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## National News

### Illiteracy: Crisis Facing Black America

Nearly two out of every three Black children in the fourth grade tested as barely being able to read last year. This was the lowest level of any racial group."

Many of these students might have been able to recognize words, but had difficulty comprehending what it was they read.

We've been told that in at least two states, corrections officials calculate how many prison calls they'll need based on the proportion of children who read poorly in elementary school."

Some are saying this is Black America's most pressing issue of this new, young millennium. They are fearful it may result in the creation of a permanent Black underclass.

There was a saying we had in Oakland," recalls Fannie Haughton of Los Angeles. "You can't drop your child off in kindergarten and pick them up in the 12th grade. I had to tell parents: 'We're going to do this together.'"

### LUBBOCK CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

Library Hours  
Mahon (Main)  
1306 9th Street  
Sunday 1-5  
Monday-Wednesday 9-9  
Thursday-Saturday 9-6

Godeke Branch  
6601 Quaker Avenue  
and  
Patterson Branch  
1836 Parkway Drive  
and

Groves Branch  
5520 19th Street  
Monday-Tuesday 12-9  
Wednesday-Saturday 9-6

ON DISPLAY AT MAHON DURING NOVEMBER:  
South Plains Quilters' Guild

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mahon (Main)  
Monday 10:30 a.m.  
3 year-olds  
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.  
3 year-olds  
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.  
4&5 year-olds  
Thursday 10-11 a.m.  
2 year-olds

Godeke Branch  
Wednesday 10 a.m.  
3-5 year-olds  
Wednesday 11 a.m.  
2 year-olds

Patterson Branch  
Tuesday 7p.m. -  
3-5 year-olds  
Wednesday 10 a.m.  
3-5 year-olds

Groves Branch  
Tuesday 2:30 p.m.  
3-5 year-olds  
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.  
2 year-olds  
Thursday 10:30 a.m.  
3-5 year-olds

# BUSTED! Seven Drug Dealers Dealt Indictments

### Halloween Treats Dished to Unlucky Seven



James Lee Allen



Tyler Blair Duncan



Johnny Devain Sprowls



Kendrick James Roddy



Demotric Deshawn Minner



Marcus Lamont McConic



Linda Gail Bailey

A Lubbock County Grand Jury returned indictments on the following alleged drug dealers last Wednesday, October 31, 2001. It was Halloween, and they got their treat: an indictment!

Possession of a controlled substance: James A. Lee, 23, 7436 18th Street; Tyler B. Duncan, 23, 3006 60th Street; and Johnny Sprowls, 36, 709 East 49th Street.

Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver: Kendrick Roddy, Jr., 18, 1725 East Auburn Avenue; Demotric D. Minner, 28, 2922 East Baylor Avenue; Marcus L. McConic, 25, 2614 Fir Avenue; and Linda Bailey, 33, 2714 East Ninth Street (2 counts).

No doubt, this will be a Halloween each will never forget, because of the treat they received.

As we have published for several years, "If you are a drug dealer, and you are poisoning the minds of our young people and destroying their health and growth as well as their heritage, we (*The Southwest Digest*) will expose you. We are watching you!"

## Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee and NCNW Honor Nation's Finest Educators

(Washington DC) - Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee joined the National Council of Negro Women Inc. (NCNW) to honor this year's recipients of its Excellence In Teaching Award at its annual award luncheon at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC.

Sponsored by Shell Oil Company, the award was created in honor of NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, to recognize teachers that make significant contributions to the education of African American youth.

NCNW is a nonprofit,



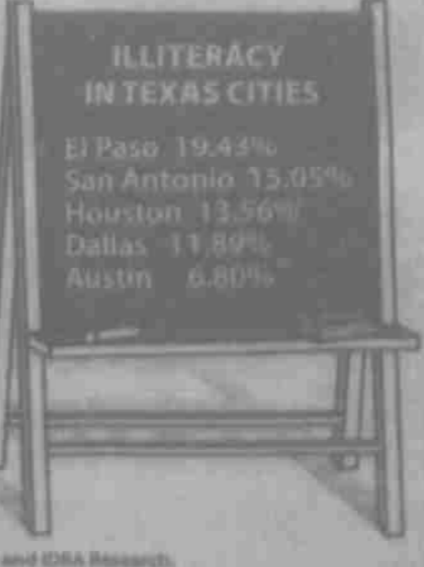
voluntary service organization with 38 affiliated national organizations, 252 community based sections chartered in 38 states and 60,000 individual members. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life of African American women, their families and communities.

Above: Pictured at the 12th Annual Excellence In Teaching Awards Luncheon in Washington DC: Subira Kifano (Western Region Recipient, Los Angeles, Ca.), LaTanya Obijiofor (Southern Region Recipient, Atlanta, Ga.), Sherry Maddox-Adams (National Recipient, Atlanta, Ga.), Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee, Jacqueline Anderson (Eastern Region Recipient, Washington, DC), Linda Franklin (Midwestern Region Recipient, Harvey, IL.), Albert Myres (Senior Vice President, Shell Oil Company Foundation), and Shirley Johnson (Program Manager Shell Oil Company National and Community Outreach). Photo by Jim Wells

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Where We Stand

Texas ranks 47th among the 50 states in literacy. Four million Texans, about 25 percent of the adult population, are unable to read basic signs and maps. Volunteer to help others learn to read through local library literacy programs.



SOURCES: Carol Sutton Rylander, Texas Coordinator (www.southwestdigest.com) and IDRA Research.

## TTUHSC Student Designs Patriotic Double T

For days after the September 11 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., millions of Americans stayed glued to their TV sets, struggling to make sense of what they saw. For one Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center student those visions inspired a work of art.

Kale Baldocchi, a first-year audiology graduate student in the Department of Communication Disorders, designed a unique Double T featuring an American flag background.

Baldocchi's design will soon be seen all around the Health Sciences Center and Texas Tech on lapel pins and

car decals that are being sold to raise money for scholarships. The pins are available for \$5 and the decals are available for \$2. The project was sponsored by the TTUHSC Student Senate and the logo was approved by Athletic Licensing. The pins will be available Nov. 12.

Baldocchi said she was surprised the drawing ever became more than just a form of self-expression.

