

# Merry Christmas to all!

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### Holiday schedules set

#### South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* offices will be closed through 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, for the Christmas/New Year's Day holidays. Emergencies may be directed to *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

#### Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City MUD offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, in celebration of the Christmas holiday. They will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Day. They will reopen Monday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD who receive trash service on Friday will have regular trash service pickup on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24. All trash must be at curbside no later than 6 a.m. on the day of pickup.

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#### Sageglen

The Sageglen administrative offices, located at 11610 Sageglen, will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, for the Christmas/New Year's Day holidays. They will reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

### COVID cases continue

As of Tuesday, Dec. 21, there were 251 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up five from the previous week.

Of the 7,924 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 151 remain active, up 11 from the previous week. To date, 105 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up five from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 110 of the 6,070 confirmed cases remain active, down 25 from the previous week. A total of 68 from the ZIP code have died, up two from the previous week.

Of the 6,164 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 131 remain active, up 32 from the previous week. To date, 78 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (The county recorded 80 deaths the previous week.)

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 596,060 total confirmed cases. Of those, 576,618 have recovered from the disease, while 12,695 cases remain active. A total of 6,711 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit [publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus](https://publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus).

### Beltway closures planned

The eastbound exit ramp from Beltway 8 to SH 3/Old Galveston Road is closed until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

### Highway 3 closure planned

At least one northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to El Dorado Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 27.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31.

Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

# Annual Christmas program a big success!

Drive received record high donations; fewer, but more serious applications for assistance

The *Leader's* annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to dozens of area families in need. Several local organizations, schools, businesses and residents stepped up to the plate, making this year's drive the most successful in the event's history.

While donations were at an all-time all, the number of families seeking assistance was at

a near record low, with only around 30 families taking part this year. This was due in part to some local schools providing their own assistance to needy families in the community. To account for the extra donations, the *Leader* reached out to other organizations in the area, such as St. Luke's Church, for family referrals.

Although there were fewer families partic-

ipating in this drive, some of those seeking assistance were in more dire circumstances than in past years, including a recently unemployed single mother of three, one being a teenage daughter who is incapacitated. Doctors are baffled by her condition which stemmed from COVID-19.

Students and staff at Beverly Hills Intermediate generously donated more than 5,000 food items, 300 toys and money.

Other participating schools included Moore,

Frazier, South Belt and Dobie baseball.

The Pasadena ISD police department also once again took part in the annual drive.

Numerous community members also donated to the program, as did a new participant, Murphy's Retreat Salon & Spa.

A group of residents with the Sagemont Civic Club, dubbed "Santa's Helpers," along with other residents, selflessly volunteered hours of their time organizing toys and food.



### Melillo donates to drive

The *Leader's* annual Christmas program was a huge success this year, providing assistance to around 40 area families in need. Local schools once again played a significant role in the drive, with hundreds of area students and staff stepping up to the plate to provide help. Students and staff from Melillo Middle School generously donated toys to the program. Melillo staff members shown to the left helping in the drive are, left to right, Michelle Rush, Diane Wheeler (principal) and Megan Medina. See more Christmas photos in next week's issue.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Brewster's killer sentenced to life

The gunman who fatally shot Houston Police Sgt. Christopher Brewster, a former longtime South Belt resident, has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Arturo Solis, 27, pleaded guilty to capital murder Monday, Dec. 13, for the Dec. 7, 2019 slaying in Houston's East End.

"Sgt. Brewster's family's wishes were taken into consideration, and this defendant will spend every day for the rest of his life in prison," said Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg. "Our community will be forever safe from this selfish coward, who senselessly murdered a police sergeant."

According to investigators, Brewster, 32, was responding to a domestic disturbance call around 5:45 p.m. in the 7400 block of Avenue L when a male suspect shot him multiple times. He was



Sgt. Chris Brewster

transported to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Assisting officers established a perimeter around the crime scene and were able to apprehend the suspect without further incident. Solis, 25, was charged with capital murder of a police officer in the 182nd State District Court.

A 2006 Dobie graduate, Brewster was in the Latin Club and played French horn in the Longhorn band. Following high school, Brewster attended San Jacinto College, the University of Houston and Blinn College, before earning a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from Texas A&M University-Commerce. He was in the process of completing his master's degree.

A third-generation member of Sagemont Church, Brewster played guitar in the Student Ministry and Awaken contemporary worship service.

Brewster graduated from the Houston Police Department Academy in November 2010. In his nine years of service, he was assigned to the Eastside Patrol Division, Gang Division and Major Offenders Division. He was promoted to sergeant in February 2019 and was assigned to

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## Thomas named Dobie interim principal

Jorly Thomas has been named the interim principal at J. Frank Dobie High School.



Jorly Thomas

Thomas will replace the outgoing Franklin Moses, who has taken a new position as assistant superintendent at Clear Creek ISD. (See related story on this page.)

Thomas previously served as the first principal of Roberts Middle School, where he worked six years.

Prior to that, Thomas served as an assistant principal, first at Beverly Hills Intermediate and then at Dobie High School.

Thomas graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in history. He received his master's degree in counseling from Prairie View A&M in 2000 and he is currently pursuing his doctorate from University of Texas Tyler.

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## City urges vaccine, safety for holidays

The Houston Health Department urges everyone to take steps now to make holiday gatherings as safe as possible and help prevent a COVID-19 surge in January.

People not yet fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or currently eligible for a booster need to get their shots as soon as possible. Everyone age 5 and older is eligible for free COVID-19

vaccinations and people 16 and older are eligible for a booster shot.

Flu vaccination is also important now as cases tend to increase in January. Everyone 6 months and older can get vaccinated against the flu.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it typically takes up to two weeks

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### Toy drive brings joy

The *Leader's* annual Christmas toy drive brought joy this year to approximately 30 local families in need. While donations were at an all-time all, the number of families seeking assistance was at a near record low, prompting the *Leader* to reach out to local churches for additional family referrals. Donated toys are shown to the left outside the *Leader* office, as a mother browses.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



## Moses bids farewell to JFD

After serving 10 years as principal of Dobie High School, Franklin Moses is stepping down to take a new job as assistant superintendent in Clear Creek ISD. Roberts Middle School Principal Jorly Thomas has been named interim principal until a permanent replacement is selected. Moses previously served as assistant principal of Dobie for six years. Moses is shown at his recent farewell party.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## CCISD selects assistant superintendent

The Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Franklin Moses as the new assistant superintendent of secondary education at the recent workshop meeting on Dec. 8.

He will take over for Dr. Karen Engle who will retire this month after more than 20 years in CCISD.

Moses joins the CCISD team with more than 22 years of education and school leadership experience. His most recent position was principal of Dobie High School in Pasadena ISD for the last 10 years. Prior to this, he also served as the assistant principal for Dobie and a secondary math teacher in Pasadena and Louisiana.

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## FBI warns residents of seasonal scams

The FBI offers the following tips to avoid being the target of scams this holiday season:

When shopping online during the holiday season - or any time of year - always be wary of deals that seem too good to be true. One should do their part to avoid becoming a scammer's next victim.

Every year, thousands of people become victims of holiday scams. Scammers can rob one of their hard-earned money, personal information and, at the very least, a festive mood.

The two most prevalent of these holiday

scams are nondelivery and nonpayment crimes. In a nondelivery scam, a buyer pays for goods or services they find online, but those items are never received. Conversely, a nonpayment scam involves goods or services being shipped, but the seller is never paid.

According to the Internet Crime Complaint Center's (IC3) 2020 report, nonpayment or nondelivery scams cost people more than \$265 million. Credit card fraud accounted for another \$129 million in losses.

