

In February, President Bush's budget request proposed cutting \$120 million from domestic violence programs that had been developed after passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Domestic violence advocates were outraged.

The Cindy Bischof law will be financed in part by the lawbreakers themselves, who are fined \$200 per violation, but the government will be responsible for the majority of the expenses.

Michael Bischof has also spoken of plans to create violence prevention programs in schools, including teaching high school students "how to avoid abusive relationships." Blagojevich is slated to meet with Bischof this week.

Illinois Follows Lead of Other States

The Cindy Bischof law will become effective Jan. 1, 2009. The Chicago Tribune reports that the Bischof family has already developed a foundation that may work to develop legislation to help financially dependent victims to break away from abusers.

Michael Bischof told Chicago newspaper the Daily Herald that Cindy lived through "eight months of terror" after her ex-boyfriend

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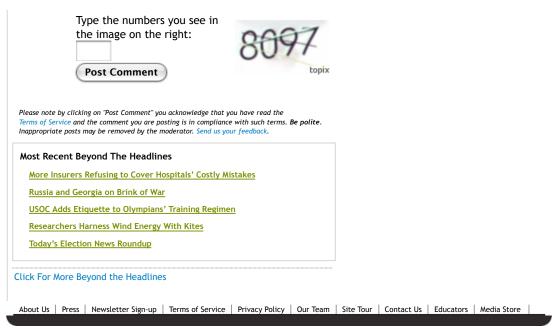
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