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Happy New Year!



Shassidy Nicole Priestley

Little Shassidy Nicole Priestley, daughter of Jackie and Willis Priestley, takes this time and opportunity to wish each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frankie

State Rep. Al Edwards Pushing June 19th Bill

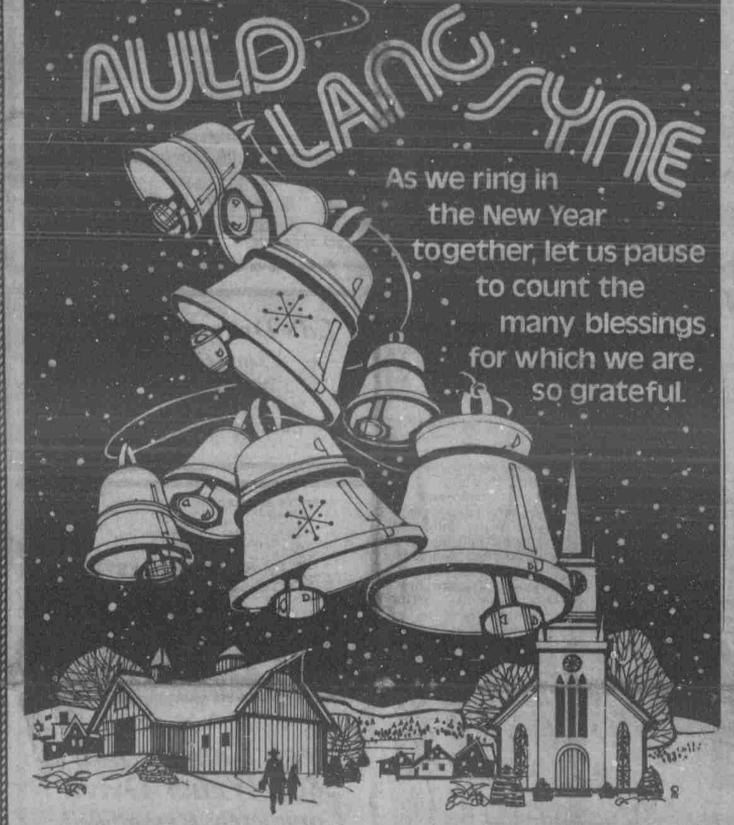
State Representative Al Edwards of Houston last week announced that he is contacting churches around the state to enlist their aid in celebrating the effective date of his House Bill 1016 passed by the 66th Texas Legisla-

H. B. 1016 makes June 19th, Emancipation Day, an official state holiday in Texas and becomes effective Janu-

ary 1, 1980. "Th end of slavery in Texas has been celebrated for over a hundred years and this bill marks its official recognition by the state of Texas," Edwards

"However, this is not just a bill to give state employees another day off. Rather it is a recognition of a very important Idate in Texas' history which we should all remember and commemorate," said Edwards.

"The end of slavery was not a victory just for Blacks in Texas, but for



And to those who've been such faithful friends, many thanks.

and from all of us to all of you, the best of the holiday season. Thank you for your patronage.

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marked the demise of an as Whites." Edwards unjust and oppressive system which was

all people because it harmful to Blacks as well continued. 'We are asking

churches around the state to help us inform people about this bill becoming effective by holding a

prayer of thanksgiving in rememberance of Enan-cipation Day." Edwards Continue on Page 5

"Woman of Named the Month" Here



Estelle P. Perez

The Young Woman Christian Association (YWCA) announces that Estelle P. Perez has been named as "Woman of the Month" for December. Ms. Perez is a very active member of LULAC. Lubhock Association for Bilingual Education, and other organizations in Lubbock.

Ms. Perez resides at 4402-20th Street here, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desiderio Pesina. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a BA degree in Spanish.

The City of Lubbock has a department whose only purpose and goal is assist low income persons in Lubbock, this is the Community Services Department. which is funded as Community Action Agency by the federal government. Community Services has three locations in Lubbock, downtown at 820 Texas Aveue, on the east side at 1532 East 19th (Idalou Road), and northwest at 2407 First Street. All can

be reached by the same

telephone number, 762-

Community Services provides basic information and referral especially geared to low income persons regardless of race, national back-

ground, or any other circumstances. Com munity Services provides the needed assistances, assists the person to find that help elsewhere. Community Services therefore invites inquires of any kind: if you have a problem and do not know where to find the answer, Continue on Page 2

Mississippians Get Together Last Week



Milton "Little Milton" and Eddie P. Richardson. Jr., co-publisher of the Lubbock Digest, are shown above in Milton's hus during his appearance here at the Cotton Club last Saturday evening. Milton and Richardson grew up together as teenagers in Mississippi. Richardson, at one time, was a musician.

