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Area holiday closings set

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The *Leader* will be on a holiday schedule Dec. 22 through Jan. 3, with no Dec. 29 edition. The *Leader* and South Belt Graphics will have limited hours during this time.

The last issue of 2016 will be on Dec. 22, and the first edition of the new year will be available Thursday, Jan. 5.

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Area Libraries

Parker Williams – In observance of the holiday, the Parker Williams Branch Library will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, and will remain closed through Monday, Dec. 26. The Parker Williams Branch Library will also be closed Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.

Bracewell – The Bracewell Neighborhood Library will be closed Thursday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday. The library will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 27. The Bracewell Neighborhood Library will also be closed Saturday, Dec. 31 through Jan. 2 for the New Year's holiday. The library will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Clear Brook City MUD

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 in celebration of the Christmas holiday. They will reopen on Monday, Dec. 26, at 8 a.m. The offices will also be closed Saturday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's holiday, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m. To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building.

Genealogy group to meet

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Jan. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Beltway closures set

Both the eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes on the Beltway 8 frontage road at Beamer will be closed daily through Thursday, Dec. 22.

VIP Dobie meeting Jan. 12

Dobie High School will hold a parent night Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Dobie auditorium at 6:30 p.m. for incoming freshman for the 2017-2018 school year. School officials say they cannot express enough the importance of this meeting, as they will share important course registration information to parents and students before they register for classes for the upcoming school year. There will be an update on the progress of the new Dobie freshman campus at Monroe and Fuqua.

This orientation will offer parents an opportunity to meet the administrators and counselors who will work with their students at the new Dobie freshman campus. The session will provide important information for parents to ensure everyone is involved in their child's course selection for the upcoming year. There will be tables set up for families to purchase T-shirts and other items as well as receive information from the many organizations at Dobie. All upcoming freshman and parents should attend.

Sagemeadow house catches fire



A house on Sagemeadow near Hughes Road suffered extensive damage Tuesday, Dec. 20, after catching fire. Chad Martinez was eating dinner at the home with his family, which includes a 5-year-old boy, when he smelled smoke. The family was able to escape unharmed. The accidental blaze was determined to be electrical in nature. Photo by Miles Thomas

Excavating trucks cause Beamer closure

Through traffic on Beamer between Dixie Farm Road and Scarsdale was diverted through the San Jacinto College South parking lot much of this past weekend after at least two crashes were reportedly caused by slippery mud on the area street.

Trucks hauling dirt from the county's detention pond construction site near Dixie Farm Road and Beamer appear to be the original source of the mud.

The street closure and subsequent discussions on social media have reignited concerns from residents about the safety of the soil at the site.

"Taking dirt from the contaminated site... that just sounds like a great idea. Let's just make sure we are contaminated from one end of a subdivision to the other," posted Facebook user Cindy LG on the People of Sagemont group page.

These concerns, however, are unfounded, according to multiple sources familiar with the site.

"I would like to assure everyone about the dirt being taken from the old Southbend subdivision and hauled down Beltway 8," said *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, who spearheaded the Brio cleanup effort in the 1980s. "The dirt has been tested at least three times to establish if there was contamination. All tests proved negative. The most reliable testing was done by the county before it bought the land to build the 100-acre flood retention holding pond. Previous

to that, it had been tested by the doctors who had planned to develop the property. That was before it was purchased from them by Harris County. Prior to that, the government tested it. Former County Commissioner El Franco Lee had the land thoroughly tested before purchasing it for the 100-acre holding pond. He knew the history of the area very well and was determined to find out if there was any contamination on the land."

Diaz, Santa's helpers at the Leader



Santa Claus joined Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (third from left) Friday, Dec. 16, at the *Leader* office to help with the newspaper's 34th annual Christmas food and toy drive. Other helpers shown above with the pair are, left to right, Kimberly Flickinger, Mary Doan, Stacey Waugh, Jay Do, Sandy Robb and Precinct 2 chief clerk Kim Bellotte. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Burnett donates to Leader drive



Burnett Elementary participated in this year's *Leader* Christmas program by collecting and donating toys. Shown above next to the school's Christmas tree are, left to right, (front row) Iker Sanchez, Amarillis Baltazar, (second row) Alan Gonzalez, Jadier Benitez, Valeria Espinoza, Isaiah Arias, Principal Jae Lee, (third row) counselor Kim Edwards, Carlos Salazar, (back row) Madeline Amaya, Antonio Olvera, Matthew Cearley and Emily Frank. Photo submitted

Annual *Leader* Christmas drive a huge success

The *Leader's* annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to roughly 50 area families in need.

Several local organizations, schools, businesses and residents stepped up to the plate, making this year's drive one of the most successful in the event's 34-year history.

Participating schools included Moore, Frazier, South Belt, Burnett and Atkinson Elementary Schools, Melillo Middle School, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School.

For the third consecutive year, both the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office collected toys for the drive.

Diaz's collection effort was spearheaded by Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzler and Sgt. Robert Sanchez, who solicited financial donations from local businesses, then used the funds to buy gifts, focusing primarily on gifts for older children and

teens. Participating businesses included Tony's Pizza and Grinders, Brookdale Animal Hospital, Vela's Tire and Auto, Tom's Auto Repair, Scarsdale Grocery, Blackhawk Mart (Shell station at Blackhawk and Kirkville), Charlie's Taco No. 2 (inside Blackhawk Shell), La Petite Market, Jack's Grocery (Chevron station at Beamer and Scarsdale), Jeff Gibson Farmers Insurance, Papagayos Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, Maximum Impact CrossFit, Haveli Restaurant, Christian Brothers Automotive and Scarsdale Eye Care.

Also contributing this year was the H-Town Texas Cookers, which donated dozens of toys to the drive. To encourage donations, the cooking team set up a collection site in front of the Goodwill store at the corner of Fuqua and Sabo and gave away barbecue sandwiches to those who donated toys.

"Our team is blessed, and we wanted to give back," said Isabel Reyna.

Team members said they plan to participate in the drive again next year.

"We got more (toys) than expected," said Rudy Luna. "We're going to be bigger and better next year."

A group of residents dubbed "Santa's Helpers" selflessly volunteered hours of their time organizing toys and food. Volunteers included Sandy Robb, Stacey Waugh and Gilbert De Leon.

Also assisting with the drive were Kimberly Flickinger, Jay Do and Mary Doan.

Overall, there were around 20 fewer families applying for assistance in this year's drive – a possible sign of an up-tick in the local economy.

The *Leader* reached out to a specific family that it helped last year to see if they again needed assistance. To the *Leader* staff's delight, the family patriarch said she no longer needed any help, as she is now back on her feet, working full time, with food on her table and all of her bills paid.

Blocker death ruled accidental

Roughly three months after a dead body was found floating in a lake at an apartment complex located in the 10200 block of Windmill Lakes, Harris County medical examiners have determined the cause of death was an accidental drowning.

The body of Gordon Scott Blocker, 42, was discovered early Thursday, Sept. 1. He was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police,

Blocker's body was discovered around 4:45 a.m. by a jogger, who then notified authorities.

A dive team from the Houston Police Department was called in to retrieve the body.

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences spokeswoman Tricia Bentley said it was unclear why the autopsy took so long to complete.

A preliminary investigation indicated no obvious signs of foul play, police said.

Firefighters battle apartment blaze

At least four apartment units were damaged by fire late Sunday, Dec. 18, in the 9900 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard.

According to investigators, the blaze erupted around 11:45 p.m. at the Reserve at Windmill Lakes apartment complex.

Upon their arrival, firefighters found flames shooting from a second-story chimney.

All residents safely escaped the fire, but a dog was left behind. Firefighters, however, were able to save the animal, which was unharmed.

No injuries were reported. Four extra fire engines were called on to help extinguish the blaze.

While it was unclear at press time what started the fire, it was believed that the blaze began in the fireplace of one of the apartment units.

Santa Claus visits South Belt area

Santa Claus will visit the South Belt community Thursday, Dec. 22, as he rides aboard a Southeast Volunteer Fire Department fire engine down various streets in the Kirkmont and Sagemeadow subdivisions. The fire truck will stop at Moore Elementary from 8 to 8:30 p.m. allowing for children to visit with Santa.

Beverly Hills collects funds, toys



Beverly Hills Intermediate's BearCo. once again participated in the *Leader's* Christmas program by collecting money to provide food for needy families in the area. Funds raised were used to purchase food gift cards. The group also worked with the Pasadena ISD Police Department to collect toys for the drive. BearCo. members shown above at the school are, left to right, BHI Principal Stacy Barber, sponsor Lamona Lemarr, member Tonya Rodriguez, President Celine Webster, member Amber Webster, Treasurer Malia Curry and co-sponsor Brandy Knutz. Photo submitted

Publisher's Opinion

Thank You, South Belt

It is Tuesday before Christmas and at the *Leader* we are finishing this week's edition. We also just finished taking care of more than 50 South Belt families with food and more importantly, toys.

This is our 34th year for this project. It really is sad - some of the situations we

encounter. Many of the people let us know they would not have Christmas without this program. (See related story Page 1A.)

A sincere "THANKS" to all who took part - from school kids to our businesses. God Bless all of you and Merry Christmas.

-Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Why is Beamer still down to one lane?

Inquiring minds want to know...why is Beamer still pinched down to one lane at the intersection with Hughes Road?

The work on the corner by the gas station is complete and it appears all the current construction is on Hughes, I can't see any reason for the lane closures.

The bottleneck is most obvious during morning and evening traffic when long waits through multiple light cycles are common. I believe the traffic through that traffic light has increased as people don't want to drive through the mess that is now Hughes Road. The least the project managers can do is to make it easier for us to pass by the construction and not drive through it.

Sam Weeke

Muecke on Houston Parking Division

I read where the people that live in the Clear Lake area are upset to get a ticket for their vehicle blocking a side walk. The City of Houston established the Parking Division about 10 years ago to address

this problem. These people need less training and cheaper vehicles to drive than a certified police officer. They also handle the parking meters. They have been patrolling our area all this time. Why is it now just getting to Clear Lake?

There are about 10 violations that are watched. Very simple, take a picture of the violation, of the VIN number and out comes the ticket. Less than 2 minutes and then there goes \$40.00. Is it a money maker? Well in a way it is, but also a safety issue. This old neighborhood had a major problem when this started. The neighborhood is over 50 years old and on some side streets the drive way is very short. The home owner has no other choice but to block the sidewalk with his rear bumper. One home owner approached me, he received 5 tickets. Said he was about ready to tear down his fence to park in his back yard. We went to the city and explained the situation. They studied this issue and they now do not give these home owners a ticket.

Bottom line, this is for your own safety. Proper parking allows the emergency vehicles that need to get to a destination fast and makes sure wheel chair people and the walking public can be on a safe clear sidewalk. THINK SAFETY BEFORE YOU PREACH.

Jim Muecke

Scouts selflessly volunteer



Local Boy Scout Braxton Mayo participated in this year's *Leader* Christmas drive by volunteering to help organize toys and food. Pictured above with the scout at the *Leader* office are, left to right, his mother, Stephanie Mayo, and *Leader* interns Jay Do and Mary Doan. Not pictured is Boy Scout Cody Waggoner, who also volunteered in the program.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Atkinson collects for food donation



Students in the Citizenship Club helped the students of Atkinson Elementary School donate canned food items to the *South Belt Leader*. The Citizenship Club is under the leadership of Melanie Zelenka and Michelle Pinkerton. Pictured above are, left to right, (front row) Marcello Rios, Tanya Arredondo, (back row) Anthony Garza, Diego Nunez, Mia Lozano, Amire Ahmed, Shazia Mustapha and Diana Pena.

Photo submitted

Wilcox plays elf



2004 Dobie High School graduate Lance Wilcox recently completed eight shows at Centre Stage Theater in Kingwood, playing the lead role in *Elf, Jr.* to sold-out audiences. *Elf, Jr.* is a musical based on the 2003 movie which starred Will Ferrell. Wilcox portrayed Curly in the musical *Oklahoma* his senior year. Additionally, he sings with the Houston Symphony Chorus which recently performed with classical music great Andrea Bocelli at the Toyota Center. Wilcox is the son of 1972 Dobie graduate Gina Wilcox and the brother of 2001 Dobie graduate Amber Mackechney. His grandmother, Carmen Davalos, has lived in the South Belt area for 48 years. With Wilcox are his nieces, Madison and Maci, who agreed they thoroughly enjoyed his performance.

Melillo donates to program

Melillo Middle School once again participated in the *Leader's* annual Christmas program by collecting and donating food and toys. Melillo staff members shown above are, left to right, Michelle Rush and Jenny Vann. (See related photo on Page 3B.)

Photo submitted



Quilt Guild meets Jan. 3

The Bay Area Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting and program begins at 7 p.m. The Jan. 3 guest speaker is Paula Barnes, a longtime quilter, and her program is titled *Designing Quilting Spaces*. Join in on a great evening and pick up some tips to use in one's own quilting space. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or check the website at bayareaquiltguild.org.

Deaths

Thomas Lee Bird Jr.



Thomas Lee Bird Jr., 53, longtime Sagemont resident, died unexpectedly on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016.

Tommy was born in Houston on Dec. 31, 1962. He worked as a contractor in the South Belt and Galveston areas for more than 30 years.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Ida Lou West, and sister Lisa Bass.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Tommy and Evelyn Bird; daughter Jennifer Bird; granddaughter Halle Creason; and niece Sandra Henderson.

A memorial is planned for Tommy's celebration of life.

Loeta Lilley



Loeta Lilley, 81, died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. She was born on Jan. 1, 1935.

In recent years, Loeta was a resident of Clear Brook Crossing Rehabilitation Center. Prior to that she resided in Sagemont for more than

30 years. She retired from Foley's Alameda after 30 years as a salesperson in women's sportswear, where she made many lifetime friends.

Her latter years were devoted to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed visits from family and friends, but it was her great-grandchildren who received the most enthusiastic welcome.

Leota was preceded in death by her son, Lary Lilley.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Jarmon and husband Bob of Sageglen; son Gary Lilley; and Lary's wife, Deb Lilley; grandchildren Tiffany Green, Jeremy Lilley, Adam Lilley, Nathan Jarmon and Sara Appling and their spouses, Matthew Green, Tammi Jarmon, Jamie Lilley and Carey Appling; great-grandchildren Luke, Lily and Samantha Appling, Jack Lilley, Elijah Jarmon, and Makenna Green; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Leota's memory will be held at a later date.

David Wesley Anthony



David Wesley "Wes" Anthony, 78, died on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016.

Wes was born in Abilene, Texas, to Vinita and Oscie Anthony on July 16, 1938. He was raised in Monahans, Texas, and continued his education at Baylor University. While there, he met and married his wife of 56 years, Emily Kay Carson.

After graduating from Baylor in 1960, Wes taught school in China Spring Independent School District and Pasadena ISD. In 1965, he joined Shell Oil Company as a staff systems analyst and remained there until his retirement in 1991.

In 1992, Wes returned to his first love of teaching, and he started a second career as a professor at Houston Community College (HCC) where he taught business computer applications until he was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2015. Teaching and mentoring young people was his true calling.

Wes loved people and he loved music. While at Baylor, he led the music at local churches. He also served as music director for Magnolia Baptist Church and First Baptist Church Friendswood, and as interim music director at Sagemont Church while working at Shell Oil. He sang numerous solos for weddings and funerals accompanied by his wife, Kay, and also led youth and adult choirs. He and Kay were active in the Before You Say I Do program at Sagemont Church where they mentored young couples.

