Time to make purchases is just about gone By thomas Jenkins Staff Writer As area shoppers race
to finish their Christmas shopping before Santa's, Sunday night deadline,
many area businesses many area businesses
and agencies are getting ready to take some time off to enjoy the season. The city of Big Spring will close all offices, including the municipal
landfill and compost facility, Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Christmas holiday. There will be no sanitation pick-up on those days either
The holiday doesn't extend to emergèncy ser-
vices, of course, includ ing the Big Spring Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and Office, who all report the special day will be "busi ness as usual" for them. The police department's main office, including the records department, will
be closed Monday and Tuesday, with all city offices resuming business Wednesday morning. County employees will get time to spend with as the Howard County
 nd it came to pass in those days, tha: : there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2: 1-20


An American flag and other patriotic decorations adorn the house of Robert and Melissa Volker Friday afternoon. Their son, Robert, was killed In action Wednesday in Iraq.

## Big Spring mourns death of Volker, one if its own

# - Poems provide 

 thoughts from Melissa and Robert Volker. Page 3A.By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer
$\qquad$
Big Spring Mayor Russ Big Spring Mayor Russ
McEwen had a simple message for the family of a local soldier killed in Iraq: The city shares your grief - and pride. Robert J. "R.J." Volker, killed Wednesday when an improvised explosive
device exploded near his
vehicle.
Volker, the son of
Robert and Melissa
Volker, deployed to Iraq
in October along with oth-
ers of the 1st Calvary
mother) just
Division out of Fort Hood.

## Calling Santa Claus

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) Updates on Santa's Christmas preparations and climactic sleigh ride will be just a phone call away this weekend. A Silicon Valley firm that specializes in vice recognition and mobile search techmerely dial the number $1-800-555-8355$ and say "Santa" to hear the latest trom the North Pole.
The phone sevvice will begin tracking Santa's jourmey across the United States beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, no matter the me zone. states.

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## Obituaries

## Aubrey Neighbors



Aubrey Neighbors, 73, of Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Rosewood Chapel with Douglas Puryear, minister of The Church of The Living God in
Brownfield, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
He was born July 1, 1933 in
He was born July 1, 1933, in Escota She preceded him in death July 12, 2000. He then mar ried Janis Barfield on Oct. 12, 2003, in San Antonio. Aubrey came to Big Spring in 1968 and opened Neighbors Auto Sales and owned Skateland. He enjoyed farming and collecting antique tractors. He loved to travel and had traveled through the United
States and into Canada. Aubrey's true passion was his loving family. He was a member of The Church of The Living God in Brownfield.
Survivors include his wife, Janis Neighbors; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Michael Robinson and Debbie and Paul Rieger; one son and
daughter-in-law, A.C and Shelley Neighbors, all of Bi Spring; two step daughters, Verna Toscano and hus band Guido of Arlington and Larenda Larson and husband David of Big Spring; one step son, Clay Gamble Jife Nora of Coahoma; 17 grandchildren, and 17 grandchildren; two
Shafer, both of Waco
Vada Shafer, both of Waco.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde
Franklin and Loretta Mae Durham Neighbors; and two brothers, Doyle Neighbors and Ezra Neighbors.
The family suggests memorials be made to the
American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks,
P. O. Box 2121 Big Spring P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to the
American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A 5, Midland 79701
Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home \& Crematory of Big Spring. Online condeh.com

Antonia B. ‘Toni’ Salinas
Antonia B. "Toni" Salinas, 63, of Big a local hospital Funeral services will b held at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Rosary services will be hel
at 7 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the
Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Rosewood
Chapel. She was born July 10, 1943, in Brow
She came to Big Spring in 1974 from Laredo. She was Catholic
Survivors include her husband, Marco V. Salinas of
Big Spring; two daughters, Wanda Martinez Kingman, Ariz., and Abby Hogue of Sweetwater; one son, Marcos A. Salinas of Allegany, Mich.; two brothers, Frank Ortega of Austin and Robert Ortega of Longview; three sisters, Mary Helen Ortega of Newton of Stow, Ohio; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded
The family Ortega.
The family suggests memorials to the donor's avorite charity
Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Spring. Online condolences can be made at

