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# Hotel forbids abortion clinic to use rooms

La Quinta tells Women's Health Care Services that it also cannot use the hotel's name in its materials.

#### **BY STAN FINGER** The Wichita Eagle

Women's Health Care Services, the Wichita clinic that has been the local epicenter of the abortion controversy for years, has been notified by La Quinta Corp. that it cannot use its hotel rooms to perform medical services.

San Antonio-based La Quinta also asked that the hotel's name not be used in conjunction with the clinic. The step follows an investigation prompted by complaints by the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

"We have not given any individual, group, organization or facility authorization to administer medical services at any of our hotels," La Quinta public relations manager Teresa Ferguson wrote in an e-mail response to questions from The Eagle. "We have notified the clinic in Wichita about our position on this matter.

We have, on the other hand, found representations that we believe may have created a perception that we have a business partnership with this clinic. This is not the case! As such, we have asked that anyone using our name in conjunction with this type of business immediately stop using our name."

A spokeswoman for Women's Health Care Services, which is owned by physician George Tiller, declined comment on Thursday.

Tiller is a focus of anti-abortion groups because he specializes in late-term abortions.

Members of Operation Rescue protested in front of the La Quinta hotel next to Towne East Square last month during events linked to the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

**Cheryl Sullenger of Operation** Rescue said a woman who had an abortion at Tiller's clinic last year outlined to leaders of the group how the hotel was used.

Sullenger said they were told women would check into the hotel on Monday, then go to the clinic to terminate the pregnancy and induce labor. The women then went back to the hotel, where nurses would check on their condition over the next couple of days as contractions intensified.

"She was very, very detailed about how things worked there," Sullenger said.

Ferguson said in a telephone interview that La Quinta's own investiga-

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many hotel chains, Ferguson wrote in her e-mail.

La Quinta has a medical rate that guests can request. Privacy laws do not allow the hotel to verify that the guest is actually receiving medical treatment, she said, and it does not matter what the person is being treated for as long as none of the treatment takes place at the hotel.

"We cannot legally ask a guest the reason for their stay or discriminate against any guest on the basis of their gender, personal beliefs or choices," Ferguson stated in the e-mail.

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complaint by another of Tabor's officers at Patrol East.

The chief of police brought the case to the district attorney," said Assistant District Attorney Aaron Smith, who prosecuted the case. "It's our job to take the case to a jury. We did that. They made a decision, and we respect that verdict."

Smith and Kim Parker, chief deputy district attorney, didn't hold back in their prosecution of Tabor. Smith pressed Tabor on cross examination during his testimony Wednesday. Parker delivered a stirring closing Thursday morning.

"This is about a matter of public trust," Parker told the jury.

"He says, 'I want to take credit for all the good things that happened under my command,' but not this.... They're asking you to look the other way."

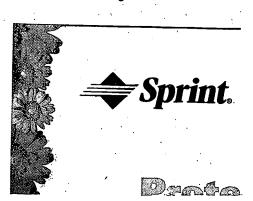
Joseph put on more than a dozen character witnesses attesting to Tabor's valor on the force and the trust he'd earned from colleagues.

There was some obvious discomfort among police, who usually work closely with prosecutors in the criminal justice system. In this trial, however, officers from beat patrol to the police chief took the witness stand and voiced support for Tabor and criticism of his actions.

But Joseph said such trials only strengthen trust in police and courts.

There are some matters that need to be decided out in the public view," Joseph said, "and not behind some closed door at City Hall."

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# Operation Rescue files grand jury etition

# **BY STAN, FINGER** The Wichita Eagle

Operation Rescue leaders presented a petition bearing more than 7,700 signatures to the clerk of the Sedgwick County District Court on Friday calling for a grand jury investigation into the death of 19-year-old Christin Gilbert. An autopsy determined Gilbert — a Texas resident who had

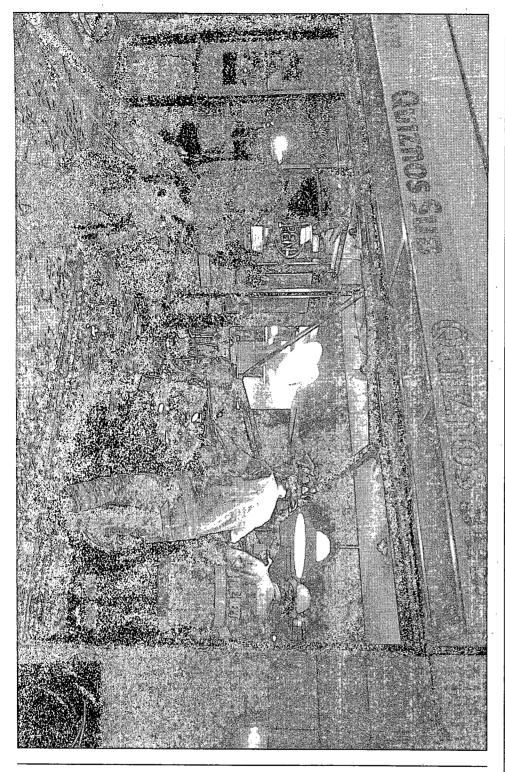
Down syndrome — died in January 2005 as a result of complications from an abortion she underwent at Women's Health Care Services, the clinic owned by Wichita physician George Tiller. Tiller specializes in lateterm abortions and has long been a target of abortion opponents. The autopsy stated Gilbert most likely died of sepsis, which may have been triggered by

## pneumonia. The state B

The state Board of Healing Arts in December cleared Tiller of any wrongdoing in Gilbert's death. Kansas law allows for the convening of a grand jury by petition, provided enough valid signatures have been collected. The figure must equal 100 plus 2 percent of the total number of votes cast in the county in the most recent gubernatorial election.

> The 7,754 signatures submitted by Operation Rescue represents nearly three times the minimum total needed in Sedgwick County. Provided there are enough valid signatures, a grand jury must be summoned within 60 days. "We wanted to work as expeditiously as possible to get this done," Operation Rescue president Troy Newman said after

we're expecting the grand jury to do the same thing." Speaking on behalf of Tiller's clinic, Wichita attorney Lee Thompson called the attempt to convene a grand jury "a waste of public resources. This case has been thoroughly reviewed by proper authorities. . . . It is unfortunate that some have chosen to exploit this matter of personal grief for political purposes."



# **REGION IN BRIEF**

delivering the signatures. "Now

# Driver pleads guilty in fatal 2005 crash

A man who caused an accident that killed a Wichita woman and left her husband critically injured pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of reckless second-degree murder

Louis Kebert, 45, of Mulvane, will be sentenced June 2 by District Judge Joe Kisner.

Kebert had two DUI convictions before he collided with two cars in the 4100 block of West Kellogg on March 6, 2005. Paige Estes, 23, was killed in the crash. The cityer 1084 Doreche that

The silver 1984 Porsche that Kebert drove was traveling at high speed when it struck Estes' Toyota and a Cadillac from behind. The Toyota smashed into a retaining wall and caught fire. Estes' husband, Jared Estes, 25, was hospitalized with severe burns.

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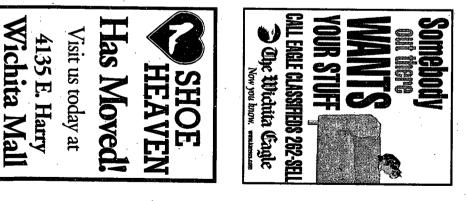
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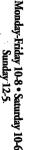
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Friday. Monday is the 34th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Abortion-rights supporters demonstrate at George Tiller's clinic Travis Heying/The Wichita Eagle

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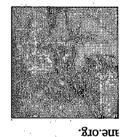
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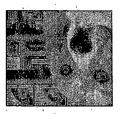
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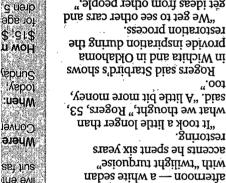
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#### 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE



Mike Hutmacher/The Wichita Eagle Diane Goebel protests abortion Monday outside physician George Tiller's Women's Health Care Services. Activists on both sides plan gatherings at the clinic today.

# Abortion battlefield changing

**BY DIANE CARROLL** Kansas City Star AND RON SYLVESTER The Wichita Eagle

The two sides in the nation's debate on abortion will mark today's 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade with their usual rallies and speeches.

But this year, there are signs that not all is the same on the national or local level.

The newly configured U.S. Supreme Court rejected a legal challenge in April to the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, allowing the law to go into effect for the first time since it was signed by President Bush in 2003. Some abortion-rights supporters fear the landmark ruling is the first step

toward overturning the 1973 law that established a constitutional right to abortion. In Kansas, grand juries seated through citizen petitions are investigating Planned Parenthood of Overland Park and abortion doctor George

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The Wichita Eagle

illions of birds flock to Kansas during spring migration. Now, tourism officials are hoping a growing number of birders will follow.

Earlier this month, the state Travel and Tourism division sent an e-mail to 7,000 people who have an interest in bird watching. "Now is the perfect time to start making your travel plans for a spring birding adventure in Kansas," it read.

Tourism officials hope money from birders will supplement the millions hunting and fishing bring to the state annually. The division has no specific data on birders, but a state study done in 2001 estimated animal watchers, including birders, brought in \$129 million to the Kansas economy, said Richard Smalley, marketing manager for the Travel and Tourism division.

"We realize this is a big market and with all the migratory birds that go through Kansas, we thought we'd take advantage of that in drawing people in," he said.

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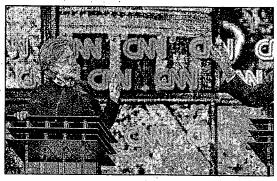
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**BY STEVEN THOMMA** McClatchy Newspapers

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. -Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton broke into bitter verbal warfare Monday night, challenging one another's honesty in the most heated debate of their yearlong campaign. They clashed over who really

fought Ronald Reagan, their relationships with special interests, and how they would pay for their proposals. Throughout, they stared at one another icily. raised their voices and interrupted one another, all while repeatedly accusing one another in strikingly personal terms. "Not factually accurate,"



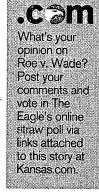
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**Filler of Wichita.** 

And a new national study from the Guttmacher Institute shows abortions have dropped to their Abortion opponents are lowest level since 1974.

always cautious" about predicting utive director of Kansans for Life. sides," said Mary Kay Culp, execvery hard-fought fight on both "It's been a long fight and a "So I am encouraged, but I'm pleased with what they see what the future holds.

"Roe v. Wade is still the law of Burkhart, whose group supports court ruling and the grand jury abortion rights, finds the high investigations disheartening. ProkanDo director Julie

The partial-birth abortion ban have seen a constant chipping years," Burkhart said, "but we away" by abortion opponents. the land and has been for 35

sets the stage for Roe v. Wade to according to its interpretation by tections. The ban lacks an exception to protect a woman's health least stripped of many of its probe overturned, she said, or at Roe v. Wade supporters.

# Status of abortion rights

Organization for Women say the Burkhart and the Kansas orgachipping away of reproductive nizer for the National

rights is obvious in Sedgwick and Johnson counties, where grand juries are in session.

Kansas law that allows citizens to nents have taken an "antiquated" of Lindsborg said abortion oppo-Abortion opponents have put NOW organizer Marla Patrick seat grand juries and used it to harass Tiller and Planned Parenthood.

she does not think they will ever and elsewhere, Patrick said, but succeed in criminalizing abora lot of roadblocks in Kansas tion.

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better position to win this battle, ment has never been sitting in a Newman said.

Wichita has helped keep pressure "A grand jury, hopefully, would The grand jury now meeting in on Tiller when prosecutors and lawmakers did not, he said.

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holds-barred campaign designed Wichita because Tiller is one of the few in the country who perto take these rights away from The abortion controversy remains at center stage in women," Monnat said.

# A new tactic

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announced that it was starting Monday, on the eve of the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Operation Rescue new tactic.

tures of some of the women, who posted pictures of women on its their late stages of pregnancy, Rescue, have been taking picthey think look like they're in Monday, Operation Rescue Sullinger, also of Operation Newman, and Cheryl entering Tiller's clinic.

Newman said these are patients of Tiller seeking to abort their Web site. Their faces were obscured.

"It's an abortion clinic," he said. pregnancies

into the Women's Health Services Not every woman who goes to "They perform abortions."

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> The demonstrations continue today.

candlelight vigil and prayer service plan a public demonstration from at 6 p.m. today outside the clinic. A group of Tiller's supporters **Operation Rescue will hold a** Filler's clinic, 5107 E. Kellogg. 7 to 10 a.m. today in front of

Somes prepares for protesters Women's Health Care Services. Abortion-rights supporters plan abortions, at the East Kellogg Tiller, who performs late-term to show support for George Monday at the entrance to Abortion protester Cathy clinic this moraing.

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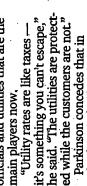
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What is it about driving on snowy and icy roads that brings out the stupid in people?

When I was a teenager, my mom and I had regular conversation time when she washed dishes and I dried them. Chalk up another lost opportunity of time to share love and shape our young with our core values.

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If you love taxes, you're going to love the school bond issue.

Beauty is and always will be in the eye of the beholder. I happen to like tattoos. They're like body art. Some are better than others, but to each his own. Some people need to learn to live and let live. Smile.

Yes, I am all for shared prosperity. I'll be more than happy to share my prosperity when people are willing to share my risk, share my workload, share my responsibility. They can have all the shared prosperity they want.

To the person who stole my granddaughter's purse out of the shopping cart at the Wal-Mart on Maize Road: God will deal with you later. You took all of her birthday money. She was there to get a birthday present.

It is the duty of the state of Kansas to enforce the deportation of illegal Mexicans.

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# Late-term abortions are not meeting Kansas law

#### By Troy Newman

Friday's Wichita Eagle editorial once again proved that when it comes to abortion, The Eagle editorial board is more about



dishing out hysterical rhetoric than telling the truth ("Privacy: Open season on patient records?"). This was a shameless effort to shift

Newman

the focus away from abortion doctor George Tiller's criminal accusations and to influence a sitting grand jury.

Kansas law prohibits abortions past 22 weeks gestation except under the most extreme circumstances. This law was passed for the clear purpose of protecting viable babies who could survive if birthed instead of aborted.

Women have repeatedly told **Operation Rescue their abortion** stories from their experiences at Tiller's Women's Health Care Services, and the reasons they tell us they are getting abortions post-22 weeks are for reasons other than allowed by law. We heard from Paul McHugh, a prominent psychiatrist who reviewed several abortion records obtained from Tiller in a separate investigation and determined he could find no record in which the reasons for the late-term abortions met the standard of "substantial and irreversible" health risks required by law.

We submitted many of these stories, along with other evidence we collected in our own investigations, to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. The Sedgwick County district attorney's office and the attorney general's office under Paul Morrison both refused to investigate the serious allegations brought forth by our evidence.

Since prosecutors failed to do their duty and enforce the laws,

we were forced to deepen our investigations and seek other legal remedies, which included another grand jury — an effort led by Kansans for Life, which we supported.

Our allegations are backed up by credible accounts from women and other evidence, including photographs of heavily pregnant women entering Tiller's clinic on four different days.

In the released photos, we blurred the faces in order to conceal their identities. They were presented not for the purpose of exposing the women but to provide evidence that the late abortions are continuing.

Why were the women in the photographs getting abortions at these late times in their pregnancies?

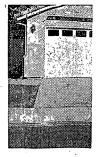
Was it to save the life of the pregnant woman? Not according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which has never received a report of a late-term abortion in Kansas for that reason.

Was it for a "substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function"? Not likely, according to a sampling of patient records examined by McHugh at the request of former Attorney General Phill Kline. McHugh has stated that in every record he examined, mental health reasons were cited for the late abortions.

Were the late-term abortions performed because of a "substantial and irreversible" risk to the woman's mental health? Again McHugh, one of the nation's foremost experts in the field of psychiatry, stated that he found no record in which a late abortion was justified on psychiatric grounds.

If the abortions were not for one of the three reasons stated above, which are the only exceptions to the post-viability abortion ban, then we logically conclude that those abortions are not legal in the state of Kansas.

Troy Newman is president of Operation Rescue, based in Wichita.





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## The abortionist and his No. 1 foe

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#### STORY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. LeRoy Carhart is new face of late-term abortion after killing of George Tiller

**Bellevue, Nebraska (CNN)** -- When you cross The Line of Death onto clinic property, the protesters stare at you. They get on walkie talkies and relay information: Your car. What you look like. Any identifying detail.

"I don't want his death to be in vain," Carhart says

"Take a look around you, sir," one woman shouts. "The place is a dump."

Troy Newman of Operation Rescue wants Carhart out of business

The parking lot at Dr. LeRoy Carhart's clinic in Bellevue, Nebraska, is crumbled. A giant sign reads "Abortion & Contraception Clinic of Nebraska." Paint peels off the sides of the building, once a motorcycle shop, a car dealership showroom and an electronics store.

Wooden stairs lead to the front door, where visitors must pass through a metal detector. The office is clean and modernized, a complete contrast to its exterior. The waiting room is lined with leather chairs. A vending machine offers M&Ms, Hershey's and condoms.

Carhart -- one of about 12 doctors who perform late-term abortions in the nation -- sits at a desk piled with paperwork. Decked out in gray cowboy boots, a salmon-colored shirt and khakis, the 67-year-old stares across his windowless office at an unframed poster propped against a wall.

"George Tiller, August 8, 1941 - May 31, 2009," it says.

The poster is a reminder that this isn't an ordinary office. Abortions are performed here, a job that can endanger Carhart. "I'm willing to put my life on the line," he says.

Bellevue, Nebraska, is the new Ground Zero in the nation's abortion debate.

At 10:12 a.m. on that Sunday in late May, Tiller -- Carhart's mentor -- was shot in the head in a church in Wichita, Kansas.

Carhart was performing an abortion in Procedure Room No. 1 when his cell phone buzzed with the news. He didn't have time to grieve for his best friend. He still had 12 abortions to do.

"I finished them all," he says proudly.

He glances at the poster of Tiller. "I don't want his death to be in vain."

To that end, Carhart is working to open a clinic in Kansas to replace Tiller's, which closed after his death. He is also training five younger doctors in late-term abortions.

That makes Carhart, to his mind, next on the target list. He and Tiller often talked about the possibility of being killed. It was, he says, always in the "back of our mind."

"Would I quit doing what I'm doing because of that? Absolutely not," he says. "I am an abortionist. ... That is what I do."

In Carhart's trash can is a printout from a Web site detailing a protest against him in late August by the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue. "That's where it belongs," he says. "In the trash."

"They're fundamentalist religious terrorists."

If Carhart is the new face of late-term abortions, then Troy Newman of Operation Rescue is his nemesis -- a man on a crusade to end abortions.

More than 300 miles away, in Wichita, he too is preparing for the next skirmish in the abortion war. The protest outside Carhart's clinic will mark the first major demonstration against **abortion** since Tiller's killing.

#### Meet Carhart, Newman and others who descended on the clinic in August

Newman wants Carhart out of business and is seeking help in that fight, lobbying lawmakers and other "Pro-Lifers" to aid the battle.

"This is like a heavyweight fighting championship," Newman says. "You've got to keep your footing until the end of the bell."

He says he doesn't know why Carhart hates him so much. "I'd love to meet him."

It's a meeting that will never happen.

"He's not worth the time you and I are spending time talking about him," Carhart says in his soft-spoken voice. "I have abortion on the front of this building, because I think abortion isn't a four-letter word. It's a part of life."

Newman is appalled. In no way is "killing a baby" a way of life, he says. He's fueled by a desire to bring attention to "the inhumanity of mankind." And to him, Carhart personifies just that: a morally repugnant human being. He refuses to call Carhart a doctor.

"Doctors heal people. Abortionists do just the opposite."

Both men started their lives wanting to be preachers. They now preach two different gospels: The right to abortions and the reason why abortions must end.

Each believes God is on his side.

#### 'Train my hands for war'

Troy Newman, 43, twirls the Plexiglas paperweight in his hands, his eyes transfixed on the image inside: the molded face of an aborted fetus. "I can see the baby's perfectly formed chin and nose and ears."

His desk sits in what once was an abortion clinic in Wichita. "Train my hands for war" is painted on his office wall in bold letters. A spear hangs just below the message.

On the opposite wall, a bumper sticker sits on a ledge. "Guns don't kill people, Abortion Clinics kill people." Newman acknowledges the sticker was more appropriate before Tiller was murdered.

As with Carhart's facility, visitors must get buzzed in to enter Operation Rescue. Newman's office has a monitor facing his desk, providing surveillance at all times. He too gets death threats. The ones against his children bug him the most.

It irks him that more people, especially those on the right, don't rally against those who perform late-term abortions. "This is low lying fruit for the Pro-Lifers," he says. "Why can't we shut them down?"

The legal definition of late-term abortion varies from state to state. Medical professionals generally define it as an abortion performed at 24 weeks or beyond, a time in pregnancy when a fetus can survive outside the womb.

In 2002, Newman's organization moved from California to Kansas, a state that has restrictions on late-term abortions, including requiring a second physician's approval.

In Wichita, Newman targeted Tiller's clinic and worked through legal means to try to put him out of business. Newman believes Operation Rescue was about two months away from closing Tiller's clinic when he was shot in May. Abortion rights supporters dispute that claim and accuse Operation Rescue of harassing Tiller with endless lawsuits and picketing.

Scott Roeder, an active anti-abortion protester, has been charged in the killing. He has pleaded not guilty.

Newman distances his organization from the killing and refers to Roeder as a "loon and idiot."

"Shooting someone in the head in a church," he says, "is not a Pro-Life act."

Since May 31, Newman has turned his focus to Carhart.

It irritates him that Carhart relishes his work. Anyone who would do that "doesn't have a moral bone in their body."

"If he's so proud of what he's doing, I'm going to put it on the sides of these billboard trucks," says Newman, referring to his fleet of "Truth Trucks," which display graphic images of dismembered fetuses. "I'll put them in front of their office, I'll put them in their communities, I'll put them down at City Hall. I'll put them everywhere!"

Newman preaches a message of peaceful protest. Of Carhart, he says: "Just praying he turns back to the healing arts and not taking babies' lives."

A staff member, hearing this comment, hollers from across the hall: "Or that he loses his license."

The staffer, Cheryl Sullenger, is Operation Rescue's senior policy adviser. She served time in the late 1980s for conspiracy to blow up a San Diego abortion clinic. The device failed to go off. She has since denounced violence. "It didn't accomplish anything except to keep me away from my family," she says. "My record for the last 20 years should speak for how I feel about violence now."

When Roeder was arrested for the killing of Tiller, Sullenger's phone number was found inside Roeder's car. She says Roeder would call her about court times on legal proceedings against Tiller. "That was the extent of my relationship with him."

Newman says his organization suffered after Tiller's death and that it forced his group to re-establish its core principle: "That all human life is sacred."

Operation Rescue has mostly shifted away from picketing abortion clinics; now, they're scrutinizing doctors' backgrounds, investigating their practices and lobbying local power players to act. The group has pressed Nebraska's state attorney general to investigate Carhart raising allegations he had clinic workers without proper licensing performing medical duties. Carhart disputes the charges as just more of the same from opponents: unsubstantiated allegations.

But Newman shows an unwavering certainty. "We're winning," he says, smiling from his desk, a giant pair of longhorns mounted on the wall behind him.

The conversation is interrupted by a call on Newman's cell phone. The ring tone is a theme song from one of the Rocky movies, "Eye of the Tiger." The fight is on.

#### Two paths diverged

Carhart and Newman represent the passionate extremes of the abortion debate. One operates by the law of the land, Roe vs. Wade, and a belief that abortion is "both religious and moral." The other relishes free speech, guided by a love of God and the "humanity of the baby."

Their paths are set to cross at the protest outside Carhart's clinic on this weekend in late August. Yet they took divergent roads long ago -- paths that shaped who they are today, as well as their causes.

Carhart witnessed his first abortion in 1970 while in medical school in Philadelphia. That was before Roe vs. Wade legalized abortions. In Pennsylvania at that time, women wanting abortions had to go before a committee of doctors.

Carhart was struck by the women's explanations. "All of them had the same degree of necessity, how urgent and how important in their life it was for them not to deliver this child."

He opened his first clinic in Omaha in 1988, and moved into his current building in Bellevue, just south of Omaha, in 1994. He charges anywhere from \$430 to \$10,000 for an abortion. The price depends on how far along the pregnancy is.

Of the 60,000 abortions he says he's performed, he says about 400 were beyond 24 weeks, so-called late-term abortions. In each case, he says, there was a medical reason for the procedure.

"I am not pro-abortion," he says. "That's the very one clear thing I want you to understand. Abortion is not the right answer for every pregnancy."

The latest abortion he's ever performed was at 36 weeks, he says, because the fetus had not developed a brain. His youngest patient was 10, a victim of incest.

Carhart doesn't mask his language. He's open and honest about what he does, sometimes uncomfortably so.

"We do kill fetuses," he says. "It dies because we give an injection into the fetus that causes the heart to just slowdown."

While Carhart was setting up shop in the Midwest, a young Troy Newman became immersed in the anti-abortion movement on the Wes Coast.

It was 1991 when he was shown a photograph of an aborted fetus. "That was the start," he says. "I said, 'This can't be happening in our country."

Newman had no idea then that he would become one of the nation's most outspoken activists against abortion -- despised by women's groups and supporters of abortion rights.

"I always wonder: What part of wanting to save a baby's life is so bad that it makes people hate me?"

The issue is also personal. Being adopted makes it that way.

He grew up knowing he was adopted as an infant, yet he never knew anything about his biological parents. In the early 1990s, after his adoptive father died and Newman's first child was born, he began to search for his biological father, Ron Mariotti.

He penned a letter to his dad in 1994 and included photos of his family. On a Sunday morning in San Diego, his phone rang.

"I've been waiting for this phone call for 27 years," Newman told his dad.

Both men cried.

Of his dedication to stop abortions, he says, "Maybe it hits me a little bit closer to home. ... I'm not a 'problem' to be gotten rid of."

#### Symbolic but not decisive

A Truth Truck rolls up outside Carhart's clinic on the day of the protest, the last Saturday in August. The tattooed driver smiles as the vehicle comes to a stop, with its shocking photos of dismembered fetuses for all to see. It parks next to another Truth Truck in an area police designated as "Pro-Life."

Women gasp.

Carhart supporters quickly huddle with police and scramble to find a vehicle of their own. They're allowed to park an SUV near the Truth Trucks, in a "Pro-Choice" protest area. Abortion rights supporters hastily adorn their vehicle with posters: "Keep abortion legal."

It's a symbolic contest, but not decisive -- much like the protest this day.

By the time Troy Newman arrives, his supporters are outnumbered 2 to 1. Women's rights groups have traveled from all over the country, from California to New York to Pennsylvania, to support Carhart.

Newman strolls along a temporary orange snow-fence that separates both factions. He tries to hand ultrasound pictures to his opponents.

"Did you want one of these pictures?" he says, his arm outstretched.

The opposition stands with their backs turned. "Welcome! Welcome! This clinic stays open," they shout.

A day earlier, inside the clinic, women's rights groups hailed Carhart as a hero, a champion of their cause. He was moved to tears.

But on this day, he is mostly oblivious to what's happening outside. He's too busy performing abortions.

As the first major protest since Tiller's killing, the events this day have attracted an extra level of security. The man who has become America's most-visible doctor who performs abortions is more concerned about what comes next, after the protesters and the cameras go away.

"You try to do all you can to prevent it, but obviously Dr. Tiller thought he was safe in church." He pauses. "I didn't."

The man who once wanted to be a preacher stopped going to church around 1989, for his own safety. He found a different calling.

Tomorrow, just before and after performing abortions, Carhart will pray at the bedside of his patients.

Newman will pray, too -- that the abortionist will change his ways.

CNN's Curt Merrill contributed to this report.

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#### On Trial's Sidelines, Abortion Foes Are Divided

#### By MONICA DAVEY

When the trial of the man accused of murdering a doctor who performed late-term abortions begins on Monday in Wichita, Kan., Troy Newman, the leader of <u>Operation Rescue</u>, an anti-abortion group with headquarters a few miles from the courthouse, says he will most likely be at his desk, as usual, and certainly nowhere near the courtroom.

National groups like Mr. Newman's have publicly denounced the defendant, <u>Scott Roeder</u>, an abortion opponent accused of shooting the victim, <u>Dr. George R. Tiller</u>, as he served as an usher in his church last May.

"This trial isn't meaningful for the movement," Mr. Newman said last week. "What happened is antithetical to the Christian cause and to the stated foundation principles of pro-life."

But for a contingent of abortion opponents — those who argue that the killing of an abortion doctor can be considered justified by the abortions it prevents — Mr. Roeder's case has become a rallying point.

"He's a hero," said Regina Dinwiddie, a longtime abortion opponent from Kansas City, Kan., who was once ordered by a federal judge to stop using a bullhorn within 500 feet of abortion clinics. "His case is certainly the most important in my lifetime," added Ms. Dinwiddie, who said she and several others intended to travel to Wichita for the trial.

In a way, Mr. Roeder's trial would appear open and shut: prosecutors plan to call church members who say they saw Mr. Roeder walk into the church foyer, fire a gun into Dr. Tiller's head and run away. And though jurors may not be told as much in court, Mr. Roeder has admitted to the shooting in jailhouse interviews and, as recently as last week, in a 104-page legal memorandum he filed himself to the judge.

Yet Mr. Roeder, who has pleaded not guilty, and his supporters have made it clear that they hope the trial will focus less on who killed Dr. Tiller than why - in essence, an effort to send the jury on a broader examination of abortion and the practices of one of the few doctors in the country who was known to provide abortions into the third trimester of pregnancy.

The judge in the case, Warren Wilbert of Sedgwick County District Court, has said he will not allow the case to be transformed into a trial on abortion. But he also indicated late last week that he might allow jurors to consider a defense theory by which Mr. Roeder could be convicted of voluntary manslaughter if jurors were to conclude that Mr. Roeder had, as Kansas law defines it, "an unreasonable but honest belief that circumstances existed that justified deadly force."

Judge Wilbert rejected Mr. Roeder's efforts to present a so-called necessity defense, pursuing an acquittal

on the basis that he was justified in his actions to prevent some greater harm. Still, the possibility now that jurors may be allowed to consider voluntary manslaughter, which carries a far shorter sentence than the life imprisonment he could face if convicted of first-degree murder, was seen as a victory for Mr. Roeder and a chance for his public defenders to lay out his views on abortion at the trial.

Advocates of abortion rights said that even allowing the argument to be presented in court was appalling and dangerous. In a <u>statement</u>, Katherine Spillar, executive vice president of the <u>Feminist Majority</u> <u>Foundation</u>, said allowing such a defense would "embolden anti-abortion extremists and could result in 'open season' on doctors across the country."

For the city of Wichita, the prospect of Mr. Roeder's trial, which may last as long as three weeks, marks an anxious final chapter in a fight that some residents said they wished had never begun. The conservative city of 357,000 has found itself at the volatile center of the abortion debate for three decades, in large part because of opposition to Dr. Tiller's clinic, which has closed since his death. Over the years, there were protests, violence (including a 1993 shooting that wounded Dr. Tiller in both arms) and trials, including one in early 2009 in which Dr. Tiller was acquitted of misdemeanor violations of the state's late-term abortion law. Mr. Roeder, 51 and a regular protester at clinics near his home in Kansas City, Mo., had attended part of that trial.

In one indication of the level of tension now, court officials announced late Friday that jury selection would be closed from public view. Even audio recordings of the proceedings will not be provided to the news media, a statement issued by the court said, "based on concerns over the chilling effect this might have on juror candor in the case." Prospective jurors are expected to be asked about their views on abortion, lawyers involved have said.

Security is expected to be tight, and some among those who could be ordered to attend the trial include figures well-known in the abortion fight here. Prosecutors have drawn up a list of hundreds of potential witnesses, including Shelley Shannon, who was imprisoned for the earlier shooting of Dr. Tiller. Among those subpoenaed by the defense is <u>Phill Kline</u>, the former attorney general of Kansas and a vehement abortion opponent who had vigorously investigated Dr. Tiller.

The case is certain to underscore divisions among some opponents of abortion — like those between Mr. Newman, of <u>Operation Rescue</u>, and Ms. Dinwiddie, who says she supports a "Defensive Action Statement," a 1990s-era public declaration in support of those who have committed violence against abortion doctors, arguing that such violence can be justified by the lives saved.

For his part, Mr. Newman discounts those opponents, describing their numbers as minute (a "handful of people," he says) and them as "loons" and "wing nuts" whose outlier views flatly conflict with advocacy of life.

Ms. Dinwiddie, meanwhile, calls anti-abortion leaders who, like Mr. Newman, denounce Mr. Roeder "abortion profiteers" who are "running like roaches" away from a crucial trial of their own cause. "He didn't murder the mailman," Ms. Dinwiddie said.

Dave Leach, an abortion opponent from Des Moines who drafted a new "Defensive Action Statement" in connection with Mr. Roeder's situation and has sought people willing to back it publicly, says he, too, hopes

to attend Mr. Roeder's trial to offer his support. (He says about 20 people have signed on to his statement.)

Mr. Roeder's supporters tried to raise money for his defense with an auction of anti-abortion materials (including a Bible once owned by Ms. Shannon), but eBay would not allow it.

Mr. Leach said he talked to Mr. Roeder by phone from jail once or twice a week.

Mr. Newman said he, too, had heard from Mr. Roeder, in a letter from jail. "He was rebuking me for not being supportive, for 'being a hypocrite,' " said Mr. Newman, who said he had met Mr. Roeder before the shooting but barely knew him.

Mr. Newman said he had forwarded the letter to the prosecutor.

Joe Stumpe contributed reporting from Wichita.