He made a difference in the lives of so many people. Wes is survived by his wife, Kay; his children, Lorine (Vic) David, David (Shelly) Anthony and John Anthony; grandchildren Samantha, Dugan, Emily, Lila, Drew, Alison and Alisha; five great-grandchildren; brothers Rayford Anthony, Mark (Charla) Anthony and James (Aom) Anthony.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Vinita and Oscie Anthony, and his brother, Morris Anthony.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016, at Niday Funeral Home. A private burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sagemont Church or to the David Wesley Anthony Memorial Scholarship at Houston Community College, 3100 Main St., Suite 12B12, Houston, TX 77002.

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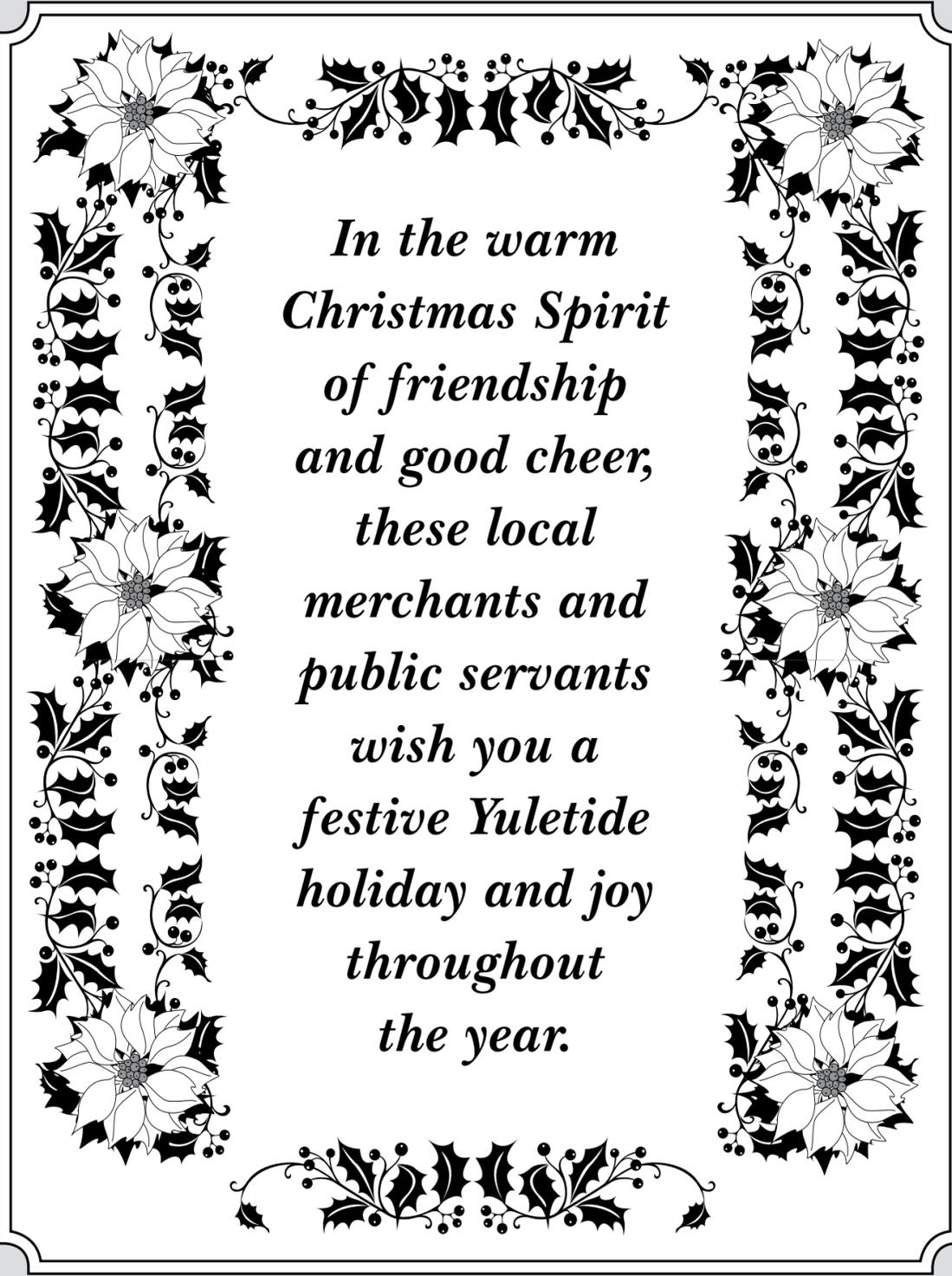
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Hancock writes Letters to Santa

The following are Santa Letters from Hancock Elementary School second-graders:

Donna Koonce's class
I want like a toy and a bike but I'm sorry that I was bad. All I try to be good. And I will like a dog so bad. Can I have one.
Larissa Diaz
I would like a Xboxone and iPhone 6S. Because I wanted those cool stuff sins a was seven years old. I like the cool games you can play it will make me happy even having a iPhone that will make me even more happy.

KB Boyd
I would like alive doll and may I please have a baby dog please I would be a good girl and I please have some fack flowers for my mom and can I have a Phone for my dad in can I please have a baby chow for my baby sister and a robot for my brother and two dollars for my sister and can I have a box of make up and can I have some Play-doh and I what some goiry and a goiry box and I can have a play set for my dolls and can I have a big mirra so when I do my make up. Thank you Santa. Marrey Crismas Ho Ho Ho.
Brianna Woodard
I would like a bike and a pet dog.
Cynthia Williams
I would like a baby Alive doll and a sum dyptrs for a doll and a sum doll food. And I would like a Minecraft game, and I own phone and that is all. And shop-pins And last of all I would love to read more.

Alaina Nhi Da
I would like fire ring pops, a hvr bord, a dog, a PS4, a X-spox one. **Kingston Hernandez**
I would like a football because I like to play sports. And a remote ctroe truck. And a game splatoon. And a basketball goal with a ball. And a new tablet. And a pogo stick and a PS7 with Mariyo Kart 7 game.

Branden Ray
I would like a new iPhone 7. I would like a numms numms. I would like a black hevrbord. I would like a cute puppy. I would like some Shopkins. I would like a new shoes that are golde. I would like Graoshery Gang. I would like Pie Face. I would like runer. I would like a des. I would like a emogy set and I been good.
Serenity Thomas
I would like Shopkins please. I would like Pie Face please. I would like emogys please. I would like num numms please. I would like shoes. They are all fun and I've been a good girl. Love Santa!
Chloe Zavala
I would like a Bike and a pupy and a new dcd and that is it. Thank you. and a Hors.
Taliyah Cooks
I would a huvs in a dog in a go crt in a doll in a new bike in a scoocer in a unicorn.

Gizelle Torres
I would like ... a Baby Alive but I don't know if I'm going to get it. Because I Been Bad at school. Do you want me to tell you. But I want something else and it is a iPhone if you do that you are the Best thank you so much. I wish Santa you could have all my movies of me.
Courtyln Edwards
I would like a DS and some crds bucs you get to play the games on at and a Xbox 360and a Phon.
Pichounna Scott
I would like irobot and I have been good. I have gave my family seeds that they love and a pet dog.
Joshua Mejia
I would like a big pokemon pack of cards and a small pokemon pack of cards.

Yahir Bamboa
I would like a play stachion and a skylander characters, they'r names are master Abush and crash barecoot, huood slucke. And a cuputer.
Juan Torres
I would like a phone so I can play games. And I would like a tablet so I can face time my dad. And I will like a baby alive. And I will like a realcooker.
Hariyah Barnes
I would like * American girl doll * and some macup like lip stick blush * And some Shopkins * And Shopkins Cheif Club * And some wiffi. I have been good this year.

Alessandra Alcantar
I would like a Amarian girl. I have been a good girl in school.
Mya Durant
Kim Nguyen's class
For christmas, I want a foot-ball, a basketball with a hoop, and a soccer ball. Because I was being a good citizen. I was helping people. And I was following the rules. And my teacher told me to get something from the treasure box because I was being good.
Roy Azinge Jr.
I want my dad to have a friend please. I want to have Middy at Thomas Hancock School please and thank you. I want to have a nonfiction book about seenmoffs please and thank you. I want a stufl annul fox please and thank you. I osol want a fuzze jactit please and

Diego Garcia
I wish for world piece, I also want the amazing Cozmo! and is it true that you can make snow? if it is I would wrilly want that! and could you please give me a 1942 Poke dex.
Aaden Martinez
Lexi Canales's class
This year for Christmas I would really like to get sum lagos and remote cars and a tablet. I really thing I deserve these gifts because I listen to the teacher and get redy for school wen I am spootoc.
Corbin Contreras
This year for Christmas I would really like to get a foot ball, a psp go, & a box of 7,000 pokémon cards. I really think I deserve these gifts because I always Listen to my mom & dad & I do what my parents tell me to do. I can't wait for Christmas day. Thank you in advance for all these gifts.
Ray Azinge Jr.
This year for Christmas I would really like to get drums, play stasion and family. I really think I deserve these gifts because I was good at scool. I hope I am not on the not list. I can't wait for Christmas day. Thank you in advance for all these gifts.
Audrey Johnson
This year for crimas I would riley like to get a peano girt and my dad and I thank I duss thes gives becus I love crimus and for crimas I will give the por pipol givts. Thank you Santa and Mis. Clas.
Elyssa Vargas
This year for CHristmas I would really like a phone, drum, laptop, Play Station PS4 and makeup. I really desirve thes gifts for doing what im sopus to do. I love you Santa.
Na'shy Johnson
This year for Christmas I would really like to get a real puppy a toy and books. I really think I deserve these gifts because am kind nice to my family and friends I can't wait for christmas day. Thank you in advance for all these gifts.
Eileen Flores
This year for christmas I would really like to get Dokey w, tablet, and kitty. I really think I deserve these gifts because I been good last year. I can't wait for christmas day. Thank you in advance for all these gifts.
Davian Lozano
This year for Chrismus I would really like to get nom numms, a real puppy and a tbit. I really think I deserve these gifts because. I leson to my family, and my grandma and gandpa. I can't wait for Christmas day. Thank you in advance for all these gifts.
Marissa Sanchez
I would really like to get a telescope, PSP go and undertale doll. I really think I deserve these because I've been really nice to my friends and been nice to my teacher. I can't wait for Christmas day. Thank you in advance for all these gifts.
Lenneth Cruz
This year for crismus really like to get computer tablet and Pokcemon cards. I really think I deserve these gifts because I been good and I really want these presents. I can't wait for christmas day. Thank you in advance
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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY, JERRY!
Former Dobie principal and former Pasadena ISD board member, **Jerry Speer**, enjoys a birthday Dec. 22. Best wishes are sent from family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JACKIE
Happy birthday wishes are sent Dec. 22 to **Jackie Wiess** from family, friends in Texas and the *Leader* staff. Special wishes are sent for a wonderful birthday from her equestrian friends in North Carolina.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVID!
David Flickinger enjoys a birthday Dec. 22. Wishes for a very happy birthday are sent from his wife, **Marie**; sons **Fred** and wife **Leslie Flickinger** and **David** and wife **Ellie Flickinger**; granddaughters **Kimberly Flickinger** and **Courtney Durham** and husband **Chris**, great-granddaughter **Abigail** and great-grandson **Jackson**; granddaughter **Natalie** and husband **Jose Abarca** and great-grandchildren **Kelvin Lopez**, and **Noah** and **Isabella Abarca**; and sister-in-law **Alexis Lochner**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELAINE!
Elaine Edwards, wife of former *Leader* staffer **Bill Edwards**, celebrates her birthday Dec. 26. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday from her family and the *Leader* staff.

BILL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes to **Bill King**, former mayor of Kemah, who celebrates a birthday Dec. 29, from friends and the *Leader* staff.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO BETH
Wishes for a great celebration on Jan. 3 are sent to **Beth Williams** of Central Ace Hardware from her family, friends and the staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 22 through Jan. 4.
Atkinson Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Elizabeth Roehl** Dec. 29. Starting off the new year right is **Terry Salazar** with a birthday Jan. 3. Birthday greetings are sent to **Emalie Sternberg** Jan. 4.

Burnett Elementary
Sylvia Lazard enjoys a birthday Dec. 22. **Shannon Roberts** enjoys a birthday Dec. 28. Sing a chorus of a birthday song to **Jessica Leon** Dec. 29. Light the birthday candles Jan. 4 for **Maria Nunez**.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for **Jessica Wedgeworth** is Dec. 30.
Frazier Elementary
Katie Belus celebrates a happy birthday Dec. 26.

Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Sarah Rankin** is Dec. 26. **Maira Armenta** enjoys a birthday Dec. 28.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Brittany Greuter** Dec. 28.
South Belt Elementary
Dec. 23 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Sarah Smith**. Enjoying a Dec. 26 birthday is **Amy Batson**. Starting off the new year right is **Marcy Pittman** with a birthday Jan. 1. Sing a birthday song Jan. 2 to **Jon Lu**. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 4 to **Estella Riley**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting Dec. 30 to **Cheryl Mendoza**.

Melillo Middle School
Ericka Vega is wished a happy birthday Dec. 25. Dec. 27 is the day for birthday greetings for **Alyssa Alvarez**. **Jill Sharma** marks a birthday Dec. 29. Join in the birthday fun Jan. 3 with **Theresa Salazar**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Johna**

Moreland on Dec. 22. **Dionna Lopez** celebrates a birthday Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The day to celebrate with a double-layer birthday cake for **Kenneth Davidson** and **Laura Mervine** is Dec. 29. Ending the year with a Dec. 30 birthday is **Stephanie Jones**.

Thompson Intermediate
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Betty Minter** Dec. 29. Starting off the new year with a birthday celebration on Jan. 1 is **Tiona Samuel**. The day for a cake for **Carolina Aguilera** is Jan. 4.

Dobie High
Three cheers on Dec. 22 for a happy birthday for **Susan Ayala**, **Tedria Fluellen** and **Cheryl Sanders**. **Traci Jacobs** celebrates a birthday Dec. 23. **Tina Knight-Gray** marks a birthday Dec. 24. Light the birthday candles on a double-layer cake Dec. 26 for **Donna Cobb** and **Martha Jack**. On Dec. 29, a birthday greeting is sent to **Andrea Morgan**. **William Fufts** celebrates a birthday Dec. 31. Celebrating the new year with a birthday Jan. 1 is **Barry Harris**. Birthday wishes are sent to **Jane Damico** Jan. 3. Light the candles on a cake for **Kyle Ediger** Jan. 4.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Dec. 22: **Susan Taylor**, **Jennie Kaufhold**, **Sara Sotelo**, **Jennifer Bryant** and **Tiffany Wennerstrom**; Friday, Dec. 23: **Miguel Lopez**, **Carolyn Sanders**, **Mary Montgomery**, **Sarah Smith** and **Holly Fielder**; Saturday, Dec. 24: **Lori Lee**, **James Perales**, **Christina Nelson**, **Jessica Carrion**, **Victor Ramirez**, **Tiffany McCullough** and **Kim McDonald**; Sunday, Dec. 25: **Yvonne Acosta**, **Claudia Cardenas**, **Jilena Mata**, **Jose Garza**, **Abby Skowron**, **Johnna Overstreet-Pierce** and

Anita Griego; Monday, Dec. 26: **Cindi Williams**, **David Parker**, **Dave Huston**, **Travis Sattiewhite**, **Pam Moore** and **Sam Ditta**; Tuesday, Dec. 27: **Rhonda Valdez**, **Jen Mintz**, **Ricky Stacey**, **Julia Argo**, **Laurel Chicas**, **Arthur Medina**, **Donna Shaw-McCullough** and **Stacey Donohue**; Wednesday, Dec. 28: **Mandy Philmon**; Thursday, Dec. 29: **Lory Adams Taylor**, **Joe Gutierrez** and **Debra Blake**; Friday, Dec. 30: **Heather Deming**, **David Garza**, **Gloria Garcia**, **Salvador Flores**, **Scott Romeo**, **Brenda Keener** and **Arcilia Maturey**; Saturday, Dec. 31: **Laneil Vawter**, **Dameon Smith**, **Kelley Hammond**, **Karen Edwards**, **Cecily Carriere** and **Pamela Collins**; Sunday, Jan. 1: **Michael McCollom**, **Charlotte Christian**, **Elaine Bischof**, **Marl Wills**, **Kelly Robinson**, **David Tucker**, **Richard Lopez**, **Eleonora Stoves**, **Justin McAurther**, **Sandra Matula** and **Crystal Ford**; Monday, Jan. 2: **Jay Forrest**, **Amanda Baldwin**, **Bryan Gomez**, **Mary Winters**, **Kelly Edwards** and **Meagan Novak**; Tuesday, Jan. 3: **Tony Montenegro III**, **Deb Rainbolt-Young**, **Terri Salazar**, **Roland Moreno** and **Flor Elizalde**; Wednesday, Jan. 4: **Gerry Cole**, **Lan Curtis**, **Crystal Roberts** and **Jason Thompson**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email 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.

