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have also been received from in-

mates at the Oregon State Peni-

tentiary, who have expressed their

thanks for the programming receiv-

ed. "The gospel message cannot

be confined to a specific church

building or by a specific medium,"

on his bachelor's degree in Theo-

logy at the United Theological Se-

minary and serves as the admini-

Pack, IV, at the Fellowship Mis-

sionary Baptist Church. He is also

a nationally-known preacher. He

has preached throughout Oregon,

Washington, California, Arizona,

Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Loui-

siana and Mississippi. Rev. Hou-

ston held positions within the Na-

tional Baptist Convention of Ameri-

J.W. Friday and the Rev. Robert

E. Houston, Sr., wish to encourage

the community to listen and support

the KBOO "Altar Call" program (at

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strative assistant to Rev. Johnny

Rev. Houston is completing work

says Rev. Houston.

Altar Call

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

KBOO radio station has begun a

new program, "Altar Call", featur-

ing Rev. Robert E. Houston, Sr., to

This portion of the program is a

During the 11:00 p.m. - 11:30

part of "Black Rock '88" program-

p.m. portion, contemporary gospel

music is played, and then from

11:30 to midnight, the Rev. Hou-

ston preaches for the remainder of

"Altar Call" was originally con-

ceived by J.W. Friday after his own

commitment to Jesus Christ. In the

past few months, he has played

strictly gospel music during that

Houston was added to give the pro-

gram a totally spiritual outreach and

ministry. Since Rev. Houston be-

gan his radio ministry, telephone

calls (over 100 per program) have

been received from the Portland

area, Washington State, and as far

south as Salem, Oregon. Letters

Beginning on 12-19-87, the Rev.

be heard every Saturday night.

ming hosted by J.W. Friday.

the hour.

time frame.

What Are You Doing With Your Freedom?

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

"Free at last! Free at last!" the immortal words taken from Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have a

January 18, 1988, has passed, and all the celebrating of the day and its themes are ringing in our ears, our hearts and our minds.

There are 364 days until next year's celebration - or are there?

As Dr. Hosea Williams said, "Use this time to rededicate yourselves to the dream" - the full meaning of the dream.

Freedom - is liberation from the control of some other person or some arbitrary power; liberty; independence. I now ask the question - "What are you doing with your freedom?"

King says, "God is interested in the freedom of the entire human race." Do you know that you can lose this wonderful freedom that you have because of ignorance and apathy? Yes! You can continue to go on through life with a false euphoric sense of gratification doing nothing - saying nothing. You get a great big nothing out of life. So . . . if there is nothing being done when you stick your head outside, don't complain. Instead, ask yourself, "What did I do?" You can lose your freedom when you don't care. You surrender leadership to other forces; you let others call the shots.

You can lose freedom when you have no self confidence. If we want Jesus as a friend, we must first see in us what Jesus sees in us.

Freedom! Oh! Freedom! What are you doing with it?

Are you abusing it? The Bible says that the wages of sin is death, and the gift of God is eternal life. Are you abusing your freedom with sinful ways and deeds? Are you lying, cheating, stealing, physically and mentally hurting others, and still expecting to be free? If your answer is "Yes", then you need spiritual help.

Are you giving excuses for answers that sound like: "Yes! After I . . . "; "Yes! When I . . . "; "Yes! As soon as . . . "; and/or "Yes! But . . . "?

God has given us a gift to choose when making a decision on "Freedom." We are free to win. We're, also, free to go to hell - if we choose to. We must accept the re-

sponsibility to think and to live.

God has given us marvelous freedom. I am free to make my world that which I choose it to be. Today, consider carefully the effect of your thoughts, words, and actions on your life, your world, and the people in it. Choose to help make your world the one that God created it to be. Ask God for guidance and strength in making decisions, knowing that God never fails us.

Yes, right choices are ours to make. We must choose to listen to divine guidance; choose to act as a peacemaker, showing compassion and understanding to those in need of a friend. We must choose to share a portion of our abundance with others and to deal honestly with all people - no matter what race they may be.

Then, we must choose to help make this world the one God created it to be. Choose the Kingdom of God and divine righteousness. Divinely guided in making right choices, we become a blessing to our world, and we're blessed in re-

"Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

You must say to yourselves, "I will not be controlled or mesmerized by fads of the day," - especially the teenagers. We can allow ourselves to become trapped by cultures and fads.

You choose your values. Yet the question lingers - "How can I be assured that the world will be a little better when I'm gone?" How? Use your freedom wisely. Don't abuse

We have been saved by Jesus' unselfish death; and, when He rose again, He sent the comforter that we might not go through life confused and distressed, lost or in tur-

We will never lose what we always use. You can lose an investment, but never a gift.

Everyone has the freedom to be a Christian, to go to hell, to be a good person, to go to heaven, or just sit out life and do nothing.

What are you doing with your

PAPER SALE



Carney New GPAE President

Rev. Glandion Carney was elected president, and Dr. Leo Thornton was elected vice president, of the Greater Portland Association of Evangelicals which met Thursday at Warner Pacific College. Former President Randy Roth has accepted a pastorate in California.

The Association includes more than 100 churches and ministries. It is affiliated with the Oregon Association of Evangelicals, and with the National Association of Evangelicals which was organized in 1942 and includes 43,000 churches from 70 denominations.

Carney is senior pastor of Maranatha Community Church in Portland. He succeeds the late Dr. John Garlington. He is also chairman of Leadership '88, working with author Rebecca Pippert to organize what they say will be "an historic conference to energize emerging Christian leaders for the next four decades." Before he came to Maranatha, Carney was director of Christian Leadership Development for World Vision, U.S. He also has directed inner-city work for Youth for Christ International, and pastored an Illinois church. He is the author of a book on urban

Thornton is the retired president of Western Evangelical Seminary.

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new day, For while it's true we might

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grand,

these?

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by Grace E. Easley

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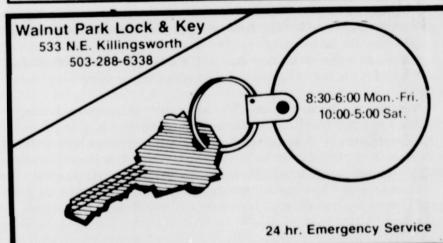
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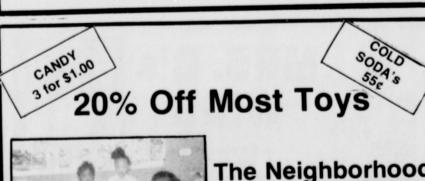
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