Ezzard Charles Free, nephew of Milton and road manager, enjoyed the reunion also. Milton told Richardson that as he travels throughout America, he becomes more concerned about the Black youth. "Black youth must realize that dope is not the answer. Just because you can light up a weed dosen't mean you are cool," said

Former Dunbar Panther Will Play In Peach Bowl



DENNIS GENTRY, shown above running against the Texas Tech Raiders, will among those who will play in the Peach Bowl on Monday, December 31, at Atlanta, Georgia.

A junior at Baylor University, Gentry is a 1976 graduate of Dunbar High School here. When he was a high school seniors, many colleges and university - including Texas Tech - said he was too small. He's proven different. however, as he is an asset to the Baylor Bears of Waco, Texas. He is the son of Rev. O. W. Gentry of 1519 East 28th Street who will attend this game.

Enjoying Sons & Grandchildren Here



Mr. H. S. Hutchinson (center) is shown above with his sons. Novell of Dallas and H. S., Jr. of Lubbock; and grandchildren, Teresa, Shenell and

Known as "Big Duddy" to his children, he is a proud grandfather. The Hutchinsons wish their many friends a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ball were happy to have his mother, Mrs. Dora Tolen of Fredrick. Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ball were happy to have his mother, Mrs. Dora Tolen of Fredrick. Oklahoma, as house guest for the Christmas holidays. His brother, Mr. Dickey Williams of New York City, is also a guest of the Balls:

This writer had a

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wonderful Christmas gift when her twin sister. Ruthy Oliver, came home from the hospital in Waco, Texas, She had been a patient for two weeks. Our prayers were answered.

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas was Citizens Christmas dinner was held last Friday night at the Mae Simmons Community Center, It was enjoyed by all. Christmas carols were sung and turkey and dressing was served -including everything that goes with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Taylor enjoyed having her mother. Mrs. Elnora Johnson, and her aunt, Mrs. Chancy Kyles of Ballinger, Texas, with them for the Christmas holidays.

All extend our Christian sympathy to Mrs.

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Lula Virden, Her sister's son got killed last Saturday night at Houston, Texas, We want her to know that she has our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Francis are all smiles over the holiday season. Ail of their children were home for the holidays, includ-ing George, III of Detroit, Michigan: Rosetta Francis and Vivian Williams of Anchorage. Alaska: and Laverne Collins of Los Angeles, California, Glenn and Charles are still living in Lubbock. Mr. Parnell Lockart, a friend of Anchorage, accompained Rosetta and Vivian.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C Kinner and daughter. Denise, are enjoying their daughter and sister. Brenda Kinner of Houston, Texas, this week. ********

Mrs. Earnestine Childress spent Christmas in Cooper, Texas visiting relatives and friends. She reports a wonderful visit.

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******** Mrs. Bernice Kelly and mother, Mary McKinney, spent the holidays. with her aunt and sisterin-law, Mrs. Bettie Tempton of Honey Grove, Texas.

Mr. Ulyssess Kelly visited relatives in El-Paso, Texas.

The Cork family visited relatives in Houston. Texas and other points before returning home.

Lee Savage spent Christmas in Littlefield. Texas visiting relatives and friends. He loves to be with his cousins there.

This writer hopes all of you will have a prosper-ous New Year. Don't forget to pray.

Herchiel James Pat-terson, Jr. of Wichita Falls, Texas, son of Mrs. Hannah Lee Patterson. spent two days here during the holidays. He is the brother of T. J.

