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NATIONAL NEWS

African-American Leaders Meet with President Clinton

On Jan. 12, President Clinton invited U.S. Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) and leaders of major civil rights organizations to attend an Oval Office meeting at the White House for a discussion on the progress of the President's initiative on race. Kweisi Mfume of the NAACP and Hugh Price of the National Urban League were just two of the national leaders in attendance. This meeting with President Clinton comes on the heels of a similar meeting with conservatives held shortly before the holiday break in late December. On that occasion, the President utilized the discussion to hear conservative views about the race initiative effort and the success and failure of affirmative action policies in the government. Congressman Lewis has been an outspoken advocate for a national dialogue on race. "We must lay down the burden of race by working toward reconciliation in this country. It would be a grave misfortune for this national dialogue to become mired in politics. A conversation requires give and take. I think that is why the President called us to the White House. He want(ed) to have an open discussion with all views represented," said Congressman Lewis.

African-American Teens Dying at Alarming Rate From Preventable Injuries

More African-American youth are dying in traffic crashes in proportion to other teenagers. According to research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), African-American teens are 50 percent less likely to buckle up than their White or Hispanic counterparts. This costs countless lives since seat belts increase an individual's chance of surviving a crash by 45 percent. "Tragically, the statistics show that more of our young people are dying from injuries that could be easily prevented," said Arthur Anderson, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. Today, traffic crashes are the leading cause of children's death. Every year crashes claim the lives of more than 2,100 children and seriously injure more the 300,000. What's more, young adults age 16-25, the nation's highest-risk drivers, are the least likely age group to buckle up. "For some people, wearing seat belts seems like old news," said Anderson. "But the fact is nearly 8,500 Americans die each year in automobile crashes simply because they didn't wear a seat belt." Current national seat belt use stands at only 68 percent and it's even lower among African-Americans, at slightly more than 50 percent. - From The Louisiana Weekly

Corneas Being Removed From

Corneas Without Permission Using a 1987 law, medical workers in Jefferson County, AL have removed the corneas (dime-sized, clear slivers of tissue), of hundreds of dead people for use in transplant operations without informing the family of the deceased. Jefferson County's medical examiner and Alabama Eye Bank board member, Dr. Robert Brissie, proposed the Birmingham-area law. The Alabama Eye Bank receives 15 percent of its corneas through the coroner's office. Doyce Williams, executive director of the Eye Bank, said that more than a thousand Alabamians over the last decade have been given their sight because of the procedure. "It's my opinion that this is one of the most important pieces of legislation to give sight to the blind since the 1920s," Williams said. Corneas are shipped to hospitals all over the state and sometimes out of state at \$1,425 apiece. Williams said the Eye Bank does not profit from the sale as the price only covers their cost to remove, test and store the corneas. None the less, the practice has been criticized by some family members whose deceased relatives had their corneas removed without the families' knowledge or consent. Medical ethicists have also supported the families' concerns. "This is one of the cases when the ethic and the law may not be the same, because families have a right to control what's done to their loved ones," said Gregory Pence of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. - From The Birmingham Times

VISER RECEIVES DEGREE FROM WAYLAND



The Family Learning Center Literacy Coordinator, Ms. Helen Faye Harris Viser, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education

from Wayland Baptist University on Saturday, January 10, 1998.

Ms. Viser has been using her many talents at the Patterson Branch Library, and is a member of the St. John Baptist Church.

"It is always great when one is able to accomplish a goal which has been set for one's life," said Ms. Viser. "We're just thankful to God for all the good things which have happened for me," she continued.

Women's Retreat



Barbara Warfield of Nashville, Tn. will lead an area-wide "Women Encouraging Women" retreat February 20-21 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel, 3201 South Loop 289. Pilgrim Baptist Church of Lubbock is sponsoring the event.

Deadline for registration will be February 13th. Cost for the Seminar is \$25.00, which includes retreat materials, a lite break, and lunch on February 21st. Those who want hotel accommodations must make their own arrangements with the hotel.

Warfield is a former

employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tn. She is a writer, seminar leader, and motivational speaker of national renown.

The seminar will begin at 6:30 P.M. February 20th and resume at 8:30 A.M. on February 21st. Retreat participants will be released for lunch at the hotel and return to conclude the retreat at 2:30 P.M.

To register, write Rosie Prigg, 6111 West 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79407 or call her at (806)792-9150 please leave a message.

Patterson Being Congratulated



City Councilman T.J. Patterson, who was elected as president-elect of the Texas Municipal League (TML) is shown being congratulated by Donald J. Borut,

executive director of the National League of Cities (NLC) at the national conference in Philadelphia, Pa. last month.

Representing District II, Patterson was elected at the annual conference of the Texas Municipal League in Fort Worth, Texas. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources committee.

Harold Chutman Dies
Funeral Services will be held Thursday, January 29th at the First United Methodist Church, More News Week

SHARP PROPOSES ZERO TOLERANCE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM PLAN

(AUSTIN)—John Sharp, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, today unveiled his 7-point Zero Tolerance Criminal Justice Reform Act, saying that "before we can educate our children, we have to protect them."

Sharp's comprehensive plan, which he intends to pursue as a top priority during the next legislative session, calls for higher sentences against major drug traffickers and repeat aggravated child molesters; an end to mandatory release retroactively; and a wide range of initiatives to combat juvenile crime.

"Making Texas safer must be our top priority," Sharp. "My criminal justice reform plan will help accomplish that."

