsure of what a proper Christian response might be. It should be obvious that militant groups such as those just mentioned *want* to arouse strong emotions, and the temptation is always present for us to respond in a similar vein. "Shut up," "Get out of my face," and "Go away" are three of the milder things that might run through my mind when faced with someone who is flaunting his hatred of God and God's laws.

As Christians, however, we need to remind ourselves of a very important truth: God loves homosexuals and we cannot afford to "write them off." It behooves us to remember that our own sin was and is no less disgusting in God's sight, but He loved us in spite of our sin. What's more, we would turn right back to our own vomit, if it were not for the power of His Holy Spirit in our lives, so we cannot even take credit for our relatively virtuous walk (all grounds for boasting have been removed, says Paul).

The point is really so obvious it should make us ashamed to need to hear it again. Homosexuals need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All sin is enslavement, but some chains are harder to break than others. We can rejoice that God's power can crack even the hard cases. Does this mean that male and female homosexuals can actually stop being homosexual? That is a big question, and brings us to the real point of this story.

All over the country, Christian ministries are springing up that are targeted at homosexuals, and their premise is that God *can* change hearts and minds, including "sexual orientation." This attitude is reflected in the names adopted by these Christian ministries: "Exodus," "Metanoia" (Greek for 'change of mind' or 'repentance'), "Eleutheros" (Greek for 'free'), "Regeneration," and "New Creation Ministries." Close to home, there is a Washington, D.C. Christian group called "Transformation Ex-Gay Ministries" [Telephone 202-483-3800, P.O. Box 12121 Washington, D.C. 20005].

It doesn't take much imagination to see that homosexuals will be more receptive to hearing the Gospel from Christians who have "been there," i.e. in the homosexual lifestyle, and who can testify from personal experience to the transforming power of God. It is refreshing to be able to commend such a

ministry, in a world where many mainline churches are embracing politically correct doctrines and turning their backs on the Word of God.

Most of us have probably read news articles in the last year that trumpet "scientific discoveries" concerning the "genetic basis" of homosexuality. There is always a hidden agenda behind such news, which is to remove any stigma from the homosexual life style. If homosexuality is something that is not chosen but is inherited, like being left-handed, then how can it be wrong? Such an approach is actually wrong on *two* counts: first, since we are all born sinners, it should not surprise us that we inherit *many* sinful tendencies — but that does not excuse us in God's eyes; second, all the "science" that has been in the news lately is very shaky science, and the best explanation of homosexuality remains dysfunctional childhood relationships (which is only another manifestation of our sin-natures).

There are several good reasons why Christians should give support to such parachurch ministries as Transformation. For one thing, its philosophy includes a rejection of the prevailing "unisex" view of human nature. Transformation and other ex-gay ministries firmly believe and teach that God designed men and women to be different, and part of the job of discipling a homosexual man who has been born again is to help him

learn what real masculinity is. Transformation staff members work with converts to instruct and disciple, but they also have a need for straight men to serve simply as friends. How can ex-gays learn what real masculinity and real male friendships are without having them modeled?

Another reason for supporting and encouraging Transformation is their high view of the Scriptures. In reality, the Bible is even clearer and more explicit in condemning homosexual behavior than it is in condemning abortion (but that doesn't stop people who should know better from trying to twist its words). A favorite passage of all ex-gay ministries is I Corinthians 6, where Paul lays out God's condemnation on those who commit sexual sins, including perversions. Then,

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Joe Kosloski in front of Hillcrest death camp S.E.

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ister there, that person might not go to the minister later if they sought forgiveness." 15

(We've heard some pretty lame excuses before, but this one is downright creative. We suspect this rev. serves up some imaginative doctrine from the pulpit as well.)

Rev. Bill Franklin (pastor of First Assembly of God)

"First Assembly of God was the church attended by the men convicted of bombing Pensacola abortion clinics in 1984, before Franklin joined the church.

"Before I came here, this church had been out and demonstrating, carrying placards and the like," Franklin said. "The first thing I did was stop them from participating, to distance our church from (abortion opponent) John Burt and all that he stands for. I am against abortion, but not in favor of that type of approach." 16

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I read all the newspapers I could get within a week after this event, and I do not remember in them a single expression of sympathy for this man.

The above paragraph is not mine; it is taken verbatim from a speech delivered by Henry David Thoreau five days after John Brown was indicted for treason. The speech continues as follows:

I object not so much to what they have omitted as to what they have inserted. Even the LIBERATOR called it "misguided, wild, and apparently insane..."

