

Merry Christmas to all

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Local churches celebrate Christmas with special celebrations, services

By James Bolen

Christmas has arrived, and there are several ways for South Belt's faithful to celebrate.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will have three separate Christmas Eve services Thursday, Dec. 24. Children's Christmas Eve, aimed at younger children, will take place at 5 p.m., a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion will take place at 7 p.m., and a second traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion will take place at 11 p.m.

No Christmas Day services will be held at Cokesbury. For more information, call 281-484-9243.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, will celebrate Christmas Eve with a 7:30 p.m. vigil Thursday, Dec. 24. Caroling will begin at 7 p.m. Later that evening, the church will hold its annual midnight Mass with adult orchestra and caroling beginning at 11:15 p.m.

On Christmas Day, St. Luke's will have Eng-

lish Mass at 9 a.m. and Spanish Mass at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 281-481-6816.

Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy E., will celebrate Christmas Eve with a family service at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. Traditional candlelight services will take place at 4 and 6 p.m.

No Christmas Day services will be held at Sagemont. For more information, call 281-481-8770.

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, will celebrate Christmas Eve Thursday, Dec. 24, with a candlelight service at 6 p.m.

No Christmas Day services will be held at

Kirkwood South. For more information, call 281-481-0004 or 713-444-0044.

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, will celebrate Christmas Eve Thursday, Dec. 24, with a family service at 6 p.m.

No Christmas Day services will be held at New Covenant. On Sunday, Dec. 27, New Covenant will hold only its 10 a.m. service. For more information, call 281-484-4230.

No Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services will be held at Easthaven Baptist Church, 13100 Beamer. Easthaven will resume services Sunday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. For more information, call 281-922-5520.

Airman Guilliams surprises sister for Christmas present

By James Bolen

Former South Belt resident and current U.S. Air Force Senior Airman JoHanna Guilliams returned to the area Friday, Dec. 18, to give her younger sister, Morgan Dugas Fullerton, a holiday surprise.

"She was her Christmas present," the siblings' grandmother, Dianna Alexander, said of the surprise meeting.

Guilliams, a 2006 Dobie graduate, originally planned to meet Fullerton at Laura Welch Bush Elementary where she is a fourth-grader, but was unable due to a delayed flight. Instead, Guilliams was greeted by Fullerton at the airport.

Fullerton suffers from the bone-growth disorder Blount's disease and is very close to her sister, according to Alexander.

"(Fullerton) talks about her all the time," Alexander said.

Guilliams recently returned to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida after being deployed in Iraq.

Military service is common in Guilliams' family, as she is only one of seven in her immediate

family who is currently serving.

"We are so proud of our military," Alexander said.

Joining Guilliams in military service are her cousins James Karsten, Thomas Karsten, Keith Karsten, Dommi Karsten, Christopher Karsten and David St. John. All are currently serving in the U.S. Army, and all are former South Belt residents and attended local schools.

All of the soldiers were raised under the matriarchal guidance of Pauline Karsten, a retired Pasadena Independent School District employee who has resided in the South Belt area for more than 60 years.

Pauline Karsten is Guilliams' great-grandmother and grandmother to the rest of the soldiers.

"She is just so proud of them," Alexander said.

Guilliams is the daughter of Ceeja Guilliams Fullerton and David Fullerton. Guilliams' other sister, Mary Anne Dugas Fullerton, graduated from Dobie in 2007.

Frazier students donate toys



For the 14th consecutive year, Frazier Elementary students opened their hearts to give to the less fortunate children in the South Belt area. The students donated toys to the Leader Christmas program. This year, the students collected \$565 to purchase toys. An assembly was held for the students on Dec. 15 in which the second-graders presented a program titled *The Littlest Christmas Tree*, and then all of the toys were lined up on stage for the children to see. Pictured with some of the toys are, left to right, (front row) Alex Quiroz, Anthony Gonzales, Jessica DelaCerde, Caleb Tamez Ivan Espinosa, (second row) Jorge Guerra, Adriana DeArza, Kali Muniz, Daniel Lazcano and Amy Heathcock.



Heavy trash scheduled

Junk waste will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 24, for city of Houston residents living south of Beltway 8. For more information, call 3-1-1.

Leader takes hiatus

The *Leader* will be on a holiday schedule the last week of 2009 so there will be no Dec. 31 edition. The next issue will be available Thursday, Jan. 7. Items to be considered for publication may be sent to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Emergencies may be directed to Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

Holiday closings set

Clear Brook City MUD

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Dec. 24-25. They will reopen Monday, 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, Jan. 1, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 4.

Parker Williams Library

The library will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas. It will reopen Monday, Dec. 28, for regular business hours.

New Year's - The library will close early at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, and will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day. It will reopen Saturday, Jan. 2, for regular business hours.

Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 6, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. E-mail HobbyAirportLions@gmail.com for more information.

Dobie band parents meet

The Dobie Band Parent Organization will meet Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. in the band hall. All band parents are urged to attend.

Library events scheduled

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale:

A Wii gaming program will be held for teens ages 12 and up at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

A children's craft buffet, ages 5 and up, is set for Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m.

Investigate ancestries and family histories when the genealogy discussion group meets Monday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m.

Play board games and more on Game Day, Thursday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m.

Family storytime is Tuesday at 7 p.m. Preschooler storytime is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Toddler time is Thursday at 10 and 11:15 a.m.

School closings set

Both the Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District will be closed through Friday, Jan. 1, for Christmas holidays. Both school districts will resume their regular schedules on Monday, Jan. 4.

A soldier's surprise



Air Force Senior Airman JoHanna Guilliams (right) returned home from Florida Friday, Dec. 18, to surprise her younger sister, Morgan Dugas Fullerton, for Christmas. Guilliams had previously been deployed in Iraq. Guilliams is just one of seven soldiers in her immediate family to currently be enlisted in the military. Fullerton attends Laura Welch Bush Elementary where she is a fourth-grader. Guilliams is the daughter of Ceeja Guilliams Fullerton and David Fullerton. Guilliams' other sister, Mary Anne Dugas Fullerton, graduated from Dobie in 2007.

Submitted photo

Commissioners Court approves new area construction projects

Several future construction projects were discussed Tuesday, Dec. 22, at a Harris County Commissioner's Court meeting.

Directly affecting the South Belt area is the construction of a new parking lot at Dixie Farm Road Park.

The court authorized the county to seek bids for the construction of the new lot.

To be located along Blackhawk Boulevard in Precinct 1, the parking lot will take roughly four weeks to complete and is expected to cost roughly \$185,000.

Also in Precinct 1, the court authorized the county to seek bids on the construction of a left-turn lane on Blackhawk Boulevard at Beltway 8.

The new lane will be located on the north-bound side of Blackhawk and will turn west toward Highway 288.

Construction will take roughly four weeks to complete and is expected to cost roughly \$85,000.

The project is the result of a community request for a right-turn lane at the same intersection that would turn right toward Interstate 45. After reviewing the intersection, county officials determined a need for both turning lanes to alleviate traffic at the busy area crossing.

At press time, county officials were in talks with the owners of the property adjacent to the intersection in an effort to move ahead with construction of the right-turn lane as well.

Leader food, gift drive helps twice as many needy families

By James Bolen

The annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas program was once again a huge success in aiding needy families in the community.

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 immediate area.

Now dubbed, the "Good Samaritan," the anonymous man continues to participate in the program. This year, the former Scarsdale resident adopted a local family in which three children are being raised by their grandparents. The children's grandmother was recently hospitalized for three weeks, and the children's grandfather is partially paralyzed.

The recipients were not alone, as this year's drive marked a noticeable increase in the number of grandparents who applied for assistance.

Further, this year's program had a record number of applicants this year. This is roughly twice the number of applicants as in previous years, with as many people applying for the first time as total in last year's drive.

Most of the new applicants were the result of unemployment.

When made aware of the increased number of applicants this year, a former area developer who also wishes to remain anonymous donated \$1,500. The funds went to buy groceries for the families in need.

Students and staff from Beverly Hills Intermediate generously contributed an additional \$1,018 to the drive.

Also participating in this year's drive were the Dobie cheerleaders, Moore and Frazier elementary which donated toys, Melillo Middle School, the Sagemont Park Townhomes Homeowners Association, John Fowler's Thompson students and Rene Guerro and the American Legion Post 490 which donated food.

Beverly Hills donates funds



Students from Beverly Hills Intermediate generously donated \$1,018 to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* annual Christmas program. Shown above presenting the check are, left to right, Principal Alyta Harrell, Student Council Vice President Judy Dang, Student Council President Mai Thao Nguyen and Student Council sponsor Cynthia Wright.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Publisher's Opinion

Leader thanks South Belt community

The annual South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program was a success this year, as it has been for the past 27 years, thanks to the community. Local schools, organizations and individuals came out of the woodwork to assist the Leader in helping 60 needy families have a happy holiday season. This was twice as many as the 25 to 30 families we normally help each year. A former area developer who wishes to remain anonymous donated \$1,500 toward food purchases after being notified of the growing need and the knowledge that we did not have enough turkeys. Beverly Hills Intermediate students contributed \$1,018 to the program. The Dobie cheerleaders and Moore and Frazier elementaries donated toys. Gordon Berg of Action Ministries donated to assist us. Sandy Robb and Stacy Waugh donated toys and their time to help organize the setup. Melillo Middle School, the Sagemont Park Townhomes Homeowners Association, John Fowler's Thompson students and Rene Guerro and the American Legion Post 490 along with another anonymous individual who gave \$500 also assisted in making the program a tremendous success. The Leader staff was sad to see that so many families were in need due to recent unemployment and that so many

grandparents needed help in raising their grandkids. However, we are so grateful to the community for donating and providing the means necessary to bring joy to these local families this season despite their unfortunate situations. This program is truly a community effort. The generosity of the community just continued to shine throughout the program. Just when we ran out of toys for boys and were faced with the dilemma of how to assist families with boys, a gracious individual came into the office with five \$20 bills, allowing us to purchase more toys. This was not the only example of sincere love shown for fellow community members. The Leader staff could tell you many stories of the good will toward men demonstrated by the community as a whole during this special time. Although we say thank you, the words simply do not give justice or truly convey how much we appreciate your donations and assistance. So, instead, imagine the children your donations went to on Christmas morning when they are able to unwrap gifts they may have otherwise not had and sit down to enjoy a holiday dinner which they probably do not get the opportunity to have any other time. Picture the smiles on the kids' faces, and that is how thankful we are to you. We wish all of our South Belt families a happy and safe holiday and a prosperous new year. Look for the next edition of the Leader to come out Jan. 7, 2010. Happy Holidays!

The Leader Staff

Team Gabby donates money to M.D Anderson for RCC cancer research

With the support and contributions of many volunteers, fundraisers and donations, Team Gabby has been able to donate \$5,000 to the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in memory of Gabriela "Gabby" Romero. Dr. Robert Amato will be able to use some of Team Gabby's donation for renal cell carcinoma research. Amato is currently a professor in the Division of Oncology at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston where he is trying to find ways to personalize cancer care. He is one of the world's leading experts in the treatment of genitourinary cancer. After graduating from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, he completed a three-year fellowship at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where he earned the

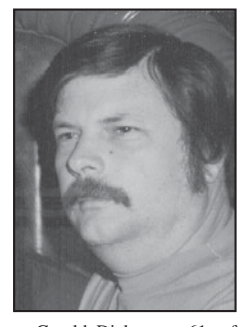
top award for clinical excellence. Team Gabby is continuing to raise funds for research on renal cell carcinoma. All donations made in Gabby's memory will go into an account and will be used toward the research of renal cell carcinoma. To donate to this cause, call Jesse Romero at 832-876-0502 or by e-mail at jr11103@yahoo.com.



Pictured accepting the donations are, from left to right, Melinda Carter, director of development of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Joan Hernandez-McClain, administrative services officer of M.D. Anderson, Dr. Robert Amato, Jesse Romero, Gabby's father, and Edna Romero, Gabby's mother. Gabby's picture is visible on the wall.

Deaths

Gerald Dickerson



Gerald Dickerson, 61, of Magnolia, Texas, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. He was born Jan. 6, 1948, in Pasadena, Texas, to Annie Mae (Sullivan) and Wade Dickerson.

Born in Freeport, on Aug. 12, 1941, Ramirez is survived by his wife, of 47 years, Julis "Judy" Ramirez; children Teresa Munoz and husband Jose, Phillip Ramirez and wife Ana, Julio Ramirez and wife Belinda, and Jessica De La Cruz; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; brothers Louis, Adam and Oscar Ramirez; sisters Margie Silbas, Eva Lara, Alice Martinez, and Caroline Alvarado.

The family received friends at Niday Funeral Home. The funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Dec. 23, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Jose Juan "John" Torres



Jose Juan "John" Torres, 37, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, after battling an illness. He was born Jan. 7, 1972.

Torres is survived by his wife, Suzanne, and sons Caleb and Zachary of Arlington, Texas. He is also survived by his mother, Cecilia; grandmother Elida; sister Terry and husband Freddy, niece Sabrina and nephew JR; brother Rick and wife Edna, nephew Thomas and niece Rachel, all from Houston.

