

Community Voices

From the Desk of Beatrice Maye

Congratulations Class of 2004

To the class of 2004. Go for it, grads! During the next few days, you will be saying good



Beatrice Maye

It doesn't matter what your dream is a corner office on Wall Street, a welding shop on Fire Tower Road, a bass guitarist for a cover band, the starting shortstop for the Chicago Cubs which they desperately need.

What matters is that your dream be very real and very much alive.

As you embark on this great journey down life's highway, we'd like for you to keep a few things in mind. Keep the naysayers at bay and forego the easy way out.

- Reach for the stars and chase them across the galaxy if need be.
- Heed the advice of your

elders, then listen to your heart.

- Be vigilant in your pursuits, always keeping your eye on the prize!

To you, the Class of 2004, "Go for it!"

Beatrice Maye on Complaining Stop complaining! "Troubles, like babies, grow largely by nursing". (Lady Holland)

How do you feel when someone unloads all of his problems and complaints on you? Not very uplifting and energizing, is it? The truth is, nobody likes to be around a complainer, except, perhaps, other complainers.

Nobody wants to hear about your aches and pains. One of

the most common areas of complaint is the subject of illness. Let's face it. What can I possibly do for you if you have a stomach ache? I'm not a physician - go to a doctor if you have a medical problem.

Instead of complaining, focus your attention and your energy on those steps you can take to solve, or at least, lessen, your problem.

Complaints work against you three ways. First, no one wants to hear negative news about your illness and your problem. Second, complaining enforces your own pain and discomfort.

Third, complaining by itself, accomplishes nothing and

diverts you from the care about your problems.. and constructive actions you could be taking to improve your situation.

It has been said that 90 percent of the people don't

Keeping It In The Family

LINCOLN, Ne - Janielle Beatrice Bryan, the daughter of William and Mamie Bryan and the granddaughter of Mrs. Beatrice Maye, graduated on May 15th from Bellevue East High School in Bellevue, NE. This scholar/athlete will pursue Sports Medicine on a President's/Athletic Scholarship at Nebraska Wesleyan University in braska.



Janielle Beatrice Bryan

Janielle earned the following scholarships: African-American Heritage Observance Committee Scholarship, Creighton University Service and Leadership Scholarship, Doane College, Van Hoy Scholarship, KPTM/Runza Scholar/Athlete of the Week Scholarship, Omaha Chapter of

the Links Education Grant, and the College of Saint Mary Presidential Academic and Athletic Scholarships.

Miss Bryan had a wonderful senior year! She was selected the 2004 BELLEVUE LEADER

bye to your high school days. This has already happened to the college or university days. Some of you will be off to institutions of higher learning; some of you will opt for trade schools or apprenticeships; some of you will choose a life in the military, serving our country both at home and when duty calls, aboard, and yet there will be others who have decided the time is right to enter the job market.

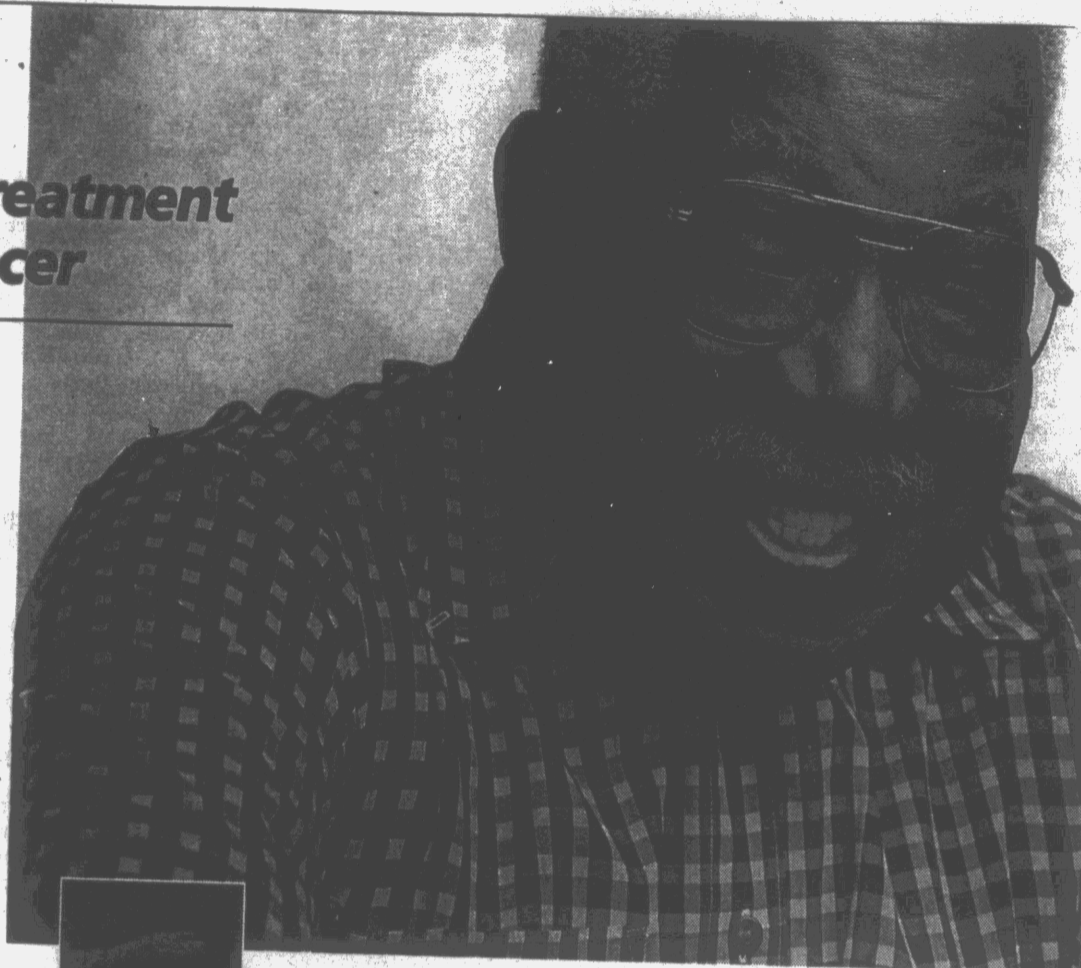
As varied as those choices are, each of you has something in common as you stand at the starting line of adulthood or some already adults-you all have a chance to chase your dream.

