

Merry Christmas to all

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Leader Christmas days set

The *Leader* will be on a holiday schedule the last week of 2010 so there will be no Dec. 30 edition. The next issue will be available Thursday, Jan. 6. The *Leader* and South Belt Graphics will have limited hours. Items to be considered for publication may be sent to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Emergencies may be directed to *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

CBC MUD closing set

The offices of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 27. The offices will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 8 a.m.

To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-through side of the building.

The offices will also be closed Friday, Dec. 31, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

PW Library holidays set

The library will be closed Dec. 23-26 for Christmas. It will reopen at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27.

The library will also be closed Friday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 1, for New Year's and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3, for regular business hours.

Junk waste pickup set

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 23, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For information, call 3-1-1.

Cheerleader tryouts at SJC

San Jacinto College will hold Spring 2011 cheerleading tryouts from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, in Anders Gymnasium located on the San Jacinto College Central campus at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Participants, both male and female, are encouraged to wear proper workout attire and bring a bottle of water. The team is also looking for a mascot.

For more information, call Coach Levis Francis at 818-481-8284 or email levis.francis@sjcd.edu.

PW Library sets events

The following events are scheduled for the weeks of Dec. 23 through Jan. 5 at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

The library will present a family-friendly film for Movie Madness on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Also on Wednesday, preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

The genealogy discussion group will meet Monday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

PISD holidays set

The Pasadena Independent School District will be out for the Christmas holidays Monday, Dec. 20, through Friday, Dec. 31. Students will return to school on Monday, Jan. 3.

CCISD holidays set

The Clear Creek Independent School District will be out for the Christmas holidays Monday, Dec. 20, through Tuesday, Jan. 4. Students will return on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

SBGSA registers

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will hold spring registrations Saturdays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration fees are \$80 with a \$5 sibling discount, \$55 buyout.

Late registration will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The last date for late registration is Jan. 27, 2011.

Late registration fees are \$85 with \$5, buyout is \$55.

Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Jan. 23 - draw. All registrations are held at El Franco Lee Park at the girls softball field, concession stand. New coaches must submit colors and logo on Jan. 19.

Chamber holidays set

The offices of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will be closed for the Christmas holidays Wednesday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Dec. 27. The offices will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The chamber will also be closed for New Year's on Thursday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Dec. 31.

The chamber offices will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

Leader Christmas program spreads cheer

The 28th annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program was a huge success this year, with many in the community generously donating food, toys and cash to ensure that more than 60 needy families in the area had a happy holiday.

"Hopefully we got everyone taken care of," said *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger. "We did the best we could with what we had."

The number of families participating in the program rose sharply, as past programs have helped approximately 35 families each year.

While some of this year's applicants had participated in the program before, the majority were new to the drive.

This year's drive saw a marked increase in the number of households that comprise multiple families. There was also a noticeable increase in the number of single-parent households, as well as the number of families where the grandparents were raising the children.

In at least two cases, the patriarch of the family was incarcerated.

"We have to look past their circumstances and try to do what's best for the kids," Flickinger said.

University Cheer Air Force participated in the program for the first time this year. As an incentive for the organization's cheer students to donate, the husband and wife team of Edgar and Ruthie Ruiz encouraged their pupils to bring a

toy to the group's annual end-of-the-year celebration and pep rally, held at the Galveston Convention Center on Sunday, Dec. 19, to avoid paying an entrance fee.

The campaign was a huge success with dozens of the group's cheerleaders bringing toys to donate to the program - enough to completely fill a Hummer vehicle from top to bottom.

Once again, Melillo Middle School went above and beyond, donating dozens of boxes of toys and food.

Other schools that donated items include South Belt Elementary, Frazier Elementary and Moore Elementary.

Beverly Hills Intermediate collected coins from students and donated a check to the program.

Several individuals also made cash donations. Monetary contributions were spent primarily on gifts and gift cards for older children, as there was a shortage of appropriate items as in past years. Many older children were also given tickets to Schlitterbahn.

Flickinger is particularly moved by the participation of local students.

"It's really neat to see the school children sacrifice to help other kids," Flickinger said.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program and Action Ministries also generously donated to the drive.

Cowboys host Santa in the Park

The Sagmont Cowboys will present Santa in the Park on Thursday, Dec. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the community center at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road.

Now in its second year, event organizer Denny Wranich is hoping the function will become an annual tradition.

Santa Claus will be available for photos at no charge. Parents are urged to bring their own cameras, however, as there will be no photographer on site.

Christmas candy will also be available. For more information, call Wranich at 281-785-8353.

Judges rate Dobie cookoff



A brave panel of judges rated the tastes during Dobie High School's annual holiday chili, beans and dessert contest on the final day of school prior to the holiday break. Those included in the mix were, left to right, retired Dobie teacher Bill Ashby, Pasadena Independent School District administrator DeeAnn Powell, South Belt resident Jennifer Farris, local businessman David Hobbs, Sagemont Church associate pastor Emory Gadd, Dobie aide Gilbert Aguilar, *Leader* Sports Editor John Bechtel and PISD board member Fred Roberts.

Photo submitted

Police seek robbery suspects

Houston police are seeking multiple robbery suspects who were involved in recent incidents that occurred at the Waffle House at 10134 Alameda Genoa.

The most recent incident occurred on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 16.

According to police, two suspects entered the establishment at roughly 12:50 a.m., with one of the men approaching the clerk on duty, while the second man held the front door open, appearing to act as a lookout.

The first suspect, wearing a black bandana over his face, pulled out a black handgun and demanded that the teller open the cash register and put money in a black bag that he forced a customer to hold open.

The suspects are described as being black males in their late teens or early 20s. The gunman is described as being approximately 5 foot 9 inches tall, while his accomplice is described as being slightly shorter, standing roughly 5 feet 7

inches tall. A similar incident occurred the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Police said two suspects entered the restaurant at roughly 11:30 p.m.

Like in the other robbery, one of the suspects approached the clerk with a gun and demanded money, while the second man watched the front door.

Again, the armed man told a customer to hold a bag open to put the cash in.

The suspects in this case are described as being black males in their mid-20s to early 30s.

While the incidents are very similar, police do not know if they are related.

Workers complied in both instances, and no injuries were reported.

Anyone with any information on either of these cases is urged to call the Houston Police Department's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-8477 (TIPS).

Sgt. Zerick Guinn of Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary L. Freeman's office adopted multiple area families who applied for help and provided food and toys.

Several members of the community selflessly volunteered their time and spent hours sorting and stacking toys and food.

The yearly drive began in 1982 when an

anonymous man walked into the *Leader* office and delivered the makings of a turkey dinner. The stranger said his family had been given food when he was young and requested the staff forward the meal to a needy family in the community.

Many past beneficiaries have reciprocated and later donated items themselves.

Ruizes donate holiday gifts



Edgar and Ruthie Ruiz donated a truckful of toys and games to the *Leader's* Christmas program. The couple owns University Cheer Air Force Inc. and held a pep rally where kids were admitted for free if they brought a toy donation. Those toys were then given to the *Leader*.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Sabo repairs set for February

Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan is proud to announce the approval of the construction contract for the Sabo Road reconstruction project.

City Council voted unanimously Wednesday, Dec. 15, to accept and award the bid to SER Construction Partners, LTD.

The project is scheduled to begin in early February 2011.

"These new improvements are important for the residents of the South Belt area," Sullivan said. "This road is highly traveled and highly congested at times, making it clearly due for repaving."

Sullivan believes it will bring great relief to South Belt residents, faculty and parents of the surrounding schools, as well as the commuters who use the road as access to the freeway.

This project consists of the reconstruction of Sabo Road from Kingspoint Road to Fuqua Street and Kingspoint Road from Sabo Road to Kleckley Drive.

The new roadways will consist of a four-lane divided concrete boulevard section with curb and gutter, sidewalks and other underground utilities.

For more information please contact Sullivan's office at 832-393-3008.

Birds possibly poisoned



The *Leader* received multiple calls on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 19, regarding the possible poisoning of several birds at a parking lot at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer. The birds were witnessed eating a box of doughnuts and died at the spot almost immediately afterward. Harris County Precinct 2 deputies responded to the call, and Harris County health officials are reportedly looking into the incident.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Publisher's Opinion

The *Leader* would like to thank the community for helping us with our Christmas program, but a simple thank you just does not seem to do justice as to how we really feel.

For the past 27 years, area schools, residents and businesses have gone out of their way to help those in need during the holidays. Each year, we worry that as more people need our help, fewer people will be able to afford to give help. Each year, especially this year, we have found that is just not the case.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of this community and in awe of the kindness. Plenty of donations of food and

toys made their way to the *Leader* office, and each time the supply looked like it was about to dwindle, more donations would arrive.

You have given the gift of Christmas to more than sixty families in the area. You are the reason local kids and teens will be smiling on Christmas morning when they open the gifts they may not have otherwise had. You are the reason families will be able to make it through the holidays without going hungry, and might even be able to have a Christmas dinner. Thank you, thank you, thank you. From the bottom of our hearts. Happy Holidays!

Marie Flickinger

Reader's Opinion

Remembering soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan

I have a daughter who is now serving in Afghanistan. Her name is Danielle Barnett and she grew up in the South Belt area. While in her third year of college she joined the Army Reserves as an MP. She served with the 302nd MP Company from Grand Prairie, Texas in Mosul, Iraq from August 2008 until June 2009 and then graduated last December from UT, Dallas. This year she was hand-picked to be one of 12 bodyguards for some civil engineers in Kabul, Afghanistan. She has been in Afghanistan since Sept. 5, 2010. Since going to Afghanistan she has been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

My daughter has a deep desire to serve her country and has said that she would rather die serving her country overseas than have our country be attacked again with the possibility that her family and friends could be killed.

She wrote a poem that you published last year. I hope you think it is worth publishing it again to remind our community that there are still many soldiers who will not be home with their families this year who still need our thought and prayers. From a very proud mother.

Bonnie Barnett

*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through Iraq All the terrorists have gathered to plan their attacks;
Nothing is really different, setting this day apart,
We still had to work, still got an early start;
And when we're back from mission, we chill in our rooms,
Relaxing, enjoying some peace, trying to beat the gloom;
Some of us gather outside, Khu plays guitar,
We smoke, Such good times we have, laughing and telling jokes.
'Joy to the world, I hate this place!' I sang so all could hear,
I heard a few chuckles from inside,
a hint of Christmas cheer.
Grenades, AKs, and roadside bombs,
The sound is deafening over our Christmas songs;
They plot, they plan, and they want us all dead,
They sit, waiting patiently to snipe us in the head;
They aren't often victorious, but sometimes they succeed,
They think they can stop us, but with strength we proceed;
As if it weren't already bad here before,
There's now a bounty on our heads, \$2000 or*

*more; The hours pass so slowly, the days often hard;
We grow tired and weary, but we can't drop our guard,
That's what they wait for, just one little mistake,
An opportunity to present itself, an innocent life to take;
And if it so happened that one of us fell,
We'd hunt down that bastard and make his life hell,
We argue, we bicker, we yell, and we fight, But the love we have is true; the bond we share is tight;
We all have bad days; moments we think we won't get through,
But we're here for each other, we're all we've got, me and you;
We've left families, friends, and love ones behind, But I know we're fighting for you, so I really don't mind;
We ignore the acts of violence and the looks of hate, That we see each day from the locals as we pull out the gate;
We're only trying to help them, make their homes safe, But to them we're just a threat, infidels from a foreign place;
We try so hard to teach them so they can function alone,
Though when we go they'll fail, wasting all the seeds we've sown;
They don't understand patriotism; they have no freakin' pride. Smiling to your face, acting like your friend; true motives they hide.
But still we do our best, interacting with them each day, Hoping we get through to them in some small way.
So much we've all sacrificed, so much left at home, We're surrounded by people 24/7, but we're all so alone;
Hopefully our time spent here hasn't been in vain, Our work unrewarding, washed away with the rain;
We're really nothing special, so many qualities we lack, We just want to get through this mess and all make it back;
We can't be with our families, presents stacked under a tree, But we do have a gift to give, something you can't see;
This present can't be held, it something you can't unwrap, It's sent with love, through blood, sweat, and tears, from Iraq;
Freedom isn't free, but it's a price we're happy to pay, Pray for the soldiers, remember us, on this joyous day.*

Written by Sgt. Danielle (Dani) Barnett, 26, Mosul, Iraq on Dec. 24, 2008.

Residents give back the South Belt way

Frazier students sing carols



Frazier students recently visited the Park Manor Nursing Home to deliver poinsettias and sing Christmas carols to the residents. Pictured with Park Manor resident, Beser Martinez are, left to right, Eliana Munoz, Ashley Sorto, Matthew Lopez, Chelsie Padraza, Victoria Solis, Makenna Carter, Luis Neira and Kimberly Huynh.