Torres lived in the South Belt area and was a 1990 graduate of Pasadena High School. Shortly after graduating, he moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where he worked for Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas for more than 12 years. He worked his way from an entry-level position to managing the security department. Memorial services were held Saturday, Dec. 5, at Crossroads Christian Church in Grand Prairie, Texas, officiated by Lenzy Cornatzer. Graveside services followed at Moore Funeral Home and Cemetery.

Dickerson was a machinist in the oil and gas industry and lived in Sagemont for more than 30 years. His children attended Dobie High School. Dickerson's interests included drag racing, off shore fishing and other adventures. Dickerson is survived by three children and their families: Michael and Shelly Miller and children Cody and Madison; Shelly and Henry Lorenzo and children Cory and Brooke; and Gerald and Ester Dickerson and children Abigail, Angela, Ambrielle and Bethany. A celebration of Dickerson's life was held Friday, Dec. 18, at Jeter Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dan Hunter officiating. Burial followed in South Park Cemetery in Pearland. Condolences can be sent to the Dickerson family at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

Filomeno Ramirez



Filomeno "Momo/Phil" Ramirez, 68, died Dec. 19, 2009. His family are South-Belt residents.

Readers' Opinions

Berg thanks South Belt community

Once again the South Belt has shown their generosity to those less fortunate. We had completed our 18th annual toy drive and it was a rousing success. A special thanks goes to the Kroger Store at Beltway and Sabo Road for allowing us to be in front of their store again this year to collect the toys and to the South Belt Leader for its support. And, thank you to all who donated their time during this past week and weathered cold, fog,

rain, and wind. The conditions were not the best, but the spirit of the season was heart-warming. To those that donated, sounds of glee and excitement will echo on Christmas morning because of you. To those that could not, we pray blessings on you. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Action Ministries Houston, Inc. I applaud your generosity and thank you. May you all have a most prosperous New Year.

Gordon A. Berg
President
Action Ministries Houston, Inc.

Bicycles donated to Meador



Formers International in Pasadena recently donated 50 bicycles to the students at Meador Elementary. John Dominguez III, along with his family and some employees, personally presented the bicycles. They were assembled by the employees of Formers International. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Meador Principal Darlene Davis, Cindy Alaniz, Elvia Franco, Raul Menchaca, John Dominguez III, Francis Dominguez, John Dominguez II, Ray Rubio, Joanna Rubio, Carina Carmona, (back row) Aaron Kelley, Kenny Dishon and Assistant Principal Beverly Bolton.

Thompson staff enjoys breakfast



Thompson Intermediate recently held its third annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast for the staff. The breakfast is organized by faculty members pictured, left to right, Robert Boyes, Greg Baumgartner, John Fowler, Todd Taylor, Sherial Caswell, and Gary Hickman. The staff's annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast is an old tradition that has just been re-established in the last three years. Photo submitted

Hall, Molly win contest



Dobie High School students were recently blitzed with posters and electronic announcements promoting the library's Pets Read Favorite Books contest. The rules of the game were to submit a photo (digital or printed) of a pet and a book. Dobie Library recently announced that Allison Hall and dog Molly are the winners. Hall's photographic efforts will be made into Read posters and other promotional materials for reading incentives.

PLT hosts Casino Night Dec. 31



Pasadena Little Theatre, 4318 Allen Genoa Road, will hold a Casino Night fundraiser on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, starting at 8 p.m. Blackjack, roulette, and craps will be offered. Tickets are \$50 each and entitle the purchaser to \$20,000 play gambling money, dancing and music, a toast at midnight, a chance to win door prizes, and southwestern buffet. Doors open at 7 p.m., and gambling is from 8 until 11 p.m. when participants will cash out and receive tickets to take a chance on winning prizes including a bicycle built for two, a three day stay at a Galveston condo, a gardener, wheelbarrow full of goodies, a \$100 gift certificate to Akoya Spa, pedicure basket, Everything You Ever Wanted for Your Dog basket, Avon basket, and more. Call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org for tickets. Tickets are limited, and no tickets will be sold at the door. Pictured, left to right, Frankie Flores, Julie Owen, John Burkland, and Jada August show off a bicycle built for two donated as a prize. Photo submitted

Art winner named



Javorre Stone, center, was one of 20 finalists in a recent art competition held at Meador Elementary. The competition was for a holiday card design in Region 4. Stone is in Cindy Rogers' kindergarten class. Pictured are, left to right, Cecelia Stewart, art director; Stone; and Darlene Davis, principal.

Former South Belter, Sgt. Danielle Barnett, shares Iraq Christmas poem

Former South Belt resident and Army reservist Danielle "Dani" Barnett recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. After being homeschooled, Barnett spent three years at Concordia University in Austin majoring in math and playing basketball. She then changed her major and changed colleges to the University of Texas at Dallas and joined the Army Reserves. She became an MP and spent last Christmas in Iraq. Barnett graduated from college earlier this month. He plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. The following poem was penned by Barnett last Christmas Eve while in the trenches and posted to her online blog.

*'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 us, an innocent life to take;
And if it so happened that one of us fell,
We'd hunt down that b*%\$*#% 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.



Former South Belt resident and Army reservist Danielle "Dani" Barnett (right) and fellow soldier Christopher Khouthong are shown above serving in Iraq. Barnett, 26, is the daughter of Tom and Bonnie Barnett. While her parents have since moved to League City, Barnett's brother, Michael Barnett, and his family continue to live in Sagemont. Barnett graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas earlier this month. Photo submitted

Frazier Elementary students write Christmas letters to Santa Claus

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

Michelle Beicker's second-grade class
 Merry Christmas! How are you doing? Is Jimmy The Elf ok? How old is Jimmy The Elf? I bin worrying about Jimmy The Elf. I want a bunny and a I phone. Would you get my baby sister presents. She likes Mickey Mouse, Elmo, Duckes, Clifed, Sponge Bob. She wats 2T in close and 18 months in shoes. Would you get her a Mickey Mouse, Elmo, Ducke, Clifed, Sponge Bob shrts. Love, **Lexy**

Merry Christmas! I want a little pink laptop and please give my dady a big light blue laptop and please give my young sister a pretend cooking foods and please give my mommy all the cooking machine. P.S. And please give my hole family a phone. **Jenny Dinh**
 I want 6 wrestlers for Christmas, And a SpongeBob operation? And a XBOX 360? And Sum jeans and a shirt?

Mario
 How are you doing? I am having a great day. Are you? Is Jimmy with you? Can I please whet a Sponge Bob Operation and Baby Alive and Barbie Doll? Can my little brother get all of the transformers toys? If e can thank you so much. **Ailyn**
 Hi. Are you having a good December? Can I have transformer named ratchet and a bakugan named Drago and Delta dragonoid and Dragonoid and Tigrerra and blade Tigrerra please? Love, **Caleb**

Merry christmas! I want a little laptop for Christmas. Santa I hope you like cookies with pickol. Oh and forgot something out an it is narf for christmas too I want it under my tree. And a new bike and this is for my brother he wants an spy gear the camera tank. And I want a new shoe and new clothes and new gloves that all I want. **Jason**
 I want sponge bob operation and a Ds and sponge draw to life and a mario cart and Hot wevs and new toy gun. p.s. Is Jimmy Doing a Good JOB? Love, **Alex**

Merry Christmas. How are you doing? Can I have sorry the board game that we sometimes play in speech? Is Jimmy at the North Pole? I'm going to make you some yummy cookies. I'm going to get a present to. **Dezelynn**
 I herad you like sports. I liked your letter Thank you. When are you coming. I am going to send a letter. How are y doing. Love **KJ**

I have been a good girl this year I think. I wood like a I can walk now baby doll and mario cart on D.S and a DSI pleas. Wat I really want is a Woopisc Doo doll and a pretend baby sister. **Bailey**
 Hello Santa for Christmas I want a I pod. And I want a computer. And I want a rabbit. And I want a horse. And I want a teddy bear. And I want a spongebob operation. Are you at the north pole making toys for Christmas. Love, **Melissa**

How are you. I have been good. I want Babyalive, pink D.S.i, fashion Dasiner D.S. game, Barbie v teech Merry game. Love, **Ricky**
 I hope you bring me a camera, I also hope you can get this let, I rily hope you bring me lots of presnts. How small are the elves? Love, **Lily**
 Four Christmas can I have a DSI and can i please have a gurtli also I want a wii. Love, **Daaari**
 I was a good boy. I wish for a sin and fix thomas. I wish for a Sponge Bob set. Love, **Jacob F.**
 You are the best. Also I hops you give us Stickers. Also I be good at school. Happy Christmas to you. can you give me some new cothes? Love, **Miciah**
 I am exidid about the holiday. Iv bin good for you! Are you the onle one how lives ther? For Christmas I wud like a DSI with all the pets nrshure gams and a art kit, and a holiday barbie. Love, **Erin**
 How cold is it in the North Pole? I have ben rly good. I want sicky tack for Christmas. Love, **Mary**
 Are you prperen four Christmas? santa I love you. Santa I bin a gooa grll. You are grate I wout like a crayola. Love, **Yelizavet**
Maria Flores' second-grade class
 I hope your trip around the world is the best. How many hours does it take to get around the world anyway? Don't bring Hailey Hillman A.K.A. my sister any face wash pleeecease. Have I been a good boy this year? All I really want is an XBOX 360 and Assains Creed 2. I'll leave out some cookies and milk for a snack. Eat them. So I know you came this year. Your helper **Tristan Hillman**
 How are your deer? I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you get the stuff I want, I want a penguing toy and the best toy I want is a puppy toy. You are very nice. How cold is the North Pole? I believe in you Santa. **Lelie Nguyen**
 How are you doing with your reindeers are sick and you either santa, I hope you bring me lots of presents. Santa I hope you bring my whole family presents even my cousins. even though I have been bad I have been trying my best so I hope you bring me toys and clothes. Your Friend, **Justin Blogg**
 Can I have a wii? How are you doing? How are your

Christmas santa claus And Ms. claus. I can't wait till cristmas. Love, **Paris**
 How are you doing. I hope you are doing fine. What are you doing at the North Pole? We did not put my Christmas lights. I want a bunny for Christmas, and a puppy. Am I on the node list. I would like to meet Mrs. Clus. Where is Jimmy the Elf. **Sydney**
 Me and my family we are going to give you some chocolate cookies this year. Ivan wants Ben 10 toys from toyr r.us. Santa claus you are the best santa claus ever. Tell all the elves in your work shop I love them. Ivan likes Ben 10 toys and the most best Ben 10 toys. You got a lot of work hard giving children I love santa Angel's and God I love you all **Ivan**
 I want is a xbox 360 and a bakugons and I want transformer and I want is a DSI and I want a toy bow an arrow. I want any thing you give me. Love, **Hunter**
 How are you doing? I want a toy. Are you at the north pole? I hope you are having fun. Love, **Jesse**

Erica Moreno's second-grade bilingual class
 I hope you are feeling good, so you ca dilivr all the presents. For Christmas I wasnt a psi and a game. Love, **Brian Zelaya**
 Como estas? Yo muy bien. Para navida yo quiero Pokemon cards porque a mi me gustan. Las pokemon stan cool para mi. Yo me a portado bien. Yo quiero regalos. Love, **Nathan Quiroz**
 How are you? Hope your

doing great. What I want for christmas is a xbox 360. I also want pokemon cards Lvx cards and a skateboard. Love, **Christian Rosales**
 How are you? I hope you doing great. What I want is all the lvx cards and all the movies of the twilightsega new moon. I want a psp and a playstation 3. I want a conrtuction Devestator. I allso want tony hawk ride. Love, **Leonardo Hernandez**
 Como Esta? Lo que quiero para Navida es el DSI pueods tomarte fotos. Y tambien quiero un juego para mi wii se llama High School musical 3 y el lagol sand. Con Amor. **Elide Olivera**
 Yo me Nicole Sanchez. A. Lo que yo quiero una moto de color Hot Pink! Tambien quiero un mono de chango y un DS Santa yo te extrano mucho. **Nicole Sanchez**
 Como estas Santa? Yo creo que esa bien. Este me me a portado bien. Yo quisiera un carro de control. El nombre del carro se llama corvet nuevo y es gris. **Ivan Esinosa**
 How are you doing? We hope your fine. What I want for Christmas is a dino hunting game and a digging dinosaur game I also want a toy of the transformers. **Jared Perez**
 How are you? I hope your good. Well I think I was good this year. So if I was good I want presents this year! want a pokemon toy mew stuff animals and Incredible's the movie. I want a LPS house that is gigital and the wii. Love, **Kelly Jimenez**
 How are you? I hope your doing great. This year I have