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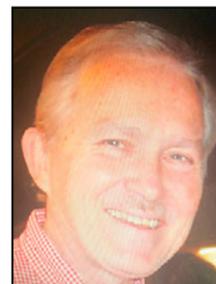
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**Deaths**

**Louis Ray "Jamie" Jamison Jr.**



Louis Ray "Jamie" Jamison Jr. went to be with his Lord and savior Dec. 8, at the age of 70. Jamison was born May 11, 1951 in Houston.

vis; nephews Sean Jamison and Tyler Gavis; nieces Crystal Woods and Shannon Gavis; as well as many other beloved family members. Jamison was preceded in death in 2015 by his wife of 32 years, Gail Kindler Jamison, who brought four children to the marriage - Toni Morris Koonce; and Clay, Todd and Brett Morris. Jamison was the oldest son of Louis and Frances Jamison, who predeceased him. Family meant everything to him. Grandson of a Presbyterian minister, Jamison loved being with his First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena family, singing in the choir and serving in several church leadership roles over his many years of membership. He was an active Republican as far back as his Sterling High School days (Class of 1969). He faithfully served his South Belt area neighbors in many roles, most notably as longtime Harris County Republican Chairman for Precinct #418; as election judge; Senate District 6/11 delegate; and most recently, as Texas State delegate; to the 2016 Republican National Convention. Jamison was a dedicated worker from early on, first alongside his father in the family-owned auto vehicle upholstery business, as a contracted employee for NASA, and finally with Exxon. Jamison loved cruising the world, spending time at his timeshare in Bella Vista, Ariz., and with extended family in the Clearwater, Fla. area. He gladly gave of himself to his family, friends and community, and will be dearly missed by all who were privileged to know him.

**Local library events set**

*In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.*

**Bracewell Branch Library**

**Bracewell Library will be closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25, for Christmas. The library will be closed Saturday-Monday, Jan. 1-3, 2022 for the New Year holiday.**

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

**Book drop**

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

**Parker Williams Library**

**Parker Williams Library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, through Sunday, Dec. 26, for Christmas. The library will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, for the New Year holiday.**

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>.

The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing. The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

**Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"**

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are: Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

**Bay Area Quilt set for two dates**

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will have their meeting Jan. 4 and Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors may attend two meetings for free. The annual dues are \$25. For the month of January, they will have Mark Puffer from Fabrics Etcetera, as a speaker who will be discussing sewing machine maintenance. This is an important topic to anyone who sews or quilts.

**Ballroom dance set Dec. 31**

Everyone is welcome to celebrate New Year's Eve with friends dancing at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, Dec. 31. Dance is from 8 - 11 p.m., allowing dancers to drive home while the highway is safer. Questions may be directed to Neva@LetsDanceBallroom.org.

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(Modified during COVID-19)

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
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**Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records**

Special Education records, which have been collected by the Pasadena Independent School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of special education in the district must be maintained under state and federal laws for a period of five years after special education services have ended for the student. A special education student's services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, has graduated or completes his or her educational program at age 21, or moves from the district.

State law prohibits the destruction of any record if the subject matter of the record is known by the custodian to be in litigation, if it is subject to a pending Open Records Request, if there is an outstanding request to inspect the record under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, or if the record is subject to a pending audit or state granting agency.

This notification is to inform parents or adult students of Pasadena ISD of the intent to destroy special education records of students who received special education services in the past; it has been five years since their most recent service has ended. Specifically any remaining special education records from 2016 or prior.

These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless the parent or adult student notifies the school district otherwise.

For further information contact:  
Custodian of Records: Special Education Department 1515 Cherrybrook Lane  
Pasadena, Texas 77502  
Phone (713) 740-0213

**Notificación De Destrucción De Archivos De Educación Especial**

Los archivos de Educación Especial que han sido acumulados por el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pasadena referente a la identificación, evaluación, colocación educativa o provisión de educación especial del distrito deben mantenerse bajo las leyes estatales y federales durante un periodo de cinco años después que los servicios de educación especial hayan terminado para el estudiante. Los servicios de educación especial finalizan cuando el estudiante ya no es elegible para recibir servicios, se graduo o completo su programa educativo a la edad de 21 años o se mudó del distrito escolar.

La ley estatal prohíbe la destrucción de cualquier archivo si el custodio sabe que el objeto del registro esta en litigio, si esta sujeto a una solicitud pendiente de los archivos abiertos, si hay una solicitud pendiente para inspeccionar el archivo bajo Ley de Privacidad y Derechos de Educación Familiar o si el archivo esta sujeto a una auditoría pendiente o agencia de concesión del estado.

Esta notificación es para informar a padres o a estudiantes adultos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pasadena sobre la intención de destruir los archivos de educación especial de estudiantes que recibieron dichos servicios en el pasado; esto sucedera si han pasado cinco años desde que terminaron sus servicios mas recientes. Especificamente cualquier archivo de educación especial restante de 2016 or prior.

Estos archivos serán destruidos de acuerdo con la ley estatal a menos que el padre o estudiante adulto notifique al distrito escolar de otra manera.

Para más información por favor de comunicarse con:  
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*In the spirit of kindness & good will, these local merchants and public servants wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year!*

## Meador Elementary second-graders write to Santa Claus

Second-grade students from Meador Elementary School wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.

**Jill Gifford's class**  
What's the weather like i Ben very good this year. i what make-up and a LOLdoll and a cat i hop im not on the notte lese and a cat facs on it and a dog besid it and one more tieg a very good teacher. Love

**Janessa**  
How are you? I would like nintendo switch punching bag and Lego figured Lev

**Jeremiah**  
How's Mrs. clous? What are the elves doing? I would like a cool RolxRbs. Stator puls PS5 Pls I'm on task. I'm sorry. :( and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! Love

**Carter**  
How are the reindeers? What are the elfs doing? I hope I'm on the nice list. Theres not much I want. I would like a 5,000 set of magnet clips, trampoline for me and my siblings, and a glitter baby. One more thing what it like at the north pole? Love,

**Bethany**  
How are you santa? I wot for Crimest is 1pad and a buld to spricr and a 1,000behex and a dovrif and a If one tan and a Arfgune and a nutr 1,0000 behex and a bisrae toy and a shrk toy and a kiwlr waxol and a hmbrrd and a stamplen and a robot Love

**EZra**  
How are you. What's the weather like. How is Mrs. Claus. What are the elves doing. How are the elves. I would like a the new lol house, and a rodxuc gift cort. I was vary good. Love,

**Jaylene**  
How are you? How are the elves? I would like to see you one day I Love you so much I would like a TV for My room and Toys for My dogs Buddy and Teddy I want to be nice To my dogs Love,

**Brielle**  
How are the reindeers? I would like X Max RS pair Cismis. Love

**Jose**  
Hi What is the Weather like in the North Pole and alsol how are the Elf and what are they doing there. are the reindeers cute and can I have A doll Please I chre to be as good as I can be and can I have a head band. thank you/love

**Ava**  
How are you What are the elvs doing How are the elvs I would like a boll Love

**Demaria**  
How is Mrs. claus? How or you sadu How are the elves? I wot to see you How I rader or dooe How the Pres I How a I would like skoodr Love

**Max**  
How are you What like of the North Pole? I Love How you mo so holly I see Kisd haley and me I Love You Santa. I com toy ez Love

**Terrence**  
How are you? I hope your reddy for cristmas How is Mrs. Claus I hope she is doing great. I hope the elves? doing I the ol-soe redy. I would like a Preston play jaket and a shirt. I would a Fast and Ferois game :) love santa

**Carlos**  
How are you? How are the reindeers? I would like a dog. I don't want to be on the natley list. I tried to be good. I would like 1 present. Love,

**Adalyn**  
How are you? What's the Weather like in the North Pole? I Love my elve so much. And for Chismes I would like a roktubler Love

**Gwen**  
**Amanda Johns' class**  
This year I have been really good. I have been good in school. For Christmas this year I would like a bunn baby yoda pop it Play Station 5

**Luke**  
This year I have been really good. I have been good in school. For Christmas this year I would like to have caT Toy Shop Kins baby yoda fake light saber 61 MINE CRAFT TOYS babydall

**CAT**  
**Elizabeth**  
This year I have been really good. I have been good in school. For Christmas This year I Would like to have popits and Keychains Lankybox toys and a cats

**Bonni**  
This year I have been really good. I heave been good in school. For Christmas this year I want for Christmas is a Dog. I want for Christmas is a Power Ranger toys.