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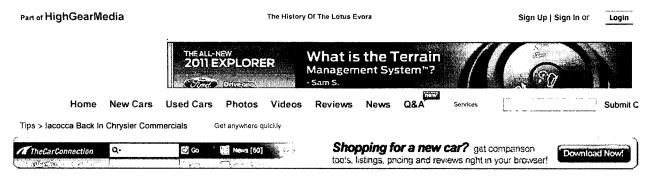
#### **Bill Gates steps down as Microsoft CEO**

By Mary Jo Foley, 14 January 2000 09:51

NEWS Bill Gates, whose name has been synonymous with Microsoft for the past 25 years, handed over the chief executive reins Thursday to Steve Ballmer, his long-time business partner and the man who's been acting president for 1 1/2 years. Ballmer becomes CEO and president, while Gates becomes chairman of the board and chief software architect -- effective immediately. The software giant also announced Thursday it would further unify the company around a forthcoming Next Generation Windows Services (NGWS) platform, which it will officially launch at its Forum2000 strategy day this spring. "I'll spend almost 100 percent of my time on new technologies," said Gates, who announced the executive changes during a live press conference at Microsoft Studios in Washington, Thursday afternoon. "Over the last 18 months, Ballmer and I have made a number of changes. I made a big change when I made Steve president [in July 1998]. That let me put more of my focus on technology." Microsoft's announcement of executive and strategy changes comes at the end of a busy week for the company. On Monday, Microsoft settled its four-year antitrust lawsuit with Caldera. That same day, America Online announced merger plans with Time Warner, creating a multimedia empire whose online and TV access and content efforts completely overshadow those of Microsoft's Consumer Group, headed by Richard Belluzzo. Microsoft officials throughout the week were quoted saying that the AOL/Time Warner merger offered proof that Microsoft isn't a monopolist. The moves also come just a day after reports that government lawyers in the US Department of Justice's antitrust case would press for a breakup of Microsoft. Ballmer responded to those reports Thursday, saying a company split would be "the single greatest disservice that anybody could do". "It would be absolutely reckless and irresponsible for anyone to try and break up this company -- there is no precedent," he said. "It would be reckless beyond belief." One Microsoft adversary warned not to read too much into the timing of Microsoft's announcements, however. "The biggest issue facing Microsoft today is whether or not to accept an AT&T-type settlement that involves breaking the company up -- or to continue the present litigation," said James Love, director of consumer advocate Ralph Nader's Consumer Project on Technology, in a prepared statement. "Many people think that the barrier to a breakup is more personal than financial. One interpretation of today's announcement is that Bill Gates is further disengaging from the business, making it easier to consider a breakup of the company. But that may be reading too much into today's news." Ballmer acknowledged that the company will face big challenges from competitors such as Sun Microsystems, IBM, Oracle, AOL-Time Warner and the various Linux vendors. But he is promising that Microsoft will reinvent itself around a Windows-based software-services platform that will more tightly integrate its current family of point products. "All of our development teams will take technologies that they've been building and integrate them," Ballmer promised. He said Microsoft would detail its three-year plan for making software a service in April. The first deliverables would begin rolling out at Microsoft's Professional Developers Conference this summer. Within calendar year 2000, Microsoft will ship the infrastructure for NGWS, Ballmer said -- namely Windows 2000, Exchange 6.0 (code-named Platinum), SQL Server 7.5 (code-named Shiloh) and its Visual Studio 7.0 development platform. He did not offer details on how NGWS would fit in with or differ from Microsoft's current Windows development environment, known as Distributed interNetwork Architecture 2000, or DNA 2000. Microsoft's promise of turning software into a service isn't new or unique. In the autumn of 1998, Microsoft leaked a 14-page memo written by Gates to selected members of the press. In that memo from Gates to Microsoft's top managers, Gates outlined his ideas for automating software delivery via a service dubbed "Windows Tone" or WinTone. For a monthly or annual fee, users would receive software upgrades and store their data on the network. Since the time Microsoft made that memo public, the company has done little to deliver on its WinTone commitment. Microsoft has tested application rental via various application service provider (ASP) pilots in the US and abroad, and made available patches and fixes via the Windows Update Web site. But products like a host-able version of Office 2000 are still not tangibles. Ballmer told press and analysts on Thursday that for Microsoft to deliver on its software-as-a-service vision, it needs to provide better integration of program logic and information sharing across the network. "Breakthrough versions of Windows are needed," Ballmer said. "You need to make changes to the programming model, UI [user interface], file system and XML schema." Ballmer likened the level of change to that

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percent, with its market share hitting a decade-high 33 percent. "It's much better to ride the wave than swim against it," said Chrysler's Global Vice President of Sales,

On Wednesday, DaimlerChrysler's U.S. subsidiary unveiled its "Employee Pricing Plus" program. The effort was modeled after the highly-successful "Employee Pricing for Everyone" campaign, which sent General Motors' June sales soaring by 46

There was a time when the names Chrysler and Lee lacocca were virtually synonymous. That may happen again. After a very bitter public feud stirred up by the former CEO's participation in a hostile takeover bid, Chrysler is welcoming its old leader back and putting him out front of a new marketing

#### George Murphy.

Chrysler's announcement came little more than a day after GM revealed plans to extend its own discount program, and Ford Motor Co. weighed in with its "Ford Family Pricing Plan." At their heart, all three programs allow consumers to buy most vehicles at the same price as corporate employees. A select number of hot products are excluded, such as GM's Chevrolet Corvette, Ford's Mustang and Chrysler's 300C.

campaign.

But while Chrysler "needed to play in the game," Murphy said that as the last to announce its program, the automaker also needed to find a way to stand out.

To sweeten the incentive, Chrysler's "Plus" adds on rebates of up to \$3500. On a vehicle like the Dodge Durango, that can bring the value of the new package up to nearly \$9000, according to company officials, though on some models, total savings may actually be tess than in previous months.

To get its message across, Chrysler turned to the man credited with saving the company. When lacocca

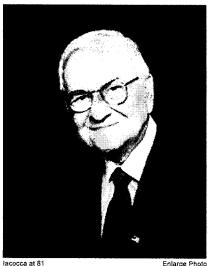
joined the automaker, a guarter-century ago. Chrysler was fading fast. Behind the scenes, he lobbied Congress for a federal bail-out, while taking to TV as spokesman for the company's products. He won over both lawmakers and consumers, and by the mid-1980s, Chrysler turned itself around.

There were some hiccups later in the decade, but when the son of Italian immigrants finally retired in December 1992, Chrysler was considered the leanest and most creative of America 's Big Three automakers

Behind the scenes, lacocca had a falling out with his hand-chosen successor, Bob Eaton, and in April 1994, he signed on with Las Vegas billionaire Kirk Kerkorian, in a multi-billion-dollar buyout bid. The hostile deal soon fell apart, and Chrysler initially withheld millions in benefits due its former chairman, while also abandoning plans to name the new corporate headquarters after lacocca.

So the decision to reach out to the octogenarian executive came as a major surpris

"We're all business people and we all move on with our lives," said Jason Vines, Chrysler vice president of corporate affairs, and the man who made the call to laccoca last Friday. The former chairman didn't hide his interest, and the two sides began



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negotiating the deal over the long Independence Day weekend, Chrysler offering to compensate lacocca by donating money to the fund he has created for diabetes research. His first wife died of the disease.

lacocca taped his spots on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and the entire package was edited down by 4 AM the next morning. Barring some last-minute legal snags, the former CEO should be seen on national television, in print and on the Internet barking out Chrysler's praises within a matter of days. But in a humorous twist, lacocca's famous tagline, "If you find a better car, buy it," will be delivered by his on-air colleague, comedian Jason Alexander, formerly of the Seinfeld TV series.

During his tenure, lacocca was considered one of the most successful on-air pitchmen the auto industry had. Whether, at 81, he can still connect with today's young buyers remains to be seen, buy Chrysler marketing officials said their research found that lacocca remains a well-known and respected quantity.

Another question is just how successful the company's new Plus campaign will be, now that each of the Big Three has an employee-style discount program in place. Market share, said Murphy, will be "the measure of success."

Maybe for Chrysler, but industry analysts have other concerns. "For anyone thinking about buying in the next 12 months, with these kind of deals, they'll be likely to move now," said Joe Phillippi, of AutoTrends, Consulting, in Short Hills, N.J. And that could mean a sharp "payback" period, he warned later in the year when Big Three discounts roll back.

There's no question that incentives are running at record levels. With the first round of its Employee Prices for Everyone program, each GM vehicle carried a \$4.458 giveback, according to the research firm, Autodata.

But while analysts estimate GM increased its incentives by up to \$450 a vehicle, Murphy insisted Chrysler's givebacks should average just \$100 over June incentives.

When Chrysler launched the industry's first serious rebate program, in 1975, it was giving away just \$50 to lure in buyers. Yet even then, lacocca dubbed the deals "dope," quickly recognizing the potential risk of conditioning consumers to expect cash back.

He was right, said analyst Phillippi, lamenting that "I don't know how (the Big Three) will ever get back to rational pricing."

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#### The "Neutron Jack" Years

Welch moved through several different divisions as he progressed. Eventually, at age 42, he moved to the corporate headquarters in Fairfield, Connecticut, when he was named one of three vice-chairmen. After a fierce competition for the top spot, Welch was named chairman in 1981, the youngest CEO ever appointed at GE. "I think I'm the most happy man in America today," Welch told Thomas C. Hayes of *The New York Times*, "and I'm certainly the most fortunate."

Welch attracted controversy almost immediately. He was much different than his predecessor, the British gentleman Reginald H. Jones. Welch was <u>brash</u> and told managers that if they did not move quickly enough, he would "kick ass." The new leader was obsessed with turning GE into a flexible, lean business that ranked first or second in every industry in which it did business.

An early spotlight was thrust on Welch when GE purchased RCA, the parent company of NBC, in late 1985 for \$6.3 billion in cash. At the time, it was the largest corporate acquisition in history and brought RCA back into the family. GE had founded RCA in 1919, but had to sell the subsidiary in 1933 because of <u>antitrust</u> threats. After the initial <u>euphoria</u> surrounding the deal wore off, Welch realized that NBC was losing \$150 million a year, despite dominating prime time television and news rating. Welch set high financial goals for NBC and turned the business around by cutting costs and replacing unhappy network executives. By 1997, after more than a decade of Welch's cajoling, NBC became the <u>undisputed</u> leader of network television. GE transformed NBC into a profitable company that still provided high quality.

Welch and GE were successful economically across the board. However, during his first seven years as CEO, Welch cast off more than 100,000 workers, nearly 25 percent of GE's <u>workforce</u>. The mass layoffs earned Welch the derogatory nickname "Neutron Jack." Critics equated his name with corporate <u>greed</u>, arrogance, and <u>contempt</u> for workers. GE sold off many of its traditional businesses, such as <u>housewares</u> and televisions, and moved into high-tech manufacturing, broadcasting, and investment banking. Welch was willing to take risks and change the company's <u>ingrained</u> corporate culture to fit his strategic vision.

Welch's supporters countered by noting GE's amazing return on equity. In Welch's first six years, GE's total return to shareholders reached 273 percent. Welch told Russell Mitchell of *Business Week* that he wanted GE "to become the most competitive business enterprise in the world."

#### World's Greatest CEO

Despite picking up other monikers, such as "Trader Jack," based on his love of acquisitions, Welch transformed his image as GE's fortunes improved. Soon, he was becoming widely regarded as the best CEO in the world. The company had always been heavily watched by business analysts for the latest management trends, but under Welch's tenure, GE came to define successful business management.

Part of Welch's improving image was his emphasis on GE's Management Development Institute corporate training program. The center at Croton-on-Hudson (Crotonville), known within GE as "The Pit," was a showcase for Welch. The company spent \$500 million a year on education and training at Crotonville. He appeared at the center more than 250 times over 17 years and worked with 15,000 GE managers and executives. "The students see all of Jack here," wrote Byrne of *Business Week*. "The management theorist, strategic thinker, business teacher, and corporate icon who made it to the top despite his working class background."

In recent years, Welch has turned his attention to "people" issues and has worked to create informality at the company. This push has allowed communications to open across layers and fostered a sense of entrepreneurship at the world's largest corporation. Throughout the year, Welch met with managers across several levels of leadership. As Byrne wrote, the meetings also allowed Welch "to make his formidable presence and opinions known to all."

When Welch needed information, he often slipped into factories and plants unexpectedly. A Welch trademark has been the <u>handwritten</u> notes he dashes off to employees. Welch wrote them out and then faxed them all over the company. Welch saw this extra effort as another way of breaking through the bureaucracy that initially hindered his progress at GE. "The idea flow from the human spirit is absolutely unlimited," Welch told Byrne, "All you have to do is tap into that well. I don't like to use the word efficiency. It's creativity. It's a belief that every person counts."

Since taking over in 1981, Welch has used the company's economic diversity as a tool to move into other industries with fast-growing profits. He has reshaped GE with more than 500 acquisitions worth \$53.2 billion. Welch was also instrumental in the mid-to late 1980s movement among American companies to get leaner, tougher, and globally competitive. GE's non-U.S. sales grew to 45 percent in 1994, up from 22 percent in 1986. *Forbes* writer James R. Norman wrote, "Nearly every one of its (GE's) major products has become a growth business with the stepped-up development overseas."

#### The Future of GE

Welch's newest strategy was called "Six Sigma," which was a quality program that generated fewer than 3.4 defects per million operations in a manufacturing or service process. Despite the program's huge investment in training thousands of employees, Welch believed Six Sigma will save GE billions. In 1995, Welch launched the program with 200 projects, but the next year it grew to 3,000 and then 6,000 in 1997. The productivity gains and profit of \$320 million exceeded Welch's expectations.

Welch was both revered and feared within GE. While not a cult personality, Welch realized what his leadership symbolized. To many, Welch was as synonymous with GE as Thomas Edison. In 1997, Welch was named to the National Business Hall of Fame in Cincinnati.

The GE that Welch has led since 1981 is a company that employs between 240,000 and 260,000 people in more than 100 countries. Shareholders have been rewarded throughout Welch's tenure. A \$100 dollar investment in GE the day Welch took over would have been worth over \$2,000 in 1998. He also achieved his goal of making GE the company with the highest market value in the world. In 1997, GE's stock value eclipsed \$200 billion.

It is impossible to pin down exactly how Welch has achieved all the <u>lofty</u> goals set year in and year out at GE. Perhaps, it is simply the fact that Welch may be the hardest working CEO ever. While leading a company worth more than \$200 billion, he also found the time to know by sight the names and responsibilities of the top one thousand people at GE. In fact, the CEO met and interacted with several thousand employees each year.

Characteristically, Welch summed up his thoughts in a few short sentences in an interview with *Fortune* magazine, "I have the greatest job in the world. We go from broadcasting, engines, plastics, the power system-anything you want, we've got a game going. So from an intellectual <u>standpoint</u>, you're learning every day."

Welch will retire in 2000 when he hits GE's mandatory retirement age of 65. Do not, however, think Welch will fade into the sunset or even slow down. He may play much more golf (one of his lifelong passions), but Welch will also remain an important figure in



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#### Apple's Steve Jobs takes medical leave

Charlotte Examiner (NC) - Monday, January 17, 2011

Author: John Carson

As Charlotte waits breathlessly for the new Verizon iPhone, the founder and CEO of Apple, Steve Jobs, has announced a medical leave of absence. Jobs will remain as CEO, but day-to-day operations will be handled by Apple COO Tim Cook. In an email to Apple employees, Jobs said he looked forward to returning to business as soon as possible.

Some pundits questioned why Jobs did not personally attend the Verizon iPhone announcement on January 11th, and this could clearly explain why. Tim Cook presented at the announcement and was likely already in place as the head of the company at that time.

Steve Jobs is a pancreatic cancer survivor and took a six-month leave of absence for a liver transplant two years ago. During all of his medical absences since returning to Apple in 1997, Jobs has been replaced by Cook. Most analysts believe Tim Cook to be the next logical successor to Steve Jobs.

Normally, an issue like this would not spell trouble for a company, but the public perception is that Steve Jobs and Apple are synonymous. The loss of one would presumably destroy the other. American stock exchanges are closed today for the Martin Luther King holiday, but German markets reflected a significant drop in Apple stocks on news of the illness. Given 24 hours to consider things, analysts may not bash Apple's stock quite as much as they might in a knee-jerk reaction, but Tuesday's opening bell could spell a drop for Apple.

Caption: SAN FRANCISCO - SEPTEMBER 01: (FILE PHOTO) Apple CEO Steve Jobs speaks at an Apple Special Event

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# Steve Jobs medical leave: experts speculate but Apple quiet

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Geek out with the Los Angeles Times reporters as they scour the CES showroom floor in search of the latest tech news and gadgets.



Apple and Steve Jobs. Walt Disney Co. and Walt Disney. Ford Motor Co. and Henry Ford.

There are few titans of industry who are as synonymous with their brands as these men have been -- and in Steve Jobs' case, still is.

Jobs and Apple are secretive. Little information is ever made public about products until they're nearly ready to ship to store shelves. In the past, even less information has been made available about Jobs' health issues.

So, just as people do over the next iPhone or iPad, they're speculating in the absence of information.

Jobs offered no details on his medical condition in announcing his leave of absence on Monday morning, saying simply in a letter to his employees and the public, "At my request, the board of directors has granted me a medical leave of absence so I can focus on my health. I will continue as CEO and be involved in major strategic decisions for the company."

Apple Chief Operating Officer Tim Cook is taking over most of Jobs' duties during the hiatus.

Times reporter Thomas H. Maugh II spoke with medical experts Monday on what might be ailing Jobs, whom many see not only as the face of Apple but the most important factor in its huge success in recent years.

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It has been a long journey since Steve Jobs came up with the name "Apple Computers" but the company now known as Apple has become synonymous with the man.

> Particularly over the past few years, it has been established that much of Enlarge This Image the creative process in the company seems to be driven by Jobs.

> > Pundits have often predicted that Apple will fail without having Jobs at the helm.

> > The genius behind Apple's success had taken leave for medical purposes twice before since he took over the company's CEO position in 1997.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs

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In 2009, Jobs shocked many shareholders by announcing that his health issues were 'more complex than originally thought' without giving any specific details and said he would be taking a break for 6 months. The report came just a week after his comments that he was suffering from a 'hormonal imbalance' and would continue to be CEO.

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to be involved in all major strategic decisions, like he is expected to do so now.	
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company functioned fairly well in the duration.	

However, when he reappeared in September to unveil Apple's new products, he received a standing ovation and media reports focused as much on how he looked as the products being unveiled.

Perhaps no other CEO in the world has garnered this much public

#### attention.

#### TECHNOLOGY CEOs

There are only a handful of CEOs who are familiar to the general public. A person might not know the CEO of the bank that holds his mortgage, but he is definitely familiar with three people - Steve Jobs, who probably is responsible for his computer; Bill Gates - the arch rival of Apple, and now, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, the site on which both Apple and Microsoft users spend a lot of time.

Steve Jobs has been set apart from the start because of his close association with the creative parts of , the company. Like the other two, he was responsible for creating the Apple computers initially.

"As a visionary, he saw that computers could be much more than drab productivity tools," BusinessWeek wrote in an article after it was reported Jobs underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer.

But even geniuses cannot hold out against the board and he was ousted from the company in 1984 over some differences.

The company fared decently for the next decade or so, when Jobs was out creating NeXT, a computer platform development company, and heading PiXar Animation Studios before it was bought over by Disney.

But many of Apple's products -mainly computers - failed to sell. Some experts attributed this to Apple's lack of compatibility with other platforms. Some blamed poor marketing and publicity.

Whatever the explanation, shareholders were unhappy and when the company's shares touched a 12-year low in 1997, CEO Gil Amelio was removed and Jobs was reappointed as CEO during the restructuring.

Since then, Apple has become the second most valuable company. And much of it is based on the 55-year old's creative and management capabilities.

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People flock to Apple's products despite problems. The latest iPhone 4 sold a record 1.7 million units in its first three days and the pace barely slowed down even after reports about certain problems with it surfaced.

Apple has matured from a niche user group to 'something for everyone with taste' segment.

Apple still has much potential to grow, particularly outside the U.S.

"We expect Apple's busy product roadmap, impressive second-rung leadership and its Jobs-inspired culture of innovation to hold the company in good stead over the foreseeable future," Rajesh Ghai from ThinkEquity said in a note.

However, the company does face problems in terms of piracy, its closed approach to software and its price.

Whoever takes over CEO first needs to deal with a backlash of harsh judgment simply because the person is 'not Steve Jobs'.

Every decision taken will be under scrutiny by the media and by Apple fans, which will undoubtedly make the new CEO's job a lot tougher.

The new CEO needs to match Jobs' passion for Apple's products and creativity to keep the product line fresh and interesting - which is a constant challenge.

People are expecting the iPad 2, obviously improved and with fewer flaws and an iPhone 5 that will hopefully not have any more antennae issues, and also be wildly improved.

Apple has shrunk the size of its iPods to something smaller than a thumb, has combined the touchscreen, a music device and probably a mini computer. They also managed to achieve some other so-called impossibility - a laptop that is only about 0.16 inch thick, a computer in a tablet (sort of).

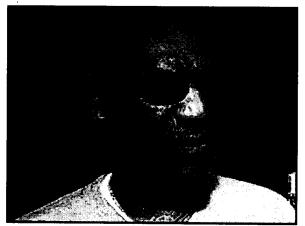
So at every Apple event, the question on everybody's mind is 'what next' and the answer better be something breathtaking. A considerable challenge for any CEO.

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#### Cosby To Speak At Boys & Girls Club Conference

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**Bill Cosby** 

#### Posted By - Gary Franklin

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ATLANTA (AP) -- The Cos is back in town.

Actor and comedian Bill Cosby will speak at the Boys & Girls Club of America national conference in Atlanta on

Thursday morning.

Cosby is scheduled to appear with Harvard University psychiatry professor Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint. The duo coauthored the best-selling book "Come on, People," a book on the state of black families in the United States.

Cosby is best known as the star and producer of the popular

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#### IN AN EMERGENCY ROLE, THOMAS DONS APRON AGAIN

Miami Herald, The (FL) - Tuesday, December 21, 1999

Author: JACK REJTMAN, jrejtman@herald.com

To most of America, the name and face of Dave Thomas are synonymous with Wendy's International, the fast-food restaurant chain he founded in 1969.

But Thomas actually hung up his chairman's apron 17 years ago, staying on in the very public role of national spokesman.

On Monday, the 67-year-old Thomas stepped back into the corporate kitchen, officially returning as senior chairman following the unexpected death of Wendy's Chairman Gordon F. Teter.

In his new role, Thomas will lead a four-person management council from his Fort Lauderdale home until a new chief executive is hired.

Teter, the 56-year-old chairman, president and chief executive, died of an apparent heart attack Saturday night at his Ohio home. Teter had led the company since 1996, succeeding Chairman James Near, who had died of a heart attack at age 58.

``I'm really here for support," said Thomas, who also has a history of heart problems and plans to keep his workload to a minimum. ``We have a great team in place. We lost our coach. But we've got a lot of good captains.

"I'm just kind of pinch-hitting."

Thomas flew to Columbus, Ohio, early Sunday morning to console family members and employees at the company headquarters in the suburb of Dublin. He plans to remain in Columbus through Wednesday's funeral. Then he will return to his Bay Colony home in Fort Lauderdale, which will serve as his office as Thomas supervises three senior executives and helps conduct the search for a new chairman.

During Thomas' 23-year reign over Wendy's, he went from running a single burger stand named after his daughter to managing a publicly traded national chain. But as the fast-food industry matured, so did Wendy's.

Thomas returns to a company that boasts veteran managers who oversee more than 1,080 company-owned and 4,350 franchised Wendy's restaurants. The company also owns 1,751 Tim Horton's restaurants, the doughnut and coffee-shop chain Wendy's acquired in 1995.

Along with most fast-food chains, Wendy's has endured a lackluster stock performance this year. But its revenue has increased 5 percent to \$1.55 billion, and net income has risen 12 percent to \$126 million on increased domestic sales. Earnings also reflect lower utility, insurance and advertising costs.

Wendy's shares closed up 61/4 cents Monday at \$20.683/4.

Reporting to Thomas will be Wendy's Chief Financial Officer Frederick R. Reed and Chief Operating Officer Jack Schuessler. Also checking in will be Paul House, president and chief operating officer of Tim Hortons.

The company is soliciting internal and outside candidates for its top job. But Thomas said he is prepared to serve for at least the next six months to a year, primarily in a supervisory role.

Thomas himself suffered a heart attack on Dec. 14, 1996. He underwent quadruple-bypass surgery a week later. Since then, he has lost 50 pounds, has exercised regularly and has had a clean bill of health.

Neither Thomas' health nor his 17-year hiatus from the company are cause for concern, said Denny Lynch, vice

president of corporate communications. ``Dave has remained very active with the company always," Lynch said. ``He has the healthy blood of someone half his age." Herald wire services contributed to this report. **Caption:** color photo: Dave Thomas behing the counter (a) AP FILE BACK TO THE KITCHEN: Dave Thomas is again at the helm after leaving his active role in the company 17 years ago. In the interim, he became Wendy's spokesman, sometimes inaugurating restaurants. *Edition: Final Section: Business Page: 1C Record Number:* 9912230111 *Copyright (c) 1999 The Miami Herald* 



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## Priceline.com's William Shatner Makes AOL's List Of Top Celebrity Spokespeople Of All Time

#### WalletPop names the celebs who have become "nearly synonymous" with their brands

NORWALK, Conn.--(<u>BUSINESS WIRE</u>)--Ten years ago, consumers first heard William Shatner proclaim that priceline.com (Nasdaq: PCLN) <u>www.priceline.com</u> would be "big...really big." That decade of association has paid off. AOL's personal finance site WalletPop <u>www.walletpop.com</u> has named Shatner to the list of its favorite celebrity spokespeople of all time. Shatner joins a star-studded list of pitchmen (and women) that includes Bill Cosby, Michael Jordan and Brooke Shields.

According to WalletPop, "Celebrity spokespeople have long been a favorite marketing tool of companies with products or services to sell. Some stars fit the bill so perfectly, that they became nearly synonymous with the brands they were paid to pitch."

As for Shatner, WalletPop says, "Famous for his role as Captain Kirk in 'Star Trek,' Shatner plays 'The Negotiator,' who uses his unusual-but-effective persuasion skills to negotiate the best travel deals for priceline.com customers. In 2004, Shatner was also cast as the eccentric but highly capable attorney Denny Crane for the final season of the legal drama 'The Practice' and reprised the same character in the subsequent spin-off, 'Boston Legal.' Shatner recently was nominated for a 2008 Emmy Award in the category Outstanding Supporting Actor In A Drama Series for his work in Boston Legal.

"Celebrity spokespeople have long been a favorite marketing tool of companies with products or services to sell. Some stars fit the bill so perfectly, that they became nearly synonymous with the brands they were paid to pitch."

Over 10 years, priceline.com's spots have been praised by ad critics and parodied on Saturday Night Live and in the pages of MAD Magazine. "We're pleased to see William

Shatner receive this recognition because he truly has become synonymous with the priceline.com brand," said Brett Keller, priceline.com's Chief Marketing Officer. "Most celebrity relationships wear out over time and are short-lived. It's a tribute to William Shatner's acting skills that the priceline.com spots have remained so fresh, entertaining and relevant for a decade."

To see the latest William Shatner priceline.com spots, visit: http://www.priceline.com/promo/shatner\_pcin\_negotiator.asp

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**Alexis Cohen, July 25:** The ex-'American Idol' hopeful, whose famous rejection meltdown made her a viral sensation in early 2008, was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver in New Jersey. Viewers better know Cohen as Glitter Girl, for her sparkly makeup. The aspiring singer and comedienne was 25.

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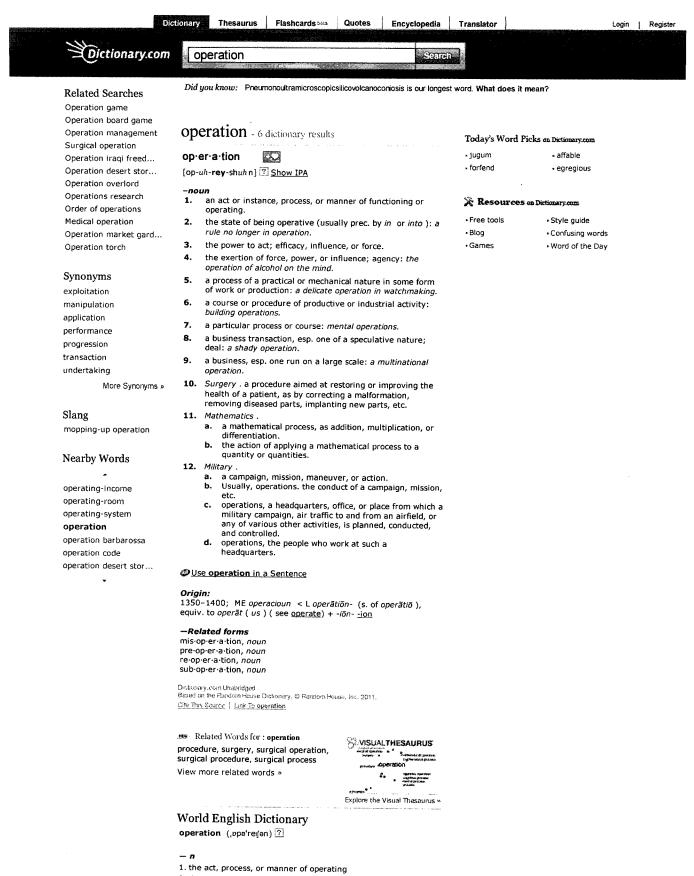
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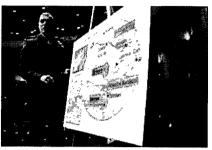
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In 1943, always circumspect about his place in the history books, Winston Churchill sent a memo to his top military commanders. He was addressing the issue of how the British Army should name its military operations. At the time, names were selected at random. But the nomenclature of war, he insisted, should strike a tone between the boastful and banal. At all costs, he wrote, they should not "enable some widow or mother to say their son was killed in an operation called Bunnyhug".

These days the question of what to call your invasion, liberation or peace-keeping force is trickier than christening a baby; a suitable name for an angelic newborn might not be appropriate when it becomes a troublesome teenager. Keen to keep the public onside, the US administration has announced that, in acknowledgement of the gradual withdrawal of its troops, Operation Iraqi Freedom – the umbrella term for all US operations in Iraq – will now be rebranded Operation New Dawn. "It sends a strong signal that Operation Iraqi Freedom has ended, and that our forces are operating under a new mission," wrote US Defence Secretary Robert Gates, in a memo leaked to ABC News.



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War of words: General John Paxton briefs on Operation Moshtarak

On the battlefield, names really do matter. For instance, Operation Enduring Freedom, the name for US Operation Moshta operations in Afghanistan, looks pretty snappy rolling along the bottom of CNN's rolling news coverage. Operation Frequent Wind, the name given to the 1975 evacuation of US civilians from Saigon, strikes a rather more farcical note.

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The method by which top brass name their operations varies from nation to nation. "The Americans are keen to weigh down what they are doing with ideological baggage," says Nick Hewitt, a historian in the department of research and information at London's Imperial War Museum. "Other countries tend to be a bit cleverer about how they use them for PR purposes, trying to ingratiate themselves to those who might be affected by any upheaval. Without resorting to national stereotypes, often it's just a logistical thing. For example, colours are often used as a code to define US weather reports, so were never traditionally used by them; this isn't a problem shared by the Germans, for example."

The history of modern code names really began with the Germans in the First World War. In part, this was due to the development of complex operational warfare where such names could help reduce confusion. Spring offensives on the Western Front in 1918 borrowed from religious, medieval and mythological sources, giving history Operations Archangel, St George, Roland, Mars and Achilles.

In the Second World War, the US military decided to use a system borrowed from the British in which they randomly selected names from a list of 10,000 common nouns and adjectives (Cornflakes, Magic). But in exceptional cases, Churchill stepped in to name operations himself. Operation Overlord, the label given to the 1944 invasion of western Europe that began with the Normandy landings, went on to become one of the war's most memorable monikers.

During the Second World War, names of operations were only known to a small number of key military personnel before being made public at a later date. But gradually, the US military cottoned on to the power of names to shape public perceptions. Operation Crossroads, the name given to atomic bomb tests at the Bikini Atoll Pacific Islands – communicating the great responsibility associated with the event – was one notable early success. Another later victory was the US 1989 invasion of Panama, known as Operation Just Cause. The name sought to contrast the noble motives of the US with the injustices of the regime they were fighting. News channels like CNN began packaging their special coverage of news events with snappy names (War in the Gulf; Death of a Princess; Flashpoint Kosovo). "Like the Pentagon's operation names, the networks' titles suggest a master narrative for what might otherwise seem a disorderly stream of events," says American linguist and war commentator Geoffrey Nunberg. "It's a convenient way of packaging stories that have the feeling of a real-life miniseries." Such tactics opened the floodgates for various other bombastic American battle brands. With the 1990 Gulf War came Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Then there was Restore Hope in Somalia (protecting humanitarian relief in 1991), and various Balkans operations in the Nineties with names like Shining Hope, Determined Force and Provide Promise.

The Brits still opt to select names randomly from a computer database and then have military leaders vet them. British military operations in Iraq are snappily entitled TELIC, derived from the Greek word telikos, or "final". For Operation Moshtarak, the NATO-led pacification foray, with Afghan army participation, in Afghanistan's Helmand Province, moshtarak means "together" or "shared" in both the Afghan Dari language and Arabic; it communicates a more touchy-feely approach.

The battlefield of history is littered with notable naming mistakes. In 1940, the British deduced the intent of the Germans' Operation Sea Lion (a marine invasion of Britain) from its name. Operations like Masher and Killer during the Vietnam War did little to win over the US public and media. Then there are the downright ridiculous: Urgent Fury was applied to the 1983 US invasion of the sleepy Caribbean island of Grenada (one wag said Reluctant Necessity was more apt). Operation Wrath of God was the somewhat over-the-top name given to the assassination by the Mossad of those behind the 1972 Munich massacre. Operation Beaver Cage was another Vietnam classic. As ever, it seems, Churchill had it right. No one wants to go down in history – as did the commander of an Australian operation in Fiji in 1987 – as the guy in charge of Operation Morris Dance.

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# War in Iraq will be called 'Operation New Dawn' to reflect reduced U.S. role

By Greg Jaffe Friday, February 19, 2010; A05

The Obama administration has decided to give the war in <u>Iraq</u> a new name -- "Operation New Dawn" -- to reflect the reduced role U.S. troops will play in securing the country this year as troop levels fall, according to a memo from Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates.

Since U.S. forces charged across the Kuwaiti border toward Baghdad in 2003, the war has been known as Operation Iraqi Freedom. The new name is scheduled to take effect in September, when U.S. troop levels are supposed to drop to about 50,000.

The change is intended to send a message that the U.S. military's combat role in Iraq is rapidly drawing to a close. In the Feb. 17 memo, Gates wrote to Gen. David H. Petraeus, the top commander for the region, that the name change seeks to "recognize our evolving relationship with the Government of Iraq."

Such name changes are not unusual. The name of the 1991 Persian Gulf War changed as the mission changed, from Operation Desert Shield to Operation Desert Storm and then finally to Operation Southern Watch and Operation Northern Watch.

The name change for the current conflict was first reported by ABC News, which posted the <u>memo</u> on its Web site. A Pentagon spokesman confirmed the decision.

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## In choosing its battle names, the military must know its target audience

By Christian Davenport Washington Post Staff Writer Saturday, March 20, 2010; A01

In the hypercharged rush of combat, the adrenaline flows and the rhetoric soars. After the "shock and awe" invasion of Iraq, many of the names the military gave early battles were pugnacious: Operation Scorpion Sting, Operation Iron Hammer, Operation Ivy Serpent.

But as the military changed tactics, trying to win over the local population with on-the-ground diplomacy, some nicknames started to soften. Hence Operation <u>Glad Tidings of Benevolence</u> and <u>Operation Together</u> Forward.