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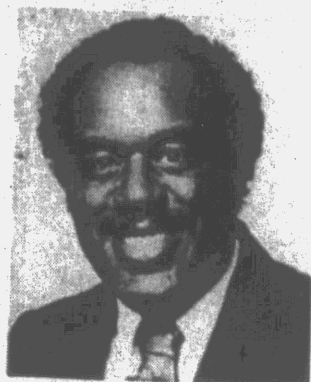
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Spiritual Reflections



culture of secrecy, deception, and intimidation. Victims who came forward with abuse claims were ignored or paid off, while accused priests were quietly transferred from parish to parish or sent for brief periods of psychological counseling. Another scandal in the Roman Catholic Church was gay priest. But for American Catholics, the revelations about the Rev. Mychal Judge that followed his death provided another startling and unfamiliar image to confront — that of an openly gay priest. Judge's life as a Catholic priest who was open about his homosexuality was a rarity in the church, and the overwhelmingly positive attention he received after he died rekindled a centuries-old discussion about ordaining gay men. Tremors also are spreading to gay priests of other denominations, even those that are more open to homosexuals, such as the Episcopal Church in the New York Diocese, which ordains gay priests and recognizes their

committed relationships. Other Episcopal dioceses do not. The Episcopal Church in the U.S. is a part of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which includes the Anglican Church in Canada and the Church of England in Britain. Celibate, and active gays and lesbians are welcome as members. Since 1979, the ordination of celibate homosexuals has been permitted (Bishop Righter is the best known example). The Episcopal Church had a traditional policy of not ordaining practicing homosexuals. Presbyterians decided that Presbyterian ministers may perform same-sex union services as long as they reflect the church's "understanding ... that these ceremonies do not constitute marriage as defined in the Book of Order." They also decided that a church session may accept a gay person as a candidate for ministry, even though a sexually active gay man or lesbian cannot be ordained. Church folks have we forgotten about the image of God, have we not looked into the mirror to see ourselves. Why???? Have we strayed so far away from the image

of Him that created us. The image of God is both male and female and is reflected in a godly union between male and female where the creative power of God, His life-giving. His self-giving and His moral nature are perfectly expressed. This is only possible in a heterosexual union. When God created a partner for Adam He created Eve - not another Adam. This means that perfect partnership requires some level of difference as well as a level of similarity so great that Adam could cry out loudly, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my

flesh". Heterosexuality is the normal method of human bonding and the one for which our bodies and emotions are designed. If God had intended the human race to be fulfilled through both heterosexual and homosexual marriage. He would have designed our bodies to allow reproduction through both means and made both means of sexual intercourse healthy and natural. Homosexual anal intercourse carries a high risk of disease, this is recognized in Scripture where gay men are said to receive in their bodies the due penalty for their error (Romans

