

viewing old housing stock as an asset rather than a problem, these lenders helped transform a 250-block area into one of Chicago's most vibrant minority communities. Now operating in five states, ShoreBank has invested more than \$3 billion in underserved areas, financing affordable housing, conservation retrofits, small businesses and community development. With \$5 million in annual profit, these bankers show it's possible to do well by doing good.

Cooperation works. Fed up with being paid a pittance and treated with all the respect of a Kleenex by the owner of their company, cabdrivers in Wisconsin rebelled and in the late 1970s decided they could do better as their own bosses. There were a lot of bumps in the road, but over the years the Union Cab of Madison Cooperative became a successful, democratically run taxi business that pays middle-class wages (plus health care) to its 150 worker-owners, who proudly earn a customer-satisfaction rating above 90 percent. In a completely different business, farmers in 34 states organized

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themselves into Organic Valley, becoming a \$432 million-a-year co-op that produces and markets milk, cheese, butter, eggs and other staples. Rather than limit the co-op's bottom line to their own profit, they established a business family that puts wholesome food, sustainable production, respect for workers and community involvement at the core of its business mission. And if you want to see a business with real pizzazz, the Lusty Lady Theatre in San Francisco is the first worker-owned, unionized, democratically managed strip joint in America.

The powers that be want us to believe it's futile to buck the system and impossible to challenge the corporatized way of running our society. However, in the words of a friend of ours, those who say it can't be done should not interrupt those who are doing it. We can do business in a meaningful way, and we can have lives that are worth living. You really don't have to join the rat race unless you want to.

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## WILL ROE V. WADE CONTINUE TO STAND?

ANTIABORTIONIST RANDALL TERRY DOESN'T THINK SO

By Ashley Jude Collie

Activist Randall Terry founded the pro-life group Operation Rescue, which he calls the largest peaceful civil disobedience movement in American history. Though his politics may be unequivocally black-and-white, Terry himself isn't. A registered Republican who converted to Catholicism, he considers himself a "theocentric libertarian" and feels the evangelical movement has "politically imploded." An accom-

plished musician, he has inhaled and more in his past; he's also a big fan of the Beatles, *Wayne's World* and *Saturday Night Live* and does pitch-perfect impersonations of Bill Clinton, Austin Powers and Dr. Evil.

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Q: Why do you want to speak to *The Playboy Forum*?

A: It's about reaching people I wouldn't be able to otherwise. There are people reading my words who are going to have an unplanned pregnancy, and they're going to be tempted to abort their child. If my heartfelt pleading to them to let their baby live results in someone getting to hold their just-born little boy or girl, it will be worth all the hell I'll catch for doing this interview.

Q: Having been arrested more than 40 times and jailed several times, do you mind being a lightning rod?

A: The real question is, how can I look the other way after 50 million children

there were certain images, words and actions that accompanied them. Those images and actions were always confrontational, controversial and disruptive. How did they end child labor? They showed the horrific conditions of little children in pictures. We in the pro-life movement have to learn from past social revolutions and be relentless in our pursuit of justice even when it makes people uncomfortable. Like seeing pictures of aborted babies—think how many times you have seen images of Nazi concentration camps. They show reality. We need to show the American people the reality of the killing of the unborn. With Operation Rescue we helped create social tension that ensured child killing would not be swept under the rug. But right now, to be honest, things are flagging. We need a revival of social tension.

Q: What if that social tension is ratcheted up to violence?

**A:** We don't want that to happen, but no movement of any significance in human history did not have warts and inconsistencies.

**Q:** With newspaper headlines screaming about scandals, corruption, school massacres, etc., do you see a general decline in society?

**A:** Without question there's a moral crisis. Man has forgotten who he is. We are the unique creation of God, and when we reject that reality, we are in a moral free fall and anything goes—as you see today in the slaughter of innocents, child pornography and corruption in every human arena. One of the great tragedies we face is the general loss of the wonder of human life. It is tied directly to the cheapening of human life that occurs because of abortion on demand. America's social decline is the fruit of the philosophical rejection of human beings being made in the image of God and the rejection of the existence of eternal truths. And if you chart America's trajectory, you can see it beginning to go downward in the 1960s.

**Q:** What about the 1960s started that downward spiral?

**A:** This is central. If there is no God, there is no such thing as right and wrong, good and evil. There are only preferences and what you can pull off with rhetoric, deception or the barrel of a gun. The 1960s gave us the rejection of authority and of moral absolutes, the sexual revolution and the feminist revolution that included child killing and the rejection of the sacrament of marriage. So if one person decides it's okay for them to have sex with children or abort their own children or become a prostitute or a drug addict, we have no right to condemn that behavior, because there's no such thing as good and evil. These factors were all the behavioral offspring of college philosophy departments telling people that they could choose for themselves what was right and wrong and that there are no moral absolutes.

