

Fish



BY R. DELUNA ESCORT

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He said the training session did not include information on how to respond to possible severe circumstances, like a bombing of the clinic.

"There's a lot of security built into the clinic," Varner said. "Nobody has talked as if they expected something like that to happen. There is always a big splash in the media when something like that happens, but the odds of getting hurt in a bombing at an abortion clinic are a lot less than being killed in an airplane crash."

Varner said the escorts are not only supporting abortion, but also other Planned Parenthood services.

"I would characterize what we do as a show of support for the right to choose to terminate a pregnancy, but [it is also for] all the other services they provide, the vast majority of which is not abortion."

Varner's pro-choice view on abortion stems from his moral beliefs.

"I think women should have the unfettered legal right to choose," he said. "But the reason I think that is a function of my moral beliefs."

However, Varner does not support abortion in every case. "I think there might be good reason for some restrictions on later-term abortions," he said. "One of those is given in Roe v. Wade. There are health risks to the carrier of the fetus given the way [the procedure] is done."

"That implies that there needs to be regulation, not prohibition."

Varner said, for philosophical discussions of the issue, it is important to distinguish between being a human and being a person, which carries with it moral significance.

"Whatever characteristics make you and I persons, presumably neither the permanently comatose nor early fetuses have," he said. "Unlike the permanently comatose, fetuses have the potential to develop these characteristics, but in my view, the bare, unactualized potential to develop these characteristics does not give fetuses the same moral significance as full-fledged persons."

Varner said he is not opposed to the pro-life protesters at the clinic.

"Regarding abortion specifically, I understand protesters' interests and rights to make a statement — in a sense, they're just doing their job the same way the volunteer escorts are."

"I hope that doesn't degenerate into yelling at clients getting out of their cars in the parking lot or harassment of clients who arrive on foot. Unfortunately, I think that that's more likely to happen when out-of-town protesters are brought in to join the local regulars."

GINGER

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Ginger, who has nine sisters and five brothers, said she did not want the child she was carrying.

Donohue said, as an educational organization, BVCL's job is to refer clients like Ginger to outreach services for women in unplanned pregnancies.

Donohue referred Ginger to Gabriel's Project, an organization that helps provide physical needs, like clothing and food, to the mother and child experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Tessi Lambert, coordinator of Gabriel's Project for St. Anthony's Church in Bryan, said Gabriel's Project offers help to women who may feel they are in a desperate situation.

"The most important thing Gabriel's Project does is allow them to see God's love and mercy through the volunteer's eyes," she said.

Ginger decided to have the baby, with the support of Donohue and Lambert.

"Thank God for Lauren and Tessi," she said.

Ginger said her sons helped her decide to have the baby. She showed them the Life insert, and they were excited about the baby.

"Tessi got help for me and my boys," she said. "She helped me to get Medicaid and my lights turned on and my phone hooked up and took me to church."

"She was there with me when I had the baby. She was a great coach."

Ginger said she was at rock-bottom before she met Tessi. Her mother had just died.

"She helped me with my self-esteem," she said. "It was really down."

Although Tessi's pregnancy was not perfect, Ginger has had no regrets.

Her latest pregnancy was deemed "high-risk" and was diagnosed with diabetes and was told to be born prematurely.

Miguel was born three weeks early, nonetheless.

Ginger had a job at Farms, a chicken farm, go on medical leave and pregnant with Miguel, difficulty finding a school in the fifth grade as a migrant farm worker also looking for daycare.

Lambert and Ginger's close relationship with her husband will be beneficial.

"They are very special," Lambert said. "All of them are special."

Ginger plans to move to Miguel's father, in San Francisco has helped and was present at her said she still feels like had had an abortion.

She fought with her cause he said he needed.

"My dad always said get mad, true feelings she said. "I told [Francisco] going to live like this, ing to fall down again."

Through the Gabriel's Project, she has enrolled in classes and is applying.

She receives \$188 from the government, tricity and phone bills, food stamps for groceries in a HUD housing development.

Lambert said she and her physical needs, she becomes more independent.

"We will be there to needs us," Lambert said. "I anticipate as many things but I do look forward to ship."

Ginger is in the process of converting to Roman Catholicism. She has taken naturalism classes to learn about Church's naturalism.

Miguel will not be her children.

"I want to have another until I have a girl," she said.

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