Names are important, especially in war. Like a good advertising jingle, war names must be catchy and concise. But above all else, they have to sell -- all sorts of things, to all sorts of people: inspiration to the troops, righteousness to Americans at home, partnership to allied countries, peace and promise to non-combatant civilians.

And, to the enemy: We're-coming-to-kill-you aggression.

The key question: "Who is your target audience?" said <u>Brig. Gen. Sean Macfarland</u>, who is credited with helping turn around the insurgent violence in Ramadi, the provincial capital of Iraq's Anbar province. "If it's just internal consumption, you want to give a name the soldiers and Marines will get pumped up about. But if it's more for Iraqi consumption, it has to translate well. And if it's going to be in newspaper headlines and be commented about on op-ed pages, then you have to give it a more politically correct name."

So when the military's top officers decided recently that the denouement of the Iraq war merited a name, they treaded carefully, no doubt mindful of the chortling that followed President George W. Bush's "Mission Accomplished" announcement in 2003.

Last month, the Obama administration decided: As of Sept. 1, Operation Iraqi Freedom will become <u>Operation New Dawn</u>, a name designed to symbolize the dramatic drawdown of U.S. forces that is planned and to "recognize our evolving relationship with the government of Iraq," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates wrote in a memo.

Few recognized how intertwined the arts of public relations and war were as well as Winston Churchill, according to Gregory Sieminski, who wrote <u>about operation names in Parameters magazine</u>, a publication of the Army War College. Churchill developed guidelines during World War II that said battle names should not "imply boastful or overconfident sentiment" or "be names of frivolous character."

Adolf Hitler took operation names seriously, too, changing the name of the 1941 German invasion of the Soviet Union from "Fritz" to "Barbarossa," after the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the architects of the war in Afghanistan sought a different approach. They wanted something lofty, a name with sweep and grandeur to evoke the American spirit. The initial offering, Operation Infinite Justice, was swing-for-the-fences big, to be sure. And it had a certain poetry to it, while at the same time conforming with Pentagon regulations that prohibit, among other things, names that "express a

degree of bellicosity inconsistent with traditional American ideals or current foreign policy."

But infinite is awfully long, even for the most patient taxpayer -- and the word offended Muslims who believe such benevolence can be provided only by Allah.

After some called that name too propagandistic, the Pentagon changed to Operation Enduring Freedom, which quieted critics and turned out to be accurate, too. As then-Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said in announcing the name: " 'Enduring' suggests that this is not a quick fix."

For the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the Pentagon's top brass settled on Operation Iraqi Freedom. But at least one administration official <u>publicly called the assault Operation Iraqi Liberation</u>, providing fodder for conspiracists and late-night comics.

"They're calling it 'Operation Iraqi Freedom,' " TV comic Jay Leno quipped at the time. "They were going to call it 'Operation Iraqi Liberation,' then they realized, uh-oh, that spells 'OIL.' "

In Iraq and Afghanistan, most operation names are for relatively small missions -- hunting for insurgents or weapons caches -- many of which are named by low-ranking field officers who have little time or inclination to worry about public scrutiny. The names they choose range from the ominous (Operation Black Typhoon) to the curious (Operation Tangerine Squeeze) to the mysterious (Operation Soprano Sunset -- something to do with the fat lady singing, perhaps?).

According to a <u>list compiled by GlobalSecurity.org</u>, an Alexandria-based defense news Web site, operations have been named for Civil War generals, snakes, predators (both mammal and arachnid), violent acts of nature, weaponry, comic book characters and, yes, rappers.

Operation Slim Shady was a series of raids in Kirkuk, Iraq, that led to the detention of 37 suspected insurgents in 2004.

There have been plays from football (Operation Flea Flicker) and baseball (Triple Play), and all manner of animal sounds -- Roaring Tiger, Buffalo Grunt, Dragon's Breath. And some that need no elaboration: Operation Warrior's Rage.

<u>Operation Pericles</u> was named for the Athenian leader by a commander who was a Greek history buff, said Maj. Gregory Sakimura, who served under the officer.

When Army Capt. Jim Page of the 101st Airborne Division was tasked with nicknaming a training exercise before the invasion of Iraq -- even practice runs get a moniker -- he borrowed from the unit's hallowed history, adding a little modern spice for young soldiers.

The result, Operation Bastogne Smackdown, awkwardly combined a heroic World War II battle and the glossy shtick of cable TV wrestling, but it "sounded cool," he said. And it took with the rank and file, who soon were joking about how they were going to "layeth the smacketh down."

James Danly's unit found battle names in movies. "When you're in Iraq and have nothing to do, you spend a lot of time between patrols looking for the perfect movie title," the former Army lieutenant said.

Thus, Operation Close Encounters and Operation Gladiator. Some fool was said to have dubbed a mission Operation Earth Girls Are Easy, before he was quickly reprimanded. Danly, who studied classics in college, came up with Operation Battle of Actium, in large part because he thought it would be funny to name one of the areas "Hot Spot Cleopatra."

"I got in trouble for that," he said.

Most oddball names come from young soldiers looking for a creative outlet amid the grind of war. "But once it gets at the battalion level and above, you have a little more adult supervision," Macfarland said. "I never wanted to write home and tell a mom and dad their son was killed in Operation Grab Ass."

Or, as Churchill put it, names should not "enable some widow or mother to say that her son was killed in an operation called 'Bunnyhug' or 'Ballyhoo.' "

When <u>Brig. Gen. H.R. McMaster</u> got to Iraq in 2005, he looked askance at the harsh, blow-'em-up rhetoric. He assigned one of his more erudite soldiers, an officer with a doctorate in Middle Eastern studies, to compile a list of names that would capture the mission's ethos and be palatable to the Iraqis. Then McMaster took the list to the local mayor and police chief and had them pick -- or propose their own.

The result was an Arabic phrase that the Americans translated to Operation Restoring Rights.

"We knew it was important to bring the population with us," McMaster said. Overly violent names "help the enemy portray the mission as an attack on the people and the city, rather than a security operation and an attempt to bring life back."

#### Beware of late-night TV

The first acts of war, it seems, are easier to write than the last. All that's required is two words of punch. Just Cause. Noble Eagle. Enduring Freedom.

But how to write the ending of a long slog, when much of the country just wants the war to go away? That requires restraint. Poetry over prose.

Thus, Operation New Dawn.

Never mind that it's redundant (aren't all dawns new?), Churchill himself might have approved. Then again, he didn't have to contend with late-night monologues.

A day after Operation New Dawn was unveiled, ABC's Jimmy Kimmel took to the airwaves with a dishwasher detergent joke, proving that no name is immune to ridicule.

"Starting September 1st -- this is true," Kimmel said, "the war will be known as 'Operation New Dawn.' It's twice the grease-fighting power of the original 'Dawn.' It will make your war spotless."

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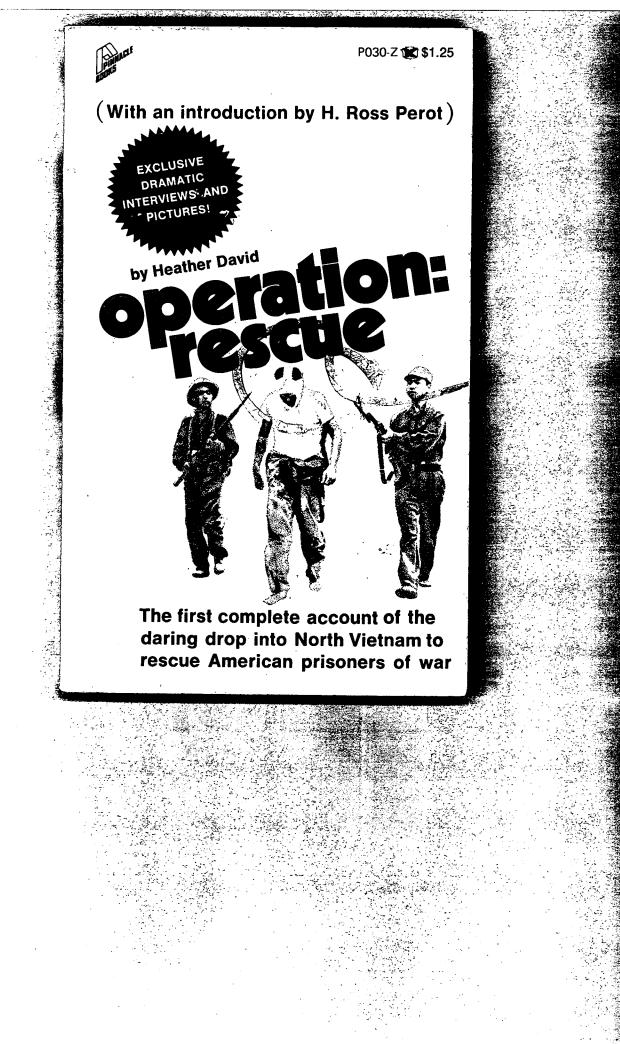
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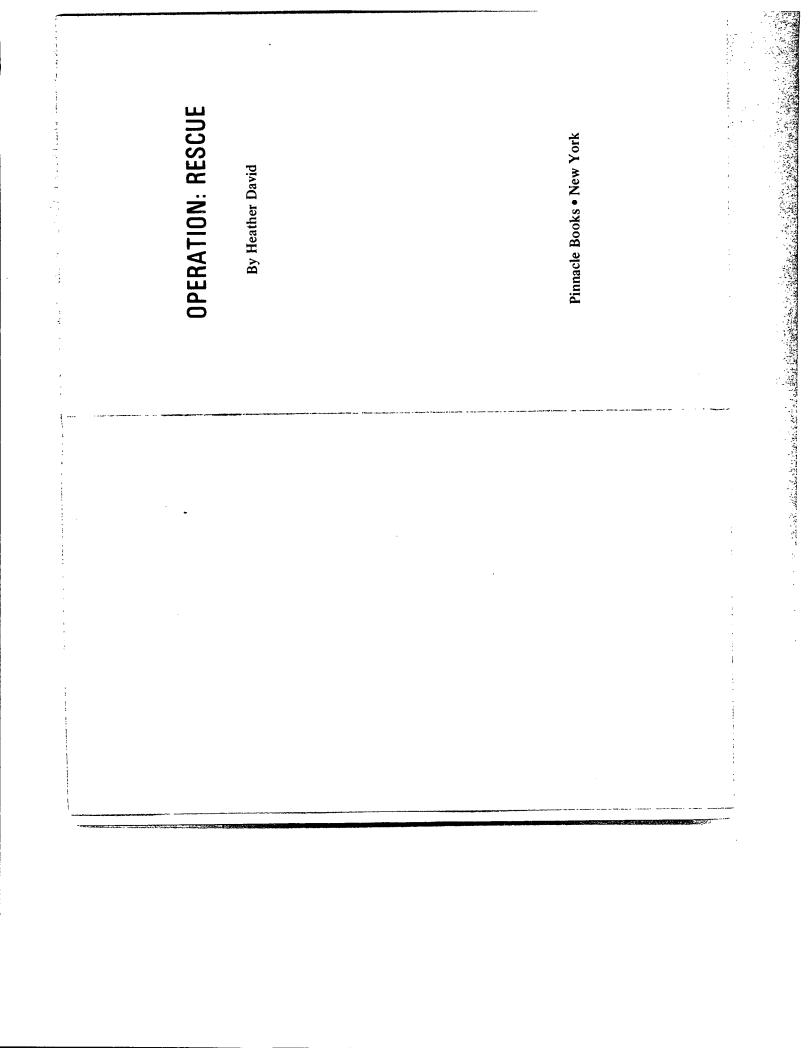
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### HELPING OUT THE BOAT PEOPLE - Houston operation provides food, medical aid to refugees

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HOUSTON -- Jack Bailey acquired his interest in "boat people' firsthand. He tried to leave Vietnam with two small vessels in April 1975, shortly before Saigon fell.

Bailey figures he was lucky. His brief voyage, an attempt by a military contractor to get women and children out of Saigon before the communist takeover, ended only with his arrest by South Vietnamese officials.

He was freed days later when the North Vietnamese victory became inevitable.

Now he and a partner, Don McCullough, are running Operation Rescue. From a base in Houston, they use boats to offer food and medical attention to refugees in the Gulf of Thailand.

Bailey said those who flee Vietnam today are often victims of pirate attacks in which women are raped and kidnapped. Refugees are killed and boats are sunk, he said.

The pirates "even take the engines out of the boats,' McCullough said.

"They take the girls and rape them in front of their families. They pass the girls around from boat to boat,' frequently trading them for fish, he said.

"I have picked up people that were eating their dead,' said Bailey, a retired Air Force colonel. "I fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. I've never seen anything like what's happening to these people on the high seas.'

About half of the Vietnamese refugee boats that make it to Thailand have been attacked by pirates, most of whom are Thai fishermen, said Cathy Ramsay, a staff assistant with the U.S. House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Many more vessels never make it to shore, but there is no way to count them, she said.

Bailey and McCullough took over Operation Rescue in 1981, paying \$1 to buy a boat from an Arizona rescue organization called Food for the Hungry.

Operation Rescue now owns a 127-foot long vessel, the Akuna III, bought from Singapore's government after it was impounded for smuggling. Because of immigration laws, the vessel's seven-member crew does not generally take on passengers.

"What we do is bring them on board, feed them, give them medical attention and fix up their boats if they need it,' he said.

McCullough estimates the ship has assisted about 400 people in the two years it has operated out of Song Khla, Thailand.

But the program is so short of money that the ship -- whose name is an Australian aboriginal word meaning "where people meet in the water' -- frequently goes out with very little fuel and drifts for days, its crewmen hoping the current will carry them into the paths of refugees.

Contributions to Operation Rescue amounted to \$215,000 for 1983, Bailey said.

Ms. Ramsay said it is clear that current relief efforts are insufficient, although the Thai government has borne a huge

portion of the burden. On May 31, she said, the nation had 122,000 refugees from the rest of Southeast Asia. About 7,000 of them arrived by boat from Vietnam, she said.

The situation involves "a vast area and a huge problem. There's a decoy (patrol) boat out, which every fisherman in the area knows is a decoy boat, so it's not terribly effective,' Ms. Ramsay said.

The Thais use a couple of spotter planes and two fast-moving patrol boats, she said.

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#### Leader of original Operation Rescue seeks POWs, MIAs

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Jack Bailey cringes whenever he hears about an anti-abortion protest organized by a group called Operation Rescue.

It's not that Bailey is opposed to the group's right to protest, he said. Bailey only wishes the organization would use a different name.

Since 1981, Bailey, 63, a retired Air Force colonel, has pursued his own mission under the name of the other, older Operation Rescue. He wants to resolve the status of US soliders taken prisoner or missing in action during the Vietnam War.

"Our purpose is to somehow, someday bring back those men we left behind," Bailey said. About 2,400 US soldiers are listed as POWs or MIAs from the Vietnam War, he said.

The ongoing debate centers on whether any US servicemen remain alive. Bailey is convinced that some do. Government officials are skeptical, and say Bailey's antics hamper legitimate efforts to learn the whereabouts of the missing men.

Such skepticism hasn't stopped Bailey. He says he has proof but won't reveal it because he fears the Vietnamese government will then execute the prisoners.

Bailey's base of operations is a cramped two-room office on Brookhurst Street in Garden Grove. Inside, photographs and other mementos he has gathered during his 28-year military career line the wall behind his desk.

A black-and-silver flag that heralds his cause to resolve the POW/MIA issue hangs on another wall. Pictures of former prisoners and South Vietnamese refugees can be seen in the front office near a laminated wood clock in the shape of Vietnam.

Bailey said he is sure there are dozens, perhaps more than 100, US soldiers still held prisoner by communist forces in Southeast Asia. Bailey, who said he flew 256 combat missions in Vietnam, said he had just returned from spending several months in Thailand where he worked with resistance groups and refugees to gain information on those still missing in action.

Bailey said that during his three-month stay in Thailand he received two different photographs that allegedly show US prisoners held captive.

Bailey said he would not reveal the photographs until he can confirm the men's identities and where they are being held, a process that could take months.

"It would be easy to have the photos published and say who we think the pictures show, but that would only create a false hope for their families and jeopardize their lives," Bailey said.

Bailey said he also must consider the fate of the prisoners and their families should he publicly reveal the new photographs. The North Vietnamese routinely have denied reports they still hold US soldiers captive, he said, so if they knew Bailey had proof showing otherwise, the men likely would be killed.

Lt. Col. Keith Schneider, a spokesman for the Department of Defense, said he was aware of Bailey and his efforts, but that the government has no "conclusive proof that Americans are being held prisoner."

Schneider said, however, that the Department of Defense continues to receive reports of live sightings from refugees, immigrants and others not connected with Bailey.

"Since 1975, we have received roughly 9,600 reports relating to missing Americans, including more than a thousand first-hand accounts from refugees who claim to have seen Americans being held captive," Schneider said.

Schneider said the government has about 185 reports it has not been able to confirm or disprove. The rest are considered to be fabrications or were reports of Caucasians not on the government's POW/MIA list.

Schneider said Bailey's work "has not resulted in any positive contributions." The government's position is that attempts by Bailey and other groups to independently resolve the issue only hampers the government's efforts.

Bailey said he has turned over to the government more than 24 sets of bones, teeth fragments and personal artifacts from US soldiers killed in Southeast Asia. Bailey said he received the remains from the network of agents he has recruited to help him.

Schneider quoted from government documents that acknowledge Bailey turned over some bone fragments on three occasions in 1984, 1985 and 1987, but said the remains did not result in the positive identification of any US servicemen.

"Our government has failed for more than 14 years to get our men home," Bailey said. "The only way the government will publicly admit that positive proof exists is when someone brings out a POW and marches him into Washington."

Although Bailey said he does not condone any "Rambo-style" forays to rescue prisoners, he also said he is unsure exactly how the issue finally will be resolved.

"I think it might take President Bush to sit down with the Russians and the Vietnamese communists and tell them we want our men home," Bailey said.

Caption: BLACK & WHITE PHOTO

From a Garden Grove office, retired Air Force Col. Jack Bailey searches for Vietnam War prisoners. But the US government is not pleased. Ygnacio Nanetti **Memo:** 'GC

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# What's in Name? Enough to Protect, MIA Chief Says : Organizations: The original Operation Rescue, formed in 1981 to resolve the status of missing U.S. servicemen, wants the anti-abortion group to find something else to call itself.

#### June 17, 1990 | SHANNON SANDS

GARDEN GROVE — Retired Air Force Col. Jack Bailey wants folks to know about Operation Rescue--not the anti-abortion group, but another effort that adopted that name almost a decade ago.

The original Operation Rescue, founded by Bailey in 1981, works toward resolving the status of U.S. servicemen missing in action or taken prisoner during the Vietnam War.

But much of Bailey's time and that of other group volunteers is spent answering telephone calls intended for the anti-abortion organization that organized its Orange County chapter in February, 1989. Phone numbers for the second Operation Rescue are taped to a file cabinet in the office of the first Operation Rescue to redirect confused callers.

The original group's office has been vandalized, and mail seeking donations for the POW/MIA effort has been returned with notes saying the recipient would not give money to an anti-abortion group, Bailey said.

"It's pretty annoying, and it has hurt us in many ways," Bailey said. "Many of our supporters who believe it should be the woman's right to choose thought we were the other Operation Rescue, and they disassociated themselves with us."

Susan Finn, a spokeswoman for the anti-abortion group, said its leaders had no idea when they selected the name that another group was using it.

"It has become a generic name for groups of people who have the common goal of saving babies from abortion and helping women in crisis pregnancy," Finn said.

Representatives of the two groups have met in a bid to quell the confusion, and both contacted the telephone company to ensure that operators make the distinction between the organizations.

However, in 10 telephone calls by The Times to directory assistance, every operator offered the number for the MIA/POW Operation Rescue. Callers seeking the number for the anti-abortion group, which has an Anaheim mailing address and a Cypress phone number, must ask for the group's full name: Southern California Operation Rescue.

As a registered California corporation, the original Operation Rescue has legal rights to the name. A representative of the California secretary of state's office said the only way to protect the name is by filing a lawsuit--a move that Bailey said he is considering.

The POW/MIA group's name originated in 1981 when Operation Rescue sponsored a boat that rescued Vietnamese refugees afloat in the South China Sea. Bailey, who said he flew 256 combat missions in Vietnam, coordinates the group's efforts to collect information on those still missing and to help refugees. There are an estimated 2,000 U.S. servicemen unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, according to Pentagon estimates.

Bailey wants the anti-abortion group to change its name. But Finn said that even if her group adopts a new name, the public will continue to think of it as Operation Rescue.

She added that anti-abortion activists have offered to help Bailey by sending volunteers to answer his telephones.

"Why should I have someone in my office answering phones for them?" an annoyed Bailey answered.

Finn also said her organization might consider buying the rights to the name, another option that does not appease Bailey. "The name isn't for sale to no one for no amount," he said. "We're not going to give up our name, and we're fed up with this crap."

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#### Operation Rescue II picnic to benefit veterans, service members, and families (8/7)

Purdue University Calumet will host a free picnic Saturday, Aug. 7 designed to provide military veterans, service members, and their families with valuable information and resources related to attending college.

Representatives from various military and community organizations along with administrators of local colleges and universities will be in attendance to offer guidance, services, and opportunities for networking.

The second annual Operation Rescue picnic will be held at Purdue Calumet's Hammond campus on the Greens, a grassy area located between the Millard E. Gyte Science Building and the Student Union & Library Building, from noon to 4 p.m. Games and activities for children will be provided, and food and music is included at no charge.

The event will include opportunities for attendees to speak with Veterans Administration officials about available assistance and benefits related to healthcare and housing for veterans and service members, and about the Post 9/11 GI Bill, which provides increased financial assistance to military veterans interested in higher education.

Administrators from Purdue Calumet and other local colleges and universities will provide information about admissions, financial aid, academic programs, and support services available to students. Agents of various financial institutions, community organizations, and local businesses also will be available to discuss opportunities for employment and various services and programs designed to assist veterans, service members, and their families.

The Operation Rescue picnic is sponsored by Purdue University Calumet and "From Boots to Books: The Veterans and Student Service Members Academic Support Program."

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#### New state program helps veterans receive their diplomas

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Author: JODI LEE REIFER, Advance staff writer

World War II veterans do not have to complete any further course work to earn their diplomas

James Kennedy was only 17 years old when the Great Depression forced him to leave McKee High School after his junior year and go to work for a salvage company in Rosebank. At 19, he was drafted into the Army.

The Dongan Hills man never thought he'd own a diploma with his name on it. Now at age 78, he does.

A new state program allows veterans like Kennedy to receive their diplomas if they were on active duty during World War II and unable to finish high school. There is no fee for the diploma or additional requirements other than having attended a school within New York State and having served in the armed forces.

World War II veterans do not have to complete any further course work to earn their diplomas. To qualify, they simply must provide one of the following documents to their former school:

\* Defense Department discharge form (DD214)

- \* Honorable Discharge Certificate
- \* Special Discharge from the Coast Guard for Merchant Marines.

Veterans without any of these documents can contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 212-807-7229. If the school no longer exists, veterans may contact the school district.

Although the Legislature passed the law that created "Operation Rescue" in June, Kennedy felt as if not every Staten Island veteran knew about the program. So he called on Assemblyman Eric N. Vitaliano (D-Mid-Island) to help publicize it.

"The law basically works on what's known as a life experience credit," said the lawmaker. "These 50 years that have ensued, we feel, the Legislature and the governor, more than signify that the veteran has the knowledge and the experience necessary to justify the awarding of a high school diploma."

There are an estimated 10,000 World War II veterans in the borough, estimated Mark Caruselle, executive chairman of the United Staten Island Veterans Organizations. Caruselle graduated from Curtis High School before entering the service and later earned his master's in business administration at New York University. Although some veterans earned their high school diplomas, a good portion never had a chance, he said.

Assemblyman Ronald C. Tocci (D-Westchester), a sponsor of the law, estimated there are 200,000 World War II veterans in the state who do not earn their high school diplomas. It's too early to say how many veterans will benefit from Operation Rescue, but a least a half dozen from his district have received their diplomas because of the program, said Tocci, chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Veterans Affairs.

"It's not so much as what they can do with it, but that fact that it means something to them now. A lot of those people were drafted. War interrupted their lives. They came back and had to go back to work and start families."

Such was the case for Kennedy, a retired senior traffic control inspector for the city. "It's just one of those things, I don't need it now," he admitted. "I could have used it years ago. It was just nice to have."

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#### Fighting a war, and getting a diploma

Wellington Daily News (KS) - Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Author: Tracy McCue

In the days of the Great Depression and World War II, a high school diploma was hard to come by.

Both Les Thompson and Ray Rains were two World War II vets, who fought the war and then went on to have a successful post-war career.

The only thing that was missing was a high school diploma.

On Sunday, Thompson and Rains were recognized with such a diploma during commencement exercises at Sellers Park. Wellington High School graduates and spectators gave them a standing ovation as Wellington Superintendent Ron Fagan and school board president Daryl Heasty presented them the certificate.

"That was something else," Thompson said. "I really appreciated it."

World War II vets across the nation, who were unable to complete a high school education to fight the war, are being given diplomas. The program is called Operation Rescue, sponsored by the Kansas Commission of Veteran's Affairs.

"Thousands of young men and women across this country left the comforts of home and hearth to serve gallantly in the armed forces during WWII," said E. Stoney Wates, Director of Veterans' Affairs, who added, "Their sacrifice ensured our freedom, built our country into a super power and shaped the entire course of history throughout the world.

"Many of these veterans were not able to finish high school for various reasons, but led productive lives and built our communities over their lifetime."

Thompson said three other WWII vets in Wellington can still be recognized next year if they so choose.

Thompson and Rains both entered the war in similar circumstances. Both had to quit school to earn a living, because of family hardships. Then both were drafted before they turned 21.

Rains said his dad was sick. So he quit school and got a job working at the Lyric Theater.

"Jobs were hard to come by," he said. "You had to work seven days a week, because if you weren't there, they would give your job to someone else."

Rains said he earned \$3 a week at his first job and was "damn glad I got that." He eventually worked at a dairy, drugstore and dabbled in electricity, before getting a draft notice.

At first, the U.S. Army was not going to take anyone under 21 to fight the war. That changed after the first year, and Rains got his draft notice on Oct. 13, 1942. He was 20 at the time.

"I was one of the first people under 20 to get drafted," Rains said.

He was assigned to the signal corp., which delivered goods during the war. If there was film or supplies that needed to be picked up from the battlefield, Rains was there. He ended up in Africa, France and Sicily, and saw the Battle of the Bulge first-hand.

"You learned about everything in the signal corp.," Rains said. "I learned about electricity, radio, communications and how to carry a gun."

After the war, Rains came back and worked at the Wellington Electrical Department before retiring.

Thompson left school to help his family with the farm. On Nov. 9, 1942, one month after Rains, he received his draft notice. Thompson was to serve in the South Pacific.

The army first sent Thompson to Yuba City, Calif. where he received a nursing certificate from the U.S. Medical Corp.

His nursing skills sent him on five trips overseas across the Pacific Ocean, and into the fiercest South Pacific battles.

Thompson was part of a unit which would bring the soldiers from the battle lines and transport them back to the United States.

He helped tend to the injured off the first marine division of Guadalcanal in 1942, and he was back for the invasion of the Leyte Gulf, where he truly felt at the time he was going to die.

"We had dang good infantry around us," Thompson said on his survival of the battle.

When he returned, Thompson worked in the police department and got jobs in road and construction.

So did either man miss having a high school diploma?

"In those days, education didn't seem as important," Rains said. "You just had to know how to work. Nowadays you need at least one year of college to get any kind of decent job."

Thompson said throughout his career he has been asked to do several jobs. Not once did people ask him if he had a high school diploma.

"Still, it was a great honor to get one this week," Thompson said.

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#### **Operation Rescue offers diplomas to veterans**

Reporter, The (Vacaville, CA) - Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Dee Alarc n will host a ceremony May 23 to award high school diplomas to U.S. veterans and Japanese-American citizens who were unable to complete high school due to wartime circumstances.

Operation Rescue, will grant diplomas to eligible people as a gesture of society's gratitude for the sacrifices made during wartime. It is designed to honor the thousands of young men and women who left their homes to serve in the United States Armed Forces from the 1940s through the 1970s. It is also aimed at the many Japanese-American citizens were interned in relocation camps during World War II.

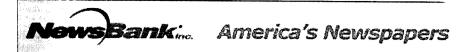
Veterans who served in World War II, Korean War or Vietnam War and were honorably discharged from military service are eligible, as are Japanese-American citizens who left high school due to internment in relocation camps. Families may apply for diplomas on behalf of eligible persons who are deceased.

To find out more, visit www.solanocoe.net or call 399-4407.

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### Guard undertakes drill in Romania - Knoxville-based unit copes with mock disaster situation

The Knoxville News-Sentinel - Sunday, July 30, 2000

Author: Bob Fowler, Anderson County editor

CONSTANTA, Romania -- Members of an elite Army National Guard company based in Knoxville coped with packs of stray dogs and primitive living conditions while airlifting earthquake victims out of harm's way in a disaster drill at this former Soviet satellite.

They returned last week from Operation Rescue Eagle 2000, part of the largest-ever NATO exercise in the Black Sea coastal region.

The event, held in mid-July, involved more than 2,500 troops from 13 countries and featured everything from war games to disaster exercises.

For members of the special CECAT (Combat Enhanced Capability Aviation Team) Company recently transferred to Knoxville, it afforded a chance to further test their four unique medical evacuation helicopters.

Costing \$14 million each, the Blackhawk helicopters were relocated from Chattanooga to McGhee Tyson Airport in April.

Each Blackhawk helicopter can handle up to six injured persons along with its four-member crew. Seats can be converted into tables, and there's an on-board oxygen generator.

Minor surgery can be done while in flight.

They are the only such helicopters now in existence. Following testing by guard members, the Army has ordered 350 of them for worldwide deployment.

"It was a unique honor for the Tennessee National Guard to test this for the Army," said Tennessee Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Robert L. Echols of Nashville.

Echols, chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Middle Tennessee, cleared his docket to join a small Tennessee group on a whirlwind tour of the disaster-drill deployment site.

The Romanian visit was sponsored by the Alabama National Guard, which has a partnership with the former Eastern-bloc country that's desperately seeking NATO membership and economic support.

Some 145 National Guard members from Cullman, Ala., provided escort and security services during the disaster exercise, which centered on a fictitious earthquake in Vadu, a town of 20,000 on the Black Sea coast.

Accompanying Alabama Army National Guard officers on the half-day visit were business people and politicians, including Alabama state senators and representatives.

Romania is a country about the size of Alabama with a population of 22 million. The average annual income is \$1,100. AIDS and Hepatitis B rage at epidemic levels, and raw sewage flows in open drains between ramshackle hovels.

The country is still coping with the costly economic legacy of communist dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu, overthrown and executed in 1989.

The Blackhawk helicopters, equipped with heat sensors, hoists and other high-tech gadgetry, received rave reviews from Romanians.

"We were featured on Romanian television news reports for about 20 minutes," said Capt. Leonard "Trey" Brannom III, head of CECAT Company.

"One Romanian told me, 'All of Romania's mouths are open because of the Blackhawks flying," said Brannom.

Joining 33 members of the CECAT Company, which is part of the Tennessee Army National Guard's 30th Troop Command, were 11 members of the 278th Armored Calvary Regiment, also based in Knoxville.

While on duty in Romania, the East Tennesseans shared barracks with members of the ragtag Romanian Air Force, who pilot rusting Russian MiGs. Their primitive quarters lacked hot water, and the in-house toilet was a hole in the floor.

The staging area for the Blackhawks was established at one end of the Constanta International Airport, an airfield that is a dilapidated complex of peeling paint, broken windows and a conspicuous lack of commercial air traffic.

"Stray dogs are everywhere," Specialist Amber O'Malley of Knoxville said. "They sleep under our helicopters and bark all night."

The only genuine casualty during the drill was a guardsman who had to be airlifted by helicopter to begin rabies shots after he was bitten by one of those stray dogs.

O'Malley joined the CECAT Company in April and is a helicopter mechanic. She described the Romanians as "very nice."

"They learned to speak English in two weeks before we came. They said they learned by watching TV," O'Malley said.

Brannom said the mock earthquake hit the town of Vadu on July 16.

"When the exercise started, our pace was way too fast for the other participants," he said.

"We had to go into a teaching mode."

Brannom said the company flew 129 missions and airlifted 102 mock earthquake victims in two days, including Jim Rosapepe, U.S. ambassador to Romania, who faked a broken arm.

While the Tennessee National Guard members worked 24-hour shifts, they also found time for other activities, including a humanitarian mission.

They airlifted medical personnel to a remote village called Ca Rositti that is accessible only by boat or air.

There, vaccines against Hepatitis A and B were given to 148 children, said Brannom.

For recreation, the National Guard members occasionally drove into the city of Constanta, where older residents, decked in brilliant, multicolored native garb, shared the crowded sidewalks with young people dressed in American fashions.

The roadways were filled with small Romanian-built cars called Dacias that cost about \$3,000 (about 68 million Romania lei), along with the occasional horse-drawn, rickety wooden wagon filled with straw.

The visit to the Romanian disaster drill by Tennessee and Alabama dignitaries also included stops at U.S. Armed Force bases in Stuttgart and Kaiserslautern, Germany, and at offices adjoining the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest.

Speaker after speaker emphasized the increasing importance of the National Guard and Reserve in assuming duties previously held by a now-downsized U.S. military.

Former Soviet satellites like Romania and Bulgaria, which is Tennessee's counterpart in the NATO Partnership for Peace program, "are disorganized, and there is a lack of trust," said Alabama National Guard Col. Mike Sumrall.

"We use the National Guard and Reserve in these operations because the locals know we're going home in two

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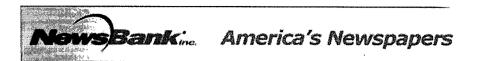
weeks," he said.

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**Caption:** (Color) Tudor Florin, with arm raised, a captain in the Romanian Air Force, discusses the Russian MiG-29 with Tennessee Army National Guard Capt. Leonard 'Trey' Brannom III. News-Sentinel photo by Bob Fowler; ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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#### WITH BLACK HAWKS DOWN, RESCUERS' DANDER UP

Rocky Mountain News (CO) - Friday, January 18, 2002

Author: Robert Sanchez News Staff Writer

Aaron Ahlfinger fought for his life eight years ago on the filth-ridden streets of an African city he hardly knew.

He was not quite 20 on Oct. 3, 1993, the day the Army specialist crouched in a roundabout in Mogadishu, Somalia, watching his friends get shot before his eyes. He held tight to an M-60 machine gun and saw his bullets tear through an angry mob.

Ahlfinger, with dozens like him, was part of Operation Rescue Ranger Task Force, a group of men whose sole purpose that day was to save the crews of two downed Black Hawk helicopters.