**Aliynnaa**  
This year I have been really good in school. For Christmas this year I would like to have a PS5 and a Good Jet zoo New ones and a Pop it and a batman toys halo toys and a 5 surprise monster trucks Keychains. I want a puppy lanky box plush.

**Cameron**  
this year I have been really good. I have been good in school. For Christmas this year I would like to have fake light sa-ber Play station Baby yoda Pet Iguana.

**Elijah**  
This year I have been really good. I have been good this year in school. I would like to have for this Christmas is black pan-

ther watch and skates and boxing gloves and a iPhone 12 and led-lights and a black panther suitcase and a chromebook for christmas.

**JaMariyen**  
**Joycelin Webster's class**  
How are you doing Santa? Are you good are sick? I will get cookies and milk for you. I hope your doing good. I wish you a good Christmas. Love you! I love to be rich Love,

**Julia**  
How have you been doing santa? Is it cold in the north pole? How is the raindeers doing? are they doing good? And How is Mrs. Claus? Can i ask you some thing? can i have a POP it for Christmas? I will also leave cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas Santa! Love

**Quyhuo**  
Merry Christmas. is the reindeers good Santa are you wearing a mask? But can I have a fidgets boxes a puppy not a toy a puppy please and a puppy bed and some puppy food. I love you.

**Tammy**  
How are you and Mrs. claus? and the elfs? also the...reindeers. moving on my list can I have a many house with a bed and a

couch also a many fridge and aty. ok I have more so can I have teacher stuff. And a computer and a iPad, ok theirs more a PS4. And houdies Love

**Zoey**  
I Love you 2 LOL I Love I crayola I Love I Love 10 POP it I I TV I Computer 2 I back pack I box fidgets 10 box I box I many brands 10

**Nevaeh**  
How are you and Mrs. claus doing this year im going to leave you a present im going to leave some cookies and milk how are the reindeers doing and can you bring me a PS5 and a keyboard and a mouse and new shoes and fake money thank you Love

**Harlem**  
hawr the reindeers Dooeen hawr the Mrs. claus hawr the efs on the sef a computer atedllswioh ecernds a citinforu my sistr Love

**Kaden**  
How are you Doeng Santa. IV Bin goD and I wut a lot uv Fidgets For Christmas But iF I was BaD Dot GeMe Me iny presents for Christmas I Dot caar But iF ms Ben GooD I wut a cool. Mocks For Ginis andD a som fidgets andD POPit andD sum gases

and Nuw skates LOVE  
**Jaiella**  
How are the reindeer anyways 1 Play stash 2 a new nintendo. 3 a new bake pake 4 a xbox 5 a dog 6 a electrol car 7 transformr.

**Aires**  
Santa are you cold at the north pole? also can you give the reindeers a break? also Merry Christmas. Love

**Ricky**  
Hi Santa how are you? and reendeer? are you having a good day today? are the elf working good and marry Crismams Santa bye! Love

**Bella**  
how is Mrs. clous and you doing? Im doing Good and noware the reindeers are tax ok ands anto merry Christmas santa and I love your reindeers so cool and for Christmas I think I need a rim Love

**Noemi**  
reindeers for santa cookies I Love for santa Christmas from and santa milk Love

**Anthony**  
How is the reindeers and Mrs. Claus and you? Is it cold at North Pole. What are you doing? Love  
**Fabian**

## BHI donates to PISD police toy drive



Beverly Hills Intermediate donated over 300 toys to the Pasadena ISD Police Toy Drive. The school officials are proud of their students and staff for their generous donations. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Austin Prouse, Sebastian Rodriguez, Officer Jackson, (back row) Lauren Jones, Jennifer Teichelman, Ronnie Thomas, Officer Portillo, Officer Aguirre, Officer Murphy, Georgina Baeza, Stacey Barber, Ashley Collier, Lorena De Leon and Jaimie Green.

## Second-grade Burnett students pen letters to Santa

Second-grade students from Burnett Elementary School wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.

**Romona Dawson's class**  
I hae been a good girl this year!! so I been wanting a iPhone 13 miny Because my parents only gave my Brother and sisster a iPad and Phone. So please can I have a phone!!!! and can I have a puppy for chrimas! and a huvubord. Thank you!!!!

**Ariabelle**  
I wunt Roblox gift card Pls oh and my window to be fix. I want it to be summr so I can swim pls. oh was a ef on the shelf made by you? I wunt a exoLin doll. and a present for my teachers in schol. And a present for my family and my family to stay together. and a present for all the hard works. thank you

**Sheyla**  
For christmas I want a hudraed please. thank you santa I Love you santa I wish you can be here with me santa.

**MeLany**  
I would like a new cevrlyar car for my mom. Now I would like a nintendo lite I have ben responsabl well :) And I would like a presnes baby ples by the way. HO and what is your fravrit cookie chochit chip. shuger, whit chochit chip. My mom has been struggling with

the car. HO and LOL dols dol house thank you Mary christmas Love

**Aubree**  
I have bin good this yere. What I want a cumpewdre. for christmas And how do you not get cold? And i want robux please. And figets please. Why duse your raneDear not get tyrde? o and I want my vercy on Santa please. Mere Christmas!

**Mia**  
I wut lo popits nd a PS5. how doo you git u rad I see you ur christmas nd how doo you git in my haus you r dusty.

**Amarioh**  
I want robux cards 10\$ I want a fortnite card 10\$ I want a fortnite toy 7\$ Iw ant a ro-blox toy 7\$ I want a toy 1\$ I want a giming car I want a toy 10\$ nI want a toy 1\$

**Alexander**  
I want a iPad and figits and a cuputer and mony too. And candy and pickcher of you. And my mo to have a stor. And books. And math toys. And a berthfay chrt. mary chrimas.

**Peyton**  
I want Legos. I love you you are the best. Thank you for cheimas. And can I have a cumpewther please, but if you can aforth it. I wish our two teacher will be safe. and me Deceber is a great mothe. you are the best Santa and can I have a ps5 please.

**July**  
Thank you for free gifts. And for this year I want a hu-ver board for christmas please. And I love your outfit. And ove you so much. And I love your hat and the flufy ball on your hat. And I love this holiday and thats why I love you. And I love presnts.

**Lida**  
You are the best drive persine i wote A baBIAD set plesie i em bege you And sum muney plesie and gluses And PocemoN.

**Nikson**  
**Shannon Roberts' class**  
I want a Tim mee Toys gunship because there is a toy monster at my house. The gunship is big so it can't fit in the hole. It has 3 guns on the side. It will be perfect.

**Khang**  
I want a Blue camper, a Blu-tooth key board with a blue-tooth mouse a toybothe that refils snow. clones of our dogs rain bow key board

**Laryssa**  
I want a Transfomer and 3J smasher pakes

**Santiago**  
Thsi Christmas I want Star Dew Valley and Pokemon Shining Pead

**Nick**  
I want a ps4 and a hamster for Chissmiss if am good  
**ricky**

I wnant a pacman game. I want a robot. I want a Begox. I want a foono. I want a toy.

**Skylar**  
I want a pony for christmas. I want a phon. and airpods. and a computer. for christmas. I want candy canes. and Books and 2 bubba cup. and some pop up Books.

