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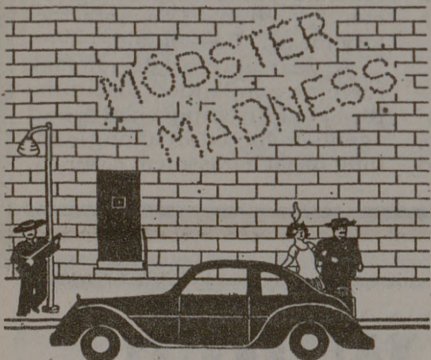
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Live, learn and regret

Pro-abortionist, anti-abortionist talk about their experiences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twice, Lisa Salcedo chose abortion to end her pregnancies.

But over time, as her friends had babies and she learned more about fetal development, she turned from "pro-abortion militant feminist" to anti-abortion advocate.

"I will live forever with the fact that I allowed my children to be killed mercilessly," she said.

Mary Jean Marsh had considered herself "pro-life for years, years and years" when she found herself burdened with an unwanted pregnancy. She chose adoption, but now says that what was presented as a "loving alternative" became for her "an emotional hell."

When she found herself pregnant a second time, she chose abortion.

No one likes abortion. That much foes and abortion-rights advocates agree on, nearly two decades after the Supreme Court's decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

Both sides also agree the court is likely to undermine its 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision in a Pennsylvania case in which it will hear arguments Wednesday.

Beyond that, opponents and advocates are deeply split, divid-

ing the nation in passionate and public controversy and, more intimately, compelling women to confront themselves.

For all of the extremism, many women find themselves somewhere in between. For many women, it is their own abortion that ultimately defines the issue.

Salcedo was 18 in 1979 when she had the first of her two abortions.

"I was an extremely ambitious, vibrant college student, just a regular, normal, happy college student, very well-adjusted and having a great time," she says. "When I found myself in an unplanned pregnancy, my whole life was just a big question. My whole life flashed before my eyes."

Ultimately, she says, "there was no alternative when I went for counseling. No one mentioned adoption. Abortion was the only option."

A year and a half later, Salcedo was pregnant again.

"The abortion provided the out, a 'solution' for that first pregnancy, so when I became pregnant again, it was just a simple decision. . . . No muss, no fuss."

But about eight years later, when her friends began having babies, she found she was "very much sad over the loss of my chil-

dren." Along with her pregnant friends, she became interested in fetal development and came to believe a fetus is a child of value even before it is born. Then, she took a course in abortion counseling. Transformed by her experiences, Salcedo — now 31, married

"It was just such a turmoil. I never been that afraid, that anguish-filled . . . really having look at your life. . . . It makes look at your life the way you have to look at it when you are forced to contemplate your own death. What's important here; what are your hopes?"

She chose adoption and said now: "To lose your child is to lose your hope; they said it would be hard, but this was so far beyond hard."

Six months later, she found herself pregnant again and this time chose abortion. "I cried during the procedure because it's sad. It's sad because nobody wants to have an abortion."

Still, she says she felt relief. Marsh — now 37, married, living in Chehalis, Wash., and hoping for a child — has done about-face from the days of her early 20s.

"I'm not so sure I like the term 'right to life' because I think life is a gift, and I think there is a spiritual creator and a woman who is involved in giving that gift to the unborn. If a woman's 'no' has power, then her 'yes' becomes meaningless," she said.

"It boils down to your beliefs. . . . women have to make their own decisions."

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— Lisa Salcedo

and raising a 2-year-old son in Austin, Texas — is the press secretary for the Texas Right to Life organization and teaches post-abortion counseling and education.

Marsh decided against abortion when she discovered in the spring of 1977, at age 23 and unmarried, that she was pregnant. "I had been pro-life for years, years and years. . . . It was something I was quite passionate about."

Until then, abortion was "theoretical." Now it was real.

Judge orders exhumation of body to examine pathologist's practices

AMARILLO (AP) — A Panhandle district judge has ordered the body of a 42-year-old murder victim exhumed following questions about autopsies performed by Lubbock pathologist Ralph Erdmann.

The exhumation order by district Judge Sam Kiser on Monday comes 17 days after another judge directed the exhumation of a Randall County murder victim autopsied by Erdmann.

Meanwhile, a custody hearing in Lubbock has been delayed by questions surrounding an autopsy Erdmann performed on a 7-month-old baby.

Kiser ordered the body of James Benton Atkinson Jr. to be unearthed within four days. He placed a gag order on attorneys in the case.

Gregory Van Alstyne is charged with capital murder in the April 17, 1990 beating death of Atkinson. The victim's body was found a day later in an Amarillo pasture.

Jury selection in Van Alstyne's trial began Monday. Van Alstyne's co-defendant, Ricky Dale Allen, is awaiting trial.

The original autopsy on Atkinson was performed by Erdmann, but questions surrounding a number of examinations made by the Lubbock doctor have raised questions about murder cases in which he testified.

