

Selma March Relives Civil Rights Dream

(AP) — More than a thousand people gathered in Selma, Ala. Sunday to commemorate the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" voting rights march — and remarked how the original protest paved the way for modern-day candidates to break political barriers.

With a marching band leading the way, participants retraced the steps to the bridge where marchers were beaten back by state troopers as they marched from Selma to Montgomery in support of opening polls to blacks across the South.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., one of the leaders of the first march, described how the group marched past

jeering whites on March 6, 1965, then were beaten with night sticks, trampled by horses and sprayed with tear gas.

"When we left the church to walk through the heart of downtown Selma, it was a silent walk. There were 600 of us armed with a dream," Lewis said. "The dream was that people of color would have the right to vote — the right to participate in the democratic process."

Martin Luther King Jr. led a separate march to the bridge two days later. On March 21, 1965, after a federal court intervened, King led a five-day march to the capital. The marches led to the passage of the



U.S. Senator and Presidential Candidate Barack Obama, D-Ill. (left) poses with former U.S. President Bill Clinton after Sunday's re-enactment of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march in Selma, Ala.

Voting Rights Act later that year, which removed barriers such as literacy tests that were set up by segregationists to keep blacks from registering to vote.

Sunday's event attracted Democratic presidential candidates Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. Speaker after speaker said that neither Clinton or Obama would be running for president if it wasn't for the sacrifices made on Bloody Sunday. Clinton is seeking to become the first woman elected president; Obama is trying to become the first black president.

White House Aide Found Guilty

(AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was convicted Tuesday of lying and obstructing a leak investigation that reached into the highest levels of the Bush administration.

Libby is the highest-ranking White House official to be convicted of a felony since the Iran-Contra scandal of the mid-1980s. The case brought new attention to the Bush administration's much-criticized handling of weapons of



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mass destruction intelligence in the run-up to the Iraq war.

The verdict culminated a nearly four-year investigation into how CIA official Valerie Plame's name was leaked to reporters in 2003. The trial revealed how top members of the administration were eager to discredit Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who accused the administration of doctoring prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Libby, who was once Cheney's

most trusted adviser and an assistant to President Bush, was expressionless as the jury verdict was announced on the 10th day of deliberations. His wife, Harriet Grant, choked out a sob and sank her head.

He faces up to 30 years in prison when he is sentenced June 5 but under federal sentencing guidelines is likely to face far less. Defense attorneys immediately promised to ask for a new trial or appeal the conviction.

Belmont Shooting Stuns Neighbors

Police are looking for a suspect who shot and critically injured a store clerk Sunday afternoon after a failed robbery attempt. The attack at 3:45 p.m. took place at the Belmont

Grocery, 3400 S.E. Belmont St. in the middle of a busy retail district.

The suspect took off on foot after firing at the store's 41-year-old clerk, whose name is not be-