"I didn't expect for anything to come of it," she said. "But it's been really fun to see how excited everyone has become. Everyone has been really supportive. I'm very glad my design will be able to help the Health Sciences Center raise money for the students."

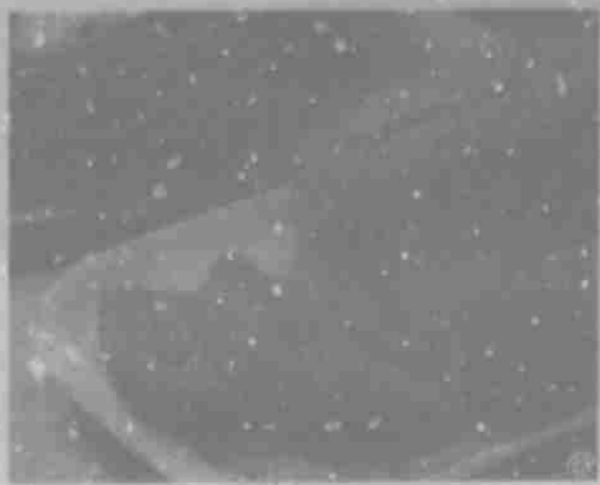
For information on how to purchase a pin or decal, call Darcy Pollock at TTUHSC - Student Services at 743-3003.

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### Quick Bread with the Flavor of the Season

Cooler weather is settling in. Hay rides, bonfires and other outdoor activities are abundant as people everywhere are savoring the final days before winter. What better way to capture the flavor and feel of the season than pumpkin bread?



To make this Easy Pumpkin bread, just start with Bisquick baking mix. Canned pumpkin makes it simple to make. The pumpkin flavor is enhanced with cinnamon and raisins. Plain or topped with cream cheese, this pumpkin bread is sure to please your hungry crew.

For a treat to bring on that next open house or potluck try making Mini Pumpkin Breads. Generously grease bottoms only of eight miniature loaf pans and prepare the recipe as directed, except bake loaves about 35 minutes.

Find this and other great recipes in the new "Betty Crocker's Bisquick Cookbook." You'll find all the essentials for the Bisquick basics, including quick breads, waffles, biscuits, dumplings and more. This book with over 300 pages has chapters on Impossibly Easy Pies, Delicious Desserts, Favorites Made Lighter, In the Kitchen with Kids, and Helpful Nutrition and Cooking Information. There are 140 recipes in all—each with a photo. "Betty Crocker's Bisquick Cookbook" is spiral bound and costs \$21.95.

#### Easy Pumpkin Bread

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 2 1/3 cups Original Bisquick
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup raisins

Heat oven to 350°. Generously grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 1/2x4 1/2x2 1/2 inches, or 1 loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches.

Stir all ingredients except raisins in large bowl until well blended. Stir in raisins. Pour into pans.

Bake 8-inch loaves 40 to 50 minutes, 9-inch loaf 50 to 60 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pan; remove from pans to wire rack. Cool completely, about 1 hour, before slicing. Makes 16 slices.

High Altitude (3500-6500 ft): Heat oven to 375°. Use 4 eggs, 2 cups Bisquick and 1 cup sugar. Add 1/4 cup all-purpose flour.

Bisquick® is a Reg. T.M. of General Mills, Inc.

## Families Consider Investment Options for Children's College Funding

THIENSVILLE, WI—The sight of a yellow school bus brings tears to Cindy Ausman's eyes.

"Tears of joy," she says, "because I'll have my life back after a non-stop summer." But they are also, "Tears of sorrow, because it's a sign that the children are getting older, closer to the age of leaving home. Before I know it, they'll be off to college."

A thought that gives Ausman of Thiensville, Wisconsin, pause.

"I don't have that long to go," she says of her other three children, ages 11, 8, and 3. "Saving for their higher education is something I need to address now."

Like millions of parents and grandparents across the country, Ausman has heard about 529 college savings plans but not acted.

"Now is the perfect time for me to get our family's college savings plans in order."

The federal government created 529 college savings plans (under Internal Revenue Code Section 529) to encourage savings for higher education. These state-run, tax-advantaged plans allow any adult to open an account and invest up to \$250,000 or more, regardless of income level. Account money can be used to pay for tuition; room and board; books; and fees at colleges, universities, and professional and vocational schools nationwide—even graduate school.

While prepaid tuition programs qualify as 529 plans, most newer 529 plans grow savings

using market-based investments with different allocations of stock, bond, and cash management mutual funds.

"Congress just made a great college-savings tool even better," says Sarah Henriksen, Manager of College Planning at Strong Capital Management.

"Investments in 529s now grow tax-free, and beginning January 1, 2002, qualified withdrawals will be federal tax-free as well. The government is giving us a terrific incentive to save for our children's higher education."

Poring over 529 materials, Ausman and her husband Kraig agree that 529 accounts make the most sense for their family.

"If we open an account for our oldest son and he doesn't use all of the funds, we can name our second son as account beneficiary and use the money to pay for his education," she says. "In short, we won't lose the funds, or pay a penalty for unqualified withdrawals, because we can use the funds to pay for whomever is in school at the time."

It is the "we" factor that

Ausman really likes.

"With a 529, 'we'—Kraig and I—control the account. We don't have to worry that a child at age 18 is going to assume control of the money and use it for something it wasn't intended for."

Besides easy transferability and account control, Ausman is considering 529s because they allow her to pay for all kinds of schools and related expenses at qualified institutions nationwide and some abroad.

"One child may want to go to a state school, while another could opt for the private college in Iowa where his dad and I went. Our youngest may decide carpentry is for her and attend vocational school. I like the 529 plan's flexibility to accommodate so many choices."

Another thing Ausman likes is the investment option that matches the child's age.

"The 529 plan has an age-based investment option that starts aggressive and becomes more conservative as the child ages," she says. "With the age-based option, I feel more comfortable knowing that as we near the time we'll need the money, the account will have become more conservative, reducing our investment risk."

But the benefit that earns an A+ from Ausman is the 529's extraordinary tax advantages.

"If I put the kids' savings in 529 accounts, the earnings grow tax-free and the withdrawals will be federal tax-free beginning in 2002. That's too good to pass up."



### JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. Our doors are always open for those who are looking for a church home. Come and visit and be blessed.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Ernest Swain presiding. All teachers were at their post of duty for thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., teachers and students marched to the main auditorium singing "Yield Not To Temptation." Brother Curtis Gipson gave the prayer. High points of the morning lesson were given by Sister Joan Jones.

You should have been there to here hear her presentation. Wonderful job Sister Jones.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Senior Class retained the Offering Banner. Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Offering Banner. The morning devotional period was led by Brother and Sister Curtis Gipson with the assistance of the Praise Team. The Male Chorus marched in the professional singing out of their hearts. Rev. Jeff Brown offered the altar prayer. Brother David Williams gave a prayer and Brother Hardin Barrow read the morning scripture and Brother Hardin Barrow gave prayer.

The morning hymn was "I'll Be Somewhere Listening." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. He always has something to say. Another selection was sung by the Male Chorus.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Only What You Do For Christ Will Last." His scripture text was St. Luke 21:1-4. It was another wonderful message.

Brother J. Brickley came forward to tell the congregation he had been called to preach. He's a wonderful teacher in the Sunday School.

Let us keep praying for our sick and shut in citizens in our community as well as through the world. There are many who are ill at this report. God is still on the throne.

The 12th Anniversary for Rev. and Mrs. Billy R. Moton was held last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, brought the sermon. Members are hoping to have Pastor Moton for many more years. The Church is loved by him. They are a loving family.

Let us welcome the pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is Rev. Danny Poe who was transferred here from Lee Chapel African Methodist.

Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas. He replaces Rev. Elliott C. Lanibert who has become the new pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church of Dallas, Texas. God bless both pastors!

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### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS AccuWeather.com

Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy, windy and colder; a shower. <b>58</b>	Cloudy and cold, windy in the evening. <b>34</b>	Clouds breaking for some sunshine. <b>62/36</b>	Times of sun and clouds. <b>66/40</b>
<b>RealFeel: 52</b>	<b>RealFeel: 28</b>	<b>RealFeel: 58</b>	<b>RealFeel: 62</b>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Abundant sunshine. <b>64/40</b>	Sunshine. <b>66/44</b>	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. <b>68/48</b>	Plenty of clouds with spotty showers. <b>60/46</b>
<b>RealFeel: 64</b>	<b>RealFeel: 68</b>	<b>RealFeel: 68</b>	<b>RealFeel: 56</b>

The RealFeel Temperature™ is a composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. The number is the highest for the day and the lowest for the night.

### GARDENING FORECAST

Cool high pressure will bring chilly temperatures moderating during the period, but little rainfall is expected.

### FISHING REPORT

Windy and cold weather is expected Thursday bringing a chop to area lakes. Better weather is expected for the weekend.

### TV INDEX

Highest Thur: 9; Minimal 4-6 Low	13 Minimal 4-6 Low
Highest Fri: 9; Minimal 4-6 Low	6-7 Moderate 6-8 High
Highest Sat: 9; Minimal 4-6 Low	16+ Very High

Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

### SUN & MOON DATA

Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise 7:53 a.m. 7:53 a.m. 7:53 a.m.	Sunset 5:49 p.m. 5:49 p.m. 5:48 p.m.	Moonrise none 12:51 a.m. 1:59 a.m.
Moonset 2:03 p.m. 2:44 p.m. 3:21 p.m.		

### MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 30

### REGIONAL OFFICE

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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W
Albuquerque, NM	62/36 pc	64/36 pc	62/36 pc	60/38 pc	62/36 s	58/34 c	58/34 pc
Amarillo, TX	54/32 c	60/36 s	68/40 s	70/38 s	68/40 s	64/42 pc	58/42 r
Branson, MO	56/39 c	59/37 pc	62/41 s	59/42 s	61/47 s	65/50 c	64/50 c
Dallas, TX	68/46 c	66/46 pc	66/48 pc	64/48 c	68/52 pc	70/54 pc	70/54 c
El Paso, TX	68/46 c	66/40 c	68/42 s	68/44 s	70/48 s	64/48 c	58/44 r
Houston, TX	78/52 pc	72/48 pc	74/50 pc	76/54 pc	78/52 pc	78/56 pc	78/58 c
Lake Texoma, TX	66/43 pc	58/42 s	63/47 s	64/48 c	66/40 s	67/50 pc	65/50 c
Lubbock, TX	58/34 c	62/36 pc	66/40 pc	64/40 c	68/44 s	68/48 pc	60/46 sh
Oklahoma City, OK	58/36 sh	62/38 pc	64/42 pc	62/44 c	64/48 pc	68/48 pc	64/48 sh
Roswell, NM	56/33 c	58/36 c	65/38 s	64/39 s	68/43 s	66/45 c	60/42 sh
San Antonio, TX	76/54 pc	68/50 c	70/54 c	72/56 pc	78/54 pc	75/55 pc	70/58 c
Tulsa, OK	58/38 c	60/40 s	63/45 s	62/43 s	61/49 pc	68/50 pc	64/50 sh
Wichita, KS	60/36 pc	68/36 s	68/40 s	66/40 s	66/44 s	62/44 pc	50/44 r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, l-light showers, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY



## IN JESUS NAME

YOU CAN BE A WINNER!

I JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.  
 BEFORE I BILLY B.J. GOT SAVED, AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THINGS OF THIS WORLD: THEY USED TOO UPSET ME, AND BREAK MY HEART.  
 REVELATION 3:20, JESUS SAID, BEHOLD(LOOK), I STAND AT THE DOOR(HART) AND KNOCK. IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME INTO HIM, AND WILL SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.  
 I WAS WORRYING AND NERVOUS, AND THAT WAS ALMOST ALL THE TIME, WONDERING WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN: IT ALMOST BLEW MY MIND.  
 MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN(OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.  
 I WAS WORRYING WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE; ABOUT THIS AND THAT, BUT LET ME TELL YOU PEOPLE: I WAS JUST ON THE WRONG TRACK!!!  
 JESUS SAID, TAKE MY YOKE(THE BIBLE) UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE(BIBLE) IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.  
 I REMEMBER WORRYING OF MY DAY: DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, IF UNCLE SAM WOULD CALL ME/ AND SEND ME AWAY OFF AFAR.  
 PSALM 146:13, PRAISE YE THE LORD. PRAISE THE LORD, PUT NOT YOUR TRUST IN PRINCES(PRESIDENTS), NOR IN THE SON OF MAN IN WHOM THERE IS NO HELP.  
 TODAY I HEAR OF PEOPLE WORRYING; OF THE TERROR OF MR. BIN LADEN, BUT LIKE I WAS AT ONE TIME: WORRYING ABOUT A MEAN MAN.  
 PSALM 91:15a,16a, HE(WHOSOEVER) THAT DWELLETH IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY(GOD). THOU SHALT NOT BE AFKAFID OF THE TERROR BY NIGHT; NOR FOR THE PESTILENCE(OF ANTHRAX) THAT WALKETH IN DARKNESS. BUT THEN ONE DAY: I HEARD SOMETHING VERY, VERY, NICE; IT WAS ABOUT: GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON; IT WAS JESUS CHRIST.  
 JOHN 10:14-16, JESUS SAID: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND KNOW MY SHEEP, AND AM KNOWN OF MINE. AS THE FATHER KNOWETH ME, EVEN SO KNOW I THE FATHER: AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD: THEM ALSO I MUST BRING/ AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLOCK, AND ONE SHEPHERD.  
 IT WAS GOD'S SON; HIS LOVE CALLED GRACE: AND IT IS CALLED MERCY, THAT IS WHAT GOD GAVE; FOR ALL WHOSOEVER ARE SINNERS LIKE ME!!!  
 JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.  
 I RECEIVED JESUS INTO MY LIFE, AND NOW IT IS SO SWEET. JESUS GAVE ME POWER, NOW I CAN PUT THE DEVIL UNDER MY FEET.  
 MARK 8:33b, JESUS SAID, GET THEE BEHIND ME SATAN: FOR THOU SAVOUR'ST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THE THINGS OF MEN.



For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me." Romans 15:3.

Have you ever played the game, "What If?" It's a speculative game in which one tries to determine what might have happened if other circumstances had developed or prevailed. In reality it's an act of futility, since what has already transpired can't be undone. However, just for the sake of illustration let's play the game.  
 Friday, September 1, 2000, a Cincinnati, Ohio police officer attempting to stop a 12-year-old boy from driving a car was dragged to his death. The officer shot the boy to death, apparently.  
 Officer Kevin Crayon, father of three children, approached the car in the parking lot of a convenience store about 12:45 a.m.

## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Behaving Responsibly

and tried to snatch the keys out of the ignition. The officer was dragged with his arm through the driver's side window about a block before he fell into the street.

The President of the local Fraternal Order of Police, said, "The officer died because some young punk was driving a car."

"What if" the 12-year-old boy had been at home in bed at that time of morning where he should have been? Perhaps a police officer would be alive and three children would have a father. What if the parent or parents of the boy had maintained parental control? They perhaps would have a live son instead of a dead one.

"What if" Susan Smith had not let her car roll into a lake and drowned her 3-year-old and 14-month-old sons in 1994? "What if" she had not lied and said a black man took the boys in a car-jacking when she was the guilty one? "What if" a 50-year-old

prison guard had not allegedly had four sexual encounters with this child killer?

Would he be facing a felony with a 10-year prison sentence?

"What if" Christ had chosen to please himself, in contrast to what Romans 15:3 says of Him? What would have been the outcome?

For one thing, He would not have given himself to die an agonizing death on the cross. He would not have died at all. He would not have performed miracles of compassion upon others, but would have used His powers for His own gratification. His teaching would have been for the exaltation or himself rather than for the dissemination of truth that leads others to walk in God's ways. In His time of temptation He might have complied with the devil's requests and as a result gained a manipulative control over all the nations.

"What if Jesus had pleased himself? Had He done so, would He have been born at all? Why lead the glories of the Heavenly realm to come into this world and be rejected and abused? No.

If Christ had pleased himself, there would have been no earthly Christ. Our Master left us an example in that we should never be guided by a principle of self-gratification.

### CITY WIDE USHERS

The City Wide Ushers will meet at the Greater St. James Baptist Church 117 North Mulberry Avenue, where Rev. E. T. Harris is the pastor, on Saturday evening, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2001, beginning at 5:00 p.m. President Robert Cork is asking everyone to bring a covered dish of food of your choice. He also asked that we not forget to bring our canned goods.

This is an important meeting as there is some very important business to be discussed.

The Pastors and Ushers of St. James Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, and Community Baptist Church for our participation in their time of sorrow. They say "Thank you!"

Don't forget the meeting Saturday evening!!

## Church in a Changing Society

by R.D. Adams, Pastor, Unity Baptist Church

Editor's Note: This column is the second in a three part series of opinion by Rev. R.D. Adams, in his own words.

WELL, THE GOSPEL CALLS FOR SACRIFICE AND FOR SELF-DENIAL. THIS CHANGING SOCIETY SAYS EAT MORE; JOG MORE; TURN ON MORE; AND GET WITH IT MORE.

IT IS TRAGIC THAT SO MANY OF OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THEIR ROOTS; THEY DO NOT SEEM TO KNOW THAT IT HAS BEEN A LONG HARD STRUGGLE TO BRING MANY OF US WHERE WE ARE. THEY DO NOT SEEM TO KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THE PRAYER TRADITION; THE SONG TRADITION; OR THE PREACHING TRADITION THAT PULLED US OUT OF SLAVERY AND MADE US THE PEOPLE WE ARE TODAY.

KEEP IN MIND; WE LIVE TODAY IN A FEELING AGE: THAT IS FEELINGS WITH NO SUBSTANCE, JOY WITH NO ABIDING HAPPINESS.

THERE IS ONE LAST CHANGE I LIKE TO MENTION IS THAT WE HAVE MOVED FROM A BROAD BASED CONCEPT IN ONE GOD TO AN OPEN SOCIETY WHERE MANY SO CALLED GODS ARE WORSHIPED. WE HAVE THE GOD OF ISLAM; THE GOD OF YOGA; THE GOD OF MEDITATION, THE GOD OF CULTS AND MANY OTHERS; WHILE THE CHURCH IN AMERICA SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD ARE GROWING. WHEN WE LOOK AT IRAN; WE SEE A REVIVAL ISLAM. WHEN WE LOOK AT EGYPT; WE SEE A REVIVAL OF THE MUSLIM FAITH. WHEN WE LOOK ISRAEL WE SEE A REVIVAL OF THE JEWISH FAITH. THE QUESTION IS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE CHURCH FAITH?