BHI donates to Christmas program



Students at Beverly Hills Intermediate donated funds to the Christmas program sponsored by the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* to help with the purchase of gifts for those in need. Those representing the school during the check presentation included, left to right, principal Alyta Harrell, student council Vice President Juan Melesio, counsel sponsor Cynthia Wright and student council President Isabella Villarreal.

Students at Moore help



Children from Moore Elementary school pose with the toys the school donated to assist the *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* Christmas program. Pictured are, left to right, (back row) Ashley Garcia, Joe Garcia, (middle row) Emily Hernandez, Gloria Gonzales, Kristen Barba, (front row) Maddie Montes, An Banh, Heron Espinoza and Matthew Moran.

Frazier donates toys



Frazier Elementary donated toys to the *Leader's* Christmas program. Pictured, left to right, are (front row) Justus Vela, Jade Cabrera, Maria Martinez, Kaley Childers-Adams, Pedro Jimenez-Berrum, (back row) Andrea Brown and Jacob DeLaRosa.

Best Wishes

As 2010 draws to a close, all of us are reminded of the special customers and friends who have made our progress possible. May our spirit of thanks and best wishes stay with you throughout the holiday season and the new year ahead.



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Layton promoted



Petty Officer 3rd Class Bruce Layton, after receiving several previous awards including Sailor of the Day, was recently promoted to plane captain aboard the USS Enterprise. He will be in charge of 12 Super Hornets when the carrier is deployed in January. He is the son of John and Sharon Layton of Wood Meadow, and the brother of Nick Layton, who also served four years in the Navy. Bruce grew up in the South Belt area where he played for the Sagemont Cowboys and was awarded a black belt in Karate through USA Karate. He attended Dobie High School and graduated from Tegeler in 2008. Layton married his high school sweetheart, Samantha Fink, in 2009, who graduated from Dobie. He will be home on leave through the holidays before leaving on deployment in January.

Deaths

Dianne Connealy



Dianne Connealy died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, after liver cancer complications following colon cancer surgery in Austin. She was a longtime South Belt resident. She was born in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1962. She has lived in Pasadena and Houston since 1966. Connealy grew up in the Sagemont area and went to Dobie High School, San Jacinto

College, and attended Texas A&M for one year in 1982. She received a master's degree from the University of Houston Clear Lake. During college she worked as a teller at Texas Commerce Bank. After college she worked as an auditor with a bank in downtown Houston. In 1984, she married Christopher M. Connealy who became the fire chief of Houston. He retired from the Houston Fire Department in 2004, and the couple moved to Cedar Park, near Austin, where she resided until her death. Survivors are sons Brent, and Kyle; parents Dick and Dorthene (McDuff) Randall; and aunts Don and Wanda McDuff, Geneva McDuff, Ken and Colleen (Randall) Erhard, Bill and Mary Randall; and many cousins. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Porter Loring in San Antonio, Texas.

Lions Clubs meet

Hobby Lions Club

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Houston Space City Lions Club

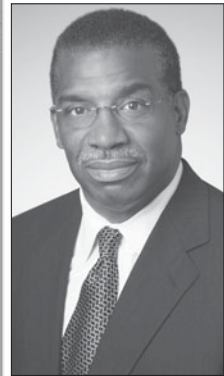
The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Thompson holds 10th Great Food Fight

G.A. Thompson Intermediate School students recently participated in the school's 10th annual Great Science Food Fight. The food fight was a competition between seventh- and eighth-graders to see which grade could collect the most canned food items. Students were given the option of donating canned goods or money. Thompson students collected a grand total of \$777.20 (representing 1,554 cans) and 1,262 actual cans for a total of 2,816 cans that were donated to The Bridge Women's Shelter in Pasadena. The seventh-grade class at Thompson took first place with a total of 1,706 cans, and eighth-grade had 1,110 cans. With so many people being affected by today's economic issues, students learned a valuable lesson about being societal contributors and giving back to their community. Teachers and administrators at Thompson feel

this is an important life-lesson. The food drive is sponsored yearly by the G.A. Thompson Science Department teachers shown in top photo, left to right, Lamona Lemarr, Martha Weatherford, Carol Waters, Felicia Petit (department chair), Jennifer Guerrero, Susie Haas and Holly Bailey. Middle photo are, left to right, Thompson eighth-graders (front row) Valerie Vo, Aimee Montelongo, Schawnee Galicia, Torey Washington, Sandra Bustos, (back row) Augustine Oguamanam, Jordan Roy, Maritsa Valero, DeSha Harrison, Jasmin Johnson, Maricruz Olivares, Juan Flores and Arthur Robinson. Bottom picture are, left to right, seventh-graders Noe Valdez, Marcela Pena, Marissa Mendieta, Christin Brinkley, Iveth Santibanez, Elizabeth Goana and Miguel Aguilan.

Photos submitted



Happy Holidays

Wishing you the best for 2011

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In the warm Christmas Spirit of friendship and good cheer, these local merchants and public servants wish you a festive Yuletide holiday and joy throughout the year.

Over The Back Fence by Jan

HAPPY 13TH TO NICKLAUS!
Nicklaus Noel Velasquez celebrates his 13th birthday on Friday, Dec. 24. Happy birthday wishes are sent to him from parents **David and Sylvia Velasquez** and brothers **Carlos and Davin**. Nicklaus attends Thompson Intermediate School.

LAUREN SENT BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Lauren Proff** who will celebrate her 24th birthday on Thursday, Dec. 30. Lots of love and wishes for a fabulous year ahead are sent from mom **Lois**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELAINE
Elaine Edwards, wife of former *Leader* staffer **Bill Edwards**, celebrates her birthday Sunday, Dec. 26. Elaine and Bill's daughters, **Margaret and Maggi**, and granddaughter **Kylie** wish her a happy birthday.

BETH CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Beth Williams at Central Ace Hardware celebrates her birthday Monday, Jan. 3. Best wishes are sent to Beth from her family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 23 through Jan. 5.

Atkinson Elementary
A Christmas Eve birthday greeting is sent to **Maria Martinez** on Dec. 24.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Jessica Leon** on Dec. 29. Enjoying a New Year's Eve birthday Dec. 31 is **Jessica Jones**. On New Year's Day, **Shawn Fojtik** has a birthday. **Beatriz Escalera** and **Maria Nunez** share a birthday Jan. 4.

Frazier Elementary
Graciela Hernandez marks a birthday Dec. 23. A double birthday is celebrated for **Yvette Herrera** and **Pat Risley** on Christmas Day. **Katie Belus** is wished a happy birthday Dec. 26. On Dec. 30, **Michelle Mendez** is wished a happy birthday.

Meador Elementary
Birthday wishes are sent to **Sarah Flores** Dec. 26. **Crystal Rothberg** marks a birthday Dec. 27. Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to **Maira Armenta** Dec. 28.

Moore Elementary
Bich Nguyen is sent birthday greetings on New

Year's Eve, Dec. 31.
South Belt Elementary
The day for a birthday cake for **Sarah Smith** is Dec. 23. **Laura Leal** has a birthday Jan. 2. On Jan. 4, a birthday is enjoyed by **Estella Montoya**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Cheryl Mendoza** Dec. 30.
Melillo Middle School
Dec. 23 is the day for a birthday party for **Beverly Harris**. Celebrating a New Year's Day birthday is **Marian Tuneberg**. **Socorro Rodriguez** enjoys a birthday Jan. 4.

Morris Middle School
Marking a birthday Dec. 23 is **Heather Grissom**. On Dec. 28, blow out the birthday candles for **Irene Tsafantakis**. **Antonio Carlos** enjoys a birthday Dec. 29. On Dec. 31, **Charles Jodway** has a birthday. On Jan. 4, **Lauren Kocian** enjoys a birthday.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Celebrating a Christmas birthday is **Dionna Lopez**. The day for a birthday cake for **Kenny Davidson** is Dec. 29. On Jan. 3, **Diane Hallman** is wished a happy birthday. **Kari Mitchell** is sent a birthday greeting Jan. 5.

Thompson Intermediate
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Michelle Mendez** Dec. 30. The day for a birthday party for **Carolina Aguilera** is Jan. 4.

Challenger
A special birthday wish is sent to **Nolen Notra** on Dec. 31. Blow out the birthday candles for **Claudia Jennings** Jan. 4.

Dobie High
Traci Schott is wished a happy birthday Dec. 23. The day for a birthday surprise for **Tina Knight-Gray** is Dec. 24. **Jesus Minjares** enjoys a birthday Christmas Day. On Dec. 26, a double birthday is celebrated by **Donna Cobb** and **Maria Salazar**. Dec. 29 is the day for a birthday party for **Andrea Morgan**. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Barry Harris** New Year's Day. **Andrea Longoria** has a birthday Jan. 2. Triple birthday wishes are sent to **Jane Damico**, **Ashley Deadwyler** and **Tess Tobin** Jan. 3. Blow out the birthday candles for **Sylvia Alexander** Jan. 4.

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Atkinson, Stuchbery write Santa letters

Atkinson

Joy Eddleman's Third-grade class
What I want for Christmas is a big bag of silly rings and a big ice cream sandwich couch.
Leeli Garcia
For Christmas I will want a D.S.I. and a ipod and some clothes. For Christmas I will want a mp3 player. For Christmas I want to have a good Christmas. P.S. Happy Christmas. I would also like new clothes, and most of all electricies.
Thu Le
Can I get a Xbox 360 and a Play Station 3 and a bick please and the game call of duty moder war fare. And moder war fare black ops.
Daniel Augilar
I am a big fan. I believe in you ever since I heard about you. Some people don't believe in you but I truly do believe in you. I'm so happy you are real. I want to have a sleeping bag, and a best friend.
Leah Ha
I want a XBOX Kinect, DSI XL, PS3, puppy, to smart phone, laptop. I also want a billion dollars. I also want Call of Duty: Black ops, even an Ipod touch, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare, Halo Reach.
Nathan Tran
Can you get me a P.S.3. I know I already have one. But I'd like another one just so the family can play it to. My family just needs the last P.S.3 game that came out because it looks cool.
Kendrick Thomas
For Christmas I want a iphone 4, ipad, ipod and a Dsi and I'm going to give you a cookie and some milk so I can be happy with my family. Thank you and a Merry Christmas.
Madison Garrett
I want a vieod game call morio sonic elpex. **Theodore Rundlf**

For Christmas I want a D.S.I and a game boy. And I wish I really get it because those two things that I really wanted. Santa Claus I wish you really get it for me. **Yesenia Morales Mauricio Meza's Second-grade class**
I wish you can see me. I want for Christmas a charger for my DS and a computer in my room. You are the best. You give us everything we want. If you were my granpa, I will do everything for you. Thank you.
Jocelyn Salazar
Santa ha are you in Chismas. I want games of Play Station 2 and Legos. When i is cold I will drink hot cocoa in I lik Chismas. Merry Chisma Santa. You are the best.
Michael Garcia
Tu eres muy bueno y que te valia muy bien y quiero que me mande un lego, Wii y un nintendo ds y te esPeno que te valia muy bien en el polo norte y te am mucho. te quiero mucho Santa.
Eduardo Moreno
Santa Claus yo quisiera concerte pero se que no por que desa pacererias por sierto quiero un wii nunca lo he tenido por sierto mi abuelito Jose te vio de nino el que se murio con 103 anos. Con carino.
Abdiel Sanchez
Yo se que tu le mandas a todos los ninos y ninas regalos Yo quiero que me regales legos. Un nintendo ds I y dinero. Te quiero ver muy contento y con Mr. Meza ubra sandace como hermanos. Te mando esta carta, que tengas una buena l Vavidas, por
Diego Tapia
Yo quiero que me des la Computadora portatily y juegos para el Wii uno de Mario y otro de Sonic eso es todo lo que quiero. Gracias Santa.
Jonathan Banda
Yo espero que estes bien te mando decir lo que quiero y lo que quiero es tener una Navidad bonita para lodo los ninos y que tengas una Navidad fantastico. Abraso y Amor,
Shariel Figueroa