been really good. This year for Christmas, I want a Dry Erase Markers and a Compeahter. **Stephanie Alvarez**
 Yo este muy bien. Para navidad yo quiero Pokemon cards. O tambien un xesbox 360. Y es una cosa mas un perro grande. **Sebastian Gonzales**
 Lo que riero para navidad es unas Pokemone de cartas y tambien quiero un cargador para mi ds.Y tambien feliz navidad Santa Y tambien quiero de rabbits go home. **Angel**
Rhonda Jacobs' second-grade class
 I have been very good this year. What I want for Christmas is Easy Bake, baby Alive, Aleckthonic scooter a Dell laptop. I will give you some cookies and milk and I will give your reindeer some carrots. **Elizabeth Hidalgo**
 I hope you come to my house and give my sister an ipod. Santa hope you have a Merry Cistmas. Santa I think of you as a sweet man. Love, **Brianna Suarez**
 What I want for chismus is just tuns of d.s. games you can get em dog games or Jolrey and do not let me forget Happy, happy chrismus I will try to give you cookies and malk me and my brother Anthony will make tia. Love, **Adriana De Arza**
 I wish I had a Motorcycle for chrisssam. I would like to have a laptop and a DS I should b gud to my mom dad sister Gradad my grand mom my teacher my friend you Santa and my aunt. Love, **AJ**
 I wut for christmas is ZOZO pets and I wot for

christmas is Baby Alive that dus number ond and number two. Santa I wot for christmas is a Rudolph dall because a Rudolph dall is my favorite dall. Santa have a good christad happy merry christmas. Mrs claus is nice and Santa is nice Merry Christmas. **Amy**
 Jrink worm milk and self cookies. Merry Christmas Santa claus. Can I have a laptop for christmas? I was very good and I listen very wel Santa. I want a video for my laptop. **Kristopher Tucker**
 I bin very good this year my sisters bin good too. For christmas me and my sister will like a laptop and a DSI and tell the raindeers I side hi. When you come to my house I hope you enjoy your cookies. Love, **Joanna Ayala**
 I have behaved this year. For christmas I want rabbit go home the video game. I have listened to my teacher. I hope you enjoy your cookies and milk. I will leave carrots for the reindeer. Love, **Anthony Gonzales**
 I hope you thank I have behave. I hope that my sister and brother have too. We will put cookies and milk four you Santa and carrots for the rainder. I want for chrismas a Baby Alive and a Ds. Love, **Danielle Colunga**
 I know I have not behaved. I will be good I think you are a nice man. Who wouldn't Like you? Christmas is my favorite holiaday. I will give you my wish list on Christmas eve. I only want four things. **Daniel Lazcano**
 I've been verely good this year. I listen to my teacher and I've been behaving. What i want for Christmas is a DS or a DSI. I promise to leave cookies and milk for you and I will Leave carrots for the reindeer and Rudolph and browneye four the elves and four Mrs. Claus. merry chrismas. **Desiree Stiles**
 For Christmas can you get me the new WWE Smack down vs. Raw 2010. Can you give my sisters and brothers a gift they want this year. I have ben a good girl tis year. Love, **Kayla Hall**
 When you come to my house amke sure you eat the

has internet. Love, **Isaac**
 I am nine years old. How are you doing? I am doing fine. I hope you don't get sick this year for Christmas. I would like some diapers for my baby alive, a DSI and 3 DS games. Love, **Brittini**
 I wanted to know how you and the north Pole are doing? And I wanted to tell you about myself and what I want for Christmas. And so I go to South Belt Elementary. My sister goes to mililow Middle School. And what I want for Christmas is a laptop, ipod, a video camera, and a camera. It will be so cool if you could get for me. And I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a great Christmas. **Briana Munoz**
 My name is Briana. I want to ask you a question. Are you real or fake? Anyways for Christmas I want two things: A thing that you can make this kind of Ice cream. And a fashion design thing that you can draw. Have a merry Christmas! Love, **Briana L.**
 This is my Christmas to me. I love a holiday that you made. I see how Christmas was made for people that had never celebrated loving holidays. But my mom told me you called. I'll love to go ride a reindeer tat can fly. And Santa why do you have majic. I know where reindeer should live. Dasher is my favorite. And what I would like is a ride. Love, **Chase**
 How are you doing at the North Pole? I hope your doing great. Hi my name is Johnathan and for Christmas I want a pair of black converse and a bakugan set and some Tech Decks and that's all. Love, **Jonathan**
 How was your year? I love the reason why you are Santa. How are the raindeer's? Did you know that I made an 100 on my reading C.B.A.? Oh, wait of course you do your Santa. Anyway back to Christmas I really want an American girl doll. Do you think the elf's can make that? P.S. What kind of cookies do you like? Love, **Sara Otwell**
 I always wanted to see you. On this Christmas I am going to give milk and cookies. What I want is the seven in one Jrago, and lots of Bacoag Christmas is my favrit holiday because you come to our house and we get presents and best of all a happy Christmas. **Daniel**

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 How are you doing at the North Pole? How are the reindeer doing? I think the reindeer need to sleep. Can I have a dsi? A cover or a sweat shirt would be good., itis cold. I always believe in you. wish you well, **Jessica Cano**
 How are the elves in the North Pole? How is you wife? How are you doing? This is what I want for Christmas a live world brat, DS,bike, make up, Hannah Montana doll, and I really want a girl pup. Your family, **Hailey Henry**
 How are your reindeer? My family is ok? I will nacke cookies for you. Can i have a wii game, dsi and a puppy. Love, **Heaven**
 I hoop you come to town this creismees is goweg to the best so you cudd brag presents because I want to get my mom somehtges. Love **Steven Myles**
 How old have you gotten? Have I bben good enough, if I have, I would like a wii and some shoes. Yours truly, **Damola**
 I hope you give alot of toys out. How long were the elves doing gifts? How does that song Rudolph the red nose reindeer go? I know that you are real. I would like a camera. Your Friends, **Rianna Groves**
Kelly Lohse's third-grade class
 How are you doing? I hope your doing good because Christmas is coming? How are your reindeer. I love Christmas because I get to spend time with my family. There is just one thing that I want for Christmas. That one thing is that my family is happy and safe forever. Love, **Elyssa Armenta**
 How are you doing? Are you doing good today? Will you give me presents this Christmas? I want a DSI a phone, an I-pod, a car, an a toy. Any kind of toy. An I am good at school and home. I always follow what my parents say. Please give me the gifts. I believe you Santa, I am 8 years old. **Martin Nguyen**
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game. Love, **Ricky**
 I hope you bring me a camera, I also hope you can get this let, I rily hope you bring me lots of presnts. How small are the elves? Love, **Lily**
 Four Christmas can I have a DSI and can i please have a gurtli also I want a wii. Love, **Daaari**
 I was a good boy. I wish for a sin and fix thomas. I wish for a Sponge Bob set. Love, **Jacob F.**
 You are the best. Also I hops you give us Stickers. Also I be good at school. Happy Christmas to you. can you give me some new cothes? Love, **Miciah**
 I am exidid about the holiday. Iv bin good for you! Are you the onle one how lives ther? For Christmas I wud like a DSI with all the pets nrshure gams and a art kit, and a holiday barbie. Love, **Erin**
 How cold is it in the North Pole? I have ben rly good. I want sicky tack for Christmas. Love, **Mary**
 Are you prperen four Christmas? santa I love you. Santa I bin a gooa grll. You are grate I wout like a crayola. Love, **Yelizavet**
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 I hope your trip around the world is the best. How many hours does it take to get around the world anyway? Don't bring Hailey Hillman A.K.A. my sister any face wash pleeecease. Have I been a good boy this year? All I really want is an XBOX 360 and Assains Creed 2. I'll leave out some cookies and milk for a snack. Eat them. So I know you came this year. Your helper **Tristan Hillman**
 How are your deer? I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you get the stuff I want, I want a penguing toy and the best toy I want is a puppy toy. You are very nice. How cold is the North Pole? I believe in you Santa. **Lelie Nguyen**
 How are you doing with your reindeers are sick and you either santa, I hope you bring me lots of presents. Santa I hope you bring my whole family presents even my cousins. even though I have been bad I have been trying my best so I hope you bring me toys and clothes. Your Friend, **Justin Blogg**
 Can I have a wii? How are you doing? How are your

reindeer? How are your elves doing? ow are your deer? You are nice when you bring me presents. Have I been a good girl? Love, **Echo Miller**
 How are you doing with the eles? Are the reindeer ok? I hope they are. How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves working hard? May you give me a DS with a charger? I would like a horse with a barbie doll. Santa I want to wish you a happy year. I will make some cookies for you and serve you milk. Merry Christmas Santa! Love your elf, **Jacqueline Arrington**
 I wonder how your elves are doing? I am wonder about you. How are you doing? Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a DSI, a doll, and a swing set. Your Friend, **Daijia Carter**
 I hope you are fine, at the North Pole? Are your reindeer OK. Santa Claus I hope your reindeer are healthy and ready for christmas. Im happy when it is christmas. This is my favorite holiday. Santa this is the stuff I want for Christmas DSI, clos, toys, cars, and the new toy store. **Johnathan Garcia**
 How are you? Are any of your reindeers sick? How is Mrs. Claus? say hello to everyone there please. I hope you don't forget to come by my house. For christmas I ant a DSI with a charger and it is baby blu that is all i hop all of your elves work hard. Merry christmas i left some cookies and milk. Your friend, **Olga Cisneros**
 How are you doing at the North Pole? I hope you will be happy with the cookies and with the milk. Please go to my house, and I want you to bring me a puppy. Love, **Yulissa Avitia**
 Is it cold at the nOrth Pole? How long does it take to go to the North Pole? Does it take 5 minutes? I really hope to get a skateboard. Love, **Elias**
 Is your workshop working properly? For christmas, I would enjoy a dsi very much, **If you dont want to make me anything else, its okay but this is my list. can I have a nerf gun cs-36, markers, crayons, color pencils, and construction paper. Your Buddy, Jaylen Gonzales**
 I wonder how you are doing? I hope I'm not on the bad list. I hope Mrs. Cluss is alright. I hope I can get the Movie Harry Potter and the Half Blood Potter. Your Friend, **Karson Polnick**
 How many hours does it take to deliver all around the Earth? How hard are your elves working? All I want for Christmas is my two front techt, and the ALLOW-ANCE GAME, and a stereo, flat screen tv. I wish I was strongand what is your fovrit color. **Giovanni Solis**
 I hope you can come to my house. Have I been a good girl? I will make cookies. I hope I get the DSI. I wish it will snow. I hope I get a build a bear or a puppy. Love your friend **Shaylan Dunlap**
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cookies and milk. For christmas I want pixos and bendaros. This year i will maybe sing Christmas carols. I want you to give my brother I extra present. Love, **Sid Torres**
 I tried to be on my best behavior. Next year I will be on my best behavior. I will want a MP3 player and a scooter. I hope you enjoy the milk and cookies. **Xitlali Martinez**
 Merry Christmas Santa! You are nice. I am going to leave you cookies. Thanks for leaving presents on Christmas day! Love, **Joseph Chavez**
Susan Guidry's third-grade class
 I've been a good girl. I would like a ballerina suit, a kitten, clothes, a DSI and a DSI game, and a Build a Bear. **Michelle Garza**
 I want a DSI and a ds game and a ds case. Jady Brown I would like a bike, kitten, scooter, and lego's. I hope you have a merry Christmas too. **Megan Glass**
 I have been a very good girl. So please check this list twice. I would love some golden books that are blank. Also... Zhu Zhu pets, a basket ball, a tether ball, the razor sparks scooter too. Please give me a bell from your sleigh. I'd love some ty bennie babies. Please give me cloths for Juno my dog and a toy for Choxie my dog. Maybe some build a bear cloths. Love, **Makenna Carter**
 For christmas all I want is peace to the world. Also toys for my friends, teachers, and principal. A laptop would be nice for me too. Love, **Stephanie Gonzalez**
 For Christmas I'll like to have a touch and brush, soft p.j. And Mountain bike. Maybe if I am relly good I will like a karaoke machine. Your friend, **Alivia Gonzalez**
 I'm Kimberly Huynh and I'm 8 years old. I would like to have a movie called "Pokemon Aceus the life of Jewel". Please, My brother would like to have a Bob the Builder tools, a Pokemon shirt and a Diego book for this Christmas. Please Thank You. Love, **Kimberly**
 This year I've been a very good girl. For Christmas I hope you can give me some

of the gifts I want for christmas. There is just one special gift I want and that is one bell from your sleigh. I also want a new converse I want them to be purple if not than either red or blue. I even want you to get some stuff for my dog Sadie. I want to say thank you if you get this stuff for me and my dog Sadie. **Ally Garcia**
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 My name is Dominique Serrano For christmas I would like a lulu kitten, Nintendo Ds, and Nintendo games. A game boy. And gameboy games. And that's all I want. **Dominique Serrano**
 This is Anelli do you know what I want I want a cute puppy because my puppy is in the vet he is there because he is really sick. So I ask nicelly to please bring me a puppy. p.s. Any puppy **Anelli**
 It has been a great December. First I would like a latch Hook kit and my baby brother a little toy car. And most of all you a break with milk and cookies. I wish you a Mery Christmas. Oh, little toy dog stuff, too. Thank you for things do in December. How is your reindeer? Say thank you to the elfs too. Oh, one more thing a pink tu-tu. Sincerely, **Victoria Solis**
 Santa this is my last wish I wish for a good Christmas. Thank You. **Angel Barrera**
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 How is Mrs. Claus? I've been a good boy. Please bring

