"Wouldn't a law prohibiting abortion violate religious liberty? Exactly! "

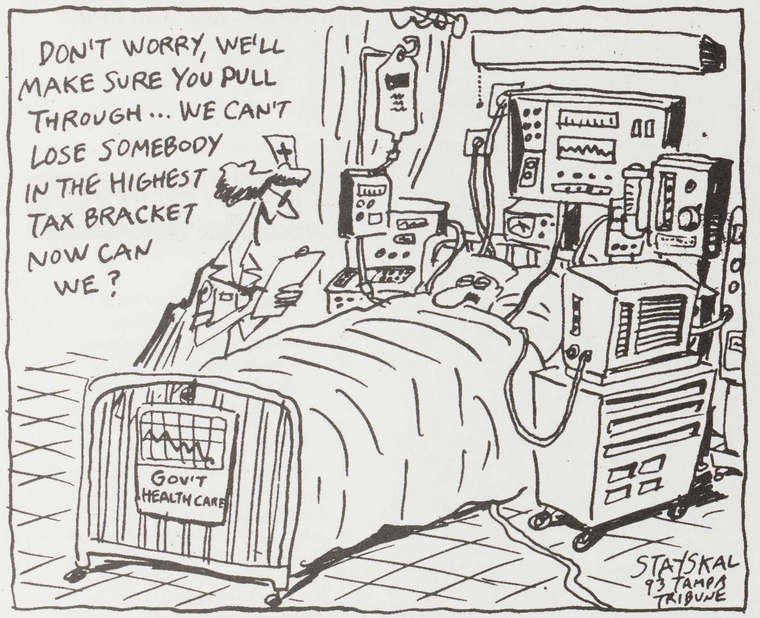
A pamphlet from Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.

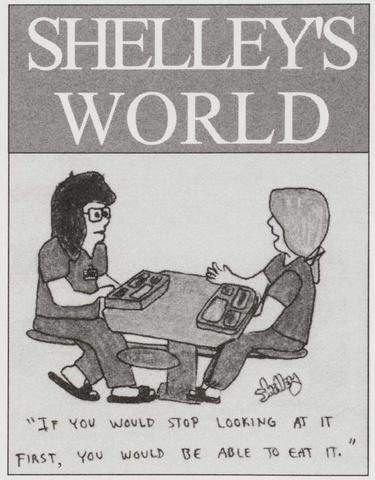
"We are now declaring a state of emergency for women in America. We will not go back to illegal abortions. We aren't going to obey the law."

Molly Yard, FACE supporter and former NOW president.

"We should be willing to lay down our lives for these babies because their life is of infinite value."

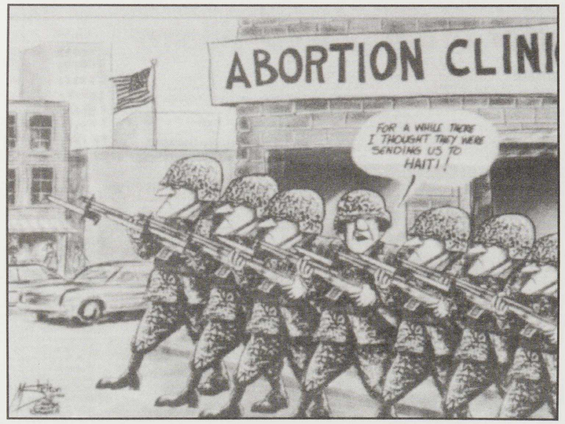
Chaya Temima Patanelli, after a 14-month stay in the Camden County, N.J. jail as "Baby Jane Doe C."

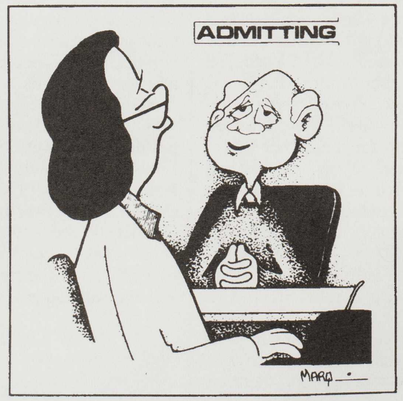




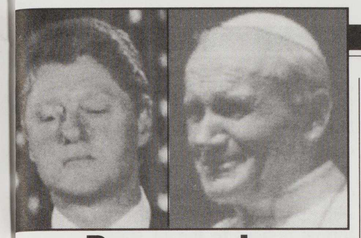
"Human Hyena!"

Roy McMillan, pro-life activist, calling out to now-defrocked abortionist Tommy Tucker.





"I'm 85... I feel great. I have to be hospitalized for some tests, but first I'd like to sign a 'right-to-live form.' "



Pope and president collide on abortion

Vatican City — Pope John Paul asked U.S. President Bill Clinton on June 2 to take a strong stand in defense of life and the family — and against abortion.

Clinton, making his first trip to the Vatican, met the Pope privately for 35 minutes in the Pontiff's Vatican study. He called the meeting "awe-inspiring" and the White House said it was a "very warm session."