1:27) People if we are to survive this we must follow the instructions of God and live by the Words of righteousness that proceedeth out of His mouth. Let us not walk into that seem right way, because the end of that way is death. On that path that leads to righteousness there are few travelers but on that path that leads to destruction there are many, many, many travelers. CHOSE YE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE. Tomorrow might be to late. Apostle Hawkins

Greetings: I know you must think that the issue of homosexuality keeps rearing its ugly head, everywhere you turn you hear people talking about gay marriages. Church folks let me tell you where it seem to have started first. In the church. That is why judgment will first begin in the house of God. Consider this, the Roman Catholic church have for decades kept horrific tales of abuse out of the public eye through an elaborate

Lifeline: Edification of a New Generation A PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY



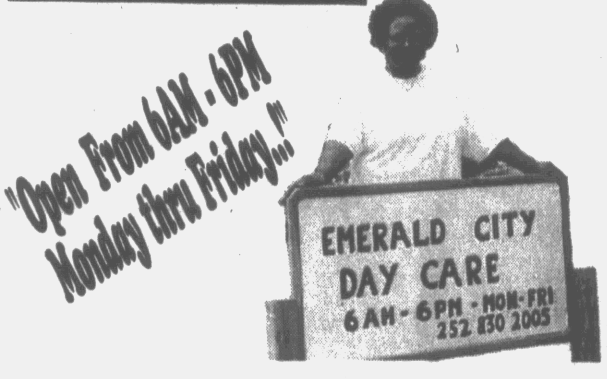
What's wrong with these methods of modern parenting we've been discussing? The fact that they completely deny the way of TRUTH God explains to us in Scripture! Remember the proverb we read earlier. It talked about the importance of "rod and reproof" in raising a child who will not bring shame to his parents. God says that a proper level of control must be maintained over children. This verse is talking about DISCIPLINE—corporal punishment—and INSTRUCTION. God COMMANDS that parents use both!

Proverbs 13:24 says that parents who fail to physically discipline their children actually HATE them. That their concern for themselves exceeds their concern for the long-term well-being of their children. That may rankle modern parents. But remember, it is GOD—the Creator of heaven and earth, of mankind—who gave this instruction. Rather than dismissing it offhand, shouldn't we try to UNDERSTAND it? Unlike so many raising teenagers today, God has been interested in maintaining parents' authority over their kids. "Honor thy father and mother" is the Fifth Commandment—just before "Thou shalt not-kill." Teens break it routinely without second thought. You may think the fault lies with the teen themselves, since the law is directed at them (it is not written, "Make sure kids honor their father and mother"). But who teaches children the sanctity of the law? No teen will respect commandments they were not brought up their parents to respect. This is a point that was made in a Plain Truth article 36 years ago. It should convict us today all the more. The article stated, "Today's leaders failed their duty—they did not teach the younger generation the real purpose of life. Why? Because they themselves did not the purpose of life. Society never taught it in school because they in turn had never learned it. People simply don't know why they were born!" ("The Beat Generation," March 1966) Later the article said, "The trouble is society has taught its 'children' directly or indirectly THAT THERE IS NO REAL PURPOSE TO LIFE!" What about you? Do you understand the purpose of life well enough to teach and CONVICT your children of it? Are you willing to learn? It will be the MOST IMPORTANT THING you could ever give your teenager! Excerpted from The Philadelphia Trumpet/July 2002

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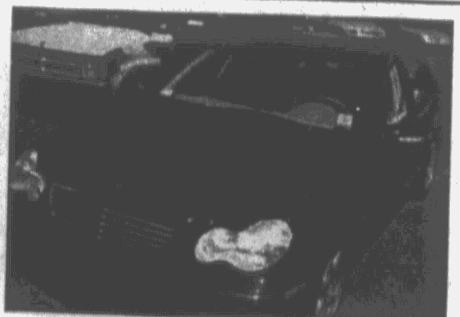
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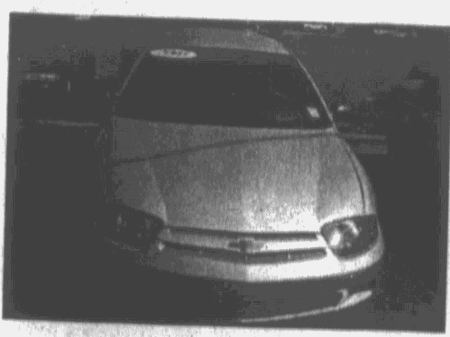
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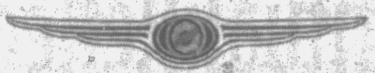


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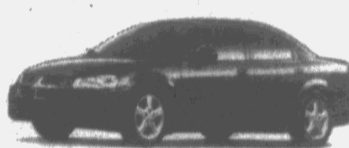




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