Business Women meet Jan. 12, registration deadline Jan. 10
South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association will welcome Thecia Jenkins, on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque (private meeting room), 9005 Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland.

Jenkins is a performance improvement expert who teaches BOLD steps toward big improvements in organizational culture and professional development. In her career spanning more than 20 years, she has become a sought-after speaker and trainer on the topics of emotional intelligence, cultural competence, communication and women's issues.

Professionals throughout the community are invited to attend. A \$20 fee will cover a meal and the meeting. RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 10, at www.SEEN-ABWA.org.

Dobie Project L.O.V.E. visits VA Hospital



On Dec. 2, 2016, students from the Dobie High School Art Department visited the VA Hospital to spread some holiday cheer. For the second year in a row, Project L.O.V.E. (Longhorns Outreach for Veterans' Enrichment) delivered handmade holiday cards to the veterans in the "live-in" patient unit. This year, in addition to the cards, students decorated patients' doors at the Community Living Center. This project was led by junior student Graciella Delgado, and was sponsored by Lead Art Teacher Stephanie Albert. This was a great opportunity for students to share their talents, and the veterans who live in this unit truly appreciated the gesture. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Linh Trinh, Catherine Nguyen, Betzabe Solis, Nicole Delgado, Graciella Delgado, Sami Yu, Biancarosa Vargas, Trang Vu, Miguel Herrera, (back row) Stephanie Albert (art teacher), Rosalinda Mascorro, Michael Slaten, Karen Flores, Tristyn Demo, Bryon Schwausch, Brynn Dempsey and Erika Rubio. Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1976)
The Harris Galveston Coastal Subsidence District put pressure on local utility districts to use surface water, as opposed to well water being used.

The subject of artificial turf, which was, according to the Pasadena Independent School District administration, "inadvertently" left off the agenda, turned a quiet board meeting into one which resulted in heated remarks.

35 years ago (1981)
Three reassigned football coaches - Dobie's Sam Sailer, South Houston's Ray Cleckler and Pasadena's Jack Fink - served as substitute teachers.

The Houston Fire Department station averaged three calls per day over the holiday season. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department averaged more than one call per day.

30 years ago (1986)
Three juveniles were charged with possession of a controlled substance after Houston Police conducted a drug bust at a Stop N' Go on Beamer.

15 years ago (2001)
World War II veteran Robert Webb spoke to Thompson Intermediate students who were studying the war in Cherrise Lindley's reading class. Webb was in the 101st Airborne Division which landed in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944, during the D-Day invasion.

Thadis Pegues II, son of Thadis Pegues of Sagegen, earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Senior Matt Bergeron was selected as Dobie's most valuable football player.

10 years ago (2006)
Nearly \$46,000 worth of copper was stolen from Blackhawk Park and major damage was done as well to electrical boxes and fences. Thieves attached chains to underground lines and removed the copper from inside.

A teacher and former South Belt resident was arrested on multiple charges, including indecency and sexual assault of a child. She allegedly had sex with several of her fifth-grade students in southwest Houston.

Moore and Frazier elementary schools and students of Dobie's Future Farmers of America donated toys to the 24th annual *South Belt Leader* toy drive.

5 years ago (2011)
A four-story office building located at 12600 Featherwood was evacuated due to a structural shift. According to Houston Fire Department officials, one of the columns that supported the building's northeast side shifted, lowering that side of the building by about two inches. Approximately 250 people were inside at the time. Later, the fire department and city officials deemed the structure safe enough for employees to re-enter to get personal belongings on a floor-by-floor basis. At press time, engineers were inspecting the building to see what repairs were necessary.

Multiple units from the Houston Police Department responded to an incident in the 11000 block of Cayman Mist where several gun-

shots were fired. According to one resident, between 30 and 40 rounds were discharged. Police were unable to locate a suspect, and a check of all local hospitals found no one suffering from a gunshot wound. The street was barricaded for several hours while the investigation was conducted.

The Houston Airport System received notification that it had been awarded a \$3.1 million state grant to assist in building a new air traffic control tower at Ellington Airport.

The Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant will help cover the cost of designing and constructing the new tower, including a utility building, utility yard and parking area and the purchase and installation of navigational and communication equipment necessary for effective operation. The grant will help cover \$2 million of the construction cost; more than \$1 million will help cover the cost of equipping the facility. The final estimated cost of the project is more than \$7 million.

The site currently has more than 359,000 homeless pets listed, and it is updated continually. More than 13,500 animal welfare organizations in the U.S., Canada and other countries post their pets on the site. Pets may be viewed at www.petfinder.com.

A potential adopter enters search criteria for the kind of pet he or she wants, and a list is returned that ranks the pets in proximity to the ZIP code entered. Adoptions are handled by the animal placement group where the pet is housed, and each group has its own policies. Petfinder.com was created in early 1996 as a grass-roots project by Jared and Betsy Saul to end the euthanasia of adoptable pets. Since its inception, the site has facilitated approximately 20 million adoptions, making it the most life-saving initiative in animal welfare.

1 year ago (2015)

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Burnett elementary second-graders write letters to Santa Claus

The following are letters written to Santa Claus from Burnett Elementary School second-graders:

Nancy Fehst's class
Here are some of the things I want a Lego City and I want it to be cool and all will be green and blue and I want a doll house red and pink.
Ngoc Nguyen
Here are some of the things I want. I want a drone with a camera on the remote and the black and red light up shoes. And a germen sheperd it is a dog, and a real dodge ram for my dad, and I want my mom to feel beter, and I want a red Jordan shirt and sweater, and 4000 Dollars and a police set with a fake taser and fake handcufs, and I want my size football shoes with my size gltuse and football pants.

Louis Aviles
Here are some of the things I want a mlp priss Kadis with her baby Casoll. It is in a big box and the kullr is blue and the ball molen. It has Krlr haer with the bote.
Gloria Castaneda
Here are some of the things I want is a house bd and a fone and a Kum powter and a lotes with money.
Madison Smith
I want a Virtual Reality headset. Xbox One S. Play Station 4. Tablet. \$100. Pokemon Sun. Pokemon Moon. 1dserx. Goose Bumps the game. **Alex Barrel**
I want to gite a motricool that you can put gas and I want a durt bile for gismis and thats it.

Jace McCall
Here are some thing i want for Chrismas. I want a phone and a huverbord. I want Orbez spa and the trolls movie and the toys barbie dolls the and clothes for the barbie more dolls my little pony toys a bed with shopkins pillows and blanket a doll house.

Izeliiah Williams
They are some things that I want. I want a xbox1 2 xbox 7 and white and a phone and chargers.
Mark Nguyen
Here are some of the things I want a cosmo bot and PS4 and Iphone and I want to see you and roadoff and I want a baby sister and go to portellico by plane and facetime my grandma and that all I want!

Nate Soto
Remember I want 10 xbox ples.
Johnathan Villanueva
Here are some of the things I want. A havrbord and a bick and puppy for Crismas. I will love all these for Crismas. Plas Santa. I love you too Santa. I no you are rill Santa some people that you are not rill. I thank you are. Thach you so much Santa.
Leilene Diaz Martinez
For crasmak I want a iPod and a crack up ekit and a puppy, and a new car hundred dollrs and other mack up ekit.

Nayeli Martinez
The first thing I want fr Chrismis is a huverbord I want a write flavr huverbord. The sait thing I want is a bike a blue bike with the ifol tiwol. The third thing I want is nalpolish. The fourth thing I want is lot of make up. The fifth thing I want is a lot of pjomus with ows n thim and maching slippers. The six think is a bath and bote wrx gife corn. The se-fifth thing I want is a Justisgife coron.

Mya Cantu
I want five nights at Freddydes toys, plesas. I want them becous they are cool and fun!!!
Kaden Ramirez
I want't to let you know that I want' some Chrismas present

I want' some headfones and a tablet and a computer a big hovs of Shopkins and a toy of Chrismas thats all I want't. Thank you Santa. Can you pleas say to Ms. Clos. Thank you too.

Andrea Chicas Robert Hughes' class
How have you bean even misas Claus? I bean a good girl. I havent got no condick marks. And want a dog, toy, that can move and I will leave you cook-eyes and milk and I want Shopkins too. Merry Chrismas Santa and Misas Claus.

Samantha Andalla
How are you doig Santa and Ms. Claus? I am doig good in my school and my house to. I want a real hours and some Shopkins. How yours reindeers doig and elfs and I want presents for my family I want to give you a hug.

Melany Rangel
How are you doing. I ben doing a aswome jug. I help you are doing gud to. Cud you get me a huverbord and a iPhone 7S KyriE 2 all wit size 1 ples.
Isai Saravia
Hey Santa how are you and Mrs. Clows doig? I was good at school and my house I want a new PS 4 and G.T.A. Five on the PS 4 and a new dog and a new bilk.

Gabriel Reyes
How you been Santa Claus. I ben a god girl, and I nivr got condri marcs. I wel see you en pethr day. I wel geu you melk ad cuces and I vel the not. I want a dog and Shopkins two and lait shus. A Shopkins bw and a gold braslet from elfment braslet and sum tris and sum brathes and sum spers and sum saks.
Beatriz Betancourt
How are you and how is Mrs. Claus. I been good so I want bows and shirts and pans and a phone and I want nails, thank you Santa for your kind I love you Santa.
Leyda Valdez
How are you doing Santa Claus and Ms. Claus. How are you reindeer doing and your elfs? I ben doing good and what I want I Shopkins and toys and a tablet and a new bike.

Emily Guevarra
How or you doing, Santa. Wine was your birthday how or your elfes doing how or you doing with your wife Santa. Nom noms Shopkins a riyol baby turtle lps riyd pirukits a pionyown a big box a baby buny.

Jenesis Soriano
I was good in class and my home. Can you bring me a PeS4 and I want gt 5 on the PeS4 and U want Halo 5.
Diego Solano
Santa Claus and Ms. Claus how are you doing? I am gud ad school. I am howpful and I gat gud calificans. And I laiv yur reindeer Rodolf and how are yur reindeers during I laik al yur reindeers and how yur elfs during I laik yur elfs.
Luis Alfaro
How are you doig good. I was going to tell you that I am a good girl. I do vnat my mom and dad tell me to do I do good at school I was going to tell you that I want Shopkins and a Birbie house and a Big Pink Car! and a book of Shopkins that is all.

Stephanie Davalos
I have been good o year in home and ben a gd boy. And helh how are you duweeng I dersrv a gefi. I want legose and a batman robe to and a Pokemon toy and a play stashev wish a game and I will leev cookes and milk. Mere Chrismas Santa. See you

David Gaona
Today I behave good in school. I also behave in my house to. How are you and Ms. Claws doing? I lisento my teacher and do what to do. I clean the house so it can be clean. Also I am doing good very good. Can you give me a gift please? I am being a good boy. I also get good grades, because I am good please give me a gift? **Samuel Moreno**
Hey Santa how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I have been good at class and home. For Chrismas I want a baby alive doll and a Journey girl. I want the dolls because I love those baby dolls. I even want assesers for the dolls.
Eliana Poskey
You do good to day. I have do good at home and I have do good at school. I want a dog. And I want a roared toy and I want a airplane. And I want a new bilk and a toy car and new PS3.

Johnathan Sanchez
How have you been i.v been a good boy how is it in the north pole. How are the raindeers how is Mrs. Claus. I have been a good boy iin school. I want a puppy grman sheper and a PS4. I will leav cookiks and milk. Merry Chrismas Santa family and carrits for the raindeers I hop have a good Chrismas.
Mikeal
In school I behave a little bit good how are you in my house. I bhive good in my house. I want a PS 4 with a GTA.6 and a FIFA 17 and a STAR War toy and a nerf gun and for my bother a little bike and a candy and for me I want a wach and how is your wife and for my sister a wonderful dress, and a I phone 6 and how are you doing and one more thing a dog.

Walter Lopez
I have bin gud at school. I nivr been apen at school but I came late one day. Sometimes I be bad at home. How are you doing Santa? Can you brig me a Barbi hous and toy and shos and close.
Angela Argueta
Jocelyn Chavez's class
I have been very good this year. I have 1. I help my mom four the groshris 2. I play with my dog. My Chrismas wishes are: 1. PS4 2. Pokemon 3. Mew Legos 4. Hot-wheels. I hope you like the cookie and cafe.
Samuel Garcia
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I have to clen my home. I have been good in school. My wishes are: a Pokemon toy of Pikachshew and a Lego menuu and a xbox 1 the new one. And a Lego Gost bust r.

Joel Rubio
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Gael Salinas
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I have help my mom 2. I also clean the garden. My Chrismas wishes are: 1. Chrismas boots 2. Soft coat 3. Mitens 4. ad Pokemon cards. I hope you like the kooecs and milk.
Ximena Jasso
I am eight years old. I have

been very good this year. I have 1. I help my mom wash the dishes. 2. I pad with my baby sifers. My Chrismas wishes are: 1. a hundred shopkins 2.a shopkin shoes 3. and Lego shopkins 4. and rings and nigles and brasetel and cashers of shopkins. I hop you like the cookies and milk.
Elianne Mendoza
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. 1. I do my bed ad 2. I help my mom clean the hous. My chrismas wishes are: 1. a little puppy and 2. a big barb house. I hope you like the milke and cookies **Alma Argueta**
I am 9 years old. I have been very good this year. I have help my mom badsiter my brother. I have been good at school. My Chrismas wishes are: a clock and bans a short of shokes a sleepers of trolls. One shoes I want them pink or purple. I hop you like the cookys and milk.

Kelyn Turcios
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I have 1. help the pou people. 2. My wish is a wii and a xbox lego Ghost Buster and chokelate milk and cookies.
Jose Vela Puerto
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I have 1. help clen my apremend. 2. Wen my moom is outside I take care ur my sitire. My Chrismas wishes are 1. Baby Alive doll 2. Baby Alive doll crib 3. Baby Alive food and bibbs 4. abs a doll house. I hope you like the milk.
Mya Reyes
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I behave at school. 2. I helpd mom. 1. I want an xbox. 2. I want toy key chains. I will give you cookis.

Evan Ibarra
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. 1. I have help my mom in November 18 Friday I washed the dishes for my mom. I have help my dad fix my fan. 1. I want a wii. 2. I want a new tablet. 3. I want legos. 4. I want Pokiemon cards. I hope you like the cookies and milk.
Damian Torres
I am 8 years old. I have been very good this year. I have been clean my room and I have been hildea my sisters to do her homework and I thak them shawr. I hildea my dad to wut I like to hildea hem do coocise because he dus itgood. Now my Chrismas wishes are: 1. a Barbea house and the Barbea dol to and I want a pfor to for chrismas I want a compudor for chrismas and I love my munea Santa can you pleas bring me sum munea pleas ow and Santa can you sum good coocise like my dad do it that is all for me.