The Vatican said the main theme of the talks was policies for a U.N. population conference scheduled for Cairo in September — an issue that has severely strained relations between the Holy See and the White House.

Chief Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the 74-year-old Pope told Clinton about "the grave ethical problems connected to [the Cairo conference]: defense and promotion of life and defense and promotion of the family in particular.

"The Holy Father appealed to the responsibility of a great nation like America, which in its origins and history has always defended ethical values that are at the foundation of every civilization," Navarro-Valls said in a statement.

The Vatican fears the conference, which is drawing up a 20-year-plan to stabilize world population, will back abortion and contraception and weaken the traditional family.

Clinton supports the right to abortion, which the Roman Catholic Church opposes outright.

Clinton has said he wants abortion to be "safe, legal and rare." After taking office last year, he lifted his predecessors' bans on abortion counseling in federally funded clinics and a ban on importing the RU-486 abortion pill. ■

Hoechst to allow RU-486 made by pro-abort group, pro-lifers to boycott

After a recent announcement that RU-486 trials would commence in a San Francisco hospital, Roussel-Uclaf, a subsidiary of the German company Hoechst, announced that they would donate the RU-486 patent rights to the Population Council, a pro-abortion, population-control organization.

Abortion opponents plan to boycott the parent company of the maker of the abortion drug RU-486 and its U.S. subsidiaries even though the company has given up all rights to the drug in this country.

Pro-lifers said they hope to punish manufacturer Roussel Uclaf and Hoescht for an agreement that allows a pro-abortion nonprofit agency to test RU-486 on American women and hire another company to sell it here.

The drug could be licensed for sale here within two years.

"They cannot escape the moral responsibility for what will ensue," said Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee. "What RU-486 will bring us is serial killing by abortion, on a massive scale."

If approved, RU-486 would be an alternative to the 1.6 million surgical abortions performed each year. The drug blocks development of a hormone essential for maintaining pregnancy. Two days after taking RU-486, a woman takes another hormone, prostaglandin, that causes contractions to expel the child.

The procedure is painful, can cause such side effects as bleeding and must be performed in a doctor's office or clinic.

Abortion opponents also hope to dissuade U.S. companies from selling RU-486. "We are sending a message to potential manufacturers," said Right to Life officer Richard Glasow.

The boycott will cover Roussel Uclaf, its parent Hoechst AG of Germany and two U.S. subsidiaries, drug-maker Hoechst Roussel and chemical giant Hoechst Celanese.

The coalition hasn't decided yet which specific products to boycott, but acknowledged that some could be made by U.S. firms that merely use Hoechst products as raw materials. The four companies do sell some prescription medicines, but mainly sell industrial materials such as polyester and bulk chemicals.

They will unveil a product list within weeks that Southern Baptist Convention officer James Smith said would be broadcast by "pastors who will, yes, stand up in the pulpits to say these companies are responsible for bringing the death pill to America." ■

Ouch!

Nunchakus on rescuers OK, court says

San Francisco, CA — A divided federal appeals court ruled on June 1 that police may use methods designed to inflict pain to break up nonviolent demonstrations.

The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that San Diego police did not use excessive force when they wrapped wooden martial arts weapons, known as nunchakus, around the limbs of anti-abortion protesters demonstrating outside abortion clinics in 1989.

The ruling upheld a jury verdict absolving the city of liability for the demonstrators' injuries.

Anti-abortion demonstrators brought the suit alleging they were harmed by the nunchakus during a day of protests staged by Operation Rescue. The protesters argued that the police tactics violated the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures.

But the appeals court said there was substantial evidence to support the jury's determination that the police actions were not excessive, since a videotape of the demonstration indicated that officers used minimal force.

The court said the police policy of first warning demonstrators to disperse and then using "pain compliance techniques" if they refused to leave was reasonable to keep the clinics open and prevent injuries to officers, even though there were other crowd control methods that would not have harmed the protesters.

In a dissent, Circuit Judge Andrew J. Kleinfeld said the use of nunchakus against nonviolent demonstrators was "ineffective and brutal" and violated the Constitution. Kleinfeld also said it was possible that the policy violated the First Amendment, since it only was directed at anti-abortion demonstrators. ■

Homophobic abortionist?

San Jose, CA — Most pro-lifers think of abortionists in connection with the left-wing of the political and social spectrum — especially in northern California where clinics are protected by the notorious BACAOR, a collection of militant homosexuals and violent feminists.

But abortionist Tom Gunter may yet dispel that stereotype. His Mercury Sable sports what would—under other circumstances—be called "homophobic" bumperstickers. Seen outside the McKee Medical Clinic on Alum Rock Road in San Jose, one sticker reads, "Mr. Clinton, focus on the economy instead of sanctifying sodomy." The other says, "Clinton's military: A gay at every porthole, a fag in every foxhole."

When area pro-lifers photographed the car and showed the pictures to the local "escorts," they refused to believe it was the abortionist's car. ■