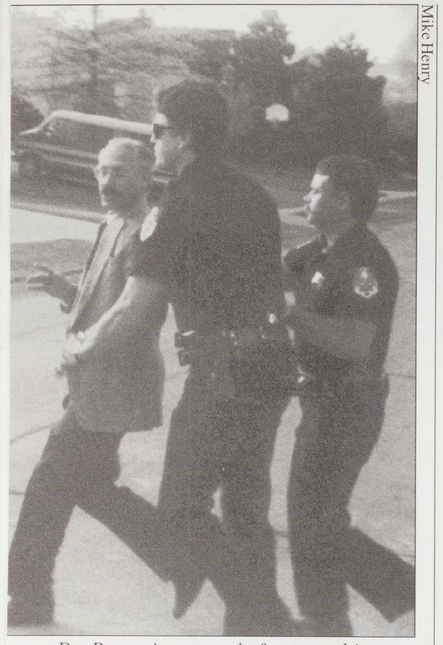
Abortionist assaults pro-lifer



Mike Henry

Dr. Remer is arrested after assaulting David Shedlock.

Des Moines, IA — According to David Shedlock, Communications Director of Operation Rescue, Iowa (ORI), "Those committed to committing violence to those inside the womb won't hesitate to smite those outside if they think they can get away with it."

Abortionist Herbert Remer is on record for having assaulted pro-lifers on at least three separate occasions in the last year. Also, his 18 year-old daughter, Sarah, who has a black belt in karate, struck first-time picketer Gaylord Victoria. Shedlock had attempted to serve her papers from a judge ordering her to appear on charges of contempt for ignoring an earlier subpoena. The abortionist's wife and attorney are being charged with contempt in the same incident.

"Surely it is those who defend child-killing who are the lawless ones," Shedlock stated.

Remer's first charge of assault finally came in May of 1992 when he hosed down Shedlock and Judy Maki, the director of ORI, while they peacefully picketed in his neighborhood. The charges were dropped even though the events were witnessed by a police officer.

Late one night in November of 1992, Remer assaulted Shedlock again. A bloody lip and $300 damage to Shedlock's car was the result. Remer kicked the car door several times and also threatened Shedlock with Mace, a chemical self-defense spray.

This all took place in Clive, Iowa several blocks from where Shedlock had been "staking out" one of Remer's two suburban homes. Remer's wife saw the assault, but, along with the abortionist, denies it. At press time, a trial was being rescheduled pending possible "mediation."

There were no other witnesses to the incident and the Clive police refused to lift finger prints from the damaged car.

A small claims suit by Shedlock is scheduled for trial in this matter, also.

Remer once again showed his violent temper at a rescue in his abortuary in February of this year. He stomped on the knee of rescuer Carol Douglas, resulting in the need for medical attention. The response of the police was to make the room for the fray, encouraging more violence.

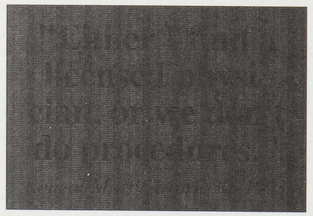
"They may or may not get away with it in this life, but it is from the Lord that we get justice," Shedlock mused. ■

Wichita "Crypt" closes

Business merges with Tiller's mill

by Denise Billings

Wichita, KS — In a surprise move, George Tiller, late-term abortionist and the target of pro-life efforts for years, bought out the Wichita Women's Center and will merge the business with his own. The transaction was completed June 7 for an undisclosed amount of money. The business was purchased from Roneal Martin, a Ft. Worth based businessman who owns four other abortion clinics in Texas and Louisiana.



The Wichita Women's Center, also known as "The Crypt," is officially closed down and the doors at 700 N. Market will no longer open to kill preborn babies.

George Tiller purchased the business, telephone numbers, advertising, equipment, and the right to kill approximately 1,000 more babies per year, which will raise his figures to around 3,500 annually. Tiller is one of a small number of abortionists around the country who specialize in late-term abortions, though "The Crypt" performed abortion only through 16 weeks gestation.

Though the purchase of this abortuary by Tiller was a surprise, the closing of the clinic was not. This was one of two abortion mills in Wichita that recruited its abortionists from the Kansas University School of Medicine and the Wesley Intern Program, under the direction of Dr. Dan Roberts. Due in part to recent campaigns of "exposure," led by local pro-life activist Bryan Brown, director of Godarchy Productions, this and the Wichita Family Planning Clinic, located at 3013 E. Central, were running out of licensed physicians to perform abortions and were unable to recruit new doctors or interns.