Sharp said he will campaign vigorously for his plan, and will even take the unprecedented step of spreading his message through billboards placed throughout the state.

"I will make it dear that if you want to pursue a career in crime, you better go some place other than Texas," Sharp said.

Among Sharp's proposals is to expand the death penalty to cover major drug traffickers and repeat aggravated child molesters.

Sharp also called for putting prison inmates to work full-time, rather than allowing them to while away their days watching television, lifting weights,

suntanning themselves, and other leisure-time activities.

"Fewer than half of all Texas prisoners work full time," Sharp said. "I think it's time to end their free ride."

In addition, Sharp proposed ending mandatory release programs retroactively to ensure that convicted criminals are kept behind bars to complete their full sentences. Sharp also recommended housing some inmates in security tents to avoid building costly new prison space until absolutely necessary, saying that prison system projections for 9,200 additional cells over the next two years fail to take into account as many as 24,000 beds in county jails and state prisons that could be made available by then.

"When we send our children to school in portable buildings while convicted criminals lounge around in brand new prison facilities, something's wrong with our priorities," Sharp said. "My plan will reverse that."

Sharp's Zero Tolerance Criminal Justice Reform Act will also, if approved by state lawmakers, establish involuntary civil commitment laws to keep violent sexual predators off Texas streets even after they have served their sentences.

Sharp's plan includes a full range of proposals designed to combat juvenile crime through tough new anti-racketeering laws

against criminal-gang members, a central registry to track gang members' movements throughout the state, keeping juveniles arrested with deadly weapons under lock and key until their court dates, and other innovative initiatives.

Also, Sharp called for stronger penalties against those who assault teachers or commit other violent acts in Texas schools.

Finally, Sharp presented a range of recommendations for promoting community anti-crime programs and providing technical resources to communities that wish to establish crime control districts to fund neighborhood watch, citizen-on-patrol, and other local efforts.

"My Zero Tolerance Criminal Justice Reform act should serve as a blueprint to make Texas safer," Sharp said. "As Lieutenant Governor I will fight for this initiative and I won't settle for less."

Sharp, whose cost-cutting proposals as State Comptroller have saved Texas taxpayers more than \$8.5 billion in the past seven years, is running "a campaign of ideas" in his bid to become Texas' next lieutenant Governor.

Today's Zero Tolerance Criminal Justice Reform package is an integral part of his effort to improve public education, lower taxes, and enact the toughest criminal justice reforms anywhere in the United States.

AMALGAMATED PUBLISHERS, INC. AND FOOD AND WINES FROM FRANCE, CO-SPONSOR A "PINEAU DES CHARENTES EXPERIENCE"



More than 160 guests assembled at the Spy Club in New York City for the annual holiday celebration of Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. (API), the advertising sales representative for African-American newspapers nationwide. This season's API festivities were co-sponsored by

Pineau des Charentes, producers of the robust and flavorful wine that has been France's best kept secret for 400 years.

Guests included regional API newspapers, national African-American magazines, tri-state radio and television broadcasters and representatives of Food and Wines From France, the group

that represents Pineau des Charentes in America.

The Spy Club, a trendy Soho restaurant and night spot, provided the lively backdrop for the evening of holiday cheer. Many celebrities, including new heavyweight boxing champ Shannon Briggs, Monifah and Ray, Goodman & Brown, enjoyed the festivities. The guests were thoroughly entertained by the Carla Cook and Friends band.

"This year's API 'Pineau des Charentes Experience' Christmas party was the best holiday celebration of the year," said Bob Tate, publisher of Black Elegance, Belle, Spice and Model Guide magazines. Michael House, president of API, stated "Pineau des Charentes has done a highly commendable job in support of the African-American press with its marketing promotions and advertising in local markets."

Health Education and Community Wellness Program Coordinator



We are pleased to announce the assignment of Ms. Gloria Onoh

to be newly created position of Health Education and Community Wellness Program Coordinator. Previously, Ms. Onoh served as Clinic Manager at the Parkway Community Health Center. Gloria's skills and experience in community education and wellness uniquely qualify her for these important new duties. She will continue to office at Parkway.

Gloria will be responsible for the planning, development and implementation of clinic health activities and services and public health assessment. She will provide guidance consultation

and advisory technical assistance in areas of health promotion. She will assist in the activities of the clinics, public health services, professional and private organizations and commercial clients to achieve positive health outcomes.

Gloria's assignment will be assisting the development of the Performance Improvement Plan for Diabetes management presently under the supervision of Tim Howell at UMC. In addition, she will assist Dr. Ouma in the weekly pre-natal clinic held at Parkway on Thursday afternoons.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Staff Sgt. Ronald E. Lappe has arrived for duty at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

Lappe is a supply management craftsman assigned to the 7th Supply Squadron. He is the son of Ron and Sandra Lappe of

3605 60th, Lubbock.

The sergeant graduated in 1981 from Monterey High School, Lubbock, and received an associate degree in 1996 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Christopher J. Greiner has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a

college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Greiner, a 1997 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Knox, Radcliff, Ky., for basic training January 29, 1998. By enlisting, Greiner qualified for a \$10,000 bonus.

He is the son of Beverly and Thomas Greiner of 9106 Belton Drive, Lubbock.

Air Force Airman Connie M. Tobe has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Tobe is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tobe of 1512 E. Sixth St., Lubbock.

Todd D. Bryans has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

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Bryans, a 1997 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Knox, Radcliff, Ky., for basic training January 29, 1998.