The mission, and the subsequent battles throughout the city that claimed the lives of 18 Americans, is recounted in Black Hawk Down, a long-anticipated movie that arrives today in Denver-area theaters.

``I hope the movie shows the pride that we all had in our country, and that we supported our mission," said Ahlfinger, 27, a former Castle Rock police officer who now helps run a Littleton communications company. ``Me, I don't think I'll ever see it. There are just some things you don't want to relive."

Barely out of boot camp in 1993, the Redmond, Wash., native and other members of the 10th Mountain Division found themselves in a humanitarian mission half a world away.

Ahlfinger was assigned to protect United Nations food-storage sites that had been looted almost nightly. He often helped during the intense block-by-block searches for weapons and sympathizers of Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

But late Oct. 3, everything changed. Ahlfinger's division got word of the downed helicopters that were part of a mission to capture two of Aidid's top lieutenants. Ahlfinger had no idea that the helicopters, and more than 100 elite American soldiers, had been deployed.

An initial attempt to reach the crash sites failed after the rescue group's Humvees were ambushed. They fought their way out and headed back to their base southeast of the city.

It was almost midnight when Lt. Col. Bill David, map and flashlight in hand, decided that four Pakistani tanks would lead his men as they drove in 28 Malaysian armored personnel carriers.

``Everyone was like, `Let's go, let's go, let's go,' " Ahlfinger said. ``We needed to get the downed guys. We couldn't leave them."

Ahlfinger and six others packed into one of the windowless vehicles and they began their trek into the city's heart.

Ambushes intensified. The men listened as bullets began pinging off their vehicle.

Moments later, the APC slammed to a halt. There was an explosion.

``It was like we hit a wall," Ahlfinger said. ``There was smoke everywhere."

It wasn't until they got out that they realized a rocket-propelled grenade had hit their APC as well one directly in front of them. The Malaysian driver had taken a wrong turn and the soldiers found themselves in K-4, a roundabout and major intersection of the city's roads.

They were in a radio dead zone.

The Somalis fired grenades and shot AK-47s into Ahlfinger's position a few yards from the engulfed vehicles. The blasts deadened the soldiers' hearing.

Ahlfinger caught shrapnel in his hands and head as he fired rounds into three-story buildings.

"We went over to a wall and all hell broke loose," he said. During the run, Sgt. Cornell Houston was shot in the leg. A sniper then shot Houston in the chest, a wound that resulted in his death a few days later.

Soldiers put an explosive on the wall and cut the fuse to 15 seconds. When the wall came down, they found the members of the first APC.

They fired in every direction.

A short time later, Ahlfinger saw his friend, 23-year-old rifleman James Martin, fall to the ground. A sniper had shot him in the head.

``That's a guy who I had known almost since my first day in the Army, and it hurts to see that," Ahlfinger said, rubbing a blue metallic bracelet that bears Martin's name.

Nine hours into the intense battle, and almost out of ammunition, five of the men were wounded.

Spc. James Keller, a radio operator, ran into the street and sprawled on the ground as Ahlfinger and the others fired. Finally, a communications link was established.

Minutes later, the soldiers saw two Delta Force "Bubble Bird" helicopters overhead.

The two helicopters popped up from behind a building, with guns and rockets blazing. More armored carriers swept into the battle site and the soldiers punched and kicked at the doors.

A bullet ricocheted off Ahlfinger's shin and he fell to the ground.

"Someone, I don't know who, pulled me in," he said. "I was stretched across all these guys. We were all bleeding."

Days later, Ahlfinger was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. It would be six more days before he could call his mother.

``She cried. I cried," Ahlfinger said. ``The only thing she had known up to that point was that I was wounded."

Ahlfinger came home to Washington state two days before Thanksgiving. He left the Army almost three years later.

Although his group never reached the crash sites, Ahlfinger said he has no regrets.

He plans to visit Martin's grave in Illinois.

``I'll pour beer on it," he said. ``We can have a drink together."

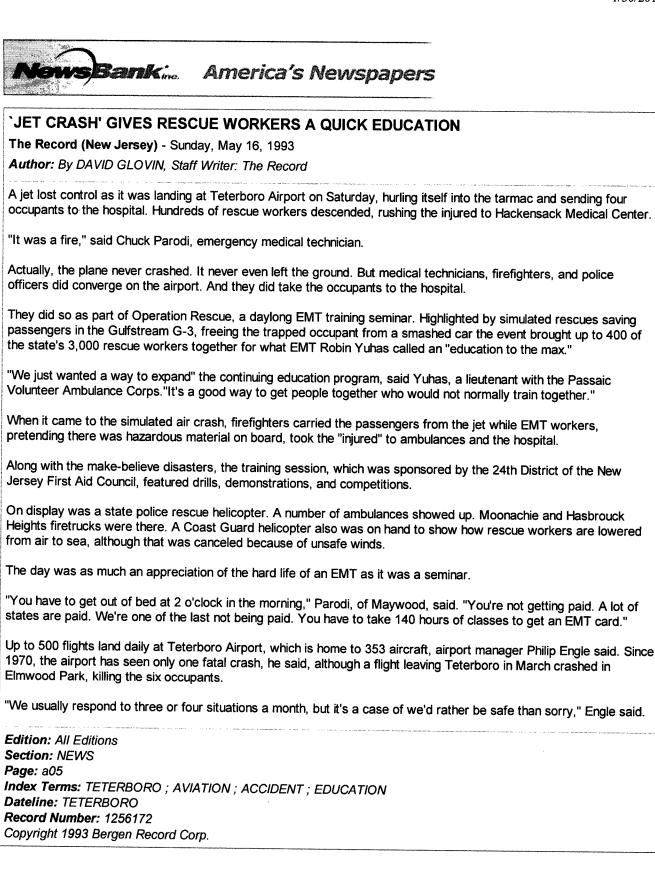
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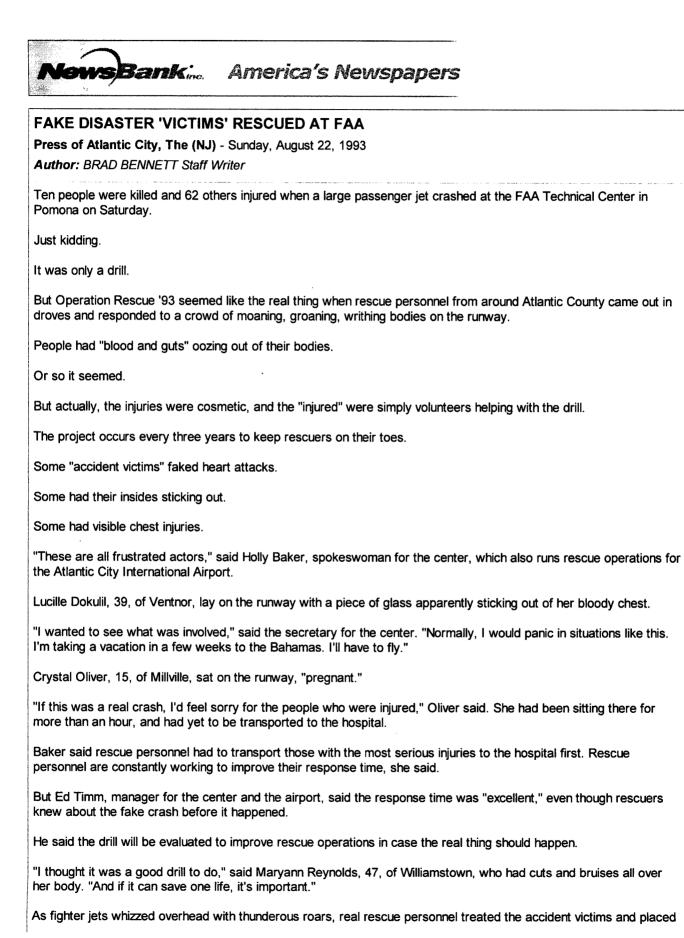
Caption: Photo (2)

Aaron Ahlfinger was part of a team that was assigned to recover downed Black Hawk crews in Somalia. Ahlfinger wears a bracelet, left, bearing the name of James Martin, who was killed. By Barry Gutierrez / Rocky Mountain News **Memo:** Contact Robert Sanchez at (303) 892-2231 or at sanchezr@RockyMountainNews.com. Mile High Suburbs

Headline p.1A - COLORADAN RETELLS STORY.

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the "dead" bodies into a makeshift morgue in a hangar.

Timm said the mutual aid system includes rescue and fire personnel from Somers Point, Pleasantville, Galloway Township, Egg Harbor Township, Linwood, Northfield and Absecon.

It also includes four area hospitals, the Atlantic City Medical Center City Division and the Mainland Division in Galloway Township, Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, and the William B. Kessler Memorial Hospital in Hammonton, which were on hand to take care of the accident victims.

"Because of the airport and the train, we're going to have a disaster some day, and it was a good opportunity for us to make sure our internal operations for a disaster worked smoothly," said Pam Hans, a nurse manager at the Atlantic City Medical Center Mainland Division.

Bill Higbee, an FAA Technical Center firefighter who was in command of the "rescue" operation, agreed.

"It's always good to have drills like this because you can never be completely prepared," he said.

Timm said the airport would rely on mutual aid, or a combination of rescue, fire and police personnel from around the county, in the event of a real, large-scale plane crash.

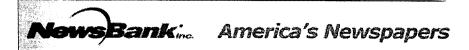
"No one has enough emergency response to take care of it themselves," he said.

So far, there have been no large crashes since the FAA acquired the airport in 1958.

"We've had some accidents, but never a major disaster," Timm said.

**Caption:** (1) Just testing Firefighters at the FAA Tech Center in Egg Harbor Township treat 'victim' Donna Melle, of Ocean City, and others during a plane-crash drill Saturday. The scenario helped area fire, rescue and hospital personnel prepare for major accidents. Color photo appeared on page A1 (2) Emergency vehicles gather near the 'crashed' passenger jet for a drill that tested rescuers' readiness. (3) Firefighters use an extrication device to free Donna Melle, of Ocean City, from the 'wreckage.' (4) Crash victims are examined, taken to this area and then loaded onto ambulances. Staff photo(s) by Walter O'Brien

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#### Firehouse project underway

Daily Gazette, The (Schenectady, NY) - Saturday, May 26, 2001

Author: Gazette Reporter, EDWARD MUNGER Jr.

COBLESKILL - A gathering at the Main Street firehouse in the village Friday kicked off construction efforts on a replacement.

Village officials, firefighters and others gathered at the site planned for the new structure, which will be built directly behind the present building. The current firehouse, formerly a car dealership, is more than 70 years old.

Village Mayor William Gilmore said the project was long-awaited.

"The firehouse question has been going on for some time," Gilmore said, thanking those involved. "It was a tremendous effort."

Preliminary excavation on the estimated \$2.1 million construction project has begun.

The project's designer, Wynantskill architect Chris Bovenzi, on Friday said plans call for a 17,000-square-foot facility with six bays.

The entrance to the new firehouse will be where the current firehouse presently stands.

A local effort to raise funds for the project, called "Operation Rescue," got into full swing in early May, the campaign's chairman, Lewis Wilson, said.

State support for the project came in the form of a \$100,000 grant spearheaded by state Sen. James Seward and a \$50,000 grant arranged by state Assemblyman John Faso.

Donations are also being accepted that can be paid off during a five-year period, Wilson said.

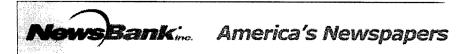
A book committee also was formed as part of the fund-raising campaign. Committee members are seeking input from the public for the publication, which will detail the history of the Cobleskill Fire Department. Funds from the sale of the book will go towards the firehouse fund.

The book committee is seeking old photographs, stories and any historical background on the Cobleskill Fire Department, Wilson said.

Research on the book will be conducted through the summer, with hopes to publish the book in time for Christmas, Wilson said.

**Caption:** MEREDITH KAISER Gazette Photographer Cobleskill Mayor William Gilmore, right, speaks with Bill Angle, a 50-year veteran of the village's Fire Department, after a groundbreaking ceremony Friday for a new station. The new firehouse will be built to the right of where the station shown in the background now stands.

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#### Storms spawn deadly tornadoes - Sunday's tornadoes kill two in Van Wert.

News-Sentinel, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - Monday, November 11, 2002

Author: James Boyd and Mitch Sneed, nsmetro@news-sentinel.com

As Dave Sidle led a small group of onlookers on a tour of his sister's back yard Sunday, it wasn't to show off a new pool or barn.

Instead, he found himself pointing out where everything used to be, after at least four tornadoes ripped through Van Wert on Sunday afternoon, killing two people and injuring at least 17. Similar storms were responsible for two deaths in nearby Putnam County after a mobile home was overturned.

The tornadoes destroyed at least a dozen houses, brought down a movie theater and ripped apart the majority of an industrial complex south of U.S. 30, prompting local officials to declare a state of emergency in the county.

Alfred Germann, 75, was killed when a tornado hit his Zook Road residence.

The other victim, Nicholas Mollenkops, 18, was reportedly pulled from his car, which was near the Van Wert Cinemas when the five-screen complex was demolished by a tornado and accompanying winds of up to 270 mph.

Although none of the buildings was damaged, Van Wert Schools were closed today so the district's 2,297 students could deal with the aftermath.

Mayor Stephen Gehris said the destruction of the industrial complex could cost the city at least 300 jobs. Gehris said the Vision Industrial Park, which was home to several manufacturing plants, was almost destroyed.

Randy Adams, owner of Kam Manufacturing, a plant that makes women's handbags, surveyed the damage through binoculars just after sunrise today. Officials were not going to let anyone into the scene until noon.

``It's just unbelievable to see," Adams said. ``We're just thankful that no one was hurt here. If this would have happened on a weekday, we'd have a hundred employees inside that building, and who knows how many could have been killed."

Fire Chief Jim Steele said one man was rescued from one of the manufacturing plants after the complex collapsed. The victim was flown to a Fort Wayne hospital via a Samaritan helicopter, where he was reported to be in critical condition.

``I don't know how many people we ended up helping, but it was packed wall-to-wall here last night," said Mindy Longwell, of Trinity Friends Church, which served as a victims shelter Sunday night. ``I know we had several church members who took people in and others who helped find people places to go."

The tornadoes touched down in Van Wert shortly after 3 p.m. after sweeping through northeastern Indiana. Rick McCoy, director of emergency management for the city, said a tornado warning was issued 15 to 20 minutes before the tornadoes hit the ground. McCoy credited the alert with saving the lives of ``many, many" people.

According to McCoy, most of those saved had been inside the movie theater when the warning was issued. He said the theater was hit by the tornado shortly after it had been evacuated, and was destroyed. Houses next to it were also severely damaged.

``They heeded the warning," he said of the theater's management. ``They averted what would have been a massive number of casualties."

Downed power wires and fallen trees lined the street in front of the theater where 16-year-old Dan Edge was walking his dog.

``It got dark all of a sudden," he said. ``And then the tornado just swept through our street. I've never seen anything like it."

McCoy estimated the tornado to be in the F-4 category, with wind speeds up to 270 mph. He said a National Weather Service team from North Webster, Ind., would be coming in this morning to evaluate the damage.

Some didn't need a weather service team to tell them of the damage; they only had to look in their back yard.

``It was huge, just huge," said Sidle, who escaped with his wife, Mary. ``We were watching it come in across, and decided it was coming straight for the house," he said. ``So we got in the car and just took off."

They returned to find his sister's home damaged, but not destroyed. In the back yard, as they walked through rain puddles and mud, and around an overturned car that used to be right-side up, Sidle looked around at the devastation.

``I can't believe it," he said.

Alfred and Suzie Perez Methot, whose three-bedroom brick home on John Brown Road was destroyed by the storm, huddled outside while waiting to survey the damage of their residence.

"We were both gone when it came through and neither of us knew if the other was home or not," Suzie Perez Methot said. "All we knew was that the house was destroyed and cars and vans were thrown into trees.

"We ran all over town looking for each other and were just relieved that we found each other both OK. Sure, it's all insured, but it will never be the same."

Meanwhile, a group of Fort Wayne firefighters knew something big was approaching as they drove toward Indiana from a training session in Gilboa, Ohio, because their truck was shaking, department spokeswoman Mimi Wismer said.

As five members of Fort Wayne's scuba dive team got closer to Van Wert, they saw wires down, crumpled high-wire towers and damaged houses.

After checking other homes for trapped residents, the group stopped at a house where an ambulance was parked, Wismer said. A woman was driving when she saw the tornado coming and pulled into a stranger's driveway planning to ask the homeowner if she could seek cover there. Before she could leave her vehicle, a tree fell, pinning her inside. Fort Wayne's crew helped rescue her.

The group checked other sites as directed by local officials. Wismer said the group saw overturned tractor-trailers in the middle of fields, trees snapped off at the trunk and wires down everywhere.

Four people from Fort Wayne's Engine 14, four members of the Special Operation Rescue Team and an assistant chief, were sent to help wherever needed.

#### Caption: PHOTO (3)

Top: Van Wert, Ohio, resident Jack Monroe looks over the damage to one of his sister's vehicles Sunday. The SUV was tossed at least 20 feet by a tornado that ripped through the west side of town. Photo By Ellie Bogue of The News-Sentinel Above: Thrown cars lay on Van Wert Cinemas theater seats today in Van Wert, Ohio. Quick responses from theater employees saved dozens of people from injury, county officials said. Photos By Steve Linsenmayer of The News-Sentinel Right: Downed power lines and poles have made getting around rural Van Wert, Ohio, difficult today. Emergency crews are working to get power restored to businesses and residents.

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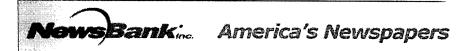
#### **Suspicious Substance**

Commercial Appeal, The (Memphis, TN) - Tuesday, February 13, 2007

#### Caption: Photo only

Jim Weber/The Commercial Appeal Firefighters from the Memphis Special Operation Rescue Team retrieve a powdery white substance - talcum, it was discovered - from the second floor of the Clifford Davis Federal Building Monday afternoon. Officials isolated the floor and the five people exposed to the powder until it was removed.

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#### Ex-Gould residents concerned about fires, city issues

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Author: Larry Fugate

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GOULD — Pamela Gibson and Thomas and Joyce Knight were longtime residents of this Lincoln County town until their homes were destroyed by fires. The Gould Volunteer Fire Department did not respond to the alarms, the two women said.

The Knights built a new home at Dumas, while Gibson built a replacement home at Star City.

"When the fire department didn't respond to my fire and half the police department is not on duty, I'd be a damn fool to rebuild in Gould," Gibson told The Commercial.

Acting Gould Mayor Ernest Nash declined to comment Wednesday when asked if six structures had burned in the town in the past year without volunteer firemen responding. He referred questions to Phillip Green of Star City, Gould's city attorney.

"There are no excuses for not responding to fires," Green said during a telephone interview from his office. "They are going to have to do a better job."

Fire Chief Jimmy Bynum, who is also an alderman, did not respond to 12 messages left for him by The Commercial seeking comment. A City Hall employee told a reporter Wednesday morning she did not have any telephone numbers for the aldermen.

Gibson said she was not at home when the July 21 blaze was spotted in the 2,000 square foot home built by her father, the late Dean Barley, a former fire chief in Gould. A neighbor called 911 and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department dispatched the Gould department, but no one responded.

The Grady and Wells Bayou volunteer departments did respond, but it was too late to save the structure, which was considered a total loss, Gibson said.

Gibson said she has hired an attorney to investigate the legal avenues she has in a potential civil suit against the city and the volunteer department. She wants a criminal investigation into the blaze and has asked the Arkansas State Police fire marshal to open a probe.

She quoted Bynum as saying he was "very, very sorry for my loss" when she saw him at a meeting two weeks ago. It was the only response she has received from the municipality, she added.

"They wonder why people have steadily left Gould and are still leaving," Gibson stated.

Joyce Knight said what began as a small fire in the kitchen of her home on Feb. 3 could have been contained if Gould firemen had responded to the alarm, noting the home was less than three blocks from the fire station and across the street from Nash's home.

"They never came," Joyce Knight lamented, adding the Grady and Wells Bayou volunteer departments did respond. She said a number of firemen apologized later, explaining that Nash had changed the locks on the fire station and they were unable to access the equipment. They have since been given keys to the station and fire trucks.

She said her family moved into the home in 1968, her voice breaking with emotion as she described the lot with its pecan and fruit trees. The decision to build a new home in Dumas was made "because I was hurt and angry."

Dumas firemen have not responded to alarms in Gould, the two women said, because Gould has ignored requests for payment for past services.

The issue of the Gould fire department failing to respond to alarms was raised at Friday's meeting of the Lincoln County Intergovernmental Council, which consists of the county's mayors and County Judge Charles Capps.

Nash was quoted as telling the county council that he is in the process of rebuilding the volunteer department, which he termed "Operation Rescue." He made the same comments two weeks earlier when Shelia Magness, coordinator for the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Management, called a meeting of the Gould department.

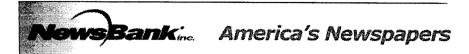
It was clear, several observers at the Aug. 26 meeting noted, there were differences between Nash, Bynum, aldermen and firemen. Nash, who was elected city recorder/treasurer and continued to hold that office after the former mayor, Juanita Stephens resigned, and Nash assumed the office of acting mayor.

Nash is now running for election as mayor, as is Bynum and a third candidate. The mayor was quoted as apologizing to Bynum over past differences at the August meeting.

Nash was told at Friday's meeting that Act 833 monies -- a fee assessed on homeowner's insurance premiums -- might be divided in the future just among county fire departments that respond to alarms in their jurisdictions.

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#### Resident says old funeral home has become hazard

Times and Democrat, The (Orangeburg, SC) - Thursday, October 21, 2010

Author: SHERRYL M. PETERS, T&D Correspondent The Times and Democrat

BLACKVILLE - Concerns about a derelict property were brought to the attention of Blackville Town Council at its October meeting.

Resident Renee Smalls said the condition of the old Green's Funeral Home was causing problems for her and her family.

"I live beside the old Green's Funeral Home, and it is falling down. It has become a hazard, and I often see snakes and rodents over there. There is also a tree that is falling down, and if it falls further, it will hit an electrical line."

Smalls said her children can no longer play in their backyard because of this.

"And if we want to walk uptown, we have to go all the way around the block," she said.

Blackville Mayor Pro Tem Ann Pernell told Smalls someone would look at the property and appropriate action would be taken.

Also during the meeting, Fire Chief Hariel Corley said he had received bids on hoses, bunker gear and other equipment.

"Currently, our communication equipment is set on 25 megahertz, but we are going to have to convert to 12.5 MHz (narrow band width). The packet contains a bid from United Finance to update all our equipment," Corley said.

He said he was also scheduled to talk with a representative of Kelly Communications about that company's bid on the project.

In addition, Corley addressed a problem the fire department was having with the Allied Air fire alarm going off every Sunday at approximately 8:15 a.m.

"This is a nuisance because there is about a 30-minute wait for a key-holder to arrive and then, when we check the building, there is no apparent cause for the alarm to have gone off," the fire chief said. "Because of the lag time between the alarm and the arrival of a key-holder, I don't want my department to be held responsible if there is a fire and we cannot get to it in time."

Councilman Russ Reed asked why Allied Air did not provide the fire department with a key, and Corley said he had been told just to contact the designated key-holder.

A resident in the audience told council that Allied Air had contacted an agency to check its fire alarm equipment.

Corley said he would follow up with Allied Air about the situation.

In other business:

\* Reed presented Certificates of Completion for the ROPES Operation Rescue course to firefighters Aaron Mast, Joseph Weaver, Kevin Peachey, Ed Rockwell and Dustin Jackson.

\* Council announced Hallowe'en will be celebrated in Blackville from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30.

\* Council was informed Together Sisters will hold a Hallowe'en Carnival for the town's children ages 0-12 at the Blackville Community Center from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. Hot-dogs will be served, and games will be free for

#### the children.

\* Council went into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. No action was taken in open session following the closed meeting.

\* Reed reported the council is reviewing all of its departments to determine the most efficient way to operate them that provides for the safety and security of residents. He thanked residents for their input and encouraged everyone to continue making council aware of needs.

\* Councilman Michael Beasley introduced Allante Harrison, a senior at Blackville-Hilda High School.

"Allante is a fine young man ..... He has been named as a Scholar Athlete by WJBF and carries a GPA of 4.5. I'd like for Allante to know that not only is his school proud of his accomplishments, but so is his town and council," Beasley said.

\* Councilwoman Vivian Alston reminded residents to vote in the Nov. 2 election.

\* Pernell noted there was a lot of work to be done in the town, pointing out that everyone's help will be needed.

"We need everybody to plan for Blackville, so please continue to make your ideas known to council," the mayor pro tem said.

\* Pernell announced the Blackville Christmas Parade will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 11 and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held that same day at 5:30 p.m.

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# Woman, 93, critically injured in house fire - Cranford mailman and two officers are treated at hospital after rescue

Star-Ledger, The (Newark, NJ) - Friday, March 19, 2004

Author: JENNIFER GOLSON, STAR-LEDGER STAFF

A 93-year-old Cranford woman was clinging to life last night after a fire erupted in her kitchen, authorities said.

Cummings Street resident Yolanda Schultz was taken to Union Hospital in Union Township after the blaze that was first reported about 3:25 p.m. Officials said Schultz was in critical condition.

Mailman David Brinkerhoff, 37, was the first to notice the fire and attempted a rescue by breaking through the side door and crawling around the house until smoke overwhelmed him.

"It was bad, real bad," Brinkerhoff said. "I called 911 and started telling them how bad it was. The whole house was filled with smoke. I told them, 'I'm going to go in.' I broke down the storm door. She had another door and I kicked it in.

"There was just a little room on the floor to crawl," he said, adding that he entered the door facing Thomas Street, near the kitchen. "I tried a little, but it was just too overwhelming."

By then, police Sgt. William Peters had arrived and broken through the front door of the Cape Cod- style home. He found an unconscious Schultz on the floor and pulled her from the scene. Officer Paul Cymbaluk CM+NT cq then led Peters out of the smoke-filled home, said Police Chief Eric Mason.

Brinkerhoff, Peters and Cymbaluk suffered smoke inhalation. They were treated at Union Hospital and released. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries.

The fire started in the kitchen and was probably accidental, said Fire Chief Leonard Dolan.

Flames were contained to the kitchen, but there was smoke and heat damage throughout the 1 1/2- story wood-frame house, said fire Capt. Thomas Hart.

It took about 10 minutes to bring the blaze under control, Hart said. They received assistance from Union, Roselle and Westfield fire departments.

Brinkerhoff, a 15-year-veteran of the post office and an Army veteran, has walked the route near Cummings Street for 10 years.

"He knows everybody's name," said Anita Campagna, a 12-year resident. "If he sees anything, he calls police."

Brinkerhoff knows Campagna's family is trying to sell their home. During one open house, "He was sending people over to our house," she said.

"He's got a good neighborhood," said Brinkerhoff's wife, Kelly. "On the hot days, they make sure they're there if he needs a cold drink. On the cold days, they offer him a cup of coffee."

Brinkerhoff said Schultz wanted to retain her independence, but sometimes needed help.

"I would always knock on her side door," Brinkerhoff said, the same door he used yesterday to try and rescue her. "Over the years, I just got to know her . . . just talking with her and giving her a couple minutes in the day."

Fefe Michaels, another senior citizen, has lived next to Schultz for more than 40 years.

"She was always able to take care of herself," Michaels said of her neighbor, a widow. "She slowed down a lot this

#### year."

Schultz had a pet cat, named Tutu. The feline died in the fire. "That was her life, making sure the cat had food, and she had ice cream," Brinkerhoff said.

Cymbaluk had visited her house years ago and registered Schultz for the police department's Operation Rescue. The program has seniors keep in touch with the police department, calling once a day to let someone know they're okay.

But Cymbaluk also would occasionally stop by to greet Schultz, Mason said.

Caption: 1. Firefighters and investigators on the scene at 10 Cummings St. in Cranford.

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# Door-to-door searches turning up ... not much - Empty homes hint at fewer deaths in Lower 9th Ward

Times-Picayune, The (New Orleans, LA) - Saturday, September 10, 2005

Author: Gwen Filosa Staff writer

Federal and local law enforcement agents were finding signs of neither life nor death Friday in house-by-house searches in one of the most traumatized parts of New Orleans: the Lower 9th Ward.

"There is some evidence from what we have found in initial sweeps that catastrophic death may not have occurred," Terry Ebbert, the city's director of homeland security, said Friday outside City Hall. "The numbers so far are relatively minor compared to the dire predictions."

Federal agents led at least five search parties Friday that started focusing on what the Federal Emergency Management Agency has dodged since Hurricane Katrina left Louisiana in agony: compiling a death toll.

Search parties were on the sludge-topped ground in the Lower 9th Ward, conducting house-by-house searches down Tricou Street, crossed by Burgundy, Congress and North Rampart streets off of St. Claude Avenue, for the first time since the water drained away.

"I want to believe most people made it out of here," said Detective Gregory Hamilton of the New Orleans Police Department as he sat for a moment on the front steps of a shotgun at 401 Tricou St.

With Drug Enforcement Administration agents from Miami, the search team padded over black muck and cautiously kicked the sludge off their boots. Most wore face masks to filter out the smell and possible toxins. People were warned to wash their feet.

Several blocks away, on St. Claude Avenue where New Orleans meets St. Bernard Parish, a fire department unit from Maryland said it was also coming up empty-handed when it came to finding people alive or dead.

The front of a shotgun double at 1005 and 1006 Tricou was marked with the orange spray paint that only the military or federal agents are allowed to use. The two orange zeros meant no one was found dead or alive Friday by the DEA.

Dozens of homes along Tricou were also marked with orange zeroes on Friday.

The home searches had protocol: After DEA agents broke in, a woman's voice announced: "Police, DEA." Then, a group of seven National Guard soldiers walked single file into the house to conduct a sweep.

In these few blocks, a dozen or so homes were empty. The only survivors found on Tricou over the course of a few hours Friday were pets, mostly dogs. One poodle gazed out the open front door from a couch. A DEA agent gave it some water, but he said all they could do was call the SPCA to remove the pooch.

We've got to get these dogs out, another DEA agent told him. "I'm a dog lover."

The search units were ordered to identify survivors, the dead or their pets. Had survivors been found, the agents were to ask whether they wanted to evacuate, but no one was instructed to use force.

Had a dead body been found, the agents were under orders to call the federal Disaster Mortuary Operation Rescue Teams, a volunteer effort of morticians, dentists, fingerprint experts and pathologists, among other specialists, who answer to the Department of Homeland Security. They will identify casualties, tag them and perform autopsies.

The only cases that will be reported back to the NOPD will be suspected incidents of foul play

"We want the living," said Capt. Marlon Defillo, the department's spokesman. "Even today, people are calling us" for

#### rescues.

Defillo said it wasn't his place to predict a death toll for New Orleans. Days before, Mayor Ray Nagin said the body count could reach 10,000 for the region.

In the Lower 9th Ward, Hamilton marked the first day since the storm that any law enforcement was on the ground in search of people. "This is the first day we've been allowed here," he said on Tricou Street. "The water was very high."

Two days after the storm, 5th District NOPD officers were able to evacuate on boats from their flooded headquarters at 3900 Claiborne Ave., four blocks from the Industrial Canal, Hamilton said. They then helped evacuate about 2,000 people on Poland Avenue, a staging area for rescues. The survivors were taken to the Superdome.

On Friday, DEA-led teams of out-of-town police officers, National Guard troops and, in the Tricou Street group, Hamilton, banded together to go house by house.

Katrina left filthy cars, downed power lines and a coating of what firefighters and paramedics on the ground called toxic muck. Their boots left black footprints in the brown sludge, which the sun had baked into crust along some streets.

No residents were seen walking the neighborhood, Hamilton said.

Instead, DEA agents in vans, police from Dublin, Ohio, and the National Guard went door to door.

This is Hamilton's police district, where he once tracked down witnesses to murders. Hamilton, a 12-year NOPD veteran, has been a homicide detective for nine years. His Algiers house survived the storm. On Friday, his hope was that the neighborhood he once patrolled had done the same.

But at one house he checked, the door was wide open. A faint black water mark, as high as the air-conditioning unit installed in the home's first-floor living room window, was visible behind him.

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Staff writer Brett Anderson contributed to this story.

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### Baltimore - to hold terror exercise in subway

Capital, The (Annapolis, MD) - Saturday, November 12, 2005

BALTIMORE (AP) - As a prominent counterterrorism expert has focused attention on vulnerabilities at subway stations, local and state officials are holding an exercise designed to simulate a terrorism strike at the Johns Hopkins Hospital subway stop.

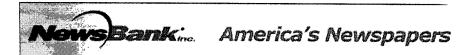
The regional training exercise, which is being called "Operation Rescue Below," is scheduled for this afternoon.

Former White House counterterrorism czar Richard Clarke, who visited Baltimore recently, has warned that the nation's subways could be targets. He has commended a New York program that includes random police searches of bags on New York subways, and he has suggested that other cities do the same.

Mayor Martin O'Malley said Mr. Clarke visited Baltimore and gave security suggestions. He said he didn't recall Mr. Clarke recommending random searches in the subway system.

The state is providing logistic support for today's exercise. Other jurisdictions participating in the drill include Annapolis, Anne Arundel and Howard counties and the U.S. Army Civil Support Team.

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### **Arundel Digest**

Maryland Gazette, The (Glen Burnie, MD) - Saturday, March 13, 2010

Terrorism drill set at light rail station

GLEN BURNIE - County and state officials will run a day-long terrorism training exercise tomorrow at the Cromwell Light Rail Station.

Operation Rescue on the Rails will involve 400 people from county agencies, the Maryland Transit Administration and Baltimore Washington Medical Center, according to county officials. It will test the response of emergency personnel and other agencies and include volunteers in make-up playing the role of injuries and fatalities.

"Simulated exercises, such as this, are invaluable training tools for first responders and supporting agencies," County Executive John R. Leopold said in a prepared statement. "These types of exercises give personnel an opportunity to practice their emergency procedures and response plans and make adjustments as needed."

The scenario for the exercise is that a terrorist threat has been made against a light rail train full of Baltimore Ravens fans leaving Cromwell Station on Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard at Dorsey Road for M&T Bank Stadium in downtown Baltimore.

The exercise will take place in the maintenance yard behind the station from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Neither the station nor any area roads will be closed, but the public is asked to avoid the area if possible.

2 men arrested for child pornography

Glen Burnie - Two separate investigations led state police to arrest two Glen Burnie men Thursday on child pornography charges.

James William Szczepanik, 19, of the 7900 block of Pipers Path, and Raymond Robert Coulter, 68, of the 800 block of North Shore Drive, were both charged with the distribution and possession of child pornography. Coulter turned himself in Thursday morning, police said.

Troopers said that an investigation led them to Szczepanik's computer in January and Coulter's computer in June 2009.

Separate searches uncovered computers and hard drives in each of their homes containing videos and images of children in various stages of sexual activity.

Szczepanik was charged with five counts of distributing child pornography and 10 counts of possessing child pornography.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 70 years in prison and/or \$145,000 in fines.

