Is Tucker a *really* bad abortionist?

"If you don't do something, she's going to lay there and bleed to death," one of the staff finally warned the abortionist. The warning came too late, and Angela Hall — 29-years-old — eventually died.

This month our cover story brings you an inside look at how one woman's death eventually resulted in the downfall of Tommy Tucker. The loss to the abortion industry in Alabama and Mississippi means that four different mills are now *"out of business!"*

Tucker was what we refer to as a "circuit-rider." Like abortionist David Gunn, he traveled six days each week between the two states to ply his grisly trade in four different towns.

There are estimates (depending on which newspaper you read) that he was responsible for the deaths of 5,000 to 6,000 babies every year. One article quoted Tucker himself saying that he did "about a hundred" abortions every week.

You'll also read about lawsuits (he has dozens filed against him) and get a detailed account of what was going on inside the mill during the time that Angela Hall was bleeding to death in one of the exam rooms.

After reading the inside story of what was going on, you might be tempted to think that Tommy Tucker is *really bad*. After all, he killed a woman. He could have done something to save her life, but he didn't.

Much of the media covering Tucker's downfall have either been sympathetic (he was a man with a high calling in a field where there aren't enough workers to help carry the load), or they have taken the approach that he crossed a line. He's bad, but only because he killed a woman.

The truth is, Tommy Tucker isn't any worse than any abortionist in any town. He got caught, but there isn't much that you'll read about his abortion practice that isn't going on right where you live.

Still, even the technical things that caused the Alabama and Mississippi medical boards to revoke his license aren't what make Tommy Tucker a bad doctor. Tucker is a bad doctor because he kills babies.

Despite the coverage that we are giving to Tucker's malpractice and loss of license, I want you to understand that it is *Life Advocate's* position that his great evil is in that very fact — he kills babies. And I feel it is our responsibility to keep that fact before you.

The evil of abortion is that it is killing babies — not that the abortionist is violent, careless with drugs, a child molester, a sloppy "practitioner," a slob, or just a reprehensible cad. These things, while bad (and are characteristics that seem more common among baby-killers) are only side-issues.

Our focus is and should ever remain — the children. ■

Serving Him for Life,

Andrew Burnett
Publisher & Executive Director
Advocates for Life Ministries

Still out there fighting

I get upset every month when your magazine comes — not at you guys. I just feel like I can't take any more bad news and I think about canceling all of my subscriptions. I told my daughter, and she told me that the good news is that I get information from *Life Advocate* and everyone else each month. She's twelve.

I started thinking about what she said, and took it all to heart. She's right. Even though the news isn't always good, I'm glad that you're out there advocating for the precious unborn and their mothers. I guess if I wasn't getting all of this "bad news" it would mean everyone had folded up and abandoned the babies.

Mary Gilrohy
Stone Mountain, GA

Catastrophe averted

Please continue sending *Life Advocate* to my Canadian address. Somebody assumed that my Florida address on the face of my check meant I wanted to change my address. Not so!

Any break in getting *Life Advocate* is a catastrophe. It is the best pro-life magazine in existence. After I devour it, I leave it in a church that never, ever addresses the issue of death to the unborn, even though they preach that God is the Author of all life. Hypocricy? You bet!

Aileen Sivell
Burlington, Ontario Canada

Against the grain

In the May *Letters*, "Anonymous" defines "idiot" for us and declares that Kevorkian is a hero and we who disagree are retarded. But "idiot" comes from the Greek "idio," meaning one's own. Before it evolved into its current perjorative sense, it was and still is a commendable thing to be an idiot.

In its various forms, idiot can be found throughout all books of the Bible except Revelation. In II Tim. 1:9 Paul tells us to do one's own business (and not intermeddle in the affairs of others). As Christians, we are supposed to be different, set apart, a peculiar people even if it does go against the grain of "Anonymous."

Dick Colbeth
Portland, OR

Shocked

I have to write to say I cannot understand how you could run the homosexual pro-lifers piece as you did. I was shocked to read the article where nothing was said to put a proper distance between truth and deception. Would pro-lifers march with "pro-life" Pedophiles or "pro-life" transvestites? A legitimacy was given to homosexuals. It seems to be occurring everywhere, but I pray not in "rescue." I do not hate the individual caught up in it, but an organized group. . .?