IF WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD AND THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD THEN WE SHOULD BE PROCLAIMING THIS TRUTH. IF WE INDEED BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO OTHER NAME GIVEN UNDER HEAVEN WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED. THEN WE MUST TELL BOLDLY OF THIS DOCTRINE. WE SAY THAT WE ARE CHRISTIANS, AND LIVE RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

TO PERSONS WHO GO TO NO CHURCH, AND FAIL TO WITNESS OUR FAITH. SURELY GOD ISN'T PLEASED WHERE THERE IS A NAME GIVEN FOR THE SALVATION OF LOST SOULS OTHER THAN THE NAME OF JESUS.

THESE ARE THE MAJOR CHANGES AFFECTING OUR CHURCH. THE FAMILY IS NO LONGER STABLE. EDUCATION HAS LOST ITS GOD CONTENT. NO LONGER IS THERE A RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. MANY HAVE GONE WILD OVER THE GOD OF PLEASURE. CHRIST HAS BEEN LOST IN THE SHUFFLE OF OTHER GODS.

ALTHOUGH THE PICTURE IS SAD, I HAVE HOPE, I HAVE HOPE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD. I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LAW AND HAS A REMNANT OF PEOPLE WHO WILL SERVE HIM REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS.

I PRAY THAT WE, AS A CHURCH, WILL BE THAT REMNANT THAT CHURCH WHO WILL SERVE GOD BY LAW. I WANT TO KNOW THAT OUR RESPONSE AS THE HOPE IN THIS CHANGING SOCIETY.

WE NEED TO REASSERT BIBLE TRAINING IN OUR CHURCHES. WE NEED TO PERMIT GOD'S WORD TO SPEAK TO OUR HEARTS. WE ALSO NEED MORE TRAINED AND QUALIFIED BIBLE TEACHERS WHO CAN LEAD US INTO A FULLER KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES AS WE FACE THE MANY CHANGES, GOOD OR BAD, THAT MOVE SO SWIFTLY IN OUR SOCIETY.

SOCIETY TODAY, A MAN CAN DO WHAT A WOMAN DOES AND VICE VERSA. THE BIBLE'S TEACHINGS FOR OUR LIVES? WE ARE IN A TIME WHEN WOMEN ARE ASHAMED TO HAVE CHILDREN. THAT DAY HAS CERTAINLY COME.

SOME WOMEN ARE EVEN ASHAMED TO GROW OLD. WE SHOULD LEARN THE SECRET OF SERVING GOD SIMPLY BECAUSE IS IS RIGHT TO SERVE GOD. WE MUST LEARN TO DRAW OUT STRENGTH FROM THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD. ALL OF THIS IS NOT EASY.

THIS IS WHY GOD HAS LEFT US A CHURCH. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, SOME THINGS WE CANNOT DO BY OURSELVES. BUT WHEN WE BEGIN TO PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER. GOD STEPS IN AND A TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE.

WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP ALL THE CHANGES IN SOCIETY. SOME CHANGES WILL SWEEP OVER US LIKE THE WINDS SWEEP OVER THAT LITTLE BOAT ON THE SEA OF GALILEE. THE DISCIPLES WERE AFRAID WHILE JESUS WAS AT PEACE. WHEN THINGS GOT TOO ROUGH

JESUS STEPPED ON DECK, WAVED HIS HAND AND CRIED OUT: PEACE BE STILL. THIS IS THE KIND OF GOD WE SERVE. IT MATTERS NOT HOW BAD THINGS GET IN OUR SOCIETY. WE SERVE A GOD WHO IS STILL IN CONTROL. WHEN HE GETS READ, HE CAN STOP THE STORM. HE CAN QUIET THE WAVES. HE CAN STOP THE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING AND HE CAN COVER HIS CHILDREN IN THE BOSOM OF HIS MIGHTY LOVE.

NO, WE ARE NOT ALONE. WE HAVE GOD ON OUR SIDE. THEREFORE, WHEN THE CHURCH IN A CHANGING SOCIETY IS TO KNOW WHO WE ARE AND TO WHOM WE BELONG, OUR TASK IS TO GET OUR ORDERS FROM GOD AND SAY NO TO THE VOICES OF THE WORLD.

OUR TASK IS TO FOLLOW OUR LORD AND TO DO HIS WILL DAY BY DAY AND STEP BY STEP.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. The morning devotion was conducted by all with prayers and praise.

Sister Christene Burleson brought the morning lesson. Her lesson came from Acts 1:8 and Ezekiel 37.

We shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You can witness with great efforts. We should be doing the things we must do. We have the power to. Believe the word of God and witness.

Ezekiel 37: Vision Of The Dry Bones: This vision illustrates the promise in Chapter 36: New life and a nation restored both physically and spiritually. The dry bones are a picture of the Jews in captivity captured and dead. The two sticks represent the reunion of the entire nation of Israel which had divided into Northern and Southern Kingdoms after Solomon. The scattered exiles of both Israel and Judah would be released from the graves of captivity, and one day regathered in their homeland with the Messiah as their leader.

This vision has yet to be fulfilled. Ezekiel probably felt he was speaking to the dead as he preached to the exiles, because they rarely responded to his message. But these bones responded and just as God brought life to the dead bones, he would bring life

again to his spiritually dead people who are represented by the dry bones.

Your Church may seem like a heap of dried up bones to you. Spiritually dead with no hope of vitality, but just as God promised to restore his nation. He can restore any Church, no matter how dry or dead it may be. Rather than give up, pray for renewal, for God can restore it to life. The hope and prayer of every Church should be that God will put his spirit into it. God is at work calling his people back to himself; bringing new life into dead churches. Let us rise up and use the power we have through the Holy Spirit and not our own power. Speak the word in power.

Thanks, Sister Burleson for the wonderful lesson you brought to each of us last Saturday morning. We love you!

Thought of the Week: "If God's people would pray" -- "The biggest problem in the world is not skin, but sin!"

"Some say what happened on September 11th was God trying to tell us something. God never tries anything. He just does it. The devil drove those planes; not God."

