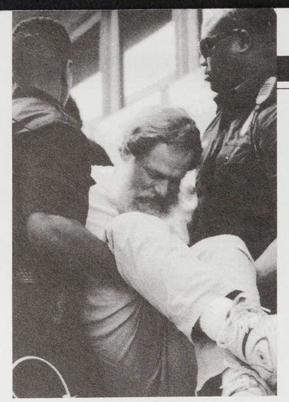


Summer of Justice rescuers sentenced

Little Rock, AR., Sept. 15—A municipal judge on September 15 convicted 28 people of blocking an abortion clinic last July and sentenced them to pay fines of $100 each and serve 30 days of community service.

The rescuers were part of a Rescue America activity during the Summer of Justice campaign in July.

Judge Lee Munson found the defendants guilty of criminal trespass after testimony from a man who had used a bull horn to warn the protesters of property lines.

A police officer also testified during the trial that the protesters — organized by Rescue America — blocked the entrance and had to be bodily removed.

The Rev. Ed Martin, executive director of Rescue America/National, said his group would try to have the bonds reduced. He said some of the protesters may prefer to serve the time rather than pay the fines.

The three days of demonstrations in July were scheduled just weeks after a federal law took effect making it a felony to block clinic entrances, but so far federal prosecutors have filed no charges in this case.

The trial came a day after Planned Parenthood Federation of America filed a civil suit against three protesters, saying they violated the federal law by trying to intimidate women from exercising their rights.

The civil suit named Donald Treshman of Katy, Texas, national director of Operation Rescue; the Rev. Ed Martin, also of Katy, executive director of Rescue America, and Daniel Ware of Houston. ■

State trooper attempts to save baby

Washington—A complaint has been filed against a state trooper after an abortion-bound couple complained that they were coerced into following him to a church for counseling. The Bellevue trooper, identified as Officer Jackstadt, is alleged to have pulled a car over after following the car at 75 miles per hour.

According to the 20-year-old man who was driving, he told the trooper that they were exceeding the speed limit because they were late for an appointment at an abortion facility. In the ensuing conversation, the man claims that Officer Jackstadt attempted to convince the couple to forego the abortion appointment and go home.

The driver states that he was given a ticket for driving 75 miles per hour, but that after engaging in conversation with the couple, Jackstadt crossed out the 75 and wrote in 65. The change is alleged to have been an attempt by the officer to barter to save the child's life.

After being given the ticket, the driver of the car claims that officer Jackstadt continued to plead with the couple to reconsider and "go home" for about 90 minutes. Eventually, the couple stated they agreed to follow Jackstadt's patrol car to a church camp where they were introduced to a crisis pregnancy counselor. They talked with the counselor, but approximately three hours after being stopped decided that they would keep the appointment for the abortion at a Planned Parenthood facility.

In calling the abortion facility to notify them that they would be late, the couple was reassured that the facility would remain open late in order to kill the child. The abortion facility later prompted the couple to file civil charges and perhaps criminal charges of unlawful imprisonment against Officer Jackstadt.

As a result, the 33-year-old trooper is currently reassigned to a desk job at the Bellevue office of the Washington State Patrol while State Police await findings of the investigation. The King County prosecutor's office is reviewing the allegations and will decide if criminal charges are going to be brought against Jackstadt.

An FBI spokesman, Tom Kuker, confirmed that the bureau has also been asked to look into possible civil rights violations.

Sources indicate that pro-abortion advocates have mounted a campaign to discredit the officer by criticizing his professional record, including a charge that he shot a suspect in the line of duty several years ago. According to a source close to Officer Jackstadt, the allegations made by the abortion lobby revolve around a situation involving a known and dangerous criminal and are without substance.

That source also indicated that while there is a great deal of political pressure being brought to bear against Jackstadt, there has also been an outpouring of calls and letters in support of the officer's effort to convince the couple not to kill their child.

Patrol Capt. Tim Erickson said the trooper has been with the State Patrol for nine years and denied that there are any substantive complaints in Jackstadt's file.