Republican editors, obliged to get their sentences ready for the morning edition and accustomed to look at everything by twilight of politics, express no admiration, nor true sorrow even, but call these men "deluded fanatics," "mistaken men" — "insane" or "crazed." It suggests what a sane set of editors we are blessed with not "mistaken men"; who know very well on which side their bread is buttered at least.

Oh, and how the anti-slavery people distanced themselves from this radical! Just as the anti-abortion crowd shuns Michael Griffin now. Thoreau, again:

A man does a brave a humane deed, and at once, on all sides, we hear people and parties declaring, "I didn't do it, nor countenance him to do it, in any conceivable way. It can't be fairly inferred from my past career." I, for one, am not interested to hear you define your position. I don't know that I ever was, or ever shall be. I think it is mere egotism, or impertinent at this time. Ye needn't take so much pains to wash your skirts of him. No intelligent man will ever



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be convinced that he was any creature of yours...

NO. Griffin must not be defended by those proliferators who are most concerned about their public image and their pristine passivism. He is too serious a defender of the innocent to fit into their company. Says Thoreau of Brown:

It was his peculiar doctrine that a man has a perfect right to interfere by force with the slaveholder, in order to rescue the slave. I agree with him...

The same indignation that is said to have cleared the temple once will clear it again. The question is not about the weapon, but the spirit in which you use it.

Indeed, and who knows the spirit of Mr. Griffin? Who can judge him? His deed cannot be condemned. Happily, though he has been condemned by all major media and pro-life groups, there is a handful of smaller groups which have spoken in his defends. Here they are.

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addressing the Corinthian Christians directly, he says "Such were some of you. But you were washed, sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

Let us never doubt the transforming power of God. When He gives the gift of new life, he can give a new sexual orientation. We should not make the mistake, however, of painting too rosy a picture. A homosexual whom God calls into His family may struggle with his sexual feelings for many years, and may never reach the point where he can lead a normal life. God may call such a person to a life of celibacy (and provide the grace needed), but we know for a fact that having a sex life, even a heterosexual sex life, is not a critical part of what being a real man is. We have the example of the Perfect Man, Jesus Christ, to assure us of that. ■

A Little National News

...for the radical fringe

■ **One Down in Florida** — How many more to go? "A bullet will stop me," says Gunn's anonymous temporary replacement. "And psychological violence will stop me... You can stop anybody, if you know how... You got one doctor down. All they need to do is kill a couple more, and then everybody will quit."

No. The good "doc" didn't grant Rad Fringe editors an interview. We aren't that slick. (See William Booth's "Abortion Battle Fatigue — Slain Physician's Replacement Vents Fears, Frustration," in *Washington Post*, May 7, 1993, p. A3)

Defenders of the Defenders of Life reports: "On March 10, Michael Griffin saved 12 babies from a murderer and the entire nation rose to condemn him. The reason? In order to save the lives of the innocent babies, Michael Griffin killed an abortionist who made his living killing 5,000 babies a year.

"We must not condemn Michael Griffin! To do so is to join with the abortion industry in proclaiming the lie that those in the womb are not as human as you and I..." (See "Notes," page 8 for addresses of DODOL and Griffin.)

■ **Don Treshman** — Was the premier *persona non grata* for a few days in Britain when he traveled there for a PPI convention a few weeks after the termination of Gunn. "Go Home Mr. Nasty," said the British daily, *Today*, for example. The otherwise free speech-crazed press just couldn't stomach the opinion of Rescue America's director. Treshman had been laden with a mass of affectionless attention when Griffin was imputed with Rescue America "membership." And his failure to condemn Gunn's neutralizer put him beyond the grace of big media.

■ **Revisiting Corpus Christi** — Last issue we savored the news of the \$1 million in demolition divestment in this politically incorrectly named city. We add some comments penned by Treshman in a letter to *The Caller-Times* on February 22:

"...The recent episode at the Reproductive Services abortuary... must not be taken as a need for proliferators to scamper to distance themselves from it.

Rather than apologize, it is a time to reflect upon the level of our own pro-life understanding. Do we worry more about our "image" than about babies' lives?..."

■ **John Willke** — In the November 1992 edition of *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* (pp. 1484-5), Willke surmises

many bombings of abortuaries were performed by abortionists to illegally collect on insurance.

(Right. Such villainy could not have been committed by good old right-to-life folk, the man reasons.

Wake up, Jack. Just think of it as a massive medical procedure on a building. It's really not so bad!)

■ **"Doctors" Quit** — "At least eight doctors stopped performing abortions since a Pensacola, Fla., doctor was shot to death... according to the National coalition of Abortion Providers" (*USA Today*, April 13). We haven't heard any recent reports of additional abandonments of the trade.

