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LOBBY DAY

Life issues focus of Capitol rally

January 15th could find the Missouri State Capitol filled with thousands of people concerned about the sanctity of life. Pro-Life Coalition Lobby Day is being sponsored by Concerned Women of America, Missouri Right to Life, and other organizations from across the state. Registration begins at 10:30 am in Capitol's first floor rotunda and the program begins at 11am. The events will conclude at 2pm to allow travel home.

If you have wondered or asked, "What next?" this event is for you and your friends, colleagues, congregants and every other Missouri citizen who is still concerned about the potential impact of Amendment 2 on Missouri's families, businesses and communities.

Speakers that day include Wendy Wright, President of Concerned Women for America and Missouri State Senators and State Representatives.

Information will be available to attendees can visit their state representative and state senator regarding the House and Senate Joint Resolutions filed to "amend"

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Stallone's faith goes the distance

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FAITH

The following excerpts are from a *discernance* interview with Sylvester Stallone that gave a number of pastors and ministry leaders an opportunity to hear Stallone discuss his faith and talk about his latest film, *Rocky Balboa*. The interview was moderated by Paul Lewis, founder of *Matthev Entertainment*, and conducted by Ken Baugh, Senior Pastor of Good Hope Community Church in Southern California.

“As I get older I realize how very much I rely upon Jesus.”
—SYLVESTER STALLONE

Pastor Ken Baugh: One of the things that struck me in the previewing of the film was the vivid picture of the spiritual journey of Rocky Balboa. What does this film say about your personal journey with Christ and where you are in that journey?

Sly Stallone: Well, it is very biographical. When I started out with the idea of doing it (the first Rocky movie), I felt as though I needed to say something.

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NEW KANSAS AG CREDIBILITY GAP RAISES DOUBTS

Morrison Scrutinized

STAFF | Metro Voice

Agency General-Ed Paul Morrison raised eyebrows during a post-election press conference when he left the vague impression that he would continue the investigation into abortion clinic wrongdoing involving highly disputed medical records, even though Morrison attacked incumbent Phil Kline for the investigation throughout the campaign.

"We do not believe Paul Morrison for one minute," said Operation Rescue President Bryn Swerman. "Why should we? He misrepresented the abortion clinic investigation throughout the entire campaign as an



Abortionist Tyler and AG Morrison

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DISCIPLESHIP IS FIRST FOCUS

Ministry Forums kick-off Jan. 11

Dwight Wideman | Metro Voice

Servant Christian Community Foundation and the Metro Voice newspaper will host Kansas City's first "Ministry Forum" January 11. A ministry forum allows similar ministries to meet, to share the best practices, to fellowship and learn from each other. Many ministries are:

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Salvatore Army volunteer Nancy Hatcher (left) prayed with Vickie Sims (right) and her daughter, Freesia, as relief efforts continued through 2006.

TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Warren Smith | CP News Service

More than 50 years ago Richard Weaver wrote the book "Lean Back Consequences," with a famous first line: "This is another book about the dissolution of the West."

The rest of the book was a chronicle of the inevitable consequences of that idea. In many ways, 2006 was a year of consequences—both good and bad. Recent years have had a single event story that was clearly the "story of the year." A Katrina, a tsunami, a 9/11.

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