**Natalie**  
I want a 3D printer and I want a phone. I want a buck-sand.

**Marcus**  
I want a iPhone. And an Anime Plush toy. And robux.

**Camila**  
I want popits for christmas. I want legos. lego box for Christmas.

**Zeke**  
I want a dog and a dirt bike a phobe abd a robote a PS5 and a tablit.

**Jayden**  
I want a dog and a cat and a bike and a Big pop-it and a iPad and a unicorn and a lot of Books to read at home abd a Big loly pop and a Pete the cat Book.

**Eliana**  
I want a dog for christmas. Then I want a pop-it for christmas. I want a rubix cube. I want a bunny for christmas.

**Keila**  
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# FBI offers tips to avoid seasonal scams

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 Similar scams to beware of this time of year are auction fraud, where a product is misrepresented on an auction site, and gift card fraud, when a seller asks one to pay with a prepaid card.  
 The IC3 receives a large volume of complaints in the early months of each year, suggesting a correlation with the previous holiday season's shopping scams.  
**Tips to avoid holiday scams**  
 Whether the buyer or the seller, there are a number of ways one can protect themselves – and their wallet.  
**Practice good cybersecurity hygiene**  
 – Don't click any suspicious links or attachments in emails, on websites, or on social media. Phishing scams and similar crimes get one to click on links and give up personal information like one's name, password and bank account number. In some cases, one may unknowingly download malware to their device.  
 – Be especially wary if a company asks one to update their password or account information. One should look up the company's phone number on their own and call the company.  
**Know who one is buying from or selling to**  
 – Check each website's URL to make sure it's legitimate and secure. A site one's buying from should have https in the web address. If it doesn't, don't enter one's information on that site.  
 – If one is purchasing from a company for the first time, do research and check reviews.  
 – Verify the legitimacy of a buyer or seller before moving forward with a purchase. If one is using an online marketplace or auction website, check their feedback rating. Be wary of buyers and sellers with mostly unfavorable feedback ratings or no ratings at all.  
 – Avoid sellers who act as authorized dealers or factory representatives of popular items in countries where there would be no such deals.  
 – Be wary of sellers who post an auction or advertisement as if they reside in the United States, then respond to questions by stating they are out of the country on business, family emergency, or similar reasons.  
 – Avoid buyers who request their purchase be shipped using a certain method to avoid customs or taxes inside another country.  
**Be careful how one pays**  
 – Never wire money directly to a seller.  
 – Avoid paying for items with prepaid gift cards. In these scams, a seller will ask one to send them a gift card number and PIN. Instead of using that gift card for one's payment, the scammer will steal the funds, and one will never receive their item.  
 – Use a credit card when shopping online and check the statement regularly. If one sees a suspicious transaction, they should contact their credit card company to dispute the charge.  
**Monitor the shipping process**  
 – Always get tracking numbers for items purchased online, so one can make sure they have been shipped and can follow the delivery process.  
 – Be suspect of any credit card purchases where the address of the cardholder does not match the shipping address when one is selling something. Always receive the cardholder's authorization before shipping any products.  
**And remember: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. If one's been scammed**  
 – Call one's credit card company or bank. Dispute any suspicious charges.  
 – Contact local law enforcement.  
 – Report the scam to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

# Atkinson Elementary second-graders pen letters to Santa

Second-grade students from Atkinson Elementary School wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.  
**Rebecca Barrios-Garcia's class**  
 What I want for Christmas is for every kid to not be hungry and have clothes that fit. But what I want for Christmas is to spend time with family. I want kids to have the same things that I have, like a home and a bed to sleep in. If you still have a few toys after the holidays, can I have one?  
**Leilah**  
 I want a new iPhone 12 and a new bike. And for the other people, I want thme have food and shoes and a new home and new clobst. and I wish the homeless people to have a home and mask. and I am Nice and Qieuf at school. and I am good kid and I am good at home and I talk nice. and I say nice wrods at school and at home.  
**Matthew**  
 Im exant for Chismas but Im going to ask for some PePor unrond the word. Im want a roof over ther heads and Good cosht for teme. I want a bean bag and a Astset for Chistmas.  
**Scarlett**  
 All I want is rolurcate and for the kids in the wrold. IF you could do it, I want you to make all of them have homes to live in. Like it could be also can you do one more Thing give all the kids food to eat and so they dont need to stofe.  
**Jason**  
 I really want a iphone. And I also want some baseball stuf. I also want the chradren to have all the stuff that a normal parsan wade have and have food. clowse and sowes and also have toys!!! Thank you Santa.  
**Arturo**  
 Can I have a iPhone for a homeless people? Can a homeless people have a home? Can a homeless people can have to eat food?  
**Braishon**  
 I wish all the homeless would be lucky to have a wrom place to stay and have an iPhone a toy a Blanket a bed a Pliow a home and Money a Job food cloths and shoe to wear stuf homeless PePe need and have a Gart and Good Chismas.  
**Nguyet Elizabeth Cecil's class**  
 I want for chirtmas is a boba plimush and a bunny hat and anime winaterball.  
**JANelyNN**  
 Can i have a Boge Push and a new bike that is boge and a love Hrot plio that is red can i get it bc i orede have a pink love Hrot thx  
**Allison**  
 I was being nice to my freed. I want unicorn book. I like to sher my toy. with my freed. I want one toy em i now that their pony  
**Jayla**  
 My name is Emmanuel.  
**Emmanuel**  
 How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? I have been a very good boy this year. This year for christmas, I would like a dog, Telsa model car anime hat and an elf.  
**Emmanuel**  
 Hi santa I want a anime hate and a PC and a bmx and if you don't know at is a bike and I was a good boy. And a new show. bye Santa have a good day! oh last thing PS5 bye  
**Julian**  
 I want a earpot with what out the sching I want a popit unicorn I want a ligit I want a chrch that have no plug I want a toy car that givey like a f car a class that have evrthing that I need for my littl brothy I want a piere with a pin  
**Yaneli Lilian Moreno's class**  
 for Christmas I want a new Apple I pad, and also I want a brand new I phone. I also want my family and friend to have the best Christmas ever.  
**Yaritza**  
 this year I have not behaved very well but I have tried to improve my behavior that is why I want to ask you for a lot of toys  
**Claudia**  
 I have being a good student this year and I want paint because I like to Paint and I want beads for bracelets for me to do. Thank you, have a wonderful Christmas time Santa.  
**Ximena**  
 I want Dunks pandas 3s I pad pro Nintendo switch wild cat 10 Quadrillionaire dollars 10 Quadrillionaire vbu cK cards a toy lamborghini toy that i can drive make it big husky beats blacks carnage custome pijamas carnage case for the ipadpro.  
**Jancarlo**  
 I hope you feel good. I want to ask you for a jumpet because I behaved well at home and at school. And I want a teddy bear because I do my homework.  
**Sara**  
 I was good ol du lir I thine I disrf duskelts bices I get good greids en I osow thinc I disrf niuw tois dices I was good with mai femeli ol du lir I dine I disrf u buc shel dicers I ewieis got chunlits  
**Aranza Kathie Teuscher's class**  
 I want a roblox gife card for Roblox and a nerf gun hamster and hamster food snow glob and tace bell gife card and toys and a phone.  
**Shufeng**  
 I want 3 slime and I pupy. Plaese and a tadlit, and my mom cake stof. and a dady-shork just 2.And a Uiankor POPit. And a pen and up top the colres. And a comro and wiet mink with the ligit.  
**Aileen**  
 I want a recarl house thank you Santa for all the toys and clhouse you got me I can't what for Christmas I can't what for the toys and clhouse I get thank you. You make me happy.  
**Jesse**  
 Can Bubble Gun please I want two green slime please Can I have a Baby shark... Bubble Gun I want a Lego set I want a Ryan toys I want a litte chalk bord and chalk please <3  
**Gia**  
 can i have a Roblox card and a Nerf gun and a hamster and a star buxs gife card and a toy and a ipad and a phone and a POPit imposter and a snow ball and a pet dog and a cat.  
**Sebastian**  
 can i have robux crad pleses. And frist cat wad book if you have it! oh and a sweter but with a cute baer pls. And a "Dont open this book!" But the pratone pls! Oh And one headfons if you have some but can head pones with Santa claus! PIs. And thats all i want! Stay safe my fraend!  
**Faith**  
 Can I have a pawer weels PIZ and a moder sikel with a halment PIZ and can I have a Bird Plz and I want a hat that is Jorden PIZ and a BODK Plz and I Want a Back Puck PIZ. I wish you a mary Christmas.  
**Bella**  
 I wont a elf and a nerf gun and I won snow at my house end a dirt Bike end a iPhone 13 end hot wheels and hot wheel track a lot of hot wheel cars  
**Jason**