Kaley Sagastizado
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. 1. Clean my room and 2. Vacuum the floor. My chrismas wish is 2 Lego packs of Flash vs revs Falsh and Batman Legos and Armer Batman with the batmobile with two lonshers and a very fast control car and a control helicopter and a xbox and Iphone7.
Axel Pion
I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. 1. I help my mom with the chores 2. I help my mom with lots of thigs. My Chrismas wishes are: I want a I phone 7 and a play stashev.

Johnathan Hernandez LeKisha Jones' class
I have been very good this year. I love Chrismas it is the most jollyest Holiday of the year. How are the elves and Roudough and Mrs. Claus. And how are you. I love the toy factor I wish I could visit. Speaking of toys here are a few toys I want American girl doll, computer and some kintic sand. Tell ereone I said hi.
Caela Griffin
I have been good this year. And how is Mrs. Clase. Also I hope yer randycoy are happy for Chrismis. This year also my birthday is after chrismas. So I want 'ted tell you if I can get echer

Joshua Jackson
I have been very good today. I want a poppy Bom box and a toy cat sunglasses.
Lyla Rohmfeld
I've been good this year. I've been wanting a puppy and to take care of the puppy I also want a puppy bowl and a water feeder. I also been wanting an xbox. And a wii and to go wii a super smash bro game. Also I want a DS, cell phone, trampoline, connect four and a I pad. And how is Mrs. Claus and your elfs.
Jacob Torres-Tejada
I've been very good this year! So how is the elf's? and raindeer and Mrs. Claws? Hope all you doing Okay. Your the best of you. I really hope you have a fun job you the elfy are all of y'all are my favrot.
Ashlee Taylor
Santa, I've been very good this year. How is Mrs. Claws doing? And how are your elves doing? May I have a hover board and a trampoline, Ples can I have a Laptop and most of all I want a phon. That's all I want for Cresmes this year!

Ricardo Rodriguez
I love you. I've been very good this year. And I like December very much. I relly relly want this suff for December.

preseti. But wat I relley won't for Chrismes hers five thing. I want't Orbeez, and a new DS2. Also I won't boot's and for Game Bord's also I want't a big present like Big Baby doll also I hoep everyone hav's a good Chrismes.
Jaylin Gonzalez
I have been a good girl at school and at home and I was being good and be respect and be nise and be swet and no fidng be nise. How are the lfse.
Jasara Key
I wanted to ask youabout the elfves. How are the elfves doing today? I been good today. I hope you bring me presents. Thank you.
Geovanny Sanchez
I have been good. I want a laptop. And troll. haeyboard. My brother has a happy Chrismas. How is everybody doing? I wish my family a happy Chrismas.

Angel Dominguez
I miss you Santa I did not see you in a year, but in December. I want the Pokemon game sun and moon. You can buy it if you want to buy it. But I really want the game.
Jalen Young
I wanted to ask you about the elves. How are they doing? And how are you doing? But I don't want anything for Chrismas. All I want is joy and peace on earth and from people. And I love you Santa just like my family. Happy New Year! Your citizen.
Jalese Gibson
I've been very good this year and I want a few things. I just wanted to know how you, your family and freinds are doing cus I'm doing just fine. OK so this is what I want. Hello dream house, Harleyquinn Hacmls Shopois Shopkins, Happy Place moon pooporeti, Hoverbord and monster high minis that's what I want.
Jasmine Russell
How are the elves and the ranchers and misis Clos. Sant can you gif me orbeez and Amarcin dool. I want a Chrol Bery. Sant have a mare Crismis.

Julie Garcas
I hpe your doing well. Can you please ge a laptop, phone, DS, puppy and mincraft stromyade. I hope you do great. I'll make sure I make you cookies and I will be good also I belive in you. When I was little I gave you a balloon. I hope you got it. I watched it float to you.
Paige Duong
I've been very good this year! Also how is the raindeers doing. Can I please have something for my sister? I really want my sister to be happy. Also a dog for my dad!
Alisha Escobar
All the kids love you. I do too! You give kids toy some people want to give you, because they love you, Santa. Kids want to see you. We are going to make a Chrismas snow for you. I am a very good girl. Are you good? I miss you so sees Chrismas. Santa how are the elves doing? So Santa can I have a Big lego. I love you Santa.
Leigha Bolar
How are you doing toda? Iv been very good today. And are your rineadear ok? And evesok to. Can you some things? Can I get book's and a game also a Pet cat and trampoline. I forgot how is misis Clas?
Joshua Jackson
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Breniyah Braggs
I want a little modricol, and my bother Domic want a gole cared. can I Have Swne liteshose. can I have a resleng math bed.
Rory Martinez
For chrismas I want littlest pet shp, and a lot of froggy books. Shopkins plus can I get games for my 3Ds. Thats all I want.
Xamira Zambrano
I want headphones. I really really want headphones and slippers. I just want them so bad. Am I good. Ya and thas all I want for crismas. Pleese I want head- phone and slippers. **Alicia Garcia**
I want BeyBlade and I want a phone and I want lego ninja go I a Head phone I want a puppy
Segastian Udokah
How are you doing Santa. are you Happy that it is very clos to Chrismas! for chrismas I want Black ops 2 and call of duty Ghost! and Black ops 1 too!
Santiago Diaz
I want't a drone. And a deck of charzard cards. And a 3DS! I also have a qeshin for you how old are you. I've ben good ever day.
Isaiiah Ochoa
For Chrismis i want a Ps4 and a WQQU. finlley I want a

Plase I want nerf gun and nerf car what. Shoot and pokemon and a pupey plase Santa and I love my family very much Santa and you Santa and I love my teacher Mis Jones very much. She a graet teacher.
Joseph Gonzalez
I've bin verey good boy this year. For Crismis I want a racar and xbox 360. Left4dead PS4 mlb the show 16. Diefase show-down pool table hockey tabel. Dodgers shrt. **Adrian Lopez**
How are you and Mrs. Claws! I hop you get this letter please get me a gift! I want a I pad and a puppy and some covers and I want a trampoline.
Jacob Hurtado
Shannon Robert's class
I want to no if it is cold in the north pole is it. Santa and I want a gel-a-pen and a big barbie and a bake cup and a santa toy, but I have been good. **Payton Lister**
I want a starwars xwing vs death star, and hot wheels toy track, and 10\$ phone, and robot pupie, santa, is it really cold in the north pole? Do you really have elfs? Do you flying raindeer?
Jaxon Humphrey
I've ben good. This whol october and november and proble I will be good this year and what I want for crismis is a littil Puppy and a Drown!
Caden Exum
I want a pogo stick and a Minercraft and pac-man plushies for chrirmise. Santa make sure you feed the reindears before you go to give gifts to kids. Santa is north pole cold and is it snowy?
Adi Villatoro
I want a five nights at freddy plushies. I allwas wait it one for chrismis. my mom nevrl lets me have one. so Im going to get it on chrismis. **Anthony Dominguez**
I really want a PlayDo set. is the North Pole cold? I want to know how the north pole looks like. is every day snowing? I,m so exited for crismis. Do you have a home?
Calissa Marquez
How do you mack the toys? can I please have some toys? I want a wrestling box and wrestling guys. Santa, I want a cyan head set.
Levi Palmer
I want some headfons for chrismis. my i want some dooks, and i want some beads and string for the beads to mack some braslits, and i want earcings for chrismis.
Kennedy Mundy
How or you beg for crimis? I want a groof frand and money and ay grange aclas and lite upshos.
Canelius Payne
Is there a lot of snow? Is it cold? Is the toy's made of wood? Santa, you're the best. I want a lot of toys. I think you're working hard. Santa can I have Books Because I love Books.

Kallye Sigue
I really want a iphone, Godzilla toy and a vanocs gaming mask i and also Hows is the elfs going? Hows the North pole? and hws going? and you are a nice person santa. I hope ur feeling well santa. **Andy Phan**
I want a lot of shopkins and a doll house. I want a barbie doll. I want a lunch box.
Jazlynn Wimbush
I want a pug for cestmests, and poppy corn I want a camru to shere with my family and eight pins, and cosmo.
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Heather Cline's class
I was nice for the whole weekend santa. How were you for the whole weekend. I want shopkins and barbie's
Ailey
I have been so good this year! I have been getting straight A's! How have you been doing this year? Santa I would like a big teddy bear also a charm bracelet with lots of charms and barbies.
Jillian
How are you doing? I know that you are very busy. I know that you really love kids. I know that you need elfs to build toys. I have been good. I have been cleaning restrooms. soi I want a puppy and a time with my falmiyn and haser I love santa.
Katherine
I was nice this year. I cleaned my room and maded my bed. I want a dog. And car toys im put chrismas Light on my front yard.
Aidan
I did so good I cleney my room and apartment I make A's can I get a I phone? a dog and a cat I love you santa.
Jade
How have you been Santa I am doing find. I know you have to delver dozen presents. I ben making Bs and I ben clean my room Help my mom. these are the presents. I want Shopkins

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little driving car. **Michael Lowe**
I want a Snugo Puppy for Chrimas I want a PohneChas and pokemo cards and I want a Snugo cat. and I an hoLhap

and toke, and I want an same fake quater and Nickel and dollar and Dime and Pennys same Show **Skye Guzman**
I want a chambrel with

charms on it, pers. Ipodghes fon with a ghase. **Abilyn Martinez**
I want a Poike man Cars for chrismas and nicky shoos. **Sebastion Esparza**

and lipstick kit it you are the Best santa ever I love you santa. I will give you cookies. **Aaliyah**
I've been making A's I know that your elfs been working for thousand of kids. so this is what. I really want a drone and a I phone 7 and blue shoes.
Faraell
I know you have to work hard. sometimes I have to work to. I have cleaned the living room. I have cleaned one room. I read my book everyday I want pokemon and blue nikes a whist.
Xavier
How are you doing? I ben good this year. I been reading books and cleaned some toys in the house. Can I get some toys for Chrismas? I really want an American Girl doll and num num and my last one is a shopkins.
Jennifer
I hope you are Good! I have clean my home and went to sleep when I should. Can I have shop-kins and a i pone 7, and last but not less a Dog!
Nino
I like you Santa. I got a present for you. I think you're fantastic. can you please get me a robbot, a tablet and a coputer. I love you.
Elijah
Hi! Danta how are you? I ben good. I have Straight A's. I helped my mom carry the eggs. I really hope you get me light up shoes a computer and shopkins.
Kaitlyn
Whe i be sleep I Lift the cookies in milk ween I week up it be gon I see the prasets undr the tree in I be happy in jumping in Love you santa in the deers.
Dynzell
I've been good this year! I believe in you! here are the things I want a phone, playstation and Rachie and click for a playstation.
Jordan
How are you and the reindeers? I have been good. I have been giving my dogs food and water. I've been helping my teachers Mrs.Hill and Mrs. Cline. I would like two stuffed puppies. I would like a picture of you, the reindeers, and Mrs. Santa. I'm so glad it is December.
Jessica
How have you been Santa? I want a football Sheert. New shoes. I will give you cookies and milk I want lots of presents. I believe in you. I want Some

Jordans. I want to have a good Chrismas. I give my dog a bath. I played with my toys from last Chrismas mery Chrismas Santa. **Nolan**
Jill Gifford's class
How are you doing? Are you doing good? I will like to have a table, Make up kit, Iphone 7, bunch of Shopkins, a car for babie dolls, New shoes. Connect four, a nail polish set. **Maliah**
How is Mis Claus. I have ben rilly good this year. How is the weather thear. and the elves pleas get my toy I want only two things and I want a bike pleas and I would relly want a diary that only opens to my voice thank you bye. **Kennedy**
How are you? How are your rain dear? I am fine. I am good am always good. I will like a Barbea. I will like a toy house. I will like a toy campier. **Daija**
How are the elves doing with you? How are the reindeer? How is the North Pole? It is snowing at the North Pole? May I please have an ipad?
Rolando
I want a mosstring doll and a new baby Alive. I have been good to day.
Kaitlyn
How are you? I'm fine. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is doing fine. How are the elf's? I hope there good. I want a Pokemon hat and a charmander plushie. I was so good.
Delilah
How are you? How are the raindeer and Mis Claus? I have been good this year right. I want Halos and I want to stay in school to learn more.
Ethen
I would like a hoverboard and a ipad, iphone seven. **Jordan**
How are you How is you're day I ben good this year I would like a new book. **Hieu**
How have you been all year has rudooff been good. I've been good can I have a iphone 7, stuffed animals, go kart, Rip stick electric.
Jaedon
How are your reindeer doing? I would like 16 xy evolution booster packs. Pleas Santa I would like an xbox one. I would like a xl pikachu plushy, please. I would like a iphone 7. **Julian**
How are your elf doing? I hop you hav a safe trap. I want a giant pony and a little sister and tablet and laptop. **Yareli**

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Moore 4th-Grade Choir performs



Moore Elementary 4th-Grade Choir performed the Christmas musical, *Cool Yule*, for the school and various other places. They performed for Park Manor Nursing Home, the Pasadena ISD Administration Building and the Salvation Army. They also performed for the Bethlehem Project at South Main Baptist, on Beltway 8 in Pasadena on Friday, Dec. 9. *Photos submitted*

Snow Surfers are, left to right, (front row) Kaden Mai, Tripp Harris, (middle row) Kalel Arredondo, Alan Flores, (back row) Leonel Hernandez, Ryan Nguyen, Giovanni Nunez and Carlos Garza.



Reindeer Sisters are, left to right, Skylar Stoves, Kate Magana, Alejandra Munoz, Paris Cervantes, Natalie Martinez and Emily Stephen.



Celebrities are, left to right, (Loretta Poinsettia) Joselyn Benitez, (Tina Tinsel) Tahllon Provost, (Santa) Hunter Stacey, (Bill Holly) Jorge Jasso and (Mr. Scrooge) Jordi Zamudio.



Tina Tinsel and the Tinsel Dancers are, left to right, Kristen Do, Kayla Lam, Emma Zamora, Tahllon Provost, Abigail Zamarripa, Ashley Barahona and Ariana Castaneda.



Bill Holly and the Mistletoe Dancers are, left to right, Andrea Aguilar, Malia Martinez, Valeria De La Garza, Jorge Jasso, Kiana McCombs, Brissa Marroquin and Mariah Elkins.



Santa and the Elves are, left to right, (front row) Jacob Tagle, Leslie Sarduy, Pablo Lopez, Jose Flores, (back row) Sophia Ho, Faith Garcia, Martin Ramos and Anneliese Goodrum. Santa is played by Hunter Stacey.

*He came to take our sins.
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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Locals aid UMHB's win

A group of Dobie and Clear Brook graduates, led by Dobie's Blake Jackson and Reggie Wilson, helped Mary-Hardin-Baylor win the NCAA Division III national football championship Dec. 16, in Salem, Va. The Cru defeated Wisconsin-Oshkosh 10-3. See more on Page 2B

Brook among Medina Memorial invitees

At a time when loved ones convene to share joy and memories, perhaps there is no better time to remember the legacy of a young athlete whose name is sure to live on in Pasadena High School boys' basketball history.

Pasadena High School and Pasadena Memorial High School are the two host sites set to host the first-ever Under Armour Eric Medina Memorial Basketball Tournament Dec. 29-30.

There will be tons of high school basketball tournaments across the state as teams celebrate the holiday break while keeping pace with the ongoing regular season.

