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### Community Meetings

- \* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- \* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- \* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- \* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellow-house Canyon.
- \* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- \* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- \* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- \* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- \* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets at Mae Simmons Community Senior Citizens Center every Monday at 6:00 p. m.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- \* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm
- \* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

### Laken Johnson: Academic All State Honorable Mention

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Laken Johnson

**STATE HONORS:** Congratulations to Laken Johnson. She was recognized as Academic All State Honorable Mention in cross country.



**FOOTBALL HONORS:** Congratulations to our Bi-District Champion Matadors. Many players earned individual recognition at the district level. This included Robert Johnson as Offensive Player of the Year and J. T. Cotton as Defensive Player of the Year. The following players earned All District First Team: Shaquille Bogus (quarterback), Ti Russell (receiver/linebacker), Nate Lewis (tight end), Brandon Holmes (tackle), B. A. White (guard/defensive lineman), Kiante Harris (linebacker), Jalen Moore (secondary), and Raymond Rios (secondary). The following players earned All District Second Team: Ryan Salinas (center), Tamory Terry (running back), Jalen Moore (receiver), Jesse Gomez (defensive lineman), Frank Duran (linebacker), Eddie Spencer (linebacker), D. Rutherford (secondary), and Adam Adame (punter). Robert Johnson (running back) was recognized as All State Second Team. All State Honorable Mention included: Brandon Holmes and B. A. White (linemen), J. T. Cotton and Kiante Harris (linebackers), and Jalen Moore (defensive back).

### Dunbar High School Class of 1982 Held Clean Up Day At Caviels



The Dunbar High School Class of 1982 volunteers during a recent Clean-up Day at the former Caviel's Pharmacy Building. These civic minded Dunbar exes are helping to get the building ready for the Caviel African American Museum and Cultural Center Renovation Project. The organizer of this special project was Regina McConic. If you want to work with this project, call her at 747-2883.  
More photos of the Dunbar High School Class of 1982, the largest class to graduate in the school's history, will be published in the next issue of the Southwest Digest.

### The Concerned Citizens Holiday Assistance

For the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Concerned Citizens requested Bozeman Elementary School select a family to receive a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. Bozeman selected the family of Lyndra Horton, a family of eight to receive the meal. Ms. Horton was appreciative for our assistance.

For Christmas, Iles Elementary School was asked to provide a family in need. Iles Elementary selected the family of Verinell Thomas, a family of five with children enrolled at Iles Elementary and Dunbar Middle School. Ms. Thomas was all smiles and thankful for her Christmas Dinner.

The Concerned Citizens appreciates and thanks both Bozeman Elementary and Iles Elementary for their efforts in this event, according to William Burrell, Treasurer of the Concerned Citizens.

The Concerned Citizens provided eighteen toys to the 'Toys for Tots' Drive to provide a gift for the less fortunate children of our city.

The Concerned Citizens donated \$300.00 to the City Wide High School Marching Band for support of Estacado High School's contribution for the January 2, 2012 Rose Bowl trip to Pasadena, California.

"The Concerned Citizens will continue to do all we can to assist and support the efforts of Lubbock to show that we are a City with HEART," Ethel McCoy stated.

Dwight Pierce is President of the Concerned Citizens.

**Welcome Home,  
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Band!  
You Did Well For  
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### Honoring The Brawleys!



Rev. & Mrs. H. L. Brawley

**Slaton, Texas** -- The New Zeal District Association and the Bethlehem Baptist Church will be honoring Rev. H. L. and Sister Margie Brawley on Sunday afternoon, January 8, 2012, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 887 Flint Street, Slaton, Texas. Host pastor is Rev. C. C. Peoples.

Rev. Brawley resigned from the Triumph Baptist Church on August 21, 2011 due to health problems and relocated to the Dallas area with family so they could care for them.

Rev. Brawley has done so much for the people of West Texas and the Churches of the District with his powerful teaching and leadership. He has been missed.

The public is invited to join in honoring the Brawleys in a day of love and thanks.

The Moderator is Rev. A. Kelly, and Pastor, Rev. Ray McCoy.

### Bishop Lemuel Thuston Named City Wide Speaker Martin Luther King Celebration



Bishop Lemuel F. Thuston

The speaker for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Services on Sunday evening, January 15, 2012, will be the new Vice Chairman of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ. These special services will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2001 Birch Avenue, beginning at 6:00 p. m. Host pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council is proud to announce this year's celebration will be held January 13 thru 16, 2011.