Cleo Mae Brawley
Cleo Mae Brawley, 74, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, in Odessa. Funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at Acres West Funeral Chape
with the Rev. Robert Lamb officiating, assisted by th Rev. David Henry. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.
She was bo
She was born Jan. 9, 1932. in Granbury. She was a
homemaker. homemaker.
Survivors include her husband, Boyd Brawley of
Odessa; sons, Donald Gooch of Forney and Bobby Gooch and Terry Gooch of Odessa; a step son, Boyd W. Brawley Jr. of Odessa; a daughter, Carolyn Sue Davis of San Antonio; step daughters, DeLana Henry of San Angelo and Cindy Goodin of Austin; 17 grandchildren
and 15 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, of Big Spring.

## Bessie R. Trevino

Bessie R. Trevino, 92, of Round Rock, former resi-
dent of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, in Round Rock. Her services are pending with NalleyPickle \& Welch Funeral Home \& Crematory of Big spRinc HERALD

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## Vonda Jo York

Services for Vonda Jo York, 50, of Snyder, will be at I a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, at the Bell-Cypert-Seal Chapel with Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonia Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Intermet will follow at Visitation will will be held from Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Bell-Cypert-Seale to 7 p.m Mrs. York died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at her residence.
She was born May 8, 1956, in Pecos. She was a grad uate of Coahoma High School. She had lived in Snyder since 1988 and worked as a computer technician at She married Wayne York on March 18, 1977, in Big Spring.
She is survived by her husband, Wayne York of Snyder; two daughters, Meeghan (York) Gard and hus band Eric of Marshall and Kristin (York) Vinson an Big Lake; father, Ben Dunn of Odessa; a sister and brother-in-law, Gail and kenneth Wilcox of Muleshoe two brothers and sisters-in-law, J.R. and Kari Dunn of Big Lake and Bobby and Cheryl Dunn of Big Lake mother-in-law, Nell Kupper of Big Spring; a sister-in Spring; a sister-in-law, Margeret Bick of Big Spring and a special friend, Brenda Ingram.
She is also survived by numerous, uncles, aunts,

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the fol lowing activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m

- RUBEN GONZALES, 19, 3300 W. Highway 80, wa arrested on charges of failure to identify and resisting - CARLETON KEITH SPIVEY, 29, 612 Linda Lane - CARLETON KEITH SPIVEY, 29, 612 Linda was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of 11 th Place.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell. WHILE LICENSE
DRIVING SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 180 block of Birdwell

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- RESISTING ARREST was reported in the 3300 block of W . Highway 80
-THEFT was rep
Highway was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa - THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported in the 1500 lock of Kentucky


## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office had no reporte

## Support Groups

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the ${ }_{5239}$ mon.


## TUESDAY

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) 'pport group meets from 3 p.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. in the a mental illness or has a friend or family with menta illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.
and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Rain disease), a new suthetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group
meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at $264-1213$ for more information.


## Bulletin Board

II you have items for the Bulletin board. contact the Herald nows room at 263-7331 or emall oditoreblgspringherald.com CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27
College Cactus Room. Mountain Medical Center at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Aerobics. Those 50 years for Sit and Be Fit Chair attend. Call 268-4721

- Downtown Lions Club Spring Country Club
- Eagles Lodge Ladis Auxiliary the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant. - Coffee Club meets at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwa
College Cactus Room. Call $267-6479$ College Cactus Room. Call $267-649$.
- Staked Plains ${ }^{\text {L }}$ Lodge No. 598 meets - Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at
221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

## Take Note

- SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH IS giving away 1910 inch particleboard pews. Pews must be picked up by early Januar
- THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members andacing ir just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at $263-3255$ or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.


## Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50 s Southwest winds around 10 mph .

解 Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north Christmas day...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40 s . Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph . Monday night Partly cloudy. Lows in the Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30 s. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of Wednesday night...Cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain in the evening. Lows in the upper 30s Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

## Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
inning numbers drawn: 3-6-20-27-28.
Number matching five of five: 0 .
AUSTIN(AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn


Editor's Note: Following are
poems written by Melissa Volk poems written by Melissa Volker
and her son, R.J., who was killed in action Wednesday while serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq.