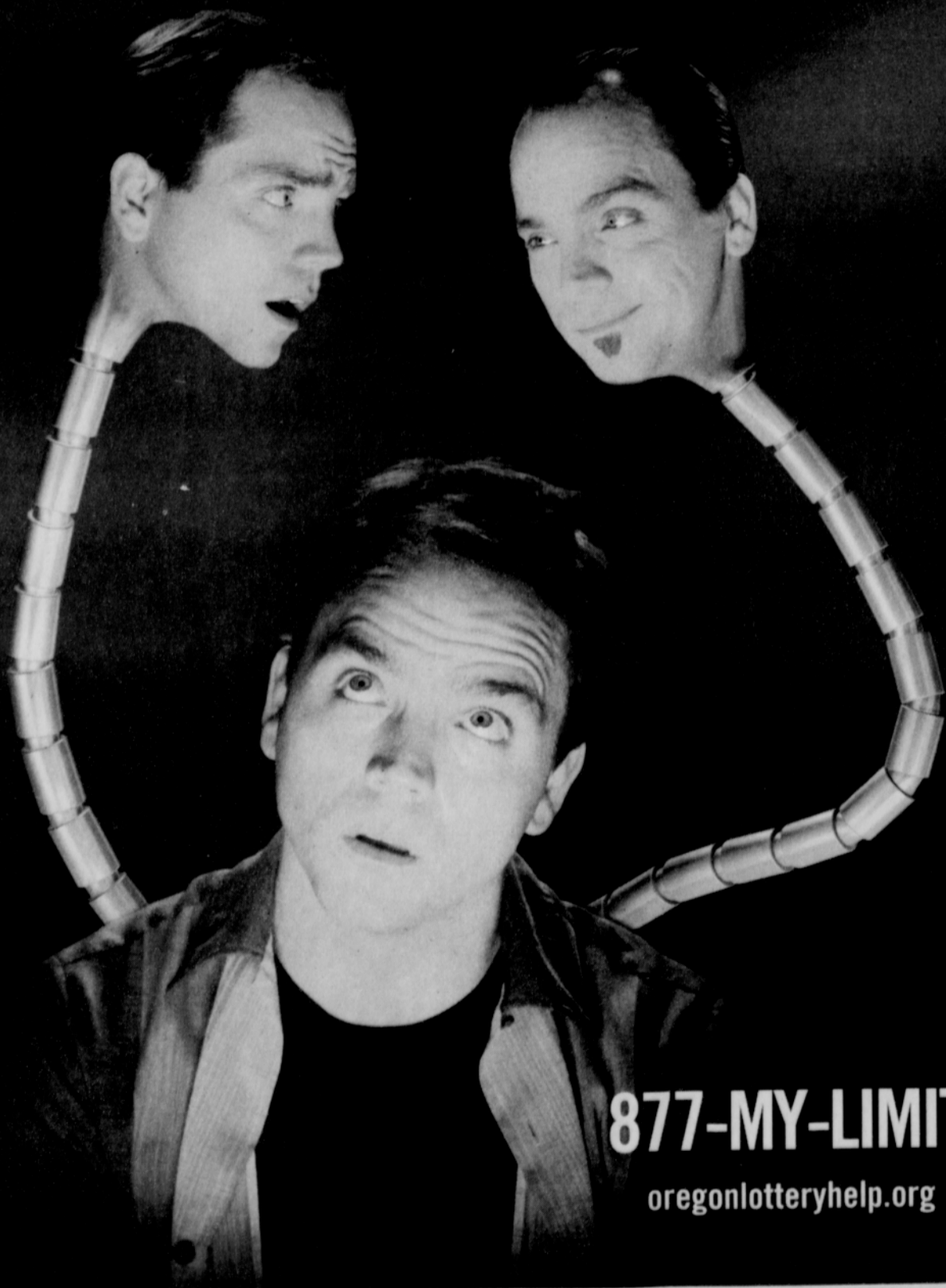
ing released. He then climbed into a burnt orange-colored Chevrolet Corvette with a black soft top and lightly tinted windows, police said.

Area residents who know and love the neighborhood landmark say the attack has rattled the community. Police cordoned off the street for hours.

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The first Rose Festival Princess of 2007 has been chosen - 17-year-old Natalie Stringer of Central Catholic High School.

Natalie will turn 18 in early April, well in advance of the Portland Rose Festival when one of the princesses will be crowned Queen of Rosaria.

She's already earned quite a distinction as the first "Princess" to be chosen after ten years of calling them "ambas-

sadors." There was criticism of that move, and this year the Rose Festival planners returned to calling them "princesses".

Princess Natalie attended International School of the Hague in the Netherlands before attending Central Catholic. Her hobbies include acting, singing, dancing, skiing, cycling, yoga and violin. After graduation she plans to go on to a major university.

Reward Grows in Murder Probe

Police have released a sketch of a suspect and Crime Stoppers has increased its reward to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest in the murder of Jermaine Nyron Davis, a 23-year-old African American resident who died on New Year's Day.

Central Precinct police were patrolling on foot near Southwest Fourth Avenue and Washington Streets when they heard gunfire at 2:10 a.m. Revelers leaving New Year's Eve parties scattered and police found the body of Davis lying on the sidewalk.

Investigators say Davis argued with the occupants of a black, four-door luxury vehicle with lightly tinted windows and then someone inside the vehicle shot him, killing him instantly. The vehicle sped off east-



bound on Southwest Stark Street. Witnesses said four to five men and women were in the vehicle. Investigators believe they may have been at other bars during the evening.

If you have any leads in this case you are urged to call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP (4357).

Arrest Made in Teen Murder

A 16-year-old was arrested Monday for the January murder of another teenager who died after being shot in the head on North Killingsworth Street, just west of Albina Avenue and the Portland Community College campus.

U.S. Marshals arrested Joseph "Jo Jo" Eugene Allen on one count of murder in connection with the killing of Devonte

Lightfoot, 14. Both the victim and accused are African Americans. Lightfoot was also a freshman at Benson Polytechnic High School.

Investigators said the murder was gang-related and also wanted to hear from any witnesses in the case.

Allen was also arrested on two unrelated robbery warrants.