Community Services

Continued from Page 1 call Community Services. Among the direct-aid services provided by Community Services are the following:

1. Utility payment assistance. Community Services can pay the gas bills and electric bills for households whose income is inadequate to take care of all their needs. Water bills and telephone bills are not paid, however. Since the funds to pay the electrical and fuel fills come from federal grants, strict regulations have to be followed. In order to qualify for assistance, one has to complete an application form, and provide evidence of income along with current utility bills. The elderly (those over 60) can be assisted up to a maximum of \$400 over the winter period. Archie Botttoms, Community Services Director. emphasizes that people should not just walk in for help, because the great number of applicants necessitates interviewing by appointment. Any onw who feels that his or her household qualities should feel free to call

outreach worker. 2. Weatherization. Community Services, assisted by a variety of federal and state grants and by CETA program trainees, "weather" the homes of low-income families. Weatherization is directed primarily to stopping infiltration of air, and includes thorough caulking.

762-6411, extention 2302 to arrange for an appointment. Those who

cannot come to one of the

outreach offices may be interviewd at home by an

patching, repairing of homes weatherized need doors and windows. call 762-6411, extention installation of storm 2306. However, there will doors and windows, attic be considerable time-lag insulation, and the like, between the time when Strictly cosmetic repairs application is approved are excluded. Weatherand the time when tration does not extend to weatherization is comremodeling, rebuilding, plete, since according to adding on, and the like: Bottoms they have mny nor can a house too dilapidated be weatherapplications on hand to be processed, and it will ized. Only owenerbe impossible to respond occupied dwelling will be immediately. Possible weatherized. Not eligible exceptions might be in the under Weatherization case of the elderly and / or regulations are renter-occupied dwellings. handicapped, who must be given priorty consider apartments, mobile homes, or any home outside Lubbock. Those

3. Emergency food. Continue on Page 5



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MIKE HUMPHREY. 2026 10th Street, Apt. A, reported to Lubbock police that he had a hard time with a man on Christmas Day. He told police that a man got mad because he wouldn't let him come into his apartment.

The man got mad. according to the police report, and kicked a hole in the front door. This hard kick knocked out the front glass to the

Damage to the door was approximately \$50. Humphrey told police that he would file charges against the man, who was in a drunken condition. A witness to the incident supported what Humphrey said

HOUSE BURGLARY

EARL JOHNSON. 2709 East Colgate Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown took advantage of him on Christmas Day. There

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were several other house burglaries on the same

The unknown persons forced the rear garage door open and entered a kitchen door. Both doors to the house had pry marks on them which could have been done with a large screwdriver or tire tool.

Taken from the living room of the house was a

large television set which was valued at \$980. According to the police report, the television set was drugged out of the house as marks in the dirt was in the backyard. Tire tracks were seen in the alley behind the

HOUSE BURGLARY

FLETA OWENS, 2626 East Cornell Avenue, in a similar incident, reported to local police that someone unknown forced entry to her house through a door on the garage and using the kitchen door. Both doors had pry marks on them. either with as large screwdriver or tire tool. Once inside, the unknown persons went to the living room and took a portable black white

television set and stero. The sixty-three year old lady told police that these items were valued at *******

HOUSE BURGLARY FANNIE THOMP-

SON, 2707 East Colgate...

Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown did

> cut the chain on a rear. alley gate and entered the

property. Then broke a window and raised it to gain entry to the house. Taken from the house

and a man's long coat.

were two television sets

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Thompson had no idea who could have broken into her home.

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An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Lubbock, Texas, to be held on the 19th day of January, 1980. for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Lubbock for approval or rejection the proposed adoption of Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. Art. 5154r-1. "The Fire And Police Employee Relations Act", and submitting for approval or rejection a proposed city ordinance granting firemen a fifteen (15) percent puy increase for Fiscal Vear 1979; designating the places at which said special election will be held: designating the hours of such special election; providing for notice for such special election; providing for service upon precinct judges and providing for ballots.

WHERE IS, the City Council of the City of Lubback deems it proper to submit to the qualified voters of the City Lubbock for approval or rejection the proposed adoption of Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. Art. 5154c-1, "The Fire and Police Employee Relations tet", and a proposed City ordinance granting firemen a fifteen (15) percent pay increase for fixed year 1979 at a Special Election held for such purpose on the 19th day of January. 1980, at the places hereinafter designated: THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK SECTION 1. That a Special Election Bt. and is hereby ordered to be held on the 19th day of January, 1980, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Lubbock for approval or rejection the following proposals:

PROPOSAL NO. 1

FOR or AGAINST the fullowing:

teloption of the state law applicable to "firefighters". which establishes collective bargaining when a majority of the affected employees favor representation by any employees assicution and which preserves the problibition of strikes and lockouts and provides penalties therefor.