■ **Granite City, IL** — (Good tidings overlooked in the March issue. Sorry.) On January 23, the Hope Clinic for Women was rendered hopeless for abortion-seekers when the facility was smitten by angels of God, apparently. Operating with sublunar materials, the hosts of heaven poured that earthy butyric acid under a door, "leaving a 'skunk-like' smell in the waiting room" (*The Daily Tidings*, March 3, 1993, p. 12).

The Tidings goes on to record the complaints of abortion fans who say almost 50 cities have been chemically attacked in 1992 and 1993. Accordingly someone squirts "a putrid-smelling chemical that ruins furniture and carpeting... In most cases, the liquid was squirted through locks, ceilings or under doors or was left in bathrooms."

We predict that the butyric acid ministry will grow as the Clintonistas increasingly oppress those folks who have opted for the dignified and more socially-accepted OR-style blockades.

But this oppression by the civil rulers must not be decried without first inveighing against those church leaders who have failed to speak out in defense of blockaders.

■ **Greenland, NH** — On April 28 two rescuers barricaded themselves in the killing room of an abortion facility and smashed the tools of murder. While this holy action was being performed, two other saints of God blocked the front entrance to the abortuary by chaining themselves together by the neck.

■ **City Council of Cincinnati v. Brockhoeft** — The U.S. Parole Commission reconsidered and denied parole to abortuary destroyer John Brockhoeft. Opposition letters came from the U.S. Attorney's Office; Planned Parenthood; his sentencing Judge, Carl

Rubin; and the City of Cincinnati.

Brockhoeft had burned down a Cincinnati abortuary (\$85,000) on December 30, 1985. His actions answered the prayers of thousands of Christian pastors who regularly petition the Almighty for protection for the unborn.

How many pastors have spoken up in support of John Brockhoeft's release? (Pardon Attorney for Brockhoeft #01886-017, call 202-616-6070)

John's address: C-House, POB 888, Ashland, KY 41101.

■ **El Paso, TX** — On February 27, nine people ransacked the local abortuary. Six persons blocked the entry, while three wrecked the death camp. "They trashed the whole place; it looked like a war zone... files torn open and scattered around," said police spokesman Art Sinclair.

Unfortunately the director of Rescue El Paso said, "I'm proud of what they're doing but I wouldn't believe that they or any proliferators would hurt people or property" (*El Paso Times*, February 29).

(Why? Aren't the unborn worthy of forceful rescue attempts? Is the prolife image too pristine to tarnish?)

■ **Charleston, SC** — Cathy Ann Rider was arrested on March 31, kept overnight in jail, and charged with "threatening" and "stalking" Lorraine McGuire, the director of a local abortuary.

She is accused of telling Miss McGuire to get a bulletproof vest; that she might be next. The reference was taken by McGuire to refer to the recent termination of Abortionist Gunn.

■ **Missoula, MT** — On March 29 Blue Mountain Clinic abortuary was "guttled by raging fire that started shortly before 4 a.m." Fire Chief Chuck Gibson said, "I think it's safe to say this fire was caused by someone who wanted this particular facility closed down" (*Billings Gazette*, March 30). (Yes indeed. A cool quarter of a million divested from the abortion industrial complex.)

The abortuary was the only one in town. "Clinic staff, patients and supporters gathered throughout the day, grieving as if they had lost a loved one.

"Clinic director Willa Craig... blamed radical anti-abortion forces for the fire." (Willa is a real bright gal.)

"Police Detective Rich Ochsner said authorities had no firm suspects Monday but

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Area Reports...

■ Home Schools and Delegate James Proctor

Are the days numbered? Delegate James Proctor authored House Bill 1150 which would have required the State Board of Education to establish a committee to make and develop recommendations for implementing the Home School Act. It was purportedly concerned with alleged abuse or neglect of children at the hands of derelict parents who excuse themselves in the name of home schooling.

HSLDA believes this to be one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation for home schooling ever introduced in the Free State. The bill was killed in committee, but Proctor still stalks the halls of government.

■ Southwestern Virginia

A wholesome part of these United States? A few hundred students from Lee, Wise, Dickenson, and Scott counties walked out of classes in protest of ban on prayer at graduations.

Let the local bodies politic thumb their noses at the godless decrees of the federal and state governments. (Sic sempertyrannis!)

■ Prolife Congress

The Prolife Education Foundation, hav-

ing squandered an opportunity to proclaim a clear anti-abortion message in the referendum effort last fall is attempting to leave the state with a prolife organization of some sort. The effort so far produced a congress on May 22 at Covenant Baptist in Columbia at which delegates from each voting precinct voted in a steering committee to determine basic goals and strategies.