He is the son of John D. Bryans of 11800 Manchaca Road, Austin, and Debra S. Little of 7822 Avenue U, Lubbock.

VITA OFFERS PROGRAMS

The annual federal income tax filing season has arrived and the volunteers of the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) program are ready to provide FREE tax preparation and tax assistance again this year. The service is available to lower income people whose primary income is from W-2 wages.

Trained volunteers will provide free assistance by checking the return you have prepared for accuracy, by assisting you in preparing your return, or by preparing the return for you. This service will be provided for the 1040EZ, 1040A, and the basic 1040 with schedule A. Earned income credit and child care credit will be calculated when applicable.

All sites are open to everyone who qualifies

for our service. Assistance is available at the following locations in Lubbock:

800 Broadway (the Courthouse Annex), Room 106. The site will be open from 12 Noon to 4 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week starting on January 28th through April 15th.

Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street. The site will be open each Saturday morning from 9 AM to 12 noon starting on January 24th.

Bring all of the W-2's and 1099's you received, social security cards for yourself, spouse and each dependent being claimed, and a copy of your 1996 tax return. Also bring the IRS tax package received through the mail, if one was received.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are in need of a church home, then come by the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Assistant Superintendent James Sterling in charge. All classes received 30 minutes of instruction, with all teachers at their post of duty. The classes marched back to the main auditorium singing "What A Fellowship." High points of the morning lesson were given by Sister Renetta Cooper of Class No. 3. Her remarks were great! Sister Dorothy Kinner gave a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Sister Billie Caviel acted as secretary. Youth Department - Senior Class received both banners - Attendance and Offering. Their morning offering was \$31.00. Adult Department: Class No. 1, Men's Class received the Attendance Banner; while Class No. 2, sister Dorothy Kinner teacher, received the Offering Banner. They reported \$418.00.

The morning devotional period at 10:45 a.m. was led by Sister Callie Howard and Brother R.J. Givens.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Anybody Knows God Has Seen, Say Yes." The scripture was Psalm 34, and was read by Sister Dorothy Scales. Prayer was given by Sister Julia Swain. Another song, "After All I've Been Through, I Still Love, Love." Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Elnora Dyer. A song, "I'll Fly Away," was sung. Pastoral observations were given by

Pastor Moton who brought greetings from the National Board meeting which was held in Los Angeles, California last week. Another song, "Jesus, You Are The Center of My Joy," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "I Need Thee."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Help For Man's Condition." His scripture text was found in Romans 7:21-25. It was another powerful message.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Sister C. Howard is home from Houston, Texas after being at the bedside of her daughter. She is reported to be much better at this report.

General Ponder, brother of Sister Clara Colquitt is a resident at Parkway Nursing Care Center, located at 114 Cherry Avenue. He is asking for all of his friends to come and visit with him. He wants to see some of his friends.

Brother Ulysses Kelly is still a patient at Methodist Hospital.

Among our bereaved families include the Dailey brothers' sister who was funeralized last Thursday in Levelland, Texas.

David Matthew "Moby" Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sanders, was funeralized last Saturday at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Our prayers and sympathy goes out to the Harold Melvin Chatman family. He passed away here at the St. Mary Hospital last Sunday morning after a lengthy illness.

God is still on the throne. He will never leave us alone.

Sister Ollie Coleman would like to thank everyone for their kindness during the illness of her brother, Iris Cage, who had been hospitalized for several months.



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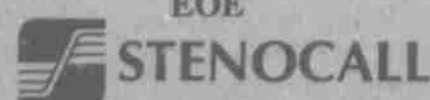
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Obituary



Sylvester Scott



SLATON, TEXAS...Final rites were read for Mr. Sylvester Scott on Saturday, January 17, 1998 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. C. C. People officiating.

Interment was held in Englewood Cemetery of Slaton, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Ronnie Clemons, Andrew Jones, Louie Scott, Wheeler Smith, Melvin Houston, Sr., Lonell Roberts, Sr., Milton Smith and Jeremy Walker.

Honorary pallbearers were Alfred Hicks, Bruce Scott, Joel Scott, Mack Wark, Donnie Rolfe, Esse Scott, Kenneth Scott and Herbert Wilburn.

Deacon Scott was born in Rockdale, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott on December 15, 1921. He attended public school in Liberty Hill, Texas. He served in the United States Army from 1939 until 1942. He later moved to West Texas and united with the Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Scott was an ordained deacon and was very faithful for his entire life.



DAVID MATTHEW
"MOBY" SANDERS

Funeral services were held for David Matthew "Moby" Sanders, a longtime resident of Lubbock, Texas, last Saturday, January 24, 1998 at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Sanders passed away Monday, January 19, 1998 in Fort Worth, Texas. Born June 6, 1956 in Lubbock, Texas to

A member of the Masonic Caprock Lodge No. 621 of Slaton, he was an active member of the American Legion Luther Powers Post No. 438 of Slaton where he served as chaplain.

His former wife, Mrs. Annie Mae Scott of forty years, a son, Bobby, and a daughter, Sylvia Ward, preceded him in death.