PROPOSAL NO. 2

FOR or AGAINST the adoption of a city ordinance of the City of Lubback, Texas, to read as follows:

Firemen of the City of Lubbock, Texas, are hereby granted a fifteen (15) percent pay increase for fiscal year 1979, said pay increase to be computed on each fireman's hase poy scale under each said fireman's job grade held by each said fireman on October 1. 1979, the first day of fiscal year 1979 for the City of Lubbock. Texas: provided, however, that under no circumstances is said fifteen (15) percent pay increase for the fiscal year 1979 to exceed fifteen (15) percent when taken in conjunction with ony other pay increase granted to fireman of the City of Lubbock, Texas, effective at the beginning of the fiscal year 1979 for the City of Lubbock. Texas. The word fireman in this ordinance shall mean fireman, equipment operator, fire licatement, fire captain, district chief, and deputy chief.

SECTION 2. THAT said Special Election shall be held at the polling places set forth in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 3. THAT said Special Election shall be held under the provisions of statues of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Lubbock. and all persons qualified to vote in said City under the Election Lows of the Stat- of Texas shall he allowed to vote therein. Said Special Election shall be held and the polls shall be open from 7:00 A. M . to 7:00 P. M., and all electors shall vote in the precinct of thier residence. Electronic voting machines shall be used for this Special Election.

SECTION 4. THAT the question of adoption of Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. Art. 5154c-1 and the proposed city ordinance granting firemen a fifteen (15) percent pay increase for fiscal year 1979 shall be on one ballot form with the words

FOR and AGAINST appearing beside each proposal so that the voter can indiate his choice on each proposal separately. The form of the official hallot shall be substantially as is set out in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance for all intents and

SECTION 5. THAT the Chief of Police is hereby directed to post a properly executed copy of this Ordinance, the Election Order hereafter to be prepared and any Supplemental Election Orders as notice of this Special Election at the polling places. hereinabove set out at least twenty (20) days before said Special Election dute and the officer posting such notices

SECTION 6. THAT the City Secretary shall serve a duly vertified copy of this Ordinance ordering and calling the Special

shall make return showing such

Election herein provided for and the Election Order and any Supplemental Election Orders upon each of the Election Judges and Mernate Election Judges hereafte selected for this Special Election, Such service shall be by United States mail

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SECTION 7. THAT this Ordinance shall take effect and he in full force immediately from and after its approval and

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City of Lubbock, Texas, on January 19, 1980, for the purpose of submitting the following proposals to the qualified enters of the City of Lubbock for approval or

PROPOSAL NO. 1

FOR or AGAINST the following:

Adoption of the state law applicable to "firefighters". which establishes collective hargaining when a majority of the affected employees favor representation by an - employges' association and which preserves the prohibition of strikes and lockouts and provides penalties therefor.

FROPOS IL NO. 2

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Said Special Election shall be held pursuant to an Ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Lubbock on the 8th day of November, 1979, which

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Ordinance is attached hereto ax Exhibit A and made a part of this Order and Notice of Special City Election for all intents and

purposes.
Said Special Election shall be held at the polling places set forth in City Ordinance No. 7954. Said polls shall he open from 7:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. and all electors shall vote in the precinct of their residence. Electronic voting machines shall be used for this Special Election.

The persons set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and made r part of this Order and Notice of Special Chy Election for all intents and purposes are appointed Judges and Alternate Judges to hold said Special Election on January 19, 1980. Each Presiding Judge so named is authorized to appoint not less than two clerks and as many additional clerks as are required, but not exceeding a total of six clerks, for the proper conduct of the election. The Alternate Judges shall serve as Presiding Judges in the event the regularly appointed Presiding Judge lx unable to serve, and the Alternate Judge shall be appointed by the regular Presiding Judge to serve as one of the clerks in the event the Special Election is conducted by the regularly appointed Presided Judge,

ELECTION NOTICE

The Chief of Police is hereby directed to post properly executed copy of this Order and Notice of Election at the places listed in Exhibit B. Sald notices shall be posted at least twenty (20) days before said election and the officer posting said notices shull make due return showing such posting in accordance

with this Order. The City Secretary shall serve a duly certified copy of this Election Order and Notice upon each of the Special Election Judges and Alternate Judges named in Lxhibit C. Such service shall be by United States mail or by personal delivery within twenty (20) days after the date of this Order and

Notice. SIGNED AND ENECUT-ED IN THE CITY HALL. AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS. this 8th day of November,

Signed: Dirk West, Mayor. ATTEST: Evelyn Gaffga.