A good idea two decades into the holocaust. Let us pray for some success... at last.

■ Tom Grenchick

Attended hearings on two D.C. abortion laws on April 26. The Abortion Repealer Act would repeal a 92-year-old law prohibiting abortions in the city. The Medical Facilities Amendment Act would penalize blockaders of abortuaries.

Grenchick represented the Archdiocese of Metropolitan Washington. He asked, "What kind of society are we when we respond to a poor pregnant woman with violence masquerading as kindness?"

ACLU local chapter head Mary Jane DeFrank said of the blockades, "It reminds me of what happened in 1980 and 1970 when we took action to ensure African Americans who were blockaded could exercise their

mented.

McCracken also complained about the lack of community response. "I don't know why the rest of the public is not outraged."

Sadly enough, plenty of typical Right to Life-type responses did come forth. Janet Seagraves, a spokesman for Missoula Right to Life said, "We condemn this arson unequivocally."

(And in the interest of preserving the integrity of the deed we condemn you for condemning the righteous, Janet.)

Worse than this were the words of Sharon Hoff, director of the Montana Catholic Conference: "Violence has never been associated with any group acting in the pro-life movement, but has always been performed by out-of-control or deranged individuals." (None of the men nor Marjorie Reed who have been imprisoned in the past decade have been judged to be "deranged." On the contrary, people who save children from death are eminently rational.)

■ **San Diego** — Five abortuaries in the city were smitten with butyric acid on March 9. "People were evacuated... Four people were taken to hospitals and treated for exposure to the fumes" (*Record-Searchlight*, in Reading, CA, March 10). (Abortuaries are not safe places to inhabit.)

■ **Donohue** — There was some truth spoken

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right to vote and to education."

The ACLU and Mr. McGoo. Perspicacious they are not.

■ Hillcrest S.E.

Continues committing abortions, but not without the opposing presence of John Marcus and Joe Kosloski. For years John has been there praying and attempting to help women choose life. John and Joe seem to have been brought together as a faithful pair of Christ's disciples for mutual encouragement.

Hillcrest has beefed up security in recent months: new steel door, reinforced steel mesh over windows, barbed wire on the rear fence. Looks more and more like the torture chamber it is. ■

one day on that decadent T.V. show. Paul Hill defended Griffin's neutralization of Mr. Gunn. The ex-Presbyterian pastor, now a regular member of the Pensacola Trinity Presbyterian Church, went on the show along with Gunn's son and a few other pro-aborts. Hill took on the heathen alone and did a fine job of defending the action of Griffin.

However, the church concluded that Hill's doctrine was not to be propagated and excommunicated him for refusing to submit to their decision that he refrain from propagating his Griffin apologetics.

■ **Reno (update)** — Michael Fix burned a local product of construction in September, 1992. He will be doing some time. But several thousand lives were saved while the dysfunctional facility remained nonfunctional. Michael is now free from the duty to rescue the innocent.

■ **Reading, CA (update)** — The local abortuary reopened in February after eight months of reprieve from baby-killing (See CACN, Sept., 1992).

A Christian policeman who stands guard says he doesn't like having to watch the abortuary for hours on his graveyard shift. But he says he would lay down his life to do his job and keep the place open.

We somehow suspect that's putting a noble face on a cowardly act. Is it really the call of duty or the call of job security? ■

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said, 'it's pretty clear who we'll be talking to,' in reference to anti-abortion activists."

(What was that verse from J.F.K.'s favorite chapter in the Bible? Ah yes, Ecclesiastes 3:7: "A time to rend, and a time... to keep silence...")

"Because of the evidence of fuel burning on the sidewalk and parking lot, speculation focused on the possibility that the arsonists spread fuel into and on the building, then poured more fuel on the sidewalk and parking lot.

One official speaking on condition of anonymity said, "That would have allowed the person who lit the fire to be clear of the building when it burst into flame."

Condolences to the neighboring legitimate businesses which also suffered from the building surgery. But like cutting out cancer from a body, sometimes you have to remove good flesh. But better to remove the cancer with a little pain now than suffer the ruin of the whole body later.

Montana Planned Parenthood director Joan McCracken and all abortuary employees were "very angry." "Short of having men in camouflage standing guard with guns, I don't know what else we can do," she la-

A Call To The Church For Pro-Life Courage!

by D. Walter Collett, Senior Pastor Covenant Baptist Church, Columbia, MD

Many of the mainline denominations in America have rejected the church's historical heritage of almost two thousand years of undivided pro-life proclamation and have sold their souls to the Satanic, pagan practice of child-killing. Among the more notable denominations are the American Baptist Church, Disciples of Christ, the Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ.