In 1992, he married Mrs. Barbara Scott to whom he was devoted until his death. He departed this life on Wednesday, January 14, 1998.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a devoted wife, Mrs. Barbara Scott; five sons: Herbert Clark of Lubbock, Texas, Esse Ural of Ft. Worth, Texas, Bruce Wayne of Austin, Texas, Kenneth Dale of Big Springs, Texas, and Joel Alvin of Paris, Texas; one step-son, Chris Gonzales of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Marie Rolfe of Slaton, Texas and Anita Lois Hicks of Paris, Texas; one step-daughter, Jennifer Gonzales of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Edwin Scott of Lubbock, Texas and Leo Scott of Abilene, Texas; one sister, Myrtle Smith of Slaton, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sanders, he graduated from Dunbar High School in 1974. He attended Cowley College in Art City, Kansas and Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. A very active member of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, he sung with the Inspirational Choir, Spiritual Windsparks and Male Chorus. He was a devoted driver for the Church Ministry.

He is survived by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sanders, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Lawrence Sanders of Lubbock, Texas and Mark Sanders of Fort Worth, Texas; many other relatives and friends.

MS. GLENDA
ESTELL
AUSBIE



Final rites were read for Ms. Glenda Estell Ausbie on Saturday, January 10, 1998, at the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church with Rev. S.T. Sneed officiating.

Active pallbearers were Doug Pendergraft, John L. Hodge, Robert McGruder and Joe Phea, Jr.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Ms. Ausbie was born to Willie B. and Edith L. Ausbie on June 27, 1948. She attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas and graduated. She also attend-



MRS.
GIEBRETH H.
DAVIS

Final rites were read for Mrs. Giebreth H. Davis on Monday, January 6, 1998, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Deacons and Trustees of New Hope Baptist Church. Flowerbearers were the New Hope Baptist Church Sunday School Class No. 4 and the New Hope Women Missionary Society.

Mrs. Davis was born in Maner, Texas to the parents of John and Laura M. Chandler on May 6, 1904. She received her education from the Maner Public Schools and attended Oklahoma College. She was a Dean of Women at Kentucky

ed Prairie View A & M College and graduated from Texas Tech University on December 16, 1983.

She married Joseph Ferguson, Sr., and to this union two sons were born, one preceded her in death.

At an early age, she united with Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church. She served as a secretary, class leader, choir member. She also was a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star.

She passed away Wednesday, January 7, 1998.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a father, Willie B. Ausbie; her mother, Edith L. Ausbie; a son, Joseph Ferguson, Jr.; six uncles, one aunt, Thelma Ausbie; a host of other relatives and friends.

State College.

She was married to the late Rev. I.W. Holt who pastored in Kansas City, Mo. She also married the late Harrison "Bull" Davis on August 30, 1948.

Mrs. Davis passed Wednesday, December 31, 1997 in St. Mary Hospital.

She is survived by three step-daughters whom she raised: Gracie Ann Bruner of Chicago, Ill., Mary Ann Jones of Dallas, Texas and Shirley Ebone of Riverside California; seven nieces: Johnnie M. Derrough and Ernestine Moore, both of Lubbock, Texas, Gerene Powell and Dorothy Hall, both of Ft. Worth, Texas, Brittie Burse of Denver, Colorado; and Jewel Williams and Ruth Wright, both of Los Angeles, California; three nephews: Shirley Lockhart of Denver, Colorado and Nathan and Charles Wright, both of Lubbock and Dallas, Texas and many beloved friends and church members.

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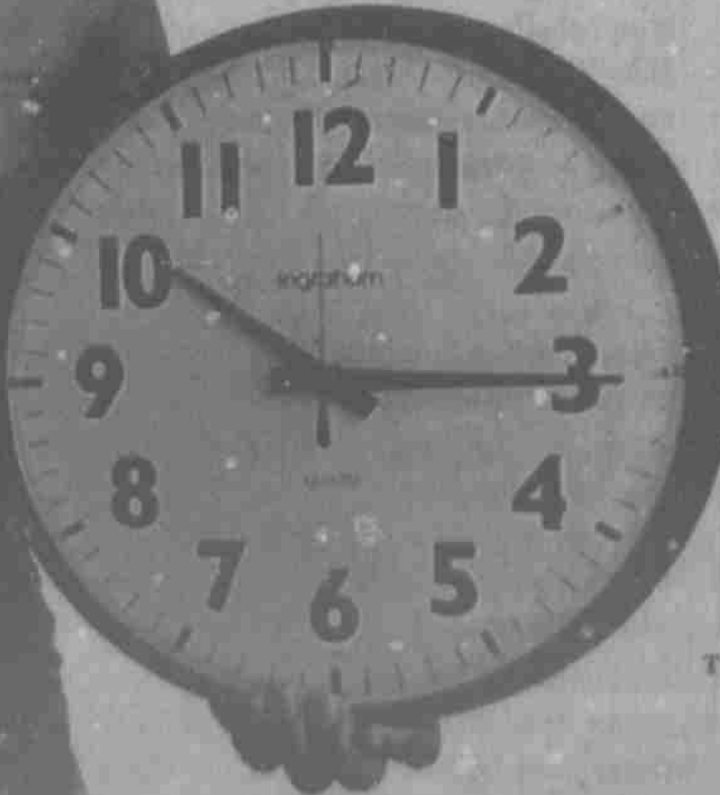
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America Needs Diverse and Excellent Educators

By Bob Chase

There aren't a lot of Pacific Islanders teaching in Billings, Montana. As one of the few minority teachers at Riverside Middle School, Diane Welhaven often becomes the standard-bearer for all of the school's children of color.

"The expectations for minority students are remarkably low," she says. "I bring them high standards and a desire to excel. I show them that anyone can be successful."