A Different Christmas Poem by Melissa Volker their dim light, I gazed 'round
ished the sight. ished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in
rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of
white white.
Tran
Telight delight.
believe, Completed th
Christmas Eve.
My eyelids we
ing was deep, would sleep.
In perfect con In perfect c
would seem
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.
The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn' 100 near,
But opened my eyes when it tick led my ear.
just a cough, I didn't quite know,
then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled
and I crept to the door just to see
who was near.
Standing out
Standing out in the cold and the
dark of the night
dark of the night,
a lone figure sto
and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some 20 years $\underset{ }{\text { old, }}$ perh
perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. smiled, standing watch
wife and my child.
wife and my child over me, and my
"What are you doing?" I asked without fear.
"Come in "Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,

## Christmas Eve!

For
shift,
shit, away from the c blown in drifts
To the window that danced with warm fire's light,

## warm fire's ligh then he sighe

then he sighe
really all right.
ul'm out here
"I'm out he.
very out here by choice. I'm here
every night.
"lt's my duty to stand at the front of "That se
st of times.
"No one ha
implore me,
"'m proud to stand here like my
"My before me.
in December."
Then her. 'Gram' always remembers.
"My dad stood his watch in the jun-
gles of 'Nam'
"and now it is my turn and so, here I

## am. "'ve

## than a while,

## sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he call puld from his bag

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { the red, white } \\
& \text { American flag. }
\end{aligned}
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"I can live th
being alone "away from $m y$
"I can stand at $m$ m
rain and the sleet, post through the
to eat sleep in my foxhole with little
"I can carry the weight of killing
another,
Or lay down my life with my sister
"Who stand at the front against any and all,
"to ensure for all time that this flag
will not fall."
"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright.
"Your family is waiting and I'll be all
right." "Bent the
"But isn't there something I can do
at the least? at the least?
pare you a feast?," I asked, "or pre-
pare you a feast?
"tt seems all too little for all that
you've done,
"for being a
your son."
Then his eye welled tear that held
no regret.
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
"To fight for our rights back at-home while we're gone,
ter how long.

## standing or dead

## "To know dead,

"To know you remember we fough
and we bled and we bled

## we will trust,

"that we mattered to you as you


A' Real Soldier's Creed by Robert James Volker Take a man and put him alone, Empty his heart of all but blood. Make him live in sand and mud. This is the life I have to live, this soul to God I give. You have your parties and drink your beer,
while young men are dying over
here.
Plant your signs on the W!hite House
"Let's get out of lraq."
Use your signs and have your fun, then refuse to use a gun. There's nothing else for you to do,
then I'm supposed to die for you? then I'm supposed to die for you?
There is one thing that you should
know;
and that's where I think that you
know;
and that
should go!
I'm already here and it's too late
l've traded all my love for all this
l've traded all my love for all this
hate.
I'll hate you til the day I die. You made me hear my buddy cry.
I saw his leg and his blood shed, I saw his leg and his blood shed,
then I heard them say, "This one's dead."
It was a large price for him to pay to let you live another day.
He had the guts to fight and to keep the freedom that you live by. By his dying your life buys,
but who really cares if a soldia but who really cares if a soldier
dies?
His family and friends.

## VOLKER

Continued from Page 1A
$\qquad$ And McEwen wanted
the family to know they the family to know they
weren't alone in that weren
grief.
"I wanted them to know the citizens of Big Spring are grieving with them,", McEwen said. "And I wanted them to know that
whatever they need we're here for them One of theirs died, obv ously, but one of ours
died to died, too.
"The people I've seen concerned for the family. They were just so sorry, but at the same time, they were very proud ... of the great job he did. No funeral or memorial will likely be several days before Volker is returned before volk
state-side.
Soldiers in his unit will hold a memorial ednesday evening in
Iraq.
It was announced that Volker will be posthumously awarded the

MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME \& CHAPEL \& \& Johnson $267-8288$
fffordable Pre-Plans

Heart medals, bringing the number of awards he earned during his military career to seven.
Local funeral service are pending at Nalley Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home.
Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331.
ext. 234, or by ext. 234, or by e-mail at
reporter reporter@bigspringher
ald.com.