City Secretary - Treasurer APPROVED AS TO FORM: John C. Ross, Jr. Chy Attorney

Community , Services ...

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Community Services has limited funds to assist those in atruly emergency situation with food

vouchers. 4. Employment Coun-seling. Community Services maintains a listing of jobs available in the city, and can assist those looking for employment. The job lists are available at the east 19th Street office, 762-

6411, extention, 2305. Community Services assists in many other ways, too, such as helping clients fill out food stamp applications and other welfare application forms. No problem is too big or too small to receive courteous attention from the Community Services staff:

Al Edwards .. Continued from Page I

Edwards said that he is asking churches to hold a prayer of thanksgiving at

11:45 p. m. during their normal New Year's Eve SCEVICES. ATTEND

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Happy New Year, everyone. Let's all work together to make 1980 the best year. One brother, if nothing happens fast unpleasant, 1979 will end a happy year. This is what Brother C. B. "Stubbs" Stubblefield said. He was one of the happiest persons this writer has ever seen. He realized a life long dream at the Betty Wright-Little Milton dance last Saturday night, December 22nd. There was a hour full of predominately Black people. There was no fussing, fighting, cutting and shooting.

You see, Stubbs has a thing that anything is possible if people make it so. Let's go back to what can be done to make 1980 a much better year. This writer would personally like our young people to get their acts together in 1980 and involved in such old fashioned things as discipline, respect, obedience, respect of other persons property and feelings.

If they (young Black people) don't start as a whole If they don't start as a whole concerning these, as my friend Little Milton Campbell told T. J. and myself last Saturday afternoon, "Man, they are going to be our leaders in a few years, because they are going to be our leaders in a few years. And we will be too old or gone. If they don't learn discipline, respect, and get off that marijuna, sniffing cocane, popping pills, and start thinking and acting positive and get rady to replace the now generation with

"Man, it has gotten so bad that people our age and a little younger and older are afraid or leary about coming to my performance. This is because these young punks are smoking weed and raising hell. They are acting a fool!" Well said. Brother Milton. This writer hopes our young people will take heed across the world and nation. Little Milton makes a lot of sense.

Along these same lines, this writer hopes and prays to my God and hope each of you reading will do likewise that Black on Black crime will be nonexistence across the nation in 1980. Only Black folk can make it happen. Remember the only ones who can help us is us; the only one who can destroy us is us; the only one who can save us is us. Most important, the only one who can save us from us is us. Let's roll into 1980 in the most progressive, positive, aggressive manner possible in order to have a productive and prosperous 1980. Happy New Year, and may your future be forever and bright. May God pour prosperity and may rich blessings be you and yours.

One thing we can never get away from is politics, forms and paperwork which will be with us forever in any endeavor. On the subject of politics, my criticism of city politicians is on attendance and remaining after attending certain affairs. This writer will continue to push this issue in 1980 and beyond until elections have come and gone. This writer still holds to the fact that kissing babies, shaking hands, attending banquets, conventions, bazaars, as well as

welcoming addresses, honorary citizenships, ground breaking and ribbon cutting, no matter how much or how many or how often or even how boring, a politician should continue to do his complete job. When one is campaigning, a politician

must remember that all of this - including worrying, boring and lying to voters -- it is a part of the pay back. When you are in the minority communities, passing envelopes to certain minority preachers during Sunday morning service that pay day is coming. If you can't stand the heat, don't get in the Litchen.

This writer has written two columns on this same subject. On the article last Thursday (December 20, 1979), City Councilman Bill McAlister called meand informed me taht the event mentioned, he had just got of bed with a 101 temperature to make the event. He was not the first choice, but a third choice and notified at the very last minute. He went back home to get into bed after the presentation. This would have been more affective and appreciated if known in time under the given circumstances. This writer would like to applaud Councilman McAlister for the effort, especially at the very last minute.

Communications is still the best method.

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Attention, Parents!!!

(Editor's Note: We want parents of young people to know about an article which appeared in the October, 1979 issue of Jet. It is important that we, as Black people, know what is going on in America. Let's pray to God that we pay attention to this article).