yo Quiero un Xbox tridi y el nintendo dies ai y una computadora y un reloj y es todo lo que quiero y que pases una feliz navidad y es feliz que sea un bonito dia y te quiero mucho en mi corazon estoy feliz contigo. Gracias Satna,
Rene Gallegos Antonio
Santa Claus yo quiero una juego llamado de Mario Kart Double dash, y espero que estas bien, tambien ha cer otras personas feliz. Que naya feliz:
Bryan Albarran
Espero que estes bien y a continuacion te voy a preguntar algo me podrias traer el juego de navidad que tiene muchas visiones para mi nintendoXL y unas botas negras de frio y mi taya es I grande gracias Santa. te quiero Santa Claus,
Jaqueline Arredondo
Y ome a portado vien. Yo quero un almuada de animal y una computadora con juegos tambien quiero un wii con todo los juego y tambien quiero un arbolito chico y los luses. Te quiero Santa.
Reina Flores
Espero que estes bien. Yo quisiera tener una computadora portatil, un juego de DSI que se llama cokin mama, un juego de Wii que se llama Just duns zy un juguete de la movie Tangel y un hueso. Te quere,
Brianna Quintanilla
Como esta a estas horas Santa Claus yo quiero que me traigas una barbie y unas pin turas de Hanna Montana tambien una guitarra iCarly tambien quiero que me traigas unos sa patos y una ropa. Con carino,
Valery Baez
Santa Clos yo vi en el wagrins unas caga de Barbie y que tiene unas llabe y una targeta de Barbie tambien tenia un telefono y si no lo encontras me traes una pinama de shan gito, te mando muchos besos.
Kamile Vargas
Santa es pe ro que tes vien pevo yo quiero lego ciria, Buzz Layjir, Woori, un perro, un nintendo DS ae. Muchas abrasos,
Miguel Marines
En la navidad quero un juego de DS que el juego se llama sonic colors y tambien quiero un playstation 2 y tambie quiero un juguete de monster truck y tambien quiero un tambor de color verde y eso es todo lo que quiero para Navidad.
Mauricio Tajio

great time. **Drake Escobedo** My presents last year were great. This time I want a skateboard and a punching ball. I have a chimney so you're lucky. I have cookies and milk. I can't wait till Christmas.
Mark Chavez
I hope you have a nice Christmas! My list is long. Can I have a DSI XL game and a book and two more things - a computer and a Xbox 360 controller. I'll see you in my dreams! Merry Christmas Santa!
Sierra-Grace Shepherd
I love the DSI and DVD player you gave me last year. I can't wait to get my gifts this year. Tell the reindeer and Mrs. Clause I said hello. I will leave some treats for you and the reindeer.
Jordan Reed
Molly Angie's Second-grade class
What I want is a new puppy and a toy bear, and I want a new... D.S.I. game and a new Wii game But...the thing I want most is for you to visit me. But if you can't, I know you're busy on Christmas Day. And I love you Santa and Rudolph.
Dazia Rios
Christmas is a few days away so I want: 1. ipod 2. xbox 360 connect (for family) 3. Wii 4. Game Cube games 5. Diary 6. Journal 7. Glasses. That is all I want, (heart) U. **Marilynn Hensley**
This is what I want for Christmas, a hulahoop, DSI Games, T.V., bed sheets, and a puppy.
Abby Duron
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Girl Scouts distribute stockings



Girl Scout Troop 8015 chose to do an individual stocking delivery for their Christmas community service project this year. Girls stuffed stockings with treats, and each Scout will surprise someone who has to work on Christmas Day such as a firefighter, nurse, or even the corner newspaper salesman. After the holidays, Scouts will share their stories about how they were a blessing to a South Belt community worker on Christmas Day.

Pictured are, left to right, (front row) **Andrea Cedeno**, (second row) **Kalen Fleckenstein**, **Jolissa Villalobos**, **Sydney Sweet**, **Samantha Schwartz**, **Kallie Hart**, **Laura Stephens**, (back row) **Shelby Henderer**, **Kara Campos**, **McKenna Simecek**, **Genevieve Anabogue**, **Ebony Burton** and **Megan Schuetz**. Not pictured is **Macy Williams**. Troop leaders are **Stacia Sweet**, **Julia Sweet**, **Donna Stephens** and **Christy Villalobos**. Photo submitted

Remember When

25 years ago (1985)
The arson division of the Houston Fire Department investigated a fire which occurred in the Scarsdale Shopping Center. Most of the shops in the small center suffered smoke damage from the fire which began in Lee's Tailoring. Five fire stations, including Station 70, responded to the fire. Witnesses told fire-

men they heard three explosions around the time the fire occurred.
The design development phase of construction for Clear Creek Independent School District's third high school was approved by the district's board of trustees, and construction was slated to begin in June 1986.
The Dixie Farm Road bridge that passed over the Gulf Freeway would be closed for at least two months as a result of being hit by an over-height truck on the freeway.
Dobie High School's team finished second in the PISD's Academic Decathlon held at Pasadena High School. **Dobie** finished behind Pasadena High which won the championship for the second consecutive year.
20 years ago (1990)
South Belt's City Councilman **Frank Mancuso** was nominated mayor pro tem after the illness and death of Councilman **Judson Robinson**. Mayor **Kathy Whitmire** released the nomination.
Thompson Intermediate assistant principal **Stan Honeycutt**, eighth-grade science teacher **Bill Saxon** and seventh-grade science teacher **Bill Taylor** camped out on the roof of the school to satisfy a promise made to students. Taylor inspired students to raise more than \$2,000 for United Way when he prom-

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Frazier second-grade students write letters to Santa

The following are letters to Santa Claus written by second-grade students at Frazier Elementary.

Candice Cato's class
This Christmas I would like a Laptop for Christmas. I can watch mveis. The laptop can let me hear songs. I can play on the laptop. I was good at doing my chores because I go to school on time. Some times I be late. I was good at dishes becuses I came to went to school on time. Some times I be late. I want this givet. I was good chores. Some times I get condekmarsk at sceool. I deserve this gift because I deserve this gift.

Argelia Garcia
I want a guitar for chistmis. I like it because it plays music. I like it because it comes in many colors. I ben wanting one sence I was a little girl. I ben good for three weeks. I got good grades every time I get my Tuesday folder. Please get this gift for me.

Tiffany Villarreal
This Christmas I would cable on my TV. I deserve it because I help my mom and dad when they tell me to help them. No one in my famlie has cable. Cable has funny show like spongebob.

Joe Gonzales
This christmas I would like a computer. I never has a computer. My mom says I will get one for christmas. I want to go on puff games on a computer. I earn this gift becuaes I do my homework every day.

Emily Caraval
This Christmas I want a DS because I don't have anything to play with. So I disided to put this on my wish list and I

desrve this gift because I gift straight A's and my dad is always proud of me santa I hope you give me this gift cause I been doing my best to get this DS please please please get me this Ds I been waiting and waiting to get this Ds so get me this Ds.

Miguel Rojas
This Christmas I would like a puppy. My puppy will have a friends! So my puppy Borwzer will not be lonley any more. My dog and the puppy will play together. I get good grades on my report card. Can you bring me a puppy for Christmas.

Jessica Ochoa
I want a laptop for Christmas Santa because I like to play games I can see my friends but if I have mspace and my brother doesnt let me use his im going to git this becous I helppe work.

Josh Soto
I want a ps3 I've been good. So I can play ps3 gams and watch dvds. I've been good. I vacumed. I helped my mom put back the cofe table. I took out the trash. So I deserved a ps3.

Mark William
I want a Lego town for Christmas I want all of the toy story lego men. I deserve it because I cleaned my whole intire room. I will build it with all the lego's I have. I will play with it all the time. I hope you give me this.

Ethan Hughes
This Christmas I would like to have a connect. You can talk to people and it is fun to play. At my home I have nothing to play. I have bin good at home.

Nerina Martinez
This Christmas I want a Razore scooter. You can do lots of tricks. And you can ride on the scoot-

er. I rode on one but it was not mine. I want it to be green. I have been good this year. I got good grades. I hope you bring me this gift.

Brenna Fuller
This Christmas I would like a xbox 360. I can play halo wars. I can get on the internet. It has a cool counthroller. I can play free games. I will give you cucis and milk. I hope you decid to brig me those presents.

C.J. Flores
I would like a monkey from the renaissance festival. It is electric. You can put it on your shoulder. It will be my friend. I deserve it because I do my chores.

Gaven Smith
This Christmas I would like a TV. I can watch Icarly. I can watch movies like Drake and Josh and Barbie. I never has a TV Santa. I worked really hard this year Santa.

Savannah Garza
I want a Wii for Christmas? It has a lot of games. I want Marero praty and Wii sports. I want marero kart. The Wii is fun. I hope you bring me a Wii. I like the Wii. My mom and Dad and me will like the Wii. And I made a good grade on my report card.

Amey Heathcock
This Christmas I want a dsi. It can do more stuff than a regular ds. You can take pictures with it. I am asking for this toy because my other one is not working good. I was a good kid this year for feeding my dog Wander. I want it please.

Michelle Beicker's class
Santa I want a bike and a truck. I want a xbox 360. I want a red will and a black one. I want a

black phone with games on it. I want other DSiXI with mario brother. I want a Mp 4 player a yellow on. I want a jet and a dirt bike with black and blue. I want a car with a remoit. I want a basketball game for Dsi xl. I want a football game to.

Troy Henderson
I want a new game. I want a camera. I want a TV.

Ian Cishenos
I wud like a utrh Bapac and a utrh bike ples I wud like the ip a bsi xl I wud like a a kadekah I wud like is a kahkah. Aiussa I hope you bring me a red phon and a red wii for Christmas. I was good this year. it you bumthing nice ti.

Andurion Matthews
What I want for Christmas is...puppy, ds game/crafting mama, phone, ds game/mario party, ds game/littlest petshop/winter, hamster, skinny jeans/ purple, pet elf, food for puppy/ hamster/rat, trampalian, cat, horse, candy canes, food for horse, twenty dollars, pool, a camera, ipod touch, a binder/ purple, ds game/littlestpet shop/spring, food for monkey, monkey.

Mia Ridge
What I want for Christmas is... phone, psp, dsi, toy car, magic, cat, handster, monkey, new xbox 360, wii, iipodd, i podd touch, shoklet, pool, dog, toy robot.

Jason
Do you have fun in the north pool? Once I wen to the north-pool and I saw a house but I went more clooser but it went away. Do you sleep in the night? I sleep all the time. Why do you get toys? My dad and mom and get me lots of toys. Did you ever get toys. I get lots of toys. Did you ever want anything for Christmas. I wanted lots of things and you know. Do you want any thing for Christmas. I want a red laptop and a power ranger but do big one and a red TV and the DS that I lots and the games that I lot.

Jonathan Neiro
I want four vdeo games you have to oes. I want a puppy because my other dog dide. I want a mp4, dsi, ps3, boxer gloves, games, dsix, phone, moves, paper jams, and the best thing I want is to see you. Can you give presents to my perents.

Jose Cabrera
Do you like cooks. Santa do you like toys. So Mrs. Claus bake cooks. Do Mrs Claus like toys. Santa do you like shns. I want a Ds. I want a DSI. I want a DSxl. I want a Dslix. I want psp.

Jada Hubley
This cirstmmas I want dsi and for my littl broter he waits a Toy story alins and Bullsay. Culd you make a nicklist with a hart in the middl of it. Culd you get EZakyall logs and the Satr the clus wars aginifgr. Culd you get Adrin logs to Santa and a dj set. Culd you get Roacka a ZHu-Zhu pet. Culd you get Mrs. Beicker a dimemine ring. Wood you let poor kids live with you Santa you wood be a grat dad Mrs. claus wood make a grat mom.

Natalie
Phone, Wii games, puppys, DS, cloths. A white Christmas tree, snugee, Lab top, camru, scinny jeans, A real horse and food, pool, lots of snow in texas, santa hat. **Abbi Chiovaro** I have bin a littel bad. A Big Toy tran, a wii, a psp, a puppy, a Lego Star Wars Toy, a DS, a Book, a new car, new shoes, a Big Toy, a xbox 360, a car toy, a sled.

Jacob Cahil
I hope you like cuccokey. This is wt I wunt for Christmas. A Hmster, A Some Bubi Bath, A dall rr for ech por prsin, an a cat.

Cheralrd Jofton
I hop you have a grat christmas. Can you give pore kids pristins that can you give them ples santa. **Jacob Rodrigez** Merry Christmas santa. 1. I want a puppy. 2. I want a puppy that wont bark at me. 3. I want a toy for my puppy.

Gabriel Garza
Rhonda Jacobs' class
I would like a xbox 360 kinect. And a four wheeler. I'll give you some cookies and milk. I'd like a laptop with good Ehiternet. I'll have a wet towel so you don't have a dirty face.

Jared Dorantes
I want an ipod touch for Christmas, and I just want to now about is Rudolph filling good. Santa and I want a baseball glove, call of duty black ops games. We:: Santa can you tell me where you live? I now I ask to much well can I have a Xbox 360 connect, cookies and milk I have been good the year, very

very good. I hope I see a elf. Tree Mrs. Cluas and candy-land.

