but war of words continues

Pro-life group buys clinic, targets Planned Parenthood

Ann Arbor, Mich. (AP) — A pro-life group has bought a Planned Parenthood clinic in the Detroit area and plans to shut it down.

The cottage industry that brought you Planned Parenthood is about to be transformed. And the cause of life is about to get a new champion.

The group, called "Life Care," has bought the clinic for $1 and plans to use it to provide an alternative to abortion. The group's founder, Dr. George Tiller, said he's excited about the opportunity to offer a "welcoming place for women to choose life."
Clinic

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of the building. Mahoney said he and others went inside to check the condition of the building. He said a flurry of phone calls and faxes, attorneys determined that the pro-life group had purchased the building, according to attorney John Casey, who represents the

"We've agreed with the police that we can go in the building to inspect," Casey told the group of about a dozen protesters outside the driveway.

"I've agreed not to come back before Saturday morning without a court order," Casey said.

A few angry words were exchanged between activists and clinic workers. A Ku Klux Klan banner flew around the building and workers and clients were pushed around the halls and poked into their offices.

After a few minutes, police ordered the activists outside the building, but not off the property.

The ownership of the building is "clear," said Casey, who said he had an agreement with the police not to leave, police legal adviser George Worrall said.

"If the inspection, pro-life activists took turns with news to finish cutting down the wooden Peta sign," Casey said.

A court order was granted by Premier Bank at noon on Wednesday afternoon, said Lei Guidry, chief

Clinic officials had no comment on events Thursday, but said they would have an announcement today.

The Remington Avenue building was to be auctioned federally last December, but that auction was postponed when one of the clinic's owners filed for bankruptcy in Philadelphia.

However, Thursday's state auction was held after the owners were unable to pay the $80,000 owed to Premier Bank, which holds the mortgage.