## CINEMARK



## (1) Happy 38th

We the family of Ralph Cantu
We the family of Ralph Cantu
would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for the thoughts and prayer that were
extended to us in our time of need. A special thanks to the staff of Margaret Catholic Church, Fr. Deacon Daniel, the choirs + provided
music at the Mass and Rosary Thanks and May God Bless each one of you. Sincerely
Leonor Cantu and children.

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## d 1 A

Clerk's Office and County Judge's Office are expected to be closed Monday and Tuesday for the holiday. The county library is expected to follo
same schedule. For those planning to take their Christmas shopping down to the last
(exal
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Supercenter will close for } & \text { without a safety net this Administration office wil } \\ \text { holiday season, however. }\end{array}$
 closed until 6 a.m. on tores will be open 24 Tuesday morning.
Tuesday. H-E-B will also a day throughout $\begin{aligned} & \text { The Spring City Senior } \\ & \text { Christmas holiday }\end{aligned}$ Citizens Center will Tuesday. H-E-B will also the Christmas holiday.
share in the holiday spirit, as it prepares to open Office will be closed
from
Tuesday, Mand will reopen from $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday, with no collec- at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Wednesday. on Christmas Eve, and tions or deliveries. The The Herald office will Those 6 a.m. Tuesday. Post Office is expected to be closed Monday and Those people in search resume business as usual will open at 8 a.m. of last-minute batteries
and egg nog won't be besday morning.
The Social Security $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tuesday. There will be } \\ & \text { Christmas Day paper. }\end{aligned}$



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people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government people peaceably to assembl
for a redress of grievances.
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Our Views

## Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus

## EDITOR'S NOTE: "Is there a Santa Claus?" is the

question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of the (New York) Sun in September, 1897. Her Letter was received by Edward P. Mitchell, who turned it over to his
ciate, Francis Pharcelius Church, to answer.
With some reluctance Mr. Church undertook the assignment. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial article "Is there a Santa Claus?" - the most famous editorial article that has ever been written. It first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 and has since
been produced in every conceivable form, in every been produced in e
quarter of the globe
quarter of the globe. Pharcelius Church's response is an annual tradition at the Herald. We hope you enjoy it.

W
and the pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same
time our great gratification that its The Sun:
"Dear Editor:
Iam 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.'
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age They do not believe except they see. They think by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great uni verse of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his
intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as
certainly as love and generosity certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist
and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and
sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills sight. The eternal light with which
the world would be extinguished
the world would be extinguished. Notieve in fairies. You might get your as well no men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas heve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not se Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign ther is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you every see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonYou tear apart the baby's attle and see what make the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it ail real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding
No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay
ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

A Small Prayer
by K. Rae Anderson
We can stay centered when we have You, Lord. Minimum wage now 9 years old

EManagement calculates th Christmas Price Index e Twelve Days of Christmas." PNC reports that the "Maids-a Milking, who are paid the mini mum wage, were the only service providers not to see an increase this year.'
The Chri Index rose from
$\$ 13,344$ in 1997 to $\$ 13,344$ in 1997 to
$\$ 8,920$ in 2006. The price of Six Geese-a-
Laying increased from $\$ 150$ to $\$ 300$, for exa
ple. But the cost of remained at $\$ 41.20$ pegged to the federa minimum wage of
$\$ 5.15$ an hour since $\$ 5.15$ an hour

## On Dec. 2,

for the longest pred the record raise since the minimum wage was established in 1938. The prio record of nine years and three months lasted from Jan. 1, 1981 on Apr. 1, 1990
Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of President Reagan's first Counci of Economic Advisers, has
acknowledged they wanted eliminate the minimum wage. But as "The Wall Street Journal" have been such a 'painful politic process,' Mr. Weidenbaum says that he and other officials were content to let inflation turn the dead letter.'"
Today's minimum wage is less than the 1950 minimum of $\$ 6.28$, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator. It takes nearly two workers to match
the $\$ 9.28$ buying power of one min the $\$ 9.28$ buying power of one min-
imum wage worker in 1968. A full-

## To The Editor

On Thurday night, Dec. 21, some
children thought it would children thought it would be c
tear up our yard decorations tear up our yard decorations.
It's a shame when you can't Christmas decorations because some children tear them up. It's also a shame that parents do not care enough to know what their children are doing at 10:30 at night. They (other people's decorations) hands off of them. I have family coming in for Christmas and would have liked for them to be able to enjoy them.
If anyone knows who is doing
this, please department or it may be your decorations next time.