But perhaps few of those events will carry

the meaning of the Medina memorial event, which honors the memory of the Eagles' junior varsity basketball player who passed away in 2015 due to complications involving his heart.

Medina, then a 16-year-old junior, had dreams of eventually playing at the varsity level under the direction of head coach Jason Pillow.

"Eric was a hard-working young man, like many of these players are here at Pasadena High School," Pillow said.

"The work ethic and desire to improve is special here, and Eric is certainly one of those players who embodied those traits. Hopefully, we can honor his memory for many

years to come." The 16-team field includes Clear Brook in addition to several others which are playing very good basketball at present.

Pillow and Memorial head coach David Bosley know

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The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team, with Spencer Schneider (23) back as a third-year standout, should be one of the leading contenders at the Eric Medina Jr. Memorial Classic Dec. 27-29 within Pasadena ISD.

Basketball tourney time across Houston region

What better way for high school basketball players to get back into the spirit of the game after a holiday break, and at the same time gearing up for the all-important district playoff chases?

It's holiday tournament time for the varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams at Clear Brook and Dobie.

One will stay close to home in Pasadena, while another ventures into

Houston. One will head for Brazosport, and for another there's a trip to Conroe.

The Clear Brook varsity girls' team is headed back to the Brazosport Holiday Classic Dec. 27-29, where the competition will be fierce as the Lady Wolverines look to get back into the flow of the game.

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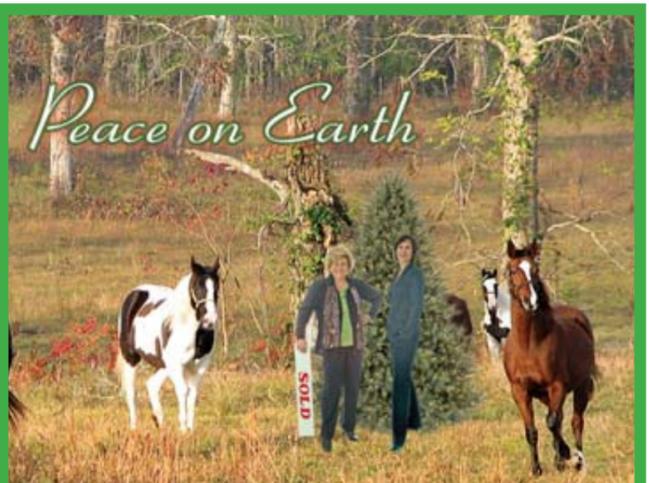
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Baseball, softball still signing up

Officials with the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League are still accepting online registration in preparation for the 2017 spring season.

Families may visit www.eteamz.com/sbhl to register their child for the season.

Those ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2012 and Jan. 1, 2014) may register for \$125 per player, while those ages 5 to 16 (born between May 2000 and Aug. 2012) may register for \$175 per player. There is a \$5 discount for families registering more than one player.

SBHLL will also host its sixth season in the Chal-

lenger division, which is designed to allow disabled children between the ages of 5 to 18 to enjoy the game of baseball in a safe environment.

Registration in the Challenger division is free of charge.

The league will also host a pair of in-person registration dates at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park this month.

Those dates include Jan. 7 and Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m., as in-person sign-up dates.

Tryouts and late registration, which will include an additional \$25 fee, will be held during the latter part of January.

SBGSA offers online

Families of those youths wishing to compete in the South Belt Girls Softball Association beginning this spring may take advantage of registration discounts now.

League officials are currently accepting early online registration now through Dec. 31, with a \$10 discount extended to those who sign up players between now and then.

To do so, families are asked to visit the league's new website at southbeltgirlssoftball.leagueapps.com.

Early registration cost is \$60 per player, in addition to a \$60 candy sales fee.

Families may also pay a candy buyout fee.

After the early online registration period ends, the registration fee will increase to \$70. For league updates, simply text 81010 to @southbelt.

The league will post updates on its websites as they become available or are needed in the sign-up process.

Dobie grad Jackson finishes in style UMHB bags national crown

There truly are storybook endings, just ask Dobie graduate Blake Jackson.

Playing in his final game as a collegian, Jackson led his University of

Ex Dobie coach wins big

Steve Wood, who served on Dobie varsity football head coach Buzzy Kieth's staff from 1986 through 1993, has now won two Class 6A state championships as a head coach.

Wood, named the head coach at Aledo prior to the start of the 2014 season,

Mary Hardin-Baylor football team to the NCAA Division III national championship after a captivating 10-7 victory over Wisconsin-Oshkosh in Stagg Bowl XLIV Dec. 16, in

Las Vegas. Jackson, a 2012 Dobie graduate who led the Longhorns to their last district title in 2010, led the Cru to its first-ever national championship while being named the game's Most Outstanding Player.

It was Jackson's one-year plunge with three minutes, 16 seconds to go in the first half that gave the Cru the lead at 10-7, and, ultimately, provided the game's final score.

From there, the Cru defense, which also includes Dobie graduate Reggie Wilson in the secondary, finished off the win with a brilliant defensive performance.

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Event honors late Eagle

Brook boys headed to Medina Memorial

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the competition will be tough, just as Medina would have wanted.

On the day of his death, Medina was circling the school track with classmates when he collapsed. He died later in the evening on May 1, 2015. An existing heart issue was the primary cause.

And now the Eagles will honor their fallen classmate with the first-ever Eric Medina Jr. Memorial Christmas Classic, with Clear Brook one of the headlining teams in action after a strong start to the season.

Pillow, who co-founded the tournament along with Bosley, said attaching Medina's name to the event was simply the easy decision.

The respective coaches had been lamenting a way to bring holiday-time basketball closer to the Houston area.

Pillow and Bosley have both taken their varsity teams to tournament locales in Conroe, Katy, etc., over the years. They wanted a change.

The coaches were able to get Aaron Harrison, Sr. involved. The father of former Travis High School, Kentucky Univer-

sity and current NBA twin players Aaron and Andrew Harrison, the elder Harrison is a rep for Under Armour sportswear.

Under Armour is the first major sponsor of the Eric Medina Memorial Classic, and everyone involved believes the relationship will continue well into the future.

With that sponsorship assistance and expected game ticket sales, event founders and other tournament officials also decided to set up an annual scholarship, currently in the amount of \$1,000, which will go to either a deserving Pasadena or Memorial varsity player, with the application process likely to include an essay presentation.

This season, Memorial and Pasadena are the hosts, and South Houston head coach Patrick McCoy has committed to hosting a site for next season.

Dobie and Sam Rayburn are not yet involved, but the Longhorns could certainly elect to join soon, as could the Texans at Rayburn.

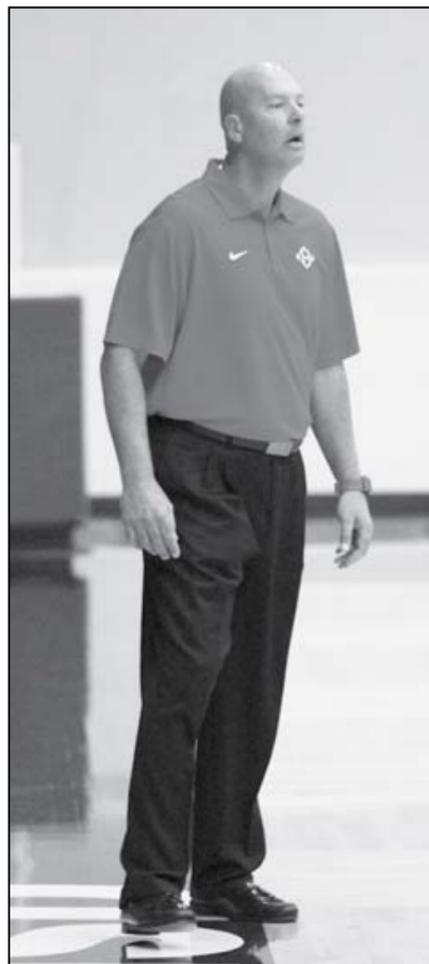
Pillow said there are plans to one day include a 16-team girls' division. Baby steps, however.

As for this year on the court, Pillow said, "Of course I would love my Pasadena team to win every game and win the whole tournament."

"But right now, I would say Clear Brook is a major contender on one side of the bracket, with Beaumont Ozen on the other side."

"Overall, we are just excited to be hosting what we think is a solid field of teams, and we expect great competition."

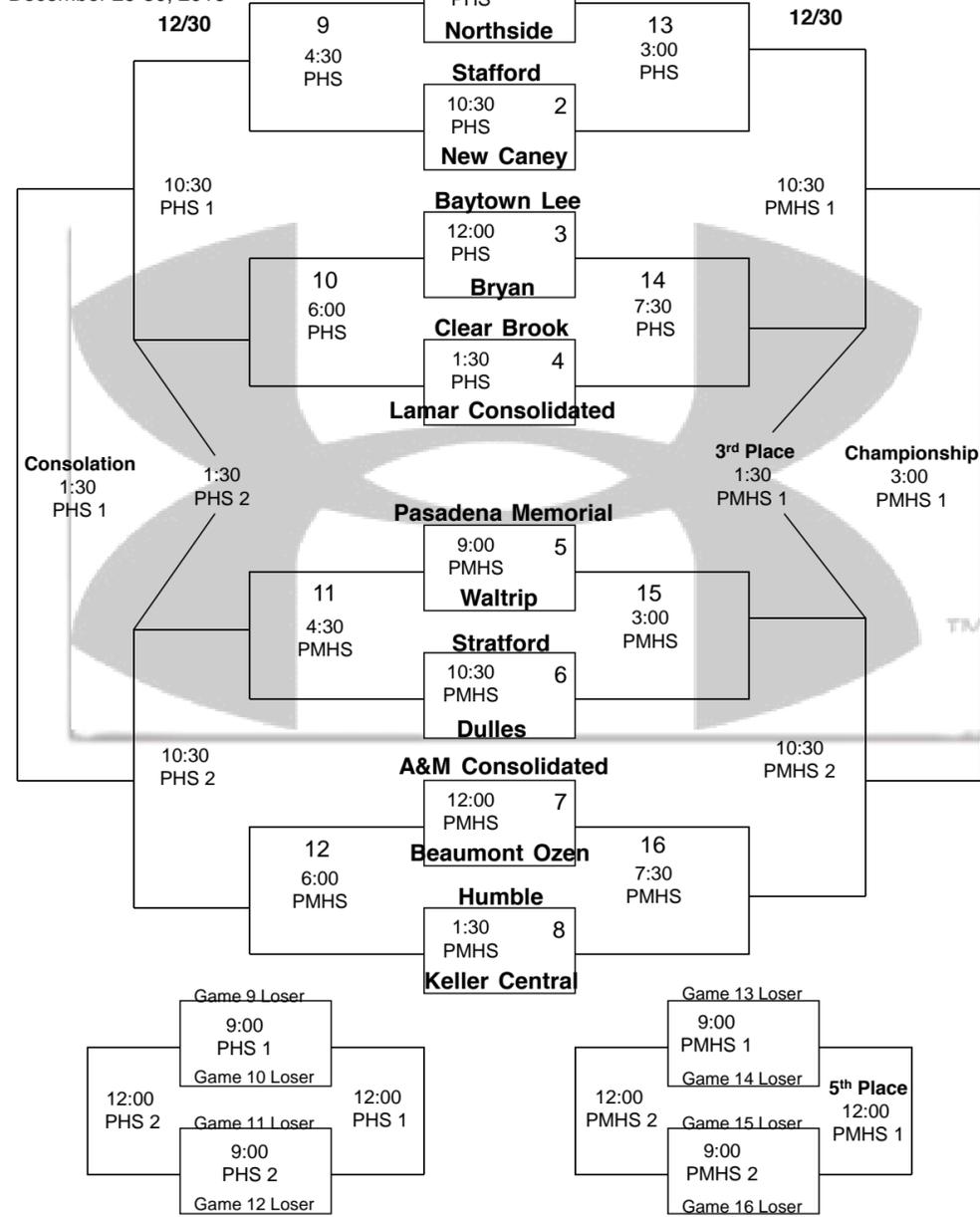
"Obviously, we hope this event becomes one of the most popular holiday tournaments. It would be a great way to keep Eric's name in our thoughts for a very long time."



Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Christian Thompson has guided his team to a hot start to this point in the regular season. And the Wolverines are a frontrunner at the Eric Medina Jr. Memorial Classic.

Under Armour Eric Medina Memorial Christmas Classic

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Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA
Brook varsity girls at Brazosport Holiday Classic, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Conroe Classic, TBA

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA
Brook varsity girls at Brazosport Holiday Classic, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Conroe Classic, TBA

Thursday, Dec. 29

Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill tourn., TBA
Brook varsity girls at Brazosport Holiday Classic, TBA
Brook varsity boys at Pasadena ISD Invit., TBA
Dobie freshman A boys at Rayburn tourn., TBA

Friday, Dec. 30

Brook varsity boys at Pasadena ISD Invit., TBA
Dobie freshman A boys at Rayburn tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Dobie varsity girls vs. S. Houston, Phillips, 7:00
Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00
Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys host S. Houston, 7:00
Dobie JV boys host S. Houston, 5:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:30
Dobie JV girls vs. S. Houston, Phillips, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys host S. Houston, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30
Dobie freshman A girls vs. S. Houston, Phillips, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys host S. Houston, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls at Clear Creek, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Creek, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls at Clear Lake, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Creek, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host S. Houston, 4:00

SOCCER

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Dobie varsity boys at Conroe scrimm., 1:00

Saturday, Dec. 31

Dobie varsity boys at Klein scrimm., 1:00

Monday, Jan. 2

Dobie varsity boys at Mayde Creek scrimm., 7:00
Brook varsity boys host Cy-Woods scrimm., 6:30
Brook JV boys host Cy-Woods scrimm., 4:30
Brook sophomore boys host Cy-Woods scrimm., 3:00

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Brook varsity girls host Texas City scrimm., TBA
Brook JV girls host Texas City scrimm., TBA

Thursday, Jan. 5 (Regular season opener)

Dobie varsity boys vs. MacArthur, Veterans, 2:00
Brook varsity boys at Katy Showcase, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Humble Showcase, TBA

Friday, Jan. 6

Dobie varsity boys vs. Friendswood, Veterans, 4:00
Brook varsity boys at Katy Showcase, TBA
Brook, Dobie varsity girls at Humble Showcase, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 7

Dobie varsity boys vs. G.C. Memorial, Veterans, 11 a.m.
Brook varsity boys at Katy Showcase, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Humble Showcase, TBA

Locals to play holiday hoops circuit

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Among other holiday tournament stops, the Dobie varsity girls basketball team is headed to the Barbers Hill Gulf Coast Classic Dec. 27-29, headlined by Barbers Hill and star player Charli Collier, who has committed to play collegiately at the University of Connecticut.

The Lady Longhorns have played their best basketball of the season with a solid 3-0 start in league play, but the locals will face a series of tough challenges at Barbers Hill.

Dobie opens play at the event Dec. 27 by facing Lumberton at noon. From there, the locals will enter bracket play over the final two days.

There are more than 20 varsity teams in all, including host Barbers Hill, North Forest, Beaumont Central, Dulles, Beaumont West Brook, Houston Lamar, Lumberton, Dobie,

Kempner, Cy-Falls, Goose Creek Memorial, College Park, Baytown Sterling, Cinco Ranch, Dekaney, Port Arthur Memorial, Concordia Lutheran, Marvel, Dawson, Katy Taylor and Alief Hastings.

Realistically, Dobie head coach Shane Brown simply wants to see his team play against some solid competition while getting back into a routine in time for the remainder of the District 22-6A race, which starts Jan. 3 at South Houston.

JFD boys in stacked field
Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross is not shy about pitting his team against many of the very best.