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 How are you? I'm trying to be good boy. Please bring me a Nintendo DSI game system , an ASUS XP Netbook and a Star Wars Science the force trainer. I would also like a fast lane radio control JLX Overdrive and a Nerf armor case. Don't forget presents for my brother and sisters and my dad a one- hundred dollar bill. Have a god Christmas Day! Love, **Diego Montoya**
 How much snow do you have at the north pole? Please bring me Shake'n Go Extreme Speed Track, a super 6 in I track set, and a ground force go kart I would also like a power wheels stinger xs, and a drum set. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Love, **Pablo Puente**
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Candice Arthur's first-grade class
 I want a new baby doll. I want a laptop for Christmas. I want a watch. Love, **Alexis**
 I like Christmas too! For Christmas I want a laptop. I want the movie Alvin And The Chipmunks Squeakel. I want a airhog. I like cookies and milk too! Sincerely, **P.S. Merry Christmas Elliot**
 I want another Tiger and an orange cat! I want a cat game please. Love, **Lily**
 I would like the movie Three Muskateers. I would like the movie Santa Buddy! Love, **Savanna**

Jennifer Perales' first-grade class
 How are you bowing? I wot a DS with Games. I wot a coloring book. I am rocking hard. Love, **Jianni**
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 Santa how do you travel the wrld in mun nit? Thankn you Santa for ol of thr prisns that you give uv? Iv bin god thsi yeare. I wish that you wud giv me a for ril poney. Love, **Reagan**
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 I want a DS I want a woody bed. I want a psp. I have been good. Love, **Geovanni**
 For Christmas I want tony hawk ride wii. I want raving raddids t.v. party wii. I want one more remote for the wii and one more nunchuk for the wii. Love, **Matthew Agelo**
 I want a dsi. I want a wii spot game. I want cooking mama plat a flower How is radoff the red nose reender. Love, **Alyssa**
 I like candy cane! I like a bokon for my utr bkon 4 bkon! I like d'red and blue and brown! Love, **Kenneth**
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reindeer? How are your elves doing? ow are your deer? You are nice when you bring me presents. Have I been a good girl? Love, **Echo Miller**
 How are you doing with the eles? Are the reindeer ok? I hope they are. How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves working hard? May you give me a DS with a charger? I would like a horse with a barbie doll. Santa I want to wish you a happy year. I will make some cookies for you and serve you milk. Merry Christmas Santa! Love your elf, **Jacqueline Arrington**
 I wonder how your elves are doing? I am wonder about you. How are you doing? Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a DSI, a doll, and a swing set. Your Friend, **Daijia Carter**
 I hope you are fine, at the North Pole? Are your reindeer OK. Santa Claus I hope your reindeer are healthy and ready for christmas. Im happy when it is christmas. This is my favorite holiday. Santa this is the stuff I want for Christmas DSI, clos, toys, cars, and the new toy store. **Johnathan Garcia**
 How are you? Are any of your reindeers sick? How is Mrs. Claus? say hello to everyone there please. I hope you don't forget to come by my house. For christmas I ant a DSI with a charger and it is baby blu that is all i hop all of your elves work hard. Merry christmas i left some cookies and milk. Your friend, **Olga Cisneros**
 How are you doing at the North Pole? I hope you will be happy with the cookies and with the milk. Please go to my house, and I want you to bring me a puppy. Love, **Yulissa Avitia**
 Is it cold at the nOrth Pole? How long does it take to go to the North Pole? Does it take 5 minutes? I really hope to get a skateboard. Love, **Elias**
 Is your workshop working properly? For christmas, I would enjoy a dsi very much, **If you dont want to make me anything else, its okay but this is my list. can I have a nerf gun cs-36, markers, crayons, color pencils, and construction paper. Your Buddy, Jaylen Gonzales**
 I wonder how you are doing? I hope I'm not on the bad list. I hope Mrs. Cluss is alright. I hope I can get the Movie Harry Potter and the Half Blood Potter. Your Friend, **Karson Polnick**
 How many hours does it take to deliver all around the Earth? How hard are your elves working? All I want for Christmas is my two front techt, and the ALLOW-ANCE GAME, and a stereo, flat screen tv. I wish I was strongand what is your fovrit color. **Giovanni Solis**
 I hope you can come to my house. Have I been a good girl? I will make cookies. I hope I get the DSI. I wish it will snow. I hope I get a build a bear or a puppy. Love your friend **Shaylan Dunlap**
 How are your elves doing? I hope you come to my house. I want some presents. I really want a doll for christ-

mas. I hope you come to Texas. Your friend, **Natalia**
 How are you doing at the North Pole? How are the reindeer doing? I think the reindeer need to sleep. Can I have a dsi? A cover or a sweat shirt would be good., itis cold. I always believe in you. wish you well, **Jessica Cano**
 How are the elves in the North Pole? How is you wife?

To: Sydney, Kyra & Nathan Kafarella
**Merry Christmas &
 Happy New Year**
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 and the Mesecher & Abbies families

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD, ALYSSA!
 On Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at 5:53 a.m., the world welcomed a 6 lb., 12 oz. baby girl. **Alyssa Regina** is the second child born to proud parents **Sandra and Armando Perez** of Richmond, and joins big brother **Nathan**. Maternal grandparents are **Cary and Bob Egusquiza**, longtime Sagelegen residents. Paternal grandparents are **Esther and Armando Perez** of Richmond. Alyssa was baptized Dec. 13 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Godparents are **Holly Egusquiza** of Sagelegen and **Nancy and Chris Search** of Richmond. Alyssa is sent much love from her family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TAMIKA!
 Happy birthday wishes and lots of love are sent Dec. 25 to **Tamika Sterling** from husband **Daryl**, son **Traevion** and daughter **Taylor**.

LOOK WHO'S TURNING 5!
 Happy Dec. 27 birthday is sent to **Taylor Sterling** from dad **Daryl**, big brother **Traevion** and mom **Tamika**, who say, "We love you and God Bless You!"

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY, NICKLAUS
 Happy birthday is sent to **Nicklaus Noel Velasquez** who will turn 12 years old on Dec. 24 and is a sixth-grader at Meilillo Middle School. Wishes are sent to him by his parents, **David and Sylvia Velasquez**, and his two brothers, **Carlos** and his wife, **Shelley**, and son **Joseph**, and **Davin**.

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

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

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 24 through Jan. 6.

Atkinson Elementary
 Greetings for a happy birthday are sent to

Maria Martinez Dec. 24.
Burnett Elementary
 On Dec. 29, **Jessica Leon** has a birthday. Birthday greetings are sent to **Jessica Jones** Dec. 31. Enjoying a New Year's Day birthday is **Shawn Fojtik**.

Frazier Elementary
 Celebrating a Christmas Day birthday is **Pat Risley**. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Katie Belus** Dec. 26. On Dec. 27, **Gracie Aguirre** has a birthday. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Michelle Mendez** Dec. 30. **Sherri Pruett** enjoys a birthday Jan. 2.

Jessup Elementary
 Dec. 24 is the day for a birthday party for **Carol Douglas**. Marking a birthday Jan. 2 is **Miguel Trevino**. A triple birthday is celebrated by **Yolanda Agrella**, **Luz Osorio** and **Joyce Newlin** on Jan. 4.

Meador Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Sarah Flores** Dec. 26. Marking a birthday Dec. 27 is **Crystal Rothberg**. **Maira Armenta** has a birthday Dec. 28. The day for a double birthday party for **Layna Hamon** and **Cheryl Caudill** is Jan. 6.

Moore Elementary
 Special birthday wishes are sent to **Bich Nguyen** Dec. 31.

South Belt Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for **Laura Leal** is Jan. 2. On Jan. 4, **Estella Montoya-Riley** marks a birthday.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Celebrating a birthday Dec. 27 is **Graciela Aguirre**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Cheryl Mendoza** on Dec. 30. On Jan. 6, **Lana Noeth** enjoys a birthday.

Meilillo Middle School
Marian Tuneberg enjoys a New Year's birthday Jan. 1. On Jan. 4, **Socorro Rodriguez** marks a birthday.

Morris Middle School
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Irene Tsafantakis** Dec. 28. **Antonio Carlos** celebrates a birthday Dec. 29. Blow out the birthday candles for **Charles Jodway** on Dec.

30. Enjoying a birthday Jan. 3 is **Gail Randall**. Birthday wishes are sent to **Lauren Kocian** Jan. 4.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Dionna Lopez is wished a happy birthday Dec. 25. Birthday greetings are sent to **Kenneth Davidson** on Dec. 29. **Du Vo** celebrates a New Year's birthday Jan. 1. Blow out the birthday candles for **Diane Hallman** Jan. 3. On Jan. 5, **Kari Mitchell** has a birthday. **Debra Murray** marks a birthday Jan. 6.

Thompson Intermediate
 Special birthday greetings are sent to **Michelle Mendez** Dec. 30. **Gracia Macias** enjoys a birthday Jan. 5.

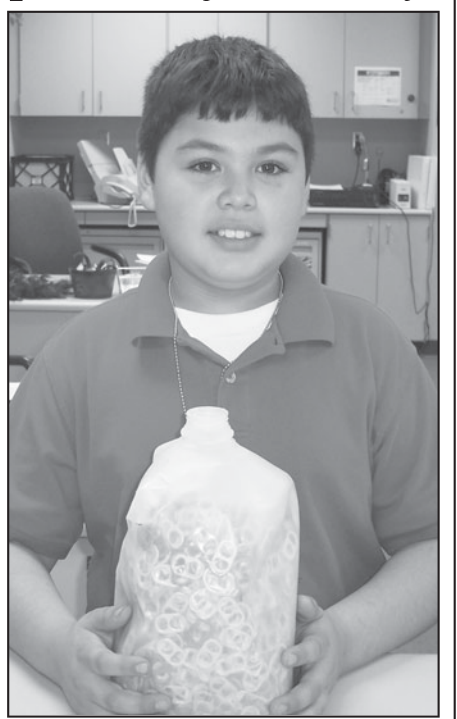
Challenger
 Blow out the birthday candles for **Nolen Notra** Dec. 31. Celebrating a birthday Jan. 4 is **Paula Jennings**.

Dobie High
 Special birthday greetings are sent to **Tina Knight-Gray** on Dec. 24. A Christmas Day birthday is celebrated by **Jesus Minjares** Dec. 25. Enjoying a double birthday Dec. 26 are **Donna Cobb** and **Maria Salazar**. **Andrea Morgan** has a birthday Dec. 29. New Year's Day is the day for a birthday celebration for **Barry Harris**. **Andrea Longoria** has a birthday Jan. 2. Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Jane Damico**, **Ashley Deadwyler** and **Tess Tobin** on Jan. 3. Blow out the birthday candles for **Sylvia Alexander** Jan. 4. **Blondena Curtis** marks a birthday Jan. 6.

LAUREATE PSI CHAPTER MEETS
 Laureate Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its December meeting in the home of **Pam Harvey** with **Barbara Jennings** serving as co-hostess. All members were present and plans were made to entertain Xi Zeta Eta Chapter with a Chicken Food Domino Social Jan. 16. The Sweetheart Ball will be held Feb. 6, 2010, at Mamacita's in Deer Park, and the group's Sweetheart, **Diane Schimnoski**, will be honored. Following the business meeting, Harvey presented the program, *The Adventure of Robert F. Scott to the South Pole*. The next meeting will be in the home of **Sherrie Cox**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
 E-mail birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

**Escobar collects
 pull tabs for charity**



Stuchbery Elementary fourth-grader David Escobar is shown with a gallon container full of pull tabs he collected recently. Students are currently collecting the pull tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Stuchbery goes Home for the Holidays



Stuchbery Elementary School fourth-graders recently presented their Christmas program, *Home For the Holidays*, under the direction of music teachers **Nancy Goforth** and **Fred Jordan**. The musical production told the heartwarming tale of the Yuletide family and the obstacles they had to overcome to get to Grandmother's house for Christmas. Cast members pictured are, left to right, (front row) **Andrew Logan**, **Ashlyn Hoffman**, **Jordan Perez**, (middle row) **Marissa Rodgers**, **Temaya Anderson**, **Christopher Coy**, (back row) **Gabre Anderson**, **Mason Eldridge**, **Matthew Willhoite**, **Dillon Chmarney** and **K.C. Moore** (sound technician). *Submitted photo*

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Remember When

30 years ago (1979)
 Sixty-three Dobie High School band students won places on the District Band in competition held at Galena Park High School. The Sagemeadow home of the Jed Assed family, in the 9800 block of Sagepen, won best religious honors in both the Sagemeadow Civic Club and the McCarver Realtors Christmas decorating contests.

25 years ago (1984)
South Belt Leader co-publisher **Marie Flickinger** was selected as one of 15 members on the city's Ellington Field Master Plan Study Advisory Committee. Directors of Municipal Utility District 13 recommended reducing the district's tax rate from 65 cents per \$100 valuation to 62 cents per \$100.