The largest protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention has passed numerous pro-life resolutions but they have not always been backed up by strong pro-life action on the part of their seminaries, agencies and churches. For 23 years, Dr. Paul Simmons served as Professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He taught the pro-death philosophy in his classes and travelled the country speaking in favor of abortion rights. He

unapologetically wrote in his book *Personhood, the Bible and the Abortion Debate* that abortion is "a god-like decision." Neither the Administration nor the Trustees of the seminary had the courage to fire him. Consistently the faculty of the seminary expressed their support for him. Recently elected conservative trustees were able to exert enough pressure to force him to retire. However he remains a member of the Society of Christian Ethics, the American Academy of Religion and the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion. Not one of these organizations has chastised or censured him in any way for his pro-death views. Last fall, Southern Baptists in Maryland voted in favor of Question 6, a liberal abortion law, by a 62.5% majority. The Baptist Convention of MD/DE contributed no funds or effort to defeat the law while Catholics contributed over two million dollars. Editors of Baptist state papers who are largely identified with the denomination's "moderate/

liberal" minority faction continue to express their support for baptist politicians who take pro-abortion and pro-homosexual stands like former President Jimmy Carter, current President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore. Jimmy Carter consistently supported abortion rights, appointed pro-death judges and during his 1980 reelection campaign, sent his personal envoy to court the vote of the gay and lesbian alliance of Washington D.C. His home church in Plains, GA said nothing about these actions. Bob Terry, the editor of the Missouri state Baptist paper *The Word and Way* recently wrote in his editorial that Bill Clinton and Al Gore "are serious about their faith in God as understood by Baptists." In the same issue appeared an article entitled "Abortion Restrictions Overturned" which described some of the first actions Bill Clinton took after assuming the office of President. Apparently Bob Terry believes

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The Vindicators of Michael Griffin

David Crane (Virginia Operation Rescue)

"Who committed the greater crime? The citizens who stand by and allow the children to be murdered or this one man who stopped a serial killer from killing more children?"¹⁷ *Missionaries To The Preborn*

Rev. Matt Trewella said he "would not condemn someone who killed Hitler's doctors who committed atrocities against human beings, and neither will I condemn Michael Griffin."

Gary McCullough said, "Michael Griffin is a hero, though I doubt this generation will recognize him as such. He is a hero for sacrificing his reputation, freedom, and possibly his life to save the lives of defenseless, choiceless, voiceless children."¹⁸

Pro Life Action (Denver, headed by Terry Sullivan)

"... what David Gunn did for a living was murder, whatever the law says, and that his slaying by Michael Griffin was not murder, whatever the law says."¹⁹

May the truth spoken however seldom, by whatever few, be heard and believed. Michael Griffin has performed a noble deed and for it he deserves honor.

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- 19 Terry Sullivan, *Pro Life Action* special bulletin #93-4, 1526 E. 35th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205. Sullivan has written a lengthy essay on the Griffin event. It is one of the most insightful pieces we have seen. And it has merit even with the handicap of Sullivan's pacifism. ■



Vandalism from pro-aborts in Pensacola. The cemetery where two aborted babies had been buried earlier this year was desecrated during the week pro-aborts rallied in the wake of the Gunn gunning. John Burt had organized a burial service. Local authorities first doubted that the babies were true corpses, but recanted when confronted with the fact that they had not examined the bodies.

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■ Michael Griffin

Trial has been postponed until the fall. Letters may be sent to him at P.O. Box 17789, Pensacola, FL 32522.

■ Defenders of the Defenders Of Life

Financial support for Michael Griffin's family as well as legal support is being organized by Defenders, 508 N. 39th Way, Mesa, AZ 85205.

■ Alexandria Condomaniacs

The school board wants to outfit the high schoolers with the wherewithal to fornicate with impunity. "Have a condom on us." Alexandria will join the ranks of other "progressive" (read: degenerate) school systems in Commerce City, CO; Phil.; L.A.; San Francisco; Seattle; New York; and Baltimore.

In the midst of the darkness there is a spark of light. A lone member of the PTA Council task force opposed sending the condom plan to the School Board to consider implementing these fornication facilitators. She is Agnes Finn. She said, "I think that is a defeatist attitude to take. We don't accept that reality with drug abuse. We do something about it. We don't tell them to just do it safely. The only prevention is abstinence. Kids will hear a false sense of security." (*Washington Times*, May 18, 1993, p. B1)

The *Times* did not reveal it, but we suspect Mrs. Finn to be one of those wacko Bible-thumping, religious right, intolerant, narrow-minded, homophobe, anti-choice, Christians. But we're glad *somebody* is doing something.