Friday evening, January 13th, is Youth Night, beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the Dunbar Academy, 2010 East 26th Street.

Saturday evening, January 14th, Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet will be held at 6:30 p. m. at the McInturf Conference Center, 602 Indiana Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Guest speaker will be Mechelle A. Brown of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She currently serves as the Onsite Program Coordinator and Tour Guide for the Greenwood Cultural Center for 15 year.

Ms. Brown has been active in her community as a former United Way Volunteer, Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Committee member, Assistant Baseball Coach for the North Tulsa Youth Ranch, a member of the 2008 North Tulsa Economic Development Initiative (nTedi), and Tulsa Public Schools' Parent Leadership Institute in 2009.

She is a member of the Oklahoma Registrar's Association and Oklahoma Museum Educator's. In 2011, she was appointed to the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women, and the City of Tulsa Human Rights Department's Bridge Committee, which works to increase the number of women and minority-owned businesses contracted to work with the city.

Tickets for this annual banquet are \$25.00 per person. For information about purchasing a ticket, contact one of the following members: L. V. Andrews, 765-5001; Tracey Snell-Jackson, 777-6017; or Yolanda Jeffery, 773-1625.

Bishop Thuston is a rare



Mechelle A. Brown

blend of academic preparation, pastoral passion, recognized scholarship, community connectivity, dedicated churchmanship, and spiritual vitality. After successful pastoral and teaching assignments ranging from Carthage, Missouri, Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Bronx, N. Y., Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Lubbock, Texas, he was appointed to the Historic Boone Tabernacle in Kansas City, Missouri. For the last 13 years, this anchor congregation has blossomed into an anchor urban core renewal parish in the 2 million populated Midwest metropolis has glorified God with the full Gospel message and witness in the Church of God in Christ reformation. Additionally, he shepherds Mason Temple COGIC in Kansas City, Kansas.

Bishop Thuston has also initiated and led the Re-LINK, ex-offender re-entry program. Currently hosting the weekly "Better Tomorrow ... Beginning Today" telecast and the daily radio broadcast -- "The Voice of the Bishop" -- serving widely as a professional consultant in urban educational arenas. He is currently a professor at-large in Urban Studies and Theology at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Logos College in the Bronx, New York, Nazarene Seminary, and St. Paul Methodist Seminary.

Pastor Thuston was signally honored March 2004. Upon the recommendation of the jurisdictional pastors, the Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson appointed Pastor Thuston the Jurisdictional Prelate of the Kansas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

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This column wants our Senior

Citizens to know they have an opportunity to enjoy a hot, well-balanced lunch Mondays through Fridays at senior centers. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Adults age 60 or older are required to donate \$2.00 per meal; guests younger than 60 are required to pay \$5.00 per meal. If a Senior Citizen does not have the fee, no one will be turned down.

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of the following senior centers for more information:

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**Homestead Senior Center:** 5401 56th Street. 92-6952.

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Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. A visit, if possible, or a telephone call will go a mighty long way! Today it is someone else, and tomorrow it could be you. As the late Sister Ruby Jay would remind us: God is able!

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Happy New Year to all of you! May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer. Remember, we can do a lot in the New Year, that is, if we ALL work together!! Do you want to work together! Hope so!!

**FASHION FUN**  
with Shirley Roberson

**GO FOR THOSE SKINNY BELTS**

Skinny belts can make your outfit look absolutely stunning. Skinny belts can be literally worn over anything: plain t shirts, cardigan,



blazer, coat, dress, pants and etc. What a beautiful way to add personality to your outfit, as well as create an illusion of a narrower waist without

using much effort. You can update one of your old fashion pieces, by simply adding a skinning belt. The power and magic of the skinny belt! THEY WILL MAKE GREAT GIFTS DURING THE YEAR! HOW GREAT IS THAT!

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**Fashion tip..always wear a smile**

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**Fashion..just for the fun of it!**

**New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday morning, January 1, 2012, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the Pastor.

Church School got started at 9:45 a.m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "A Life Of Integrity" and its scripture text coming from Genesis 39: 7-21a.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir sang "O' I Want To See Him". The responsive reading came from Corinthians 1:23-30 and was read by Rev. Lee. The altar Prayer was offered by Rev. Jackson with a song "I Need Thee" was sung.

Sis. Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period held by the pastor and then the offering

was taken up.