Erdmann, who has performed hundreds of autopsies for 41 West Texas counties over the past nine years, was indicted by a Hockley County grand jury Feb. 24. He is accused of tampering with evidence and theft by a public servant.

The doctor resigned from a \$140,000-a-year position as Lubbock County's pathologist three weeks after the indictment, contending he was overworked.

In a motion filed Monday by Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill, the prosecution said Erdmann will refuse to testify about Atkinson's autopsy by claiming his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

Dr. Sparks Veasey, Potter County's forensic pathologist, examined Erdmann's autopsy report and photographs. Veasey concluded he must examine Atkinson's body to make a clear diagnosis of the cause of death, the motion says.

According to the indictment, Van Alstyne killed Atkinson, a pizza delivery man, while robbing the victim.

District Judge Patrick Pirtle ordered the body of a 72-year-old murder victim exhumed earlier this month after Erdmann took the Fifth more than 200 times to questions regarding his autopsy of the victim.

In Lubbock, district Judge Brad Underwood on Monday postponed a civil hearing on whether a 3-year-old girl can return home with her parents, Ricardo and Angela Gonzales, until tissue samples of the Gonzales' deceased 7-month-old son can be analyzed.

Ricardo Gonzales, 29, said he found his infant son, Curtis Andrew Gonzales, dead June 8, 1991 in their rural Lubbock home. Gonzales told police at the time that his son was found with a pair of plastic pants over his head.

An autopsy conducted by Erdmann concluded the child died of pneumonia, and Justice of the Peace Earl Yarborough ruled the death caused by natural causes.

But officials with Children's Protective Services questioned the death two weeks ago and have requested an investigation.

Group releases study refuting shrimpers' claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three environmental groups released a study Tuesday they claimed debunked shrimpers' claims that protecting endangered sea turtles would reduce shrimp catches while causing more injuries and equipment losses.

"After two full seasons of required (turtle excluder device) use . . . it is clear that none of the opponents' predictions were accurate," the report said.

The study was prepared by the Center for Marine Conservation, the Environmental Defense Fund and National Wildlife Federation.

The turtle excluder devices, which are trap doors placed in shrimpers' nets to allow sea turtles an escape hatch, have been hotly contested by the shrimping industry. The air-breathing turtles easily drown in the nets, which can trawl continuously for hours.

"We have technology that saves turtles which are endangered species and the same technology has not brought economic ruin to the industry as TEDs opponents had predicted," said Marydele Donnelly, director of the Center for Marine Conservation's sea turtle

conservation program. "So, it's a win-win proposition."

The TEDs are designed to save the lives of five threatened and endangered turtle species in southern U.S. waters, including the endangered Kemp's ridley.

Before the use of TEDs, up to 55,000 sea turtles died each year in American shrimp nets, the National Academy of Sciences estimates.

Among the study's findings:
• In 1990 and 1991, shrimp catches in the Gulf of Mexico, measured in terms of pounds caught per days fished, were higher than the previous three years when TEDs were not required. Off the South Carolina coast, total shrimp catch was higher in 1991 than in the five previous years.

• There have been no reported injuries associated with TEDs since federal requirements took effect in September 1989.

• Insurance claims for gear loss and damage have declined since TEDs implementation.

• Strandings of drowned threatened and endangered sea turtles were dramatically lower during periods in which TEDs were required.

Donnelly said the environmental groups hope to use the report in part to prod the Bush administration to speed up its release of expanded protection for sea turtles.

For the last eight months, the National Marine Fisheries Service has been drafting regulations that would expand the use of TEDs.

"We have been more than patient about all of this," Donnelly said Tuesday. "We hope that with the information that's provided in this report that people who have been just sort of sitting back and waiting for something to happen will now make it happen."

NMFS is looking at regulations that would make TEDs use mandatory year-round in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. The new rules would also give the Coast Guard greater enforcement powers.

Under existing federal rules, shrimp trawlers must have a certified TED in their nets from March 1 through Nov. 30 in the Gulf of Mexico, and May 1 through Aug. 31 in the Atlantic.

Libyan dissidents in Dallas plot demise of Gadhafi's rule

DALLAS (AP) — Dissident Libyans were ensconced in a luxury hotel this week, plotting the ouster of Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

"The significance is this is open and making it clear to Gadhafi we're coalescing. We are not hiding," said Secretary-General Moahamad Yusef al-Megariaf of the National Front for the Salvation of Libya.

"We are struggling to topple him for his crimes. It is our duty to get rid of him and regain our country," said al-Megariaf, the former ambassador to India.

The Libyan dissidents were based in northern Chad before being forced to leave early in 1991 after a new Chadian government

took power with Libyan support. About 350 former Libyan prisoners of war who had received some rudimentary training from the United States were resettled in the United States.

The Libyans are scattered in several states and most have chosen to stay out of politics.

Several dozen are believed to have joined the National Front, one of several dissident organizations that have been trying to depose Gadhafi since 1969. U.S. officials regard them as highly unlikely to succeed.

Approximately 190 dissidents attended the Dallas planning sessions.

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