■ Hillary, champion of free speech

Speaking at the University of Pennsylvania where a student is undergoing the censure process for yelling out his window to a group of female black students, Hillary admonished her audience to be tolerant. Apparently she got a grip on her lawyer self and allowed that our constitutional free speech rights permitted the white male student to yell down to noisy black girls, "Shut up, you water buffalo."

Hillary's legal opinion is that this is legal, but she admonished her audience to be nice and not to hate anybody or anything.

"I know that you share the general distress at any acts of hate — hateful acts, hateful words, hateful incidents — that occur too frequently these days in our communities and even on our college campuses... our country should challenge hatred wherever we find it." (*Washington Times*, May 18, 1993)

Ah, but Hillary. May we hate the reprobate (Psalm 15:4)? May we join God in hating those who do iniquity and shed innocent blood (Psalm 5:5, 6)? Do give us guidance. May we call a false prophet a "son of the Devil" (Acts 13:10) without being censured by you and your fellow custodians of politically correct thought?

■ John Burt

Long time Pensacola antiabortion activist is doubtless a target of the prosecutors of Michael Griffin. For several years Burt has run Our Father's House (a home for pregnant women), organized pickets, publicly buried aborted children, publicly displayed aborted children before the news cameras, organized blockades including the one for which Joan Andrews was prosecuted and imprisoned for two and one-half years.

Burt was implicated in the failed abortion chamber bombing attempt which resulted in the imprisonment of John Brockhoeft in 1988. Burt did two years of house arrest.

His association with Michael Griffin? Suspicion seems to be raised by Karen Houppert of the *Village Voice*:

Several months ago Michael Griffin began volunteering at Our Father's House... and going to the occasional antiabortion protest with Burt. The Sunday before the shooting, Griffin had gone to church with Burt and prayed aloud that Gunn would give his life to Jesus Christ. Sunday supper that same day was spent with Burt.

No shame is properly attached to anyone's antiabortion association with Mr. Griffin. And whether or not John Burt is honored with accomplice charges, his persistent prolife work is worthy of support: Our Father's House, POB 717, Milton, FL 32572.

■ 10th Annual Pro Life Action Conference (August 15)

Ever see a mounted rescue? The mounted police of Denver have used horses to

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that abortion rights is part of the faith of Baptists.

What would have happened if the churches to which these men belong had demonstrated Christ-like courage and held these men accountable for their unbiblical positions on these life and death issues? What if their Pastors had exercised the prophetic courage necessary to confront these men with the truth, to help them to change. And what if, upon meeting with reluctance, they took the issue to the church for disciplinary action? The failure to do so has done immeasurable harm to the truth, the integrity of the image of Southern Baptists, and the pro-life efforts to save babies' lives. Dr. Francis Schaeffer was correct when he wrote in his last book, *The Great Evangelical Disaster*, that American Evangelicals have sacrificed the truth on the altar of two great sins; personal peace and prosperity. Instead of accepting the biblical responsibility to discipline the unscriptural behavior of Bill Clinton and Al Gore, their Pastors and churches have preferred not to rock the boat. The inevitable result of such cowardice is an increase in the shedding of innocent blood and a heightened neo-pagan frenzy to persecute pro-life Christians and churches who seek to intercede for life. It is a national embarrassment for the church in general and Southern Baptists in particular.

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interfere with a blockade in the past. Bring your horse. The pope will be in town, too. PLAN of Denver, 1526 E. 35th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205.

■ June 17

Day of ignominy. The 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision against prayer in school. (The sin of the Court is not simply the exclusion of public "prayer"; it is the implicit rejection of the rule of the Triune God, who was always the object of the prayers of our originally Christian-based public school system and who is the God spoken of on our money.)

■ Prolife Policemen?

Contact the National Federation of Officers for Life, headed by Sgt. Ruben Rodriguez, POB Box 892, Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0892 (512) 992-1296.

■ Global Warming, Not!

Are you derailed sometimes by earth-worshipping environmental types who argue: "So what if you save babies, we are not going to have an earth left for any of us if we don't rescue it!"

"Growth rings from a 3,613-year-old South American tree show no evidence that the climate is being warmed due to human activity, scientists say." (*Washington Times*, May 21, 1993)

And even if the world were an environmental disaster, the God who can burn sinful humanity with the sun He created is angered more by the idolatrous slaughter of the creatures made in his image than by our failure to recycle our glass and newspaper.