# Moses CCISD assistant superintendent

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 personally, and assist various administrators in setting and attaining goals," said Moses.  
 "All of these go back to being student-centered, which is the heartbeat of CCISD."  
 He stated that he is most excited to get out to meet the staff and students in the district's 45 campuses and become part of the traditions.  
 "My goal is to help to ensure that every CCISD student at the secondary level feels safe on our campuses, is provided a quality education that prepares them for post-secondary success and has the opportunity to walk away with an ultimate intermediate/high school experience," Moses added.  
 Engle has spent the majority of her educational and professional career in CCISD as both a student and district leader.  
 She was instrumental throughout many large changes in the district, including being part of the team that opened CCISD's Education Village in 2010 and principal during the rebuild of her alma mater, Clear Lake High School.  
 To take a closer look at her legacy journey, visit vimeo.com/646605935.

# Remember When

**45 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 of the agenda, turned a quiet board meeting into one which resulted in heated remarks.  
**40 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.  
**35 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.  
 Kirkwood resident Sal Raymond Luxardo, 71, was killed in Baytown when his 1981 Pontiac crossed a median and collided head-on with another car.  
**30 years ago (1991)**  
 The location of an on-site incinerator was announced by the Brio Task Force. The unit was to be constructed on the south side of Dixie Farm Road within the boundaries of the Superfund site.  
 Beverly Hills and San Jacinto intermediate schools participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress, which provided the country with information on the mathematics and writing performances of American youth.  
**25 years ago (1996)**  
 The Anti-Drug Alliance, a nonprofit corporation formed to combat chemical dependency in the 12-17 age group, began operation in the South Belt area.  
 Houston Fire Department Station 70 on Beamer received its long-awaited booster pumper.  
**20 years ago (2001)**  
 World War II veteran Robert Webb spoke to Thompson Intermediate students in Cherise Lindsley's reading class who were studying the war. 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 Sagelegen, earned the rank of Eagle Scout.  
 Senior Matt Bergeron was selected as Dobie's most valuable football player.  
**15 years ago (2006)**  
 Approximately \$46,000 worth of copper was stolen from Blackhawk Park and major damage was done 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 and students of America donated toys to the 24th annual South Belt-Ellington Leader toy drive.  
**10 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 2 inches. Roughly 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.  
**5 years ago (2016)**  
 Santa Claus visited the South Belt community riding aboard a Southeast Volunteer Fire Department fire engine down various streets in the Kirkmont and Sagemeadow subdivisions. The fire truck stopped at Moore Elementary in the morning, allowing children to visit with Santa.  
**1 year ago (2020)**  
 The Leader's annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to more than 40 area families in need, including around 120 children. Several local organizations, businesses and residents stepped up to the plate, making the drive one of the most successful in the event's history.  
 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all aspects of the 2020 Leader drive were moved outdoors as a safety precaution.

# Thomas, Dobie interim principal

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 He began his career as a teacher at North Shore High School, where he taught 10th-grade social studies. He has served as a counselor in Spring ISD and Fort Bend ISD.  
 Under Thomas' leadership, Roberts Middle School achieved the following results:  
**Distinctions for 2017-2019**  
 – Academic Achievement in Science.  
 – Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading.  
 – Post-Secondary Readiness.  
 – Top 10 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps.  
 – Number one: Student Progress.  
 Roberts Middle School was also awarded the 2019 Model School Award, recognizing the staff's dedication to student academic success.



# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**BILL CELEBRATES**  
 Best wishes are sent to Bill King, local businessman and former mayoral candidate, who celebrates a birthday Dec. 29, from friends and the Leader staff.  
**BURGIE ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to Burgie Clark who celebrates her 92nd birthday Dec. 30, from her daughter Diddy Clark, a South Belt Leader staffer.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARK**  
 Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 24 are sent to Mark Tinney, Dobie grad Class of 2006, from Paula W. and all his friends.  
**JACQUELYN CELEBRATES**  
 Happy Birthday to Jacquelyn Wiess, who celebrated her birthday Dec. 22. We can't wait to share another fun year of travel and adventure with you!  
 Much love from all your Texas family, husband Louie, children Heidi, Louie, Kara and spouses plus all your grandchildren Cody, Louie, Arianna, Ameila and Jence. Many hugs and best wishes from all you friends in North Carolina as well. They can't wait to see you again to celebrate!  
**DAVID CELEBRATES!**  
 David celebrated a birthday Wednesday, Dec. 22, wishes are sent from his wife Marie; sons Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger and David and wife Ellie Flickinger; granddaughters Kimberly and husband Matt Lipina and Courtney and husband Chris Durham and children Abigail, Jackson and Penelope; granddaughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca and their children Kelvin Lopez and Noah, Elliana and Isabella Abarca.  
**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 23, 2021, through Jan. 5, 2022.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Blow out the candles for Brittany Peralez Dec. 28. Join in the birthday fun with Terri Salazar Jan. 3.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 Starting a new year with a birthday Jan. 2 is Maria Medina. Maria Hurtado enjoys a birthday Jan. 5.  
**Moore Elementary**  
 Light the birthday candles for Brittany Jaramillo Dec. 28.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 Send a humorous birthday card Dec. 29 to Jill Sharma.  
**Roberts Middle School**  
 Give a birthday shout-out Dec. 28 to Amanda Castillo. Starting the new year right with a Jan. 2 birthday is Chastity Escalante. The day for birthday cake and ice cream for Edgar Johnson is Jan. 5.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
 Send a festive birthday greeting to Katherine Wood Dec. 25. Kenneth Davidson celebrates a birthday Dec. 29. Marking a Dec. 30 birthday is Stephanie Jones. Dec. 31 is the day for a party for Keanna Andrews.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
 Special birthday wishes are sent to Betty Minter Dec. 29. Starting off the new year with a birthday celebration Jan. 1 is Tiona Samuel. Give a shoutout Jan. 3 to Dalacie Henderson for a wonderful birthday.  
**Dobie High**  
 On Dec. 29, send a birthday greeting to Andrea Morgan. William Fults ends the year with a celebratory Dec. 31 birthday.  
**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
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## Brook graduate Herrera named POY



Clear Brook High School Class of 2020 graduate and current Franciscan University at Steubenville (Ohio) sophomore women's tennis player Maria Herrera was the big winner as the Presidents' Athletic Conference announced its all-conference awards for its players earlier this month. The PAC Championship-winning Lady Barons had six players recognized, including a sweep of the three major awards. Herrera was named Player of the Year; Olivia Colby earned Newcomer of the Year; and Scott Greve was named Coach of the Year. Herrera was also named first-team All-PAC for her efforts

in singles and doubles play while becoming the second Lady Baron to ever earn Conference Player of the Year distinction. Herrera was dominant in singles play this season as she held an 11-2 record. She won her last 11 matches, including a perfect 6-0 PAC record all at the No. 1 position. In doubles play, she teamed up with Olivia Colby most of the season as they held an 8-1 record together, including a perfect conference record. Herrera advanced to the UIL state championships during the spring tennis season as a freshman at Clear Brook.