10 years ago (1999)
America's Royalty: All the President's Children, a book co-authored by San Jacinto College South history professor **Dr. Sanford Kanter**, was published in Chinese. It appeared in bookstores in China. J.T.B. Services, owned and operated by the **Jim Bulgier** family of South Belt, imploded the Buccaneer Hotel in Galveston.

5 years ago (2004)
 Construction of a 300-student expansion of **Weber Elementary** was approved by CCISD allowing two new six-classroom wings to be added to the school. Longtime South Belt resident and former **Beverly Hills** principal **Tommy Baccaro** was honored by having the campus library at **Bondy Intermediate** named for him. **Baccaro** was **Bondy's** first principal.

20 years ago (1989)
 Members of the **Brio Task Force** and its remediation contractors received a notice of violation from the Texas Air Control Board and were still facing possible fines. **Frank Medeiros'** Disney theme creation won most original in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas decorating contest.

15 years ago (1994)
Maureen Wakeland took over the job of Southeast Harris County area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation when **Charlie Frey** retired from the position. The **AppleTree** grocery store on **Scarsdale** closed for business on a Tuesday evening and reopened the next Friday morning as a

Gerland's. The Gerland's on **Hughes Road** closed that Thursday night.

Thanh Pham. Police say a 15-year-old juvenile was responsible for shooting **Pham**, 35, in an apparent robbery attempt at a liquor store in the 900 block of East NASA Parkway. The suspect was already in juvenile custody on an unrelated assault charge when **Harris County** prosecutors charged him with capital murder. **Moore Elementary** named **Demetria "Dee Dee" Pitts** its new assistant principal. **Pitts** had been with the school since 2001 as a third-grade teacher. She was a fifth-grade teacher in **Hall County, Ga.**, from 1999 to 2001. **Pitts** replaced longtime assistant principal **Cliff Swearingin**, who died earlier in the school year. **Sagemeadow** resident **Sherri Golightly** was named the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department's **Medic of the Year** at the group's 36th anniversary awards banquet. An eight-year veteran of the department, **Golightly** had served as treasurer, secretary, medic and host of many of the functions held at the fire department each year. She helped initiate the annual Halloween festival at the station and put in many hours working behind the scenes.

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Burnett Elementary students write Santa

The following letters were written by Burnett Elementary students to Santa Claus.

Shelly Allen's second-grade class
How do you like the help you get from the elves and you to Mrs. Clause. I want a romokentrole car, and a swimming pool, and a romokentrole helicopter. The elf is cool and funny and the shoe on the elf is cool. Sincerely,
Erik Cubos
How are you doing? Are you having a fun time? Thank you for the toys. Can you tell Mrs. Claus that I want a tv and a puppy and barbie close Thats all!
Paola Mellado
Is it fun at the Northpole? is it fun working there? Can you bring me these things for Christmas Blossom, gutara, wii, Nintendo DSI, psp
Amy Kimberly Medina
I was wondering what you

are doing I hope that you will like this letter. I like your elf he is cute and I hope your life is wonderful at the North Pole. I want a Strawberry Short Cake toy and a cute little doll a very cute doll and make it have hair to I hope what I want is beautiful. Sincerely,
Courtney
How are you doing. Are you having a good time at the North Pole? Do you like living there? I hope that you and Mrs. Claus having a great time. I love you and Mrs. Claus and your elf that you sant down for Mrs. Allen class. I want basketball cort and play do, hot wels.
Randy
I like the elf you gave use and hes funny because he gose evrey were at nite and I want a puppy an a wii and last but not lese a Bike.
Nicholas
You are nice. I lov you. is rootof rele? Eves are cyoot. Presits air hogs, Globe,

crismos legos and hot wells. Love,
Ethan
How are you doing? I hope you and Mrs. Claus doing great at the North Pole. How are your elves doing are the doing great. I wanted to ask you can you make a special Christmas for my family. Sincerely,
Jaden
I hope you are doing very good. Can you please give me a x-box and a ds and some cool toy. Your friend,
Seth
Your elf is tricky he kinda looks like a doll. But he is cool so how are you doing at the North Pole. I love you santa christmas is my favorite holiday. I want a bumble blaster, a blue doul action light saber a remot contol four wheeler. A elctrick gotar. the new connect four bordgame geuse who extra. Toy Story mania for the wii. Ultimate Alliance for PS3. Soider mad 3 for PS3.
Jaydon Garcia

It must be really cold over at the north Pol. Are you having a great time with your elfs. We are having a good with are elf Jolly. I want a psp and a ps2 good bye Santa. Sincerely,
Jonathan
Are you and Mrs. Clause doing good at the north pole. Can you give my a mokinrtorcar. Sincerely,
Robert
How are you doing. Are you ok. I went to see you today. Can I pplace came is that ok. I hope you have a good christlan.
Cameron Saucedo
Are a lot of children asking for presents? We are having alot of fun with your elf. Jolly moves from place to place sometimes and when ever you leave candy on someones desk Jolly eats it and thank you for giving us an elf. Were going to keep him til December 25 and your awesome Santa. Can I please have a the spark scooter and a tv and moonwalk and a nutcracker and a pet hamster please thats all.
Cameron Jerenil
How are you doing? Are the elfs ok? I hope they are. Can I please have a orange computer for crismas.
Sieran
How are you doing? I hop your doing good. I like the elf you gave us he is very cool and nice I like him his close there nice. I want a psp and a DS too. Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Sincerely,
Seth
You are nice everyday not bad I was wonderingthat you are having a nice time at the north pole and Mrs. Clause! So I hope you are having a great time and everybody! Elsee too! Merry Christmas everybody! For christmas I want a sword.
Boria
I like the elf that you gave us because he moves a lot at nht. I want a wii.
Joshua S.
Can you place give me a wii for christmas I look forward to having a wii. Sincerely,
Jaslynn Varela
How are you doing santa? Cherimas is my favorit holiday. and I am tring my best to be good. and i want for cherisams a toy car and a ring toss and some book to read. and a firends club barbies, and a baking mushing, and a the best thaning i want for cherisams my dogy back and my family are gowing to have a great time for cherisams oh and I forgot I want a art paper and most of all santa thanks for bringing cherisams and I love Cherisams.
Jade Garza
How are you and your elf's doing? I am looking forward to meeting you and Christmas is my favorite haloliday ever! and for christmas I would like a art stand and peparions and cable and cupcake maker and truly a picture with me and my family with you!
Jaqueline M. Cassandra Wilkerson's first-grade class
Thank you for the gifts you bring to me. I want a DS. You are the best.
Desiree
I would like a rocketshship for christmas. My baby sister wants a doll. Thank you for our gifts. Love, Lucas
Thank you for everything. I want a wii. Thank you for christmas.
Amari
I want a nerf gun and a remote control monster truck. Thank you and the nerf gun is a toy. Love,
Bruce
All i want is a motor scooter. I Love you.
McKenzie
My mom wants a new car. My sister wants a girl doll. I want a Micky Mouse toy. i hope to see you soon. Your friend,
Carla
Thank you for buying these toys for me. I want a Hulk labtop, Two puppies, and a Nerf gun. You are the best. Love,
Anthony
I want a screen tv. My baby brother wants a train. My sister wants a pair of boots. Thank You,
Angel
I want a video game for christmas. I want Indiana Jones Lego two. Love,
Aries
I wish I canhave a toy that bakes cookies and cakes. Your Friends,
Lillideth

I thank you for a good Mom and Dad too. I want some good things for Christmas. Thank you Santa for all you do.
Hieu
Can you bring my brother some shoes. I would like a blue scooter. I will be very careful on it.
Keyona
My dad wants a motor cycle. My mimi wants a red car, my aunt wants a green car, and my mom wants a purple car. I want a DS. Thank you for Christmas.
Jazmine
I want a new new red car. Your friend
Chandler
My sister wants a rabbit for chrismus. I want a brown and white Chihuahua dog. I will name him Sooner. Can we have snow for Chrismus too? your frind,
Natalie
I would like an xbox 360 for christmas. I also want games for the xbox and a blue bike. You are the best Santa in the world.
Antonio
I have something for you, a present of milk and cookies. Will you bring me a nut cracker and an ariplane? Your friend,
Joshua Nat

Maria Vargas' Kindergarten class
I want you to bring me a DS and a pair of boots.
Kristine Lara
Please bring me a wii. Thank You.
Arturo Hernandez
Please bring me some legos.
Andy
I wun a psp benget for Cesmes. Thank You.
Hassan Guitierrez
I wun u to be me a Doll an a boots Pink nundeendio pink.
Celia Rocha
Can u bg me a nentdo dsi. Thank You.
Jizelle Alfaro
Cd u bri me a ds game.
Edgar Camacho
Can u bring a ds gam.
Ismael Banda
Bring me a pink Kite.
Leslie Mendoza
Ples bng me a computer game of Hanna Montana.
Nayely
Please bring me a wii.
Oscar Carbajal
Please bring me a guitar hero
Please bring me a lego game.
Adrian
Traema una cocinita.
Erika Alfaro

December birthdays celebrated



Several Thompson Intermediate Lion staff members celebrate birthdays during the month of December. Pictured are, left to right, Toni Lopez, head principal; Joseph Peabody and Janie DeLosSantos. Others not pictured include Maria Ruiz, Janice Frankum, Jennifer Guerrero and Elvia Vences. Submitted photo

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Stuchbery students send wish lists to Santa Claus

The following letters were written to Santa Claus by Stuchbery Elementary students.
Terri Abbotts' ABLE class
How are you? How are your reindeers? I have been very good this year. I have been nice to my sister. Please bring me Transformers Revenge of the fallen Leader Figure. Bumblebee plousma cannon. Bumble bee Voice mixer. Transformers RPMs Construction Devastator Showdown Track Set. See you at Christmas.
Jonathon Gonzalez
I have been good this year. I would like a sky blue plane jacket. I'll see you at Christmas. Sincerely,
Malik
I am very happy that you gave me a laptop. I like it. How are your reindeer doing? I want a toy poodle for Christmas and a cool Hannah Montana hat. I love you Santa Clause. My mom would like a pair of slippers and my dad would like a watch.
Kasey Nicole Johnson
I have been good this year. How are the reindeer? How are you? How are the elves? Thank you for the gifts you gave me this year. I want a scooter because I need to learn how to ride one. I also wouldlike anew doll. I have the whole collection thanks to you! I believe in you Santa. You are awesome!
Marissa
I hope the elves are doing great. What are their names? I hope you have a Merry Christmas ever. Thank you for the presents you sent when I was five years old. You are the best! Merry Christmas! Love,
Gabrielle Phillis Christenson's HOST class
I want a hannah Montana guitar, and a hannah montanamicrophone, and I want hannah Montana and Jake Ryan to come visit my house. I want my hair to be blonde like Hannah Montana. I want to get bigger and big Hannah Montana. I also want hannah montana and Jake Ryan to live with me. I want lots of presents from you Santa. and lots and lots of money.
Alexis
This Christmas I would like a pink DS, and a barbie game, and a Hannah Montana game for my D.S. I would also like a barbie doll. I would also enjoy some dress up clothes fpr my barbie doll. Love,
Marissa
I want ice skates, a barbie doll, vampire teeth, a dress, fairy wings, rings, dolls, Hannah Montanaclothes, Hannah Montana clothes hannah montana song, wig, necklace, bracelets, a hat. I want to know if your raindeer are okay.
Abby
I want a present. I have been really good this year. I

want a clips for my hair that are purple. I also want a crown for my head thats small. Another thing I want is clothes for my babbie dolls. Then I want clothes for myself. I want jeans and shirts. I want my shirt to be pink! I also want some tennis shoes and flip flops. I want my flipflops pink, and my tennis shoes green! I also want some new earrings that are gold.
Trixie
For christmas I want a robot pony, barbies, skirts, twistable crayons, a hannah montana wig, rainbow play-doh, clothes and shoes, hillo kitty and tinkerbell coloring books, a red and pink sweater, some seashells, a ballerina dress, a chalkboard, with lots of chalk, a kite, mickey and minnie mouse, dolls, my little ponies, a barbie scooter. Thank You.
Lilian
Hello my name is Kelly A. I have been very, very, good. I want alot of things for christmas but I especially want a ... Barbie, I would like it to wear the color purple. I also want outfits for my Barbies... I want the colors of the rainbow. I would also like a jumprope... purple. I would also like tenishesoes. pink. I would also want the boy Barbie... Ken.
Kelly
I want a nintendo DS, and the games Mario brothers and backugan. I also want a nerf gun. I want a guitar hero for my brother K.J. and I want a green, yellow, black, and red guitar. I want a christmas tree with lots of candy canes on it, and a santa clause hat, and three sisters and four brothers, fly clothes and a Jamaican hat.
Payton R.
I want a baby car seat, a horsie, Santa Clause toys, a watch, clothes, for my doll, colors, A snow man, lots of snow, gloves, a bag of clothes, pink nintendo ds, and lots of candy.
Mariah
I want a swimming pool, a baby dol, a puppy, a clock, a proccess TV, a pink mirror, a nintendo DS, princess games, a care bear, a blender, pink gloves, strawberry candy canes, a purple computer, drum set, and a red guitar.
Kiyah
I want a baseball, basketball, soccerball, football, a tree and a basketball goal. This is what I want for Christmas.
Andy
I want a bike a microphone, a rocking guitar, and SAnta I would like a table with chairs. Also a doll, a piano and a micrphone, with that and a scooter for my sister Sidney a tricycle for your sister Ashley and christiana a necklace, and a pink telephone, and a purse for christmas. I want a Santy doll that talks. That's all I want for christmas. Thank you, Santa.
Meia
I would want a transform-

er. I want the bumble bee one. I mostly want a trampoline starwars #2. I wish for Starwars action figures. I wish for the robot. I want legos too. 360, the games Halo 3, Legos the rockband. Ethan

Meador invites dads to school



Meador Elementary recently hosted Reading With Dads night where dads were invited to come and enjoy some quality time with their children. Dads read with the children and also discussed their job as a positive role model in their children's lives. Above, Armani Moore (right) spends time with her grandfather, Steve Morgan. Submitted photo

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CB debate racks up awards



Clear Brook Debate team members pictured are, from left to right, (first row) Nhi Do, Dinusha Wijesinghe, Elyssa Klann, Rishi Suresh, Andrew Kocen, (second row) Saurabh Limaye, Nathan Tamburello, Kelly Hogg, Karl Schaefer and Eric Chaney. Photo submitted

The Clear Brook High School debate squad, with 18 members of the team present, had yet another outstanding weekend at James E. Taylor High School in Katy recently. The team amassed a total of 15 awards, including six first-place awards.

