



The magic worked

Flanking a photograph chosen for exhibit in the Oregon Pavilion at Expo '86 in Vancouver, B.C. are photographer Ginny Givnan and her partner, Dee Grice. Givnan shot the photo from the Marquam Bridge; "at the risk of a large fine," she says. Givnan's commis-

sion was for a KGW media packet. "The pavilion designer saw the packet on someone's desk, approached me, and we went from there," Givnan said. Givnan and Grice are partners in "Sometimes the Magic Works" Photo Studio. Givnan's 30" x 40" photograph is also on view in the Just Out offices at 1135 SE Salmon.

Court regulates clinic protesters

In U.S. District Court on May 20, Magistrate William Dale ruled that injunctive relief should be granted regulating the time, place and manner of protests outside the Portland Feminist Women's Health Center (PFWHC). The ruling followed four days of testimony by PFWHC staff and clients and by several defendants in the case. Magistrate Dale stated that a preponderance of evidence demonstrated that irreparable harm had occurred as a result of the protests and that such harm would continue without an injunction.

Defendants Advocates for Life, Christians in Action, twelve named individuals and their agents, employees, and all persons and groups acting in concert with them, were enjoined from the following actions:

1. Interfering with the entrance of clients, staff and escorts into the Health Center. This included establishment of a no-picket corridor extending twenty-five feet directly in front of the clinic entrance and twelve and a half feet on either side;
2. excessive noise, shouting or screaming;
3. trespassing on Health Center property;

4. damaging the property of the Health Center; its employees or clients; and
5. interfering with the Health Center's receipt of public utility services.

Staff at the PFWHC see this ruling as an important step toward safeguarding women's access to reproductive health care in Oregon. "The injunction recommendations uphold a woman's right to privacy as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment, without denying anti-abortion picketers' First Amendment right of free speech. The ruling places reasonable restrictions on the disruptive activities of picketers which we have experienced," says Geri Craig, PFWHC Executive Director.

The PFWHC also views the ruling as a foundation for its suit against the defendants, which alleges that picketers and others have engaged in a pattern of harassment and conspiracy to commit criminal acts at the clinic. "We feel that irreparable harm has been done, that there are grounds for damages, and that we have a responsibility to staff and clients to make the defendants accountable for their actions," continues Craig. A legal defense fund is being established to assist the clinic in defraying the costs of the case.

Donations of apathy

by Rhia Weinhaus

Checkbook liberals anonymously fund subcultural politics without donating the weight of their identities to the foundations of change. They sign surrogate slips of currency in hopes of purchasing activists and movements who will speak for them. They assign large values to their First Interstate scrip in hopes of funding someone other than themselves to be the target of society's bigotry and ignorance. They study the number of digits scripted across their designer checks in hopes that it's large enough to insure against blame if the movement fails, and secure status if it succeeds. They, on various occasions, find it necessary to use the platinum American Express card in hopes of pacifying their conscious minds that all too often remind them of their passivity in the midst of injustice.

Their donations provide a subsistence income for both cause and volunteer, which sustains the longevity of movements, but produces very little short term change. They fail to understand that change is a product of an evolving social consciousness facilitated by personal interactions. Their charitable contributions mask their silence in the midst of adversity. The IBM executive donates thousands to an anti-apartheid fund, but cowers in silence at a board meeting discussing the millions to be made in South Africa. The gay NFL quarterback gives monthly to the gay alliance, but tells faggot jokes in the locker room. The rock star, a recovering substance abuser, gives generously to a drug-rehab program, but continues to compose lyrics celebrating MDA, PCP, and acid. The parent regularly supports Planned Parenthood fundraisers, but along with the other PTA members votes against sex-ed programs. The U.S. Marine cadet cautiously sends cash to an anti-nuke group back home, but at the mess hall boasts of the United States' ability to create armageddon by missile.

The anonymity of checkbook liberals has made our struggle protracted and inefficient. Some of us have died to protect you: our bodies of color hung beside the burning crosses in the South; our lives beaten out of us by angry billy-clubs on sacred burial grounds in Arizona; our youth taken on bloody sidewalks at Kent State in Ohio. We have risked our lives for you: in small boats against whaling ships; in human chains against MX missile transports; in freedom marches against religious fanatics, bigots, and homophobes. We have fought your battles: on Capitol steps chanting for wheelchair accessibility; on the floor of the Supreme Court; on neighborhood streets collecting endless signatures to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Yes, we fought, risked, and died for ourselves as well as for you. We could have done nothing less since freedoms are most often gained for the collective whole rather than specific individuals.

You and I, collectively, can no longer afford to purchase camouflage for our convictions. We must claim our politics, beliefs, and ideologies, allowing the sheer size of our movements to speak for our power. We have reached the ebb of our apathy. If we are to survive, we must stand to change the tide.

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