With yet another appearance at the Conroe ISD Holiday Classic, the Longhorns are in a talented field of teams that includes Dickinson, Concordia Lutheran, Eisenhower, Crosby, Channelview,

Spring, Huntsville, Klein, Alief Elsik, Katy, Coe-maux (L.a.), Fort Bend Marshall, North Shore and Baytown Sterling.

Dobie defeated North Shore and Alief Elsik in last season's playoffs, and

Dickinson and Fort Bend Marshall entered this season with state rankings.

It's supposed to be fun for the holidays, but it will also be competitive as teams prepare for the most crucial part of the season.

Holiday Hoops All Around!

Dobie varsity boys: At Conroe ISD Invitational, Dec. 27-28.

Dobie varsity girls: At Barbers Hill Invitational, Dec. 27-29. Lady Longhorns to face Lumberton Dec. 27 at noon in opener.

Brook varsity girls: At Brazosport ISD Holiday Classic, Dec. 27-29.

Brook varsity boys: At ISD's Eric Medina Memorial Christmas Classic Dec. 27-29, versus Lamar Consolidated in opener.

Jackson, UMHB win national title

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UMHB goes 15-0

It took a full 60 minutes to finally put the game away, but the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team closed out a 19-year journey by winning the first national championship in program history with a 10-7 victory over Wisconsin-Oshkosh in Stagg Bowl XLIV.

Defensively, UMHB limited the Titans to just 76 yards of offense in the second half, but could not put UWO away until senior linebacker Matt Cody intercepted a Brett Kasper pass on fourth-and-10 at the Cru 22-yard line with 35 seconds left in the game.

The Titans had driven 45 yards after a missed UMHB field goal and were almost into range to attempt a game-tying field goal before Cody clinched the win.

The Cru miss came on a 19-yard attempt after an 11-play, 76-yard drive. UMHB's other second

half possessions resulted in two fumbles and three punts, but the Cru defense was up to the task of stopping the Oshkosh offense.

The Titans scored first when Dylan Hecker capped UWO's nine-play, 64-yard drive with a two-yard scoring run with 9:38 left in the first quarter.

UMHB answered with a methodical, 20-play, 66-yard drive and John Mowery connected on a 22-yard field goal to cut it to 7-3 with 1:11 remaining in the first period.

The Cru defense forced two turnovers on downs and the offense responded with an 11-play, 75-yard drive as Jackson scored on a one-yard run with 3:16 to go in the half.

The Titans would threaten again but Jaedon Johnson picked off Kasper at the goal line with 1:02 remaining to keep it at 10-7 at halftime.

UMHB finished with 332 yards of total offense with 161 of those on the ground and 171 through

the air. The Cru committed three turnovers and were penalized eight times for 73 yards.

But UMHB also converted 11 of 18 third downs and held the ball for 32:53. The UMHB defense limited the Titans to 30 yards rushing and 215 yards of total offense while picking off two passes. Oshkosh was 8 of 17 on third down and 0 of 3 on fourth down. Jackson led UMHB with 119 rushing yards on 28 carries, and he was 16-27 through the air for 171 yards on the way to Most Outstanding Player honors.

Bryce Wilkerson caught five passes for 35 yards and Wykeyhe Walker caught four passes for 55 yards.

Cody had a team-high 10 tackles to go with his game-sealing interception. Keith Reineke added nine tackles and Teidrick Smith had one sack to finish one away from tying the NCAA Division III ca-

reer record.

For the Titans, 1,000-yard rusher Hecker was limited to 29 yards on 13 carries. Kasper was 20-33 passing for 185 yards, but was sacked three times and picked off twice.

Cole Yoder and Jake Thein had eight tackles apiece to lead the Oshkosh defense.

The Titans finished the year at 13-2 and were making their first appearance in the Stagg Bowl.

UMHB closed out the season with a perfect 15-0 record to set new school and American Southwest Conference records for single-season victories.

The Cru was in the national title game for the second time in school history and has made 15 postseason appearances in 19 years.

UMHB will lose 13 seniors from this team, a group that went 50-4 in four seasons with the Cru. Wilson, a junior, will return in 2017.

High school soccer to open

At right, a team captain for 2017, Dobie varsity boys' soccer player Edwain Saldivar is intent on doing what is necessary to get the Longhorns back in the Region III title chase when the time comes. and it's just about here as high school teams across the state use a portion of the holiday season to prepare for the season to begin. The Dobie boys will scrimmage three times, including Dec. 27 at Conroe, Dec. 31 at Klein and Jan. 2 at Mayde Creek. The team then begins the regular season Jan. 5 against MacArthur. The Clear Brook boys will host Cy-Woods in a Jan. 2 scrimmage at Clear Brook before opening the regular season Jan. 5-7 at the Katy ISD Showcase. The Dobie girls will scrimmage Dec. 29 at Alvin, and then go against Clear Brook Jan. 5 in the season opener at the Humble ISD Invitational. The Brook girls will scrimmage Jan. 3 at home against Texas City.



D3football.com All-America teams includes UMHB, Dobie-ex Jackson

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team placed eight players on the three D3football.com All-America teams released in connection with the 2016 Stagg Bowl, which crowns the NCAA Division III national champion.

Cru defensive end Teidrick Smith earned Defensive Player of the Year honors to become just the second UMHB player to earn that award.

Smith, a senior from Hallettsville High School, led the Cru with 23.5 tackles for loss and 15.5 sacks. He added 60 total tackles and four pass break-ups.

He finished his career as the school and conference record holder for career sacks and tackles for loss.

Smith joins Jerrell Freeman as the only UMHB player to win national player of the year honors and he also earned a spot on the D3football.com All-America First Team.

UMHB's other D3football.com All-America picks included standout quarterback Blake Jackson, a third-team nominee who was the Most Outstanding Player in the Cru's 10-7 victory over Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the Stagg Bowl victory.

Jackson, a 2012 Dobie graduate, set UMHB single season records by going 235-358 through the air for 3,282 yards and 35 touchdowns. He added 904 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground.

Cru offensive linemen Connolly Fuller and Broderick Jenkins were both named to the D3football.com first team, and defensive tackle Haston Adams and linebacker Keith Reineke were second-team selections.

Mary Hardin-Baylor running back Markeith Miller joined Jackson on the third team.

South Belt Elementary second-graders write Letters to Santa Claus

The following are Santa Letters from South Belt Elementary School second-graders:

Cameron Dodson's Class
I want for Christmas a drone with a camera on the bottom and 10 peices of gold in a presents. And a dog but a germen Sheperd and heeli.

Jeremiah Perez
I have been good this year! I hleged my mom. She was sick. I like a Phone. A fluffy blank and a fuzzy ear muffs. A crate thing. A Crayolaing books. A charger. A cute pillow. 4 flip-a-zoo. A headphones. A clothes. A purse. Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus and Rudolph. PS. Your the best and kind and Joy happy. Thank for the gifts Mommy.

Zamira Mosely
I been good this year. I have help a student. I want a EDS, and a hoverboard and a xbox, and Santa have a grat year and I want a drone.

Chancellor Conley
I hope you get me the Minecraft game I wanted it sine last Christmas so I rilly want it so bade. So pleeeessss!!! I am Beging you. Thankss you so much for getin me presents and for getin everywon presents for every one. Say hi to rudolph.

Felipe Martinez
I have been an amazing girl this year! I have helped my mom with by baby sister. I would like a dog, American girl doll stuff, Hatchimals, A phone 7, A bunny. A flip-a-zoo, light up shoes, wheelies, giant pencils, and books, tsum tsum. Santa Claus thank you for your hard work. Say Hi to Rudolph for me!

Juliana R. Perez
I have a grat year awesome year. I halp a lot of people. Shopkins, Swim Suit, Flip-a-zoo, Hatchimal, hoverboard, world's Biggest koala, Flarp, light-up-soes, skates, Pokémon, giant Penci, Zoom Zooms.

Jordan Berard
I have been a kind girl. I helped mom get my brother get of thesler. A remote control race car, trach, McScar Plog, Pokémon drone, light up shous, a puppy, wheelies, some giant Dizs, skets, a Books, flip-a-zoo, Shous, thank for all you Did for me. Can say hi to Mrs Claus.

Khloe Coronado
I have been an awesome girl this year! I have helpen friends and my mom. I would like a new Mc2 spy bag, Hatchimal, new Jeans, flip-a-zoo, shoes, light-up-shoes, and Santa Claus say hi for Ms. claus for me!

Zyna Lam
I have been a good boy this year! help my broter with his homework and i rilly want rc cars, and a iPhone, and for me to get better and a drone, and a rc track, and a goPro, and be a youtuber, and a aremy man toy, and a dog. Pleas Give me it thank you Santa. And a slime and can you put on the paper can your dogs talk. Thank you

Damien Ram
I have been a good girl this year. I helped my friends with work. I would like a MC2 Spy bag, MC2 liar detector. also a small cute dog please! Head-phones, Shopkins season 5. But I really really wish to have pointe shoes! Also some non-nuns, wheelies, Tsum tsum, a littel camera, penguin. Well thats all I want. Say hi to Rudolph for me!

Audrey Lopez
I have been a good Boy this yere. I want a remte control train. I want some litg-up-shose and I want a bedmacr and A bunny and A new BacPac and a taBlit and a Wheelies.

Patrick Robbs
I love your gifts! Your hard work is awesome, you are the bestes! I want for Xmas is a Laptop with Minecraft and a case for my Laptop and heda pohones and sueen smash bros on the WiiU! and thaks! Santa

Marcos Gonzalez
I have been an good girl this year. I have helped my mom. I would like a MC2 Spy bag and liar detector and a hula hoop and a ti please Santa. and tickets for Monster Jam, and Aurora toy, and a toy bunny for Lynley, and slime that frtesops Lynley. I love Santa. and light-up shoes.

Lynley Cerillis
I have been an amazing boy this year! I want a hoverboard, and a light-up shoes, and a play station, and a laptop, mechx four.

Kailen McLaren
I have been good this year! I have helped some one in my class help do there work, for Christmas i want a hula hoop, Shopkins, a Houston Texas Shirt, Some Charms for my charm bracelet, art supplies, a hat-chamal, a Pink glitter back pack that has a C on it, flarp Pony tails a phone.

Courtlyn Fletcher
I have been good. I would like Pokémon Phone and a hoverboard and a flip-a-zoo. Thank you for doing all that wroking, thank you for doing all of that. Thank you for that.

Derrick Myers
I have been nice this year! I helped my sister feel little better when she felt sick. I want: Foot-ball, gloves, night vision goggles, Playstation 4, Playstation 4 games, Santa hope you have rest after Xmas and say hello to Mrs Clause fo rme.

Jetziel Velasquez
I've been a good boy this year! I've been wanting a Drone, a roblox card, Want a go-Pro, a blank book, Hatchimals! Thank you for all your hard work. TY so much!!! Wait P.S. get me a bunny and Panda! **Evan Taylor Tanya Hensley's Class**
I whunt a small mordercicyl and a Hover Bord and a elchick

scooter and a goatar and a dog, more money and a small car and cool clothes and shoes and a hat a mawee toy and a Baby Brother and a computer and a houst and a Minnie nerf gun.

Jeremiah Rivero
I am 8 years old. My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is help my mom. Thank you very much for my gifts that you gave me every year. I hope you have a good trip. **Persephone Soria**
My behavior this year is good. One nice thing I have done is being a good student. Something I would like for Christmas is a Xbox one, and Ipad and a Iphone 7. Thank you very much for putting on the nice list. I hope you enjoy the cookie and milk.

Alex Vouffo
I want a Samsung S7 and PS4 pro, a tea cup thats a puppy. One nice thing ive done was giving my mom water when she ask me and have a good merry Christmas.

Jyles Washington
My Behavior this year was great! One nice thing i have done is kidness! Something I would want for Christmas is to have everything for my Dogs and to let the sleep with me! thank you very much for Being so kind to me! and so much for Being so nice to me! I hope you have a great christmas!!!

Sheyla Le
My behavior was good one nice thing i have done is help. I wood like a PS4 and wachDogs 2. I hope you have a safe flite.

Rowley Sanchez
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is clean. Something I would like for Christmas is a Hover Bord And A Big JoB Braker And A light poster. thank you very much for Being nice. I hope you drive safe

Caleb Young
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is work. Something I would like for Christmas is PS4 Realeh glasses and a IPhone 7, and Niga tutu! figers all, thank you very much for the I Phone 7. I hope you have a mery crismist.

Alex Soria
Hello Santa. I wish to have a hover board and JJ Watt Jersey. Roblox and a Minecraft Diamong sword and a computer with a nice keyboard. And can I get a toy Santa! and a iPhone7.

Isaiiah Gomez
My behavior this year is good. One nice thing I done is halping. Something I would like for christmas is loo Sopokins lipstik's & lip bom's & makeup & a ipod 7 & a uvbrld & \$ & Book hit whif 5 creiring Book's & cleng pisle's & mrke's. Thank you very much for Christmas. I hope you come to my haes & I am sorry what i did this week.

Mackenzie Martinez
My behavior this year was very very good. one nice thing I have done is helkp my mom. Something I would like for Christmas is a itune card and cards and roblox toys. Thank you very much for My Chrismas present!!!

Justin Nguyen
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is helped Audry, somting I would like for Christmas is a hover Bord a Drone, Power ranger. have a jolly Chrismas.

Nathan Gaytan
I do good I help my dad and I want a I Phone 7. thank you very much for all of this stuff. don't get stuk in the chimny. Santa I hope you have a good day. Santa you are good at that Job. You do a good Job. **Matthew Gaynnor**
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is my techer is proud. Something I would like for Christmas is al pade and a case for my I pade and 10 sqwishies. Thank you very much for the I pade and the case and 10 sqwishies. I hope you enjoy your Chrismas.

Angelina Vu
I want a lot of Shopkins, Some lego friend, mony, hover Board, Balyvalie and a Diamond. Cute Shopking cloths, candy king sise chochlot and a iPhone and a New taBlix case. Love Santa.

Lyah Randle Campbell
I my really nice. I help my mom. I went a ps4, lego friends, a todily me set, hover board, smart phone. Thank you very much for goodies. I hope you have a nice year. I love you Santa!

Zainab Naveed
This year I have been good Bad But hope I Stell get presents. for Christmas I would like a tablit. I will not Brake it I Pro-mas and a Phone and a Hover-Bord, I helped a lot of People. thank you alot for my voice to sing and talk. I hope you like my cookies and chochlot milk.

Javieah Lewis
Kasey Negron's Class
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is help my mom a dad. Something I would like for Crismiss is a puppy and some coo tmnt toys. Thank you very much for Bringing toy for my and my Brothers. I hope you have a good Crissmiss.

Romeo Gill
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is help mom. Something I would like for Christmas is football shoes. Thank you very much for Being nice. I hope you Be safe.

Lucian Padilla
My behavior this year was prty good. One nice thing I have done is helped Evan. Something I would like for Christmas is Ninja turtle car, Ninja Turtle characters. Thank you very much for giving presents I hope you bring my toys.

Robbie Delgado
I know i've been a little bad but could i have ... a pokémon toy, Jibanyan toy, tattletell toy, have a good christmas!

Xander Fiterman
My behavior this year was good one nice Thing I have done is By Being kind. Something I would like for Christmas is chocolate maker. Thank you very much for what you have done for me. I hope you have a safe flight.

Danica Williams
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is I helped my mom. Something I would like for Christmas is Shin godzilla, 2 forms and 3 form Destroyer and King Gildorad toys and Xbox. I hope you come.

Jabari Venson
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is Vacuum the flore. Something I would like for Chrismas is a dog and a rabbit. Thank you very much for Letting me rest. I hope you get some rest to.