The senior Choir sang "Trouble In My Way" led by Sister Green and "Jesus Is The Rock" led by Sister Alvera Johnson. Sister Lucinda Griffin

played the theme song of the church "Amazing Grace" before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Stay In The Race" and its

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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"And are we still yet alive?" Another year has come, 2012 and as we put 2011 behind us, we must take every opportunity to make this New Year purposefully profitable. We must set goals for ourselves to first of all continue to do the things that we did in 2011 that were good for us and good to us. The good has to be continued in order to make progress.



keeping track of what you actually spend and in some instances you may revise certain items wherein you spend more in one area and less in another, yet stay within your means.

We must take inventory and see exactly what we did in the past year that hampered our progress and devise a means for not permitting whatever it was, to impede our progress in 2012. In order to do this, we must at all times think positively. If we set our minds to get something done and start moving we can get it done. Like the commercial that says that a body in motion stays in motion, we must get in motion to accomplish anything. We cannot get anything done staying in one place.

Having a notion to do something is one thing, but getting up getting in motion to do it is quite another. We can sit and dream for days on end, months, years, but not putting the dream in motion profits nothing.

Some of us want to spend less and save money. In order to do that, one needs to make a budget; not a mental budget, but one that is written down on paper that you can feast your eyes on when it is necessary. You must take into account your total income and allot a necessary amount of it to those things which are necessary in order to live a happy wholesome life. One needs to decide how much one will save on a weekly or monthly basis and save first.. The remainder of the income should be allotted to the necessities of life with a certain amount included for recreation and rejuvenation. Impulse spending has to 'go out of the window.' Keeping check on your fixed budget will also help you to stay within your limits by

The same is true if your goal is to lose weight. Just as with a financial budget, one needs a caloric budget and decide how much weight one wants to lose in a given amount of time. The amount of calories one consumes in a given day will determine how much weight one loses or gains in a given week. I have found that consuming 1500 calories per day will net a five pound weight loss in a month if you are not in a hurry and want to keep it healthy. That averages about a pound a week, give or take a few ounces. A little exercise along with the diet will make it a bit more durable. In order to succeed, you must keep a daily record of your food consumption, meal by meal and add up the calories each day.

These are two of the most popular New Year's resolutions that are broken before the ink dries on the writing. We can get 'in cinque' and make our plans and work our plans for successful and profitable resolutions in the New Year.

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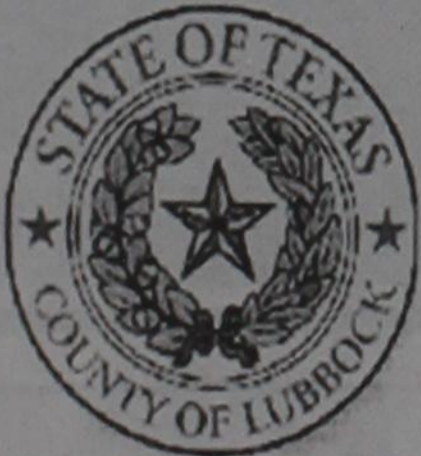
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## Singer Etta James off respirator, breathing on her own



Singer Etta James, who is battling the final stages of terminal leukemia, is off the respirator and breathing on her own, but remains hospitalized.

Los Angeles (CNN) -- Singer Etta James is "nearing the ends of her time," but her health has improved in recent days allowing doctors to remove the respirator that was helping her breath, according to her sons' lawyer.

James, 73, has been in a Southern California hospital for two weeks battling the final stages of terminal leukemia and suffering from dementia.

The "At Last" singer spent New Year's Eve watching the ball drop with her sons, Donto and Sametto James, in her hospital room, said Donto James, who played drums in his mother's Roots band for 15 years.

"She's all right," James said. "My brother and I would like to

see her stay in the hospital a little longer until she gets more stable. Our main concern is for her to be taken care of right."

Paul Wright, a lawyer represents the sons in their dispute with Etta James' husband over who makes decisions for her, said Sunday that the singer is "nearing the ends of her time, but she's a tough lady."

The judge overseeing James' conservatorship approved an agreement last month in which husband Artis Mills is the conservator, but he must equally share "end of life" decisions with the sons, Wright said.

Mills is also limited in how much of her estate he can spend and he cannot "encumber her music catalog," Wright said.