Thanks for reading! Keep praying and loving your neighbor! Sister Dorothy Hood/ president; Sister Christene Burleson/ vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones/ acting secretary.

Come! join us as we sing for joy to the Lord; help us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.



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## Remembrances...



**JOHNNIE ADKINS SR.**

Funeral services for Johnnie Lee Adkins, Sr. were held Saturday morning, November 3, 2001, at Friendship Holy Baptist Church No. 1 with Bishop Forrest Mann officiating. He was assisted by Elder Claudic Mann. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Adkins passed away Sunday, October 28, 2001. He was born March 21, 1935, in Buffalo, Texas, and married Jessie Mae Monson on February 17, 1957, in Caldwell, Texas. He was a graduate of Freeman High School in Caldwell. He moved to Lubbock in 1959.

An employee for Coca-Cola Bottling for 27 years, he was supervisor of the pre-mix department. He was an active member of Friendship Holy Baptist Church No. 1 where he was chairman of the Deacon Board, president of the district brotherhood and a choir member.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Mae Adkins; four sons: Johnnie Led Jr., Donald, Eddie and Chris, all of Lubbock; two daughters, Anita Russell and Vivian Davis, both of Lubbock; his mother and step-father, Vivian Lee and Wade Stewart, Sr. of San Antonio; a brother, Wade Stewart, Jr. of San Antonio; and eleven grandchildren.



**MARY ALLEN**

Final rites were read for Mary Deloris Allen last Saturday morning, November 3, 2001, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Homer Avery.

Burial was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock. Ms. Allen passed away Sunday, October 28, 2001.

Born August 22, 1949 in Clarksville, Texas she moved to Lubbock in 1962. She was a 1969 graduate of Dunbar High School and was employed by Texas Instruments for 15 years before retiring. She became a certified nurse aide, and worked as a home health nurse.

She is survived by her son, Michael J. Lewis of Dallas, Texas; three daughters: Rhonda Kelly, Stacy Washington and LaTasha D. Allen, all of Dallas; her mother, Mrs. Clara Mae Washington of Lubbock; three brothers: David Washington of San Antonio; Bobby Washington of Dallas and Booker T. Washington Jr. of Lubbock; a sister, Onre Stewart of Dallas, and seven grandchildren.



**HELEN J. BUCKLEY**

Final rites were held for Helen J. Buckley last Thursday morning, November 1, 2001 at Hope Deliverance Temple COGIC with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, presiding.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

She died Sunday, October 28, 2001.

She was born July 28, 1932, in Medill, Texas and lived the majority of her adult-life in Midland, Texas before moving to Lubbock in 1985.

She is survived by 15 children: Palm Marie, Freddie B., Jack, Katy Lynn, Raymond, Cecilia, Greg, Diane Ira Buckley and Neil Harris, all of Dallas; Marilyn Ferguson, Yvonne Harris and Janet Clemons, all of Lubbock; 28 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



**WILLIE JEAN HARRIS**

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Willie Jean Harris last Friday afternoon, November 2, 2001, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under Jamison Funeral Home's care.

She passed away here Monday, October 29, 2001.

She was born March 1, 1938 in San Marcos, Texas. She married Curtis Harris 36 years ago in Post, Texas. She moved to Lubbock at an early age and attended Dunbar High School.

She was president of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Deaconess Board, member of the executive board for foster parents and was a foster parent for five years. She was an advocate for foster parents through Children Protective Services.

Mrs. Harris was also a member of the PTA and athletic division of Estacado High School.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis Harris; two sons Victor Harris of Carrollton, Texas and Kevin Harris of Houston, Texas; four daughters: Jackson Harris of Houston, Texas, Monique Hicks of Waldrof, Maryland, Deneen Hunter of Lubbock and Carlett Hunter of The Colony, Texas; a brother, Fletcher Hicksof Chandler, Texas; two sisters, Rovie Ward of Lubbock and Mary Lester of Ogden, Utah; and twelve grandchildren.



**MARY HOWARD**

Graveside services were held for former Lubbock resident, Mary Howard, Friday morning, November 2, 2001, at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park with Howard Craig officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jamison Funeral

Home. She passed away Thursday, October 25, 2001.

She was born February 20, 1950, in Tyler, Texas. Her family moved to Lubbock shortly after her birth. She attended public school in Lubbock, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1968. She was a member of the Proud Panthers Marching Band.

She moved to Tyler, Texas in 1969 to attend Tyler Barber College. She moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1983. She worked for O'Reilly Automotive from 1996 until her death. She was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Ms. Howard is survived by her children: Lydia Thomas, Jahnae, BeShaun Q., and Bobby, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her mother, Bernice Harper of Lubbock; two brothers: Precious Howard of Ft. Worth and Alex Howard of Louisville, Kentucky; six sisters: Barbara Scott and Linda Craig, both of Lubbock; Annie R. Jones, Mae Josie Howard, Annie L. Lane and Aralice Thompson, all of Ft. Worth.

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As we meet ourselves for a long and difficult war, the sight of Blue Star Banners in homes will remind us of the personal sacrifices being made to preserve our way of life.

This Veterans Day, we urge all Americans to remember those in uniform today, as well as the veterans of generations past. Their sacrifice to preserve freedom and opportunity for us all deserves our heartfelt thanks.

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## Ask the Attorney General



by Attorney General John Cornyn

### Food Safety

Be Wary of Work-at-home Offers

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

**Q:** I answered an ad that promised a great income doing medical billing for doctors' offices. I had to pay for training and some very expensive computer softwares. I received a mailing list of potential clients, but I haven't been able to sign anyone. All of the doctors I contact say they do their own billing.

I contacted the company about a refund but I can't get an answer. Can you help?

**A:** The Consumer Protection Division of my office receives a lot of complaints about various work-at-home opportunities that turn out not to be as advertised. Many of the complaints are about medical billing opportu-

nities. In fact, my office recently won a jury verdict against a medical billing company promoter.

My office had filed suit against Ruth Steiber and her businesses Doctor's Advantage and R.S. Consulting Services for allegedly enticing work-at-home clients into thinking they could earn a substantial income by operating billing services for doctors. A Harris County jury found Steiber guilty of engaging in false, misleading, and deceptive acts under both the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and the Business Opportunities Act. The jury ordered \$170,000 in civil penalties and attorneys' fees. My office is also seeking \$400,000 in restitution for injured consumers. The court will rule on this within a few weeks.