Karl Schaefer and Kelly Hogg returned to Clear Brook with first-place trophies in Championship CX Debate, which also resulted in their final points needed for Texas Forensic Association (TFA) State qualification.

Schaefer also earned a first-place impromptu speaking award, and Kelly Hogg earned a second-place CCX Speaking Award.

Following Schaefer and Hogg, Nathan Tamburello and Dinusha Wijesinghe also achieved the remaining points they needed to secure their state qualification by winning first place in public forum debate.

Rishi Suresh, an up-and-coming novice member of the team, continued his winning streak by bringing home the first-place award in novice Lincoln Douglas debate as well as a third-place speaker award in the event.

Not to be outdone, however, team Vice President Elyssa Klann placed second in Student Congress, which also achieved her needed points for state qualification.

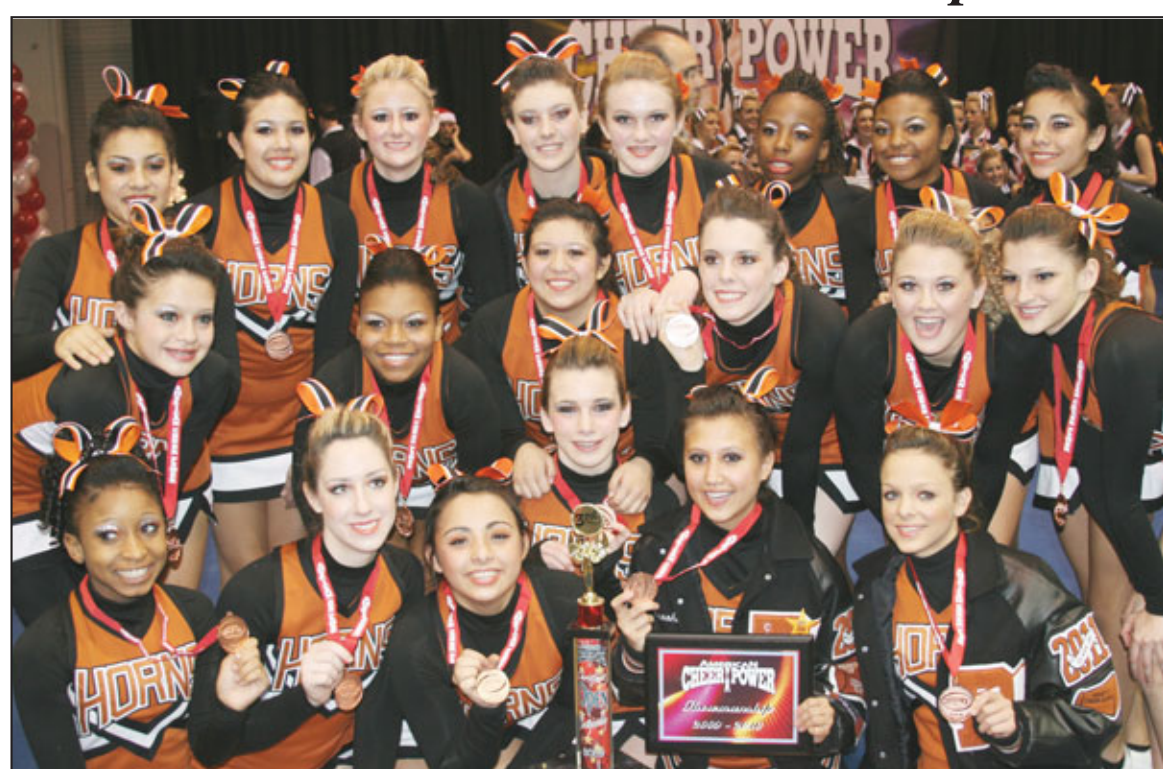
Additional winners included Saurabh Limaye with a fourth-place award in impromptu speaking, Nhi Do with a sixth-place award in this same event, as well as Elyssa Klann with a sixth-place award in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

The team also brought home speaking awards in both CX and LD debate. In addition to Hogg and Suresh, Andrew Kocen earned a second-place speaker award for CLD.


This brings the team total of Texas Forensic Association State qualifiers to six - Karl Schaefer, Kelly Hogg, Andrew Kocen, Nathan Tamburello, Dinusha Wijesinghe and Elyssa Klann.

Eric Chaney and Nhi Do also began their accumulation of Texas Forensic Association State points in championship LD debate.

Dobie cheerleaders win showmanship award



The Dobie Cheerleader Competition Squad competed at the American Cheer Power Christmas Championships and won the Showmanship Award and earned a third-place finish for their division. Competition team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Alexius Thomas-Jones, Ashley Hoggard (varsity co-captain), Loana Solis, Cassie Gillman, Brooke DuPont (varsity captain), Tristann Trujillo, (middle row) Lisa Gill, Cree Dorsey, Summer Sarabia, Krista Carter (president), Catarina Johnson, Alyssa Perry, (back row) Desiree Alvarez, Brittini Rodriguez, Hannah Waters (JV captain), Andrea Mitrowski, Megan Gary, A'leeyah Holland, Briana Pringle and Erika Yglesias (JV co-captain). Submitted photo



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North Pointe composes holiday letters to Santa

North Pointe Elementary Santa letters are included in the *Leader* because elementary school aged children living in the College Place subdivision are zoned to North Pointe Elementary. North Pointe did not include teacher names or grade levels in their submission of student letters to Santa Claus.

How are Mrs. Clause and the Elves doing? Are the reindeer good? I hope every person has a great Christmas. I hope the Elves make lots of toys for the children that don't have money. Did I mention I'll try to be good? Please send a letter back. I would like an American Girl Doll. Love, **Delilah**

I am wondering how you are doing I am also wondering you get all the presents around the world in one night cause that is pretty talented! How is Mrs. Clause doing? How hard is it for the Elves to make stuff for everyone? For Christmas I want Maddon 10 and Marvel Ultimate Alliance for PSP. Your friends, **Jaxon**

How are you doing? I have a question? What do you feed your reindeer? Can you please tell me? For Christmas I would like Michael Jackson shiny gloves, a Michael Jackson shiny jacket, and the clothes he wears in Bad. Your friend, **Suyash Gautam**

How are Mrs. Clause, the reindeer, and Elves doing? I want a new PSP and a four-wheeler on christmas Your friend, **Johnny**

I want to know what your Reindeer eat? How are your Elves doing? I know Christmas is a special day to make people's wishes come true. Santa I want to know if you can make my wish come true I love you Santa. I would like a Michael Jackson glove, shoes, and hat. Love, **Alishan Muhammad**

How are you doing? Hey, do you think it will snow this Friday? I think it will. If you do too that's great! How's Rudolf the red nose reindeer? I got something for you under my Christmas list but you have to wait for Christmas Eve at night. And this year I will not forget to give you cookies. How did you know I want Bop it? Love, **AhZuli**

How are you and your reindeer? What food do your reindeer eat? Do have a helicopter because one of my friends said so. I would like a PSP. Love, **Robert**

Can you make electronics? How do you make the reindeer fly? Why are elves so small? I would like for christmas kneepads, pictinary, a stuffed animal, mittens, some books, that is all.

Brianna Savage

How are the elves doing? Are they good or bad? I will like a new four wheeler. Please write me back. **Ian**

How are you and Rudolf doing? Am I on the nice list? I want a Barbie Pet Vet and I want a DSI so bad. and how are the elves doing too. Love, **Jane O'Malley**

Hi how are you doing? What do you feed to your reindeer? How is your wife doing? Hey, do you think it will snow on Friday? I think it will. Do you? I would like a Golden Retriever for Christmas. I would also like a DSI, a Wii and three PSP games hot wheels, the ultimate IV-inga 3. And packman. I would also like smackdown and Wii sports on the Wii. Also a bike and a lot of other boys toys. Love, **Alwin**

How are you doing? will can you do me one favor? Can you give me some reindeer food? The one that the reindeer like. How is Rudolf? Can you me picture of you and him? This christmas I would like a camera. Your Buddy, **Holly Wenzel**

How are your elves doing? I am very excited about christmas. I really enjoy holidays very much. especially Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday in the whole wide world. Your pal, **Gabe**

How is Rudolf and Blitzen? How are your elves doing? What does your shop look like? Can I get a picture of it? I will leave you cookies on the table and cheerios for your reindeer. Can I have a DSI. Happy Holidays, **Linsay Bochatt**

I want to know how the reindeer are doing. Are you really riding in a sleigh? I heard on the news that you were going to ride in a helicopter. I want a DS and a mario brothers game. **Anoy**

How are your Reindeer? How is Santa Mouse? Do Reindeer use magic to fly? Is it always cold there? I want a wii for christmas and a Hannah Montana game for the wii. You friend, **Jessica**

How many reindeer do you have? We have an elf in our classroom. His name is elfy! How many elves do you have? Anyway, this is what I want for Christmas: PSP, Wii, Laptop, xbox360, ps2, playstation, basketball hoop, cell phone, electric-scooter, plasma screen tv, motorcycle, bike, iphone and dsi. My mom wants a cell phone and girl stuff. It was snowing some day in December. Your friend **Mohammad**

What's Mis Claus real name? I want 10 things for Christmas. I am going to say 3. I want a real dog, a ds, and a real laptop. **Abbey**

How many elves are in the North Pole? How many reindeers do you have? How are you doing? All I want is a laptop, DSI, Wii, and a Littlest Pet Shop. I hope you like my letter. Love, **Madison**

I want a camera that can take pictures and take videos. I want a GI-be packet. How is the workshop doing? How are the elves. **Andrew**

I want a memory card and a new Wii controller. I want a PSP some legs slide 1 for play station 2. By the way tell Rudolf and all the other reindeer I said hi. How do all the elves make all those toys? Your friend, **Gavin**

How are you doing? How is your wife, your elves, and your reindeer too? For Christmas, I want either a DS or a MP3 player, or both. Me and my mom aren't just making milk and cookies for you, we are making food for the reindeer too! With all their favorites! Can I get a sweet scented candle for my mom? I bet she will want a candy cane scented candle. **Christina**

I hope elves and your reindeers are doing great at the North Pole. The class loves your elf Elfy but he has not moved into another spot. How is Miss Claus is she doing great? Can I have a Dippin Do Maker for Christmas? Thank you for the pencils that Elfy had. I love Rudolf the red nose reindeer. **Altoia**

How are the reindeer? Rudolf is my favorite reindeer. What is your real name. I want webkinz and a DSI and teh new super mario Bros. You rock Santa! How old are your reindeer? How long have you and Mrs. Claus been married? **Jace McGovern**

All I want is the pink laptop at Wal-Mart and a Barbie for my Barbie collection. Also I want my gradpa to feel better. Also how's Mrs. Claus and the reindeer my favorite is Rudolf. I also want the best Christmas ever. I've been thinking about your real name, so what is it. **Luci**

Is your real anem Nicholas? and how is the reindeer going? I want a pogostick and the DS game Cloudy with the Chance of meatballs. I have been being good to my mom and dad. Peace out Santa!! PS Have a great Christmas! Oh and one more thing a DS eye! Your friend, **Morgan**

How are all the reindeers? I like Blitzen. I wut Jeff Hardy hanel thing and John cena rest pads an Jeff Hardy necklace I want Tony Hawk Ride and a Wii. I want to see the North Pole please. I want cmpunk diary and John Cena stuff. We do lots of stuff. Love **Marcus**

You are coming to our school but sa to say...I am not going. I have a friend's birthday! I am sad that I am not going to see you. Tell Ms. Claus I said hello. P.S. They cancelled it because of the snow. Your friend, **Jessica**

How are you doing? What is the weather like at the North Pole? How old are you? How many Elves do you have? Next year can you make it snow? My Grandma's friend Victoria lost her only daughter from sickness in April. My brother really, really wants Wii Mario Cart's, my mom wants a whole new kitchen! I think my dad wants a new grill & I want a new hamster, stuff for the hamster & an American Girl! We have an Elf on the Shelf. His name is Elfy. You probably know him very very well. Love, **Amber Propp**

I just want to know how many reindeers and elves do you have? Speaking of elves, we have an elf named Elfy. He is cool! I think that Elfy made the snow. Oh, no! I forgot to tell you about the snow on Friday, but you know because you came to North Pointe Elementary. How is Miss Claus and everyone else? PS I will want a laptop for my birthday or christmas. Love your friend, **Aeysea**

How is Rudolf going? I just want you to get me a digital camera and DSI. That is all I want for Christmas. I want you help the poor and take care of them. Please give them clothes, a bed, and a house. I am from North Pointe Elementary Clear Creek ISD. Sincerely, **Faisal Syed**

What is your real name? How are the reindeer? My favorite one is Rudolf. How many elves are there? How old are there? I think the reindeer are about 12 years old. Thanks for the Wii last year. I want an electric scooter. You rock! Do you ever shave? Love, **Davis**

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Hoops aplenty as holiday season arrives; locals take to the road

CB boys to Arkansas; Dobie girls to College Station

Both varsity teams from Dobie and the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team will be among the many travelers this holiday season.

comparatively short journey to Alvin for the 23rd Annual Alvin Lions Club Classic. Each of the three teams will be looking to gain some momentum at the tournaments with the largest portion of district play coming after Jan. 1.