■ Taney, Marshall, and Thomas

Justice Robert Taney, a prochoice author of the *Dred Scott* decision which affirmed the rights of slave owners to choose slavery, has lost favor in PC Prince George's County. The eponymous Roger Taney Middle School was renamed in honor of modern day prochoicer, the deceased Justice Thurgood Marshall.

We look forward to the time when the nation recognizes its folly and renames the school in honor of Clarence Thomas.

(Actually Taney wasn't such a bad guy. He was personally opposed to slavery and even freed the slaves he had inherited. He felt bound by the Constitution.)

■ Burlington, Wisconsin

Abortion free! A town proclamation

was issued expressing the will of the people: "The town wishes to discourage anything in the community that could detract from its charm and character, harm its reputation, or otherwise give reason for people of conscience to protest."

Not bad. Improvements might be made by other towns in future proclamations, however. Something like this: "The town wishes to discourage any behavior which might draw the righteous wrath of the Lord of hosts."

■ Coming Soon to a Clinic Near You!

The governor of Maryland proposes free vasectomies and Norplant contraceptives to the "poor." And that means reduction in population growth of black people. Racism?

Delegate Elijah Cummings, Baltimore Democrat was disturbed and noted that the proposal was well intended but clearly targeted black people. The Legislative Black Caucus also noted some concerns, but did not oppose the proposal. (Maybe the loss of future voters was perceived to be far enough away as not to affect their own immediate career aspirations. Or maybe opposition would put them too close to their ideological opponents — the prolife movement.)

■ Judgment on Oneself

The D.C. City Council wants to change its "old" statute which outlaws abortion (even though the statute has not been enforced since *Roe v. Wade*). D.C. Council chairman John Wilson introduced the Abortion Statute Repealer Act earlier this year.

John Wilson hanged himself on May 19. R.I.P.

The good news is that opposition was voiced by, among others, Tom Grenchick of the Catholic Conference.

■ Abortion and Breast Cancer

"Recent studies suggest that women who have abortions before their first full-term pregnancies or have consecutive abortions are at the greatest risk for breast cancer, Joel Brind, a professor of biology and chemistry at the Baruch College, City University of New York, said yesterday.

"The results of those studies have been systematically ignored by most medical journals and major U.S. media, Mr. Brind said..." (*Washington Times*, April 2, 1993)

■ More Condomania

10,000 condoms were made available to D.C. prisoners between November and March in compliance with a mandate from Mayor Kelly last May. Let us hold our noses and recall Marion Barry! (And you thought things couldn't get worse!)

The Metropolitan Condom Availability Coalition (I am not kidding) complained that this was not enough.

Meanwhile AIDS just keeps on coming despite all that great "protected sex." Just going to have to develop stronger, albeit less "sensitive," latex material. And when it is made strong enough to prevent passage of the virus, maybe Mayor Kelly can stretch one enough to put it over her head and protect the rest of the city.

■ Maryland's Sodomite Troopers

State police superintendent Col. Larry Tolliver reversed the decision of his predecessor, Elmer Tippet, who had rejected the application of a lesbian. Tolliver decided that a person's avowed sexual immorality had no bearing of his ability to enforce law (morality). Susan Goering of none other than the Maryland chapter of the ACLU said, "The fact that they changed the policy shows a great deal of enlightenment." (And we say one man's enlightenment is another man's occlusion.)

Ah, but Maryland is in vogue with, if not in the vanguard of, the slide into decadence. Ruth Harlow, assistant director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project said that Maryland's move is indicative of similar changes in police departments across the country.

■ Correction (VA Abortion Statistics, March CACN, p. 10)

We attributed the drop in Virginia abortions in 1982 and 1983 to the work of picketers and Joseph Grace's burning of a Norfolk abortuary. It has been brought to our attention that another forceful event was the bombing of the Arlington-Fairfax Medical Clinic by Matthew Moore on June 6, 1982. We thank our diligent readers for bringing this fact to our attention. Sorry Matthew Moore, wherever you are, for overlooking your good deed.

■ Franco Zeffirelli Politically Way Incorrect

The famed movie producer said, "There should be the death penalty for women who have abortions." He was quoted so by ANSA news agency at a news conference on March 19 for his movie "Sparrow."

■ Bestiophobia

Herbert Bruce, president of Animal Lovers League (ALL), corresponded with the organizers of the recent sodomite march in D.C. He wrote that ALL chapters wished to

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send some 4,000 two-legged representatives "with their four-footed inamoratas trotting proudly beside them."

