Rescuers face violence in Houston

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real mother into the site (several people attempted to get in, not knowing the mill would be closed for the day).

The next day rescuers received the good news that five abortion mills were still closed, and the police were conducting a "police rescue" around the other sites (i.e., police lines were so tight that many real appointments would not be kept). Police cars blocked many roadways to abortion mills and stopped each vehicle that attempted to enter and "looked for rescuers," thus keeping away many bona fide appointments.

The rescue team then went to a private practice where two abortions were scheduled. Some of them were able to lock themselves at their necks with Kryptonite bike locks. The doctor was startled as he had never seen a pro-life presence at his office before. His nurse quit on the spot and declared, "That's it...I've had enough of this!" Two patients, in the office for regular OB-GYN care, announced that they would never come back to him, and several tenants expressed shock that he performed abortions. The doctor told a priest in the group that he "will not do any more abortions." He did not want to press charges so the rescuers were able to unlock and leave, concluding another Houston "arrest free" rescue.

The rescue team appeared later at an abortion mill, site of the "Baby David" body find (see related story on p. 12), and penetrated the veil of security set up by the Houston Police Department and building security. A small team of rescuers (Joan Andrews, Wayman Chunn, Chet Gallagher and Shirley Noack) were able to enter the killing site while others were stopped outside the doors. Three were locked at their necks while the fourth stayed in prayer support. All four were arrested as was Baldo Dino (NJ) who was in prayer support at the door.

Andrews, Chunn and Gallagher had an excessive $10,000 bond set on a felony charge of "use of a criminal instrument", which the pro-life attorneys feel is a ridiculous charge that the D.A. will not be able to support. (See sidebar). The other rescuers were charged with Criminal Trespass. Noack was bailed out by some friends; Dino and Burke remain in the Harris County Jail in solidarity with those charged with the felony counts.

In another attempt to show his contempt for the Christian pro-lifers, Judge Brian Rains raised his original bond on the three activists who were locked at their necks to an even more extreme amount of $25,000.

The Complaint

On Saturday, July 14, between 1 and 2 am, the Houston City Jail officers attempted to transfer Andrews, Chunn and Gallagher to the Harris County Jail. All three were in complete identity with the unborn by assuming a passive, non-compliant mode. Their jail handlers reacted by applying excessive force and used extreme "pain-compliance" techniques.

As of now, several court opportunities have failed to gain their release and their cases have been sent to a grand jury to consider the charges. The next two weeks will determine if the grand jury will release them by finding no support for a trial, or return an indictment—at which time a national call to action will be made. ■

Chet Gallagher Jailed in Houston

by Paul deParrie

Chet Gallagher

Houston, TX—The former Las Vegas, Nevada policeman, now rescuer, Chet Gallagher was one of three rescuers during the Houston Pro-Life Summit who was charged with felony "use of a criminal instrument" charges. Joan Andrews and Wayman Chunn are also being held on the obscure felony.

When they were first charged, the three were told by Deputy District Attorney Don Strickland that "the standard bail is $2,000." But Judge Brian Rains leveled a $10,000 requirement on them, then raised it to $25,000 when the three went to a non-cooperative mode in the courtroom.

When Gallagher heard of his father's death in Omaha, Nebraska, he requested and received a three-day pass from Rains to go for the funeral. After the funeral, more family difficulties prompted Gallagher to call Rains to ask for another week on his pass. Rains tried to use the situation to get Gallagher to compromise his decision to remain non-cooperative. Gallagher refused the offer and turned himself back in.

Meanwhile, the grand jury has yet to return an indictment on the three. If they do, it is likely to be two months before a trial is held. ■

Pro-Life Forces Gather In Brussels, Belgium

bySteve Baughman

On May 19, over 200 Belgians gathered near Brussels for the largest-ever evangelical, pro-life conference. Just weeks before, the Parliament had passed the first pro-abortion law in the country (Ireland is now the only country in Europe which prohibits abortion). The Catholic, p ro-life king vetoed the law, but the legislators then got enough votes to enact the law despite his efforts.

The bilingual conference (Dutch and French) was organized by Hospital Christian Fellowship, a Belgian pro-family, pro-life organization. The ten-hour conference was filled with legal, scientific, and Scriptural information about abortion. Several lawyers, doctors, pastors, and theologians were invited to speak. The Operation Rescue video (translated into French) was shown twice, and several copies were distributed. A rescuer was among the invited speakers, and after the conference, several Belgians indicated that they would soon be planning to begin rescues in Belgium. These few will be helped in the leadership area by newly-experienced leaders from France and Holland. There was also a fruitful time of worship, and a significant time spent in asking God for direction, strength and courage.