Coulter was charged with two counts of distributing child pornography and four counts of possessing child pornography.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 28 years in prison and/or \$60,000 in fines.

Schools get pass on 5 snow days

ANNAPOLIS - County schools officials this week received a full waiver from the state for five of the 10 snow days they took during this year's storms.

The school year will now end for students on June 15. The waiver doesn't count for teachers, whose last day will be

June 23.

The calendar change alleviates fears that the days would be extracted from spring break. It also means students will attend school for 176 days this year instead of 181, as planned. Statewide, students are usually required to attend for a minimum of 180 days.

State Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick announced last month that jurisdictions could apply for waivers of up to five days, and county officials immediately applied for the full number.

Traffic stop leads to 4 drug arrests

SEVERNA PARK - A traffic stop in Severna Park in late February led to the eventual seizure of \$68,000 worth of crack cocaine, weapons and cash in Pasadena and Pikesville and the arrest of four men, county police said this week.

At just before 8 p.m. Feb. 23, an officer patrolling Ritchie Highway at McKinsey Road in Severna Park stopped a 2002 GMC Yukon for a traffic violation.

As the officer was speaking to the driver, he detected a smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Police searched the Yukon and found 137 grams of powdered crack cocaine, \$4,000 in cash, a small amount of marijuana, a knife and a slapjack weapon.

The truck was seized and four men were arrested.

Detectives continued to investigate and on Feb. 24 served a search warrant at a home in the 7800 block of Levy Court in Pasadena and another in Pikesville.

In the two homes, police found 543 grams of crack cocaine worth \$54,300, about \$58,200 in cash, eight grams of marijuana, a .45-caliber pistol and a .40-caliber assault rifle, police said.

Those arrested were:

Glen Anthony Davis, 40, of the 7800 block of Levy Court, charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession of cocaine.

Lenelle Marlo Sims, 39, of Baltimore, charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Christopher James Mehl, 48, of Silopanna Road in Annapolis, charged with possession of a deadly weapon.

Earl Leon Davis Jr., 41, of no fixed address, charged with possession of a deadly weapon.

Comptroller to tour Severn Elementary

SEVERN - Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot will tour Severn Elementary on Monday morning as part of a trip around the state assessing schools' needs.

The county is asking the state for more than \$1.4 million for an addition to the school on Reece Road. Franchot, a member of the state's Board of Public Works, is visiting schools such as Severn to see for himself what they need. Overall, counties in Maryland have asked for \$772 million in state funding for next fiscal year.

Franchot will be joined by Del. Mary Ann Love, D-Glen Burnie, Alex L. Szachnowicz, chief operating officer for county schools, Liz Wagner, a representative of Sen. Ed DeGrange, D-Glen Burnie, and Tim Mennuti, president of the Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County.

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# CHILD-PORN SWEEP NETS ANOTHER ARREST - SAVANNAH MAN NOW AMONG THREE ARRESTED IN REGION

Savannah Morning News (GA) - Thursday, January 14, 2010

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The GBI has announced an additional local arrest in a statewide child pornography sting that so far has seen 52 people arrested in Georgia this week, including three now in the Savannah area.

Christopher Westendick, 31, of Savannah was arrested and charged with sexual exploitation of children Nov. 17 by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as part of Operation Rescue Hope, a project of the agency's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Westendick's arrest joins that of two Effingham County men arrested Tuesday in the three-month investigation, which is still ongoing.

Carl Owen, 68, of Guyton was arrested and released Tuesday on \$15,000 bond from the Effingham County jail. Johnny Jordan, 42, of Rincon on Wednesday still was being held in the Chatham County jail on a \$11,200 bond.

Westendick was released from the Chatham County jail on \$27,200 bond the day of his arrest.

In the coastal area, law enforcement agents served warrants in Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty counties.

The arrests were part of a statewide sweep in which up to 90 search warrants were issued in the investigation of suspected child pornography crimes, said Micah Ward, special agent in charge of the GBI's office in Statesboro.

The investigation centered on "peer-to-peer sharing," Ward said.

"People share both still photos and video (of child pornography) back and forth through software-sharing programs," Ward said.

Becoming a member of these groups is not likely an accidental thing, Ward added.

"They have to seek each other out and offer up something of their own before they are accepted," he said.

During the warrant-service process, forensics experts perform on-site investigations of suspects' computers, Ward said.

The photos and videos revealed some terrible things, Ward said.

"Unfortunately, we've seen children from toddlers to pre-teens," he said.

Identifying these children isn't often a quick - or easy - task, he said.

"Those we can't identify are placed in the database of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children," Ward said.

The damage can be ongoing, he added.

"We can destroy these images on the computers," Ward said. "But once on the Internet, they are out there."

These types of crimes hurt more than the children involved, Ward said.

"We have seen families shattered," he said. "It can be devastating when they discover a family member is involved in

this." John Whitaker, special agent in charge of the GBI's ICAC task force and High Tech Technology Investigations Unit based in Atlanta, said tens of thousands of instances of sharing of child pornography are taking place in Georgia at any given time. "We looked at one 24-hour period in October of 2009 and found in excess of 45,000 computers up and sharing," Whitaker said. Whitaker noted Georgia ranked fifth in number of computers sharing child pornography in a February 2009 study of 61 task forces around the United States. Whitaker said across the state additional forensic work still is needed to be done on some computers before arrests can be made, and some arrests were delayed because the suspects were not available. "Some were soldiers who were overseas when the warrants were done," Whitaker said. "Those arrests are pending." Caption: Westendick (MUG) Edition: HOME Section: COASTAL EMPIRE Page: 4A Index Terms: CRIME PORNOGRAPHY ARREST Record Number: 1001141976758 Copyright (c) 2010 Savannah Morning News



### Newmarket child porn suspect waives preliminary hearing

Foster's Daily Democrat (Dover, NH) - Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Author: Charles McMahon, Foster's Daily Democrat, Dover, N.H.

Apr. 13--NEWMARKET -- Child pornography suspect Ronald Goergen waived a preliminary hearing in U.S. District Court Monday afternoon and is expected to remain in custody until a show cause hearing in May.

Goergen, 46, appeared alongside Assistant Federal Public Defender Bjorn Lange during his brief appearance in front of Magistrate Judge James Muirhead in Concord.

Following the hearing, Goergen was remanded to the custody of U.S. Marshals and taken back to Strafford County House of Corrections.

He was apprehended by FBI agents in Newmarket on April 2 and has been charged with a federal count of sexual exploitation of children.

Investigators allege Goergen manufactured pornographic videos showing prepubescent girls and toddlers performing sex acts and shared them online. Court records show Goergen as the "artist" of a series of images and videos depicting unclothed "prepubescent females" and a toddler involved in sexual acts.

Goergen was arrested as part of larger nationwide investigation --Operation Rescue Me -- initiated by the Innocent Images Operations Unit of the FBI. The charge of the unit is to locate and rescue child victims that were depicted in unsolved child pornography series.

Asst. U.S. Attorney Helen Fitzgibbons said Goergen is expected to appear back in court on May 6, at 9 a.m.

According to court records, Goergen may not be required to attend if he is either indicted or a motion to extend the hearing is granted.

His bail conditions remain and involve him having no contact with "victims or potential witnesses" unless through his attorney.

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### Son of former city councilor honored by President Clinton

Union-News (Springfield, MA) - Wednesday, December 21, 1994

Author: JACK FLYNN; BEA O'QUINN DEWBERRY ; STAFF: UNION-NEWS (Springfield, Mass.)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Springfield native Morris J. Jones, a staff sergeant and nine-year U.S. Army veteran, along with five others received a medal from President Clinton yesterday for their service in Operation Rescue Haiti.

Jones, the son of former Springfield City Councilor Morris Jones, received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal in a ceremony in the White House Garden.

"I felt pretty good," said Jones, a Cathedral High School graduate. "It felt good to be rewarded for a job well done."

Jones' father, familiarly known in the community as "Mo," who is also an Army veteran, said he was "very, very proud."

"I think this is exciting for our family but also for the city of Springfield," said Jones, who served on the City Council for nine years. "This shows that veterans are important to our country and it also exemplifies the type of schools we have in Springfield."

The elder Jones did not attend the ceremony.

The event was intended to honor Army Lt. Gen. Henry H. Shelton, who headed the Haiti Operation from its inception until he was relieved in October. He was decorated by Clinton with the Army Distinguished Service Medal.

At the request of Shelton, Jones and five other enlisted personnel - one each from the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and another from the Army - received medals from the president.

Those honored had been selected from among 15,000 participants in Operation Restore Justice in Haiti.

Jones had served in Haiti from Sept. 16 to Dec. 6.

For his efforts, Jones received a multi-national peace keeping ribbon, an Army commendation medal and a joint defense service ribbon.

Later, Clinton invited the recipients into the White House and arranged for them to be given a tour. At one point, Jones, who attended the University of Massachusetts for a year, said: "The president walked up to me, shook my hand, and I made a remark about UMass beating Arkansas. He just laughed."

Jones' sister, Alice Jones-Lee, is chief aide to Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

Also at the service were several armed forces commanders.

Jones' group - that is, the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion of the 22nd Infantry - was responsible for guarding the Haitian President Jean Bertrand Aristide's palace, and made the highly-publicized raid on the headquarters of the right-wing political organization, Frappe, in early October.

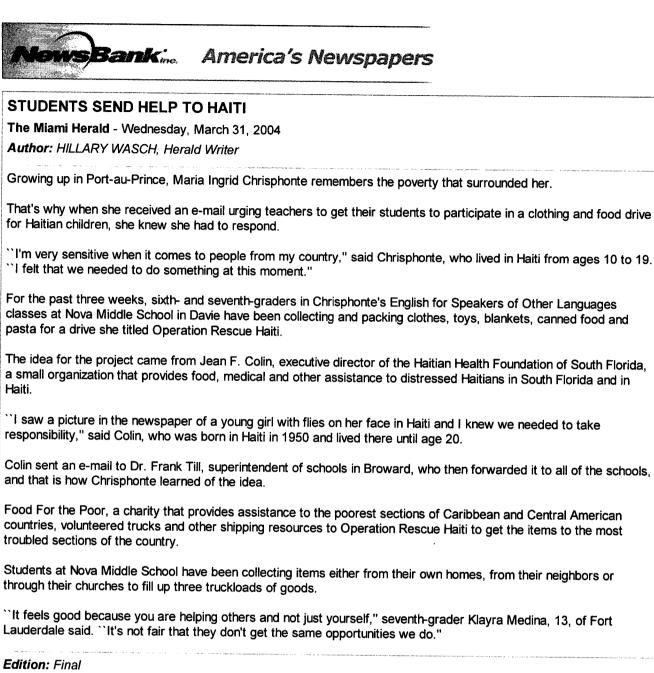
"It's definitely going to be a career boost for all of us," Jones said. "I'll probably get promoted."

@HONORED - President Clinton walks in front of Staff Sgt. Morris . Jones after presenting him with an Armed Forces Expeditionary edal yesterday in the Rose Garden of the White House. Jones is the on of former Springfield City Councilor Morris Jones.

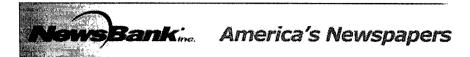
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# EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI Haitian-Americans grieve and wait Groups launch aid efforts as they frantically try to contact relatives

Houston Chronicle (TX) - Thursday, January 14, 2010

Author: By LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ, ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI - Teachers in Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood used the simplest terms they could Wednesday to explain the devastating earthquake that slammed the island nation.

Their words were little comfort to students like first-grader Mitchelle Monroe, who said her grandmother recently arrived from Haiti but she did not know the whereabouts of other relatives. She was among 400 children who prayed during a solemn Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

"There was a lot of crying this morning, especially from the older ones," said the school's principal Sister Jane Stoecker.

Haitian-Americans in Miami, New York and other U.S. cities told similar stories of frantically trying to reach relatives and friends to see if they survived the largest earthquake to hit Haiti in 200 years.

"Everyone is in shock right now. No one can get through," said the Rev. Robes Charles, pastor of St. Clement Church in Wilton Manors. About 275,00 Haitians live in the South Florida metro area.

In New York City, Fernando Mateo, head of the city's taxi driver federation, said his 60,000 members and the Bodegueros Association that represents 14,000 grocery owners were launching Operation Rescue Haiti. They are seeking the help of a major transportation company to deliver the goods.

"We are going to mobilize a few industries to come together and bring supplies, food, medicine, clothing, water - stuff that's needed immediately," Mateo said.

In the Chicago suburb of Evanston, about 25 members of the Haitian Congress to Fortify Haiti gathered to pray and make plans to help.

"It's a little somber, we're trying to figure out what to do. We're trying to get facts, come together, hold each other up and go beyond our own limitations and try to build collective support," said Lionel Jean-Baptiste, chairman of the group and alderman of Evanston's second ward.

Edwidge Danticat, a Haitian-American author whose books have won the National Book Award and the Pushcart Prize, gathered family and friends at her Miami home.

"Some people are online, some are watching CNN, some are listening to Haitian radio," she said. "There's a huge sense of helplessness about it. I think the hardest part is the lack of information."

She said that for years, Haitians wondered with trepidation what would happen if an earthquake hit.

"Life is already so fragile in Haiti, and to have this on such a massive scale, it's unimaginable how the country will be able to recover from this."

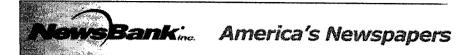
**Caption:** ASSOCIATED PRESS SAD: Maxine Berlanger, 7, a student at Horeb Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Church in Novato, Calif., cries Wednesday as her family awaits news from relatives in Haiti.

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Billionaire Ted Turner aids Auburn family's Haitian rescue effort - 7-year-old Claire orphan trapped in earthquake-stricken nation; Ted Turner's private jet could whisk her to U.S. and safety

Auburn Journal, The (CA) - Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Author: Gus Thomson, Journal Staff Writer

With a lot of determination – and some help from billionaire Ted Turner – Auburn's Scott and Debbie Bryditzki might just be about to pull off a miracle in Haiti.

The Lake of the Pines couple have flown to Fort Lauderdale to try to rescue a little Haitian girl they had completed adopting before the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Debbie Bryditzki said that she was in the process of getting a passport and visa in Haiti for Marie Guerline Clerge, a 7-year-old she first met in a Haitian orphanage three years ago.

But the earthquake turned what had been a slow process nearing completion and requiring patience into a desperate mission to save the girl they call Claire from the dangers of life in a disaster area.

With the Department of Immigration in rubble, regular channels to get Claire out had been blocked so the Bryditzkis began a push they dubbed "Operation Rescue Claire" to convince U.S. and Haitian authorities to help.

The Bryditzkis' plight had gained the ear of Ted Turner, the former cable-TV mogul who has made his private jet available to the couple to fly into Port-au-Prince at the earliest opportunity to bring Claire back to the U.S. Jim Wesley, a relative and Auburn Journal advertising account representative, said today that the rescue flight could come as early as Wednesday.

If the rescue is a success, Claire and her new family could be back in California by Thursday morning, he said.

Deteriorating conditions in the wake of Haiti are especially harsh for Haiti's orphan population – which the United Nations Children's Fund estimates numbered 380,000 before the quake. Tens of thousands more have been orphaned by the 7.0 quake, The Associated Press reported today.

One of the world's poorest countries, Haiti has struggled through deadly tropical storms and hurricanes in 2004, 2005 and 2008, plus massive floods almost every other year since 2000. It has had more children abandoned amid the Caribbean nation's long-running political strife, which has led thousands to seek asylum in the U.S. without their children. In other instances, parents were simply too poor to care for them, AP reported.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced today a humanitarian parole policy that allows orphaned Haitian children into the U.S. temporarily on a case-by-case basis, so they can receive the care they need.

Flights out of Haiti with orphans are already starting to take place. More than 50 children, most of whom already have adoptive families waiting for them arrived in Pittsburgh, Pa. today, AP reported. After receiving initial medical treatment, they were taken to a "comfort center" with food, drink and toys, where they will stay until they are placed with foster families.

For one Auburn-area family the Haitian quake relief effort has turned into a personal quest to rescue their adopted daughter.

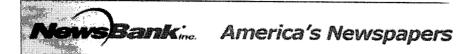
"We have heard from a contact in Haiti that the kids are running out of water and food is almost gone," Debbie Bryditzki wrote in a blog entry. The Bryditzkis were scheduled for an interview with the Journal today but were suddenly called to Florida for a rescue flight on Turner's jet.

## The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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## **KIDS IN POOREST PROVINCE NO LONGER HUNGER VICTIMS**

The Miami Herald - Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Author: DANIEL A. GRECH, dgrech@herald.com

Children are no longer dying from starvation in the shantytowns on the banks of the Salí River.

One year ago, amid Argentina's worst economic crisis in 200 years, toddlers began showing up at the children's hospital in northwestern Tucumán province, the country's poorest, with sunken faces and distended bellies. One by one, at least 13 died.

Today, national and international aid pours into the province, ensuring that children aren't going hungry anymore. Argentina, after all, is a vast and fertile country that produces three times more food than it consumes.

#### POVERTY REMAINS

Yet the poverty and unemployment remain. Nearly half of the province's 1.3 million people do not earn enough to meet their basic needs. Infant mortality is on the rise. School dropout and teen pregnancy rates among the poor are soaring.

Signs of how much, and how little, has changed since last year can be seen in a slum just east of the provincial capital with the unfortunate name of La Milagrosa, the Miraculous. Like dozens of other slums lining the Salí River, it is the settling point for the families of farm laborers who lost their jobs in the province's depressed sugar industry.

The small area has accounted for one in three of the children treated for severe malnutrition in the province.

Families there huddle together in cinder block houses with corrugated tin roofs and survive by picking through trash and collecting government handouts. The stench of rancid river water and rotting trash mingles with the syrupy smell of sugar cane from refineries upstream.

La Milagrosa has benefited from the newfound attention to malnutrition. The slum has a busy children's soup kitchen, or comedor, that after years of struggling for support now each weekday feeds 250 neighborhood kids. On a recent Friday, it served 50 pounds of spaghetti, 25 pounds of meat sauce and 10 pounds of pudding for dessert.

#### SOUP KITCHENS

Comedores like the one in La Milagrosa are at the heart of the local strategy to eradicate hunger in Tucumán, and they have become ubiquitous in the province. The Red Cross of Argentina estimates that 500 government-supported comedores currently operate in Tucumán, while hundreds more survive on private donations.

The flood of food has filled bellies and the children have stopped dying. Provincial health officials, still smarting from months of outside scrutiny and allegations that they mishandled the malnutrition crisis, can now say with relief that the starvation crisis has subsided.

``We're finally finding some peace after all the chaos," said Evelina Chapman, director of social programs for the Tucumán health department.

But Chapman added that this outside generosity has brought new problems: An entire generation of River Salí children is growing up depending on the comedores for their daily meals.

``I don't eat at home," 10-year old Pablo Galarce said matter-of-factly as he spooned spaghetti into his mouth, red sauce smearing a cheek. Pablo said he has never eaten a meal with his family.

**BLEAK PROSPECTS** 

For those fighting malnutrition on the front lines, the bleakness of Pablo's prospects can be heart-wrenching.

``A thousand times I have left here crying, promising that I won't come back," said Wilma Hortencia Rivero, who founded La Milagrosa's soup kitchen in 1984. ``But the pull to be here is stronger than I am."

The wave of children dying from starvation last year arrived in the wake of a foreign debt default, hyperinflation and a banking crisis.

Then-first lady Hilda Duhalde launched an assistance campaign dubbed ``Operation Rescue." Money and food poured in from donors in Argentina and Europe and the United States.

A year later, while the national economic crisis is easing, the local malnutrition problem remains: This spring, one in 20 Tucumán children was diagnosed as underweight for their age.

The province's children's hospital is chronically understaffed, short on diapers and lacks equipment to measure the level of blood nutrients - crucial to treating malnutrition.

"Because of the rapid response, people have started to eat again. But I don't know if the core issues have improved," Argentine Red Cross development director Adriana Enrico said.

OVERTY AND MALNUTRITION IN TUCUMAN

\* In May, there were 25,641 recorded cases of malnutrition, representing one in 20 children in the province.

\* The mortality rate in Tucumán was in decline for 40 years, dropping from 88 deaths per 1,000 births in 1960 to 22.5 per 1,000 births in 1999. But the rate has since risen to 25 per 1,000 in 2002, and is expected to continue rising in this year. The mortality rate across Argentina in 2002 was 17.6 per 1,000 births.

\* One in three children in Tucumán drops out of school before the eighth grade, and the dropout rate rises to 43 percent in rural areas.

\* Across Argentina, one person slips below the poverty line on average once every four seconds.

SOURCE: Argentina's National Institute for Census Statistics.

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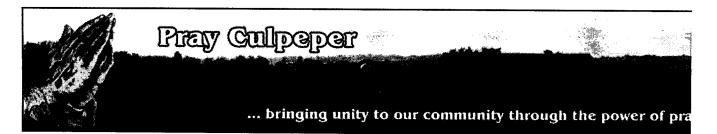
HelpArgentina, a New York nonprofit, directs donations to selected food and nutrition programs.

\* Online: Use your credit card at www.HelpArgentina.org

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**Caption:** photo: children's soup kitchen (a) map: Tucumán CAROLINA LESCANO/FOR THE HERALD FIGHTING MALNUTRITION: La Milagrosa slum in Tucumán has a busy children's soup kitchen, or `comedor,' that after years of struggling for support, now feeds 250 neighborhood children each weekday.

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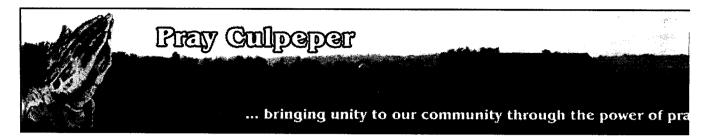
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## Butch Mills to Speak at Operation Rescue Liberia rally

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What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. ~Eleanor Powell

"But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Will you help spread this message in the social networks?

Butch Mills has an inspiring story to tell. From the time he was buried in dirt up to his neck until x-rays showed miraculous healing in his lungs, God was beside him. He credits Culpeper's prayer vigil for him as the divine power which led to his healing. He will share his survival story at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall of Culpeper United Methodist Church at the Operation Rescue Liberia rally.

For the first time in the history of the United States and Liberia, both flags along with the Virginia flag will be flown in historic Culpeper during this rally.

Operation Rescue Liberia, headed by Rev. Samuel Reeves of Culpeper in partnership with Gleaning for the world, is seeking to raise \$30,000 to ship and distribute \$1 million dollars in medical and other supplies to war-torn Liberia. Liberia is emerging from fifteen years of civil war which caused 250,000 deaths, the disabling and relocation of a large percentage of

the population, and a current unemployment rate of 70%. Liberia native Rev. Reeves was educated in the U.S. He will return to his homeland, the only African nation created by the United States, to distribute the medical supplies through Rim of Grace Ministries, and to work towards improving the economy through job formation.

The rally will begin at 11 a.m. with Christian music led by Dwight Parker and worship leaders from four area churches. Among the speakers beginning at 1 p.m. are:

Rev. Ron Davidson, Founder of Gleaning for the World Jim Mead whose BTK Shipping Company of Washington D. C. will handle the shipping Dr. Randy Peck and Virginia Morton of Pray Culpeper Felicia Chavey of the Red Cross Lyndon Peabody, a Liberia native and U. S. Marine A representative from the Liberian Embassy

Madison County resident David Bean and Wallace Powell, a Liberia native residing in Providence, RI will serve as Masters of Ceremonies. For the first time in the history of the United States, the American, Liberian, and Virginia flags will be flown together at this event.

The greater Culpeper Community is invited to attend this rally to gain a better understanding of Virginia's close historical ties to Liberia. Rev. Reeves says, "We're seeking the prayers, support, and financial blessings of the community to make this mission of mercy possible."

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information call David Bean at 540-718-2752.

#### **Prayer Power**

Most gracious and merciful Father, we thank You for this upcoming convergence rally on Feb 23 in Culpeper. Thank You for bringing together these different people and ministries for this historic day in our historic community. Bless each participant and all those who pray for the rally. May many people in Culpeper choose to adopt Libería as a nation to bless in a mighty way. Thank You Jesus, Amen.

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Blessings to see Culpeper and Virginia adopt Liberia as nation to bless!

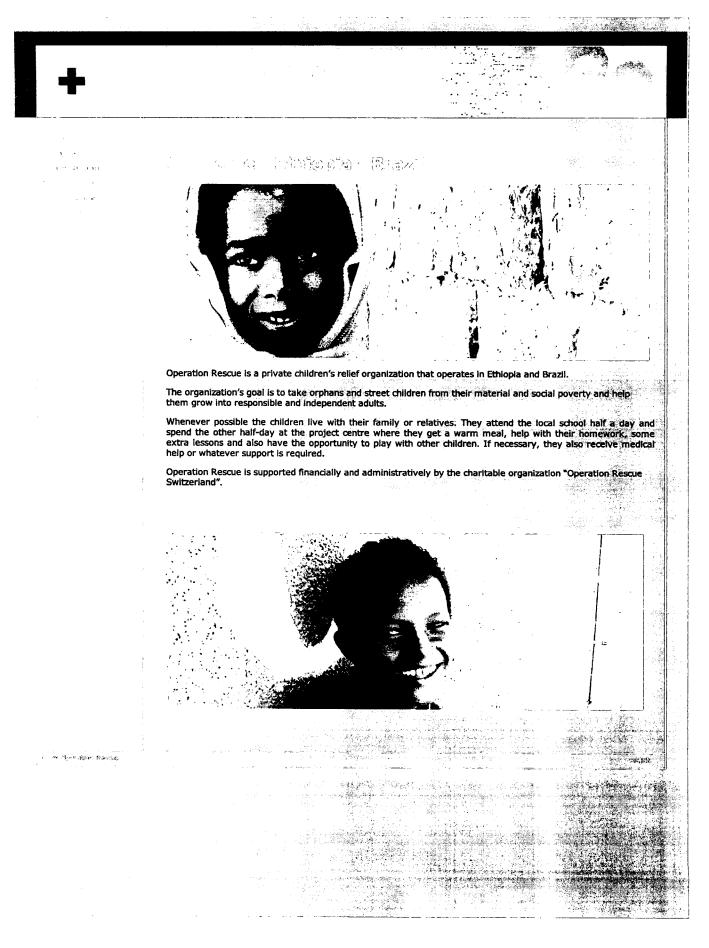
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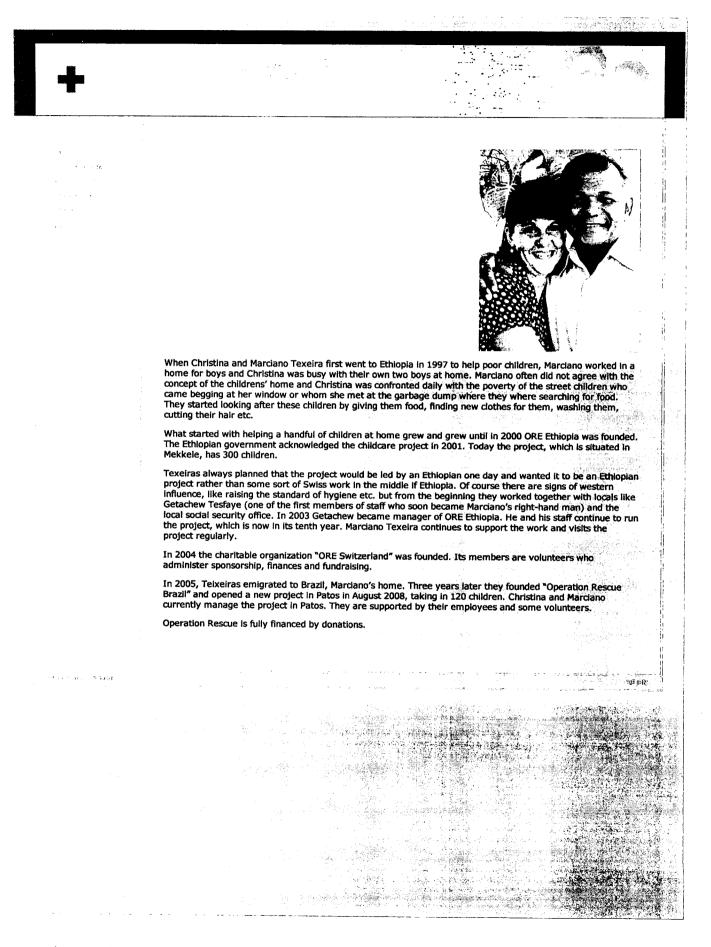
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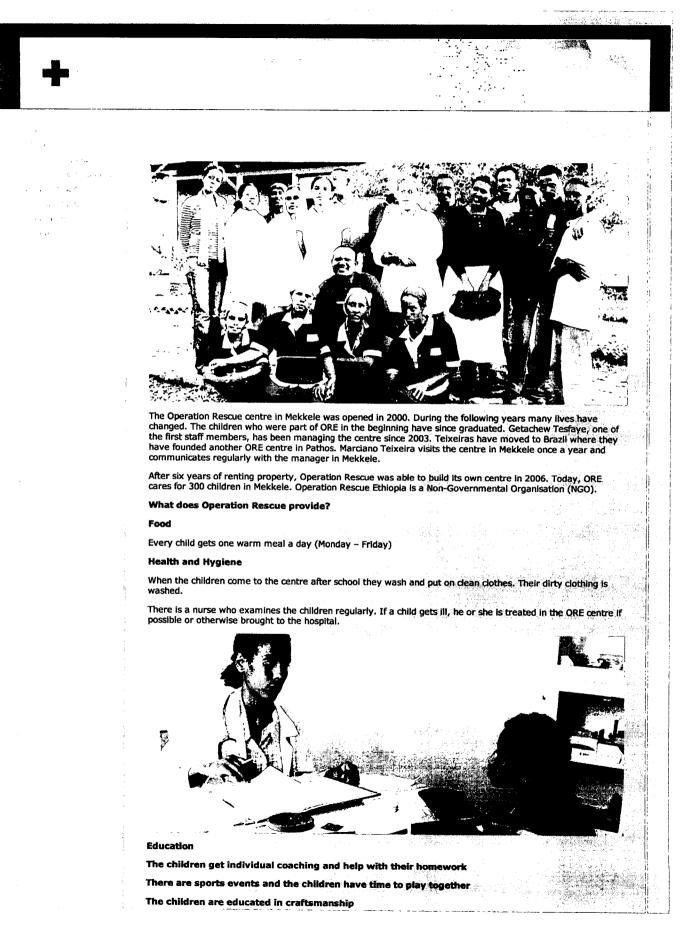
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#### The older children have computer lessons

#### A large library is available for use

#### Special events are also organised

In addition there is a short daily service, as we believe that it is important for the children to know that they are not only loved by the staff but also by God for whom they are most precious.

#### Support of the families

Whenever possible, the children live with their parents or some relatives. Operation Rescue staff visit these families on a regular basis. These visits give the parents or relatives the opportunity to talk, ask questions or get advise. The ORE staff members, on the other hand, get an insight into the family life of the children they look after and can check if the family is well, or if there is a special need etc. In addition to these visits, many family members come to see Getachew or one of the crew to seek advice or to get support.

The involvement of families in the project is a very important aspect of ORE. The project does not intend to replace the families but support the children and their relatives. The poorest families are supplied with food, and mothers who wish to start their own businesses are educated and given the necessary support to help them provide for their families. As part of this project, a room has been furnished with several spinning wheels where women are taught how to spin wool.

#### **The Family House**

Sometimes it happens that a child has neither family nor close relatives. For these children we have the so called "Family House" where they live with a house mother until a family has been found where they can stay. Occasionally a child remains at the Family House when no suitable alternative arrangements can be made.

#### The Adoption House

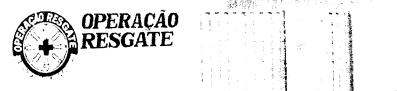
Those children who have no relatives are put up for adoption by the social security office. They are able to live in an extended family in the Adoption House (which has been in existence for about two years) until the adoption process is complete.

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The Operation Rescue centre in Patos in the northeast of Brazil was opened in August 2008. During the months beforehand, Teixeiras and a little team went to see all the poor families in the neighbourhood, presented them the project Operation Rescue and listened to them. By doing so, they figured out who were the poorest families among them who needed help most. From these families, 120 Children are now part of Operation Rescue.

Operation Rescue is a Non Government Organisation (NGO)

What does Operation Rescue provide?

Food

Every child gets one warm meal a day (Monday - Friday)

Many of the children don't get enough to eat at home so we make sure this one meal is warm and well-balanced and there is plenty for them to get satisfied.



#### **Health and Hygiene**

Once a month there is a so called "Hygiene day". The children get their nails cut, their hair washed (if necessary with shampoo against lice), their ears cleaned etc.

Children who are ill get treated at the project centre if possible are otherwise someone brings them to the hospital

Once a week Christina Teixeira takes six children to the dentist



#### Education

The children get individual coaching and help with their homework There are sports events and the children have time to play together The children are educated in craftsmanship The older children have computer lessons

A library is available for use

Special events are also organised

In addition there is a short service every week, as we believe that it is important for the children to know that they are not only loved by the staff but also by God for whom they are most precious. The service is open to the parents.

#### Support of the familles

Whenever possible, the children live with their parents or some relatives. Operation Rescue staff visit these families on a regular basis. These visits give the parents or relatives the opportunity to talk, ask questions or get advise. The ORE staff members, on the other hand, get an insight into the family life of the children they look after and can check if the family is well, or if there is a special need etc.

About four times a year an educational evening is held which is free and optional for the parents to attend to. On these occasions topics such as education or hygiene are treated.