Yet minority students are hardly the only ones who benefit. An award-winning teacher, Welhaven demonstrates to all Riverside students that intelligence and ambition have no racial or ethnic boundaries. Her presence does more to open students' minds than any multicultural curriculum. She teaches by example.

So does Charlee O'Reilly, one of the few African-American teachers at Manalapan English Town Elementary School in Manalapan, New Jersey. "Because of me, students have a higher comfort level being around people from different cultures," she says. It broadens their knowledge and understanding of people.

Unfortunately, minority teachers like Welhaven and O'Reilly are scarce. Currently, over 90 percent of America's teachers are white; 75 percent are female. By the early 21st century, the percentage of minority teachers is expected to shrink to an all-time low of 5 percent, while 41 percent of American students will be minorities. Already, several cities have "majority minority" student bodies. Classrooms everywhere are starved for good teachers of color, particularly black and Hispanic men.

Make no mistake: Competence, not background or gender, must be the defining criterion for hiring any teacher. Yet excellence and diversity are not -- and must not be -- mutually exclusive.

America is a gold mine of ethnicity. As a nation, we have at our disposal more diverse cultural resources, viewpoints, talents, and insights into the human experience and the global community than any other nation on the planet. To deny our children full access to this wealth is criminal.

Yet the sad, ugly truth is that children in America still attend public schools where the only minority adults they see are cus-

todians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers. These jobs are important and noble. But such a division of labor sends a skewed and dangerous message to children about the relationship between race and human potential. Whether it's in Billings or Baltimore, children learn as much from what they see as from what they read. A homogeneous teaching force contradicts the very values of equality, opportunity, diversity, and tolerance that public schools struggle to teach.

Furthermore, as traditional families and the social safety net disintegrate, it is falling to schools to pick up the slack. Teachers are now expected to be part social worker and part surrogate parent to children whose backgrounds are far different from their own. They need diverse colleagues as much as students need adults who can relate to them.

How to attract more minority teachers? Among strategies the National Education Association supports are aggressive recruitment campaigns, financial aid to future teachers, partnerships with schools of higher education (including historically black colleges), "Grow Your Own" teacher cultivation programs, and extensive teacher preparation. Last month, we awarded grants to 11 affiliates engaged in collaborative recruitment with their school districts. A handful of schools are also launching innovative programs to train and credential school support staff-- such as secretaries and teacher's aides -- to become full-fledged teachers.

But ultimately, I believe we have to take a page from Diane Welhaven's lesson book. If we want more minorities to teach, we have to encourage children when they are young. We have to endow them with a love of learning, stoke their ambition, and demand excellence. This requires more than a few role models. It requires patience, commitment, and guts; it requires us to purge ourselves and our school systems of any unwitting biases that might exist-- be they in the form of lower expectations for minority students, "color coded" tracking, or attitudes.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We have to be together before we can learn how to live together." We have to be together before we can teach how to live together, too.

A YOUNG MAN WORKS FOR DR. KING'S DREAM

by Dr. Lenora Fulani



The voices of our young people are so rarely heard and because of that we too often miss the opportunity to be educated by those we are trying to educate. Antoine Joyce is 20 years old; a young man who has a vision of how to make things better for our community and for all of America. At age 13 he came to the anti-violence program I co-founded, the All Stars Talent Show Network, a program which now serves tens of thousands of inner city youth in New York and New Jersey and which I am the co-executive producer of.

Like so many of our young people, Antoine not only was able to learn and grow in the All Stars; he was also able to give to others and to become a leader himself. At the All Stars those things-- learning and leading -- often go together.

Today Antoine Joyce is the assistant to the national producer of the All Stars. This is his tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On August 23, 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood before a crowd of more than 250,000 people, Black and white, and told America about a dream -- a dream of racial unity, and racial equality. A dream that his children and other Black children played hand in hand with white children. A dream of a country where people aren't judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

For the last 35 years that dream has been kept alive. I'm sure Dr. King would be proud to live in a country where Black people don't ride at the back of the bus -- they drive the buses. I'm sure he would be proud to live in a country where not only are schools integrated but Black people have their own schools that rank among the best. I'm sure he would be proud to live in a country

where Blacks are doctors and lawyers and owners of businesses. I know he would have been proud of the accomplishments we have achieved along the way. But I think the dream stops there.

As a 20-year-old Black man, I see new problems. Racial inequality is dying. Women have the same rights as men. But what I call "youth inequality" is growing. Today young people do not receive the fair shake we deserve. It's gotten to the point that young people can't walk the streets at night without being stopped by a police officer to be searched and more and more young people are being killed at the hands of the police.

Last year New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani held a press conference on the steps of City Hall to proclaim the good news that crime is down in New York -- and to take the credit for it on behalf of his administration and the New York Police Department. There was no acknowledgment at all of the fact that young people had played a part in reducing crime. Yet when crime is on the rise, young people are said to be responsible -- "because" we wear baggy jeans and enjoy hip-hop. I say it's not the police who deserve credit for the downturn in crime, but the baggy jean-wearing, rap-singing young people.

Recently our local politicians, using the young people of New York City as a political football, staged a citywide scare by promoting the fictitious "news" that gangs were invading the city. Although gangs have been around for many years, and are constantly glorified in the movies and on TV, the so-called invasion of the youth gangs suddenly became the hottest topic going. It was young people themselves who suffered the consequences. Many were afraid to go to school, or even out to the neighborhood store by themselves. Others were arbitrarily sent home from school because they were wearing "gang col-

ors."