March organizers declined. A letter in reply said, "It is my belief that animals are not capable of giving consent and the activities of your group... in fact constitute animal abuse."

Mr. Bruce countered with a letter accusing march organizers of "ignorance, hypocrisy, and bestiophobia." ALL holds "round-ups" four times annually at which the dogs "are free to run away, unfettered by any leashes, reins, tether collars, fences, pens or other means of restraint," he wrote. Moreover, since these roundups were begun in the late 1920s, "there is not one instance of an animal using this occasion to sever the relationship with its two-legged paramour." (John McCaslin's "Politics of exclusion," *Washington Times*, April 26 1993, p. A6)

■ **BATF in Waco; Griffin in Florida**

It was fatigue.

■ **Zimbabwe, AIDS, and the Churches**

In April church leaders drafted proposed legislation for the government to outlaw sexual relations for AIDS carriers. Only when the carrier declares his condition to his partner can he avoid liability.

■ **Schaeffer's Manifesto Revised**

Maryland tax payers already pay for abortions (See CACN, June, 1992). When the Clintonistas in Congress drop the Hyde



Jean Leidner and Dori Ceferatti outside Gynecare in Glen Burnie. Dori is blind and has also blocked entrances to abortuaries.

Amendment, federal tax money contributed by Christian citizens will be used to pay for abortions under Medicaid. (Christian citizens have already, for years, allowed their tax money to support forced abortion in China through contributions made by our government to the U.N. Fund for Population Activities.)

We recall a book by Francis Schaeffer which was sold to a few hundred thousand Christians in the early eighties. *A Christian Manifesto* addressed serious issues confronting Christians living under a Godless regime. In a chapter entitled, "The Use of Civil Disobedience," Schaeffer said, "In our day an illustration for the need of protest is tax money being used for abortion. ...At some point protest could lead some Christians to refuse to pay some portion of their tax money. Of course, this would mean a trial... Happily, at the present time in the United States

the Hyde Amendment has removed the use of the national tax money for abortions."

As those happy days threaten to come to an end, we look forward to hearing the response of pastors who cheered Schaeffer's book. Will Truth and Right still be declared and acted upon when it comes with a price tag? ■

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New Endangered Species: Home Churches

by Mike Colvin

We recently reported on the efforts of Fairfax County, Virginia to discourage churches from renting space in county schools by charging exorbitant rent. Now life for congregations without buildings just got tougher in Prince George's County, Maryland. On May 4, 1993 the County Council enacted into law strict new zoning requirements that would make it much more difficult to convert a house into a church building. The new law requires that churches proposing to meet in homes must undergo a time-consuming and expensive review by a planning board and the county council itself, including fees and permits that could run to thousands of dollars.

The issue of homeowners versus home-churches has been simmering for several years in P.G. County, and CACN reported last year on an unsuccessful effort to pass similar legislation. This year the effort was successful, although barely so, with five council members voting in favor of the bill and four against. It cannot be said that the bill

passed because of stealth or trickery, either, because a whole parade of pastors pleaded, threatened and tried to reason with the Council, who ended up ignoring their voices. They harkened instead to the voices of disgruntled homeowners complaining about noise, traffic and parking congestion on their streets.

Those who voted against the bill included Jo Ann T. Bell, James C. Fletcher, Sue V. Mills and Chairwoman Hilda Pemberton, who said "This bill, in my opinion, is probably the worst legislation we have ever passed in my 10 years on the council." Council members who voted to restrict home churches included Anne MacKinnon, F. Kirwan Wineland, Stephen Del Giudice, Richard Castaldi and Frank Casula.

What will be the result of the bill? First of all, the bill seems to apply only to churches that locate permanently in a former dwelling and convert it from its residential use. It does not appear to apply to home-churches that do not convert a residence permanently, i.e. if I want to invite my church to meet in my

living room each Sunday morning, this new law may not have the teeth to stop me. Prince George's county has apparently experienced numerous instances of congregations purchasing a house and turning it into the full-time church building, setting up an office for the pastor and turning the backyard into a gravel parking lot. If the county does try to use the law to crack down on home churches that do not convert the dwelling permanently, there may be serious constitutional questions to be addressed. Unless the county wants to tell me that I cannot invite a group of bird watchers, bridge players or boy scouts for regular meetings, then picking on churches alone would seem to be a case of prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Our advice to small congregations that need to meet in homes is to ignore this discriminatory piece of legislation but be considerate of your neighbors. Don't block their driveways, don't crank up the three-foot stereo speakers and go easy on the percussion instruments. ■

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