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Haiti relief comes slowly

BY AMY BRACKEN
Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — UN troops fired smoke grenades yesterday as crowds of Haitian flood victims tried to break into a food distribution site, increasingly desperate over the slow pace of relief after tropical storm Jeanne devastated this city.

At least 1,160 people were killed in last weekend's storm and crews continue to find bodies in the mud and debris. Another 1,250 people remained missing.

About 500 people gathered at a Roman Catholic school where CARE International passed out food to women only in hopes of reducing the crowds.

The crowd swelled, however, and men, women and children tried to push through an iron gate.

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Argentine UN troops fired smoke grenades, chasing people away. But the sunburned, unwashed flood victims returned in surges once the air cleared of smoke.

"We need everything — bread, clothes, clean water, food," said Mosau Alveus, 25, who showed up at 6 a.m. and came away hours later with just a bag of grain.

Genevieve Montaguere, a nun from Guadeloupe, said the school distributed food for 1,000 families, but ran out of drinking water.

Mud has formed a crust across this city of 250,000.

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London in a biotech world | Part 1



On the eve of National Biotechnology Week, Free Press reporter Patrick Maloney takes a look at London's burgeoning interest in changing the world for the better.

A new world



MIKE HENSEN The London Free Press

DIABETES RESEARCH: Anthony Jevnikar, left, and Shengwu Ma, co-founders of the London firm Plantigen, say feeding patients tobacco leaves injected with a protein that triggers diabetes could fool the human immune system and avoid the onset of the disease.

Right now, in a laboratory closer than you might imagine, a scientist could be changing the world forever.

Or realizing a multimillion-dollar failure.

Such is life in the most promising industrial revolution since Henry Ford's first car: A slight error spells disaster, serendipity could change everything.

But those who succeed in

this \$3-billion-a-year industry may give the world — including your little world — the coolest things we've ever seen. And just may change the way we all live.

"It will affect your life in many, many positive ways that you can't even dream of," said Jeff Turner, who has already made his fortune.

Adds Jim Hatch, an Ivey business school professor: "It's going to transform

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everything."

In fact, the revolution has already started.

We have goats milk designed to stop bullets and tobacco leaves treating diabetes.

We have a Chatham processing plant that could change world politics.

We have a real-life, glow-in-the-dark fish in toy stores and scientists, armed with a good idea and good luck, claiming living, breathing animals as their intellectual property.

These are all the results of an industry that no less a visionary than Bill Gates called the next great revolution:

Biotechnology.

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THE NEXT BIG THING

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Child abuse costs \$15B a year

The figure cited in the UWO study is being called conservative.

BY PETER GEIGEN-MILLER
Free Press Reporter

The price tag for child abuse in Canada runs to more than \$15 billion a year in judicial, employment, health and other costs, says a new study at the University of Western Ontario.

The study, which included physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect and witnessing violent behaviour in the definition of child abuse, was done for the Law Commission of Canada.

Drawing from a variety of

federal and provincial sources, the study examined the cost of child abuse in 1998.

The researchers came up with an annual total of \$15.7 billion, a figure they say falls far short of the actual cost of child abuse.

"Even this conservative estimate, however, shows the great cost to Canadians," said Western economics professor Audra Bowlus.

The study included judicial, social service, education,

Licensing parents: It may be a good idea, writer/philosopher believes. Page B1

health, employment and personal costs.

The largest component was more than \$11.3 billion in employment costs resulting from income lost by child-abuse victims.

Basically, child-abuse victims earn less than other people, said Katherine McKenna, a professor in Western's Centre for Women's Studies and Feminist Research.

"We know they do less well in school, they have less educational attainment, they earn lower salaries. Because they have more health problems,

they miss more days of work.

"There are all kinds of compounding effects throughout their lives."

The goal of the project was to contribute to the reduction of child abuse in Canada by showing the problem affects all Canadians, said McKenna.

"Although we may think we save money by not putting funds into early detection and prevention of child abuse, in the long run we end up paying far more as a society. There is a cost of doing nothing."

Bowlus said the study shows that a well-planned investment in the early detection and prevention of child abuse would significantly benefit victims.

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SWALES: Not surprised by study findings.

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