As a young adult who lives in the inner city community of Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn and as someone who works with tens of thousands of young people every year to produce successful anti-violence programs, I have a dream too. My dream is for adult America to stop stereotyping youth-- especially minority youth -- as troublemakers, hoodlums and gang members.

You could say that Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate Dr. King's dream. It symbolizes the accomplishments of the great civil rights leader and of the African American community as a whole. But until young people are judged by the content of our character and not by our appearance, we are still a long way from living the dream.

-- by Antoine Joyce

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at <http://www.Fulani.org>.

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Reach to Recovery is a volunteer visitation program. It helps a breast cancer patient meet the emotional, physical, and cosmetic needs related to her disease and its treatment. The program is one woman reaching out to share experiences and give support to another in a time of need.

Reach to Recovery also provides information and support for the loved ones of breast cancer patients.

Terese Lasser, who herself had breast cancer, started Reach to Recovery in 1952. In 1969, it became a program of the American Cancer Society. Today Reach to Recovery is offered throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

The Reach to Recovery volunteer visitor is carefully chosen and trained by the American Cancer Society. She is warm, tactful, courteous, and thoughtful and is aware of her role in the recovery of the breast cancer patient. She recognizes the right of the patient to make her own choices. The visitor provides information and practical tips, but makes no personal medical comparisons and NEVER gives medical advice. If the patient asks medical questions, the visitor refers her to the proper health care professional. She gives of herself, her time and her

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All Reach to Recovery visitors are volunteers of the American Cancer Society. There is never any charge for the services they provide.

For more information on the Reach to Recovery Program, contact your local American Cancer Society listed in the telephone book.

ARETHA FRANKLIN'S NEW ALBUM, "A ROSE IS A ROSE," SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10th IN-STORE DATE

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49th CAREER ALBUM FOR 15-TIME GRAMMY WINNER FEATURES GUEST PRODUCERS PUFF DADDY, DARYL SIMMONS, JERMAINE DUPRI, NARADA, AND OTHERS



Arista recording artist Aretha Franklin has put the finishing touches on A ROSE, an all-star affair that teams the legendary singer with hitmaking pro-

ducers Sean "Puffy" Combs, Daryl Simmons, Jermaine Dupri, Dallas Austin, Narada Michael Walden, Michael J. Powell -- and Lauryn Hill (of the Fugees), writer, producer and arranger of the title single, "A Rose Is a Rose," who also directed the video. The new album is set for a March 10th in-store date.

The final sequence of songs (and producers) is as follows: "Rose Is A Rose" (Hill); "Never Leave You Again" (Puffy, who also co-wrote the track); "In Case You Forgot" (Simmons); "Here We Go Again" and "Every Lil' Bit Hurts" (both Dupri, also co-writer on both); "In The Morning" (Simmons); "I'll Dip" (Austin); "How Many Times"

and "Watch My Back" (both Narada); "Love Pang" (Powell); and "The Woman" (Aretha, who also wrote the track, and Powell co-producer).

A ROSE IS A ROSE is the 49th career album by the 15-time Grammy award winning artist. It is also Aretha's first new studio recording in over six years, since What You See Is What You Sweat in 1991, the same year she received the Grammy Legend Award. In the interim, Greatest Hits (1980-1994) was released four years ago, coinciding with Aretha's Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pictured left to right: Lauryn Hill, Aretha Franklin

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GOD KNEW WE NEEDED HIS WORD'S; TO WARN US OF THE THINGS IN THE LAST DAYS; THE CHURCH SEE THE NEED FOR PRAYING; SO SOULS CAN BE SAVED.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1,2a,7a, TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN: A TIME TO BE BORN, AND A TIME TO DIE; A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK.

THE CHURCH SEE THE HARVEST IS READY; AND THEY KNOW ITS HARVEST TIME; BUT THEY ARE BUSY WITH CAR WASHES, BAKE SALES, OUT OF THEIR MINDS!!!

PHILIPPIANS 2:4,5, LOOK NOT EVERY MAN ON HIS OWN THINGS, BUT EVERY MAN ALSO ON THE THINGS OF OTHERS. LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS IN CHRIST JESUS.

*****ITS PRAYING TIME!!*****

A FATHER KILLS HIS CHILDREN; THEN HE TURNS AND KILL HIS WIFE; HE THEN TURNS THE GUN ON HIS SELF, AND TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

2 PETER 3:9, THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE, AS SOME MEN COUNT SLACKNESS (LAZY); BUT IS LONG SUFFERING TO US-WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.

MANY CHURCH ARE THINKING ABOUT THE PASTORS AND WIFE'S ANNIVERSARY; WAYS TO MAKE MONEY; WHILE THE WORLD AROUND US: IS IN MISERERES!!!

MARK 8:27b, JESUS SAID, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN; FOR THOU SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THE THINGS THAT BE OF MEN.

***** WILL A CHURCH ROB GOD???*****

THE CHURCH DON'T NEED ANOTHER PROGRAM; NOR DO IT NEED THE ANNIVERSARY; THE CHURCH CAN SEE THE TROUBLES IN THE LAND; ITS TIME TO GET ON OUR KNEES!!!

LUKE 12:54-57, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS. AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY, THERE WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COMETH TO PASS. YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME (END TIMES)? YEA, AND WHY EVEN OF YOURSELVES JUDGE NOT WHAT IS RIGHT?