Jared Tate
I want for Christmas is lamptop and a phone and a bike 3 Jeunois and a rocks and mens I wood love a neckeles and some new shoe and I wood love a to be good aand a chaprlen and one more I love. **Jordyn Ridge** For Christmas I want a Dsi, psp games, xbox 360 games. Ds games or a ipod touch, shoes and clothes from abercromdie. A NerF gun and lego stuff and books. A picher of your workshop. I like to see one of your elf. A bike to.

Justin Svela
for chrimas I want a xboc knet. I want a knet games. I want the big's tree ever. I wesh I can have a rander. Tell blis en he needs to be nice. well make a sandwsh for you and i made it. can i have a elf?

Treyron Ansley
How are your raindeerres? They are something I would like if you give me horse it is oky. I would like a laptop ipad a Dq bliser maker but ther is much much more to it but I am fine what I get. how is Miss Claus and the elfs. (Could yous end me a picher of your workshop and a picher of the elfs and the raindeerres and Miss Claus. And pleas get my dog one present and some antlers. Ples get my mom a butffy neckles and ples get my dad what ever you think he should get.

Christina Suarez
All I want for Christmas is a laptop and a game for DSI. I want for Christmas is a 3D Tvs and some clothes. I want the xbox 360 and the wii.

Clarissa R.
For christmas I want a par of drums and I want another bunny for my bunny and I want a trampoleen and a green scree and I want a labtop and a art cit to and a mikerphon and I want a tangled doll for christmas and a D.S.I shr I want all of these things buy eney than is fighn at least I have something.

Anabella Amaro
I want a dirt bike. How is rooduf feeling. Here is the most things I wanted for Christmas a xbox 360. I want also a game of shooting. I want a wii. Are your elves funny. I want a large TV.

Julio Silva
I hope you don't get terd of delivering gifts. Do you like all you rainders. I yoshally forget ther amnes. This is what I want for Christmas new wii games and the fule sate for the new bakuganragono. I hope you like my coocies and milk for the rain deer carrots and I hope they like that.

Parius Hale
I would like these toys from you. A Babie doll because I love to play them. I like a pack of girl stickers. I love to play my D.S. so I would like a D.S Babie D.S game. I wish the most thig is a Babir car and a girl chalk bord for Christmas.

Helene Pham
this year I want a Zhoo Zhou pet but the rabbit one thow and a Ken and Barbiy and Ken's dream house with the close and the pizza plan it alyins a lots-o hugolots and Woody and Jessy and the spanish Buzz light and a ipod and a dsd and a psp and a phone.

Kyana Oliver
I want for chrismis a pupey dog, a tedi bear that looks like rodoif and i waht is a bike and a chrismis booke and to have the best chrismis ever but the best thang ever is me and my family together opneing presirts. Been Bad But stel Bring one or tow or three But i dont cere all that matrs is me and my family.

Natalie Ramirez
I want a rain deer that can fly. Santa if I meet you will you give me a dog. I woint a robor. Santa did you got some thing from holly wood. i want nineanire Dollers. Sata how did you got fat. data can I go to your house. is there a real train that named the poir a spres. i want a credit card.

Xavier Gutierrez
What I want for Christmas is dsi bike. Santa do you use money sometimes? Can you take brakes when your working? Santa can you get me some more fish for the fish tank and a dog.

Chanel
Pam Williams' class
I want a rsalin games. And some raslin man with a raslin ring. I have ben a good boy this year and something for my mom and dad. Ja' Darvis Allen How are you doing? For Chismis I wod like a Mranda Lambert Cd. **Mazlyn Pilmon** I hope I can see you and geiv

Velasquez, Sankin wed



Sarah Nicole Velasquez and Aaron Barnes Sankin were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, at the Trumpet overlooking The Strand in Galveston with a reception following at Milton Pines Park in Sea Isle. The bride is the daughter of Leslie Velasquez of Sagement and Sam Velasquez of Alvin. The groom is the son of Teveia Rose Barnes and Alan Sankin of Tiburon, Calif. Serving as maids of honor were Sandy Roxana Escobar and Esmeralda Marie Gonzales. Bridesmaids were Savana Velasquez, Anna Friedberg, Tiffany Littleton and Erin Sozanski. Serving as best man was Zachary Sankin, the groom's brother, and groomsmen were Keith Velasquez, Quinn Velasquez, Robert Martin, Jeff Senison, Stewart Walther, Brendan Ahern, and Jon Eccles. The bride is a 2002 Dobie High School graduate and a 2006 Rice University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in economics. She works with the national nonprofit education organization, DonorsChoose.org. The groom is a 2002 graduate of The Branson School and a 2006 Rice University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, English and history. He is an editor for the Wcities. After a honeymoon in Costa Rica, the couple will return to their apartment in San Francisco.

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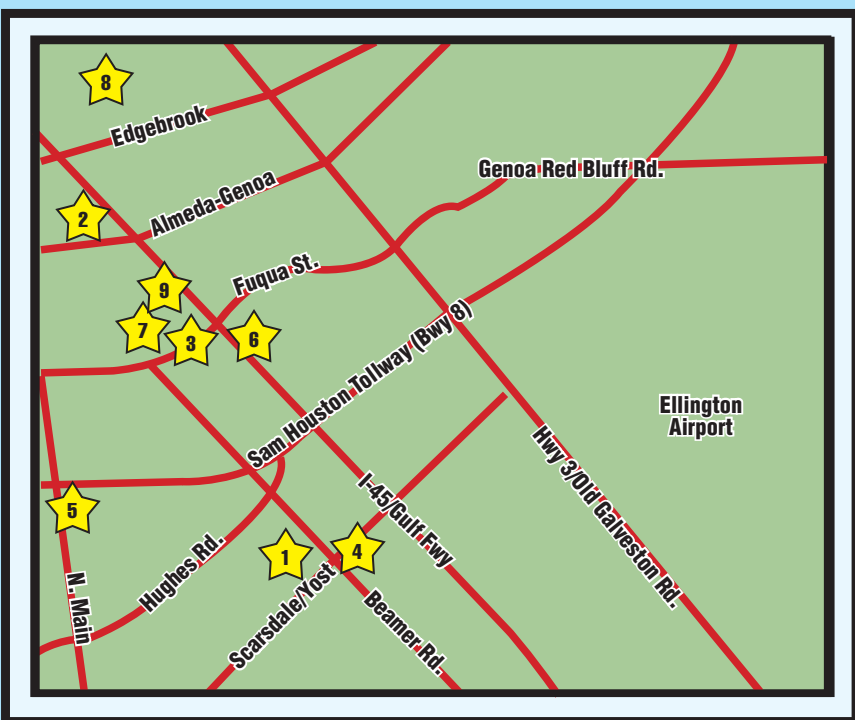
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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

High school's soccer season to bring change, high hopes

The new year is destined to bring several exciting activities in the youth sports world, including the start of the high school boys' and girls' soccer seasons.

JFD girls get new leader
Dobie first-year head coach Kristina Butler will

begin her tenure on the sidelines as she oversees the Lady Longhorns' alumni game, set for Tuesday, Jan. 4, at El Franco Lee Park. Game time is 7 p.m.

Butler, the school's junior varsity coach last season, inherits a program that

has had quite a bit of success in recent years, but heavy graduation losses from the 2010 class with have to be overcome this season.

Dobie will open the regular season Saturday, Jan. 15, against Goose Creek Memorial at Newcomb Field. The varsity game will begin at noon, with the junior varsity game being played at 10 a.m.

CB girls seek repeat
It will be a tall order for the Clear Brook varsity girls' team to top last season's run to the Region III tournament, but they certainly will try.

Second-year head coach Jeff Brewer returns as the team's head coach, and there are several key players back in the mix.

The Lady Wolverines will host their annual alumni game at Clear Brook Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. Clear Brook will open the regular season with a big test, taking on Clements Thursday, Jan. 13, at The Woodlands tournament.

New coach for CB boys
Former Wolverines' player and longtime assistant Chris Stromeier has taken over as head coach of the Clear Brook varsity boys' program.

The Wolverines will open scrimmages Friday, Jan. 7, with a home match against Houston Lamar.

Clear Brook's regular season will get started Monday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. **Continued on Page 3B**

No holiday break in basketball; teams plan one last tourney run

The drawback to being a high school basketball player anywhere in the state of Texas?

There is no such thing as a Christmas break of any length for the coaches or players. Instead, the season must go on.

Like most of their counterparts across the city and state, the varsity boys' and girls' teams at Clear Brook and Dobie high schools are mixing in plenty of hoops to go with their holiday.

Each of the four teams is preparing for one last round of tournaments.

The Clear Brook boys will attend the Har-Ber Independent School District tournament in Springdale, Ark., while the Lady Wolverines will travel to Willis, Texas, for a tournament there.

As for Dobie, the Horns' boys will be in the mix at the annual Alvin Lions Club event, and the Lady Longhorns will be in College Station for a 40-team event there.

For more information on early round games at the tournaments, see Page 3B.

CB boys get league win
The Clear Brook boys stepped on the accelerator to start the regular season and have not let up a bit.

The Wolverines won for the 10th time in 14 games Dec. 19, defeating Clear Brook, also 1-2, when the post-holiday 24-5A schedule resumes Jan. 4.



Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball head coach Blair Redmon is looking to slow the progress of some of the other teams in the District 24-5A field as her Lady Wolverines have gone 1-2 to this point. Redmon will coach her team against Clear Creek, also 1-2, when the post-holiday 24-5A schedule resumes Jan. 4.

Softball, baseball sign-ups coming as youth sports organizations prep

The new year will deliver the start of registration opportunities for several local youth sports organizations, including the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, the South Belt Youth Soccer Club as well as the South Belt Girls Softball Association.

SBHLL sets dates
Officials in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League have established registration dates for the upcoming 2011 spring season.

The league has also announced the formation of a junior T-ball division for boys and girls ages 3 to 4. The junior T-ball league will be of the instructional variety, with no umpires involved. Coaches will umpire the games.

The registration dates for all players include Thursday, Jan. 6, and Thursday, Jan. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

All of the sessions will be held at US Spring Training, located at 10330 Blackhawk Blvd.

Registration fee is \$100 per player from the 3- and 4-year-olds, and \$140 per player from those ages 5 to 14.

There will be a \$10 discount applied for those families with more than one player registering.

For more information, visit the SBHLL website at www.eteamz.com/sbhll.

Youth soccer to sign up
Youth wishing to play in the South Belt Youth Soccer Club this spring may take advantage of just one on-site session, but players may also register online for competition.

Games within the league will begin in March and will be contested on Sundays for a total of eight weeks.

The on-site registration date is Saturday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemeadow MUD Building, located at 10755 Hall Road at the Blackhawk intersection.

The fee is \$80 for players in the U-5 through U-8 divisions, \$85 for those in the U-9 and U-10 divisions and \$90 for those in the 11 and older divisions.

League officials will accept credit cards, checks and money orders as forms of payment. No cash will be accepted. The registration fee includes a uniform (shirt, shorts and socks).

Those who register online will receive a discounted fee option. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to those who register after Feb. 1, 2011.

For online registration information or to learn more about the league, visit www.southbeltsoccer.org.

Softball registration here
The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host registration for the spring season on three occasions in January.

The dates include Saturday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 8:30 both nights.

The fee is \$80 per player, with a \$5 discount issued to families with more than one player beginning with the second player.

All sign-up dates will be held at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park. League tryouts and the draft will be held in the latter part of January.



Dobie forward Jose Gonzalez is eager to take the field after having a good part of his junior season cut short due to an injury. In 2009, Gonzalez played a key role in the Longhorns' run to the regional tournament.

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UH-D powerlifting instructor visits Dobie

University of Houston-Downtown powerlifting coach John Hudson (at right in photo) gives Dobie powerlifter Josh Basquez a few tips involving his benchpressing technique during a visit to the Longhorns' weight room just prior to the holiday break. Dobie will kick its powerlifting program into high gear following the holidays, so Hudson came by to offer some assistance. Hudson, a member of the UH-D Sports and Fitness Department, has led his team to three straight World Association of Powerlifters and Deadlifters championships dating back to 2008. Although Dobie is a relative newcomer on the high school powerlifting scene, coach Kenneth Foster (not shown) has seen several of his competitors make huge strides since taking over prior to last season. The JFD girls' team is paced by regional qualifier Dorothy Tran.



Just Nguyen, Baby takes JFD faculty tennis

Dobie instructor Bradley Nguyen and his teammates paved the way as Just Nguyen, Baby won the championship to cap the first-ever faculty-teacher fall tennis league.

Just Nguyen, Baby wound up a perfect 4-0 over the four-week season, beating Team (Bob) Daugherty

4-1 in the title match. In the third-place match, Team (Mike) Van Essen edged Team (Craig) Sanders 3-2.

Over the course of four weeks, there were plenty of competitive matches in all skill levels, but the big reward for everyone was fun.