Marina Kostikoglou
my behavior this year was good. one nice thing I have done is hep fredes. Something I would like for Christmas is a huvrbord xbox one and a dog, thank you very much for bing nice t pepl. I hope you have a grat flit.

Jaylen Ford
My behavior this year was good. one nice thing I have done is help a Boy who got Bully. Something I would Like for Christmas is a Game and the Amazing Spidr Man 2 game. thank you very much for being nice and being thanfull. I hop you go to My house first.

Issac Urquieta
My behavior this year was good. One nice thing I have done is Be nice to other. Something I would like for Chrismas is electric Scooter and a baby alive. Thankk you very much for giving me all these things and Putting me on the good List. I hope you have a very good day giving people presents.

Paige Bernard
My behavior this year was good. Something I would want For christmas is a tablet TMNT 24 Inch Leonardo turtle play set. Thank you very much for the present's. I hope you have a great trip.

Tavien Walker
I was a bit good this year. I help my brother to sometimes. for Christmas I want a Mega Rayquazaex and a Mega Mewtwox card deck, thank you for giving presents to kids. I hope you are doing good int he North Pole.

Kendrick Ramos
My Behavior this year was a pretty Good. One nice thing I have done is help Ms. Negron. Something I would like

for Chistmas is a Phone and a Bike, Scooter and a madersikal toy. Thank you very much for presents and my toys too Santa. I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Jade Fernandez
My beavior was ok. one nice thing I have Thon is Listen to My teacher teach. Something I would like for Christmas is Huver board. Thank you very much for helping others. I you have a nice trip. **Andre Foster**
I want a x box I and a lan-borghini and I want a Nrfigone and a nice home. **Jeremiah Jody Finch's class**
I have been a very good girl this year! I clean my room and I do my homework. For Christ-mas I want Gymnasics equip-ment Amarcian girl doll house, A desk, Amarcian girl doll bland hair, and a phone, and a elf on the shelf. say hi to Rudolph

Aubree Rodriguez
I have been a good girl year. I did my clock, sweep the floor, and I helped my sister fran on the shower. I would like xbox one remote control, race care, a airplane for christmas, and I want a stuf tiger stuff and a christmas tree, for my family. And mary Christmas santa.

Ta'Shawn Ritell
I have been good this year. Also my teacher has been amazing. And for Christmas I want a toy car that I can drive and that is tarquose and that can hold 80 pouns and more. Also tblet, computer, and phone. And for longer hair. Shopkins and nom nuns. And alot of money. Merry Christmas **Kayla Calderon**
I had never, ever, had a con-duct mark, NOT even one single one in my folders. So that means I've been great this whole year! For Chrismas I would like a brand new tv, a video remote control, a feamale doll of you, and season 3 shopkins. You are very kind. And btw, my name is Hayly Nguyen. And i curtenly love wut u are wearing. And not last, tell the elfs that I said hello.

Hayly Nguyen
I have been a very good student this year. I always help my freinds at school. Sometimes I get 80, 90, or 100 on my tests. I would like a bike, hotwheels, checkders, uno, chest, airhoky. Thank you santa for all your hard work and once again, thank you!

Ibrahi Mali
I be a good boy this year. I food my cloths, and I been helping my mom of taking care of my baby cosin and baby brother. and I want for Chrismas is a video game. And a toy gun and some cool shoes. And a puppy named max, and santa you are the best santa I no. and I no that your elf is wach in me.

Jadyn Cantu
Linda Moreno's class
My name is Nathan. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is take out the trash. For Christmas I would like poké-mon cards. I hope you like my cookies and milk.

Nathan Arriaga
My name is Kaci. I am 8 years old. I have been good This year. One nice thing I have done is be kind To another and for Christmas I would like a BArbie dreamhouse and Barbie doll's Thank you very much, for Toy's.

Kaci-Lynn Bernard
My name is Alexandria. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. Two nice things I have done is chores and help friends. For Christmas I would like a Amaircan doll and her num-ber is ffw25 page 6 wavy red hair green eyes and a cham br-lacelit with little sister on it and sloshed numbe 4 page 17 and 5 and 4 page 19 and 2 and 3 page 20 7 and 8 page 24 bed 8 page 29

Alexandria Byrd
My name is Shawn. I am seven yers old. I have Been good this year one nice thing ive done this year is help my brother for crismis id like lots of Pixar car toys that i do not have thank you so much!
Shawn Deedman
My name is Kyleigh. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is help my sister and gran perines. For christmas I would like the pink fuzz and the cookie toy. Thank you very much for

Gabby Sepeda
I have been a good girl I helped my friends and I even help my Big Brother and I people in my station. for Christ-mas I wold like new clothes, pencils, tablet, fuzzy pompop, Baribe Doll and a Book. thank you for working hard and making toys for all the little Boys and Girls and being Kind tel Rudolph Hey and Ho the elfs

Macy Figueroa
I've been a good boy this year and I'd like a new hot wheels set, a dog, a hot wheels car, a bike, and a hot wheels car set and also a scooter, and a remote control car, and a hot wheels rasing game for my 3ds.

Jayden Castro
I have been an amazing girl this year! I have helped my friends. For Christmas, I want all four Dragon Master's books

all chapters, paint and a Junie B. Jones books and a kitten for me thank you for working hard and say hi to Rudolph for me

Savannah Castillo
I been nice to people and friends too! For Christmas, I would want Dragon Masters all books Chapter, And Junie B. Jones books, and a cute little dog, And i want pretty outfit, And new thing to put in my room. Thank you Santa Claus for working and being nice like me and i going to put cookies and milk on the table.

Faith Vazquez
I have been a good student this year. I have helped some students with there work. I want Skylanders imagintors, Poké-mon cards, and stuff for OREO like trets, bones, a new Cage. **Donovan Seroa**
I have been an amazing boy this year! I have helped pass out paper, I did my clock, sweep the floor, and I helped my sister fran on the shower. I would like xbox one remote control, race care, a airplane for christmas, and I want a stuf tiger stuff and a christmas tree, for my family. And mary Christmas santa.

Katelinh Moore
I want gold and money. Aand poke'mon. Candy corn, toys and a train around my Christ-mas tree next year. I want a and my teacher name is mes. Finch. mes. Finch said I Love you all she want's to see rudolph and santa hy: Joey I Love you Santa and rudolph

Joey Garcia
I have been good. I have done good in math. This year I want wii, and I want mario kart 8, and mario maker, and I want money, and I want gold, and I want more mad Scientist snow, and last I want phone. Thank you st. nik. happy new year.

Kelvin Lopez
I have bin good this yera. becoas I have bin helpfol. I want to have Pokémon card. And a video game. And a lite Money! I sole a cmorsh on the TV and the toy I want my toy eccewhoc ecosh

Evan Mora
I've been a good boy. I have been really nice to my parents. I want a PS3, and a bat, shoes for my dad, pokémon clards, luck for my team, I want a dog, twenty dollors, I want all the dragon masters books, a phone, a toy car I want to let my dad to go to tennessee but we need money. Thank you for working hard fo other kids. tell rudolph I love him

Naiveh Buendia
I have been a very good boy. I want a new Scooder, gogles, hyperfire nerf gun, abig box of pokémon but epic ones only, make your own nerf gun, gun saw nerf gun and bandana with a nerf gun revolver cowboy.

Anthony Jennings
I have been nice and good. I what a gold watch a radio and pokémon toys. I want a 1000,00 dollors and fuzzy stuff.

Krier Gomez
I have been kind and helpful this year! I want a new video-game, and a pokéman cards for Christs. I hope I get to see you on Christs. I hope you have a good Christs. I allwas wanted to see snow on Christs.

Sujina Pandit
I have been a good girl. I helped my cussin get on the bus. I what for Christmas is a puppy a new phone, clothes shoe money, a new bed, video game, thank you for being a hard work.

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giving me all the prezins that you gave me. I hope you have a good christmas. merry christ-mas Mr and Mis Claus and by Rudolf.

Kyleigh Dorsey
My name is Alyssa. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I have done something nice. I help my mommy and daddy. For Christmas I would like skate, hachamals, James Avery panda and head phones and a puppy. Thank you very much for giving my family their presents. I hope you have a good Christmas!! **Alyssa Espinoza**
My name is Bianca. I am 8 years old. I've been helping my mom with some chores this year. I want a Little Passports suitcase. And pajamas with a unicorn that is pink. Some Wellie Wishers dolls. Thank you so much for getting my presents.

Biana Flores
My name is Kareli. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. One Nice thing I have done is walkt my uncle dogs. For Christmas I wode like a new shopkins, and a play set of play-doh of the sweet set. Thank you very much for my shopkins and my Play-Doh. I hope you and Mrs.Claus and all your Elfs and Rudolf and all the ather rein-deers have a happy christmas.

Kareli Garza
My name is Alexis. I am seven years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is I take good care of my little sister. For Christmas I would like a ice cream maker. Thank you very much. I hope you enjoy your treats.

Alexia Hoang
My name is Taylor. I am 8 years old. I've been good this year. For Christmas I would like shuggles, my dream puppy, 12 dollors, a pink computer, a Ds, new shoes, sock, new back-pack, Desendents good to be bad make-up kit for kids, shirts, a charm brayslet, books, chap-stick Flavor's. Thank you very much for coming to my house every year. I hope you make it home safely.

Taylor Lastik
My name is Cody. I am eight years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is help my mom and dad work. For Christmas I would like poké-mon moon, pokémon sun, The pokémon Z-ring and pokémon cards. Thank you very much for The stuff. I hope you have a great christmas.

Cody Nguyen
My name is Nicholas. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. One nice things I have done is babysit some ones baby. For Christmas I would like Animal crossing new leaf. Thank you very much for the toys. I

Marissa Tavera
My name is Heather. I am 9 years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is help Mrs. Holly For Christmas. I would like a surprise. Thank you very much for Holly and you. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Heather Yount
My name is Rachel. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is I shared my toys with my friend. For Christmas I would

like you have a merry Christ-mas. **Nicholas Nguyen**
My name is Joel. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is help my mom babysit and chores. For Christmas I would like a ps4 xbox one an a Hot Wheels Thank you very much for Christmas. **Joel Pena**
My Name is Matthew. I am seven years old. I have been good this year. Some thing nice I did was help do the trash for Christmas. I want a lot of HOT WELS. Thank you for always Bringing me my favorite gifts every year. I hope you love the cookeys and milk.

Matthew Perez
My name is Jonry Pham. I am seven years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is help my mom babysit and chores. For Christmas I would like a new ipad So I could get a good game, thank you very much for all the toys that you give.

Jonry Pham
My name is Aaden. I am 7 years old. One nice then I did is help my mom and this is what I want. I want spongebob mini figure, pokémon sun, pokémon moon, xbox I Lego minkraf and Thats it. **Aaden Rodriguez**
My name is carlos I am 7 years old. I have been good this year one nice thing I have done is help my dad put up the Christmas lights for Christmas. I would like a 3ds xL and Poké-mon sun and moon. Thank you very much for my PS4. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Carlos Sanchez
My name is Christiane. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I have done is helping my dad. For Christmas I would like a computer, a breakfast maker, a hat-chamals, a real reindeer. Thank you very much for the dog. I hope you ahve a merry christ-mas.

Christiane Simpson
My name is Marissa Tavera. I am 7 years old I have been good this year. One nice thing I have help my Mom clen my room For christmas I want a tablit and a puppy. I hope you have a great Christmas.

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like a How to train your dragon 2 set and a lego Jurassic wrold set. Thank you very much for the 28 presents last year. I hope you like the gengerbread men.

Rachel Wilson
Cynthia Gomez's class
I've been good this year and kinda bad, and I am working on being good more than bad and being nice to people and being a good friend. So may I have Sili-one baby, new school clothes (size 6), ipad, silicone baby shoes, clothes, ring 7 years old I love you santa. **Renee Silas**
This is Mariya I have been working really hard like at home I did the dishes, bathroom, room, kitchen. I have helped my mom alot these are the thing that I want for christmas please. 3DS, Apple watch, Babby alive, Phone, Xbox 1.

Mariya Colbert
I have been good this year. I want all sonic characters and all pokémon characters and a xbox-306 and I just want to tell you my favorite song is everything is awesome. **Damian Aguilera**
I really want presents. I've been good. last year I wasn't but I'll listen to the teacher. I am 7 years old an my name is Delilah. here is a list of the toys I want: Five nights of Freddy's Toy, Bonnie plush. Five nights at Freddy's Carl the cupcake plush Spring trap plush. Five nights at Freddy's Marinette plush.

Delilah Evans
I know I been a little bad this year but I still want some pre-dants. I'm still working on my I guess work/studys at home I'm doing okay and I promise I'll get all my awards. And this is all I want for Christmas Call of Cuty 3. Do good in school, toys and a nerf gun. **Vihan Pwakash**
I have been working on being really helpful with my baby sister so for Christmas can I please have an xbox one, Fall out 4, The goonies, Ex Pokémon cards, and Let light shoes (size 7). So these are the things I want for Christmas and I have taken care of my baby sister so much so I thought you can send me some presents.

Ethan Pereira
I know I have been yelling at my mom but I have been working on it. So I want from you ipod or phone, mega ex pack pokémon cards, 100 dollars, shoe size (13-1), clothes(7-8).

Alexander Corwin
Can you send some toys? I've been good in school but I've been a little bad at home. I'm working on it though. I have good conduct, grades and attitude in school. I'm trying to help my mom with work because I'm kinda lazy but I promise to be good. I want: paint, Christmas

Morgan Momie
This year I have done better than last year. This is what I done better with ruining in cafeteria I don't do that eny more running in hall I don't do that. Here are the things I want: Zoomer kitty, kachamals, poatry cool, orbez, and a kite

Jaslyn Amedondo
My name is Ibrahim i've bin good and good is what you like. I have'b bin dumb ether. I have good grades. And I like electro-nisa a lot thats why I have a tab-let. Here are the things I want, iphone SE, Ipad, cmputer (dell)(windows ten), ipad, real BB gun.

Ibrahim Asit
I am Olivia sometimes I am bad in school I also talk a lot and I get an attitude sometimes and my room is not clean but I am trying. Razor scooter lights up, Season 5 Shopkins, Mr.Sketch Markers, Hatchamal, Iphone 7.

Olivia Antoine
I've been good sometimes. I will try to be quiet in school. And when the teacher is speaking and teacher. And at home I will be good and do my homework. And when its time to go to bed and get ready for school. For Chrismas I want Elf on the Shelf magic ball.

Hayden Austin



Melillo collects for Christmas program
Barker, (third row) John Moya, Xavier Chapa, Emily Salinas, Alana Zambrano, Kira Goeman, Shalini Johnson, Joshua Bello, (back row) Avery Ganter's fifth-grade class. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Abigail Panza, Joshua Lopez, (second row) An Huynh, Taylor Nguyen, Mathew Vu, Nathan Lind, Tommy Le, Kaylee Ruiz, Jet

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22		1911 for details.		5:30 p.m.		Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.	
7 a.m.		Noon		Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-491-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.		6 p.m.	
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.		Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.		6:30 p.m.		Scrabble Club #511 – Meets Monday at IH	

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Meador second-grade students write to Santa

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How are you doing? I want a bunch of Shopkins. I want a my little pony set. I want a new make-up kit. I want a new doll set and a doll set car. I want a new nail polish set. I want a iPhone 7. I want a America doll. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Auri
 How is it at the North Pole? I will give you cookies and milk. I really love you Santa. I believe in you Santa. Thank you for giving us presents. I want a phone and a new bike and make up to and a little toy car. This is all I can think of sorry. Bring me some mor.