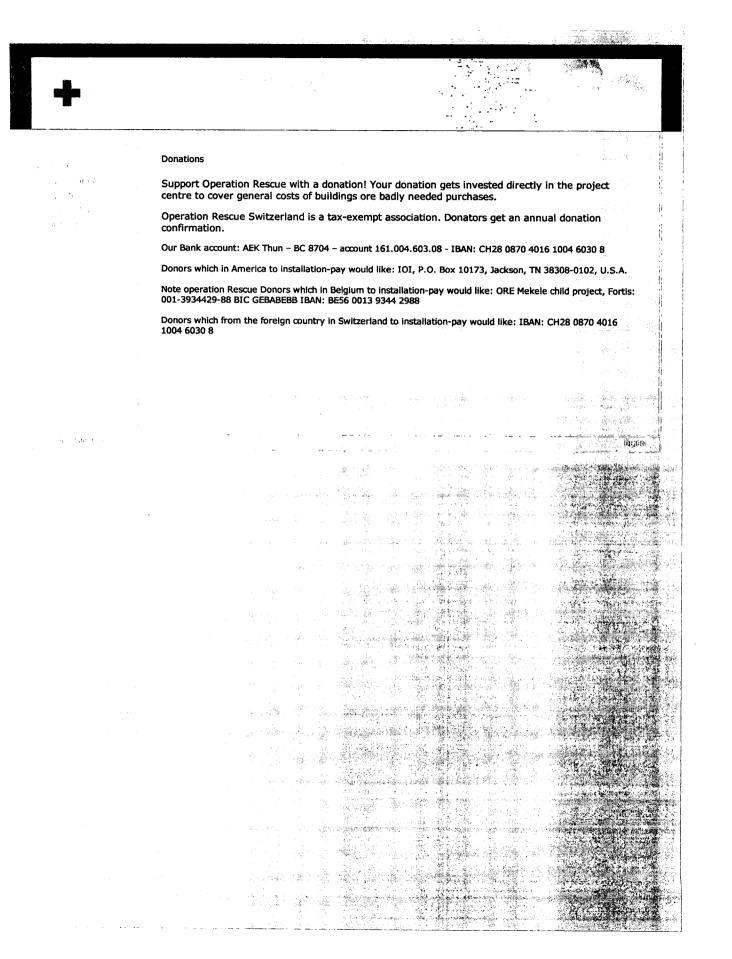
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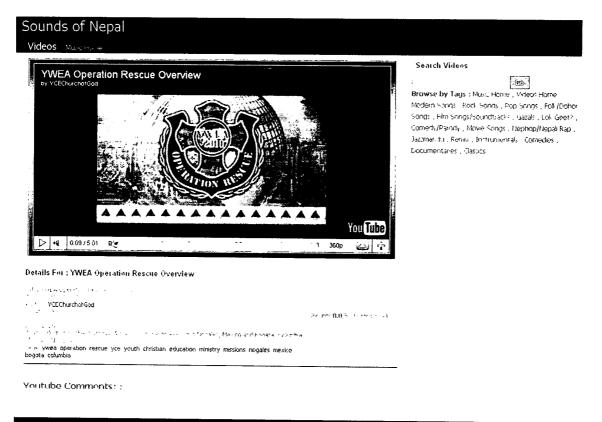


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eternal impact in the lives and hearts of children and families living in poverty through child sponsorship and community development programs. We work hand in hand with native pastors and local Christian churches and organizations in Latin America, serving as the bridge between these little ones and people just like you who have a heart to nurture them.

Please help us to share the love of Christ along with basic, practical necessities to these precious children.

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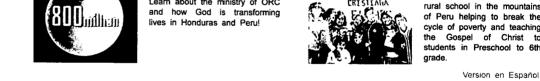
Learn about the ministry of ORC



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Elohim School is a small, rural school in the mountains of Peru helping to break the cycle of poverty and teaching the Gospel of Christ to students in Preschool to 6th

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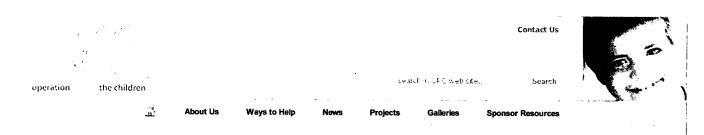
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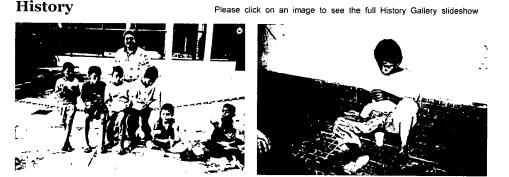
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In March of 2000, Operation Rescue the Children started simply by sharing the love of God with giving one meal a week to 25 children on the streets of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America. The following year with the help from a missions team from the USA, a children's center was opened in which included a sanctuary, classroom, offices, and a kitchen. Meals were now increased to 1 meal a day, 7 days a week. The center provided a safe haven for up to 16 boys.





Meanwhile, not too far away more than 1,000 children roamed the streets of the small neighborhood of Japon with little food, education, clothing, and medical attention. Thanks to the generosity of Frank and Nilsa McKinney and Food for the Poor, in 2002 ORC was able to partner with Pastor Nehemias Chavarria of Iglesia Avance Misionero to initiate a complete community development program in the Japon barrio of Choloma, Cortes. A feeding center was constructed and nutritious food was provided for the local children, 7 days a week.





Soon after, teams from the Church at Triple Cross Ranch (Davie, Florida) and SonCoast Community Church (Boca Raton, Florida) helped to build 5 homes for families living in extreme poverty and paint a local church. By sponsoring a child, generous sponsors made it possible to continue providing nutritious food and add a water purification system, medical care, and educational assistance to continue improving the quality of life for the children.







2006 brought the beginnings of ministry to underprivileged children in Peru, South America. ORC began its partnership with Pastor Jerry Urrego and Mision Cristiana Carismatica El Camino to begin helping children in Rimac, Peru. A nutritional food program and medical care began to benefit approximately 110 children. Also, three adolescents were provided the opportunity to obtain a college-level education.



Since that time, ORC has begun partnerships with additional ministries in Peru to bring the hope of Christ to the children and families. Our most recent addition is the project with Elohim School in Arequipa. We are small, but we serve a BIG God who continues to awe us since the very beginning. Our desire is to bring Him glory in everything we do.



Please visit each project's page (see the Project menu option) for more detailed information and updates. We also encourage you to visit our Galleries pages to see more updated photos for each project.

May God bless you, and we hope that He leads you to walk with us and with these wonderful children of His.



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Operation Rescue the Children (ORC) is a registered, non-profit, non-denominational, Christian organization committed to making an eternal impact in the lives and hearts of children living in impoverished and dangerous communities within the developing world through child sponsorship and community development programs.

The vision for Operation Rescue the Children (ORC) was birthed by a burden for the plight of abandoned street children. While on mission trips, ORC board members encountered small children in Latin America who were sleeping on cardboard, stealing what they could not get from begging, addicted to drugs, dirty and alone. Armed with the love of Christ, the dedicated team of ORC took to the streets of Honduras, with one goal: to feed these homeless children the moment they awoke.

This early feeding program soon grew into a rehabilitative initiative, enabling these children to receive counseling, vocational skills ... and hope.

But it was still not enough. To help fight against the growing number of children living on the streets ORC began to provide critical support and ministry to families in marginal communities to help these children stay in their home environments. ORC became concerned not only for the children, but also for the families who had a lasting and profound impact on these same children.

To help facilitate this ministry in Honduras, a Board of Directors was formed, composed of local clergy, public officials and prominent business people. ORC raised up teams of U.S. based Christian volunteers and financial supporters to further God's work taking place in Honduras.

Since its founding in March 2000, ORC has transformed the lives of thousands of youngsters and their families through the love of Christ. We work alongside local Christian churches and organizations around the world, serving as the bridge between these little ones and U.S. based Christians who seek to nurture them.

God has specifically called us to reach underprivileged children - 18 and under - in the developing world. They are:

- Living in extreme poverty (below the Third World poverty line)
- Living in marginal communities where outside help is limited or unavailable
- Limited in adequate health, educational and vocational assistance

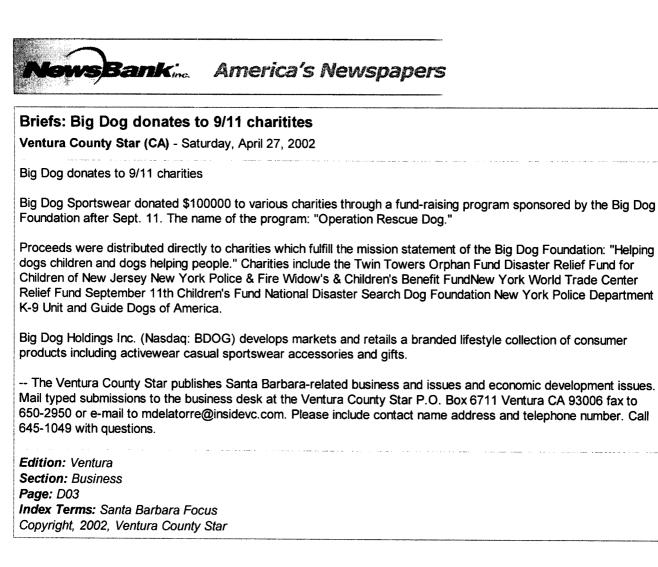
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Today, ORC has expanded its operations to other developing countries, where underprivileged children and families continue to cry out for help. Through child sponsorship, individual contributions, and partnerships with other ministries ORC is able to provide feeding centers, medical clinics, housing projects, education initiatives, and more, to girls and boys who are desperately in need. ORC serves as a beacon of light by bringing hope to places where darkness exists. We need your help. Sponsor a child or make a donation today.

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#### Little church with a big heart - Evangel Power Chapel reaches out to homeless community

Houston Chronicle - Thursday, January 8, 2004

Author: FONTREIA S. JAMES, Houston Chronicle correspondent

While the holiday season prompted more Houstonians to open their hearts and give to those less fortunate, one church outreach group began opening its hearts and doors to the homeless community in October when it launched Operation Rescue.

The Evangel Power Chapel Outreach Ministry, 12515-D Fondren, first opened its doors to the homeless community for a special church service after the church's pastor, the Rev. B.B. Essien, counseled a few homeless people at the church. Essien said he had initially intended to bring the homeless people in for spiritual uplifting, but it turned into something greater when the homeless people expressed to him they didn't want to go back on the streets.

"Some friends referred a few homeless people who had some problems to me and I started counseling them," Essien said. "Then they began to tell their friends who were living in the streets of downtown about the help they were receiving. We decided to have a special church service for them and went to pick them up downtown. We didn't intend on keeping them, but they refused to go back, so we had to do something."

Essien and his 250-member church, which had been going downtown more than twice a week to feed the homeless, made a quick decision to house those who had attended the service. At that time, there were only a few people they were taking care of, but word spread quickly in the homeless community about the little church with a big heart.

Evangel Power Chapel members had to think quickly to decide how they were going to handle everyone who wanted to come.

"When we began to ponder where to house them, we were told about this house on Pompano Lane that we could lease," Essien said. "We leased this house and added some beds and a little furniture."

While the house didn't have much in it, it was exactly the home that 19-year-old Tabitha Gilbert needed.

"I had gotten out of a treatment center and went to live with a friend," Gilbert said. "But my friend started doing drugs and I had to get out of there. The people of this church came out to north Houston to pick me up."

Gilbert said she has been living on the street since age 13. She has been a resident at the mission home for about two weeks.

There are about 18 people living in the home, but many more are calling on a daily basis trying to get in, which has made Operation Rescue grow enormously over a short period of time.

While the Evangel Church wants to continue helping those in the homeless community, its resources are limited.

"We are in dire need of monetary donations, household appliances, an 18-passenger van, clothes, food items, beds, other buildings or homes, and volunteers," Essien said. "In order to keep the program running and to help more people, we need help from the community."

Essien said they are not able to take in any more people, but this month they have made plans to move into a bigger home, which will allow them to bring more people in.

In addition to food items and household furniture, Essien said the mission is also interested in getting animal donations for extended food resources, such as cows, hogs, goats, chickens and turkeys.

He said those who live in the shelter are required to do some type of work.

"Sometimes companies or ranchers request the help of the people at the mission and we are able to provide them on a daily basis in exchange for animals or other food items," Essien said. "We don't allow them to come here and be idle. Everyday we shuttle them to various places around town - or give them bus fare - so they can go out and do odd jobs and charity work."

Caroline Inyang, director of the mission home, said while they try to nurture the residents and provide them with work, they also are heavily focused on teaching them the Word of God and how to apply it to their lives.

"We base the running of this home on the Word of God," Inyang said. "We have Bible study and we share the Word of God with each resident."

Inyang said she works in the home because she can relate to the residents due to things she has been through in her own life.

"To deal with life's hard situations, we equip them with the tools they need to make it," Inyang said. "Our main purpose is to encourage them to be victorious and to be prosperous everyday, one day at a time."

Many of the residents have a history of alcohol and substance abuse and need treatment. COOL Ministries, or Christian Outreach Of Love, a Christian counseling substance abuse ministry, often refers many of its patients to Evangel Outreach.

"COOL provides the treatment and we provide a place to stay and a hope for a better life," Essien said.

COOL Ministries recently referred Janice Burnett.

"This place is excellent and I am here learning a structured life and how to live a Godly life," Burnett said. "And as soon as I get stabilized, I am going to go and get a job. If we didn't have this mission home, we would be out in the streets with nowhere to go. If it weren't for COOL Ministries, I wouldn't have made it here. It has been great since I came here."

One of the first residents was Selena Mills, who suffered from alcohol abuse.

"God has been good to me since I have been here," Mills said. "My prayers have been answered. The Bible has been the best thing that works for me; and here at this home, everybody gets along as a family."

Mills said her motto is: "It doesn't work if you don't work it." Since joining the mission home, Mills has registered for nursing school. She said she has always wanted to be a nurse and the mission home has encouraged her to pursue her dream.

The mission residents know fellow resident Wilbert Gant as the master chef because he prepares breakfast, lunch and dinner for them. Gant said he really didn't want to come to the mission home, but it was the spirit of God that led him and he felt compelled to come.

He said when he saw the Evangel Outreach van picking up people downtown, he didn't understand why they were picking up people one late rainy night, and he figured it was just another group of people who would only temporarily help them.

"I normally don't trust people," Gant said. "We often encounter people that give us broken promises and I didn't want to be disappointed again, but I am so glad that I am here now."

Gant is a Louisiana native, which he attributes to his love for cooking. Gant said although he likes to cook spicy foods, he has to tone it down to accommodate the residents.

Ukana Akban, a member and deacon at the church, volunteers a lot of his time to help the mission. Akban said many of the mission residents are very skilled, just like Gant. He said some of the people he has met have college degrees, but they just need someone to care for them.

"These people believe in us and they share with us how they feel. We provide healing in the soul through the Word of God because this is what we are charged to do. If we can do this and one soul will come to know God, that is really

what it is all about."

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To donate items to the Evangel Power Chapel Outreach Mission, send tax-deductible donations to P.O. Box 721703, Houston, Texas, 77272-1703. To volunteer with the mission, call mission outreach director Ray Daigle at 281-564-2779 or 713-392-3782.

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**Caption:** Mugs: 1. Ukana Akban (color) 2. Caroline Inyang (color) Photo: 3. Willie Thomas, left, the Rev. B.B. Essien, Matt Ebner and Wilbert Gant send out invitations to a recent event at the Evangel Power Chapel Outreach. The group's Operation Rescue helps homeless people acquire job skills (color) 3. Suzanne Rehak

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#### Bone marrow drives, tsunami fund-raisers prompted generosity

World, The (Coos Bay, OR) - Saturday, December 31, 2005

The new year started with communities rallying to help others. In January, a request was issued for residents to join the national registry of bone marrow donors.

Operation Rescue, a bone marrow screening drive organized by the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club and staged at the Red Lion Inn, drew nearly 200 people in late January. The effort was prompted by officials hoping to find marrow matches for three local residents who all needed bone marrow transplants - Red Lion employee Jose Sermeno, who was battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and Marshfield High School student Juan Rodriguez and Rotarian Spence Erickson, each of whom had leukemia.

Organizers held a follow-up screening in March at Southwestern Oregon Community College, organized by the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club and the college's Associated Student Government. The second event drew another 66 potential donors.

In a sad outcome for the local patients, all three men died before the end of the year.

Sermeno, 32, died in March, a couple of weeks after the second screening; Erickson, 59, died in late August; and Rodriguez, 19, died in November.

Also in January:

• The minimum wage in Oregon increased to \$7.25 per hour, ranking second in the nation behind Washington (\$7.35).

· Local groups worked to provide relief for victims of a massive tsunami in Asia that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives. Among local efforts were a penny drive at the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon, donation days at coffee stands and more than \$100,000 in donations being sent to India by Unreached Villages, an evangelical Christian group based in Bandon that took in donations from across the country.

• The costs of the campaigns of Joanne Verger and Al Pearn combined to top \$1 million in their race for the Oregon Senate, which Verger won by a narrow margin.

· Jeffrey Bishop was introduced as the new general manager for the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

· Jean-Claude and Carol Hook of Coquille became the first people to file Measure 37 claims against Coos County, seeking compensation of \$300,000 because they couldn't subdivide their land into parcels under the county's land-use rules. More than 50 other requests followed and in most instances the county waived the land-use rules rather than have the requests decided in court at a risk of being ordered to make huge payments from the county budget. A Marion County Circuit Court Judge overturned Measure 37 in October.

· The South Slough National Estuary Research Reserve Management Commission announced plans for a new visitors center in Charleston.

· Children First for Oregon reported that Coos County ranked third in the state for child abuse and neglect cases in 2003, 189 percent above the state average.

· Hundreds of local residents applied to be part of the CBS show &#8220Survivor" in a casting call at Pony Village Mall.

• Methane Energy Corporation moved ahead on a project drilling at various Coos County sites in an attempt to find methane gas 4,000 feet below the earth's surface. Drilling at a Coaledo site was the fourth project since the company started its exploratory work late in 2003.

• Meanwhile, the first natural gas arrived in Coos County on NW Natural's 60-mile transmission pipeline from Roseburg and construction began on under-the-bay pipelines for both NW Natural and the Coos Bay-North Bend Waterboard to link main lines with the North Spit. The waterboard planned two 24-inch lines, but reduced that number to one when the cost of installation for the first pipe increased by \$359,000 during construction.

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#### Church collecting gear for students

Richmond County Daily Journal (Rockingham, NC) - Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Author: Staff Report

King's Gate Church International of Hamlet is seeking sponsors for a community school supply drive to be held at Falling Creek Park in Rockingham on Aug. 15.

"We are very excited about this event, and are seeking potential sponsors to make this a success," Operation Rescue Director Robert David said. "Our goal is to bring all ethnic, social and diverse people together in one setting.

We believe that a school supply drive is the perfect event." The event is slated to begin at 3 p.m., and all donations are tax-deductible.

Individuals and groups are invited to attend the event and set-up a booth, but school supplies or money may be dropped off at King's Gate Church at 161 Sierra Ave. in Hamlet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or picked up by a member of the church's Operation Rescue Team by August 8.

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#### 3 CHURCHES JOIN TO FEED FAMILIES IN NEED - ORANGE CITY-DEBARY FOOD BANK WELCOMES CONTRIBUTIONS

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL - Saturday, July 17, 1999

Author: Charlene Hager-Van Dyke of the Sentinel staff

Three west Volusia churches will supply food one time for critically needy families.

The churches - Pilgrim Community Church in Orange City, and Seventh-day Adventist Church and Agape Fellowship, both in DeBary - have set up a food bank at the Orange City church on U.S. Highway 17-92 at Dogwood Avenue.

"This will be a limited effort, but genuinely needed and often required on short notice; therefore the services of each group will be pooled making it possible to offer immediate aid," said the Rev. Brendan White, recently appointed pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of DeBary-Orange City.

White said the community is encouraged to contribute canned and packaged foods.

Those interested in contributing, should contact any of the three churches: Pilgrim Community, (904) 775-4297; Seventh-day Adventist, (407) 668-9792; or Agape Fellowship, (407) 668-1851.

#### **CROWNING GLORIES**

CROWNING GLORIES Ministry, a Christian charismatic congregation, has opened at 428 Tomoka Ave., Ormond Beach. Services will be at 6 p.m. Sundays.

The apostolic nondenominational church will be led by the Rev. Mary L. Stanley, who has 20 years of experience in ministry.

For more information, call (904) 761-4163.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

THE REV. Louis Schwebius will be the guest speaker at Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service at the Unitarian Universalist Church of DeLand, 820 N. Frankfort Ave.

Schwebius is an intern minister at the Universalist fellowship in Gainesville.

DELAND METHODIST

THE CONTEMPORARY worship service at the First United Methodist Church in DeLand now is taking place at 9:45 a.m. Sundays in the multipurpose room of the New Life Enrichment Center on Howry Avenue.

The informal service includes music, a message and a ``children's moment," during which time the Rev. Owen Stricklin uses ventriloquism to get his message across.

Morning vacation Bible school classes will be offered at the church Aug. 2 to 5.

Registration and emergency release forms are needed, and each family is asked to pay \$5.

For more information, call the church office at (904) 734-5113.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL Church (United Church of Christ) will have the Rev. Frank Stone as the featured speaker

at Sunday's 10 a.m. service. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

The church is at 201 W. University Ave., Orange City.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOOD SHEPHERD Lutheran Church, 750 Howland Blvd., Deltona, will have vacation Bible school July 26 to 30 at the church.

This year's event, titled ``Operation Rescue," will include Bible stories, crafts, music, games, refreshments and visits from local police, fire and forestry department officials.

A feature will be a helicopter landing at the church.

For more information, call Donna Henry at (904) 860-6365.

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#### Gifts supply a little hope

Chicago Sun-Times - Monday, August 7, 2000

Author: Jeffrey Zaslow

What's it like going to school without a book bag?

It's awkward. It's humiliating. "It's just hard," says 13-year-old Tekila Boone.

Tekila, who lives in Chicago's Operation Rescue Now shelter, learned to be resourceful in years past when her mom couldn't afford to buy her a book bag or supplies.

At first, Tekila used a plastic bag for her books. But it looked funny and kids made stinging comments. By the afternoon, the bag would often rip.

"So I started carrying everything in my hands," she says. "I had a lot of heavy books, and walking to school in the winter, my hands would get cold. If I had a book bag, I could have put my hands in my pockets."

Classmates noticed Tekila had no book bag. "They made fun of me. They laughed. I felt bad, but I didn't say anything back to them."

When you're a child living in a homeless shelter, you yearn for so many things that more fortunate kids take for granted. That's why Tekila dreams of entering school this month with a new book bag, brimming with supplies.

For nine summers now, I've asked readers to reach out to children like Tekila by donating supplies through our Tools for Schools Drive. This year, in partnership with the Community Emergency Shelter Organization, Carson Pirie Scott, WLUP-FM (97.9), Hair Cuttery and Office Depot, we hope to get supplies for 5,200 children, most of whom live in 75 area shelters. Without you, many will return to school empty-handed. They might be reprimanded by teachers who don't realize they're fromashelter. They'll start the year even more aware of how little they have.

These kids are often from "unstable" or "uncaring" family environments, says the Rev. Michelle Agnew, executive director of Operation Rescue Now. "There's domestic violence, molestation. Someone has to hold out a helping hand to them, to show they care. If these children can get the supplies they need, they'll feel just like every other student." Supplies are crucial tools for learning\_and for propping up self-esteem.

"When my kids have supplies, they try harder," says Tekila's mom, Vonzella. "I wish I could afford to buy them everything they need, but I can't. And I have no family to help me."

Our program began in 1992, after I heard from a homeless woman whose 7-year-old felt ashamed to go to school because she had no supplies. Unable to find a job, the woman visited a blood plasma donation center, earned \$18 for donating plasma, and used it to buy supplies. The response from readers then, and ever since, has helped tens of thousands of homeless children start their school years with hope, dignity, and wide smiles.

Please get your friends and co-workers involved by sending donations in new condition. We need book bags, dictionaries, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, erasers, notebook paper, paste, scissors, calculators, markers, etc. Checks, payable to the Sun-Times Charity Trust, are also greatly needed to buy shoes and extra supplies.

Items can be delivered or mailed to: Tools for Schools, c/o Zazz, 401 N. Wabash, Chicago 60611. Supplies also can be delivered to Hair Cuttery salons, Office Depots, Carson's State Street store, or Chicago's Hancock Building.

For a drop-off location near you, call (312) 563-1600 or visit www.suntimes.com.

You can buy discounted supplies at Office Depot when you shop for your own kids, and deposit them in the stores' collection boxes. As thanks, Office Depot will donate 5 percent of your supply purchase price to the school of your

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#### **Rescue Mission launches building campaign**

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Author: From staff reports

The Durham Rescue Mission recently had to turn away some people who were seeking help, and that doesn't sit well with Executive Director Ernie Mills.

"Our kitchen is woefully inadequate for the numbers of people we serve, and our women's division has reached maximum capacity," Mills said. "I don't like being in the position of turning women and children away because we don't have room."

As a result, after 26 years of helping homeless, poor and addicted people to better help themselves, the Rescue Mission is planning a three-year, \$5 million capital campaign called "Operation Rescue" to build two new buildings.

The Rescue Mission currently owns most everything on the city block bordered by East Main Street and Alston Avenue. That includes the main church building plus about 30 small houses on the block. The church building includes kitchen facilities, and residents stay in some of the houses.

Development Director Ken Rogers started at the Rescue Mission in 1994. Even in those seven years, Rogers has seen a steep growth in demand.

"Back then, we had about 30 residents a day," Rogers said. "Now we have an average of 135."

He doesn't think the increase is due so much to an increase in social ills, but instead because the Rescue Mission's programs have been successful.

"I really don't know that the homeless sector of Durham has grown that much. ... It's more word of mouth that we've got something that's helping."

The long-range plan is to build a new men's building that will contain a full-size kitchen with a dining facility that will seat 100-200 people, Rogers said. Once that is built, men who live in houses on the property could move into the new building, and women and children could move into the houses.

Assuming the funds can be raised, the second building would be erected on the block surrounded by Worth Street, Alston Avenue and Franklin Street. As envisioned, the building would have three wings: for single women, women with children and families.

"When all this is complete, we should have capacity to help every [homeless person] in the Durham area who needs help," Rogers said.

On Thursday morning, at a breakfast to discuss the plans, the Rescue Mission received a donation of \$10,000 from Wachovia Bank, and a 15-passenger van donated by three downtown Durham car dealers.

The van, which will be used to transport residents to church, doctors' appointments, field trips and the like, was given jointly by Elkins Chrysler-Plymouth, University Ford and Hendrick Chevrolet.

"We're downtown and we're near the Durham Rescue Mission," said Jim Elkins, co-owner of the Elkins dealership. "We've been aware of Ernie Mills and Gail Mills and their good work."

"Their program is very successful," Elkins continued. "These people are down on their luck but are coming out as successful people. They're able to go out and get jobs."

"We're very supportive of the capital campaign."

**Caption:** Photo: Ross Taylor, Ernie Mills (left), executive director of the Durham Rescue Mission, listens to John Messick, Durham County executive for Wachovia Bank, at a breakfast to kick off a \$5 million capital campaign to build two new buildings.

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# Initiative targets sidewalk sleepers - Dallas: Homeless people to be shifted to shelters in 'Operation Rescue'

Dallas Morning News, The (TX) - Thursday, September 13, 2007

Author: KIM HORNER, Staff Writer khorner@dallasnews.com

Dallas police and crisis intervention workers plan to start an initiative today to reduce the growing number of homeless people sleeping on downtown sidewalks.

"Operation Rescue," as it is being called, follows complaints from business owners and an increase in car break-ins that police attribute to the homeless.

Dave Hogan, manager of the city's crisis intervention unit, said social workers will urge homeless people, many of whom suffer mental illness and/or addictions, to enter treatment facilities. But a shortage of mental health and substance abuse treatment options could present a challenge, he said.

"The idea is to try to get these folks into shelter or in treatment, to get them off the streets so they're not dying on the streets," Mr. Hogan said. "These people are really in bad shape."

He said two people recently have died on the streets because of serious health problems that went untreated.

For those who do refuse help, police plan to enforce ordinances against sleeping in public, obstructing sidewalks, criminal trespassing, and urinating or defecating in public, Deputy Police Chief Vincent Golbeck said.

Chief Golbeck said the large gathering areas have become "crime hotspots," with people wanted by police living among the homeless and preying upon those with mental illness.

"What we're seeing is more criminality," Chief Golbeck said.

"We're seeing more open-air drug sales," he said, "and we're seeing a more aggressive population that's getting in there and covering themselves up with those that are truly in need."

But the Rev. Bruce Buchanan, executive director of The Stewpot, which provides meals and other services to the homeless, expressed some concerns about the initiative.

"I know the city's trying to address the needs of the mentally ill and those that have substance abuse issues in an appropriate way, but I think the city has to come to grips with the fact that homelessness is a social service issue and not a criminalization issue," Mr. Buchanan said.

The city has come closer to moving in that direction by offering services upfront, he said, but "they haven't gotten there yet."

The Stewpot and other agencies that serve the homeless have reported seeing more people needing help in recent months.

In January, the city of Dallas and the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance counted the homeless in Dallas County and found that the number had fallen 9 percent to 5,163 people.

Two of the main congregating points for the homeless are on the southeastern edge of downtown.

A few blocks from The Stewpot at Park Avenue and Young Street, as many as 100 homeless people sleep each night, often on pieces of cardboard on the sidewalk.

And a growing number of people have been sleeping in the area surrounding the new Homeless Assistance Center,

which is under construction.

The center, scheduled to open next spring, will have an outdoor pavilion for people who refuse to go into shelter, Chief Golbeck said.

Allowing homeless people to sleep on the streets is not an option, he said.

"Just saying we have a place for them to kind of hang out and be left alone, that's not doing them any service," he said.

Social workers have visited homeless people this week to alert them about Operation Rescue, which will be repeated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Caption:** PHOTO(S): (COURTNEY PERRY/Staff Photographer) The Stewpot attracts homeless people who often wait along Park Avenue.

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# More Kids Calling Shelters Home Operation Rescue

Pastel colors of purple, green, pink and blue blanketed an Oklahoma City field, as 340 little fingers clenched various baskets, shopping bags and pillowcases, waiting in nervous anticipation for the "go ahead" signal.

After the eggs were cracked and 34 little stomachs were stuffed with Snickers, Gummy Bears and Tootsie Rolls, the children left to go home.

But their home was no cozy, brick house surrounded by a white picket fence. The children returned with their parents to the City Rescue Mission in downtown Oklahoma City.

Homeless women with children are the fastest-growing demographic group among homeless Americans today.

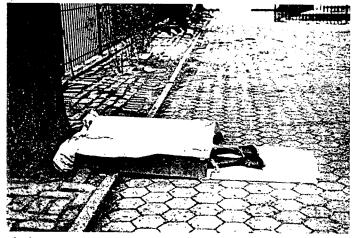
Tiffany Webb, public relations director for the mission, said in the past, the homeless population tended to consist mainly of single men. But the number of homeless women with children has increased by 51% in the last year.

City Rescue Mission is one of a few central Oklahoma homeless shelters that welcome women with children.

The Mission's family ministries department said it is focused on making sure children have all the services they deserve to stay on track at school and personally.

"We are heartbroken to see this many children need services at the Mission: however, if they come, we want them to receive all the services they can to help them out of the situation without a sense of chaos and worry," Webb said.

It's hard to determine the primary reason why women with children are By Melissa Morgan



the largest growing population segment. There are many factors that lead to these women becoming homeless, Webb said.

Some of those factors are domestic violence, lack of education, lack of affordable housing, insufficient supplemental services, single-parent households and the slowing economy.

"With the large amount of foreclosures and income decreasing in relation to expenses increasing, it is a tough battle to fight for single mothers or single fathers." Webb said.

In March, for example, the mission's resident population averaged 11 families, 34 children, 85 women and 289 men, Webb said.

"It is terrible that any person, man, woman or child, should find him or herself homcless," she said. "Typically it isn't the child's fault that they find themselves homeless, and they don't have the ability to change their situation, which is heartbreaking."

Kathleen Badgley said she and her four children have been living at the City Rescue Mission for five months. The family was living in Van Alstyne,

TX, when they became homeless. "With only one income and a large family, times got increasingly harder."

Badgley said. The mission provides her four children – Julia, Hayden, Keiser and Judis – resources such as education, day care, medical care, counseling, spiritual guidance and basic life needs in an attempt to make the children's lives more normal.

But not all homeless children are as fortunate as the Badgleys.

According to the National Center on Family Homelessness, more than 1.5 million of America's children go to sleep without a home each year.

One of every 50 American children experiences homelessness, according to the center's yearly report. It says most states have inadequate plans to address the often-overlooked problem, which is becoming worse.

Elaine Hunter, the city of Norman's consultant on homeless issues, said

the number of people turned away from homeless shelters is dramatically higher now.

"Our local battered women's shelter [Norman's Women's Resource Center] turned away more than 100 homeless in the past year alone," Hunter said.

The National Center on Family Homelessness uses this knowledge to design innovative practices, bring training and technical assistance to community-based shelters and service providers, and improve policy across the nation, according to the state report card on child homelessness.

Whether made homeless by economic hardship, domestic violence, the trauma of war, or physical or emotional challenges, these families have lost more than their homes.

"They've lost their health, safety, and the capacity to support themselves," the report states.

Economic hardship is creeping its way through the states like an epidemic, leaving many people without even the option of a shelter.

California is running out of places to put its bomeless population. It is building tent cities, or shantytowns, for them to live in, or simply sending them to parking garages, Webb said.

"Homeless shelters are filling up all across the United States. It is a huge issue that I don't think will go away any time soon," Webb said.

This is especially true for Oklahoma.

Hunter conducted the 2009 State of Oklahoma Annual Continuum of Care Point in Time Homeless Survey for Cleveland County. The results showed that of the 69 family groups who were homeless in Cleveland County, 53 were single mothers with children.

Hunter said she doesn't get any responses from Moore or the smaller surrounding towns, where there is a substantial number of homeless, so the count is primarily Norman.

"There's around 2,000 to 3,000 homeless in the Oklahoma City area," Hunter said. "We'll have an idea about the statewide count in a month or so."

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#### Protests of Cuba policy draw little support

St. Petersburg Times - Saturday, May 13, 1995

Author: DAVID ADAMS

From steaming motorists trapped in traffic to ticked-off talk radio hosts to protesting Cuban exiles, Miami is an angry city.

Cuban-American groups launched a campaign of civil disobedience this week called Operation Rescue to protest the Clinton administration's new policy of repatriating Cuban asylum-seekers picked up at sea. Dozens of impromptu protests have blocked city streets and interstates, while a five-minute work stoppage Wednesday created chaos in parts of Dade County. Similar demonstrations were held in Tampa.

But the protests appear to have backfired on the exile leaders by alienating non-Cuban residents and dividing the Cuban-American community.

The protests also may be contributing to growing anti-immigration sentiment in Florida.

""What do these people think they're doing?" asked Carl Hiassen, a Miami Herald columnist and author.

""Those stuck in a manmade traffic morass aren't thinking about rafters or the implications of U.S. immigration policy. They're thinking: Where are the cops? Why aren't these yahoos being hauled away?"

Some Cubans agree. ""It's counter-productive," said Max Castro, a Cuban-American immigration expert at the University of Miami's North-South Center.

"Janet Reno doesn't drive on (Expressway) 836 anymore," he said, refering to the attorney general's previous post as state attorney in Miami. "And Clinton doesn't live in Hialeah," he added, referring to the Cuban-American district where some of the largest protests have taken place.

The campaign gave way to quieter prayer vigils at the end of the week, but Operation Rescue organizers have more protests planned. They are asking supporters, other than emergency workers, to walk off their jobs Tuesday, followed by a march through Little Havana.

A land and sea protest is planned today at the Coast Guard station in Miami Beach, and former Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez will join a hunger strike outside the Miami Herald building, where protesters take 48-hour shifts. A march to Washington is planned May 20.