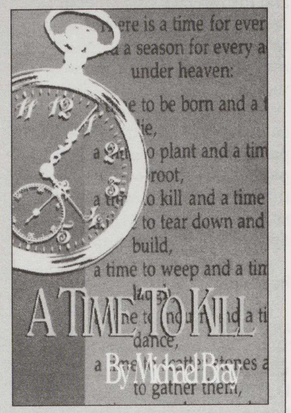
An attorney who is representing the 18-year-old woman who killed her child described his client as "blown away emotionally" at Jackstadt's effort to convince her not to kill the baby. Attorney Frank Shoichet said the woman and her 20-year-old boyfriend were shaken by the encounter.

Jackstadt has not been formally charged with any crime yet, and on the advise of attorney Tom Olmsted, has been unavailable for comment.

The Rutherford Institute, a legal network engaged in fighting for embattled Christians in the courtroom, has agreed to represent the officer in litigation which is apparently being planned by the couple and the abortion facility.

The trooper may be left messages by calling (206) 455-7700 (then respond to the recording by dialing 3), or he may be written to at the Public Information Office, 2803 156th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98007. ■

Michael Bray releases book on use of force



Bowie, MD — Michael Bray, co-pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Bowie, Maryland, has released his new book, *A Time to Kill*, which addresses the biblical position on the use of force. The book shows the connection between that position and clinic destruction and the shootings of abortionists.

Bray spent four years in prison in connection with seven clinic destructions in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware in the early 1980s.

"This book presents a rather convincing argument for the use of force in defense of the unborn," said Dr. Carl Laney of Western Conservative Baptist Seminary.

A Time to Kill, whose title is derived from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible, first takes on what Bray calls "bad doctrine" within the pro-life movement. Some of those doctrines include pacifism, aborting-mothers-as-victims, and the "seamless garment" pro-life theory.

"Behavior is a product of doctrine," Bray writes and explains that some of the bad doctrines held by the pro-life movement have inordinately tempered the response to child-killing.

The book also examines historical and legal perspective on the use of force and lists current heroes of the pro-life movement called "The New Abolitionists."

A Time to Kill was published by Advocates for Life Publications in Portland, Oregon and is available for $10 through Reformation Press, 2927 Tarragon Ln., Bowie, Maryland 20715.

Pro-life Pat

by Jason Catazone

"Hi. I'm pro-life Pat. I'm pro-life because I believe that God creates all people equal, that preborn children have the same right to life that we do, and that abortion is the slaughter of innocent babies. Please overlook the fact that I am not active in these beliefs —that I do nothing to try and stop the killing. . . all you need to know is that I'm pro-life.

"You see, I want women to choose life, but I just don't feel like standing outside of abortion mills offering them alternatives. I'd rather sleep in on Saturday mornings. Besides, I'm not comfortable standing outside of abortuaries, especially during the winter. My bed is so much warmer. I mean, I have better things to be doing than standing out in the cold trying to change the minds of the mothers who plan to have their children killed. You see, I'm pro-life.

"I smile as I hear my preacher testify that life is a precious gift from God. Amen, brother! But I really hate it when those divisive fanatics tell me that I should be joining them in front of the abortion mill nearby. Let's get together and pray, but let's not do anything about it.

"You see, I'm pro-life. I enjoy telling others about the beauty of life, and that's why I don't like to use those disgusting photos of aborted babies. Yes they are being killed, but we don't have to show that. I prefer to talk about the injustice of abortion. . . how it is bad, unethical, and downright immoral, but God forbid that I actually show people what the 'a-word' really is. Those photos turn people off. Let's concentrate on pleasing the public instead of showing them truth.

"You see, I'm pro-life Pat. That's how I got my nickname because I'm pro-life. I believe that we should stand up for what is right, but I'm not so sure about all of this jail stuff. I mean, what would my friends think if I got arrested? Those rescue people are crazy. . . laying down their lives for others. Where did they learn such worldly things? My Bible says to obey authority, not to rebel against it. Remember, God doesn't call us to lay down our lives or remain spiritual at all times. That's why I dream spiritual dreams on Saturday mornings as I sleep in. Sure babies are being killed in my city as I sleep, but I enjoy dreaming about spiritual things.

