

## Carter: Iran Rescue Effort Should Have Worked

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WASHINGTON — Former President Jimmy Carter felt his efforts to rescue U.S. diplomats held hostage by Iran should have worked but were thwarted by a "strange series of mishaps," and the mission's failure played a major role in his 1980 re-election defeat, the Georgia Democrat writes in a new book assembled from diary entries.

The Associated Press purchased a copy of the book, "White House Diary," on Friday, ahead of its release Monday. The book highlights Carter's difficulties in working with then-House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, chronicles his failure to get much of his agenda through Congress and expresses the bitterness he felt toward political rival Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. But it also shows his pride in helping to bring peace between Egypt and Israel with the Camp David accords and other foreign-policy and domestic accomplishments. The diary entries show he felt at the time that he had "a firm grip on my presidential duties" and a clear sense of what he wanted to do.

Carter, 85, said that nearly every day of his presidency, he dictated his thoughts and observations and turned the tapes over to his secretary, Susan Clough, who typed and put them in a binder. Thirty years later, he condensed and annotated the diary with recent reflections. The book was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

He described his difficult relationship with O'Neill, saying the most unpleasant experience of his presidency was a breakfast at which O'Neill was "extremely abusive" toward him and others in the room. Carter had a rocky relationship with the House speaker throughout his term.

Carter also reveals his

thoughts at the time about Kennedy, D-Mass., his 1980 rival for the Democratic presidential nomination. After a 1979 meeting with Kennedy that included a discussion of health care, Carter wrote that it was almost impossible to understand what the senator was talking about but it was obvious their approaches differed. Carter also discussed his differences with Kennedy over health care in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" to be shown Sunday.

Of Kennedy's failed nomination challenge, Carter wrote in June 1980, ahead of the Democratic National Convention in New York City, that the Kennedy group had been uncooperative in drafting the Democratic Party platform and clearly wanted a confrontation.

On Election Day, Nov. 4, 1980, as he saw his re-election hopes slipping away, Carter had bitter thoughts about the Kennedy challenge. He said Kennedy's attacks for eight months hurt him, and he had to spend much time trying to recruit back natural Democratic constituencies, such as Jews, Hispanics, blacks, the poor and labor.

In observations newly added to the diary, Carter wrote that his own polling found that potential general election support for Kennedy was weak and he was uncertain whether Kennedy's real goal was to win or just to stop him from being re-elected.

But Carter mostly blamed his election loss on his failure to win the release of U.S. hostages held captive in Iran.

A day before losing the election, he observed that his pollster, Pat Caddell, was finding "massive slippage" in his support as people realized the hostages were not coming home. Undecided voters were moving almost entirely to Ronald Reagan.

## After 17 Years A Texas Man, Abducted As A Boy, Turns In Father

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BEDFORD, Texas — Twenty-year-old Stephen Michael Palacios came across a newspaper story recently about a boy allegedly abducted by his father in 1993. Palacios, it turns out, was that boy.

After learning about his past, Palacios persuaded his father to turn himself in — even accompanying him to a lawyer's office this week — and will soon be reunited with the mother who desperately searched for him for 17 years.

"I am so excited," his mother, Dee Ann Adams, 40, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "I'm really not even sure how I feel right now. It has been such a long time, and I had to move on. I had other kids I had to take care of. I am happy, and I am hoping we can rebuild our relationship, but the main thing is that I am in shock right now."

Palacios could not be located for comment Friday.

He was 3 when he disappeared after a visit with his father, Stephen Palacios Jr., a high school Latin teacher and basketball coach in Waco who had been granted visitation rights after the

couple's divorce. A warrant for the father's arrest was issued, and over the years detectives chased several leads.

As recently as 2006, investigators put a Palacios family wedding under surveillance in Waco, but the elder Palacios didn't show. Later that year, they had missing-person photos of the son mailed to 80 million homes in the U.S.

Then the grown-up son saw an Aug. 29 article in the Waco newspaper about the alleged abduction, according to his mother. In the story, police asked for the public's help in solving the case. The article included a photo of Palacios as a toddler.

"I was told that Stephen Michael somehow saw the article in your newspaper and told his dad that he wanted to meet his mom," his mother told the newspaper. "Stephen Michael told him, 'I want to meet my mom and I want you to do the right thing and get this taken care of now.'"

On Thursday, father and son went to a Houston lawyer's office, where the older man surrendered to federal authorities on charges of interference with child custody.

Authorities have not said

where father and son had been living all these years, whether they were using aliases and what the father had told the son about his past. It was unclear how much the son knew before reading the newspaper story. Nor was it clear how he realized the story was about him.

The father's attorney, Paul Nugent, told the paper that his client "has always acted out of love for his son and by what he thought was in his son's best interest."

"He is a good man, and if he has made some mistakes in judgment, he will have to deal with that now," Nugent said.

