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Interview conducted by researcher Johnson, Robert. Personal interview. 8 July 2002.
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Newspaper (5.9.4.b.) Stern, Seth. "A Boxer Forges Bonds with Troubled Teens." Christian Science Monitor 8 Sept. 2002. 22 Oct. 2004 <<http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/0910/p.17s01-lecs.html>>.

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