Since the U.S. Coast Guard returned 13 rafters to Cuba on Tuesday - the first to be sent back under the new policy - there has been little mood for compromise. Washington ordered the repatriation of another 11 rafters Friday.

Exile leaders are holding daily meetings at the headquarters of Brigade 2506, the group of veterans from the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba, to discuss strategy.

After Thursday's meeting, Ramon Raul Sanchez, one of the chief protest leaders, apologized for the inconvenience. At the same time, he warned that Wednesday's demonstrations were ""just a little sample" of what Cuban-Americans could do to disrupt Miami.

Sanchez is a former member of a paramilitary exile group, Alpha 66. He spent four years in jail in the 1980s for his alleged role in a plot to kill Fidel Castro during the Cuban leader's visit to the United Nations in 1979.

""We want to send a message to the whole country," he told exile leaders at one meeting. ""During the 1960s, black Americans used civil disobedience to advance their cause. We can use the same methods for our cause." While many Cuban-Americans oppose the repatriation policy, there seems to be little popular enthusiasm for the public protests, most of which have been small.

A poll by English-language WPLG television Thursday night found that 63 percent of those surveyed were less sympathetic to the Cuban exiles as a result of the protests; only 17 percent had been won over to their cause. Most hostile were white Anglo-Americans and non-Cuban Hispanics. But 29 percent of Cubans also disapproved of the protests.

Those findings are consistent with other Florida opinion polls that recently have shown soaring support for tougher immigration restrictions modeled on California's Proposition 187. ""The anti-immigration wave that crashed ashore in California last year has a well-established beachhead here in Florida," said pollster Rob Schroth, who conducted a survey for WLTV, the main Spanish-language network in Miami.

According to Schroth's poll, which surveyed 800 registered voters across Florida, 73 percent supported banning illegal immigrants from receiving government services. One-third of Hispanics also backed the proposal.

The debate has touched off a stream of irate calls to Miami's English-language radio and television stations and letters in the Miami Herald. Residents are complaining that Cuban exiles are ungrateful after 36 years of American hospitality.

"People cannot fight for liberty in Cuba by disrupting traffic in Miami. If they want to fight, let them return to Cuba," wrote R. W. Gould of Miami.

Insults also flew across the airwaves. At 610 AM, WIOD talk show host Neil Rogers criticized police handling of the protests and called for more arrests of the ""irresponsible jackasses" organizing the demonstrations.

Rogers said the people of Dade County ""have nothing to do with the (Cuban) problem and no ability to solve it." Instead, he suggested Cuban-Americans call the White House or their representatives in Washington.

But at 710 AM, Spanish-language WAQI Radio Mambi, hosts accused the non-Cuban community of racism and insensitivity to their legitimate grievances.

""We don't mean to be disruptive or un-American," said Jose Basulto, an exile and Operation Rescue committee member. ""The right to seek refuge from political persecution is a cornerstone of American democracy."

At the heart of Cuban outrage is a sense of betrayal. Exiles feel that after years of uncompromising opposition to the Cuban government the White House is abandoning their cause. What they fear most is that last week's immigration agreement may be only the preamble to a full-scale rapprochement between Washington and Havana.

""They feel they must do something. It's like lashing the ocean to calm the storm," said Castro, the immigration expert at North-South Center.

Most experts say the protests will run out of steam, but much will depend on the Cuban government's treatment of returnees. Havana has pledged that none will suffer reprisals.

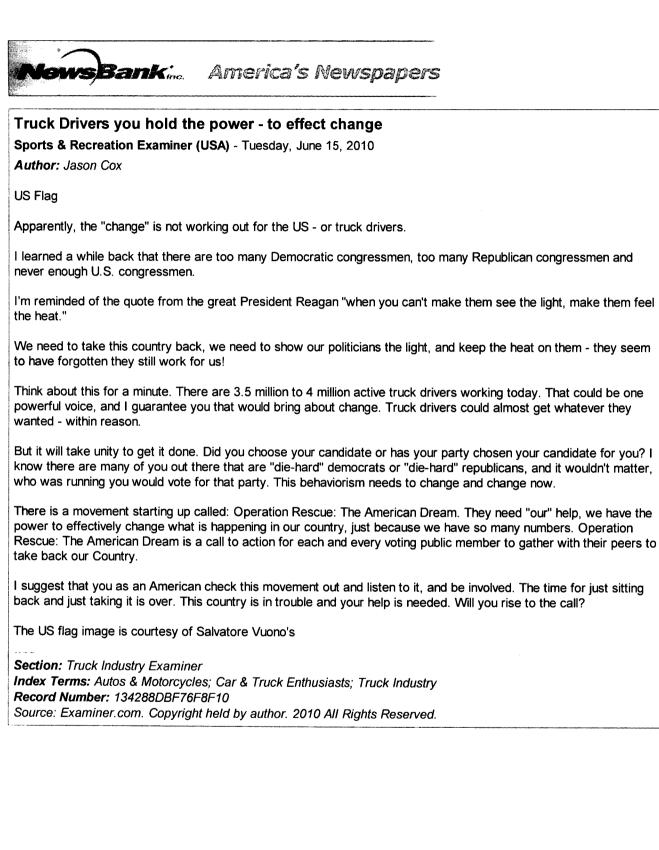
If there are more rafters, and more repatriations, the mood in Miami could grow uglier.

So far the police have been restrained, making few arrests. ""We are not going to arrest people for peacefully demonstrating and expressing their feelings, providing they are not violating the law in the process," said Miami police Chief Don Warshaw.

But, he said, people "obstructing the city and roadways" would be arrested.

**Caption:** COLOR PHOTO, Associated Press Gladys Lavastida rips a photograph of President Clinton during a demonstration in Miami., (ran T ET)

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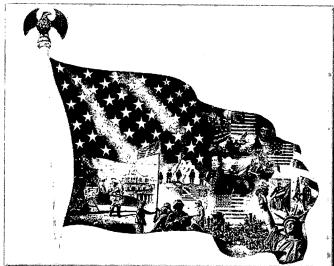
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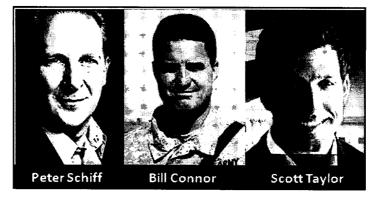
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After high school, Scott enlisted in the U.S. Navy, became the youngest SEAL at the time at age 19. As a SEAL, Scott served throughout South and Central America where he gained a fluency in Spanish, built rapport with host nation militaries and leaders, and advanced U.S. interests. Scott also served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was injured in a fall during a combat mission in 2005. Scott served over 8 years in the SEAL teams and spent 2 years teaching his fellow SEALs marksmanship and reconnaissance. While in the military, Scott started a small business and currently owns and operates a real estate brokerage company, a fitness center and a security consulting firm. Scott led a security mission that ensured the safety of U.S. citizens in Yemen during the Israel/Palestinian conflict in 2009.

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#### INTRODUCTION

A multitude of education experiments and pilot projects have been undertaken by local school districts to enhance the education of children in the United States. Many of the new experiments and projects have been successful, and academic achievement levels have been raised for some students. However, overall student achievement and the general health of education in America was rated "at risk" in 1983 by the National Commission on Excellence in Education. Additionally, a variety of studies and television documentaries were produced during the last half of the decade that provided information on the present state of education. All have concurred that a variety of problems exist and that there is indeed room for improvement.

Two common threads can be found in most of the recommendations that have been put forth to solve the problems associated with the low academic attainment of American children. The first is the need for more parental involvement in education, and the second is the need for intensified community participation at the local school district level. A *Nation At Risk* (1983) identified one of the tools at hand as "the voluntary efforts of individuals, businesses and civic groups to cooperate in strengthening educational programs" (p. 16). Community participation is a vital and needed component if our children are to attain the academic levels they are capable of reaching.

#### **THE OPERATION RESCUE EXPERIENCE**

Operation Rescue, currently in its 10th year of operation, is a partnership effort administered by the Washington Urban League in cooperation with the Washington, DC Public Schools (DCPS). It was started during school year 1980–81 in response to a student achievement crisis in the District's school system and has since evolved into a program of continuing support of the instructional goals of the school system. Initially a program with a single focus, Operation Rescue today is a multifocused

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educational program utilizing community residents, businesses, organizations, and churches as its corps of supporters. A formal memorandum of cooperation between DCPS and the Washington Urban League was signed in 1986 at a National Urban League-sponsored national educational conference that brought school superintendents and League affiliate presidents together to discuss educational policies in their communities and develop strategies for cooperation. In *Making Schools Work*, a 1989 Washington Urban League white paper, the League re-affirmed its commitment to continue to work in partnership with the District's public schools. The paper was disseminated to the community, the press, and League constituents.

Operation Rescue was originally established to provide tutorial enhancement services to approximately 10,000 first- through third-grade students identified as being at risk of failing. The students were in the first three classes educated under a curriculum that was first utilized during the 1978–79 school year. Mid-year assessments during the 1980-81 school year revealed that 10,646 of 21,538 students had failed to master the necessary skills required for moving from one grade level to the next. Six thousand students had failed in reading and mathematics, and 4,646 had failed in either reading or mathematics (Jenkins, 1981). Rather than allow students to continue without enhancement assistance, then-acting superintendent James Guines went public with the assessment findings and solicited the assistance of former Washington Urban League president Sterling Tucker to mobilize the Washington, DC community to help its students. An intensive four-week recruitment phase netted over 900 community residents who volunteered to provide tutorial assistance to students in 40 DCPS elementary schools. Tutorial services were provided over a 10-week period from mid-March to the end of May 1981.

At the close of the school year Operation Rescue was assessed to determine its impact and its fate as an educational support program. The impact of the Operation Rescue volunteers on the academic progress of the target group of children was easily evidenced. Rather than 10,000 students failing, over 7,000 students graduated to the next grade level due in part to the one-on-one or small group tutorial assistance they had received through Operation Rescue. The partnership of educators and community volunteers had been successful. Based on the success of its half-year effort, Operation Rescue was instituted as a full-school-year tutorial program administered by the Washington Urban League, a community-based organization.

Over the years the primary goal of Operation Rescue has remained the same: to support the instructional goals and objectives of the DCPS system. However, the objectives of the program have been expanded. The objectives presently include: (1) the provision of tutorial enhancement assistance to students at the target school sites; (2) the development of a cadre of community residents to provide voluntary tutorial support; (3) the building of a strong community network of businesses, organizations, government agencies, churches, and individuals to support both the program as well as the instructional goals of the public school system; (4) the provision of cultural and enrichment activities in other programmatic areas for student participants; and (5) the provision of a variety of services to develop and enhance the experiences and skills of program volunteers.

To carry out its goals and objectives, Operation Rescue utilizes some approaches that may be considered unorthodox for volunteer assistance programs. Like other community-based programs, its volunteers provide tutorial and educational enhancement assistance to children. Moreover, it is not unusual for a volunteer program to work in partnership with a local school system. What makes Operation Rescue unusual are the following characteristics:

- (1) It is an in-school volunteer tutorial program. Community residents are recruited to provide tutorial support at local school sites during the school day. Community residents working in the schools thus have the opportunity to become part of the school family; they see the day-to-day operations of the school and are able to interact with their tutees, with classroom instructors, and with other school staff.
- (2) It is a partnership effort between the Washington Urban League and the DCPS. Operation Rescue staff are housed in school system space. This permits them greater access to the system and enables volunteers to benefit from the resources provided by the League and by the school system. Additionally, Operation Rescue provides the schools with a variety of administrative and volunteer support services including volunteer referral and training/orientation.
- (3) Twelve Operation Rescue volunteer tutor training manuals, keyed to the school system's curriculum, have been developed by school system staff specifically for the program's volunteers. Six reading manuals (grades 1-6) and six mathematics manuals (grades 1-6) provide Operation Rescue volunteers with examples of activities they can use during their tutorial sessions. A companion manual was also developed to help volunteers infuse writing instruction into their tutorial sessions.
- (4) Because future academic success is often directly related to success or failure at the primary level (Bennett, 1986), Operation Rescue was established as an elementary tutorial program. It has remained a program focused at the elementary level. Thus, students' problems are often addressed before they become deficits that could prevent children from achieving academic success at the junior high school level and from acquiring other skills and tools with which they can build as they move from school to the workforce.
- (5) Operation Rescue volunteers are representative of the entire metropolitan community. They do not come solely from one church or organization or one neighborhood. Volunteers range in age from 17 to 82 years old. They come from all walks of life: college students, private and public sector employees, the self-employed, the unemployed, homemakers, and retirees. They reside in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland. Over 50% are Black.

#### THE IMPACT OF OPERATION RESCUE

Operation Rescue has benefitted the Washington, DC public schools system in a variety of ways. It has provided community residents with a broad array of opportunities to participate directly in the education of children. Hundreds of community residents who do not have children in the school system have been provided a vehicle through which they, too, can participate in education. Operation Rescue has opened the door for volunteers to come back to school in large numbers to work with children one-on-one or in small groups. It has also offered other community members the opportunity to provide volunteer development assistance including program development and analysis, materials development, and volunteer training. Annually, about 600 to 700 volunteers work at Operation Rescue target sites. Between 89,000 and 128,000 hours of services, conservatively valued at \$448,000 to \$640,000, are provided each year. These figures do not include materials and equipment donated to the program yearly.

Operation Rescue's impact on student achievement varies from school to school and from child to child. Although many of the students who participate in the program receive other types of educational enhancement services, it has been found that Operation Rescue volunteers have had significant influence on DCPS students, especially at the third-grade level (Berry, 1984). Many volunteers have been able to help shy students blossom. They have also helped to build up the confidence level of students by encouraging them to achieve and then helping them to do so. Volunteers have broadened students' universes by sharing experiences and information about their jobs and providing students with cultural and recreational activities. One Marine Corps volunteer took his tutees and their families on trips to museums. Another volunteer celebrated the birthdays of his tutees. Still another tutored a child during the school day and then tutored the child's parent on Saturday mornings. One volunteer became so involved with the school family at the site where she tutored that she donated a computer to the school. Another volunteer encouraged her church to adopt her school and provide the school with a number of services including books, computers, and clothes.

Businesses, organizations, and churches unable to provide tutors have donated money, material, and equipment. They also provide space for meetings and workshops. Annually, Operation Rescue and the DCPS Parental Involvement, Volunteer and Community Services Unit sponsor a "Volunteers and Partners" Conference. Through this conference a growing cadre of businesses and organizations have an opportunity to support education in the District's public schools. Formal three-way partnership agreements to provide educational enhancement assistance and support services at partnership target sites exist between the Washington Urban League/Operation Rescue, DCPS, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and between the Washington Urban League/Operation Rescue, DCPS, and the Washington Urban League Guild, Inc. Additionally, partnership agreements exist with the Washington Cathedral, Merrill Lynch, and the Rainbow Fund. Tenets of these agreements include tutorial support (Washington Cathedral) and annual scholarship support for 35 selected third-grade students until they graduate from high school.

#### CONCLUSION

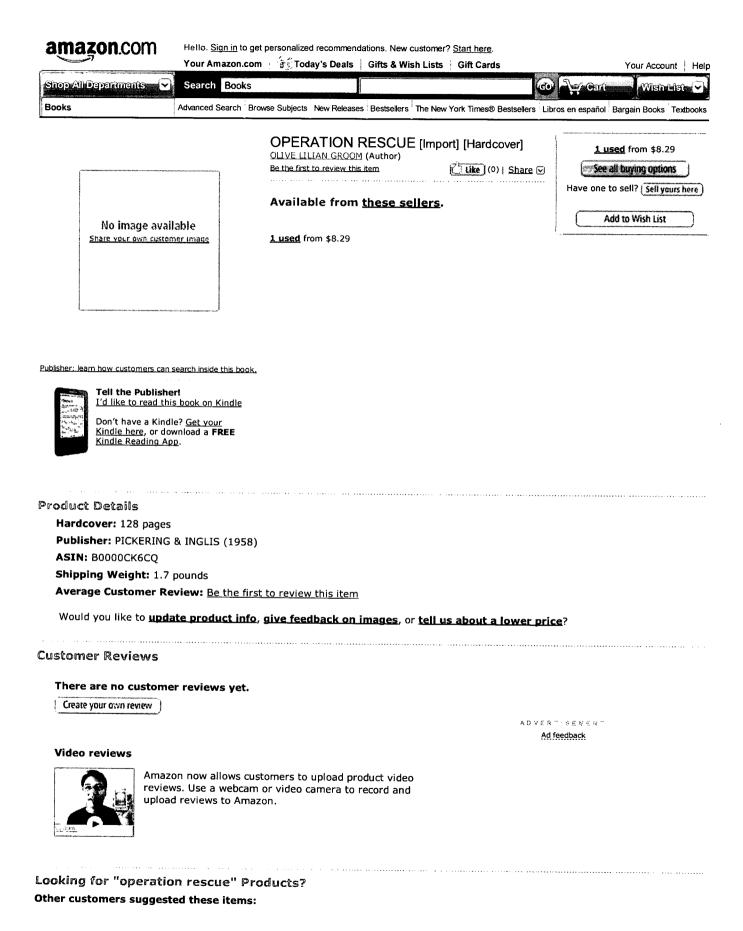
The Operation Rescue experience demonstrates that the school-community partnership can bring a wealth of talent and resources to local school systems. Operation Rescue is an exemplary example of an effort to build bridges and develop a network of community support for education. That network does not focus on any one group, however. The Operation Rescue community partnership is a broadly inclusive one that incorporates all of the activities recommended by the U.S. Department of Education's 1989 publication, *Schools That Work*, including:

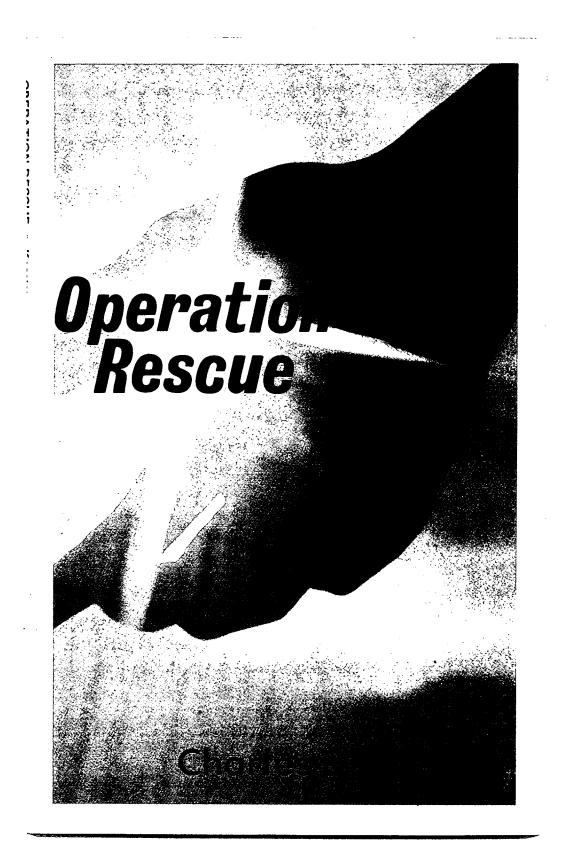
- (1) partnerships with schools to provide a wide range of resources including funds, tutors, and expertise;
- (2) coordination of the activities of community-based service agencies;
- (3) assistance of volunteers who help improve the mastery of subjects and skills;
- (4) provision of scholarship incentives through partnerships with businesses and foundations; and
- (5) recognition of student, volunteer, and program accomplishments through the media, organizational newsletters, award nominations, and structured recognition activities.

Our youth cannot afford to have less than our best effort and total commitment to their education. Though many problems persist in the educational fabric of our society, some of these problems can be effectively addressed by community-based organizations and school systems working in partnership. However, such partnerships are only as good as the schools and community organizations that work to establish and nurture them. As this review has shown, the DCPS–Washington Urban League community partnership has proven itself of great value in ensuring the school success of children in the nation's capital.

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He rescued me from so terrible a death. He rescues still, and I rely upon him for the hope that he will continue to rescue me. 2 Corinthians 1:10

Dedicated to George T. Wormley Friend......Confidant Parishioner......Churchman Finally Rescued June 18, 1978

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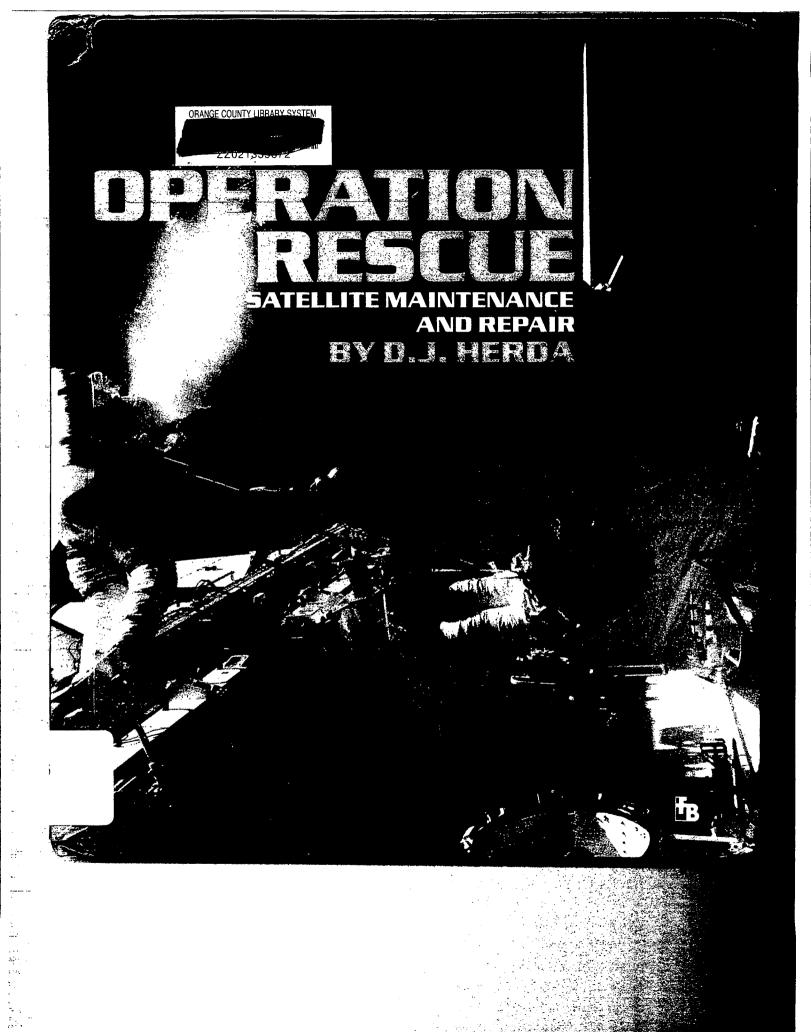
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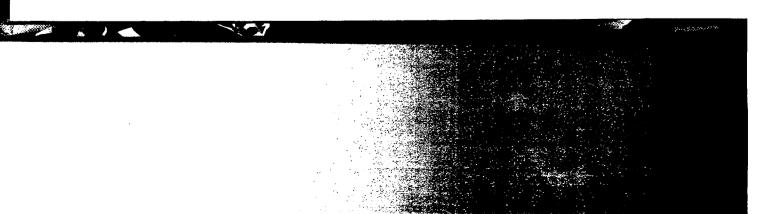
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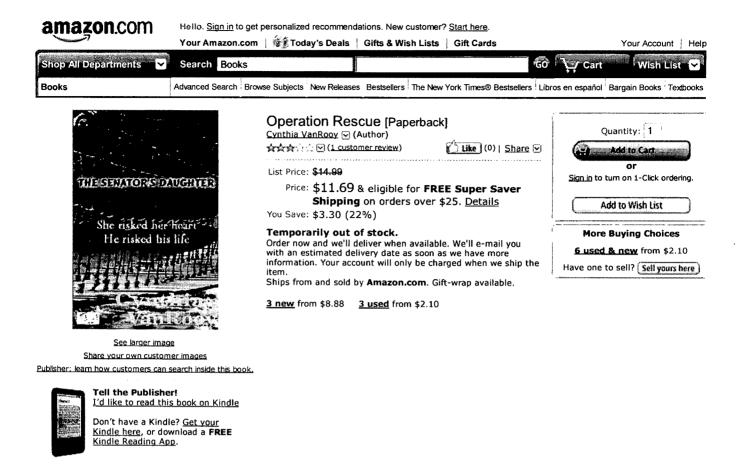
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When Senator Mayfield's daughter is kidnapped, he turns to his housekeeper's son for help.

**Nick Delgado** knows his chances of rescuing Paige alive are slim. In fact, he'd rather find his childhood playmate dead than tortured and raped by the renegade *Bandera Rojo*.

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#### About the Author

About The Author Cynthia VanRooy came by her love of books early. The daughter of a career army officer, she moved frequently, and by the time she graduated from high school had attended eleven different schools. Books became her constant companions and no matter how many other friends she was forced to leave over the years her favorite authors were always there waiting for her at the next library. Bennet Cerf himself, then president of Random House, turned down her first story, written at age eight. Undaunted by the early rejection, Cynthia has been writing ever since. She has five romance novels and assorted magazine articles to her credit. Her favorite reading material?—how-to books on almost any subject. "They are great for research and story ideas."

Her husband is a naval officer and she is still moving. ("You'd think I'd have learned!") At each new duty station they buy an older home in need of TLC and fix it up, so her how-to knowledge comes in handy for more than just writing. Two of Cynthia's novels, The Man Next Door and All That Glitters, were finalists for the San Diego Book Awards Best Romance of '97 and '98 respectively. Fool's Paradise is Cynthia's second novel published by SANDS Publishing. Her SANDS debut romantic suspense novel Operation Rescue was an instant bestseller, and is available in ebook and print at www.sandspublishing.com. She currently lives in Southern California with her husband and two daughters. She loves to hear from readers. mailto:cynthiavanrooy@juno.com.

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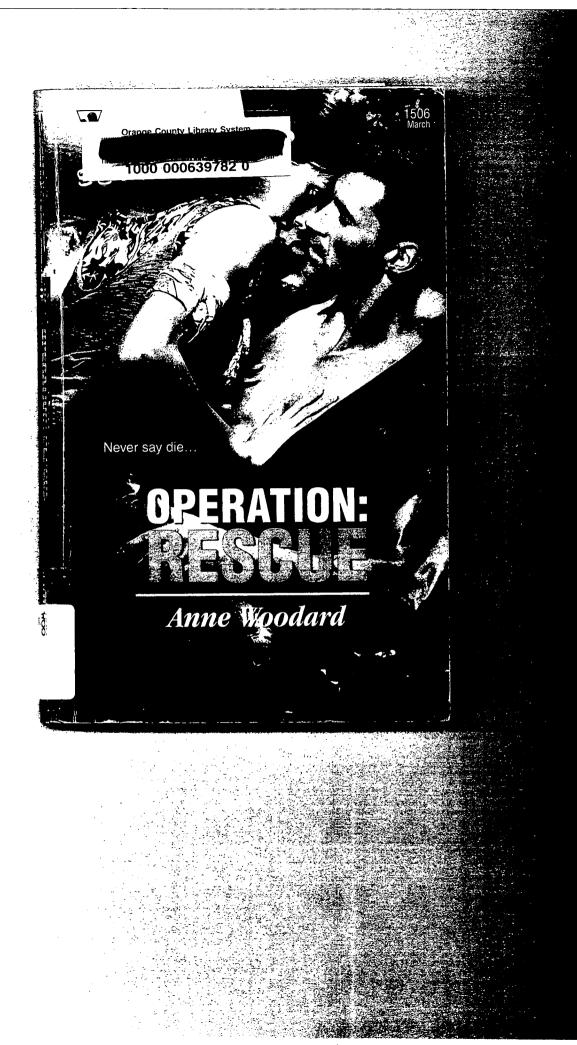
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After much wandering, Anne Woodard recently put down roots in Hawaii. With writing, cutting back a garden that won't stop growing and breaking up doggie squabbles because the Todd Man stole everyone's bones, she keeps busy. But not so busy that she can't explore the beauties of her new home state, including the local beaches! Readers can contact Anne at annewoodard1@earthlink.net.



Rain forests fascinate me. I've visited the rain forests of the Upper Amazon and the Orinoco, and I live in an island rain forest now. With orchids, I might add. Lots and lots of orchids. Flamboyant masses and shy little gems that are all too easy to miss. Orchids in trees, orchids in pots, orchids in the garden and orchids, always, in the house.

The orchids aren't the only attraction, of course. A rain forest is an amazing place to live, though it does take awhile to get used to all the critters that come with it: spiders and centipedes longer than my spread hand, termites and giant cockroaches, ants and mosquitoes and rats and...well, you get the picture! Paradise has always come with a few unpleasant secrets lurking in the undergrowth. That's one price you pay for living there.

More than the rain forests themselves, however, I have always been fascinated by the tales of the people who have journeyed, often alone, into the jungles' darkest depths. They go in search of treasure, orchids or adventure, gold or timber or lost civilizations, perhaps. But the lucky ones, it seems to me, aren't the ones who find the treasure they went to seek, but the ones who, often in the midst of the greatest danger, manage to unlock at least some of the secrets hidden deep in their all-too-human hearts.

This story is about two of the lucky ones.

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#### **Rescue in Baghdad**

Children's book 'Operation Rescue in Baghdad,' by Luciana Savaget, was translated into Arabic and is read by Palestinian children. In the book, an operation saves fictional characters amidst a war.

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São Paulo – The main character in the story is the director of Cultural Heritage at the International Fantasy Rescue Society (SIRF). Due to the war in Baghdad, which started in 2003, she gets in touch with Sinbad, Ali Baba, Aladdin, calling out for help to prevent dreams from being abandoned in the middle of the war. Sinbad the sailor goes by sea, Aladdin flies his carpet through air, and storytellers provide aid by land. With the sponsorship of Ali Baba, they manage to rescue 15,222 characters of the One Thousand and One Nights.

In short, this is the plot of children's book "OperationPress Rescue in Baghdad," written by Brazilian journalist Luciana Savaget, and published in 2004 by the Nova Fronteira publishing house. The book was translated from Spanish into Arabic, last year, by the Tamer Institute, a Palestinian non-governmental organization, and the Ministry of Education of the Arab country purchased 100,000 copies. They were distributed among children at the Palestinian refugee camps, and Luciana travelled to the country last November to discuss the work.



"When the war began, I was desperate. I used to think: the

people are not realizing that not only a city will beWith a storyteller in Baghdad

destroyed, but also the setting for the One Thousand and

One Nights. Aladdin was born in the same neighbourhood

as Saddam Hussein, Sinbad used to sail the Tigris and Euphrates rivers," says the writer. She tells that she started sending emails and talking to people about the matter. So she decided to write the book, consisting of letters exchanged with Arab characters such as Sinbad, Ali Baba, and Aladdin. One detail: Sinbad had already retired, but decided to make an exception and take part in the operation. He, however, is already an elder, therefore letters are the only way of communicating with him.



The book was published in Arabic

The book is the first in a series of three. The second one, entitled "Operation Rescue in Jordan – the Secret of the Desert," was released in 2007 and is the result of a trip that Luciana made to the Arab world – Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Palestine – to give lectures about the book "Operation Rescue in Baghdad." The author, as the director of the SIRF, tells stories about her trip, such as one night spent in the desert alongside Bedouins, as she narrates the quest for the lamp of Aladdin, which fell into the hands of dream demolishers. She finds the lamp, but not the genie.

And the genie is exactly the subject of the third book in the series, which will be released before the end of the year. In it, the director of Cultural Heritages of the SIRF goes to Palestine because she believes that the genie is spreading evil around, and contributes to the lack of an understanding between Palestinians and the Jewish in

order to end the conflict. According to Luciana, there are s still no forecasts regarding translation into Arabic of the second and third books in the series. The problem, according to her, is finding professionals who will do the direct translation from Portuguese into Arabic. The fact that the Operation Baghdad book has a version in Spanish has made translation into Arabic easier.

#### Luciana

The writer Luciana, aged 50, is the author of 29 books. The first one that she wrote, entitled *Flor sem Nome* (Flower With No Name), was published in 1988. The journalist explains that her early works were more inclined towards pure fiction, and that starting with "Operation Rescue in Baghdad" she started mixing fantasy and reality, which is the case with the children's series about Arab countries.

Even though she is not a descendant of Arabs, Luciana feels a close connection to the Middle East. She has a collection of Muslim female garments, such as the chador, which she makes a point of showing to Brazilian children in lectures about her books. The intention is to show, with this and other elements, that Islamism is a religion like any other, and should not be linked to terrorism.

Luciana was born in the city of Rio de Janeiro and, in addition to being a writer, she works as a journalist at cable news channel TV Globo News, owned by the Globo TV network. At the channel, she is the editor of the "Arquivo N" show. Aside from children's books, Luciana, who is a Catholic, also wrote adult books, including one based on journalistic research at Catholic Churches about Our Lady.

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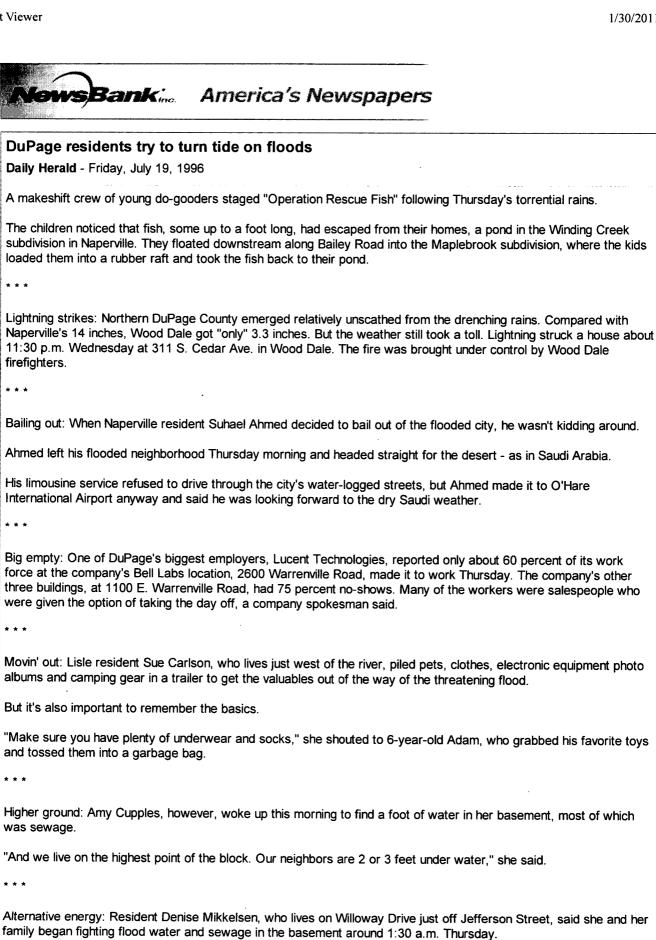
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"My husband went out and got the car's battery to keep the sump pump working in the basement."