During the trial, more than 30 victims testified that they had purchased Steiber's program, which included software and mailing lists.

What Steiber didn't tell customers was that they had received the same mass-mailing list and brochures as many other customers in the Houston area. The victims also testified that Steiber did not return calls requesting assistance and failed to provide the support and marketing expertise that she promised.

This type of scheme is just one of many we hear about. Some others include:

- Sew-at-home offers: This Oregon-based scheme promised customers high income and guaranteed work and training. The offer required clients to buy an expensive sewing machine. Some clients never received

the machine, while others never received the promised training or weren't paid for work completed.

- Make-at-home necklaces: A Florida company offered to pay clients \$60 each for necklaces assembled at home. Each client paid a \$3,000 deposit and received supplies for 30 necklaces.

They were promised \$1,800 plus a refund of their deposit and told they would receive a commission for recruiting new clients. The company claimed the profit would come from the sale of necklaces. In fact, the company used the deposits paid by new clients to pay off old clients, making it a pyramid scheme.

- Envelope stuffing: In this Iowa-based scheme, consumers were told they could earn \$5,000 per week for a one-time fee of \$139.

They were also promised a money-back guarantee and a full refund after their third paycheck.

Consumers who mailed in the fee received nothing in return. In a common variation on this scheme, consumers who respond to the offer are told to run an ad in the newspaper offering, for a fee, to tell others how they can make money by stuffing envelopes.

If you believe you have been the victim of a work-at-home scam, you can file a complaint through my office. You can request a complaint form by calling us at (800) 621-0508. Forms are also available through our Web site at [www.org.state.tx.us](http://www.org.state.tx.us). Remember, the best way to avoid being scammed is to remember this rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

## AmeriCorps Members Make a Difference

"I was tired of hearing people complain about our country's problems, without taking any action," says Jason McLaurin. McLaurin took action by joining AmeriCorps, the national service program that offers opportunities for people of all ages to serve their country.

Since 1994, AmeriCorps has sent more than 200,000 Americans to inner cities and rural areas to tackle the country's most troubling social problems. AmeriCorps members tutor children; run after-school programs, mentor troubled youth, improve the environment and recruit community volunteers to multiply their efforts.

When asked about AmeriCorps by friends, McLaurin encourages them to join. Now he also is taking that message to a wider audience. He appears in AmeriCorps' recently launched public service ad campaign, "Your World, Your Chance to Make It Better."

The ads encourage viewers to learn more about AmeriCorps by visiting [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) which lists thousands of opportunities to serve.

As an AmeriCorps member, McLaurin was based in Denver, CO, and participated in projects throughout the Midwest. He enjoyed the opportunity to see different parts of the country. "I had not been anywhere off the East Coast in my life," the Virginia native recalled.

McLaurin worked on projects including building houses and tutoring children with 12 other team members. His most memorable experience occurred in Detroit, where the team assisted in an inner-city school. He was shocked to meet children who 10 years old but "couldn't read and didn't know the alphabet. Helping them learn made me feel I had an impact."

The second-year law student reflects on the changes AmeriCorps made in him.

"It opens you up, pushes you to be a leader in a lot of different situations," he said. "It's important that people from all ethnic and social backgrounds participate because AmeriCorps affects

not only local communities, but the nation as a whole."

In addition to a living allowance and health insurance AmeriCorps members receive a \$4,725 education award after completing a year of service. The award can be used to pay off student loans or cover tuition at college or graduate school.

For further information on the service opportunities available through AmeriCorps, visit [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) or call (800) 942-2677.



McLaurin mentors a student in his afterschool program.

## Create a Fall Favorite

### Caramel Apple Focaccia

Layers of sweet apples and cinnamon top a buttery yeast dough base. Once cooked, it is then drizzled with an irresistible gooey caramel topping.

- 1 loaf Frozen Bread Dough, thawed
- 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
- 2 cups thinly sliced apples (peeled and cored)
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1/4 cup caramel sundae topping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking

sheet; set aside; On a lightly floured surface, roll out thawed loaf into a 12-inch circle. Transfer circle to prepared baking sheet; set aside; In a medium bowl, mix apple slices with sugar; cinnamon and nuts; set aside. Brush round of dough with melted butter. Evenly spread sliced apple mixture over butter. Bake in preheated oven for 30-40 minutes or until the apples are tender and the edges of dough are golden brown. Remove from oven. Brush with any left over melted butter. Drizzle with caramel topping. Remove from pan to cool on wire rack. Slice and serve. YIELD: 12 slices



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AUSTIN, Texas - The FBI, Bureau of Indian Affairs and University of Texas (UT) police are investigating the theft of 24 near-perfect Caddoan vessels from the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) in Austin. The artifacts are invaluable to archeologists because of the information they provide on the ancient inhabitants of Texas and adjacent states. UT archeologists collected many of the artifacts, used primarily in association with Caddoan Indian burials in the late 1930s in an effort to salvage information on Texas Native American ancestors before the sites were destroyed by looters or other destruction.

The theft took place in late July and TARL officials are now offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. Images of the stolen artifacts are posted on the TARL web site at [www.utexas.edu/research/tarl](http://www.utexas.edu/research/tarl). For more information about the theft, contact TARL Director Darrell Creel at 512/471-6007.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## Racism Means Never Having to Say You're Sorry

What The Constitution Demands of Secretary of State  
Colin Powell

(This commentary is running in lieu of Eddic P. Richardson's regular column.)

Under the Constitution, the President of the United States determines U.S. foreign policy. The Secretary of State appointed by the President with the vice and consent of the Senate, is the President's foreign affairs adviser. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department and the Foreign Service of the United States. In addition, the Secretary of State retains domestic responsibilities that Congress entrusted to the State Department in 1789. These include the custody of the Great Seal of the United States, the preparation of certain presidential proclamations, the publication of treaties and international acts as well as the official record of the foreign relations of the United States, and the custody of certain original treaties and international agreements.