## "HAPPY NEW YEAR!!"

by Brother Askari

The New Year marks the beginning of making life better. I want to say first of all I Thank God for the opportunity to begin this New Year free to be available for my 80 year old mother Mrs. Frankie Hooper. I Thank God for allowing me to live through my mistakes learn from them and to correct and improve my human attributes to be useful in the best human way possible. For the people that I have said or done something wrong to, I ask God and them to forgive me. For those who have said or done something wrong to me, I thank you all because you have all given me more insight on ways to be a better HUE- MAN because I can handle being done wrong but it hurts me to my soul when I do somebody wrong. For all of you who question this confession, I can honestly say there was a time that all that mattered to me was me, but that all changed when I was put in a situation where I had to help some people who would be or were being taken advantage. That experience led to me opening up my heart the way God intended for the human being to care for others. I Thank my mother for her unchanging Love and all the people who have shown me Love for it you all that have



taught me how to Love. But even with this kind of experience one can lose focus but I thank God for allowing us to regain our focus and in the process allow our experience to be a lesson, a healing or both. I thank God for Mr. Patterson and Mr. Richardson who accepted me and my flaws and gave me a chance to be useful at The Southwest Digest. I Thank all the readers of the Southwest Digest for supporting this paper and it's Standards and Good Character. I pray that this years that more people will support the Southwest Digest by subscribing to it, advertise in it, trust this News Paper as one of the most powerful and effective voices coming from the heart of East Lubbock Spreading the News

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# THIS N THAT

VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE DECISION TO SELL BEER & WINE AT THE SEVEN ELEVEN! THIS N THAT .... has been advised by the Pastor and Members of the ..... FAITH DELIVERANCE CHURCH ..... 2522 Parkway Drive ..... their congregation is next door to the proposed sight for the selling of beer and wine... at 2426 Parkway Drive.. This was done in the December 14, 2011 Lubbock City Council meeting ... and they tell ..... THIS N THAT ..... they are in the process of ..... STOPPING THE SALE OF BEER & WINE ..... The pastor is ..... REV. A. R. MCNEAL ..... and the Assistant Pastor is ..... REV. BILLY HUEY ..... The Musician is ..... BROTHER C. H. HUEY...THIS N THAT ..... learned there are other churches who are very upset ..... because this proposed business for the selling of wine and beer ..... is less than 300 feet from a public school ..... The school ..... which will be opened in 2013 ..... will have more than ..... 750 elementary school children.... According to the information received by ..... THIS N THAT ..... no information about meetings were never made known..... THIS N THAT ..... will advise when there is information available....But at this time ..... PASTOR MCNEAL & MEMBERS ..... are ..... VERY UNHAPPY WITH THIS PROPOSED EFFORT!!!

THE ALL-LUBBOCK MARCHING BAND WAS OUTSTANDING! THIS N THAT ..... as well as millions around the world say and heard the ..... ALL-LUBBOCK MARCHING BAND ..... consisting of ..... 450 MEMBERS ..... marching and playing in the ..... ROSE BOWL PARADE ..... in Pasadena, California..... Funds were made possible for this trip by ..... MANY, MANY

BUSINESS, CITIZENS & PARENTS ..... Of course ..... THIS N THAT ..... is proud to report t the ..... PROFESSIONAL STAFF & TEACHERS OF THE LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ..... who worked untiringly with these young people..... Most of all ..... THIS N THAT ..... salutes the young people of the four high schools ..... CORONADO, ESTACADO, LUBBOCK HIGH, & MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOLS ..... for a job well done..... THIS N THAT ..... would hope that when you see any of these young people ..... tell them how much you appreciate what they have done ..... and keep encouraging them to continue to do well..... THIS N THAT ..... would hope the ..... MAYOR & LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL ..... would invite them and their sponsors to a council ncil meeting and recognize them ..... as t hey were ..... OUTSTANDING AMBASSADORS FOR THE CITY OF LUBBOCK!!!!

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2012 IS ELECTION ON YEAR, ARE Y YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? THIS N THAT ..... wants to advise that this year ..... 2012 ..... is an election year for many offices ..... such as the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CITY COUNCIL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER & SCHOOL BOARD ..... plus many others...