## Brook grad Lockwood to VB NCAAs

Clear Brook graduate Jordan Lockwood will cap her collegiate volleyball career in style as her University of Pittsburgh women's program has made the NCAA Final Four for the first time in program history.

Pittsburgh, 30-3 this season, downed Purdue in four sets in the regional finals, advancing to take on Nebraska in a national semifinal Dec. 16 after press time in Columbus, Ohio, with Louisville and Wisconsin also in the mix. The NCAA national championship match has been set for Dec. 18.

Lockwood starred at

Clear Brook and then was the NJCAA postseason Most Valuable Player in 2019 as she led Navarro to

a national championship. She has had limited action as a senior with the Panthers.

While Pittsburgh is in its first-ever Final Four, Wisconsin is in its third straight.

## Southbelt L.L. signs up

Southbelt Little League online registration for the spring 2022 season is ongoing through the first week of the new year as league officials excitedly work toward opening day.

Youths ages 3 through 16 are eligible to compete and may complete online registration by visiting the league website at www.SouthBeltLL.org.

Families will also be responsible for providing proof of residency documents.

The fee for instructional T-Ball is \$75 per player, while the per-player fee for T-Ball and Coach Pitch is \$125.

The minor division fee is \$145, the major fee is \$150 and the junior/senior division fee is \$160.

All players will also be

required to pay a \$100 raffle fee at the time of registration, and players will receive their raffle tickets to sell when practices start. League tryouts will be held Jan. 8, and practices will then begin Jan. 17.

The Southbelt Little League Opening Day festivities, complete with the annual parade, is set for Feb. 26.

## Dobie boys' soccer to host PISD Cup

Look no farther than the 2022 Pasadena ISD Cup tournament Jan. 6-8, 2022 to get an early look at one of Region III's top varsity boys' soccer programs.

The Longhorns went 16-4-1 overall last season while winning a seventh consecutive District 22-6A championship along the way, and it's to the point that anything less is

considered less than truly successful.

Dobie did experience a bit of a postseason hiccup by virtue of a first-round loss to Kingwood, but

head coach Justo Manrique has wiped the slate clean in more ways than one heading into 2022. Once again, Dobie's se-

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Scoring 20 goals and dishing 10 assists as a junior, Dobie's Isaac Cortez (10) is one of the Houston area's top returning scorers as he looks to lead the Longhorns in 2022. Dobie has a string of seven consecutive district championships.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## SBGSA registering online

The South Belt Girls Softball Association continues to host online registration for the spring 2022 season now through Jan. 31, 2022 at www.southbeltsoftball.com.

Girls ages 4 through 16 are eligible to compete in the SBGSA ranks at \$110 per player.

Currently, there are openings in the younger age division, while there is a waiting list in others.

League officials are also seeking volunteer coaches. There are no residency requirements, and sibling discounts are available.

The league's divisions

include 6-under, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U and 14U/16U.

For assistance with online registration or coaching opportunities, call/text South Belt Girls Softball Association player agent Adriana Estrada at 832-891-3579. Games are played at El Franco Lee Park.



Dobie junior Karen Hernandez (9) and her Lady Longhorns have finished pre-season scrimmage action and now break for the holidays before the regular season begins Jan. 4, 2022 at Clear Creek. Dobie was third in the District 22-6A pecking order during the 2020-2021 campaign.

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# Dobie soccer squads excited as 2022 start nears

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son will include an appearance at the Pasadena ISD Cup, an event the locals have absolutely dominated for many years.  
Once again, head coach Justo Manrique has challenged his program to get up and running in a hurry this season courtesy of a tough nondistrict schedule.

Jan. 3 has the Longhorns traveling to Crump Stadium to go against an always tough Alief Taylor program, and then comes the Jan. 6-8 PISD Cup.  
The Humble ISD Showcase Jan. 13-15 features Dobie going against Cy-Lakes, defending Region III champion Aldine and San Antonio Roosevelt.

The Longhorns will play in a third tournament, the Battleground Invitational, taking on three formidable foes including Strake Jesuit, Bellaire and Katy Tompkins over three days Jan. 20-22, and then go against Channelview Jan. 25 to begin District 22-6A play at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.  
As for the Lady Long-

horns, replacing four-year varsity performer Mckenzie Rankins in the nets was one of the key goals of the off-season.  
Dobie wound up third behind Deer Park and Memorial a season ago.  
The locals completed their scrimmage play and will now practice ahead of the Jan. 3 season opener at Clear Creek.

After playing against the Lady Wildcats, Dobie will be part of the Angleton Invitational, where it will open against Elkins Jan. 6.  
Dobie will then be part of the field at the Port Neches Groves Invitational Jan. 13-15.  
Additional nondistrict matches come Jan. 18 against Alief Taylor at

Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena, and also Jan. 21 against Pearland at The Rig.  
The Lady Longhorns begin District 22-6A action Jan. 25 at Channelview.

In short, Dobie has made it a habit of getting to the postseason on both the boys' and girls' sides of things on the varsity soccer field, and 2022 should be no different. The new year starts it all.

# LSA swim sets record in 200-freestyle relay

Lauren Freeman, Audrey Pfeiffer, Catic Hergenrader and Rylee Dean combined to reset the Lutheran South school record in the 200 freestyle relay, posting a time of 1 minute, 55.12 seconds during the Dawson Reindeer Invitational Dec. 11 at the Pearland Rec Center.

## JFD hoops' Rivera picks Georgetown Hoyas program



Dobie basketball standout Victoria Rivera (seated) will take her talents to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., next school year after signing a letter of intent with the Hoyas' women's program. Those with Rivera, a three-year varsity performer, included, left to right, (standing) Gerardo Rivera (brother), Jose Rivera (brother), Gerardo Rivera (father), Martha Rivera (mother), Adrian Rivera (brother) and Carlos Rivera (brother).

## Calhouns visit Sooners' fall ball workouts



As Class of 2021 Clear Brook High School graduate Aaron Calhoun (center) took part in fall baseball action as part of his freshman season with the Sooners' program, his family visited in Norman. Those with the now freshman right-hander included, left to right, Akilah Calhoun (mother), Gianna Calhoun (sister), Gabrielle Calhoun (sister) and Gary Calhoun (father). Aaron Calhoun was the District 24-6A Most Valuable Player in District 24-6A as he led the Wolverines to the league championship. He is now part of a Sooners' program that has high hopes for 2022 while looking to rebound from a 27-28 finish.

## Lady Atletico 14U soccer wins STYSA state crown



South Belt's Lady Atletico U14 soccer team won the South Texas Youth Soccer Association Fall 2021 state championship in San Antonio December 11-12. The Lady A's won the first game 2-1 on the strength of goals scored by Julie Botros and Devani Morales. The locals then won the middle game 2-1 on scores from Isabella Cenicerros and Morales, and the third and final game 1-0 on a tally by Morales. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isabella Cenicerros, Melissa Tzintzun, Jacqueline Calvo, (middle row) Evelyn Angeles, Valerie Tapia, Scarlett Thompson, Kourtney Gorman, (back row) Alysa Regalado, Kayla Garcia, Julie Botros, coach Aldo Morales, Jaelyn Rodriguez, Ysabella Amezcuita, Devani Morales, Kamila Hernandez, Marilyn Lopez, Payton Hernandez and coach Blake Thompson.

## Brook bowler Galicia chooses Newman University



Clear Brook High School bowler Nathan Galicia (seated center) will take his talents to Newman University, an NCAA Division II program in Wichita, Kan. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Lindsay Vassar (choir teacher), Donna Stone (Peer Assistance and Leadership), (back row) Brook assistant principals Brian Webb and April Tidwell. Galicia is a Texas USBC Hall of Honor inductee and a Youth Service Award recipient from the same organization.