THE WORLDLY MAN FOR THE SUPER BOWL: MADE PLANS TO CHEAT FOR EVERY DIME; BUT THE CHURCH DON'T HAVE A PLAN FOR THE HARVEST; SO ITS PRAYING TIME!!!

LUKE 16:8b, JESUS SAID, FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD (THE DEVIL'S) ARE IN THEIR GENERATION WISER (SMARTER) THAN THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT (GOD'S).

THE CHURCH WANT TO MARCH UP AND DOWN; THE DRUG DEALERS BLOCK; BUT NO!!! ITS THE LAW OF THE LAND; WHO CAN MAKE IT STOP!!!

ISAIAH 55:8,9, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD. FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.

NOW WE HAVE THE PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY; HE IS IN A CRISIS; INDEED; I THANK MAYBE; JUST MAYBE; THIS THING WILL BRING THE CHURCH TO ITS KNEES???

1 TIMOTHY 2:1,2, I EXHORT THEREFORE, THAT, FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN; FOR KINGS (PRESIDENT), AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY.

WHILE THE CHURCH IS PLAYING CHURCH; AND THE PREACHERS TICKLING EARS; JESUS SAID IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION; HE THAT HATH EARS; LET HIM HEAR.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14, JEHOVAH SAID, IF MY PEOPLE (THE CHURCH), WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME (CHRISTIANS), SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS (NOT GOD'S); THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN (UN-GODLY), AND WILL HEAL (BLESS) THEIR LAND.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

You Can Do Nothing

"I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."—John 15:3

The Christian life is a life of growth. As we grow, the amount of fruit we produce also will grow. Unless Jesus' characteristics are multiplying in our lives; we may be connected to something else besides the vine, such as committees, rituals, a preacher, an usher board, a certain deacon or steward, etc. It is possible to remain "active" in the church program without being part of the vine. If your name is on some church roll and you declare that you are a Christian, then you should take an inventory of your life to see if Jesus really is living through you daily.

Paul Tournier in his "Adventure of Living" writes that he serves God not only in the brief moments during which he takes part in a religious service, reads the Bible, says his prayers, talks about Him in some book he is writing, or discusses the meaning of life with a patient or a friend. He declares that he serves God quite as much when he is giving a patient an injection, or lancing an abscess, or writing a prescription, or giving a piece of good advice. But he does not stop there. He goes on to say that he serves God quite as much when he is reading the newspaper, traveling, laughing at a joke, or soldering a joint in an electric wire.

Tournier has learned a great lesson, and we would do well to apply this lesson to our lives. Without Christ we can do nothing. Of course, we all believe that statement of Jesus, but we limit it too much. We apply it only to those few things we put in the category of religion, without realizing that nothing we do falls outside of that category. Too often we are like the divide cotton growers of the South Plains. Some spray their cotton for Boll Weevils and get an abundant of cotton, while others do not spray and the pesky insect severely limit their yield.

It is too bad we have been conned into fragmenting our lives and making compartments in them. We delude only ourselves when we think we can find life and happiness in "serving" Christ one day out of seven, while we shut Him out the other six days.

I remember back on our farm that a number of elm trees died. The fungus that caused them to die is carried by a very small insect. Once inside the tree the fungus spreads rapidly. It closes up the pores of the tree so it cannot get proper nourishment from the root.

Likewise our lives can be infected by the fungus of sin and "without" God we will die. However, if we let Him in our lives He will clean out those blockages and we can mature further. How does He do it? He does it by situations in life, by cleansing us of thoughts of self importance, by fellowship of God's people, by church discipline, and by the Word of God itself.

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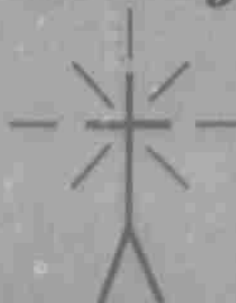


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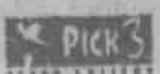
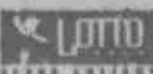
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By Renetta W. Howard

This is 1998 and we are two years away from the beginning of a new century, the year 2000. This year also marks roughly the twentieth year that the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been celebrated in various cities/states with large Black populations. The legislature passed and the President's signature making Dr. King's birthday an official national holiday came just a few years ago. This brought on an onslaught of state controversies.

One controversy centered around choosing a confederate hero to celebrate at the same time, or a Mexican holiday to couple with Dr. King's birthday or choice of another day for other ethnic groups to celebrate. The same situation has held true for the celebration of Juneteenth Day, the day when many Black slaves discovered that they were free, long after the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued by President Lincoln. Workers can celebrate Juneteenth by not work-

ing that day or choose another day.

These are perhaps the only two holidays in which Black people feel are truly Black ethnic holidays, yet racist governments refuse in many instances to permit it to happen unless it is coupled with a Robert E. Lee, Confederate hero or Jefferson Davis, another Confederate entity or some Spanish holiday celebrated in Mexico. Four hundred years of slavery and second-class citizenship and Black people are still a long way from being respected, treated fairly or equal in any area of American life.

It may be true that Blacks enjoy a better life in America than any other place in the world, but Blacks in the United States need to get 'in cinque' and unite on one front and make life in these United States for Blacks, as respectable, equal and free as any other citizen in this country.

January 21, 1998

Black History Parade Set Here

The annual Black History Parade, which is sponsored by the Lubbock Black Chamber, will be held February 21, 1998, beginning at 12 noon. The theme for this year's parade will be: "These Who Served Our Veterans."