"Congratulations go out to Team Nguyen and all

the competitors for a fun four Mondays," Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno

Jr. said. "Everyone shared a few laughs and a whole lot of camaraderie."

JFD Faculty-Teacher Tennis

Championship Match
Team Nguyen 4, Team Daugherty 1

Men's Doubles: Jordan Evans/Bradley Nguyen (N) def. Bob Daugherty/Ferdinand LaBua, 6-1.
Women's Doubles: Jennifer Haynes/Tamara Williams (N) def. Leslie Rustin/Carmela Swinnen, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles: Nguyen/Williams (N) def. LaBua/Rustin, 6-1.
Men's Singles: Evans (N) def. Daugherty, 6-3.
Women's Singles: Swinnen (D) def. Williams, 6-2.

Third-place Match
Team Van Essen 3, Team Sanders 2

Men's Doubles: Johnny Fernandez/Mike Van Essen (V) def. Scott Davis/Craig Sanders, default.
Women's Doubles: Eula Comfort/Linda Puckett (S) def. Emily Adair/Erin Kramer, default.
Mixed Doubles: Puckett/Sanders (S) def. Fernandez/Kramer, 6-2.
Men's Singles: Van Essen (V) def. Sanders, 6-3.
Women's Singles: Kramer (V) def. Comfort, 6-5.



Dobie High School faculty members Tamara Williams (left) and Carmela Swinnen shake hands after Swinnen defeated Williams 6-2 in women's singles during the Faculty/Staff Fall Tennis League title round. Photo by Manuel Moreno Jr.

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South Belt Elementary 2nd-graders write letters to Santa

The following are letters to Santa Claus written by second-grade students at South Belt Elementary.

Linda Moreno's class

I loved t gifts you gave me last year. They wer the best presents ever. I loved them so much. Thank you for my presents. I am going to love the presents you are going to give me. I want a scooter, and I want my own mygocto puppy and I want the Barbie glitter zero and Barbie a fashion frairy tale.

Cheyenne Alexander

I Lave when you come to my house. I want a Mario car, Mario brother, Supper Mario, fashion Designes. Can Mrs. Claus give me my presents?

Bre'Leana Anderson

I love you because you give me a lot of presents. Its Rudolph okay? I hope he is. He is my favorite reindeer. Is Mrs. Claus okay? I hope she is. Do you put up a Christmas tree?

Luke Castillo

How are you? I wish you get me a PSP, a DSI, a spycamera, and a gocart and big phone and a play stoin 3 and sonic color. I want Black ops for my xbox 360.

Dominick Cruz How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a phone and some toys and Halo reach for Xbox 360. I have always liked Christmas. My favorite Holiday is Christmas. Christmas is fun because I can spend time with my family.

Alexander Garcia

This is Megan G. I love December. I like the presents that you bring me for Christmas. I want a D.S.I, camera, and phone. On the 25th, I will leave cookies and milk for you. **Megan Godeke** Thank you for my presents. I hope Mrs. Claus is good and the reindeers and the elvs. I hope you get me evthing I want.

Reagan Jones

How is Rudolph? All I wanted is a DSI. And a video Girl, Barbie Glitter doll. I hope you have a great trip aroud the world. I will leave cookie and milk!

Brooklyn Lathan

I have been nice this season. I like chris tmas con y come to my hose? I want a xbox 360, and a BBgun and bow and arrow I want a happy family.

Matthew Lindsey

I want an airoh that spys and voosh ege, and the now D.S. Is everybody okay Sonta? Are you real Santa? Can I ride on your sled Santa? oh I almost forgot I wish my teacher was rich.

Alex Lopez

How are you? How is Rudolph? I want a Yoshl stuffed animal, Zuo- Zuo DS game, a doll house, a swing set, fashen

fairy telldoll, a big Scooby dog and littlest pet shop, A small toy gumy bear. **Avry Muñoz** I enjoy everything you give me. You are nice. You are special. I can't wait for Christmas. I want a beylade, pokemon, Dragonball Z figure. **Albert Nguyen** How are you? How are the reindeer doing? For christmas I want a transformer toy and clothes. I hope Mrs. Claus is doing good.

Justin Padilla

I enjoy all the wonderful presents you bring us. You are so nice to remember everything on my Christmas list How are Mrs. Claus and Rudlph? I want a spynet watch. I want an Ipod, Iphone, and Madden NFL.

Austin Rhoden

How are you? I want an Ipod touch and I want the Michel Jackson game for the Wii. Even Call of Duty Black ops for my psp. And I like Christmas food. And I want a phone.

Isaac Salazar

I hope your reindeer have lots of energy because you have a long way to ride. I wander if you have thousands of money? If you travel all around the world how do you keep track of time? But instead of asking questions here's what I want for x-mas. I want a X-Box 360 kinct, and a Barbie video cam.

Alise Williams

Jessica Arnolds' class I hope your doing good. I would like some Jolley, DSI games, A birbei video girl ps can you make it a black girl. A movei. A lap top. A phone. Some money. A gift card ps two gift cards, puppy toys, A bike, new shoes, a book. I when a snowman, a computer, acat, and a car, a pone, a giter reade, a bird, Birth-day love.

Lazarus Gonzalez

I hope you are doing well and your elfes too. Can you and your elfes give me a phone, computer, Hannah Montana Fover the CD, Lip gloss, lip-stick, a card game, snow, a CD of Christmas songs, a puppy 2, a kitten three of them, a ginger-bread house a cake, a swimming pool, and that is all.

Victoria Lazo

How are you doing at the north pole. Are you getting a lot of help. I for Christmas is a phone, Shoes. Ipod, candy, money, new bike, books, Girls make up, doll, poster of icary. And that's all I want for Christ-mas! I hope you bring it to me.

Miciah Jones

I hope you can make evrething that I want. Wait I want for vhrstmas is a loptop, Jelrewy, toys, 40 bucks, avere good christmas year, a puppy, a wonder-full prezint, to get what my sitas want Kassandra, Rache, Thalia, Ruby so they can get want for chirtatmas, new shoes, new chlose, love, All of my family to come for christmas year I relly miss them they work so hard that on chirtmas they can come and seledrat Chirastmas and not work so hard on chirt-

Devon Cook

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Jorge Arnedondo

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are wrken very hrd to. So are the randear are to. one day to be lik you. thany you for oly the toys. You are the Best prsinu in the wroldy. **Mason Banttart** I wish you kud guide me a Ipd, two new dxox 360 patul's and a trapen! I hop a lot of presints. I hop a new bick. I hop you git my miny modersikul, a miny nerf gun, and a dig nerf gun. I won't the Lego city game.

Carl Harris

I just wan't for Chiamase some piroo of Nikes. And a sishel presits, bike go menea Durte bike that ride on crocraet, Rore axe for saft. And a bell from your slay.

Brandon Salinas

I hope you are doing well with your elfs. I hope your elfs are doing good. What I want for christmas is a wii, moxie girls, furreal friends, and clothes and shoes I hope you can aford the things I want. Merry Christmas santa have a nice Christmas and you is my hero I all wase can count on you!

Saniya Heard

I want a bike, games for my Wiii and Ds, a tv for my room, cool toys, new shoes, a phone, a mom pilow, candy land, a puppy, the tentio racket for the wii, and the micopin for the Ds Gitar hero, a bike with out tranning wheels. **Laura Diaz** I want a psp, and a Ds. a dog, a book, I when a snowman, a computer, acat, and a car, a pone, a giter reade, a bird, Birth-day love.

Lazarus Gonzalez

I hope you are doing well and your elfes too. Can you and your elfes give me a phone, computer, Hannah Montana Fover the CD, Lip gloss, lip-stick, a card game, snow, a CD of Christmas songs, a puppy 2, a kitten three of them, a ginger-bread house a cake, a swimming pool, and that is all.

Stacie Ball's class

Santa I think you are nice. How is your vacation going? My name is Trishita and I was a good girl. My family is having a good time. Is your reindeer were good? Christmas I want a DS game and a DSI. My brother want a Thomas toy train. I'm happy you are real.

Trishita Nguyen

How is your elves? I have been good this past year. I have been working very hard. And have helped many children. Can you please git my list of toys. Can you please git me a wii and just dance.

Bella Woerhley

You are very nice. I been very good this yere How is Roder doing Today is youer Jallley red nose giding better you no we what I want for Crismas I want a iPod and I will leva you cookies do you on crismas nith I hope I can met you and Roodoff.

Moises Cisneros

Hello. How have you been. can your elves make me a play staion 3 and black ops, and a iphone toch. I well leve you Some cokes and milk.

Everett Triplette

How is your day? I have worked very hard. I have been very good today. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer. How is Mrs. Claus? I have something for you when you come to me house. We are going to make

mas, you to go in my room it is orang in the hall and put something in thayer, a cohte, a pake of m&ms, choclote, a toy dog, game board, card's, new bike, that is all thank for all your suport I relly areshrated. I'll miss rihging to you. **Rath Tabarez** I hope you are wrking so hard for me. Your very very nice to me. I love you Santa! This is what I want for Christmas a D.S.I., an pod, an playstayshon 3, an a skatbord to. And the conet game for the playstayshon.

Taurean Millien

I love Christmas because other kids are happy because you give them what ther want I just want to tell you what I want I want a cool scooter, some little old school car a colectable, a racing game for xbox not xbox 360. I also want guitar hero worriors of rock for playstation 3. I also want you and the elfs to have a great Christmas! I also want all the books of Jack and Annie. I also want 2 more gutars for gutar hero. **Thomas Herrera** If your real or not can you bring me a knects roller coster pleas, a box with a sling plane in it, a new kite, a lab top, and a D.S.i. p.s. pleas do not eat the ginger-dread hous. **Clayton Goforth**

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Hello. How have you been. can your elves make me a play staion 3 and black ops, and a iphone toch. I well leve you Some cokes and milk.

Everett Triplette

How is your day? I have worked very hard. I have been very good today. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer. How is Mrs. Claus? I have something for you when you come to me house. We are going to make

rely good cookies for you. Maybe you can give some to Mrs. Claus I have a present for you. P.S. the cookies are going to be good. **Arianna Soza**

How is Rudolph and the reindeer and the elves. how is your christmas. how is the present. I want a Best christmas ever and phone just dance 2 X-Box 360.

Tristan Soria

How have you been? How is your Rain Dears? How was your weekend? I like Christmas I want x box 360 I want playstation I want wii I want a ipod touch I want a iphone I want Ds games. **Brandon Bui** How is Rudolph? Can I have a i,pod touch and a sims, 3 game in the i,pod touch? And I will live you some coekies and milk. And a D.S. game. An a vacation at Disney land.

Alexis Nguyen

Hello. How have you been? I wish have the game is call cutme Cover. My famile is doing ok, I dsrv a presents because I help otter poele. I wish I have a i pod toch. This is my finl one a fast computer.

Michaek Peter Vo

How was your day. How is Mrs. Claus today. How is Rudolph. I will like a skatebord. I will like a Batman game for my D.S. I have bin working hard on homework. I will like a per of Jordins that are wite. I will like the movie Diplice me in DVD. Have a great time.

Jose Martinez

I think you do good work. Why do we get presents. How was your year. How is Mrs. Claus. How do you make presents. I hope it snows on Christmas. I like to drink hot cocoa every cold day. I hope you like Christmas coookies. They have frosting on them.

Jacob Perez

How are your rain Deers. I have been a good boy. How is Mrs. Claus? I have been working hard. I relly want one for Christmas is a ipod toch and a madden 11. game and a wii. My family want a x-box 360. My brother wants a call of duty Black ops.

Daqahi Tuckson

Hello. And welcome. How are your elves. I've been a good girl. I have been helping my family. I would like to have a D.S.I XL. I will give you milk and cookies. I would like to have a ipad to. **Yelizavet Delacerda** I have been work very ahrd this year. How is baby Claus duing. Can I plesge git a Dsi and Wii, little big planet. Just dance and last but not lesr a computer P.S. I am going to put cookes an milk for you! **Ayanna Brooks Kelly Lohse's class**

How are you doing today? I wonder you are fine. I would like a gift card to walmart for my mom and my Dad. I want you to have a happy christmas Day. I would like a magic fabric I would like aos. I have a collection of pictures. I would like that. Merry Christmas! I like you santa claus, and one more thing I want for is monopoly.

Mary Tayet Pham

How is Roodoff? I heard people are making fun of him. How is it back at the North Pole? Tell your wife I said hi. For Christmas I would like an xl DSI, Eraser maker, Fashion designing stuff, and a sticker maker.

Jianni Anderson

How was your day? I have a nice fresh backed cheescupcake for you are the efulles working hard today. I have milk to. I would like you to have a merry christmas Santa.