**Q:** Recent Harris Polls have revealed some change in opinion. In 2007 56 percent were in favor of *Roe v. Wade* and 40 percent against, but in 2006 49 percent were in favor versus 47 percent against. What does this indicate?

**A:** America has never had a genuine debate on child killing. I blame the media predominantly for that. If the media showed abortion the way they showed the Vietnam war or apartheid in South Africa, this holocaust would already be over. I've had the joys of seeing ultrasounds of my children, and when you see a 10-week-old baby sucking his thumb on the ultrasound screen, how can you deny that miracle is a human being? How can you justify ripping that child out with a suction machine? If people saw the reality, they would probably

not kill that child. Many people reading this interview cannot tell me when the human heart begins to beat, when a baby's fingers and toes bud, when brain waves are recordable, when a child responds to light or sound; moreover, many readers will have no clue how and when most children are aborted. So there has never been an intelligent debate in this country on the issue. You can't debate something you don't know, right?

**Q:** Two recent Hollywood movies, *Knocked Up* and *Juno*, feature ultrasound scenes, and both depict pregnant women taking their babies to term. What's your take?

**A:** Movies like *Juno* and *Knocked Up*, which have an intense pro-life message, sow the seeds of a popular pro-life movement based on the inescapable scientific reality that this is a precious, innocent human being. And they use ultrasound on the big screen to dramatize it. Ministries that sit in front of abortion mills in RVs and offer every woman a free ultrasound before she goes in are very successful. For women who see the ultrasound, the numbers are through the roof—80 percent to 90 percent of them do not go through with their appointment.

**Q:** What impact would a John McCain presidency have on the pro-life agenda?

**A:** If McCain would appoint judges who would overturn *Roe*, it could be a huge boon. I don't think we have any assurance that would happen. Justices Anthony Kennedy, David Souter and Sandra Day O'Connor were all appointed by Republican presidents who did not do their homework. If presidents Reagan and

Bush Sr. had done what they said they would do, we would already have overturned *Roe* because we wouldn't have had Kennedy, Souter and O'Connor. There's a very strong movement afoot in the conservative wing of the Republican Party to deny McCain the White House. Their attitude is, an enemy outside your camp makes you vigilant and unites you, but an enemy inside your camp makes you dead because he can cut your neck in the night or poison your food by day.

**Q:** Wouldn't overturning *Roe v. Wade* mean more botched back-alley abortions?

**A:** I don't believe it would produce more, because most women are law-abiding people. I have a far higher view of women than the rhetoric of the pro-abortion movement shows. How many women do you know who would actually go into a back alley and let some moron stick a coat hanger into their uterus? Women are just not going to do that. Secondly, most illegal abortions were committed by doctors. My goal is to make child killing illegal in all 50 states to restore the full protection of the law to all unborn babies. Overturning *Roe* is only one step in that process.

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FROM A COLUMN

by Anne Applebaum, wife of Polish politician Radek Sikorski, about political wives who stand next to their sex-scandal-embroiled husbands at press conferences: "Speaking (ahem) as a political wife myself, I can see one clear advantage to this option: It's all over quickly. And no one asks you for a follow-up interview. You appear once—and then you vanish forever, along with your husband's career. If you've been clever about it, you've kept your maiden name and can thus return to your own career. Those who make other, more attention-getting choices will later be forced back into the limelight to explain themselves, which is gruesome."



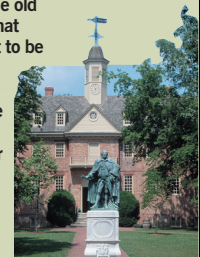
FROM A DESCRIPTION

by Shahin Portofeh of his initial treatment upon being returned to Iran after the U.K. refused to grant him asylum despite his contention he would be executed for homosexuality, a capital offense in the Islamic republic: "The judge sentenced me to 60 lashes, and the same day they lashed me. I was begging them for some treatment, asking them for some medicine, some painkillers, but they didn't show any mercy. A guard just pulled up my T-shirt and stubbed his cigarette on me."



FROM A LETTER

to alumni by Gene Nichol, the College of William and Mary president who was forced out in February after conservatives criticized several of his decisions—among them removing a cross from the state school's main building, refusing to shut down a racy student art exhibition and increasing scholarships to poor students—explaining his reasons for not backing down in the face of pressure: "I have thought, perhaps most acutely, of my wife and three remarkable daughters. I've believed it vital to understand, with them, that though defeat may at times come, it is crucial not to surrender to the loud and the vitriolic and the angry—just because they are loud and vitriolic and angry. Recalling the old Methodist hymn that commands us 'not to be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong' nor 'afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.' So I have sought not to yield. The board's decision, of course, changes that. I have also hoped that this noble college might one day claim not only Thomas Jefferson's pedigree but his political philosophy as well. It was



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