The Chamber requests all Blacks who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces to participate in the annual parade. The Chamber is also encouraging family members of deceased veterans to participate. Other organizations, businesses, churches and oth-

ers are encouraged to participate in this parade with entries recognizing our veterans.

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best two entries in the parade. This is the first notice, so please begin thinking now as to what type of entries you will put in the parade. Why not go all out -- yes, make a fleet!

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 Room 103

EEOC FILES SUIT AGAINST THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND THRIFT STORE

Lubbock, TEXAS -- The San Antonio District Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "EEOC") has filed a lawsuit against American Council of the Blind Enterprises and Services, Inc. d/b/a American Council of the Blind Thrift Store ("ACBES") in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division. The EEOC is alleging that a number of female employees were sexually harassed by the store's former manager while they were

employed by ACBES. There is evidence that several employees complained to ACBES because of the harassment, but it failed to take corrective action.

The EEOC seeks compensatory and punitive damages and an injunction prohibiting ACBES from engaging in any employment practice, including sexual harassment, which discriminates on the basis of sex.

The EEOC enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on

race, color, religion, sex or national origin; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; the Equal Pay Act; prohibitions against discrimination affecting individuals with disabilities in the federal sector; sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991; and Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in the private sector and state and local governments.

South Plains Obedience Training Club Will Host Kennel Club

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock will be hosting 2 American kennel Club All-Breed Dog Obedience Trials at the South Plains Fairgrounds Merchant's Building, February 14th and 15th.

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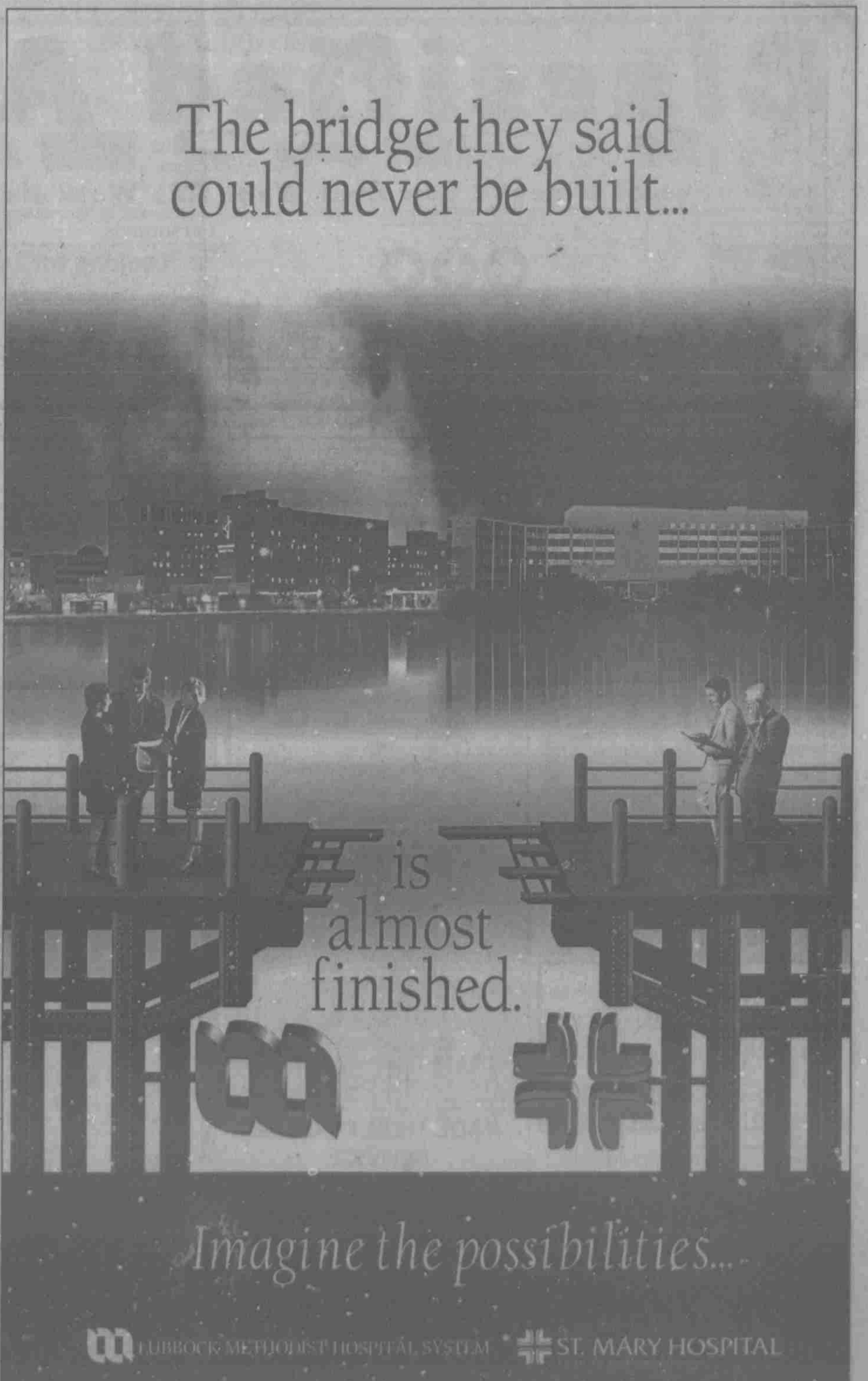
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