

cause he wanted "you people [the media] to come down harder on those people [pro-lifers]."

Mendiola was indicted after making phone calls threatening to bomb pro-abortion organizations, staffers' houses, and even his own house to throw suspicion.

The Mendiola case shows the falsehood of the assumption that pro-life persons are to blame when abortion clinics receive threats or are the targets of violence. It also demonstrates that just as Nero burned Rome and blamed Christians, America's killers of unborn children are not beyond similar deceit in a desperate attempt to sway public opinion to their side.

LOCAL CHRISTIANS SUPPORT JAILED PRO-LIFE ACTIVISTS

PORTLAND, OR--Two pro-life activists were sentenced to 30 days in jail after being convicted of trespassing while blocking the doors to an abortion clinic. Andrew Burnett and Lynn David had stood outside the doors of abortionist Lee Belknap's facility offering help and information to abortion-bound mothers.

During the incarceration, pro-life Christians held two rallies in support of early release for Burnett and David.

Also, hundreds of phone calls and letters were received by sentencing Judge Dorothy Baker.

Evidently the publicity surrounding the unjust jailing and the harsh sentencing and the campaign of phone calling and letter writing affected someone, because both were released on Christmas Eve. They and their families were thankful to God and those who participated in the demonstrations and the phone and letter efforts for their early release.

REASON TO APPLAUD

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Kudos to the Administration for an important publication aimed at curbing the spread of AIDS. Secretary of Education William Bennett has released a booklet that is must reading for parents, teachers, and school board members. You'll

love it. Entitled "AIDS and the Education of our Children: A Guide for Parents and Teachers," the report affirms AIDS education as provided with the consent and involvement of parents, upholds monogamy in marriage, assists children in developing character with clear standards of right and wrong, and uses graded materials appropriate for each age. Local school boards should be encouraged to adopt these guidelines. For a free copy, write: Consumer Information Center, Department ED, Pueblo, CO 81009. (NAE Insight)

CUSTODY BATTLE: FAVORING A HOMOSEXUAL

CALIFORNIA--A California superior court judge has awarded custody of 16-year-old Brian Batey to the homosexual lover of the boy's deceased father. The case has attracted national attention in part because the boy's mother, Betty Lou Batey, is a conservative Christian.

Judge Judith McConnell said the teen-ager had requested that Craig Corbett become his legal guardian. Corbett was the lover of the boy's father, Frank, who died in June of an AIDS-related illness. McConnell said Corbett could provide the "stable and wholesome environment" that the boy's mother could not provide.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Supreme Court, in a January 1988 ruling, gave public school officials sweeping power to censor school-sponsored publications, rejecting the complaints of three dissenting justices that it was approving "brutal censorship."

Justice Byron R. White, writing for the majority, said school officials, acting in their "capacity as publisher of a school newspaper or producer of a school play" had the authority to bar "speech that is, for example, ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences."

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