Information is not as readily available in these languages, and the traditional Catholics and evangelicals are very few in number; thus it was very encouraging to have such a good-sized group, and such good Belgian speakers. Most of the already-existing pro-life groups were represented and some other new, local groups began to form from the contacts made that day. Also present were a few experienced representatives from pro-life groups that work in schools and women's homes in Holland, England and France. These representatives from small groups which have been fighting abortion for years in their respective countries had much to say to encourage and help inform the Belgians. Although it was sad to think that the lawmakers of another country had succumbed to the surreptitious lies of the international pro-abortion forces, it was good to see that these Belgians would not be caught off guard, or accept this without a fight. ■

Portland-Area Rescuers Return To Feminists' Abortion Mill

by Dawn Stover

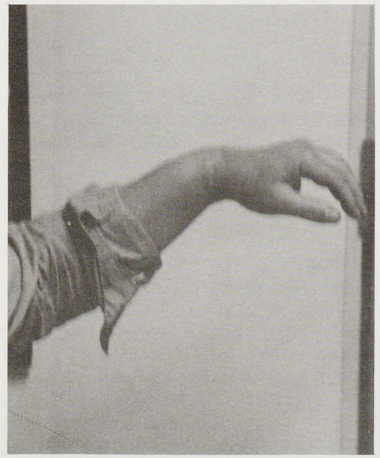
Jude Hanzo, clinic director, speaks to rescuers as police stand by. (photo: Paul deParrie)

Portland, OR—Saturday, July 28 Advocates for Life Ministries performed a second rescue mission at the new location of the Portland Feminist Women's Feminist "Health Center". At approximately 7:15 am 40 Christians arrived at the abortion mill to intervene for the children that would be killed through abortion and to pray—sincere, pleading prayers to God to stop the killing, and to forgive those involved with the bloodshed.

Eleven rescuers blocked doors on this Saturday morning. Very shortly thereafter "escorts" were present wearing their "Pro-Choice Escort" bibs and had established a checkpoint across the street from the mill. A steady flow of abortion-bound mothers arrived and were unable to have their children's lives ended because of the Christians at the doors. At this time sidewalk counselors had opportunities to talk with the parents and some of the parents left. Others were "escorted" elsewhere until the doors were cleared of rescuers.

Portland police were summoned by the abortion mill and were present approximately 45 minutes after the rescuers arrived. As they summed up the situation, sidewalk counseling continued and the prayer warriors continued to pray and sing. The attitude of the Christians present was to reach out in the love and compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ to those involved in any way with child-killing.

After about an hour and a half more police arrived and it became obvious that either arrests would be made or a chute would be built to rush mothers and staff into the mill. Rescuers maintained their positions until the police started making arrests.



Phil Stewart's broken wrist. (photo: Paul deParrie)

As has been the case many times in the past, police used what they call "pain compliance" to remove the rescuers from the doors. Of the eleven, six were arrested. Two rescuers were scratched badly behind his ears as officers attempted to make them walk by applying a pressure hold (using their nails) behind his ears; other rescuers were brought to a standing position and walked, but nonetheless the officers continued to wrench on arms and wrists; and the worst case of pain compliance torture was used on Phil Stewart as his wrist was wrenched to the point of pulling it away from his arm and snapping off the end of the bone. Walking or not walking seemed not to be the issue with these officers; they were brutal either way.

While the police removed six people from one door and blocked off the other five, cars were lined up with the abortion-bound moms inside. When the door was cleared, a stream of clients and staff entered the mill. The rescuers were taken to the North Precinct, cited and released on charges of Criminal Trespass II. AFLM Director, Andrew Burnett, did receive an additional charge of Harassment. One of the officers claimed that Burnett shoved him. This, of course, was not the case as Burnett was arrested while walking over to the door.

After the police van left, there were still five rescuers willing to take the doors again if need be. However, no other abortion-bound women seemed to attempt entry. Still, police remained for some time with the other five obviously ready to intervene. No further arrests were made, or children killed, as the Christians remained for several hours to intervene, counsel, pray and be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ at

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Abortionist Chosen for Rescue, Picket

by N.J. Kocs

Philadelphia, PA— Vikram Kaji, a Philadelphia-area abortionist, was picked for a combination rescue and picket on June 15. The rescue occurred at his office in Yardley, a Philadelphia suburb, followed by a picket at his nearby home.

At about 8:00 am, 25 rescuers arrived at the abortionist's office. They were accompanied by about an equal number of prayer supporters. Due to the small size of the police department (just one full- and two part-time officers), reinforcements had to be brought in from a neighboring town. Rescuers then learned that Kaji had decided to close down his office for the day. They left the doors at about 11:40 am, before any arrests were made.

From there, they went to Kaji's house, where they picketed for about a half-hour. ■