$8.2 million awarded, rescuers continue

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from the jury through prejudice on the part of Ellis who told Bailey before the trial had begun or any evidence had been presented that the jury would "hammer" the defendants. Ellis urged an out-of-court settlement by the defendants.

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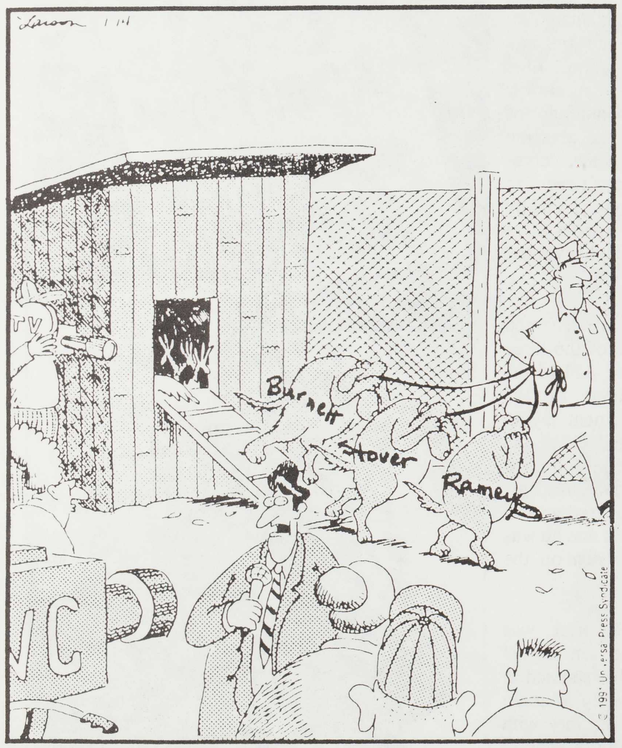
"The judge's behavior was outrageous," said Cathy Ramey, projects coordinator for AFLM. "He had a vested interest in a heavy-handed verdict—and his decisions were geared toward that end."

The day following the Lovejoy decision, a RICO (racketeering) suit brought by Downtown Women's Center abortion clinic against AFLM and seven named defendants was settled before trial. Attorneys for the clinic, anxious to avoid a lengthy trial, offered to settle for a permanent injunction and to allow their firm to attempt to collect up to $50,000 in attorney's fees. AFLM did not agree to either but elected not to oppose the order.

Two of the Lovejoy 8 as seen through the jail's expanded metal grating.



"The carnage out here is terrible, Sandy . . . feathers everywhere you — Oh, here we go! The Animal Control Officer is leading the so-called Chicken Coop Three away at this very moment."

Burnett indicated that the second judgment would have little impact since neither he nor the organization was in a position to pay the awards. "There's no way I can pay $500,000 because I don't have $500,000."

Defendant Brian Clowes mirrored the sentiments of the others when he said, "We don't have the money, and even if we did we wouldn't (pay). We're not going to support the baby-killers." Clowes likened the awards to requiring the Jews to pay punitive damages to the Nazis.

The award of punitive damages may put a damper on some rescuers, but several have already vowed to return to Lovejoy's doors. One defendant said, "I've never owned anything anyway. Now I know I never will. You don't know how liberating that is. I'm much more free to rescue now."

Defendants are preparing to appeal the decision pending the ability to raise funds to do so. Previous Oregon Supreme Court rulings have prohibited punitive damages from being awarded for actions involving free expression, speech, or communication. These rulings have been made despite any "abuse" of the right to free speech. The Oregon Constitution grants broader free expression rights than the U.S. Constitution.

"This is a very appealable case," said Bailey, the defendants' attorney. ■

Contributions for the Lovejoy appeal should be directed to:

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Madison police arrest 43 pro-lifers at abortion clinic; police brutality charged

Madison, WI—Madison police arrested 43 pro-life demonstrators Friday, January 25 as they blocked the entrance to Women's Medical Center, 5520 Medical Circle. Police were called to the scene at 8 a.m. after demonstrators blocked two entrances to the clinic, one inside the building and one outside. While 45 demonstrators sat in front of the doors to the clinic, about 50 more picketed in the parking lot until police forced them to move to a public sidewalk.

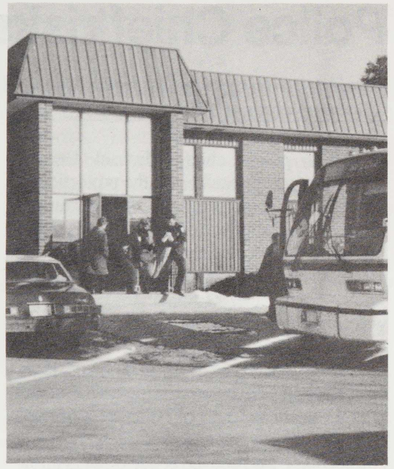
The clinic, which advertises that it performs abortions up to 12 weeks, has been the site of daily pickets and prayer vigils; however, this is the first time arrests were made. Pro-lifers have been arrested in the past at other local abortion clinics.

After receiving a warning from police, the demonstrators continued to pray and sing in front of the entrances, refusing to move.

"We cannot simply stand by and let these children die," Rebecca Lindstedt, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison said. "We are here because we care for women and children. If they want to kill children today, they'll have to move us first."

Police called a Madison Metro bus to the clinic at 8:40 a.m. and the arrests began around 9 a.m. In an attempt to make the demonstrators walk, police applied various forms of "come-along holds" including the bending of wrists and pressure point holds on the neck. None of the demonstrators walked, forcing police to drag their limp bodies onto the bus and into the seats. Once in the bus, the demonstrators lay in the aisles to slow the arresting process.

"The reason we go limp is because we are buying time for the children scheduled to be executed today," Sheri Johansson, 25, of Madison, said. "We also are identifying with the preborn children who are helpless and defenseless in their mothers' wombs."



Police carry rescuers to waiting bus using pain compliance.

Several demonstrators, including elderly men and women and teenagers, were removed from the clinic as police bent their wrists down while dragging them to the bus. Although pro-lifers claim the force was unwarranted, police claim they did what it took to clear the doors of the clinic as quickly as possible. Lieutenant Richard Riley said a police investigation of the charges is forthcoming.

"We have had rescues in the past and the police know that we cannot willingly walk away from the scene of a murder," Johansson said. "This type of unprofessional behavior is uncalled for."

By 10 a.m. 43 of the demonstrators were loaded on the bus or in police cars and taken to the Dane County jail where they were released with charges of unlawful trespass and resisting arrest, both city citations.

Although the clinic's director, Elizabeth Karlin, whose home has been picketed every week since she began performing abortions in August, claims all abortions were performed, pro-lifers said at least three women turned away from the clinic because of the demonstration.

"Our sidewalk counselors were able to share information with several of the mothers attempting to enter the clinic and we know it was not business as usual for Women's Medical," Johansson said. "All we can do now is pray for the women who didn't kill their children today."

Many observers believe similar demonstrations were responsible for the closing of another abortion clinic, Bread and Roses Women's Health, last winter. Operation Rescue staged

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Just Hearsing Around...

Bill Pitts (left) and Gary Rickman. (Photo: Gary Tebbets)

The hearse and corpse of an aborted 14-week baby above were parked and displayed, respectively, at an abortion mill in Kansas City, Kansas. The baby is shown on the table in the foreground. Many people came by and showed their disgust and contempt that this kind of butchery could be taking place in their city.

The hearse was parked, off and on, in front of the abortion mill for two weeks, much to the chagrin of the abortionist, who contacted the police to have it moved, but to no avail! It graphically reflects the kind of death activity taking place inside the murder chamber. ■