"Praise God that I'm pro-life Pat. I believe that we, as Christians, are called to participate in government, and that's why I exercise my right to vote any time that I can. But I'm not one of those single-issue people. I don't look at a pro-abortion viewpoint as something which disqualifies a candidate. I mean, there are other issues out there besides abortion. The deficit, universal health care for all, saving the ozone layer; these are all important issues which must not be overlooked. Abortion is just another issue. Should I be blamed for electing a pro-abortion candidate? He's a Democrat, and since I only vote within my own party, he got my vote. You see, I'm pro-life.

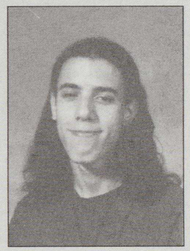
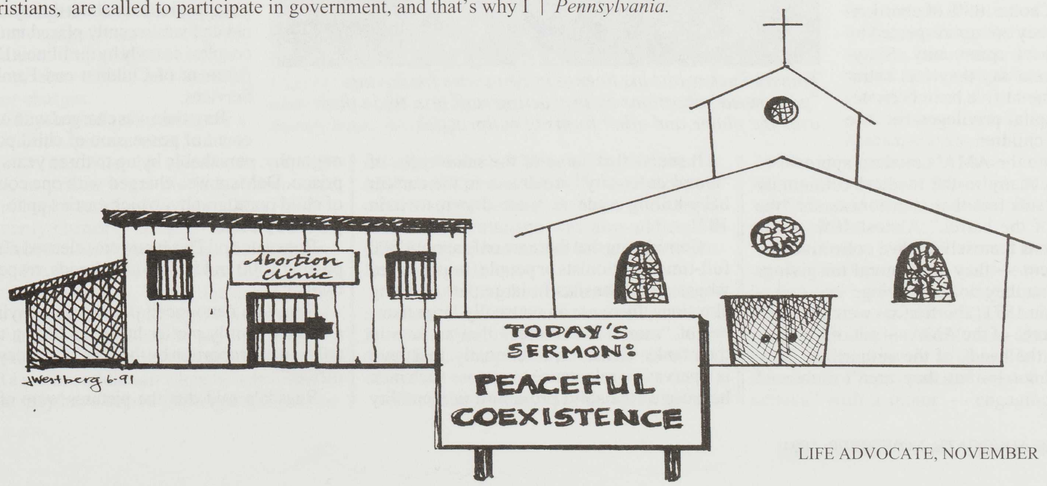
"I love going down to Washington, D.C. every year to march alongside of 50,000 other pro-lifers. I have real courage—I can unite with 50,000 others and publicly declare my beliefs. I don't know where my courage goes when I return home (maybe I left it down in Washington); I just can't seem to make that same kind of declaration around those people who see my every day, so, I stay silent and wait until the upcoming march to stand for what I believe in. I feel so much more comfortable surrounded by thousands of others. You see, I'm pro-life, and my name is Pat.

"I believe that we must gradually work to overturn *Roe v. Wade,* and that's why I keep hoping that our government will someday recognize the right to life for all people. Although I do think that this will be pretty hard to accomplish, given the pro-abortion position of the majority of our leaders (and don't let me hear your flack that I'm responsible just because I helped elect most of them), I just keep hoping that someday they'll see the truth.

"Abortion is just another issue. Brothers and sisters, let's not divide over politics. Sure abortion kills babies, but let's act like it doesn't. Let's sit back and treat it like any other subject. . . chat about it over some crackers and fine wine, and agree to disagree. Just keep your head high and continue doing your everyday activities —God will do the rest. Let's go to our Respect Life meetings, discuss the current issues surrounding abortion, do nothing about what we talk about, and go home with those fuzzy feelings because we are pro-life.

"Praise God! I'm pro-life, my name is Pat, and everything is going just fine."

And the American Church said "Amen!" ■

Jason Catazone is a 17-year-old pro-life activist in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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