Clear Brook High School head coach Jason Pillow regularly made a holiday trip to Oklahoma for the Phillips 66 tournament while a player at Clear Lake High School. As a coach, Pillow now gets the opportunity to show

his players other parts of the country for the holidays. As they did in 2008, the Wolverines will take part in the Har-Ber Holiday Basketball Tournament Dec. 28-30 in Springdale, Ark. A season ago, Clear Brook advanced to the

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Clear Brook's Fred Richardson (30) and Dobie's Sefita Kefu (43) will be traveling in different directions for the holidays. The Wolverines will compete in a tournament in Arkansas, while Dobie is part of the 24-team field at the Dec. 28-30 Alvin Lions' Classic. Photo by John Bechtel

Lady Wolverines stave off B-wood rally

Clear Brook's varsity girls' basketball team held off Brazoswood's late rally, escaping Clute with a 40-37 victory Dec. 18.



The Lady Wolverines, who improved to 1-1 in District 24-5A action, appeared to be cruising to an easy win, leading 30-15 entering the fourth quarter. But Brazoswood (1-1) used a 22-10 push in the fourth quarter to make things interesting. Adelyn Eteh led Brook with 16 points. Clear Brook players, from left, Ariel Callis, Adelyn Eteh and Kiara Redmon were relieved after the team held off Brazoswood. In the background is Brook coach Blair Redmon.

Longhorns to host alumni soccer games

The Dobie High School soccer programs will celebrate the beginning of the 2010 season by hosting alumni games. The boys' program will host a pair of alumni games Saturday, Jan. 2, at Newcomb Field in Pasadena.

The junior varsity game is set for 4 p.m., and the varsity game will get under way at 6 p.m. Former players wishing to take part in the action may direct e-mail to coach Jesse Saavedra at jjsaavedra@pasadenaisd.org.

The Lady Longhorns will take part in an alumni game Tuesday, Jan. 5, at El Franco Lee Park, beginning at 7 p.m. The JV (A) and JV (B) girls' teams will go head-to-head Jan. 5 in a scrimmage game at Dobie, beginning at

3:30 p.m. Former Dobie girls' players wishing to play in the alumni game may direct e-mail to coach Kersten Mullan at kmullan@pasadenaisd.org. Clear Brook's teams do not plan to play alumni games.



Varsity returnees to lead JFD girls' soccer

The Dobie High School varsity soccer team will get a big lift from a core group of returning players that includes, left to right, (front row) Karen Treto, Chanel Reyes, Ashlyn Leighton, (second row) Monika Rivera, Chelsea Deleon, Melissa Leal, (third row) Lariza Uribe, Margie Galvan, (fourth row) Yancy Moreno, Tanya

Palomares, (top) Chelsea Williams. The 2010 season gets started in January, and the Leader has schedules and other key details on Page 3B. A series of varsity soccer previews covering the Clear Brook boys' and girls' varsity teams will appear in the Jan. 7 Leader. Submitted photo

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Registration for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has been set. The dates include Jan. 9 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Jan. 14 (6 to 8 p.m.) and Jan. 16 (1 to 5 p.m.). All sessions will be held at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park. Early registration for coaches and managers will be held Jan. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. For more information, visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. Additional details will follow in upcoming *Leader* editions.

SBGSA delivers sign-up dates

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has set dates for its 2010 spring season registration. The dates include Saturday, Jan. 9 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Thursday, Jan. 14 (6 to 8 p.m.), Saturday, Jan. 16 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Thursday, Jan. 21 (6 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 23 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Tryouts will then be held Saturday, Jan. 30 (9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.). For more information, direct e-mail to southbeltgirlssoftball@live.com or visit the league Web site at www.eteamz.com/southbeltgirls.

Sports calendar

BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 28

Clear Brook boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Bryan/College Station, TBA
Clear Brook boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls host Elkins, 7:00
Dobie JV boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 12:30
Clear Brook varsity girls host Elkins, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 11 a.m.
Dobie freshman A boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 12:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Elkins, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Clear Lake, Krueger, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Dobie varsity boys at Alvin Lions tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Bryan/College Station, TBA
Clear Brook boys at Springdale, Ark., tourn., TBA

Thursday, Dec. 31

Dobie varsity girls at Bryan/College Station, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 2

Clear Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 2:00
Dobie varsity girls at Pearland, 7:30
Dobie JV girls at Pearland, 6:00
Clear Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 12:30
Clear Brook freshman A girls host Clear Lake, 11:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Pearland, 4:30
Clear Brook freshman B girls host Clear Lake, 12:30

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Dobie varsity boys host Memorial, 7:30
Clear Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity girls at Galveston Ball, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:30
Dobie JV boys host Memorial, 6:00
Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 6:00
Dobie sophomore boys host Memorial, 4:30
Dobie freshman A boys host Memorial, 6:00
Dobie freshman B boys host Memorial, 4:30
Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:30
Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 6:00
Clear Brook JV girls at Galveston Ball, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 4:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 6:00
Clear Brook freshman A girls at Galveston Ball, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls at Memorial 4:30

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Beverly Hills 8th Light girls at Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls at Miller, 5:45
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls at Miller, 4:30
Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at Miller, 5:45
Thompson 8th Light girls at Jackson, 4:30
Thompson 8th Dark girls at Jackson, 5:45
Thompson 7th Light girls at Jackson, 4:30
Thompson 7th Dark girls at Jackson, 5:45
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys host Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys host Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light boys host Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys host Miller, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys host Jackson, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark boys host Jackson, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light boys host Jackson, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys host Jackson, 5:00

SOCCER

Saturday, Jan. 2

Dobie varsity boys host alumni game, Newcomb, 6:00
Clear Brook varsity boys host South Houston, noon
Clear Brook varsity girls at Seven Lakes scrim., TBA
Dobie JV boys host alumni game, Newcomb, 4:00
Clear Brook JV boys host South Houston, 10 a.m.
Dobie varsity and JV girls scrimmages at Dobie, 9 a.m.
Clear Brook JV girls at Seven Lakes scrim., TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Dobie varsity girls host alumni game, El Franco Lee, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity boys at La Porte scrimmage, 7:00
Dobie JV girls scrimmage at Dobie, 3:30
Clear Brook JV boys at La Porte scrimmage, 5:00

Thursday, Jan. 7

Clear Brook varsity boys at Friendswood tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls at The Woodlands tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls vs. Brazosport (B-wood tourn.), 3:30
Dobie varsity girls vs. Lamar (B-wood tourn.), 5:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. Ball (Pearland tourn.), 3:00

Friday, Jan. 8

Clear Brook varsity boys at Friendswood tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls at The Woodlands tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity girls vs. Katy Taylor (B-wood tourn.), 11 a.m.
Dobie varsity boys vs. Sharpstown (Pearland tourn.), 7:15
Clear Brook JV boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA

Saturday, Jan. 9

Clear Brook varsity boys at Friendswood tourn., TBA
Clear Brook varsity girls at The Woodlands tourn., TBA
Dobie varsity boys vs. Hightower (Pearland tourn.), noon
Dobie varsity girls at Brazoswood tourn., trophy round, TBA
Clear Brook JV boys at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Clear Brook JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Dobie JV girls at Clear Creek tourn., TBA
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Lake scrimm, 10 a.m.

2010 to bring district basketball races into focus

There won't be much time for area high school basketball players and coaches to bask in the revelry of the new year.

Instead, the focus will be on the court, where the games will take on huge importance.

The varsity girls' races are already under way. Dobie is 2-0 after taking down Pasadena and Sam Rayburn in the first two games.

Against Pasadena Dec. 15, the Lady Longhorns won easily, 52-27.

Vacie Davis had a big-game for Dobie, going 6 of 14 from the field for a game-high 19 points.

Derika Thomas provided a great spark off the bench, scoring six of her 10 points in the first quarter to get the

locals off and running.

Shanequa Gaston also came off the bench and scored all of her nine points in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Longhorns have used a team approach to make up for the absence of senior forward Shadae Shepherd, who has undergone surgery to repair a torn knee ligament and will miss the remainder of the season.

"We started off sluggish against Pasadena, and Derika came in and really lifted us up," Dobie head coach Shane Brown said.

"When she is focused, she can play very solid defense."

As for Davis and Gaston, Brown said his team needs the pair to continue to pro-

vide an offensive spark.

"These are two players who really need to consistently step up to fill the void left by Shadae. They both have the capability, and, now that we're in district, their time to get it done has come."

Getting off to the 2-0 start will pay off for Dobie, which will play at Memorial Jan. 5 and then host South Houston Jan. 8.

Clear Brook got back to even in the District 24-5A girls' race Dec. 18 after dropping Brazoswood in Clute.

The Lady Wolverines won't catch any breaks after the holidays with a road game at Galveston Ball Jan. 5 to be followed by a Jan. 8 home game against area

power Clear Springs, led by former Lady Wolverines' head coach Pamela Crawford.

The varsity boys' races are set to begin Jan. 5. In District 22-5A, Dobie opens at home on Scott Talton Court against Memorial. On Jan. 8, the Longhorns travel to South Houston to take on the Trojans.

Clear Brook begins play in a balanced 24-5A race, taking on a pair of playoff contenders right out of the

gate.

The 24-5A race to the playoffs begins Jan. 5 as the Wolverines host defending league champion Galveston Ball.

On Jan. 8, the Wolverines will be in for a big challenge, taking on the Clear Springs Chargers at Clear Springs.

All varsity action in District 22-5A begins at 7:30 p.m.

The 24-5A varsity games start at 7 p.m.