In an interview with the *Wichita Eagle* newspaper on April 30, 1993, Martin said, "Either I find a licensed physician, or we don't do procedures." Though Peggy Jarmen, spokesperson for Tiller denied this to be the reason for the sale of the business, inside sources confirm that when David Duke and Michael Moore graduate from their internships this June, no other physicians were available. An intern who recently stopped performing abortions at the East Central facility said they received $40 per procedure.

According to an ex-Tiller employee, in 1987 he was clearing over $1,000,000 annually. This raises the question as to his motivation for such a business move. Roxanne Meyer, clinic director of the Wichita Women's Center, was quoted as saying, "I think when doctors think of themselves as businessmen first, then health care is in jeopardy. This really narrows down the market. This is not any boon to women's health care is George Tiller is on his way to a monopoly in Wichita. Now he can really call the shots. But we'll see how long he'll keep that low price on abortion services." (There have been reports of recent price wars, similar to those at the gas pumps.)

Local pro-life leadership is claiming victory in the closing of the Pine and Market mill. They claim that the median age for an abortionist is 55 years and the inability to recruit new abortionists clearly shows that medical evidence of the humanity of the preborn from conception to birth and pressure from prolifers is taking its toll.

"The price of living in the 'right' neighborhood with new carpet and furniture has become less than that of fear of their families and friends knowing that it was bought by the blood of the most innocent among us, the preborn," said one local activist. ■

Clinton Administration urges overturning NOW v. Scheidler acquittal

A Special Report from Pro-Life Action League/Chicago

On Monday, June 14, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal by the National Organization for Women (NOW) to overturn two lower court rulings that pro-life activists cannot be sued under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) act. The case, *NOW v. Scheidler*, had been previously thrown out of both federal District Court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Last month, however, at the Clinton Administration's urging, the Justice Department claimed the two lower courts had erred when ruling that economic motive was necessary for RICO and urged the high court to overturn the decision. In their amicus brief, the Justice Department lawyers stated that political organizations engaging in unlawful acts for political reasons might also reap "incidental economic benefits" such as increased contributions from supporters, and would thus be in violation of RICO. The case was heard on June 11 by the Supreme Court.

NOW v. Scheidler was first filed in Federal Court in June 1986. Two abortion mills, the Delaware Women's Health Organization in Wilmington and the Ladies' Center in Pensacola, filed as co-plaintiffs. Originally,

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Joe Scheidler

Scheidler zaps "RICO Queen" despite media blackout

Chicago, IL — Fifty pro-life activists led by Pro-Life Action League Director Joe Scheidler braved 40 mile-an-hour winds May 25, to picket Janet Reno's appearance at the Nikko Hotel in downtown Chicago. Reno was speaking at the Seventh Judicial Bar Association's Banquet. She shared the platform with Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Despite wide media attendance at the event, only Channel 32, the local Fox affiliate, aired footage. A local all-news radio station also reported the protest.

One new photographer entering the hotel refused to cover the picket or take the League's press release, saying to the pro-life aide, "If you're with them, I don't want it."

The protest came on the heels of the U.S. Justice Department's amicus brief to the Supreme Court, urging use of a federal anti-racketeering law (RICO) against pro-lifers. The amicus brief was filed May 20 in the *NOW v. Scheidler* case before the Supreme Court (See related article, above)

Pro-lifers held large cut-out photos of Reno bearing the slogans, "RICO Queen," "Abortion General," "Reno is Anti-life," "Enemy of Free Speech" and "Unfair to the Unborn."

Alerted by the stepped-up activity of Secret Service agents and Chicago police when two white limousines pulled into the hotel entrance, prolifers spontaneously gathered to chant, "Life, Yes, Abortion, No, Janet Reno's got to go," as Reno exited her limousine and walked to the hotel entrance.

Inside the hotel, William Kelly of PAC for Middle America was waiting for Reno to speak. Kelly successfully disrupted Bill Clinton's speeches on three separate occasions during campaign stops in Chicago last summer. But before Reno spoke, Secret Service agents recognized Kelly, surrounded him and quickly escorted him out. Security told him to leave the hotel or he would be arrested.

The demonstration ended with a prayer for Reno, that God would soften her heart and that she would come to respect the sanctity of human life. ■

Scheidler leads Pro-Life Action League in chants as Janet Reno exits her limo.