Along with 1) serving as the President's principal adviser (i.e. the main man when it comes to conducting negotiations relating to U.S. foreign-affair) 2) grants and issues passports to American citizens to foreign consuls in the United States, 4) advises the President on the appointment of U.S. Ambassadors, minister, consul, and the other diplomatic representatives, 5) advises the President regarding the acceptance, recall, and dismissal of the representatives of foreign governments, 6) personally participates in or directs U.S. representatives to international conferences, organizations and agencies. And, although there are 10 more of the 16 important duties of a Secretary of State, we can stop right there at number six to discuss Gen. Colin Powell's outright refusal to head the U.S. Delegation to an international conference on racism in Durban South Africa.

Gen. Colin Powell, the nation's first Black Sec. of State was conspicuously absent. Surely, when a descendent of African slaves became the third most powerful person, in the most powerful nation in the known, civilized universe, Black faces in the world's most oppressed and depressed places glowed with renewed hope that there were brighter days ahead. Especially for dark people on "The Dark Continent."

However when it was announced that Powell, nor America didn't even want to discuss racism; not to mention do anything to alleviate it, that hope diminished somewhat. May Robinson, who is serving as secretary-general of the conference and former president of Ireland, reminded the Associated Press, "The United States has a huge store of good practice, of experience, of problems to bring to the table and can have a huge influence on the discussions and the output at the World Conference."

President George W. Bush Jr. countered however "We will have no representative there so long as they pick on Israel if they use the forum as a way to isolate our friend and strong ally, we will not participate." Conversely, every person of color believe that Powell, his chief advisor on foreign policy should have related the importance of America (that had stayed away from the conferences in Geneva in 1978 and 1983, in support of Israel), attending a conference on the world's racism. Woebeit, Powell simply echoed his boss's somewhat nebulous excuse. Powell, in fact, said in no uncertain terms, that he had no intentions of being anywhere near Durban, South Africa on August 31, or anytime during the Conference on World Racism.

However, after the American Civil Liberties Union joined a diverse group of civil and human rights advocates, including Rev. Jesse Jackson, who flew into Durban a day early, a White House press release to the Associated Press stating, "A mid level State Department official is heading an 11th-hour U.S. lobbying effort: to soften language hostile to Israel in draft documents prepared for the UN Conference on racism."

However, the article states that Michael Southwick, a deputy assistant secretary of state, would head the America delegation rather than Powell himself William Shulz, executive director of Amnesty International, said in a statement; "I believe the best way to resolve conflict is to get into the game and not sit in the stands. The absence of high-level representative in Durban suggests 'stark disinterest in the United States having a leadership role.' You can bet, however, our Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, (D-Houston); who is among Congress members attending the conference will tell it like it was when she gets back home. Rev. Jackson has already concluded: "This issue of racism is too big to reduce it to the controversy about the Middle East. One can be against West Bank settlements, against the assassination of leaders and not have to label Israel as a racist state."

Nevertheless, can one not refuse to officially apologize, or address reparations for centuries of slavery, discrimination, bigotry and Jim Crow oppression and not be labeled a racist nation? Need we answer a question that's been answered ad nauseam?

Randall Robinson, a founder of TransAfrica, who was interviewed on 60 Minutes' Sept 2, 2001 segment, cut to the chase when Mike Wallace started throwing the complications of reparations at him. The reparations perse can get complicated, Randall used America's history to define reparations from former slaves' perspective: "Okay, forget the dynamics of reparations," the astute Robinson told Wallace. "You have to agree that people should be paid for their work."

Randall then went on to put the pencil to the trillions of dollars America would owe slaves for a day's pay for a day's work, even at minimum wages. What a thought. Meanwhile, the mainstream media low-keyed this Durban, South Africa as much as possible. Ironically, Gen. Powell's name was seldom mentioned although his primary job is to advise the president on foreign policy.

Fact is, BlackAmerica is still waiting to exhale as they hold their collective breaths hoping that Powell, a made in America African brother, will say something profoundly "Black" about America's racism. Mainstream media, however, has reacted to the conference on racism much like how Channel II's news director Mike Devin dealt with Taharka Kofi, leader of Houston branch the National Black United Front. Kofi attempted to explain the importance of covering a news conference about a Houston delegation attending the conference. Mike dismissed the press conference as much ado about nothing.

## THIS N THAT

A wonderful banquet celebration! This N That has an opportunity last Saturday evening to witness a heartfelt banquet celebration of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Crosbyton, TX. Guest speaker was Sister Bobine Patterson of Lubbock, who spoke on the theme "Standing Firm." She advised parents to become concerned about their children. She told those parents present to start teaching them when they are young at home, as she was taught by her grandmother. The church is 88 years old as it was organized in 1913, which is only 4 years younger than Lubbock. Pastor Herman Phillips gave some very interesting comments. Sister Dorothy Terrell served as program chairman. Young minister Zairreus Patterson also gave some moving comments. All in all, it was an example of what can be done, no matter what size the church.

Penny Hastings the barber says: "Never follow anybody who's working less than you!"

Our kids need our help bad! This N That is still advising all concerned parents and guardians to take the time to visit the schools their youngsters are attending. Word comes that many are having difficulty with their lessons this school year. If you are a concerned citizen and you are wishing the very best of our young people, then you can visit their schools. This N That is still asking you to visit a public school if you have not done so this year. Our young people need our support. Let's do it! Visit a school today!

New Pastor! This N That is pleased to advise you that there is a new pastor at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He comes from Lee Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and replaces Rev. Elliott C. Lambert, who was transferred to the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas. Welcome to Lubbock Rev. Danny Poe!

Thought of the week: "Only those who do nothing never make mistakes!"

Wishing him the very best. This N That was in attendance last Saturday morning at the Martin Luther King Seventh Day Adventist when the pastor, Minister James Roberts, passed out briefly. Members were quick to respond and EMS was called right away. After being checked, Pastor Roberts was alright. It was good to see members respond to his situation as quickly as they did. This N That says thanks to the members of the church for your concern about the pastor. This N That wishes Pastor Roberts the very best.

Elia Isles Elementary School sponsors Veterans' Program! This N That wants to SALUTE the young people of Isles Elementary on Friday afternoon, November 9, 2001 in their auditorium. All veterans, regardless of the branch of the Armed Forces served, are invited to attend this program. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. Thanks young people, for remembering those men and women who have defended our country.

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