Yazmine Lackey

How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are things going at the North Pole? How are the rain deer doing? Are the elfs still working hard? Santa why when you come to my house and leave my house you leave charcoal on the floor? I've tried to be a good boy. This Christmas I would like a gocart, Rey Mystrio mask, and a pug. I would like a gocart because I to like ride and drive things. I would like a Rey Mystrio mask cause I've always wanted one. I would like a pug because I want another dog.

Elliot Spiller

How are you doing? Are the elves doing good making toys for kids? On Christmas do you think you will like the tree? I would like a poosheacy, a stuffed kitty, a phone and a trampoline. I hope Rudolph is feeling well. I Love Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Have a safe ride! I like you as a friend. O I forgot I would like another Ds.

Lily Simons

How are you doing this past weekend? Are the elves doing good with the present? It is very nice that you are giving present's out to all the good girls and boys like me! For Christmas it would be nice if you give me a bike, iphone touch, DSI, and a nice and best teacher for third grade next year. I Love collecting all kinds of balls. How I would love to have a wonderful Christmas this year with my family, cousin, and friend. How I would love to have a puppy. I will name is Kassandra and her nickname will be Kassy. I love the best fmaily I have.

Karisa Hernandez

How are you doing? I wanted to say hi to you. I would like fooshigi, shoes, Dsi, a cute kit-

ten, kitten food, amgic-fabric, drum set, and a guitar. **Heaven Carmen Castelan's class**

Can I have a DSI case I already have a DS. And that squshy skow thing. Christmas list DSI, squshy thing, Xbox 360, X-box, the new wii that is black, conektemeales game, I pet Donkey kong nintendo, miny Mario v.s. Donkey kong miny land mayham, battleship the classic haval combat game, play station 3, play station 2, play station 1, play station.

Wesley Godwin

I want a toy haikoer pleas. Who are your elves doing. I want a mokohtroi car. I want a big toy spidre. I want a psp too. I want a randbown trish pleas.

Blake Roque

I wood like a Knetcet far Christmas. Am I on the northy lest? I wood like a 100 Dooler beel. Are the reindeers doing good? I love you and Ms. Claus. The elves are doing a good job. I wood like a D.S. with a caru. Is it hard coming down the chimney? I like you and Ms. Claus. the leves, reindeer. You and the elves work so hard.

Savanna Herring

Am I on the noty list because I hope not. There are so much things that I want. I want a psp with the game invezads. I want a wiplash scoter from razer. I want more xbox 360 games. I want nather dog. how is Rudoph doing.

Morgan Pytkou

How are you doing? How is Rudolph? For Christmas I want an Ipad, a netbook, a dsixl, and kentamcolo game. How the athore reindeer? How is Mrs Claus? I Love the Little elves. They are so cute! I love all the reindeers too! I love Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus. I can't wait telll Christmas! It is going to be so much fun! I hope you have a good time.

Alyssa Toro

How are you doing? Ask Mrs. claus if she can bake a cake for me! Her is somethanks I wood like for Christmas I wood like a puppy. Some new dolls. A new sketbord. a new tv. Thus all. Can you teal the elves I said I and the reindeers. I can't wait when come for Christmas think you Santa. **Valerie Gonzalez** I want for Christmas a toy car and a rodad a hd shirt. how are the elves doing so how are you doing and is it umost Christmas is a merical were the randears and rudolph and jolly so. sledding is awesome! and cool. I wish I can meet you in my friends house too.

Adrian Lopez

I want a hot wheel race trak and I was being good. I wish I

clou and see your elfs. Because even I wish I can see you. And I wish I can see your raindeer. One day I wish I could go to the north Pole. And I wish I could see miss clau.

Steven Myles

How are you doing? Are the levs making a lot of toys? Ask Rudolph that if he wants some reindear food if he wants some tell him its under my Christmas tree. Is Mrs. Clause doing well? Can I have a light up D.S.? Can I have a baby doll? Can I have a will? I will bake you some delicious cookies and give you some milk and I will bake you a cake.

Lilly Gutierrez

How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Claus? How are your elves? I want this for Christmas I want a DSI. I want a laptop. I want sillybans. I want a lefrog. I want laygoz. I want a Bath ships. I Love you Santa. I want Heilles. **Jaydon Corter** How are you Santa? I will want a Toy Story 3 Wii game, Scooby Doo and the Spooky Swamp th Wii game, Harry Potter and the Deathey Hallows part 1 the Wii game, and Lego Harry Potter Hagrid's Hut. How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer?

Jacob Flores

How is Ms. Claus and you. Santa are the levs doing what you say. Are the reindeers ok. For Christmas can I have a puppy and a bike and a lap-top that is gray. I will leve you some cooikeys and hotcokcet with moshmelose and n I have a baer. **Leah DeHoyos** How are you doing in the North Polle. and How is Ms. Claus How is your elves doing. I just wandr if you are relly I own your relly. How is reindeer and the others deer I just have one qeshen am I on the notting list. or the good list.

Marco Torres

I want a Monster High Doll Clowdin wolf. For Christmas and a bopitBonce, and I forgot to tell you that How were the elves and Mrs. Claus are they doing good? am I on the nooty list or on the nice list? I Hope you Have a nice day with your things that you need.

Emily Gonzalez

I want an Xbox 360 game. The two games i want is Smack-down vs Raw 2011 and Madden 11! I hope you come down to the chimney are right. I love you Santa. I liked all the toys you gave to me past years a go. How are you and Ms. Claus doing. Hope you enjoy you're cooikes and milk. Hope you have a good Christmas Santa, Elves, Ms. Claus,

Kyle Redmon

Meador Elementary writes letters to Santa Claus

The following are letters to Santa Claus written by second-grade students at Meador Elementary.

Linda Holderrieth's class

How is it in the north pole, I would love it at the north pole, can you bring me some books to read? Ho, and can you bring my sister and my brother something too and my mom and dad. Ho, can you bring my dog something too? Brianna Ayala I hope you buy my mom a dog. I houp you buy me smthing. How have you been at the north pole? I been good. I houp you buy me smthing too. I well do good in class. **Mario White** How is it in the North Pole? How are you staying worm Santa? Why are you liveing in the North Pole? Do you like it thir Santa? I'm loving school, even my new teacher. She's cool. Evry day I'm larning new things. Evry day larning makes me smart and makes me feel cool and smart too. May I have a DSIXL. pleas? Thank you very much for your time and one more thing a new phone for my brother. **Alyssa Cinco** I hope you are fin in the North pole. But Santa, do you know what I rilly want? To make everybody happy, bring my best teacher sum presents, and bring my family back sum presents. Bring me back a wii, dsi, games, dragonball, z KiZa game and playstahen 3.

Mark Cortez

Sins I've been so good in school, I hope I get the best present you can think of. I also would like to now how you have been doing. I bet you have been good because you always be good. I'd like to meet you and your elfs. Just to let you now we don't have a chimnie so your throobig going to have to go thru my front door.

Chris Walker

How are you doing? I can't what intil Christmas because you are going to drop off the presents and speaking of presents can I have a bike, Easy Bake oven, Skats and doll? I have been good this year and can you bring my teacher a present? **Jennifer Thorpe** I really want to see you on Christmas night. I will go to sleep waiting for you. I think you live in the North poel. How do you live in such cold weather? Are you a real pearson? Have a happy Christmas!

Darren Groves

Santa you are a great person. I want you to give me three presents. How are you doing in the north pole. I know you're doing fine in the north pole. I want you to bring me something that's big. I want a little puppy

and I want to ride on you're raindeers. I am always going to be good. **Osaze Amadin** Most people don't beleve in you but I do. Anyway I hope you have a Merry Christmas to you and your family. And I hope you bring me presents like that zhu-zhu pets castle a piano and the charm bracelet from the movie new moon and the super scribble notes game for my ds a phone a pear of winter boots. Well you really don't have to bring me anything cause my parents all ready bought my presents. But of course they have to buy me more. But you can still bring me presents if you want to cause it isn't up to me. And I've been good all year and smart all year because I am in Gt. I have one christmas wish. It is to have the best christmas ever. Tell evrybody at the north pole I said hi. **Mia** For Christmas I want a wii game and how do you live in the cold weather? And a new TV for my dad. Oh and I really want to see you so much and help you for Christmas.

Jackie Blondet

I want Jordans. I want a DsiXL. I want a Laptop.

Jeremiah Barrientos

Santa can you bring me a dsi? Please. Santa Claus how have you been? Can you bring my mommy something? I know Christmas is coming up. Can you bring my daddy something too? Can you bring my baby brothers something too? I hope you are doing well at the North pole. I can't want to you come Santa. I hope you have a good Crismas Santa. Santa wish list I am on the good list or the bad list? I will do good in class. I have been good in class. Can you bring my teacher a gift too?

Sameer Buksh

How have you and you no what I want for Christmas? I want a PSPgo and a phone and a litt modeisicel and a petbull. I've been doing good in school. I do what the teacher says. How have you been at the northpole? How has the elvs been and Roodoff?

Kris Perry

Can you bring me bot's for Christmas? And a ipod for Christmas. And skats.

Nycarl Douglas

How are you? I hope you give me a ballhose, I always wanted one. I am good in school. I be nice to my friends. I like all my friends. I will left a cup of mike and cookies. Will you get my broth a psp. My mom wants 10,000,000 dollaes. I want my family to be happy. I love school so much. I am good in math. Math is the best thing ever. Can you get Candy boots. I want a Blizzard maker. I want

a big book for my teacher.

Alexis Cuff

I wish you can buy me a touch phone but I'm to young but can you buy a ipod or a DS.

Candy Lee

I hope you or doing great. What I I want for Christmas is a Babie Doll. I want a Babiecar. My sister wants zhu zhu pet Babie House and car. My mom wants a suv. Dad wants a car. I want a Easy baker.

Amillyion Davis

I hope you are having a great time in the North Pole. I am having a great time. I just le- and abote adjectives. Here are some toys I wood like for Chis-mis. A ds, airplane, cars and my sister a doll hose toys. Can you get my Mom a new phone and Dad a bed? Santa, have a Merry Chisims.

Sports news, notes

SBAST to celebrate 40th
 In association with its 40th anniversary celebration coming next spring, South Belt Area Swim Team officials are inviting former swimmers and parents to submit photos and success stories to be considered for inclusion in the special event. Team officials are promoting how the SBAST has and will continue to develop successful individuals in and out of the water while encouraging community involvement. More information on how to get involved in the event will be forthcoming in future *Leader* editions.

Dobie softball clinic Jan. 29

The Dobie High School softball coaching staff will host the 2011 Lady Longhorn Softball Clinic Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the high school. Girls ages 6 to 14 are eligible to attend the clinic, which will include instruction in all phases of the game, such as pitching, hitting, baserunning, fielding, bunting and more. Players may register prior to the start of the camp for \$25 per player, which will include a camp T-shirt. Registration on the day of the event is \$30. For more information or to obtain a camp entry form, direct e-mail to Dobie head coach Robin Rackley at rackley@pasadenaisd.org.

SJC men's hoops ranked third

The San Jacinto College's men's basketball team has completed the pre-holiday portion of the schedule with a 14-0 record. Currently, the team is ranked third in the country. Northern Idaho is atop the poll, with Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College second. Sophomore sharpshooter Marsel Holden has led the Ravens in scoring early on, and fellow sophomores Daryell Taylor and Alonzo Freeman have also excelled. The team has also gotten a big lift from freshman players Flavien Davis, Chris Richardson and Kuamaine Osborne.