Children, Now 'Spanking' Parents With Their Fists

No one is safe from a good whipping anymore. Parents are getting it increasingly from their children, various psychiatric studies show.

Usually, it's an adolescent son trying to manipulate his mother, or reacting in rage to a senile or invalid parent. And while there's parent beating, there's abuse of brothers and sisters, too.

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By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr. Human Rights Activist

FOR BLACK FOLKS ONLY

What is said here is obviously addressed to black readers. It is in-group talk. It concerns a letter which was received from a doubtlessly sincere white reader, who had taken exception to the effect that our stagggeringly high black youth unemployment was a major national responsibility.

The reader's reply may perhaps be best summed up with his own words this way: "Stop babying the youth. Stop blaming the white people. Just blame yourselves.

Darn it, if the black youth came out with motivation and really went after things with training, etc., the whites would have to afford them their due."

Now, all of us know of, and are almost daily cowed and demeaned by, white persons whose forte or "thing" is bullying black people into accepting white folks' interpretations of every bitter racial reality and injustice. Yet, even in these cases, we may see and profit from the age-old principle that "every knock is a boost."

If the entire letter of this particular reader were before us, most of us would perhaps see in it an essentially positive spirit, whether or not we agreed with most or any of its specific contents. One point which he makes seems, in some profound sense, to have merit, even though it may seem gratuitous if we get locked into a mere consideration of its source. The reader states: "What I find wrong with the black leaders. . is that you want something to be done for the unemployed black youth when the real trouble is that most unfortunately-and I say this with profound sorrow-that you don't encourage them to really help themselves!"

If we were all asked to quickly huddle in some small groups and come up with a

list of specific ways in which this comment might be helpfully interpreted, some fascinating and, indeed, rewarding results might surface. Some of us might agree right off with Frederick

Some of us might agree right off with Frederick Douglass, who, wrote: "No people that has solely depended on foreign aid, or rather, upon the efforts of those, in any way identified with the oppressor, to undo heavy burdens ever stood forth in the attitude of freeders."

What Douglass suggests for us here is that "God helps those who help themselves." In line with this, some who have huddled with us to respond to our reader's comment about encouraging our beleaguered black youth to help themselves might add that "foreign aid is almost always fickle and, in many instances, self-defeating."

We might interpret this latter remark, first, as a reminder that we must somehow build muscle into the black community. It is only through self-help and group-initiatives that we as black Americans may move with power, impact and coramand toward and into the American mainstream.

Secondly, this same remark concerning the fickle and potentially self-defeating nature of "foreign aid" or outside help could point to the example of what organized labor, as "the friend of black people," has done to us. Organized labor historically in the latter 1800's was organized over and against black people who were recently emancipated and were already moving into the labor market. The unstated and perhaps unconscious concern

of organized labor was to enhance and protect the interests of the masses of European immigrants who were then competing with blacks for a place on the lower rungs of the American economic ladder.

That is what historically was done by "friends" who would now offer us "foreign aid." But of even more immediate importance is what the labor unions are doing to make black youth entry into the job market a virtual impossibility today.

Organized labor has pressed for minimum wage scales and has convinced most of our black leadership of the necessity of the minimum wage. But the minimum wage excludes those who have marginal skills from most of the labor market just as blacks have needed to be ascendant on the urban labor scene.

A case in point in this re-

gard. A group of minority youth purchased a block of houses to be refurbished with federally-guaranteed funds. The youth sought to pay theniselves modest wages, along with some volunteer time, to renovate their houses. But the unions had lobbied successfully for legislation pinning labor union rules to all federally-subsidized grants for housing rehabilitation. Thus, on this project, more than 5 journeymen plumbers-mostly white -would have had to be hired for every one unskilled or apprentice worker! The project failed, of course.