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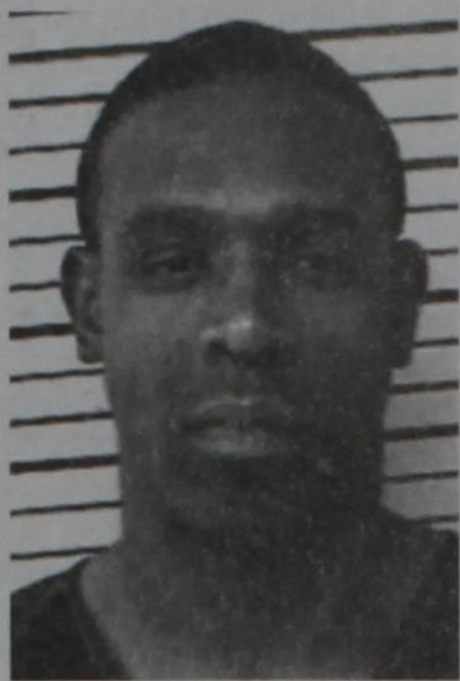
# Fugitives Wanted!

The persons below are wanted by the Lubbock Sheriff's Department. If you know of their whereabouts, contact: Cpl. Jeff Scott, Warrant Division, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, Office-(806) 775-1461, Fax-(806) 775-1438.

This week is a new group of individuals who are wanted. They are replacing those who have been arrested. Your help is needed in this special effort.



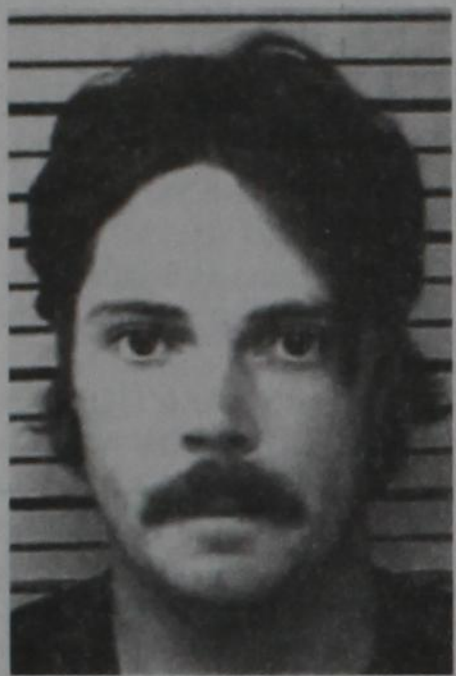
**Holladay, Holland R**  
White, Male, 5'08, 145 lbs,  
Hair- Brown, Eyes- Hazel  
Charge- Fail/Stop/Render  
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Warrant #- 2008420331



**Clemons, Kalvin E**  
Black, Male, 6'02", 205  
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown  
Charge- DWI W/Child U 15  
Years  
Warrant #- 2009421993



**Cruz, Joe Jr.**  
Hispanic, Male, 5'07", 180  
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Charge- Poss. Prohibited  
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Warrant #- 2006414324



**Brownell, Jerry W Jr.**  
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Charge- PCS PG1 <1G  
Warrant #- 2007416772



**Guitron, Alfredo**  
Hispanic, Male, 5'09, 185  
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown  
Charge- Contempt Of Child  
Support Order  
Warrant #- 2009548916



**Euresti, Scott A**  
Hispanic, Male, 5'08", 210  
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown  
Charge- Proh. C.S. In Correc-  
tional Facility  
Warrant #- 2008419603



**Dean, Brittany N**  
Black, Female, 5'06", 180 lbs.  
- Hair - Black, Eye -Brown.  
Charge- Agg. Asslt W/Deadly  
Weapon  
Warrant #- 2009422084



**Cantu, Corinna**  
Hispanic, Female, 5'08", 165  
lbs, Hair- Brown, Eyes-  
Brown. Charge- PCS PG1  
W/INT DEL. 4-200 GRAMS  
Warrant #- 2006411370



**- Caffey, Jennifer J**  
White, Female, 5'09", 125  
lbs - Hair- Blond, Eyes-  
Blue Charge- PCS PG1 <1G  
Warrant #- 201042617

## Elvin Majors Sr. Passes In Killeen



Killeen, Texas -- Elvin Lennard Majors Sr. passed away at his home on Saturday, December 24, 2011, at the age of 48 in Killeen, Texas.

Funeral services for Elvin will be held at Church of The Nations with Pastor Roy P. Davis officiating under the direction of Chisolm's Family Funeral Home of Copperas Cove, Texas.