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Alternative energy, part II: Neighbors shared their misery, humor and power in Steeple Run. Residents with power ran orange extension cords to their neighbors' houses to operate pumps. Lori Schuster was thankful but had another complaint.

"Do you know what it's like to have no coffee and have to deal with this?" she said.

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Cold feet: Lisle Mayor Ronald Ghilardi worried about the East Branch of the DuPage River overrunning its banks and inundating residents in his town. But like residents, he had his own problems at home.

Water seeped into the basement of his house in the Arboretum Woods subdivision off Warrenville Road.

"When you stand in rainwater, it's amazing how cold it is," he said.

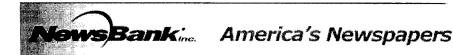
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Not just once in a lifetime: "This is unbelievable," said Naperville resident Stewart Finley. "They say it's a 100-year flood, but it seems like it happens every 10 years."

Daily Herald staff writers Jim Davis, Christy Gutowski, Deborah Johnson, Deborah Pankey and Dan Culloton contributed to this report.

**Caption:** "Operation Rescue Fish" in Naperville's Maplebrook subdivision returns fish Thursday to their proper home--a pond down the street that had overflowed. Photo for the Daily Herald by Joan Nortell

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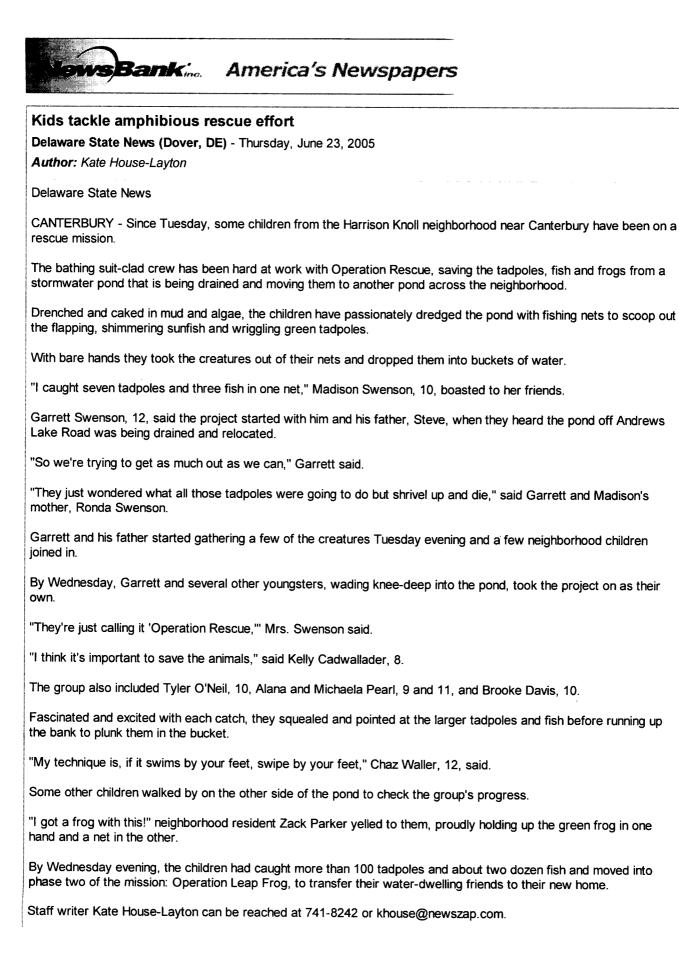
#### **OPERATION RESCUE**

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Yachats, Ore., firefighter Frankie Petrick cradles an oil-covered shore bird she rescued from the surf just north of the wrecked "New Carissa' Wednesday. The ship broke free from a tow tug Monday and drifted ashore near Waldport, Ore.

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**Caption:** Delaware State News/Kate House-Layton Alana Pearl, 9, takes a sweep with a net to look for fish, tadpoles or frogs in a storm water pond near her home in the Harrison Knoll neighborhood.

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# **Special Report: Operation Rescue**

By Barry Yeoman Oprah.com | May 12, 2009



Barbara Woodley hoarded more than 300 dogs, only to keep them in deplorable conditions. It took a three-year legal battle, an army of volunteers, and hundreds of very special new owners to save these broken creatures. Walter the Boston Terrier pads into Heather Jackson's sunny living room in Sanford, North Carolina. He's a small dog, maybe 9 or 10 years old, with a white wishbone marking on his perfectly square black face. His left eye is cloudy and scarred, and he can't see very well with it. Walter regards me with his good eye. He seems shy at first. But he accepts a chicken strip from my hand, decides I must be okay, and curls up on the love seat where Jackson, a police officer, is sitting. Of her four dogs, she says, "I think he knows that he's my favorite."

Walter was not always so contented. He and Jackson first crossed paths in January 2005, when a dispatcher summoned her to Barbara Key Woodley's property. Woodley, a retired factory worker in her late 60s with a ruddy face and swept-back white hair, was

keeping hundreds of dogs in buildings on her four acres. Many of them were confined in open-top wooden boxes or wire crates with no access to fresh air. A judge had ordered veterinarian Laureen Bartfield onto the land to care for them. But Woodley had threatened to shoot the doctor, according to Bartfield—and from then on, she always visited under police escort. This time Jackson was the officer on call.

Trained to separate her personal feelings from her work as a law enforcement officer, Jackson, 37, had seen her share of animal welfare cases. Still, the conditions on Woodley's land shocked her. "The stench, when you went in there—if you didn't wear a mask, you'd gag the rest of the day," she says. Some of the crates were stacked and had wire bottoms, and the dogs' legs trembled as they tried to maintain their footholds. These animals were not released outside, so those in the top cages were forced to eliminate onto the ones below. Ammonia fumes and residue from their urine burned their skin, eyes, and genitals. "It was just horrid," Jackson says. "They were either petrified of you or aggressive, or they would fight each other just to get some human contact. It was hard to deal with. All I could think was, 'How in the world did this happen?"

#### Audio slideshow: Watch Heather and Walter's story

What Jackson didn't know then was that the legal proceedings resulting in the judge's order would unfold into a three-year battle over the fate of Walter and about 300 other dogs—Boston terriers, boxers, miniature pinschers, Pomeranians, Jack Russell terriers, and pugs, among other breeds. A nonprofit California organization called the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) had recently sued Woodley and her husband, Robert, to rescue the dogs, and its attorneys were plunging into the case with single-minded intensity. They knew they were outsiders in this rural Southern county, that their legal strategy was untested, and that any setback could condemn the animals to

Walter, who stood like a gopher, needed to be house-trained and taught not to nip at visitors or guard his food aggressively. "He was such a challenge to get well," says officer Heather Jackson. "And it's still a work in progress." These days Walter can be found sunbathing with Jackson's other dogs, or walking with her along the pond across the street. 'To help him become a normal animal—as much as he can be normal—is profound," she says. "I think about how he had never been in the sun, or even set foot outside before. Simple things like that still get me."

Then there was Edgar, a Boston terrier, one of the oldest Woodley dogs.

Edgar didn't win every heart. At the Halls of Hope, the 10-year-old sat quietly in his cage, seemingly oblivious to the activity around him. "He was just checked out," says ALDF director Wells. "No personality. My impression was, he must be near death because he just doesn't engage."

But Joyce Tischler, ALDF's general counsel, noticed how Edgar followed her with his eyes. "He had this very earnest look," she says. "He didn't bark. He didn't jump. He just sat there calmly like a little gentleman. I realized, 'Oh my gosh, I'm ignoring this dog because he's quiet." Inside the kennel, Edgar sat on Tischler's lap and let her scratch him—not something every Woodley dog would do.

Tischler, 56, began visiting Edgar regularly. "I was a little obsessed with him," she says. The day she left for home in California, she kissed him goodbye for what she assumed would be the last time. But whenever she telephoned the shelter, she always got the same report: No one had called dibs on Edgar.

As the Halls of Hope emptied out, attorney Wagman said, half-jokingly, "No one's taking this dog, Joyce. You're going to have to get him."

The last thing Tischler needed was another dog; she had two already, plus a teenage daughter, several cats, and a rigorous travel schedule. And Edgar was a mess—unsocialized, unhousebroken, and in need of polyp surgery, along with extensive dental work.

"Pack his bags," she told Wagman. "He's coming to California."

Tischler flew back east and picked him up. As they drove to the airport, the dog's teeth clattered in fear. But when they boarded the plane—the only first-class trip Tischler has ever taken—she slid Edgar's soft carrier beneath the seat in front of her. He was soon snoring at her feet.

Flying home, Tischler could not imagine what the next three and a half years would hold. She didn't foresee having to get Edgar past a biting phase. She had yet to understand how his racing through the yard, or making slobbering sounds during meals, would teach her to live "fully in the moment—to be a little less human and a little more dog." Nor could she predict whether Edgar would really recover from the Woodley ordeal.

All she could feel, as the plane landed in San Francisco, was pure jubilation. "I have you 3,000 miles away from that woman," she thought as they walked briskly across the terminal. "And you are never going back."

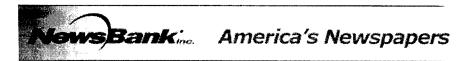
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Find out what you can do to help homeless animals

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#### Dogs, cats torn from owners by hurricane arrive at LAX

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They've endured a hurricane, a flood and separation from their families. They were hungry, dehydrated and so scared after their flight that they cowered shivering in their crates.

But there's not much wrong with a dog that a cookie and a good ear scratching won't fix, and within a few minutes after arriving in Torrance on Tuesday afternoon, 90 canine survivors of Hurricane Katrina were jumping, barking and wagging with abandon.

Operation Rescue for Ruffugees was under way.

"I think they're happy just to have someone hold them," said Katherine Hopkins of Santa Monica, who hugged a pooch as it was being tested by a veterinarian.

The dogs -- along with 20 cats -- arrived in the South Bay because shelters in New Orleans were too overwhelmed to handle them. As soon as they showed up at the warehouse of the Centinela Feed and Pet Supplies corporate office, they were photographed, fed, dewormed and scanned for microchips (those that didn't have a chip were soon given one). There were even plots of grass lining the concrete floor so the animals could have a place to relieve themselves.

"The situation (in New Orleans) is so horrific," said Kim Finger, with the rescue group Much Love Animal Rescue. "Dogs are dying."

While people are also suffering, Finger said rescuers can help alleviate their pain by caring for their pets.

"Sadly, we heard many owners are relinquishing their pets," she said. "Every effort should be made to help every creature on the planet."

After being checked out, the animals were given to members of 21 rescue organizations that will care for them while their original owners in Louisiana have a chance to get on their feet. Every effort will be made to locate the owners and pictures of the pets will be posted on animal rescue Web site, www.petfinder.com. If the owners can't be located in 30 days, the animals will become available for adoption.

"We want to get them back to home," Finger said. "If they're not able to be found, we will find loving homes for them."

The cost of flying the animals across the country -- about \$50,000 -- was paid by Texas oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens and his wife, Madeline, in a project called "Operation Pet Lift."

Eric and Ardis Munck managed to fit most of the crates in a trailer they painted with "K9 911" The couple normally rescues Doberman pinschers, but wanted to help out any way they could.

"People lost their homes and can't take care of them," Ardis Munck said. "We can at least do this till they can take them back."

If the dogs had it rough, the cats didn't have it much better. But they too would have a warm, quiet place to sleep for the first time in weeks.

"It's a good feeling," said Culver City resident Tammy Benesch of the group Feral Cat Alliance. "I was nervous at first, but they're going to be taken care of."

While some of the animals had cuts or are thin enough to see their bones, veterinarian Erin Wilson said they are mostly fairly healthy.

"Generally, they're surprisingly good," she said. "They're skinny and dirty, but pretty good."

Their ride from Louisiana wasn't exactly first class, but they had a flight attendant on board.

"I'd give them cookies and see if they wanted water," said Tony Brancato. "I just wanted to show them a little human contact. I'd pat them and stuff."

Some of the animals seemed to enjoy the flight. "Once we turned down the lights, they went to sleep," Brancato said. "They liked it quiet and dark."

They even got to see a movie on their way over: "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

"They howled on that one," Brancato said. "But they behaved better than some of the regular passengers."

**Caption:** Ardis Munck, top, gives a dog a drink of water after it arrives at the Centinela Pet Supplies warehouse in Torrance, which is organizing temporary homes for cats and dogs airlifted from New Orleans animal shelters. Volunteers load a truck with animals flown into LAX from the Gulf Coast on Tuesday. A patch of grass, food and water were some of the amenities provided rescued dogs at a Torrance warehouse after their flight from overburdened Gulf Coast animal shelters Tuesday.Karen Jones, left, of Basenji Rescue, and Ardis Munck, of Dobies and Little Paws, embrace before driving to LAX to pick up pets left homeless by Hurricane Katrina that were flown in from the Gulf Coast on Tuesday.Continental Airlines employee Honorio Franco guides one of the 90 dogs left homeless by Hurricane Katrina down a conveyor belt at LAX.

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#### Mortarboard rebel finally gets diploma

San Diego Union-Tribune, The (CA) - Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Author: Diane Bell

Laura Jehl was in Point Loma High's 1982 graduating class but never received her diploma. That was the penalty for a triumphant toss of her mortarboard at the graduation ceremony in violation of a strict school rule.

Jehl wasn't worried because she already had been accepted to UC Berkeley. She went on to study there, at the Sorbonne in Paris and at Harvard Law School. Then she worked for the U.S. State Department, Senate Judiciary Committee and America Online.

When a family friend, George Mitrovich, heard about the diploma, he contacted the current Point Loma High principal, Bobbie Samilson. She obligingly dug up the missing diploma, and Mitrovich forwarded it to Jehl in Virginia. She was delighted -- especially when her husband took her to dinner to celebrate her high school graduation.

Samilson doesn't know when the policy changed, but it has become a Point Loma post-commencement tradition that, beginning with the senior class president, all the graduates throw their mortarboards.

Not quite ugly enough

An El Cajon greyhound named Victoria with one blind eye, crooked teeth, a gimpy leg and amputated tail was the online favorite for the World's Ugliest Dog Contest that took place Friday. But when the judges ruled, she came in second to a pudgy, Chinese Crested canine named Archie, best described by his owner as a "hairless sausage on a leash."

Victoria racked up 49,814 votes from the public on the Internet, followed by past winners Munchkin, at 31,234, and Rascal, at 25,066. Archie received only 210 votes, but online popularity was worth only a one-point judging advantage.

Victoria's owner, Bruna Palmatier, said yesterday that while the experience was fun, she is disappointed that Victoria didn't get the crown. But the world will soon see more of the four-pound Italian greyhound. A crew from TV's Animal Planet channel spent two days filming Victoria and will air a program on the contest in October.

Palmatier, who runs Operation Rescue for racing greyhounds, saved Victoria as a pup nearly four years ago. In February, Victoria won a 2006 Ugly Dog competition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and went on to compete for the world title at the Sonoma-Marin Fair. An animal psychic there informed Palmatier that Victoria didn't like the contest -- because she doesn't think she's ugly.

#### The local connection

Former V.P. Al Gore couldn't be here, but he sent his greetings Thursday to a Del Mar cinema audience about to view his film on global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth." Newscaster Bree Walker read Gore's message to a group celebrating the formation of Mothers United Saving Earth (MUSE).

"Without my mentor and internationally recognized scholar and authority, Roger Revelle, the director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography from 1950-1964 ... what you are about to see would not have been possible," wrote Gore.

#### An osprey's legacy

Happiness turned to sadness when a young osprey died of its injuries after dangling from atop an 85-foot-tall light pole before being rescued by SDG&E workers. Now Sempra Energy is donating \$2,500 to the Fund for Animals Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Ramona, where the injured bird was treated. Mesa College also is donating \$2,500 to the center in honor of the osprey and in hopes of saving injured wild animals in the future.

Diane Bell's column appears Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Fax items to (619) 260-5009; call (619) 293-1518; e-mail to diane.bell@uniontrib.com; or mail to The San Diego Union-Tribune, Box 120191, San Diego 92112-0191.

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#### Extra!

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GIVING PAWS A HAND

Coloradans, joining with animal shelter staffers from around the country, are doing their part to help animals in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

Ten people from Denver's Dumb Friends League and its Castle Rock Buddy Shelter, three from the Humane Society of Boulder Valley and two from the Larimer Humane Society are working with Operation Rescue Paw. They are sharing responsibility for sheltering hundreds of pets rescued from Galveston, Texas.

As they help creatures, they're not getting much in the way of creature comforts - the 15 team members have been sharing living space in two RVs and two SUVs.

Go to ddfl.org for updates or to donate to the effort.

Source: Dumb Friends League

BUMPER SNICKER

"Eve was framed."

Bumper sticker seen Tuesday on a Toyota SUV on West 38th Avenue

GO TO THE GORGE

The Royal Gorge Bridge near Canon City offers dizzying views of the Arkansas River far below. Most of the time, making a leap into the canyon might not sound like the greatest idea. But at the Royal Gorge Go Fast! Games, B.A.S.E. jumpers and bungee jumpers will take the plunge.

And for people with enough nerve, there's bungee jumping for the public.

Other attractions include demonstrations of jet packs and rock climbing.

Public bungee jumping is set for Thursday and on the three days of other events - Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Admission varies by age.

For more information or to reserve a bungee jump, go to gofasteventcompany.com.

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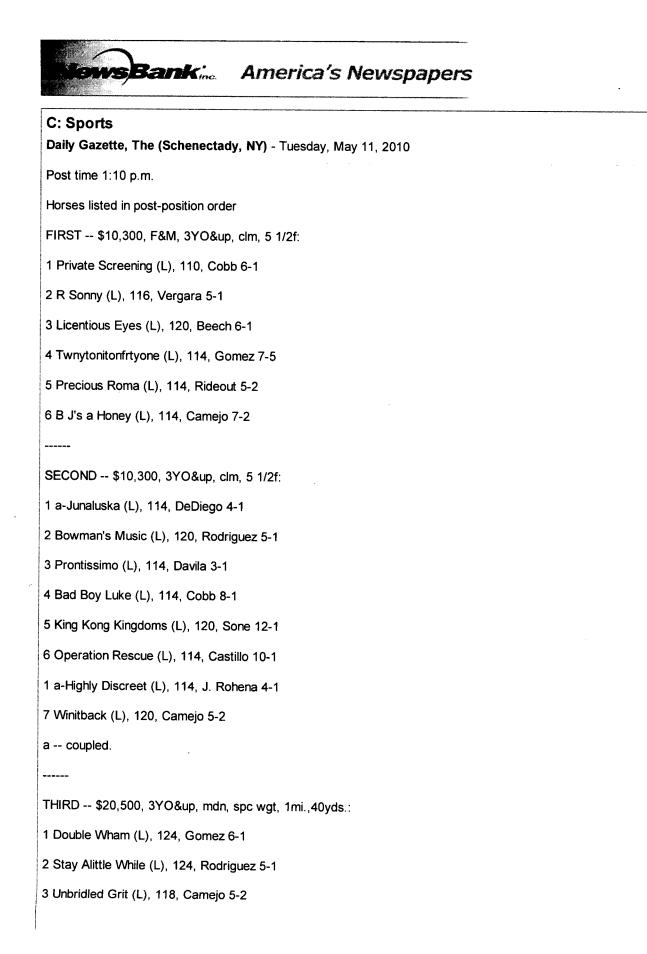
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Coloradans traveled to Galveston, Texas earlier in the month to help take care of pets stranded during Hurricane Ike. /SPECIAL TO THE ROCKY

Memo: Denver Dumb Friend's League, Hurricane Ike, Castle Rock Buddy Shelter, Larimer Humane Society, Royal Gorge

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

RANDALL A. TERRY, an individual, Petitioner

v.

TROY NEWMAN, an individual, Registrant In the matter of Registration No. 3,179,591 For the mark: OPERATION RESCUE

Registered upon the Principal Register On December 5, 2006

Cancellation No. 92047809

#### **REGISTRANT'S SECOND NOTICE OF RELIANCE**

Registrant, Troy Newman, hereby makes of record and notifies Petitioner of its reliance

on the following written responses to Registrant's written discovery requests submitted pursuant

to Rule 2.120(j) of the Trademark Rules of Practice, 37 C.F.R. §2.120(j), TBMP §704.10 and

Fed. R. Evid. §801(d)(2):

1. Petitioner's Responses to Registrant's Interrogatory Nos. 10 and 25, true and correct copies

of which are annexed hereto as **Exhibit I**.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first c mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Trademarks, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 223 1451 on the date shown below: By:		<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b>
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2. Petitioner's Responses to Registrant's Requests for Admissions Nos. 444-454, 477, 480-491,

502-504, 547-551, 579-589, true and correct copies of which are annexed hereto as Exhibit

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Respectfully submitted,

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Brian R. Gibbons Attorney for Registrant

<u>01/31/11</u> Date

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Michael Culver, Millen, White, Selano & Branigan, PC, 2200 Clarendon Road, Suite 1400, Arlington, VA 22201, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2011.

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# Exhibit I

Operation Rescue West about 1990, Michael Hirsch to use the mark Operation Rescue

Atlanta about 1988, Bill Cotter to use the mark Operation Rescue Boston about 1989,

while petitioner retained for himself the right to use the mark Operation Rescue alone.

#### Supplemental Response

Petitioner stands by the first response above, but adds that with respect to

Operation Rescue West, Flip Benham may also have been involved in providing

permission.

Interrogatory 10

Identify any and all third parties (other than Petitioner or Registrant), of whom Petitioner is aware, who are currently or have in the past used the OPERATION RESCUE mark.

#### First Response

See response to Interrogatory No. 9.

#### Supplemental Response

In addition to those mentioned in the response to Interrogatory No. 9, other groups included Operation Rescue Denver, Operation Rescue Los Angeles, and Operation Rescue San Diego; there were many such groups that cannot now be recalled by name.

Date: July 20, 2009

By: Minkall (as to objections)

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#### PETITIONER'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO REGISTRANT'S INTERROGATORIES NOS. 25 & 31

Pursuant to the Board's Order of October 30, 2009, Petitioner submits his supplemental responses to Registrant's Interrogatories Nos. 25 and 31. Petitioner incorporates his objections and responses as previously provided on July 20, 2009.

#### Interrogatory 25

Identify the titles of each individual identified in response to Interrogatories No. 23 and 24, and the dates they held such titles.

<u>Supplemental Response</u>: During the 1980s when Petitioner directed the persons associated with Operation Rescue, Petitioner generally eschewed the use of titles and preferred instead to assign a task to a person. In this way, a person was never stripped of a title, which can be harmful for morale, but instead assigned a new or another task based on their performance.

In some early written materials, the initial leaders (Andrew Burnett, Joseph Foreman, Gary Leber, Jesse Lee, Peter Lennox and Michael McMonagle) were at times referred to as co-sponsors. At times, it is believed that Gary Leber was referred to as the

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director of communications. In 1989 while Petitioner was in jail in Georgia, Joe Foreman may have also been referred to as the acting director of Operation Rescue. Additionally, at various times, particularly if Petitioner was unavailable or in jail, persons assumed the role of national spokesperson, including Pat Mahoney and Barbara Magera. Similarly, while Petitioner was in jail, John Perrodin took the role of legal coordinator. Petitioner believes that leaders within Operation Rescue assigned titles to themselves, without Petitioner's knowledge, at various times in accomplishing various tasks; this use of titles was simply human nature so that the person could encapsulate a position of authority or leadership to the public or within Operation Rescue.

With respect to the publication Operation Rescue NewsBrief, Petitioner was identified as the Editor or Publisher, Gary Leber was identified as the Editor or Managing Editor, Pete Kelly was also identified as a Managing Editor, and Mark Lucas was identified as the Art Director.

#### Interrogatory 31

For each year within the last ten years, identify the amount of money received by Petitioner as donations or contributions associated with or made out to "Operation Rescue."

Supplemental Response: Petitioner objects to this interrogatory as burdensome, particularly since records are not available for most of the ten years in question; Petitioner must therefore base his response on his best recollection. Petitioner estimates that the following amounts of money were received: 1999--\$2000; 2000--\$2500; 2001--\$2000; 2002--\$2000; 2003--\$3000; 2004--\$3500; 2005--\$3500; 2006--\$5000; 2007--\$20,000; 2008--\$50,000. For 2009, it is estimated that the amount will be \$70,000.

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444. Admit that Petitioner was not the leader of any entity or organization doing business under a name which included the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 1996.

445. Admit that Petitioner was not the leader of any entity or organization doing business under a name which included the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 1997.

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453. Admit that Petitioner was not the leader of any entity or organization doing business under a name which included the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2004.

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454. Admit that Petitioner was not the leader of any entity or organization doing business under a name which included the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2005.

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456. Admit that Petitioner was not the leader of any entity or organization doing business under a name which included the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2007.

457. Admit that Petitioner was not associated with any entity or organization doing business under a name which included the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 1992.

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474. Admit that Petitioner did not originate the term OPERATION RESCUE.

475. Admit that, in a letter dated December 5, 1989, Rev. Joseph L. Foreman made the statement "Does this mean that Operation Rescue no longer exists? As an organization, perhaps, yes."

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477. Admit that Rev. Joseph L. Foreman was the acting director of Operation Rescue at the time that he made the statement "Does this mean that Operation Rescue no longer exists? As an organization, perhaps, yes."

478. Admit that the letter dated December 5, 1989 which contains the statement "Does this mean that Operation Rescue no longer exists? As an organization, perhaps, yes." was distributed on letterhead bearing the OPERATION RESCUE name.

479. Admit that the statement "Does this mean that Operation Rescue no longer exists? As an organization, perhaps, yes." was an accurate statement.

480. Admit that, in a letter dated January 22, 1990, Petitioner makes the statement "As you know, because of the lawsuit, we are changing the shape of our National leadership. We will no longer have a central office."

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481. Admit that the letter dated January 22, 1990 which contains the statement "As you know, because of the lawsuit, we are changing the shape of our National leadership. We will no longer have a central office." was distributed on letterhead bearing the OPERATION RESCUE name.

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486. Admit that Petitioner desired fully autonomous, locally led and financed groups.

487. Admit that, during the time period in which Petitioner claims to have used the OPERATION RESCUE mark in commerce, fully autonomous groups were operating under names which included the term "Operation Rescue".

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488. Admit that, during the time period in which Petitioner claims to have used the OPERATION RESCUE mark in commerce, locally led groups were operating under names which included the term "Operation Rescue".

489. Admit that, during the time period in which Petitioner claims to have used the OPERATION RESCUE mark in commerce, there existed groups operating under names which included the term "Operation Rescue", over which Petitioner did not exercise control.

490. Admit that, during the time period in which Petitioner claims to have used the OPERATION RESCUE mark in commerce, Petitioner allowed the formation of groups operating under names which included the term "Operation Rescue", over which Petitioner did not exercise control.

491. Admit that, during the time period in which Petitioner claims to have used the OPERATION RESCUE mark in commerce, Petitioner encouraged the formation of groups operating under names which included the term "Operation Rescue", over which Petitioner did not exercise control.

492. Admit that, in a letter dated October 15, 1990, Petitioner makes the statement "Yes, it looks like we will have to lay off the remainder of our staff and close our doors."

493. Admit that the letter dated October 15, 1990 which contains the statement "Yes, it looks like we will have to lay off the remainder of our staff and close our doors." is on letterhead bearing the OPERATION RESCUE name.

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500. Admit that, in a deposition which took place on or about January 9, 1991, when Petitioner was asked what instructions he had given to his answering service, and he replied, "If they want to find me, to give the phone number, if they want me to come and speak or something. If they want to—basically that's—if they want to reach me, they can tell them where to reach me and that Operation Rescue closed its doors, laid off the staff and closed its doors at the end of December because of the lawsuits," Petitioner's statement was truthful.

501. Admit that, sometime prior to January 9, 1991, Operation Rescue closed its doors.

502. Admit that, sometime prior to January 9, 1991, Operation Rescue laid off its staff.

503. Admit that, in a deposition which took place on or about January 9, 1991, Petitioner stated that "there were people who would speak on behalf of quote Operation Rescue all the time, over which I had no control, not given them any authority to speak."

504. Admit that, in a deposition which took place on or about January 9, 1991, when Petitioner stated that "there were people who would speak on behalf of quote Operation Rescue all the time, over which I had no control, not given them any authority to speak," Petitioner's statement was truthful.

505. Admit that, in a deposition which took place on or about January 9, 1991, Petitioner was asked the question "I'm asking did you ever hear of someone calling themselves an officer, a director or an employee of some sort of Operation Rescue and called them up or contacted them in any way to say you shouldn't do that because that's no really your position?"

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540. Admit that Petitioner was not the owner of a corporation or other business entity whose name included the term "Operation Rescue" during the year 2004.

541. Admit that Petitioner was not the owner of a corporation or other business entity whose name included the term "Operation Rescue" during the year 2005.

542. Admit that Petitioner was not the owner of a corporation or other business entity whose name included the term "Operation Rescue" during the year 2006.

543. Admit that Petitioner was not the owner of a corporation or other business entity whose name included the term "Operation Rescue" during the year 2007.

544. Admit that the statements made by Petitioner during the deposition which took place on or about January 9, 1991 were true and correct.

545. Admit that, in *NOW v. Operation Rescue*, 747 F.Supp 772 (DDC 1990), the District Court for the District of Columbia held that "Operation Rescue and Randall Terry, therefore, are separate parties, one an entity, the other its chief executive officer."

546. Admit that, in *NOW v. Operation Rescue*, 726 F.Supp 1483, 1487 (ED Va. 1989), the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia found that "Operation Rescue is an unincorporated association."

547. Admit that Petitioner is aware of a pro-life organization which operated under the name Operation Rescue National in 1990.

548. Admit that Petitioner is aware of a pro-life organization which operated under the name Operation Rescue California in 1989.

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549. Admit that Petitioner is aware of a pro-life organization which operated under the name Operation Rescue West in 1990.

550. Admit that Petitioner is aware of a pro-life organization which operated under the name Operation Rescue Atlanta in 1988.

551. Admit that Petitioner is aware of a pro-life organization which operated under the name Operation Rescue Boston in 1989.

552. Admit that Petitioner did not exercise any control over use of the term "Operation Rescue" by Operation Rescue National.

553. Admit that Petitioner did not exercise any control over use of the term "Operation Rescue" by Operation Rescue California.

554. Admit that Petitioner did not exercise any control over use of the term "Operation Rescue" by Operation Rescue West.

555. Admit that Petitioner did not exercise any control over use of the term "Operation Rescue" by Operation Rescue Atlanta.

556. Admit that Petitioner did not exercise any control over use of the term "Operation Rescue" by Operation Rescue Boston.

557. Admit that no agreement exists between Petitioner and Operation Rescue National regarding use of the term "Operation Rescue".

558. Admit that no agreement exists between Petitioner and Operation Rescue California regarding use of the term "Operation Rescue".

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575. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2000.

576. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2001.

577. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2002.

578. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2003.

579. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2004.

580. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2005.

581. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2006.

582. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 1999.

583. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2000.

584. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2001.

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585. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2002.

586. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2003.

587. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2004.

588. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2005.

589. Admit that Petitioner was aware that Troy Newman was using the term "Operation Rescue" as part of a mark or name under which services were offered in 2006.

590. Admit that Petitioner did not demand that Troy Newman cease using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 1999.

591. Admit that Petitioner did not demand that Troy Newman cease using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2000.

592. Admit that Petitioner did not demand that Troy Newman cease using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2001.

593. Admit that Petitioner did not demand that Troy Newman cease using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2002.

594. Admit that Petitioner did not demand that Troy Newman cease using the OPERATION RESCUE mark in 2003.

Petitioner's Response to Registrant's First Requests for Admissions Cancellation No. 92047809 <u>RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION</u>

- Besponse to each Request numbered 1 through 202: Donied
- Response to each Request numbered 202 through 402: Denied, except that Petitionerdid not sponsor Pro. Life events called Operation Rescue after about 1993.
- Response to each Request numbered 403 through 422:... Detitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient to enable. Petitioner to admit or dony as to each state for each year.
   Petitioner objects that these requests are unreasonably burdensome and cumulative.
   Petitioner further has rented a mailing list in connection with the mark overy year since about 1992 that has addresses of persons in practically overy state.
- Response to each Request numbered 423 through 443. Denied
- Response to each Request numbered 444 through 454: Admitted
- Response to each Request numbered 455 through 473; Denied
- Response to each Request numbered 474 through 476; Potitioner has made
   massenable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Potitioner is
   insufficient to enable Potitioner to admit or dony.
- Response to Request numbered 477: Petitioner admits that the Reverend Joseph L. Foreman was acting director of Operation Rescue. Petitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient to enable Petitioner to admit or deny that the statement was made.
- Response to Request numbered 478: Petitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient to enable Detitioner to admit or deny.

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- Response to Request numbered 470. Denied
- Response to each Request numbered 480 through 491: Admitted
- Response-to-each Request-numbered 492 through 500: Petitioner does not recall.
   Petitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily.
   Obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient to enable Petitioner to admit or domy.
- Response to Request numbered 501: Denied
- Response to each Request numbered 502 through 504: Admitted
- Response to each Request numbered 505 through 506: Potitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Potitioner is insufficient to enable Potitioner to admit or deny.
- Response to Request numbered 507: Admitted to the extent Politioner allowed others
   to use the mark as part of, but not all of, the name of their organization.
- Response to each Request numbered 508 through 500. Danied.
- Response to each Request numbered 510 through 511; Admitted
- Response to each Request numbered 512 through 529; Denied
- Response to each Request numbered 530 through 543: Denied except that Potitioner
   edmits there was no corporation.
- Response to Request numbered 544: Admitted if not taken out of context. Petitioner does not have a copy of the deposition transcript.
- Response to each Request numbered 545 through 546: Petitioner has made reasonable -inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient
  to enable Petitioner to admit or deny.
- Response to each Request numbered 547 through 551: Admitted

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- Response to each Request numbered 552 through 555: Denied
- Response to Request numbered 556: Petitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the

information known or readily obtainable by Potitioner is insufficient to enable

Petitioner to admit or deny.

- Begranes to Beguest symbored 557. Admitted
- Response to each Request numbered 558 through 560; Denied
- Response to Request numbered 561: Politioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient to enable Petitioner to admit or deny.
- Response to each Request numbered 562 through 566: Admitted
- Response to each Request numbered 567 through 569; Petitioner has made reasonable
- inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient
- Response to Request numbered 570: Admitted as to organizations using Operation
   Resource as part but not all of their names.
- Response to each Request numbered 571 through 573: Petitioner has made reasonable inquiry and the information known or readily obtainable by Petitioner is insufficient to enable Petitioner to admit or deny.
- Response to each Request numbered 574 through 578: Petitioner believes Mr.
   Newman was using the mark OPERATION RESCUE WEST.
- Response to each Request numbered 579 through 589: Admitted
- <u>Response to each Request numbered 500 through 503: Potitioner did not domand that</u>
   <u>Mr. Nowman stop using the mark OPERATION RESCUE WEST</u>.