Richard McCall, an attorney who represented Adams in the divorce, told The Associated Press that Palacios is a "narcissistic, self-centered, controlling guy" and rejected his claims of acting in his son's best interest as "a bunch of bunk."

Reached by the AP at her home in the Dallas suburb of Bedford, Adams said she was overwhelmed and declined to say when she would be reunited with her son. Adams, who remarried and has several other children, told the Waco paper that her ex-husband "stole 17 years from me."

## BUSES

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respond effectively and efficiently to any kind of school bus accident," Dangel said. "We're doing this in conjunction with the Yankton School District so they can assess and possibly revise their school bus emergency plans."

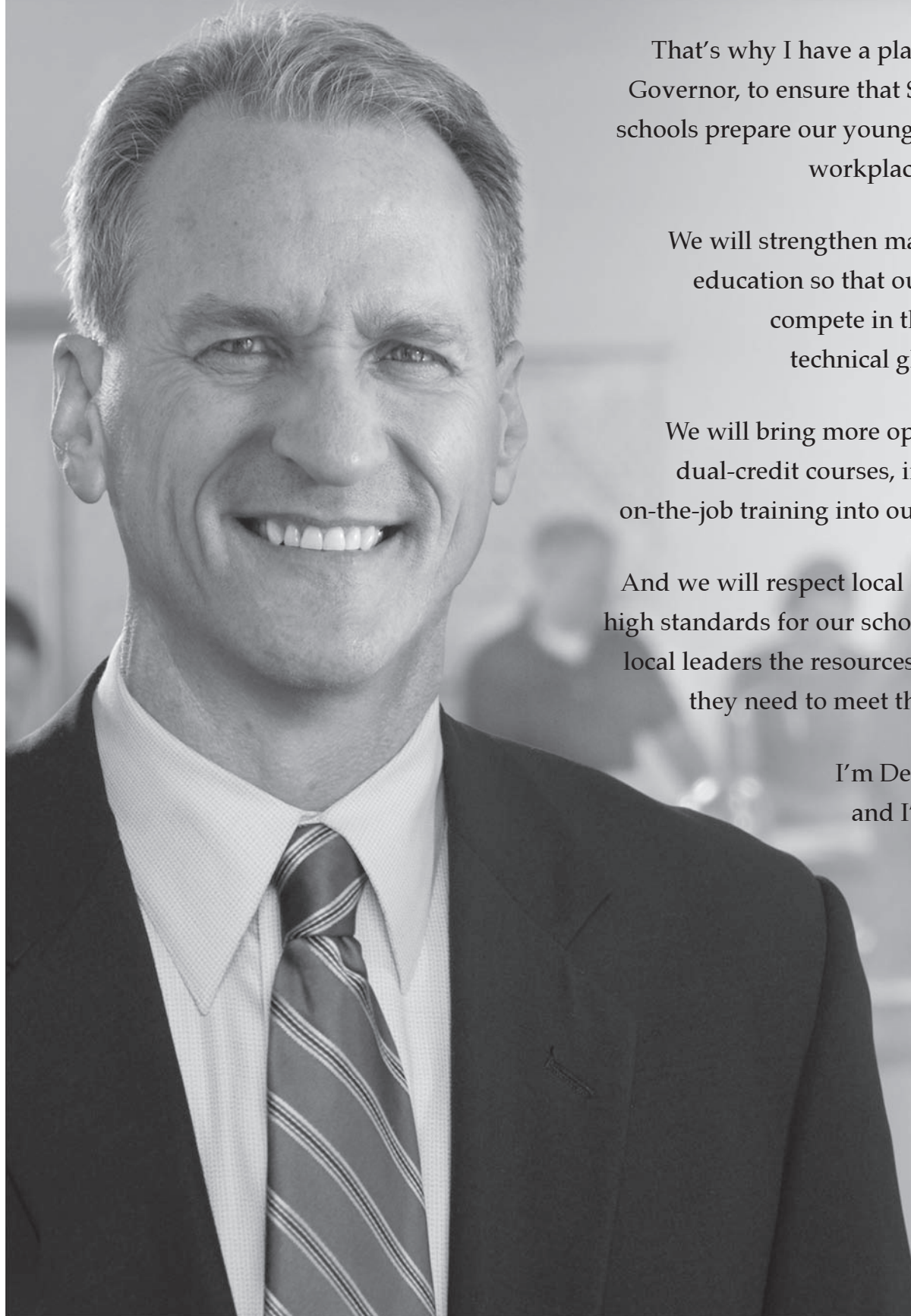
The bus was actually obtained from the school district.

"Through a federal emissions control program, the Yankton School District is getting a new bus that is more environmentally friendly," Dangel stated. "The terms of them getting the new bus was that the old one had to be taken out of service and destroyed, so we're doing that for them."

The local Boy and Girl Scouts had offered some time ago to assist with a training exercise, and Dangel said this was the perfect opportunity to utilize their help.

"We're going to be working with them as our victims with a lot of safety controls in place," he stated.

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