

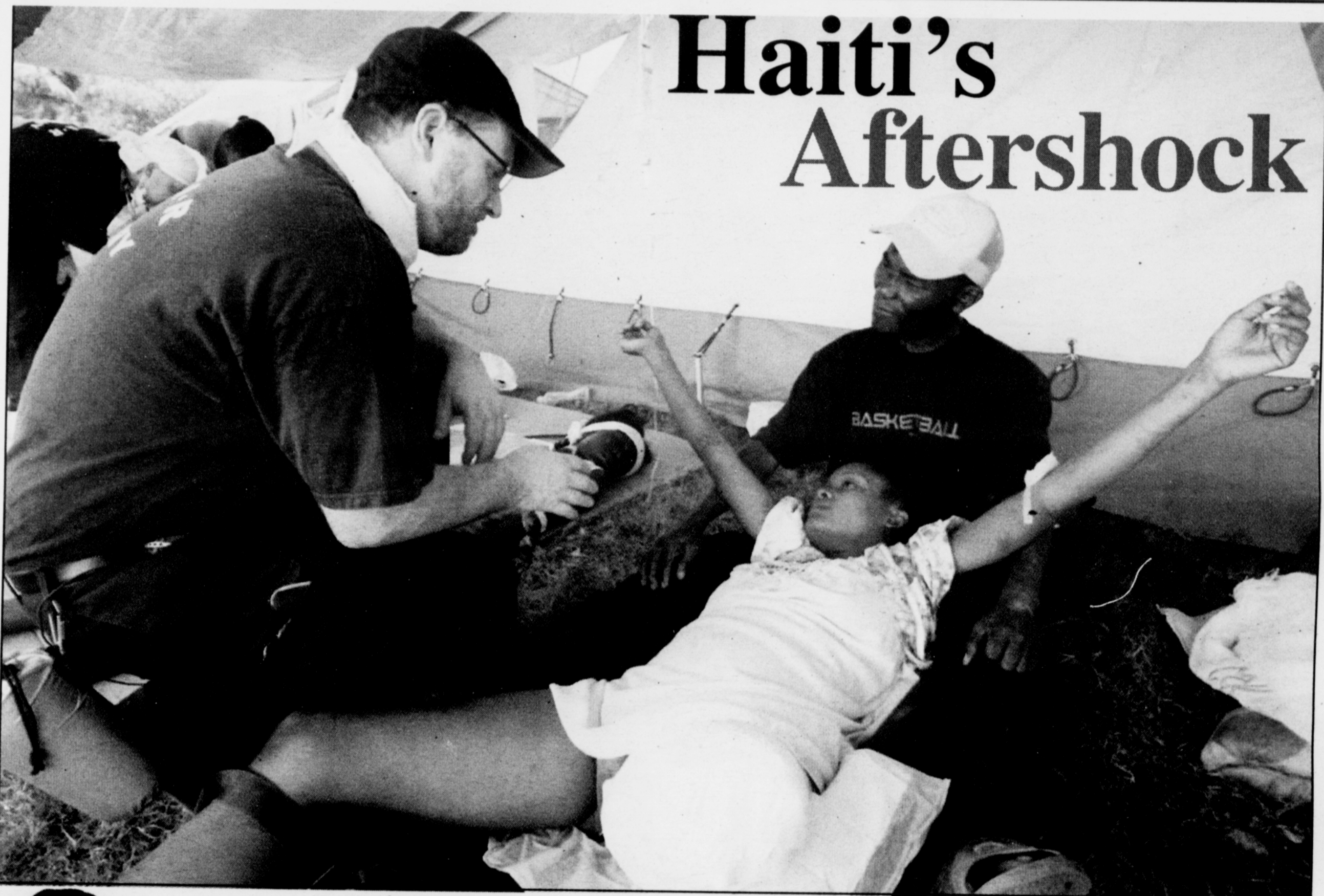
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Haiti's Aftershock

A young woman listens to Michael Edge, a German doctor from International Search and Rescue after having her leg amputated at a makeshift hospital of the Belgian First Aid and Support Team in a suburb of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



Disaster Hits Home
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Catastrophe of epic proportions

(AP) -- The world still can't get enough food and water to the hungry and thirsty one week after an

earthquake shattered Haiti's capital. The airport remains a bottleneck, the port is a shambles. The Haitian government is invisible, nobody has taken firm charge, and the police have largely given up.

Even as U.S. troops landed in

Seahawk helicopters Tuesday on the manicured lawn of the National Palace, the colossal efforts to help Haiti are proving inadequate because of the scale of the disaster

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Faith Collides with Oregon Law

Ban on teachers wearing religious dress reconsidered

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Laleh Zahedi loves working with children, has a bachelor's degree in child psychology, and has five years of teaching experience.

She'd like to get a teaching certificate and work in Oregon's public school system, but she won't because doing so would force her to choose between adhering to her Islamic religious beliefs or comply-

ing with an obscure state law.

Oregon is one of three states that ban teachers from wearing any religious dress while performing their instructional duties. Teachers who violate the law could face suspen-

sion or lose their jobs. But lawmakers are hoping to repeal the law in a special legislative session scheduled next month. However, others are hoping the Legislature will put the brakes on such a move, claiming that it could open up a Pandora's Box of other legal issues.

The law was passed in the 1923, during a darker time in Oregon politics. At the time, the Ku Klux Klan had a strong presence in the state, whose sympathizers included Oregon Speaker of the House Kaspar

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