

# Chronicle Letters

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could argue that ministers hold a special position of authority in our community, which is true. If that was the reporting, journalistic and editorial philosophy of this article, a polling of a much wider sampling of "local Baptist ministers" is certainly called for to give the article any semblance of journalistic respectability. As a "local Baptist minister," I and literally dozens of other men and women could feel legitimate resentment of the exclusion of our opinion in an article allegedly dealing with our political position.

It could be further argued, erroneously and negatively in my opinion, that the tenure, standing and respect of the three ministers cited gives them the right to speak for "local Baptist ministers" as a whole. This is not something these men claimed for themselves. It belies the internal logic of the article, vis-a-vis my second criticism, which is a position they are artificially forced into by the Chronicle article.

Dr. Hay would be the first to say there are no "big" preachers or "small" preachers in the universal church of Jesus Christ. If this were the erroneous and negative philosophy of the article, then I have no problem being personally excluded, but certainly men like J.D. Ballard,

B.F. Daniels, Kelly O.P. Goodwin, E.L. Clark, Joseph Samuels and many more would have to be included. All of these men have long tenure, high standing and much respect in this community, and I regard them all as legitimate spokespersons worthy of loving support.

In closing, we should continually remind ourselves that Dr. Martin Luther King called for a close, trusting, accountable, working relationship between the black press, black churches, black businesses, black organizations and the black community. We all need to read King's "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" (published in 1967) and try to catch up with where Prophet Martin was 17 years ago.

I don't believe this particular article serves King's noble goals, although I continue to believe the general work of the Chronicle is positively excellent.

I pledge to the newspaper my lasting, respectful almost unconditional support, but never uncritical, vacuous or non-analytical support.

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# The Most Significant

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A major boost in voter registration this year will send shock waves throughout many segments of our society. Local, state and national governments will be affected. School boards of public high schools and colleges will feel the impact. And, in response to the black voting potential, politicians will be sent scampering to whatever

corner, black or white, wherein they think they can find a haven. We can expect a notable turnaround for many politicians, e.g., George Wallace.

Voter registration and voter turnout should be the bywords for the new year. Let us capitalize on its potential -- or be prepared to continue unnecessarily at our current status.

# A Decisive Year Coming Up

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"costs." So from these and other standpoints, 1984 could well be decisive. There will be others, too, but the main point about the next 12 months is that the open window for decision-making is a narrow one.

racial progress are the twin considerations that will determine our futures, so the nation ought to be moving now to adjust to change and to move swiftly to create an open, pluralistic, integrated society.

John Jacob is president of the National Urban League.

# Thinking For Ourselves

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bucket" where we are in 1984 and accept our low political, social and economic status. Instead, we must "hitch our wagon to a star" and do everything within our power to become figures in politics and not tools for the white male-dominated political parties.

No man knows what he can do until he tries. The black race has never tried to do very much for itself as a group. Nineteen eighty-four is a good year for us to start thinking for ourselves.

Walter Marshall is vice president of the local NAACP.

# Fire Prevention

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Cut the insulation, spreading it so that you can read the temperature settings around the adjustment screw, and set the adjustment screw to 125 degrees with a screwdriver.

If your heater has two heating elements, repeat this procedure and set the number two element to the same temperature. Replace the access covers, restore the power and you're in business -- with safe hot water.

For added safety, you can install thermostatic faucets or shower heads which cannot deliver water hotter than a

pre-set temperature. The most common scald tragedies occur when small children unknowingly turn a full blast of hot water on themselves in the tub; so provide continuous supervision of small children in the bathtub.

After you've reset your water heater, you may need your tea kettle again. But you'll know no one will ever get burned at your tap.

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# Crime Prevention

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did. Nothing was taken.

•2700 block, Piedmont Circle

The complainant was awakened by breaking glass and attempted to call the police but the phone was out of order. The complainant then heard the suspect run of the back door.

•1800 block, East 25th Street

The complainant returned home to find the suspect inside. A struggle ensued and the complainant ran out of the house and called the police. The suspect was charged with housebreaking.

•Secluded areas invisible to passersby are a burglar's delight.

•He can take his time with little fear of being seen.

The key is to keep trespassers out while keeping your property visible.

For further information, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 727-2688.

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## Barriers To Burglary

Perhaps more than any other crime, burglary is a crime of opportunity. Burglars look for the easiest targets. Most will give up if they can't get in within a few minutes.

To keep burglars away from your home or business, make their work difficult, risky and low-profit. Start your prevention program from the outside and work your way in -- just as a burglar would.

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AREN'T JUST  
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