Prisoner: Don B. Anderson
In since: June, 1982
Sentence: 42 years
Address: Federal Correction Facility
Housing Unit 389
P.O. Box 200
White Deer, PA 17887

Prisoner: John Arena
In since: January 1995
Sentence: Trial Pending
Address: Public Safety Building
P.O. Box 976
Syracuse, NY 13201

Prisoner: Curt A. Beseda
In since: 1984
Sentence: 20 years
Address: #14133-086
P.O. Box 3000
Anthony, TX-NM 88021

Prisoner: Danny Bramwell
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: 3 years
Address: Rockingham County Jail
99 Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

Prisoner: Ron Brock
In since: June, 1994
Sentence: Trial Pending
Address: Waukesha County Jail
P.O. Box 1488
Waukesha, WI 53187

Prisoner: John Casserly
In since: December, 1993
Sentence: 2 Years
Address: Helena City Jail
221 Breckenridge
Helena, MT 59601

Prisoner: Michael Fix
In since: November, 1992
Sentence: 10 years
Address: #39847
NNCC
P.O.Box 7000
Carson City, NV 89702

Prisoner: Joseph Grace
In since: May, 1983
Sentence: 20 years
Address: Inmate #136189
Nottoway Correction Center
Box 488
Burkeville, VA 23922

Prisoner: Joshua David Graf
In since: October, 1993
Sentence: 37 months
Address: #08479-035
Maxwell Federal Prison Camp
PMB 2000 Dorm 2
Tallaadega, AL 35160-8799

Prisoner: Michael Griffin
In since: March 10, 1993
Sentence: Life
Address: #310-249
Baker Correctional Inst.
Box 500
Olusted, FL 32072

Prisoner: Drew Heiss
In since: September, 1994
Sentence: 7 months
Address: House of Correction
1004 N 10th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Prisoner: Paul Hill
In since: July, 1994
Sentence: Death
Address: #459364
Florida State Prison
R-2-N-17
P.O. Box 747
Starke, FL 32091

Prisoner: Marjorie Reed
In since: October, 1990
Sentence: 10 years
Address: #41201-060
P.O. Box 7006
Marianna, FL 32447-7006

Prisoner: Michael H. Ross
In since: December, 1993
Sentence: 10 years
Address: #35113
Montana State Prison
700 Conley Lake Rd.
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Prisoner: Mikw Skott
In since: January, 1994
Sentence: Trial Pending
Address: Community Correctional Ctr.
100 North Street
1154[illegible] Inverness
Milwaukie, WI 53233

Prisoner: Shelley Shannon
In since: August, 1993
Sentence: 11 years
Address: #84019
MCIJ
11540 NE Inverness
Portland, OR 97220

Prisoner: Roy Streicher
In since: November 21, 1991
Sentence: 3-15 years
Address: #254 200-C
R.C.C.
P.O. Box 7010
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Prisoner: Linda Gibbons
In since: August, 1994
Sentence:
Address: Metro West Detention
Centre
111 Disco Rd.
Rexdale, ON
M9W 5L6 CANADA

Prisoner: Bill Whatcott
In since: October, 1994
Sentence: 6 months
Address: 661 Martin Street
Maplehurst Complex
Box 10
Milton, ON
Canada L9T 2Y3

Prisoner: Jim Ketchum
In since: September, 1994

Prisoner: John Rambaugh
In since: September, 1994

Prisoner: George Wilson
In since: September, 1994

All sentences pending trial
All addresses:
Waukesha Co. Jail
P.O. Box 1488
Waukesha, WI 53187

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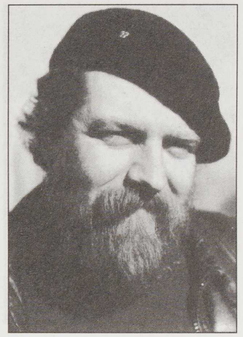

by Paul deParrie

More quickly than most times, my cup of niggling things runneth over. Niggling things are those little things I would like to mention or about which I would like to comment in my column but are not sufficient for a full column. So occasionally I like to just toss them, like some commentary salad, into a single column.

Niggling Thing #1: On February 16, I spoke to John Brockhoeft, convicted clinic firebomber, for the last time in at least three years. The restrictions on his "parole" are so tight as to make it nearly impossible to breathe.