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9:30 a.m.  
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The South Belt-Ellington Leader would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

# City urges vaccine, safety for holidays

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to build protection after vaccination. "Thanks to readily available COVID-19 vaccines, this holiday season can more safely include the in-person family gatherings that we miss and cherish," said Dr. David Perse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. "While the pandemic persists and challenges remain, we know that vaccination layered with simple safety precautions offer us protection against this virus."

In addition to vaccination, people can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses by:

- Wearing a mask covering the nose and mouth in indoor public settings.
- Staying six feet from others who don't live with them.
- Avoiding crowds and

poorly ventilated indoor spaces.

- Increasing ventilation by opening windows or doors for fresh air.
- Washing hands often with soap or using hand sanitizer.
- Be sure to get tested for

# Brewster's killer sentenced to life

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the Eastside Patrol Division. Brewster's family remembers him as a devoted servant on and off duty.

"He had a service heart," his mother Cindy Brewster said. "He would do anything in the world for people. He loved people, and he died doing what he was called to do."

Cindy Brewster finds solace in her son's faith.

"His faith was very important to him," his mother

COVID-19 before and after gathering with family and friends.

The health department offers all doses of COVID-19 vaccines to eligible people 5 and older at its vaccination sites. Vaccination is free and

does not require proof of residency.

A list of health department vaccination sites is available at HoustonHealth.org or by calling 832-393-4220. Vaccine is also readily available at pharmacies and doctors' offices.

Thank you. **KayLee** For Christmas I would like PS5 LAMBORGHINI BENTLEY **Gabriel** I am McKenna I am 8 year old. I like Christmas I like a Toy dog! Love **McKenna** I am 8 years old. My name is Adrienne Guzman. For Christmas I want some airpods, and a dog, and a cat, and some Nikes and Jordans, and a new Book to READ, and NeW jewelry, Thank youe santa. Love, **Adrianne** My name is Jacob Villarreal. Im 8 years old. I want airpods For Christmas. Love, **Jacob** My name is luke. I want a Dr. Seuss book. Thank You. Love, **Luke** Bohoelf hiFEBo \$100,000,000,0100.. D LAMBORGHINI fe5 **Bry'Shawn** This year I want some iphone 13 and a bag of candy and a poppet and a computer? and 30 AVpoint? **Dang** My name is Zoe Martinez. What I For Christmas is A green hoodey Penguin Stuf animal. I want ms. Claus to make Cookies for me. Socks hello Kitty Close. ComePyuder. GanyPig. **Zoe** For Christmas I want airpods, and a PS5, and a LAMBORGHINI, BENTLEY, and a dog and some nikes. **Anyanna** My name is Jackson. for

# Dobie cheer celebrates Christmas with a toy drive

Dobie cheerleaders had their annual Christmas party Friday, Dec. 3, where they brought donations for the Toys for Tots toy drive. Shown right, left to right, are (first row) Ian Johnson, (second row) Yahir Tovar, Corey Reyes, Zoe Espinoza, Makayla Johnson, Kimmy Tovar, Damaris O'Der, Alyssa Allen, Izzy Romero, Bella Rivera, Malia Martinez, (third row) Vianey Alanis, Edwardo Avilez, Sarah Salazar, Leilani Moorman, Gabbi Lozano, Ashlyn Otero, Adriana Avila, Giselle Aguirre, (fourth row) Laura Rios, Destiny Ramirez, Isabella Lara, Giselle Valencia, Angelina Sanchez, Brissa Marroquin, Audrey Paredes and Jazmyn Martinez. Not pictured is Eric Hernandez.



# Second-graders from Stuchbery Elementary tell Santa their wish lists

Second-grade students from Stuchbery Elementary School wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.

**Elida Delafuente's class** This year I was good all year so I hope you have enough presents for all the goof children. Thank you for being good to all the kids and I hope you are not alone for Christmas for this year I want a crayon set and playdough.

**Avinash** I have being good I want you to give presents to the poor. For me I want a Na Na Na Sopresa and a LOL doll and a Rainbow School doll.

**Natalia** I hope you and Mrs. Santa are good. Thank you so much for being good to me and other people. Please give food to the homeless children. If you can please bring me a Barbie set and books. With Love, **Danielle** I hope you are havigna great day and you are good. I want you to help the homeless with food, money and a house. I want to help them too. For me I want pokemon

caerds and a ps5 but if you can't it's ok.

**Javier** Hello Santa, I hope you are in good health. Say Hi to Mrs. Santa for me, thank you so much for being good to all the children. I want you to give houses to the poor people I don't want anything for christmas all I want is a beutiful Christmas. **Christian** Today I had a great day I am 7 years old and I am going to study a lot. I want a book to draw and a toy horse. For my house I want a new chair and a new bed. **Bryanna** I hope you are feeling good and your wife too. Santa thank you for checking the list of who is doing good or bad. I want you to help the homeless children. Give them food and a home. Santa I want you to buy me two presents because I don't want you to waste your money. I want a box of crayons and a stuffed animal like a cat thank you for reading my letter. **Alisson**

I hope you don't get tired because I want every child to get a present. Christmas is my favorite day because everyone gets presents even homeless. For christmas I want a PS5 and iPhone 13 please. You are the best if you can't bring those things that is okay you can bring me a surprise. **Luis** I wish you have a good day. Thank you for the presents you give to my family. Please help the people that don't have a place to stay. Give them food and toys for their children. For me can you bring me a plush bear and a toy clock. **Rogelio** I hope you have a good Christmas day. Please give toys to all the children that are in the hospitals and for me I want two stuffed animal unicorns. **Daniela** I hope you are not sick and you are having a good day. What I want for Christmas is pokemon cards and a PS5. If you can't find a PS5

you can get me pokemon stuff.

**Hector** I hope you and Mrs. Santa are in good health. Thank you so much for being good to the children. I want you to do me a favor. I want you to help the kids that dont have food or a home. For me if you can bring me a binder to have my Pokemon cards in it and more Pokemon cards. **Derek** **Cristel Hines' class** I need close so. I want some airpods and my FAMILY and NeW crocs and some shoes **Mia Mata** Hi my name is Xavier S. I want airpods and Nike Shoes, Takis, and a dog **Xavier** I want a cat and a dog man book and a insterment. and A Lion toy and a chew toy For my dog! and 3000 boxes of tyi KittenS and Last earrings For my mom. **Jayla** My Name is KayLey for Crissmiss i want two brabei doll and a iPade and a tabet.

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Christmas I want a iPad Pro. **Jackson** **Ashley Jackson's class** My name IS Chloe I Know It's Bizye At The NoTh Pole I've Been good This year can I get LOL Doll Please Santa I Want prezin pest Thats It **Chloe** I hope you are having a good Christmas! I know i'm having a good Christmas! I like in School is math. What I want for Christmas is a art set with colors and pencils and markers to Christmas is my favorite month of year because We can be with family I Love family well merry Christmas Santa **Dorianne** My Name is Jaxon I can't waE To geT my presents and open Them i Ben good hour is your Day i wash you have a great Day and can i have a Toy cars. **Jaxon** I have been a good girl this year. So I Will like to ask you if I could have a teddy bear for my self and a baby doll for My little sister. I also want you to bring toys to all those kids they can't afford to have a toy, please bring love and peace all Kids and the World. **Alina** I would like a gameing chair for Christmas because I did really good on my progress report better then my last One. Which my parents were very very very proud of me. Thank you. **Shane** I was a good Boy This year I hope you can git me a dog for This year and I Want