Jan. 5 high school games

Dobie varsity boys host Memorial, 7:30
Clear Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity girls at Galveston Ball, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:30

Jan. 8 high school games

Dobie varsity boys at South Houston, 7:30
Clear Brook varsity boys at Clear Springs, 7:00
Clear Brook varsity girls host Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host South Houston, 7:30

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Schools

Girls Hoops Standings (After Dec. 16 games)

Eighth Grade Light

Team	W	L
Beverly Hills	4	0
Bondy	4	0
Miller	4	0
San Jacinto	4	0
Southmore	2	2
Thompson	1	3
South Houston	1	3
Queens	0	4
Jackson	0	4
Park View	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

Beverly Hills 38, Jackson 8
Bondy 30, Queens 18
South Houston 40, Park View 38
San Jacinto 52, Thompson 40
Miller 31, Southmore 17

Eighth Grade Dark

Team	W	L
Bondy	4	0
Southmore	4	0
San Jacinto	4	0
Miller	3	1
Beverly Hills	3	1
Thompson	2	2
Queens	1	3
South Houston	1	3
Jackson	0	4
Park View	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

San Jacinto 23, Thompson 17
Beverly Hills 29, Jackson 9
Southmore 20, Miller 17
South Houston 30, Park View 17
Bondy 32, Queens 17

Seventh Grade Light

Team	W	L
Thompson	4	0
Bondy	4	0
Beverly Hills	3	1
Miller	3	1
Southmore	2	2
Park View	2	2
San Jacinto	1	3
Queens	1	3
Jackson	0	4
South Houston	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

Beverly Hills 36, Jackson 10
Thompson 29, San Jacinto 14
Miller 28, Southmore 17
Park View 37, South Houston 22
Bondy 43, Queens 16

Seventh Grade Dark

Team	W	L
Bondy	4	0
Beverly Hills	4	0
Miller	3	1
Southmore	3	1
San Jacinto	2	2
Thompson	2	2
Park View	2	2
South Houston	0	4
Jackson	0	4
Queens	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

Beverly Hills 28, Jackson 6
Thompson 13, San Jacinto 12
Bondy 33, Queens 5
Southmore 17, Miller 14
Park View 33, South Houston 12

Boys Hoops Standings (After Dec. 16 games)

Eighth Grade Light

Team	W	L
Park View	4	0
Queens	4	0
Beverly Hills	3	1
Thompson	2	2
Bondy	2	2
San Jacinto	2	2
Southmore	2	2
South Houston	1	3
Jackson	0	4
Miller	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

Beverly Hills 56, Jackson 43
Southmore 30, Miller 21
Queens 49, Bondy 39
San Jacinto 46, Thompson 27
Park View 39, South Houston 30

Eighth Grade Dark

Team	W	L
Bondy	4	0
Beverly Hills	4	0
Queens	3	1
Thompson	2	2
San Jacinto	2	2
South Houston	2	2
Park View	1	3
Jackson	1	3
Southmore	1	3
Miller	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

San Jacinto 41, Thompson 37
Beverly Hills 34, Jackson 31
Bondy 48, Queens 41
Southmore 41 Miller 28
South Houston 35, Park View 22

Seventh Grade Light

Team	W	L
Park View	4	0
Thompson	3	1
San Jacinto	3	1
Southmore	2	2
South Houston	2	2
Miller	2	2
Beverly Hills	2	2
Jackson	1	3
Bondy	1	3
Queens	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

Beverly Hills 41, Jackson 20
San Jacinto 30, Thompson 27
Miller 52, Southmore 36
Park View 62, South Houston 41
Bondy 44, Queens 27

Seventh Grade Dark

Team	W	L
South Houston	4	0
Thompson	3	1
Bondy	3	1
Beverly Hills	3	1
San Jacinto	2	2
Southmore	2	2
Miller	2	2
Queens	1	3
Park View	0	4
Jackson	0	4

Scores Dec. 16

Beverly Hills 48, Jackson 19
South Houston 57, Park View 17
Bondy 37, Queens 32
Miller 25, Southmore 17
Thompson 45, San Jacinto 38

Lions' girls hoops win two games

Playing at home for the first time this season, the Thompson girls' basketball program won two games and lost two games against the San Jacinto Tigers Dec. 16.

Lions' 7th Dark 13 San Jacinto 12

The seventh-grade Dark team stayed neck and neck with the Tigers for most of the first half, clinging to a 1-point lead at halftime.

However, during the third quarter, the Lions were unable to find the basket, and sloppy passes and lapses on the defensive end allowed San Jacinto to go on a 6-0 run and grab the lead going into the final quarter.

The Lions were able to close the gap with a run of their own and finally took the lead with a minute left in the game.

A last-second desperation heave by the Tigers fell short, and the Lions won a come-from-behind thriller, 13-12.

Valerie Colunga had a team high seven points, including the game-winning basket.

Alisa Gonzales had four points, and Everest Cox had two points.

The Lions got great defense from Kristin Scholwinski, Sasha McCoy, Gonzales and Colunga.

Maria Mejia and Jazmine Freeman controlled the boards with key offensive and defensive rebounds.

In winning, the Lady Lions improved to 2-2 this season.

Lions' 7th Light 29 San Jacinto 14

Thompson's seventh-grade Light team was looking to keep its undefeated season intact.

The Lions made sure of doing just that when they jumped out to a 13-0 lead, using stellar defense.

It was a total team effort in a dominating performance by the Lions, and when the final horn sounded, the locals had won convincingly, 29-14.

Emily Wolfe outscored the entire Tigers' team with a game-high 17 points.

PISD Cup Intermediate School Standings

Beverly Hills	74
Bondy	58.5
Thompson	52
Miller	49
Southmore	49
Park View	42
San Jacinto	37
Queens	37
Jackson	31.5
South Houston	24

Sports included: football and volleyball.

PISD Cup High School Standings

Memorial	51
Dobie	50
Sam Rayburn	34
South Houston	22
Pasadena	14

Sports included: football, volleyball, team tennis and cross country.

Tankson picks S. Mississippi hoops

San Jacinto College sophomore basketball player Carrington Tankson (right) has signed a national letter of intent to continue his education and playing career at the University of Southern Mississippi next season. Tankson, a 6-foot-4 guard from Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Osseo Senior High School), is currently the 30th-rated player by JucoJunction.com. He is averaging a team-best 17.2 points per game for the 13th-ranked Ravens. Tankson has started in all 14 games and is third on the squad in rebounds with a 5.6 per game mark. "I chose Southern Mississippi because it's in a college town, and the coaches really seemed interested in me," said Tankson. "They have a good coaching staff, and it seems like a good fit." Tankson, who earned Region XIV All-Region honorable mention honors last season, was also recruited by Kansas, Iowa State, Cal State and Michigan. Up next for San Jacinto College (13-1) is a home game against Lone Star - Tomball on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

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High school soccer teams plan to start new year

The upcoming Christmas holiday break will include its fair share of workouts for high school soccer players and their respective programs.

The workouts are of the voluntary variety, but none-

theless important as the 2010 season is headed this way.

Saturday, Jan. 2, is the first allowable day for scrimmages against other schools. The regular season will begin for many teams

in Region III as soon as Jan. 7.

Hopes are high for the boys' and girls' varsity teams at Clear Brook and

Dobie after each of the four varsity teams made its way to the playoffs last season. The Dobie boys advanced all the way to the Region III

tournament, getting there for the first time in school history.

Clear Brook's girls also had a special season, moving on to the regional quarterfinals. The Lady Wolverines enter the 2010 season under the guidance of a new coach, Jeff Brewer.

Each of the teams should be able to determine where it stands early on this season.

Dobie's boys' team will play in three tournaments during nondistrict play, with games coming against 2009 area finalist Hightower, Klein Forest, Clear Creek, and others.

The Longhorns will also be part of the first-year Pasadena Independent School District tournament, featuring a field of 20 teams. That event will be held Jan. 14-16.

Clear Brook's boys, who made the playoffs last season out of District 24-5A, will be tested early with a three-day trip to the Friendswood tournament. Host Friendswood is one of the top-rated Class 4A programs in the state.

After a run of five playoff appearances in six seasons, the Dobie girls' program is in the midst of one of the finest stretches in school history.

Head coach Kersten Mullan welcomed a strong freshman class upon her arrival in 2007, and now the 2010 team is set to be led by many of those same players.

It remains to be seen just how the season will play out, but there's little doubt that team goals are lofty around these parts.

The 2009 team was special in many ways, but there is more ahead for these South Belt area teams, and the work has already begun in practice.

In the Jan. 7 issue of the *Leader*, a preview of the four teams will appear.

Brook High School

Varsity girls soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 2	Seven Lakes scrimmage	TBA
Jan. 7	at Woodlands tournament (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 8	at Woodlands tournament (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 9	at Woodlands tournament (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 9	at Woodlands tournament (trophy round)	TBA
Jan. 12	at Pearland	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Katy Shootout (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 15	at Katy Shootout (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 16	at Katy Shootout (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 19	Dawson	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	*Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	*at Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 1	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 5	*Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
March 9	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
March 12	*Alvin	7 p.m.

*District 24-5A match

Brook High School

Varsity boys soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 2	South Houston scrimmage	noon
Jan. 5	at La Porte scrimmage	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Friendswood tournament (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 8	at Friendswood tournament (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 9	at Friendswood tournament (opponent to be determined)	TBA
Jan. 9	at Friendswood tournament (trophy round)	TBA
Jan. 12	Channelview	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Pasadena ISD tournament (vs. Klein Oak, Auxiliary)	8 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Pasadena ISD tournament (vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary)	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Pasadena ISD tournament (Alief Taylor, at Memorial)	TBA
Jan. 22	North Shore	5 p.m.
Jan. 26	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	*Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	*Alvin	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	*Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 1	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 5	*at Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
March 9	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
March 12	*at Alvin	7 p.m.

*District 24-5A match

Dobie High School

Varsity boys soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 2	Alumni game (N)	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Pearland tournament (vs. Galveston Ball)	3 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Pearland tournament (vs. Sharpstown)	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Pearland tournament (vs. Hightower)	noon
Jan. 9	at Brazoswood tournament (trophy round)	TBA
Jan. 14	at Pasadena ISD tournament (vs. Klein Forest, Newcomb)	4 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Pasadena ISD tournament (vs. Lamar, Newcomb)	8 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Pasadena ISD tournament (Clear Creek, at Dobie)	TBA
Jan. 22	at Round Rock ISD tournament (vs. Austin)	noon
Jan. 22	at Round Rock ISD tournament (vs. McNeil)	8 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Round Rock ISD tournament (vs. Temple)	10 a.m.
Jan. 30	*Memorial (N)	2 p.m.
Feb. 1	*at South Houston (N)	5 p.m.
Feb. 6	*Deer Park (N)	10 a.m.
Feb. 9	*La Porte (N)	5 p.m.
Feb. 13	*at Pasadena (N)	10 a.m.
Feb. 16	*Sam Rayburn (N)	5 p.m.
Feb. 19	*at Pearland (Rig)	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	*at Memorial (N)	5 p.m.
Feb. 26	*South Houston (N)	7 p.m.
March 2	*at Deer Park (Abshire)	7 p.m.
March 5	*at La Porte	7 p.m.
March 9	*Pasadena (N)	7 p.m.
March 12	*at Sam Rayburn (N)	7 p.m.
March 16	*Pearland (N)	5 p.m.

*District 22-5A match

(N) matches at Newcomb Field, Pasadena

Dobie High School

Varsity girls soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 5	Alumni game (El Franco Lee)	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Brazoswood tournament (vs. Brazosport)	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Brazoswood tournament (vs. Katy Taylor)	5 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Brazoswood tournament (vs. Houston Lamar)	noon
Jan. 9	at Brazoswood tournament (trophy round)	TBA
Jan. 12	at Alvin	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Pearland ISD tournament (vs. Clear Creek, North campus)	3 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Pearland ISD tournament (vs. Oak Ridge, The Rig)	11 a.m.
Jan. 16	at Pearland ISD tournament (Angleton, North campus)	8 a.m.
Jan. 16	at Pearland ISD tournament (Trophy round)	TBA
Jan. 21	at Georgetown ISD tournament (vs. Arlington Lamar)	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Georgetown ISD tournament (vs. Waco)	2 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Georgetown ISD tournament (vs. McNeil)	9 a.m.
Jan. 29	*at Memorial (N)	5 p.m.
Feb. 2	*South Houston (N)	5 p.m.
Feb. 6	*at Deer Park (Abshire)	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	*at La Porte	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	*Pasadena (N)	noon
Feb. 16	*at Sam Rayburn (N)	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	*Pearland (N)	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	*Memorial (N)	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	*at South Houston (N)	5 p.m.
March 1	*Deer Park (N)	5 p.m.
March 5	*La Porte	5 p.m.
March 9	*at Pasadena (N)	5 p.m.
March 13	*Sam Rayburn (N)	noon
March 16	*at Pearland (The Rig)	7 p.m.

*District 22-5A match

(N) matches at Newcomb Field, Pasadena

Dobie varsity boys' soccer ready; regional ranking comes at No. 8

In photo at left, team members understand it will be a long road back, but the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is intent on repeating the successes of 2009, when the group advanced to the Region III tournament for the first time in school history. Overall, the Longhorns finished 17-5-4. Members of the 2010 team include, left to right, (front row) James Presas (manager), Jose Armenta, Carlos Rivas, Jose Gonzalez, Patricio Cedillo, Pedro Mares, Jose Balvaneda, David Fraga (manager), (middle row) Britney Lovelace (trainer), Leo Gallegos, Douglas Leighton, Walter Anoruo, Raul Jimenez, Adrian Ramirez, Eduardo Fera, Josue Montoya, (back row) Jose Alvarado, Omar Luna, Omar Arreguin, Sergio Martinez, Eric Barnica, Julian Romero and Irving Garza. The team's head coach is Jesse Saavedra (not pictured), who is entering his fourth season.

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Saturday, Jan. 16th at the Sagemeadow MUD Bldg. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New players registering must bring original and copy of birth certificate at time of registration.

For additional information and online registration, go to www.southbeltsoccer.org

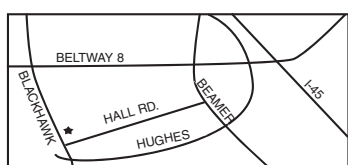
SBYSC is a non-profit, all volunteer organization run by parents for the kids.

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Registration fees are as follows:

Ages as of 7/31/2009	Fees	Online
U5-U8 (4,5,6,7)	\$80	\$60
U9 & U10	\$85	\$65
U11 & Older	\$90	\$70

Late fee of \$10 will be assessed after Feb. 1st, 2010.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY & Friday, DEC. 24 & DEC. 25

- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day -

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

6 p.m.

Frontier Squares - Meets to square dance at the Westminster Academy at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. Refreshments provided. For more information, contact Gina Sherman at 281-554-5675 or visit www.frontiersquares.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

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.

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