PISD Intermediate Basketball Girls' Standings

| 7 Light | W | L | 7 Dark | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|
| Beverly Hills | 3 | 0 | San Jacinto | 3 | 0 |
| San Jacinto | 2 | 1 | Queens | 3 | 0 |
| Bondy | 2 | 1 | Park View | 2 | 1 |
| Southmore | 2 | 1 | Bondy | 2 | 1 |
| Miller | 2 | 1 | Miller | 2 | 1 |
| Queens | 2 | 1 | Beverly Hills | 2 | 1 |
| Thompson | 1 | 2 | Southmore | 1 | 2 |
| Park View | 1 | 2 | Thompson | 0 | 3 |
| South Houston | 0 | 3 | S. Houston | 0 | 3 |
| Jackson | 0 | 3 | Jackson | 0 | 3 |

Game Scores 7 Light

Bondy 31, Thompson 21
 Southmore 31, San Jacinto 28
 Queens 34, Jackson 10
 Beverly Hills 47, South Houston 10
 Miller 21, Park View 14

Game Scores 7 Dark

Bondy 33, Thompson 5
 San Jacinto 30, Southmore 17
 Queens 20, Jackson 14
 Beverly Hills 28, South Houston 8
 Miller 22, Park View 7

8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

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|---------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|
| Thompson | 3 | 0 | Bondy | 3 | 0 |
| Miller | 3 | 0 | Miller | 3 | 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 2 | 1 | Park View | 2 | 1 |
| San Jacinto | 2 | 1 | Southmore | 2 | 1 |
| Bondy | 2 | 1 | Beverly Hills | 2 | 1 |
| Queens | 1 | 2 | Queens | 2 | 1 |
| Southmore | 1 | 2 | San Jacinto | 1 | 2 |
| Park View | 1 | 2 | Thompson | 1 | 2 |
| South Houston | 0 | 3 | S. Houston | 0 | 3 |
| Jackson | 0 | 3 | Jackson | 0 | 3 |

Game Scores 8 Light

Thompson 31, Bondy 25
 San Jacinto 35, Southmore 20
 Queens 24, Jackson 14
 Beverly Hills 32, South Houston 1
 Miller 19, Park View 17

Game Scores 8 Dark

Bondy 26, Thompson 3
 Southmore 21, San Jacinto 16
 Queens 25, Jackson 20
 Beverly Hills 40, South Houston 1
 Miller 25, Park View 16

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 27
 Brook varsity boys at Har Ber tourney, Arkansas, TBA
 Brook varsity girls at Willis Holiday Classic, TBA

Tuesday, Dec. 28
 Brook varsity boys at Har Ber tourney, Arkansas, TBA
 Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lion's Club tourney, TBA
 Brook varsity girls at Willis Holiday Classic, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at College Station tourn., TBA

Wednesday, Dec. 29
 Brook varsity boys at Har Ber tourney, Arkansas, TBA
 Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lion's Club tourney, TBA
 Brook varsity girls at Willis Holiday Classic, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at College Station tourn., TBA

Thursday, Dec. 30
 Brook varsity boys at Har Ber tourney, Arkansas, TBA
 Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lion's Club tourney, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at College Station tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 4
 Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 7:00
 Dobie varsity girls at The Woodlands, 7:30
 Brook JV boys at Clear Creek, 5:30
 Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 5:30
 Dobie JV girls at The Woodlands, 5:30
 Brook sophomore boys at Clear Creek, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A girls at The Woodlands, 4:00
 Brook freshman A girls host Clear Creek, 4:00
 Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek, 4:00
 Brook freshman B boys at Clear Creek, 4:00

Wednesday, Jan. 5
 Thompson 8th boys' teams at Jackson, 5:00
 Thompson 7th boys' teams at Jackson, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8th boys' teams at Miller, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th boys' teams at Miller, 5:00
 Thompson 8th girls' teams host Jackson, 6:15
 Thompson 7th girls' teams host Jackson, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 8th girls' teams host Miller, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7th girls' teams host Miller, 6:15

PISD Intermediate Basketball Boys' Standings

| 7 Light | W | L | 7 Dark | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|
| Thompson | 3 | 0 | Southmore | 3 | 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 3 | 0 | Thompson | 3 | 0 |
| Southmore | 3 | 0 | Jackson | 2 | 1 |
| San Jacinto | 2 | 1 | Beverly Hills | 2 | 1 |
| Park View | 2 | 1 | Queens | 2 | 1 |
| Miller | 1 | 2 | San Jacinto | 1 | 2 |
| Queens | 1 | 2 | S. Houston | 1 | 2 |
| S. Houston | 0 | 3 | Miller | 1 | 2 |
| Bondy | 0 | 3 | Bondy | 0 | 3 |
| Jackson | 0 | 3 | Park View | 0 | 3 |

Game Scores 7 Light

Thompson 49, Bondy 28
 Beverly Hills 51, South Houston 18
 Queens 59, Jackson 27
 Southmore 45, San Jacinto 36
 Park View 57, Miller 20

Game Scores 7 Dark

Thompson 38, Bondy 23
 Beverly Hills 30, South Houston 15
 Queens 36, Jackson 28
 Southmore 25, San Jacinto 15
 Miller 26, Park View 20

8 Light W L 8 Dark W L

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|---------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|
| Thompson | 3 | 0 | Thompson | 3 | 0 |
| San Jacinto | 3 | 0 | Miller | 3 | 0 |
| Beverly Hills | 2 | 1 | Bondy | 2 | 1 |
| Park View | 2 | 1 | S. Houston | 2 | 1 |
| South Houston | 2 | 1 | Beverly Hills | 2 | 1 |
| Miller | 1 | 2 | Park View | 1 | 2 |
| Bondy | 1 | 2 | San Jacinto | 1 | 2 |
| Jackson | 1 | 2 | Queens | 1 | 2 |
| Queens | 0 | 3 | Southmore | 0 | 3 |
| Southmore | 0 | 3 | Jackson | 0 | 3 |

Game Scores 8 Light

Thompson 54, Bondy 19
 South Houston 43, Beverly Hills 26
 Jackson 51, Queens 49
 San Jacinto 53, Southmore 31
 Park View 53, Miller 48

Game Scores 8 Dark

Thompson 41, Bondy 37
 Beverly Hills 45, South Houston 41
 Queens 40, Jackson 29
 San Jacinto 42, Southmore 33
 Miller 40, Park View 19

Holiday hoops trips up next for local teams

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 Alvin 55-32 at home behind 13 points from Drew Byrd.

The Wolverines played a nondistrict game Dec. 21 against Goose Creek Memorial. Following their trip to the Har Ber event in Arkansas, the Wolverines will buckle their seat belts tight for what promises to be an extremely competitive 24-5A race.

Clear Brook will play at Clear Creek Jan. 4 in a game pitting a playoff team from a season ago. It gets no easier from there as the Wolverines play Clear Springs Jan. 7.

Brook girls take hits
 It's not even Christmas, and the Lady Wolverines find themselves in a precarious position in the 24-5A standings.

The team fell 39-34 to Dickinson Dec. 17 to drop to 0-2 but then came back to down Alvin Dec. 19.

At 1-2, the Lady Wolverines have some ground to make up with Clear Springs and Clear Lake at 3-0 and Pearland now at 2-1.

After Christmas, Clear Brook is off to Willis for a tournament there before a huge Jan. 4 game at home against Clear Creek.

Dobie girls playing well
 The defending District 22-5A champion Dobie girls have been playing as well as any team in the district to this point. Following a trip to the Bryan/College Station event, Dobie will face The Woodlands Jan. 4.

The much anticipated District 22-5A race begins Jan. 7 as the Lady Longhorns host South Houston at 7:30 p.m.

JFD boys to Alvin
 Bidding to remain above .500 prior to the start of 22-5A play, Dobie will compete in the tough Alvin tournament field.

Since there are just six teams in the District 22-5A mix, Dobie doesn't begin league play until Jan. 11.

Prep soccer gets started

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 day, Jan. 17, with a game against Deer Park at Abshire Stadium, beginning at 7 p.m.

Another team looking for a solid season, the Dobie varsity boys, will begin scrimmages Jan. 4 at Clear Creek High School.

The Longhorns will begin the regular season Jan. 13 against Dawson as part of the Friendswood/Pearland tournament. Game time is 3 p.m.

Soccer fans can find full team schedules for Dobie and Clear Brook in the Jan. 6, issue of the *Leader*.

PISD hoops takes break

The Pasadena Independent School District intermediate school basketball season is through three weeks with a break now coming for the holidays.

The season will resume Wednesday, Jan. 5, and from that point there will be six weeks remaining to determine district champions.

Thus far, the Thompson boys' program has been one of the district's best, with each of the four teams having 3-0 records early in the season.

Har Ber Holiday Classic Springdale, Ark., Dec. 27-30

Clear Brook varsity boys vs. Fayetteville, Ark.
 Monday, Dec. 27, Har Ber High School, 4:45 p.m.
Clear Brook varsity boys vs. Tulsa Union or Springdale
 Tuesday, Dec. 28, To be announced

Willis Holiday Classic Clear Brook varsity girls vs. Aldine Mustangs

Monday, Dec. 27, Brabham Middle School, noon
Clear Brook varsity girls vs. Goodrich or Oak Ridge
 Monday, Dec. 27, Brabham Middle School, 6 p.m.
Bracket play continues Dec. 28-29

Alvin Lions Club Holiday Classic Dobie varsity boys vs. Spring Woods

Tuesday, Dec. 28, Alvin H.S. Auxiliary, 3:30 p.m.
Dobie varsity boys vs. Fort Bend Marshall
 Tuesday, Dec. 28, Manvel High School, 8:30 p.m.

McDonald's All-Star Holiday Classic Bryan/College Station Dobie varsity girls vs. TBA

Event runs Dec. 28-30
Tournament includes 40 teams

Starlites' 12-U wins Pearland Toys tourney



The South Belt 12U Starlites finished the fall season with a bang, taking first place at the Pearland Phantoms' Toys for Tots Christmas Tournament. The Starlites lost only one game during the tournament, advancing to the title game and defeating the Gulf Coast Drillers 9-5. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Diana Adame, Brittney Rodriguez, Jocelyn Reyes, Celeste Ontiveros, Alyssa Corpus, (middle row) Micha Trevino, Yasmine Myers, Haley Garcia, Sandra Gonzalez, Jasmine DeLeon, Dominique Palacios, Suzette Gonzalez, (back row) assistant coach Dago DeLeon and head coach Bobby Reyes. Not pictured are players Camryn Ridge and Tiffany Mendoza and assistant coach Albert Corpus.

Starlites' trio advances in age division

At right, three of the South Belt Starlites' players will be advancing to the 14-U division next spring. Those players, flanked by Starlites' head coach Bobby Reyes (left) and assistant coach Dago DeLeon, have played big roles in the success of the Starlite program. The players are, from second to left, Jasmine DeLeon, Suzette Gonzalez and Sandra Gonzalez.
Submitted photos



CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

AI-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. For information, call 281-487-8787.

6:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE - 7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - SUNDAY, DEC. 26 - 2 p.m.

Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

MONDAY, DEC. 27 - 7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

9 a.m.
Friends of Parker Williams Library - Meetings are held at the Parker Williams Branch Library on the fourth Monday of each month at 9 a.m. except for January, April, July and October, when they are held at 7 p.m. to accommodate members who work during the day. There will be no meeting in December.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets every Monday at the IHOP on Fuqua from 6 to 9 p.m. All who enjoy the game or want to learn to play are invited to join. For more information, call 281-488-2923.

6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles Club - The New Directions Singles Club has moved its time and location from St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, to Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 West Nasa Parkway in Webster. Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. This organization was created as a social support outlet for 50+ widowed, divorced and never married individuals. In addition to the regular meeting, a potluck dinner is held on the first and third Mondays. Call 713-340-2354 for information.

Civil Air Patrol Meeting - Weekly at Ellington Field in the Civil Air Patrol Building. Call 281-484-1352 and leave a message for more information.

7 p.m.
Grief Support Group - "Friends Helping Friends" meets every Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehab Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Those who have lost a spouse or other loved one are invited to participate. For information, call Betty Flynn at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28 - 7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.
American Begonia Society - Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Maxum Bank in League City. For more information, call 281-946-4237 or 281-471-5048.

1 p.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include diora-

mas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. 204 S. Main. For information, call 713-472-0565.

1:30 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bayshore Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, 4021 Brookhaven, Pasadena. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.

6:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Due to Sagemont Recreation Center closing for remodeling, TOPS will meet at the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint. For information, call Erma Coskey at 713-946-6049.

Clear Lake Toastmasters Club - Meets at the Clear Lake Church of Christ, 938 El Dorado Blvd. Call Jerry Tate at 281-481-5417 for information.

7 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Tuesdays and Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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Frazier students write letters to Santa . . .