Brockhoeft, who has serious medical problems including a heart condition, is prohibited from *any* contact with "any hospital or other facility which includes staff presently or formerly engaged in reproductive services." That leaves out nearly any doctor's office or clinic or hospital in the country. He can't get medical care — unless he can get it from a veterinarian — which is illegal.

So Brockhoeft asked me to try to get him declared an animal — preferably a blue-tick hound (an animal of distinction in his native Kentucky) — so he can get medical care.

There is precedent for this. Several months ago, the news here in Portland reported that the local police had a "drug-sniffing pig" that they used to uncover drug hideouts. The gendarmes were unable to take advantage of federal funds for their police animal because the law authorizing funding limited the help to police agencies using dogs. The solution was simple. The City of Portland convinced Vice-President Al Gore (I'm *not* making this up) to sign a proclamation declaring the porcine police animal to be a dog. Federal funds were forthcoming.

It would seem that Brockhoeft faces a similar situation. In order to get any medical care that does not violate the terms of his parole, he would have to go to a vet — but only if it could be made legal. Think the Veep might help out on this one?

Niggling Thing #2: This month's lead article reminds me of something. I seem to recall everyone from Christian Action Coalition to Operation Rescue making a big deal out of Dietrich Bonhoeffer some years ago. They used his statements on the evil of abortion, the necessity for activism, and the justifiability of civil disobedience to bolster their speeches and literature. He was all the rage. Most of these people simply passed over the fact that Bonhoeffer had participated in an attempt to assassinate the lawfully elected leader, Chancellor Adolf Hitler, of the German Republic.

Suddenly, now that a couple of serial child-killers have been shot, there is a mysterious dearth of Bonhoeffer references from these pro-life leaders. Maybe they didn't like his reasoning and philosophy as much as they previously thought. Is it just because the full implications are now so present — and uncomfortable — that they abandon their former hero?

Niggling Thing #3: Joel Belz, publisher of *World* magazine, suggests we take an editor to lunch. And, no, I don't think he's hinting for a free meal. He says we should try to meet these guys one-on-one and find out "What kind of hard evidence would prompt [the editor] to take a new look at this abortion controversy."

Let me assure you, Joel, your three friends who said otherwise notwithstanding, it's been done. The answer is, there is *no kind* of evidence that would prompt that response except a sea-change in the public's attitudes on abortion.

But, if you, Joel, feel it still needs to be done, I suggest that it is a case of a principle I learned long ago: If God gives *you* the burden, *you* are the committee.

I'm sure you know many publishers and editors. Good luck. We'll be praying for you. Don't forget to write and tell us about the progress you're making.

Niggling Thing #4: There's always a steady trickle of people who write to ask to be taken off the mailing list because they disagree with our position — or, in some cases, for even providing a *forum* for debate — on use of force. The usual pangs of conscience about their money going to a "violent" pro-life group are cited, despite the fact that AFLM is committed to only be involved in nonviolent activities.

But this has not been the only issue that has drawn such a response. When a Catholic person or institution comes off looking bad in a story, we are accused of "Catholic-bashing." When Protestants look bad, we are accused of "pandering to the Catholics." In either case, again, their consciences can't seem to allow them to "support [our] ministry" any longer.

Chances are, though, these people all subscribe to their local paper and, doubtless, many other publications, which *editorially support killing unborn babies*.

Go figure! We take a stand or allow debate on something they don't like, and we're trash. But the local paper stands foursquare for abortion, and they're still OK.

What a world!

Niggling Thing #5: *The Oregonian* editorial board gets the nomination for Hypocrite of the Year, as in a December 10, 1994 editorial comment they supported the death penalty for Paul Hill. The paper, a long-time opponent of the death penalty because "it is irreversible and sometimes mistakenly applied," said in the end, "This one is open and shut. Pull the switch and be done with it."

Any volunteers among the authors of this cant?

Niggling Thing #6: Evidently, Boy Clinton is whining that Christian leaders shouldn't be so hard on him because of his support of abortion and sodomy. The Pres claims that he is "much more humble" about his faith than many of his critics. I say he has *a lot* to be humble about! ■