Phil Buyno
Sterling, IL

"Cancer research" is smokescreen

I came across [an article] from our Teacher's Union in Toledo. The editor of this article suggests the clinical use of the child-killing abortion pill as a help in research of breast cancer. As a Christian, I know this is a smokescreen being put up to get this Nazi related abortion pill into our country.

In response to this article, I sent the woman articles from different pro-life groups about breast cancer being related to abortion. Since there is more evidence of a direct link between the two, maybe the national media will begin reporting the truth (ha!ha!).

Bob Duris
Toledo, OH

Baby John

I've been reading your magazine for about a year now and want you to know how much I appreciate your dedication to keeping the pro-life community informed.

As a sidewalk counselor here in Houston, I really feel a need to keep up with the pulse of nation-wide efforts in helping the preborn. Thank you for printing the article on Baby John. Please continue to pray for his mother as we minister to her and help lead her to a personal knowledge of Jesus.

Jill Dunteman
Houston, TX

No Christian beliefs?

In the article "Shots Fired!" [March '94] about Michael Griffin's trial, mention is made of his prosecutor focusing on the juror's view of the Bible, and all Christians stated they have no "Christian beliefs."

That is a direct violation of the religious test in the Constitution. Besides, if they have no Christian beliefs [it] raises a question of how valid is the oath "...to tell the truth so help me God?" I think he should get a tough-minded attorney and demand a retrial.

Joe Spenner
Stayton, OR

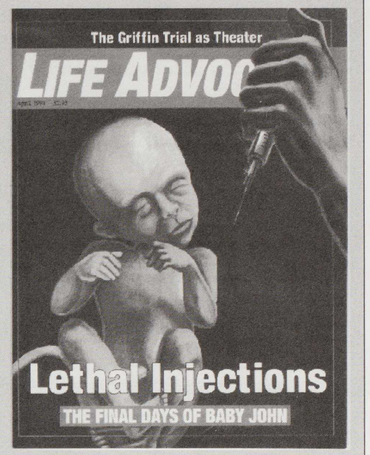
Need to pray, work harder

Thank you for an excellent account of the Michael Griffin trial. The article left me feeling very upset, almost literally sick, for the gross injustice that has been done in this case. Here we have a man, Mr. Griffin, being compelled to do only what the government should have been doing, (and would have been doing not too many years ago), by stopping a mass-murderer of the most innocent and defenseless in our society. Mr. Griffin is given a "life" sentence in a mockery of a trial, and most of the pro-life movement refuses to stand with him or at least offer him some comfort throughout all of this.

I am ashamed and deeply grieved for the state of Christianity in this country. Why aren't we praying, fasting, and laboring harder to bring an end to aborticide? Then men like Michael Griffin would not feel driven to shoot an abortionist. [Then] perhaps God would turn the hearts of those in the government to deal with this issue as it ought to be dealt with.

God have mercy upon us!

Kerry Donaghue
Portland, OR



More on Michael

I am a biologist. As such, I understand the molecular and cellular nature of life, including human life. So when it comes to abortion, I must say that the scientific evidence is in favor of the origin of human life being conception; the moment at which the person's DNA is complete.

One must acknowledge that both the unborn and the abortionist are actual persons, so that taking the life of either is murder. This principle was illustrated in the recent murder trial of a pro-life activist who murdered an abortionist. The jury reached a verdict I agree with: life sentence in prison.

The killing of an abortionist is not just. It is evil and should be punished. But so is the killing of an unborn human being.

Until American jurisprudence accepts and applies this fact, millions of U.S. citizens will continue to be slaughtered while the abortionists get rich and are not punished as they ought to be.

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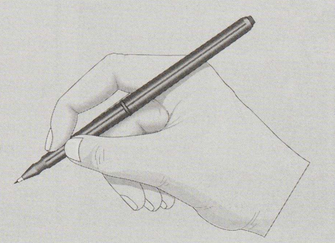

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Abortionist Tommy Tucker arrives at the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in Jackson, Mississippi where he faced more than 30 violations of state and federal laws.

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