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Yvette Herrera's class
 Me e portad bien porque en la escuela en los grados me e sacado loos y los y en karate me gane una medalla de primer lugar. Y me gane mi ciinito amarillo. Y como me e portado bien lo que quiero para esta Navidad una bicicleta y unos juegos para mi DS y una pelucula de ninos. Te deseo que pases una feliz navidad. **Emily Rodriguez** Este ano me porte mas o menos. Se me a olvidado la tarea. no eschchaba a la maestra le e pegadao a mi hermana y no e hecho caso. Te prometo que el siguiente ano me porto bien. Me prodrias traer una guitarra. Que comas muchas galletas y tengas una feliz Navidad. Que todos reciban regalos.
Nallely Pena
 Este ano yo me porte mas menos. Yo quiero que me traigas una tele, y un telefon, y una bicicleta nueva y una computadora y un xbox kinoa y un regalo nuevo y una perra nueva que sea grande. En mi casa yo me porte bien. Yo pongo atencion a mi mama y mi papa. Y te deseo un a feliz navidad con tu familia.
Ingrid Alaniz

Esta ano me porte muy bien. Dejame pensar en lo que quiero...Esto es lo que quiero, lo primero un MP3, lo segundo es un i-phone, y lo tercero es una tarjeta de credito con mucho dinero.
Sofia Malo
 Este ano yo me porte muy... mmm la verdad yo no se Santa Claus. Preguntale a mi mama a la mejor ella sabe. Porfavor, porfavor dile a los Zetas y todos los demas malos tambien que paren de hacer cosas malas. Dejame pensar en lo que hice este ano mal, al principio del ano se me olvido mi tarea luego yo me enoje com mi mama y me pelie com mi prima. Yo me e peliado com mi prima pero como quie era la quiero. Santa claus ahorate voy a pedir lo que quieiro. Yo quiero unos patines de helo. Bueno Santa Claus la verdad yo no quiero nada mas. Yo no mas quiero que le pongas un castigo a los Zetas y los demas malos que hay en el mundo. Eso es todo lo que quiero Santa Claus.
Kassandra Gomez
 Este ano yo me porte mas o menos porque no traigela tarea. Yo quiero que me traigas un ipod touch rosa porque me gusta escuchar mucica. Y un Mp3

rasa. La cosa que unos dias voy a tener que usar la laptop para tareas yo la quiero blanca. Yo quiero un perro pekinois nino, porque mi perro sesiente solo. Yo quiero que me regales un wii rosa y todas las zuhuz pets un telefono de T..mobile de text toes rosa y un D.S.I Yo quiero que le regales ami perro una chaqueta mediana y un hueso, y quiera el de deal or no deal. Una chaqueta para mi perro nuevo que me dos.
Shelsea Hernandez
 Yo me pote medio mal porque no le hice caso a mi maes tra. Y esto es loque quiero Santa Claus quiero un telefono de touch screen. Peluche es mi perro quiero que le des una chamovra chiquita y para mi pero lo mismo. F eliz navidad. Y dile a los malos de mexico que no sean malos y no hagan trave suras con otras persona. Y que tengas una Feliz navidad.
Bryan Valderas
 Este ano yo me mas omenos. Yo estaba peliando com mi hermana. Yo te pido santa claus que ya pare de pelear con mi hermana. Yo quiero una pillama. Que te valla bien en navidad.
Artaro Salazar

Este ano yo porte mas o menos. Yo quiero que me Perdone. Yo quiero que me regales una camara rosa. Yo tambien quiero que me regales un Ds I y los juegos del DS-I. Yo quiero un -iPod touch y un wii que tenga sus juegos yun tambien un pillow pet. Y por ultimo un perro chiquito. **Monica Mora**
 Este ano yo me porte muy bien. Yo quiero que me traigas ropa bonita para mi perra Cloe y el tamaño es extra pequena Yo quiero ropa bonito para mi tambien Yo quiero una camara rosa con diamantes. Y yo quiero que mi mama y mi pap que ganen dinero para viajar. Y yo quiero un DSI XL de color cafe. Y yo quiero que tu tengas una feliz navidad con yu familia.
Denise Rodriguez
 Este ano me porte mas o menos y digo mas o menos porque muchas veces seme olvido hacer mitareay me dieron una conducta mala en musica. Porfavor Santa cuida a mi familia. Yo auiero una bicicleta para navidad. Una almuada de animal, y toda a mi familia en navidad juntas y feliz. **Alyana Silva**
 Este ano yo me porte mas o menos yo me porte mal porque hice

una travesuras. Pero te prometo que ya me voy a portar bien. Quiero que metraigas un telefono, dos guitarras, un tambor, perrito chiquito, y un conejo, DSI moto, computadora, sonnest, **Carolina Alaniz**
 Este ano porte bien en la clase. Santa Claus quiero que tengas una buena Navidad y gracias porlos regalos que le das a todo el mundo. Que tengas una buneo Navidad con yu familia. Santa Claus feliz navidad. Ho Ho Ho! Y me pudes traermme cualquier regalo que tu quieras.
Kevin Tenorio
 Este ano me porte mmmmm....yo nunca se por favor preguntale a mi papa o mi mama si mi porte bien.
 Porfavor dame regalos y estar con mi familia. Esto es lo que quiero para navidad. Un x-box live con un juego. Un juego de toy story 3 para mi Ds. Un Ds-i para me yo siempre e querido uno grande y de color rojo. Un telefono que puedes tocar con tu dedo.
Jason Betancourt

The Leader wants to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season!
See you in 2011

Stuchbery writes letters to Santa . . .

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 For Christmas I want the Island Princess Barbie, and I want a book called The Frog Prince.
Marissa
 What I want for Christmas is... 1. A Barbie doll 2. slime. 3. playdough 4. books. Would you get those for me please?
Mary Baez
Mrs. Sharon Brantly's Second-grade class
 I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like to have a Mario video game, laptop, and a superscribble Nuats.

Thank you for letting us borrow Elfie. Write me back.
Ty Blankenship
 I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like to have Dxl, Iphone, and, a computer, how is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? I am a good girl. I am helping my mom and dad and sister and Brothers. I did not get any conduct marks, today or yesterday.
Jennifer Lopez
 I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like to have cotton candy maker, and a

Hannah Montanta Game, last I want for Christmas is a laptop. I was very good girl today. First I cleaned the livingroom. Second I washed the bathtub. Last I cleaned my room. But in school I was so good. **Mya Amanfor**
 I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like to have a laptop and a xbox 360. I would want a dsl xl and a legeo man. I want a new bike and a nother football. Have I been good for a lot of days? Am I on the good list for a lots of days? Have I been helpful with my

buddys a lot? Have a Merry Christmas. **Gabriel**
 I want to tell you want I want for Christmas. I would like to have a popcorn maker, laptop and a flute. How is Rudolph is he good? I hope he is. I made all A's on my report card. How are your reinder? Do they help you? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she good? How are you? I don't have any conduct marks yet that is really good. Are your elves making lots of toys? Have a Merry Christmas.
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 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
 4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise held from 4 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Pearland, 3005 Pearland Parkway, Pearland. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Domestic violence support group for male survivors meets each Wednesday at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway. Call 281-338-7600 for information. Participants may join at any time as this is an open group.
 7 p.m.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women meets every week. For information, call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com. B.A.T.P. is located at 210 S. Walnut off NASA Parkway between Interstate 45 South and Highway 3. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.
THURSDAY, DEC. 30
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
 Noon
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise from noon to 1 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered.
Al-Anon - Meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 111. For information, call 281-487-8787.
 6:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Catholic Church - St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, offers free tutoring on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tutoring is held in Room 2 of the Education Building. Contact Joe Pavlicek at 281-484-1397 or by e-mail at joe_pavlicek@yahoo.com.

7 p.m.
Pasadena Gulf Coast Art Society - Monthly meetings held the last Thursday of each month in the Community Room at Pasadena Town Square Mall.
 8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.
FRIDAY, DEC. 31
- NEW YEAR'S EVE -
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Room 114. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.
 Noon
Moving Forward Women's Adult Children Anonymous - The ACA group meets Fridays at noon at the Up The Street Club in Webster, 508 Nasa Parkway, in room 4. ACA is a 12-step program of hope, healing and recovery for people who grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. For more information, call 281-286-1431.
 8 p.m.
Pasadena Little Theatre - The second annual New Year's Eve Gala and Casino Night will be held at Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. There will be prizes, casino games, dancing, music, Midnight Breakfast buffet and a champagne toast. Tickets are limited! Call 713-941-1758 to reserve. Visit the Website at pasadenalittletheatre.org for more information.
SATURDAY, JAN. 1
- NEW YEAR'S DAY -
SUNDAY, JAN. 2
 2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets every Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For more information, call 281-487-8787.
 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Sundays and Tuesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

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South Belt schools, residents give back for the holidays

Reading Elf students read, sing to others



Stuchbery's Reading Elf students participated in a reading assignment that included sharing their favorite holiday book with all grades and singing Christmas carols. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Adrian Perez, Nyah Earl, Dashlee Sanchez, Catalina Barrera, counselor Tina Jo Flotten, Samantha Lopez, Kirby Nguyen, Jasmine Jimenez, Kasey Johnson, Alison Neira, Crystal Salgado, (middle row) Evie Holder, Maiya Hernandez, Ivy Hua, Kayla Wilson, Anya Walker, Julian Olmeda, Randy Soloya, Asia Muniz, Aaron Ramirez, Orran Rainey, Chelsey Urdiales, Miranda Serrano, Ethan Jimenez, Yorke Reaux, (back row) Nayelli Melendez, Marissa Sanchez, Amber Basham, Peyton Horelica, Matthew Rodriguez, Brissa Perez, Sonja Salinas, Alexis Alvarez, Sa'terrria Small, Joseph Reyes, Issac Ramirez, Andrew Mata and Carlos Nunez.

Meador first-grader honored by March of Dimes



Andrea Gonzalez, a first-grader at Meador Elementary, was presented with a plaque from the March of Dimes for being one of the top students in the district to raise funds for the March of Dimes. Gonzalez raised more than \$200 by reading books to help sick babies. Pictured, left to right, are (back row) Kim Cowan, first-grade teacher; Beverly Bolton, assistant principal; Susan Ramirez, director of development for the March of Dimes; and Karen Barton, librarian, (front row) Andrea Gonzalez.

Students, Knights of Columbus adopt families



Dobie High School's Advancement Via Individual Determination students, with Principal Steve Jamail, joined the Knights of Columbus Council 9201 from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church to give back to the community by adopting a family. The Knights have adopted South Belt families at Christmas for the last 24 years, and the students asked to help them. More than 130 Knights, along with the 24 member AVID class, are helping those in need this year. Pictured, left to right, front to back, are Julian Nevarez, Andy Chen, Cortney Prescott, Jennifer Bardales, Danielle Diaz, Angelica Keller, Marissa Guerra, Michelle Luna, Carlos Lopez, Christian Highfield, Lucero Robles, Inez Lopez, Cesar Naguit, Richard Delgado, Dominic Cantalamessa (Grand Knight), Joe Pena, Steve Jamail (Dobie principal), Stephen Pritchett, Andre Timmons, Javier Carranza, Tyler Arcizo, Tori King, Phoenicia Wilson, Daniel Covarrubias, Estaban Mendoza and Christian Avitia

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BHI November Bears of the Month



Students at Beverly Hills Intermediate strive to achieve positive characteristics that will guide them throughout their lives. The characteristic for November was contemplation. Contemplation is giving serious consideration to something; thinking things through with proper care before taking action. These students were selected as Bears of the Month for best representing this characteristic. Students received congratulations from Principal Alyta Harrell along with a special Bear paw print pin to wear and a special lunch. Pictured, from left to right, are (front row) Juan Reyes, Tareen Kazi, Andrea Nicaragua, Emily Rios, Omar Diaz, (back row) Mariah Escobar, Xavier Teran, Carlos Rodriguez, Phung Dinh, Jose Nuncio, Daisy Fuentes and Albert Luu.

Beverly Hills donates toys, coins



Beverly Hills Intermediate students brought new toys for the Pasadena Independent School District Toys for Tots program. The goal of 250 new toys was exceeded. The PSD Police Department will distribute the toys to local families this Christmas. Along with the toys, students also collected coins for the South Belt Leader Christmas program and donated a total of \$763. Each grade level was challenged to bring more than the other grade level. The eighth grade won, earning a special privilege when they return after the holidays. Pictured, left to right, are (first row) Kiyah Brooks, Deanna Martinez, (second row) "Elf" Coach Ronnie Thomas, "Santa" Gary Warner, (back row) Officer Joe Baez, Adolfo Gracia, Officer Bill McMahan and Officer Eric Rojas.

Bergs donate



Gordon and Pat Berg of Action Ministries Houston donated toys, games and even MP3 players to the Leader's Christmas program. Action Ministries will celebrate its 20th anniversary this December, and this year marks the 19th year for its annual toy drive.

South Belt Elementary collects toys



South Belt Elementary students, faculty and staff collected and donated more than 250 toys to the Toys for Tots program this season. Pictured, left to right, are David Tran, Jeremiah Palma, Alonso Garza, Adam Gil and Elena Morin.

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Rodriguezes deliver toys



Retired Sgt. Maj. John J. Rodriguez of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and his wife Mary C. Rodriguez delivered items to the Leader Christmas program that were collected as part of the Toys for Tots program. It is the soldier's first year to participate in the program. His wife, however, has participated in the drive the past four years while her husband was serving in Iraq. The couple are longtime South Belt residents. The Toys for Tots program was started in 1947 when a Marine reservist's wife wanted to donate a doll to a needy child but could not find an organization to do so.

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Walters donate



Sophie and her grandmother Margaret Walter made a donation to the Leader's Christmas program. Sophie is a fifth-grader at Weber Elementary, and Margaret is a resident of Sagegen.

Senator Mike Jackson



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