

Tennis Hits the Spot for Suresh

By Lauren Mackey

Practicing tennis for two hours every weekday and four hours over the weekends may seem very stressful and hectic, but to 4th grader Suresh Eswaran it is a normal routine.

Suresh has been playing tennis for seven years now and he doesn't expect to quit playing anytime soon. "I love tennis because it takes energy and you get to run around a lot," says Suresh.

Suresh has won the Gargleni Cup, and has gotten 2nd place in both the Johnson Ranch and Natomas Racquet Club Cups. He is also ranked 4th place in the under-12 division that he plays in.

He plays for two different clubs, Broadstone Racquet Club and Rio Del Oro. When asked which one he liked better, Suresh replied, "Definitely Broadstone be-

cause their workouts are harder and much better."

Suresh is not the only one in his family who plays tennis, though. His dad and his sister, who is 20, play a lot as well.

Suresh isn't so involved in tennis that he doesn't have

time for any other fun sports. He plays basketball and soccer but isn't as serious about them as he is tennis. "I still definitely love tennis. The other sports are just things I do for fun, but tennis is something fun that I like that is also competitive."



Winter Season a Time for Traditions

By Emami Decquir

This winter vacation, children and adults of all ages have many traditions and places they go during their vacation.

Miss Murphy, a P.E teacher, says that she is hoping to move into a farmhouse over Christmas vacation. She and her boyfriend have been renovating it for about a year and a half.

Some of Miss Murphy's winter vacation traditions are to invite her whole family to her house and have a cookie decorating party and a gingerbread contest. On Christmas Eve, Miss Murphy buys her four dogs presents and wraps them. When she gets home she lets them open

their presents and enjoy their treats.

Ty Lyman, a 5th grader, stays at home and invites his family over to have a feast, including chicken, mashed potatoes, string beans, etc. His family always buys a Christmas tree and decorates it with ornaments. Ty dresses up with his brother and cousins to make a Christmas play in front of all the adults. For Christmas, Ty really wants Yu-gi-oh cards and the Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets movie.

Graham Caplan, a 3rd grader, has his tree flocked, which means that the tree that is covered with artificial snow. He also has his grand-

parents over and they give him many presents. One of Graham's favorite traditions is to make cookies. Graham wants Legos, new games for his Playstation, and a Yu-gi-oh game.

Chaney Briggs and Kristin Long, both 3rd graders, go to Courtyard, another private school that is open during winter vacation. Chaney celebrates Hanukkah as well as Christmas. She has a big feast with her family and receives presents.

For Christmas, Chaney wants a lava lamp, Playstation 2, shoes, clothes, books, and a laptop. Kristen wants toys and a computer for Christmas.