Love. I hope you have a good year. I know That I Will have a good year too. **Leonardo** I hope you have a good holiday I want a lol doll and a shoe and a lol hoves and a omg doll. And I Want Secnd grade book for lro and I want a wlaKinggdoll. I Love you you are my hreol! you are the Best! **Sophia** I hope you had a good year. my grads cuming up so can I Please Please Please have a Vr and some Close. oh end a gin I hoPe you have a good year. oh can I have sme shoe and some make up and some Prake supliys. and a iPhone and some bath BomS. See you Son **Arianna** I Would like a iPhone and a ppiler-man game. I Ben ware all yeveye. **Toi** this year I have bee good helping my mom with stff and beng hlee to My friends and faimhy I rille bollpit Mory Crismig. **Kaliyah** I want a nurf gun and a yutuber plushy and a mash-melo hend! I hope you have a trific Christmas day! I ben good! **Tristan** I Ben uoheta gat games. I hat Bin a grD Biem yerD I heLp I CLeaNup I Win a Tede Ben. my mom. **Justice** I hope you had a good year I been a good girl. I am 8 year old. I want you to bring me a book. **Alma** My name is Jasmine. I'm

good this year. I want a pete the cat books. My favorite color is blue. I love you Santa. **Jasmine** I wate a bakle cus I was taheing baBy **Carlos** I bnu good tesu yuier an I rele Wat all the poor Kesu theat for good tes yuieru to get oen toy and all I wat is a brareu drem house and tace you fo all the toys you gavus us and I wis you a mareu Cesiumiisu! **Melody** My name is Jesus I have Been a good Kid this year. This year for Christmas I would love a gaming setup, clothes, shoes and legos. **Jesus** My name is Brice I have been a good kid this year. For Christmas this year I would love a gaming setup. Love **Brice** My name is Jose I think I have been okay. If you can still see mee I hope you can tell if I am good or bad. Anywas I would be happy you get me squid game plushies and iF you find 456,067,218,001,101,212 Can you buy these People and the front man. **Jose** My name is Julius I was a good student. I really would love toys and a xbox and a pet hamster and armanion and a toy rocket launcher. Love **Julius** My name is Genesis. I been good at school. This Christmas I so many Toys I Want. a Ice cream doll Truck. Jumps ropes, Harry Potter girl Toy a drew light up toy, a fire Truck Toy comes with Chelso doll. Just Dance 2022

and mario rainbow highdoll **Genesis** My nAme is Julian I hAve been A good student this year. For Christmas I wAnt My grandma to get better And some Amongus Plushie And A PS5 if you can make one And my dogs Plushie And A toy elf. **Julian** my name is ARABella I would like a Plushie and at and a Press Start music box and a jelly fish cyan **Arabella** My nam is Armano in Aw bin A good esinAvuce SABMiciluv yuu SATu i Wot A Motocol And won io-Sowe tAef. **Armano** I have been good this year for Christmas I would love a LOLs toys and I should get a Babydoll and my mom should get a mug yes go get my mom a mug! **Audrianna** My name is Javier I have been good boy this year. I would love a 4 wheeler and I would like cloth and I would like a football. **Javier** my nAme is Joseph. I love sAntA you are best Sant even I love Sant I wuti wuti A PUPP And cat i JosePH love **Joseph** Motcunchrld car and a bicke and cuhedid Sand. For Christmas I Want a remote. **Pailynn** iV been a goo kid i would love a cute puppy a Hamster a PS4 basketbal neW books a game Set neW toys 4 Zoey a Amongus Plush to you from Me **Kingston**

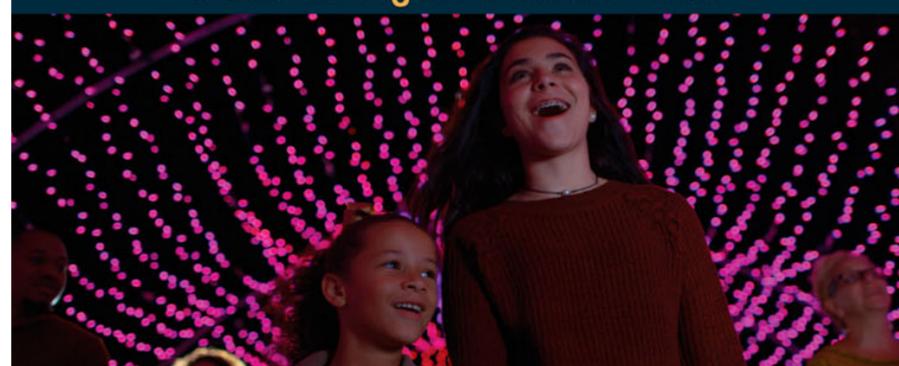
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# Second-grade Burnett students write letters to Santa

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I want a Rubiks cube and an iPhone 13 for christmas. I also want a computer for christmas. **Tomas** I want a MeMou and a VR headset. Then a Nintendo. **Tatum** I want Iphone 13 for christmas. I want a popit and I want A 4 wiLLER. **KiNg** **Nancy Fehst's class** for christmas I want a whach. all so puppy all so a kid car all so more shose, all so the dig is think I want is it to snow **Theresa** chismas, I want a LOL supize I want a Gamier I want a Foto I want a LOL supize plane I want a tablet **Kayla** I what a popit at Christmas because I help mom to vacum the house and I help my brudr to do his ABC. **Al** I want a new lol dolls for chistmas. Dear Santa I want a dof for chistmas. Dear Santa I want slime for chistmas. Dear Santa I want some new shooshe. Dear Santa I want a new iPhone. Dear Santa I have bine a good garl. I helped my mom feed the dog. **Reign** I want a iPhone 13. And I want a computer, and a gopro. I want a broom to sweep my moms floor, and I wish Everybody has a Merry christmas. and I want crayons and paper. I want a book and a book shelf. And ii want insturments. and Markers and notebooks. I Really really want a clock **Nickolous** I what a dog. I what a popit. to Love my family. so much for me to be happy. **Sofia** For Christmas I want a appiLot and avr and a new room and figes and a new bike and I can help my mom to clen the hose and to go to 3th grad and to have new friends I do good in school and I do my best and do good in my hose and have new teachers and a new class

room and be smrt in school and have a new Life. **Elayne** I will help my mom and dad in the home. I will feed the dogs. I will be good. I like to help. I will help my frens. I will clean my room. I will help outside. I will be nise. I will be good in school. I will be smrat in school. **Arian** **Bonnie Lewis's class** Am I in the nice or naty list? Merry Christmas. I want a bracelet makigng kit polly pockets, Jojo siwa doll, cliford the big red dog book crafts, plushes, magnet tiles. **caroline** I want popits Fidgit sand a Barbie dream house and a L.O.L dolls and a wig and toy kitchen a I want to go to a concert and my paret to be rich and to have a good chirstmas and to sing and three wishes Please my teacher to get rich **Aliyah** If I am on the nice list may I have a iPhone and fidgets merry christmas. **Josiah** If Iam on the nice list I would like a new snowglobe. How can you fly? How can you survive in the North Pole? How is Rudolph's nose so bright? merry Christmas Santa! **Bethany** I wut a lot of fidgetss. be cus I wut a lot of bikes. I wut a lot of baby yoda. How can

you can fiye in the ary. merry Christmas. **Joanna** For CHRismAS I want fidgets i want dollars i want a iPhone merry christmas **Elias** thanks for thing like pre-sis and this world and i was good in school. I want a pet merry christmas **Anthony** For christmas I want fidgets please and iPhone. and lamp doghnut plushie and Marry Christmas!!! **Dessiree** For christmas I want 6,0000 dollars and a remote control monster truck and a new tablet. Merry chistmas. **Eddy** I wut siPoldiPol and a PS5 and itedoW and caup and a iPhone and fidgets and Fase mack and eye Lash and ol the Ther to take cere uv Ther fase and have a Snow-doll fite Please mere crismes The end by Santa **Adrianna** I am beign good this year. I try to do stuff I never give up I want an iMac and a Lambogini Aventador SVJ please. Have a veary mery Christmas HO HO HO! **Khoi** I want a piano I want a scooter too. I like Play Doh too. I will toy dog too. chirstmas fidgetss. good Presents. I like want toy LOL. merry christmas. I Love Please. **Arleeh**

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