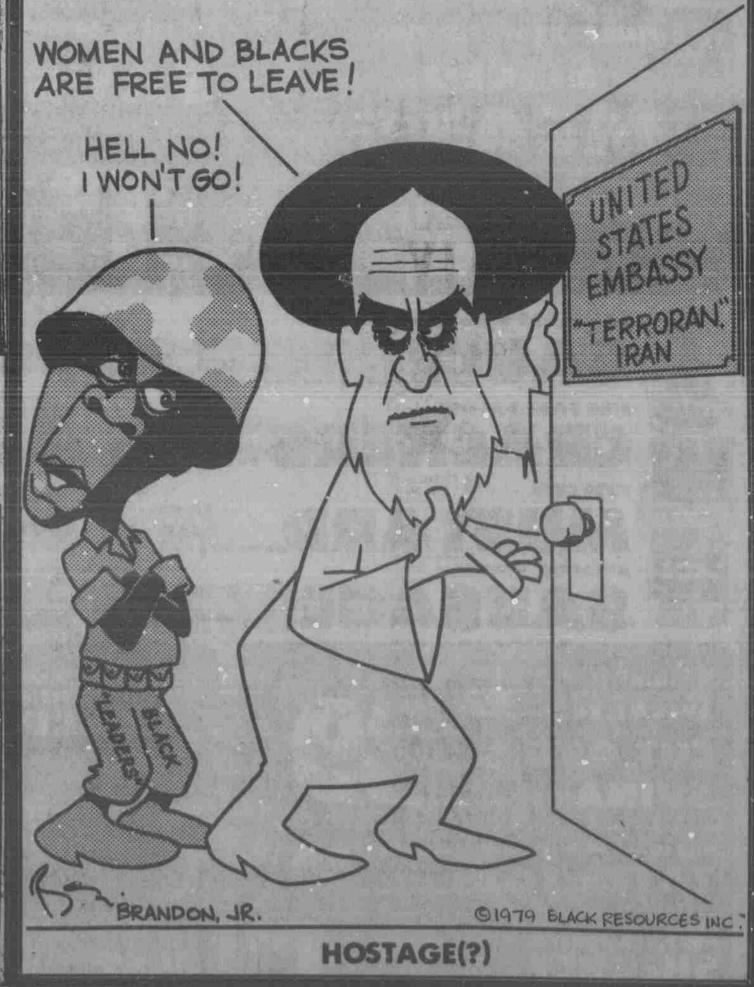
Helping ourselves, then, may also involve using our heads as black adults to assess or re-assess just what and who are our "friends." That "foreign aid" was both fickle and frustrating was made clear to these minority

youth. It must be made clear to all. It is not that unions may work unconsciously against us that should be the focus of our concern. We must, rather, concentrate on what we alone can and must do for ourselves. Is "welfare" self-help? Is "fighting the schools" self-help?

In some truly effective ways, we as black people must come to agree upon group agendas regarding what we alone and we first ourselves can and must do for ourselves. Once we have done this, we are automatically in a position of strength to negotiate for what we want "as a power seen from afar."



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The Reverend A. L. Patrick, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, delivered a dynamic message at Bethel, A large number of residents of the community were in attendance.

Praper Poem

In 1836, Charlotte Elliott wrote the well-known hymn of self-surrender, "Just As I Am." When we surrender our lives to God completely, God perfects us and all that we would do according to His will.

Miss Elliott was an invalid most of her life. Her hymn is the offering of all of her apparent limitations, as she lay on her sick bed, as gifts to assist God in His work. After writing the hymn, her physician saw it and-not knowing who wrote the words-presented them to Charlotte Elliott, thinking that they would be a comfort to her. He was amazed that she wrote it. Other equally beautiful stories are told concerning this hymn.

exulting song. God's wondrous praises The hymn, in the portion speak. quoted here, speaks of God's perfecting work in us.

Just as I am, without one But that thy blood was shed

for me. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed With many a conflict, many a doubt: Fightings and fears within,

without. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down:

Now to be thine, yea, thine O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

We can surrender ourselves to God. This hymn was written as an offering, during a church financial support event. Are you tithing, or giving a fair share of what you have to God?

Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891) wrote the popular prayer poem or hymn, "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart." The hymn is a resounding call to rejoicing, to "taking heart." For those who are disconsolate, these words are as strong an antidote as any. We listen to, and share in the spirit of, these words.

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19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "who are you."

20 He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he answered, "No." 22 They said to him then, "who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said. "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the

prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you don know, 27 even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to unite." 28 This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan.

where John was baptizing. 29 The next any he saw Jesus coming toward him. and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes

away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him; but for this I came

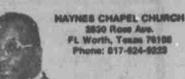
baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to 32 And John born witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.

33 I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this ishe who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this

is the Son of God."

MEMORY SELECTION: "I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." John

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