Isabella
 I've been naughty and good but I get distracted a lot oh I'm sorry I've not introduce myself I'm prince. How is mis. Clara and the reindeer. Oh by the way Ms. gifford been so nice to me oh and can I get a 3d's the games are pokemon suh and moon.

Prince
 How is mrs. sn clas? I been good this year is it chilly? How is the North Pole? How is the toys? Are they good? Can you really fly? I hop you bring presents. Can you bring presents? I hope your sleigh can work.

Aidan Chantay Hill's class
 I hope you are doing well? I have been doing OK. I have been doing my homework and helping my mom cook. I want xbox, a toy halo and headphones. I will leave cookies and milk just for you!
Anh Le
 How are you doing? Santa I been good this year. I've cleaned my room, I've made up my bed. I've walked my dog. Santa can you bring me a adult bike, and elf on the shelf. I will leave cookies and milk for you hope you enjoy them!

Kayla
 You have been wrapping. I have been helping people I have been telling the truth to my mom and I been reading. I want a baby doll, books and a dog.

Aniya
 How you been. I hope you are not too busy. I'm doing good. I'm so happy because it is December. I'm so glad you brought my elf today I was surprised to see snow flack. I want for Christmas is a German shepherd dog and light up shoes. I hope you like the cookies and milk.
Mia
 How are you Santa? I been good this year Santa. I want a xbox 1S please. Santa, I'll put cookies and milk under my tree please. Santa can I get a xbox 1S.

Aivan
 How have you been doing? I hope you are doing just fine? I want Shopkins and I want a dog. p.s. I going to leave you cookies and milk I can't wait to see you!
Amily
 How have you been doing? I'm planned to leave you some cookies and milk. I want a Iphone and some books that are fun to read and a Barbie house. I can't wait to see you when you come to my house and bring my presents.
Payton
 How are you doing? I am you ready for Christmas? I are. I have been good in school in writing, math and science. This is the stuff I want. A magic mee mee, Passport Diary and a tent. You work so hard I am going to leave you some cookies and milk.

Amy
 How have you been? Are you working on my presents? I been helping others, sharing and giving people toys. I think I have been a good girl. So, I would like a tablet, a piggy bank and a lamp. I will make chocolate chip cookies for you and warm milk. I love Christmas!
Kaelynn
 I hope you are doing great. I been good all year. I love you Santa. I want you to bring me a race car, big car I can drive me and Light up shoes. Santa don't forget to eat the cookies I'll leave you!

Jaidyn
 How are you doing? I'm doing good. Last night I sang Santa is coming to town. I've been very good this year. Enjoy the cookies and milk I made for you! I want you to bring me an American girl doll, my life doll and an elf on the shelf.

McKenzie
 How are you doing? I am good. I cleaned my room. I help my mom ad I calm my little sister down. Santa I really want some pokemon cards, pokemon toys and my little pony dolls.
Sophia
 Melisa Hinojosa's class
 For Christmas I want a lap-

top and a ipod. I will get a puppy Yorkie. And a American grill. And a well get fairy light for my room. And a iPad. At Christmas I want to decorate my room. And a new bed for my puppy and the box of beanbozled.

Ella
 For Christmas I want a happy places dolls pecus ay never had happy places dolls. And a bracket whit charms. Pecus ay never had bracket whit charms. Next ay what ay mincraft game for the xbox uno to play it.

Emma Amanda John's class
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is doing chores. For Christmas I would like bike and a Holo toy and a nerf gun.

Achilles
 I've been good this year. One example of how I've been good I did chores. For Christmas I want Pokemon cards and a hooverboard.
Isaac
 I've been good this year. One example of how I've been good is brought my grades up. For Christmas I would like a bike with no training wheels.
Gaby
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is helping my mom cook. For Christmas I would like a tablet and a bike.

Aliyah
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is I been helping my mom and my dad and my brother too. I what two Ever after high dolls ad skates and a new baby and Pokemon.
Sierrah
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is doing chores for my mom. For Christmas I would like a hoverboard, American doll, Big unicorn, shopkin toys. Thank you.
Divine
 I've been good this year. I help my teacher with Tuesday folders. For Christmas I would like a bike with no training. For christmas I would like pokemon cards. Thank you.
Alex
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is I have helped my dad with his chair. For Christmas I want a hoverboard that flies and a jetpack, a pet, Evee pokemon Kalos power XYZ cards.
Gavin
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is helping my sister iron her clothes. For Christmas I would like and American doll and a phone.
Yasmine
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is feeding the baby. I would like for Christmas a dirt bike, 4 wheeler, hoverboard, halo legos, pokemon cards, phone, pokemon erasers.

Tristen
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is I always get A's school. For I would like a good Christmas, Shopkins, sweater and a make up kit please.
Jannie
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is helping my mom clean up helping my mom cook. For Christmas I would like a hoverboard.
Samaya
 I've been good this year and I play with my brother. For Christmas I would like a Shopkins.

Eileen
 I have been good this year. One example of how I've been good is behaving in school. For Christmas I would like a Pokemo toys and a tablet and a phone and a legos Starwars and a legos Halo.
Kevin
Jocelyn Woodard's class
 How are you? How's Ms. Claus? How are the reindeer's? I've been good. And kinda bad too. This year I want Ponys, Art sets and a new blanket! You're the best, some kids think you're a myth. But I will always believe that you're real. If so (if you're a myth) you are the best myth ever. Thank you for bringing my family, my friends, and my cousins, and most importantly, ME! Presents! Thank you, Santa! Christmas is my second favorite Holiday. And you are my fourth favorite person in the world, (my Mom, my step Dad, my Brother and You!) I hope you give me presents this year and give my brother presents, too. See you on Christmas!

Susamu
 I want a bike please and a toy truck, also a new phone and buck bed and books to read and a dog and cat and a rabbit, and plants vs zombies garden warfare 2ps4 game. Please and thank you.

Israel
 I would like you to bring a dog, a baby. I don't know if I was on the good or naughty list. How do you feel? How do Ms. Claus and Santa feel, happy or sad? How are the raindeer?
Heaven
 I no your favrite helper. Santa mmember me when my mom called you I run. How would you like misis clas I now how you bin vry bcus you vrach ya to mak cuc how to put creisim presents for all the chiljin notea ronis Santa Clos is cumin to townbenck Ima fesa to pay wof frae I love I love cheso Santa so live in north pol.
Cesar
 Are you being great and I'm being great. I wish I give you milk ad cookies? I love Santa the most and I got Christmas moves at home.
Isabella
 How are you doing? I want this for this year. I want Shopkins for christmas. How are your raindeers? How is Ms. Claws doing? I just want to know. I've been nice all my friends should deserve a present because they have been nice. I should write a good note because that is only one thing. But I don't want one thing. I want playdoh, a doll house, I want dolls for christmas and that is it. Thank you for all your work so you can bring presents.
Devin
 How are you doing Santa? I bet you are busy, right? How is Mrs. Clas? She must be okay Gusse how I been good this year! I never talk to my mom when she is on the phon! Sorry I forgot to do my homework, plus sorry I don't lisiin to my teacher..Santa. There is one thing I want to tell you, what I want for crismes is a DS...which is a gameboy my mom had ads gamboj plus I want a Gamgard. P.S. plese bring me good luck.

Rosalyn
 How are you doing? I'm doing good. How are your reindeers doing? I'm going to leave cookies and milk for you. Liewhat do every christmas. What I want for christmas is an Ipad.
Brooke
 How are you doing? I've been good this year. How are the raindeers 'doing. How's Mrs. Claws doing? I want magic track's and a Monster truck tablet conan candy maker Slushy maker, and I will have the cookie's and the milk ready I will wake up in the morning see what you gave me.
Fiencide
 How are you doing. I've been good can you get me some Shopkins wen you go inside there are going to be cookies on the desk and I won't be bad.

Kimberly
 How are you doing Sant, I love you verer much in I with you to brin toy. Love the rain deer. I wish you bring reindeer. Love you Santa. I love the raindeers. I love your sing. I love all the holidays in you put me to sleep. I whis you bring me a bick so I can richt my bike outside and come inside. I put on my pagama and go to bed and sleep in morning in got to at school and I can open my gift, and my siser and I will open gifts and play with them all day in my room.
Darrin
 How are you doing? I Miss. Claus good to. How are the elfs and the raindeer are they good to? I want to now if we been good at school this year have we been good? I want a amcing girl doll and to pair of maching Chismaress with no sweter and one with a sweter for the doll to have a gerat day. Santa Love you so much Love you to miss. Claus.
Mattisen
 A gemaston, Legos, a pony, sesen six sopiens, a hormak, a monkey zoom, chimp, pronsess don't whork daddy, trampollin, books all moply, anything els you can bring anthing.
Emily
 I was good this year. I'm going to give you cookies and milk in Christmas night. How is Ms. Clas. How are the reindeers. How are th elfs. I want angry birdsgo pig rock race way for Christmas.
Andres
 How are you doing? I've been good this year. How is Ms. Claus. How are the magic rain deers? doing. I've will leave cooks out and milk out, I've real to see you Santa, I've love you and Ms. Claws, I with to games and shoes, toy cars, a dirt bike, a new bike, and a new house. I love you Santa. I live in you Santa.
Semaj

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American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nali@texascitizensbank.com.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Luby's (11595 Fuqua). For details, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Alcohol problems? Meets Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-204-2481.

AAA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. Directly afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in both English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join! 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Alateen - Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
 7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Free community exercise - offered Saturdays by certified personal trainer and "Brains and Balance" specialist Lisa Maki for active adults age 60 and older, who value mental acuity and physical stability. Age 59 and younger are welcome for \$3 per class. Call 832-212-5191 for details or to confirm a spot, 16202A Hickory Knoll Dr. in Clear Lake.

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Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at eroot@usa.net.

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Botkin is TAVC Player of the Year



Pearland High School's Brooke Botkin (7), a senior outside hitter for the Lady Oilers, has been named the 2016 Player of the Year for Class 6A by the Texas Association of Volleyball Coaches. Botkin, a University of Southern California commit, helped lead the Lady Oilers to the playoffs in each of her four years on Pearland's varsity team. She is the daughter of Dobie High School graduate Jason Botkin and his wife, Elizabeth. Her grandparents include longtime South Belt residents Linda and Bill Botkin. *Courtesy photo*

Team now on holiday break

San Jacinto College men's hoops opens 2016-2017 with 12-0 mark

The National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's Basketball Championship winner won't be decided for another three months, but that doesn't mean that several teams haven't garnered attention as contenders.

Count the San Jacinto College men's team as one of those contenders come March 20-25 in Hutchinson, Kan.

Yes, the Ravens still have to navigate the rest of Region XIV schedule after the holiday break.

Then will come the task of getting through regionals and onto the national event.

But, so far, the locals look like the real deal.

Through the pre-holiday portion of the schedule, San Jacinto College went a perfect 12-0, averaging 99 points per game and even hanging a defeat on the previous No. 1 ranked Northwest Florida State squad, the win coming in Florida no less.

Time will tell how the rest of the season goes for San Jacinto. Conference rival Trinity Valley entered the season with a national ranking at No. 3, and the Ravens must play the Cardinals twice.

But then again, opposing teams now have to figure out how to handle the Ravens from a defensive standpoint.

More specifically, how do teams find a way to slow down the scoring duo

of Jordan Duffy and Corey Davis?

In the final game before the holiday break the first week of December, the Ravens scored a 111-84 win, sinking 23 of 53 three-point attempts along the way.

Duffy led the way with 27 points, with six threes finding their way into the basket. Duffy was next up with 26 points, including eight made threes.

Duffy is fourth nationally in scoring at 19.8 points per outing.

Meanwhile, Davis is averaging 18.2 points per game, including a shooting percentage of 48.4 from distance, which is eighth nationally.

Kabir Mohammed had nine points and nine rebounds in that final game against Paris, which is right at Mohammed's team-leading nine rebounds per game.

Previously unranked nationally in the preseason poll, San Jacinto jumped all the way to No. 9 in the first regular season poll.

Just days into the regular season, coaches and players associated with the men's basketball team learned that the program will be ended after the 2017-2018 season.

There's only so much San Jacinto College Raven basketball remaining, and right now this current group seems focused on leaving a lasting impression.

Through 12 games, things are on course.

The second portion of the season will prove daunting. San Jacinto College has certainly pulled off great feats before, yet making it through Region XIV men's basketball unscathed is tough.

At this point, the Ravens simply want to continue to win games in their style of play.

If that happens, San Jacinto has a very good chance to put together the type of finish that Ravens have been used to for a portion of more than six decades.

Runnin' Ravens on a roll!

2016-2017 record: 12-0, 3-0 in conference

National ranking: No. 6

Key performers: Jordan Duffy fourth nationally at 19.8 points per game; Corey Davis (18.2 ppg, 48.4 percent from 3-point distance).



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Saturday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Mass
Misa de Navidad (Ingles) para niños

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Misa Vigilia de Navidad (Ingles)

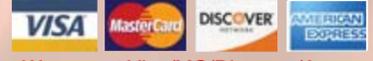
Sunday, December 25th

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GHVCA honors Brook VB duo; Pearland's Botkin Player/Year

The high school volleyball season came to a close last month as Clear Creek advanced to the Class 6A championship match before falling.

Now, the Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association is recognizing the very best of the best of the 2016-2017 class.

Pearland High School's Brooke Botkin, previously named the Texas Association of Volleyball Coaches Player of the Year for Class 6A, also drew strong support from the GHVCA.

Botkin, a four-year starter at Pearland who will now take her middle blocking and hitting skills to the University of Southern California beginning this fall, shared GHVCA Player of

the Year honors with Yossiana Pressley of Cypress Falls.

Clear Creek's Scott Simmonds, who first led the Lady Wildcats to a third straight unbeaten season in District 24-6A before guiding the team to the Region III crown, was named the GHVCA Coach of the Year.

The honors kept coming for Clear Creek as Hannah Froeshel was the Hitter of the Year, and Maddie Flora shared Defensive Player of the Year honors with Raighen Cianciulli of Oak Ridge.

GHVCA named Oak Ridge's Carly Graham as its Setter of the Year.

To complete the special awards, the GHVCA named Ridge Point's Reagan Rutherford as its New-

comer of the Year.

Two Clear Brook Wolverines - Jaden Newsome and Brooke Russell - were named to the GHVCA Post Season Team along with many of the region's top players.

Newsome, who has signed to play collegiately at the University of Colorado, will also play in the GHVCA All-Star Game early next year after being named to that roster.

Russell, currently a junior, will be back to lead the way for the Lady Wolverines next season.

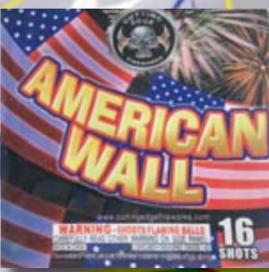
To view a complete list of the Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association's post season honors squad, visit its Twitter account @ghvca.

Brook's Azore to UT-Arlington



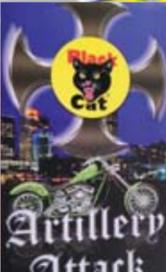
Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball player David Azore Jr. (seated) will continue his education and playing career at the University of Texas at Arlington after signing a letter of intent with the Blazer. Those with Azore at the signing included, left to right, (standing) Jacqueline Azore (mother), Joilyn Azore (sister) and David Azore Sr. (father). David Azore Jr. is a three-year varsity starter for the Wolverines, and his sister is a member of the Lady Wolverines' varsity volleyball team.















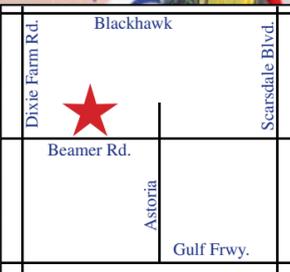












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