Elvin was born on March 3, 1963, in Lubbock, Texas, to Leonard and Della Majors. He graduated from Estacado High School in 1982. He married Lena Ivory on March 5, 1992. He worked for Fort Hood Family Housing as a plumber in Killeen, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Lena Ivory Majors, Killeen, Texas; one son, Elvin Lennard Majors Jr., Killeen, Texas; mother, Della Majors of Lubbock, Texas; and two brothers, Kelvin Majors, Lubbock, Texas, and Delwin and his wife Kimberly of Lubbock, Texas.

## Women's Day A Success In Slaton! Bishop Judie Is Pastor

The Women of Bishop J. E. Judie's Church, 997 Johnson Street, had a very successful Women's Day Program on December 16, 17, & 18, 2011. The theme was "I Press Toward the Mark for the Highest Calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14.

The following ladies were in charge: Friday, December 16th Miss A. Blackwell, Sister C. Norris, and Sister L. Major.

The speakers were Miss E. McNeal, Miss R. Childers, and Sister E. Wright.

What a time these ladies had in the Lord!!

**Happy New Year**  
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printed scripture text coming from 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27. The song "I'll Fly Away" was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to Discipleship which was extended and several came up for prayer.

Pray that God will continue to bless and keep each one of us in his loving arms this new year. Pray for those that are sick; in the hospital; behind those prison walls; in nursing facilities; those that has recently lost a love one.

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want"

## MLK Celebration

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tion, which oversees 62 pastors, parishes and ministries in Kansas and Missouri.

Bishop Thuston on is married to Marian for 25 years, and they are parents of a daughter, Melody of Chicago, Illinois.

Bishop Thuston answered the call to ministry in his youth, and traveled extensively lecturing, teaching, and evangelizing in 46 of the 50 states and in 16 foreign nations on four continents. He has authored three writings: *Essential Ministry Tools*, *Tear of Jeremiah*, and the *COGIC National Adjutancy*, and the soon to be released *Jabez, Tupac, and The Jesus Prayer*

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### Former Lubbock Resident Seeks City Council Position

Centerville, Texas -- Mary Young Cofield, ran for Centerville, Texas City Councilwoman in the last election. The City of Centerville held a special City election on November 8, 2011 for two Council vacancies. Out of a total of 84 votes with 100% of precincts reporting Hilda Adams and Tony Boykin emerged victorious, respectively. Mary Cofield is a former resident of Lubbock. Her family

members are, the Rollison, Barber, Parks, Lenord and Lusk. She is a retired educator who currently resides in Centerville, Texas and continues to keep busy with her involvement in the Community.

She is a Member of Texas Agri Life Family, Centerville Economic Development, Consumer Science Committee, and is a Leon County Master Gardener.



Mary Cofield

City of Centerville, City Council Precincts Reporting: 100%

Hilda Adams	31	36%
Tony Boykin	29	34%
Mary Cofield	24	28%
Total Votes:	84	

### Final Rites Held For Gwendolyn Jean Bell In Los Angeles, Ca.

Los Angeles, California -- Special -- A memorial service was held for Gwendolyn Jean Chaney-Bell on November 11, 2011 in Los Angeles.

She was born in Ralls, Texas July 28, 1928. Her family moved to Lubbock in 1942 where she attended and graduated from Dunbar High School. She enrolled in Wiley College in Marshall, Texas where she met her husband, Marvin O. Sayles, who shortly thereafter was killed in a tragic auto accident.

Gwen later married Tedrick Greer "TG" Sims, and to this union five children were born. This marriage ended in a divorce.

She moved from Lubbock to Los Angeles, where she met and married Granvil Kirk Bell, and to this union two children were born.

Preceding her in death were her parents, John Henry Chaney, Jr. and Celeste Chaney; sisters: Lillian Harris, Celeste Mae Chaney and Georgia Chaney Cullors; brother, John Henry Chaney, III; and sons, Charles Rene Sims and Granvil Kirk Bell, Jr.

Cherishing her memory are sons: Tedrick Greer Sims, Jr., Gregory Sims and Darius Sims; daughters: Sheryl Sims and Carla Bell; sister, Leola Pearl Chaney Graves; 19 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

#### Parson Smith

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Regents study on geese.

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 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
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 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Inspirational Choir Rehearsal (1st, 3rd, & 5th)  
 Nancy Circle (2nd & 4th)  
 Saturday 12:00 Noon Brotherhood (2nd & 4th)

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