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# Pryor Is Heading For Nervous Breakdown

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Special to the Post

On The TV Scene: A noted psychic predicts that comic Richard Pryor is headed for a nervous breakdown because he can't cope with the pressures of stardom... "You know what time I woke up today?" Cicely Tyson asks, shaking her head. "It was 3:17 a.m.—a whole hour early! Oh yes, I do 6 to 10 miles of running every morning. I can't start the day without it. It gives me tremendous energy. When I've finished, I feel I've paid the price of living and I can go on." Cicely Tyson, no doubt about it, is an intense, even driven lady. She's far from humorless, though. She has a dazzling grin she rarely allows to be worn by the suffering, triumphant characters she plays. "I was the bane of my mother's whole existence"—the smile is rueful now—"I'm telling you truly, I drove her crazy with my driving schedules." Her parents came from Nevis, one of the British West Indies islands, and they were strict disciplinarians. Her mother worked as a domestic and her father worked as a



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house painter and pushcart peddler. For Cicely, the center of her own character is her stomach. "I always listen to this," she says pointing to her flat midsection. "If I go against my instincts, I go wrong. There have been some unpleasant things in my life recently. I lost my mother; and other things you'll never know about. I'm getting to be myself again in the last six months now. I don't want to go back, not even in thought, let alone in world."

For Cicely, to tell about Harriet Tubman is to relive

the expeditions of fugitive slaves that Tubman led. Cicely's intensity demands total attention. Cicely can't just say something, she must communicate it. "Sometimes I feel like Tubman myself—the fact that I get to play the parts I do. It's partly by chance, partly by choice, and partly by divine guidance."...Just a reminder—If you missed the sensational presentation of MCA TV-Universal's four-hour two part Operation Prime Time "Evening in Byzantium" you can still catch it on the tube throughout this month...

Stage Door: Ossie Davis is playing the wise Pullman conductor of the Illinois Central Railroad who taught Alex Haley's father the ropes as he worked his way through college in "Roots: The Next Generations," the continuation of Haley's historical family saga...Louis Gossett, spokesperson for Muntu, the spokesperson for Muntu, the national symbol for blacks, will host "The Africans," the six hour TIME-LIFE mini-series to debut nationally in late August and early September.

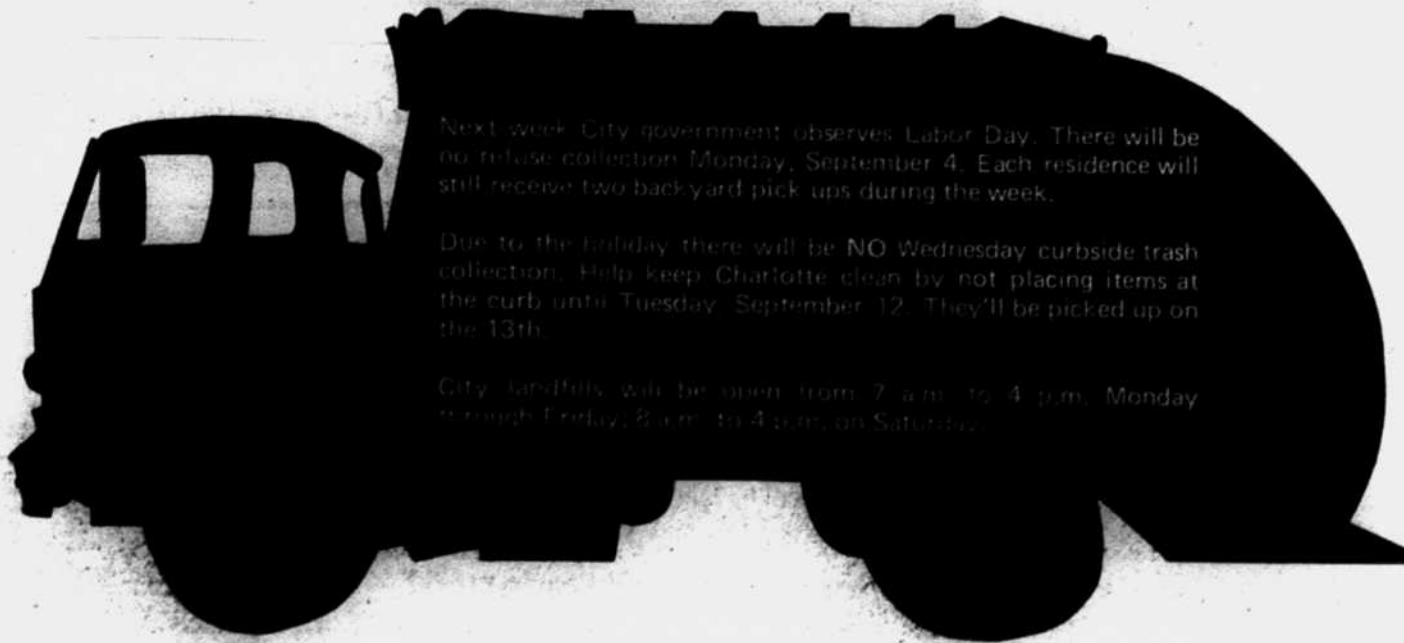


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# No Curbside Next Week



Next week City government observes Labor Day. There will be no refuse collection Monday, September 4. Each residence will still receive two back-yard pick-ups during the week.

Due to the holiday there will be NO Wednesday curbside trash collection. Help keep Charlotte clean by not placing items at the curb until Tuesday, September 12. They'll be picked up on the 13th.

City landfills will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

**Remember! No curbside trash collection Wednesday, September 6.**