## Cheryl McCall Big Spring

To the Edror:
This week
immigration raid well-publicized Co. meatpacking plant in Cactus, in the Texas Panhandle, serves as a troubling reminder that our immigration system is broken and needs
to be fixed. to follow the law
Unfortunately, they lack a sensible and reliable system to verify an employee's legal status
Employers are forced to navigate tricky waters each time they make with complex immigration regula tions; a glut of seemingly valid, but sometimes counterfeit, worker identification documents; and the they ask the 'wrong' questions about employees' documents.
Enforcement alone will not fix
our immigration system and it has our immigration system, and it has
failed in the past. failed in the past.
We can't just bu
We can t just build walls around a broken system - we need to fix the
system to make sure we achieve system security, restore law and order
real and have enough workers to continue growing our economy. It is
time for a serious solution to this serious chatlenge

## it is time for Congress to act.

Bill Hammond
Texas Association of Business
To the Edror:
1 am continually amazed that hereking. I've always supported the right to smoke for anyone over 18 years of age, but also I've always

## makes just \$10,712 a year wage

 han $\$ 900$ a $\$ 10,712$ a year - less han $\$ 900$ a month to cover hous ng, food, health care, transport family health coverage costs m than a minimum wage worker's entire annual income.The minimum wage sets the wage floor. As the floor has sunk below poverty levels, millions of
workers find themselves with pay checks above the minimum, but not above poverty wages.
The share of national income going to wages and salaries is a
the lowest level since 1929 while the lowest level since 1929 while he share going to ater-tax corpo1997, domestic corporate profits have risen 72 percent while the minimum wage has fallen 20 per cent, adjusted for inflation. corporate profits have climbed percent while the minimum wage plummeted 44 percent.
CEOs have enriched themselves and their families for generations
to come while workers struggle to support themselves and their children. The highest paid CEO in 1968 made as much as 127 average wage workers and 239 minimumwage workers. The highest pai CEO in 2005 made as much as
7,443 average workers and 23,282 minimum-wage workers.

## With the federal minimum wage

 mired in quicksand, a growing number of states have raised thei minimums. At least 29 states andthe District of Columbia will have minimum wages above $\$ 5.15$ as of minimum wages above $\$ 5.15$
Jan. 1, 2007. Washington and Oregon have the highest - $\$ 7.93$ and $\$ 7.80$ respectively after annual cost of living adjustments effectiv Jan. 1. States with minimum employment trends than the othe employ
states.
minimum wage hike in the firs 00 hours of the new Congress. The long-delayed Fair Minimum steps to $\$ 5.85$, 60 days after enactment, $\$ 6.55$ one year later in 2008, and $\$ 7.25$ one year later in 2000 These are steps in the right every dollar counts in the struggle to make ends meet. But workers should not have to wait until 2009 or a $\$ 7.25$ minimum wage that only partly restores
lost since 1968 . ost since 1968 .
The Economic Policy Institute reports, "Most other developed automatic increases based on rising prices or require regular mee ings of boards authorized to based on factors such as rising prices and economic growth. Ireland and England have minimum wages over \$10, calculated in U.S. dollars. Both countries h
strong economies with lower strong ecomment rates in recen years than the United States. Congress has had eight pay raises since 1997 and is scheduled for a $\$ 3,300$ "cost of living adjustment," raising congressional pay
on Jan. 1 to $\$ 168,500$ - not count ing health coverage, pensions and other benefits. Congress should refuse pay increases until the min imum wage is raised enough to keep workers out of poverty

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tial to a well run democracyChronic smokers are insurancerisks and should not be allowedOurance on those grounds.Obesity and smoking go hand inour health system. People shounbe prevented from exposing every.one else to the vile and unhealthysmoke generated by tobacco.Be responsible for a change andyou endanger with every puff. Weall breathe the same air.I was driving through your citylast week and saw the banners andfelt I needed to comment on thepeople whining about not beingaple their dirty habit. I'd be proud ofany mayor or council member thatis thinking about this issue from amedial and an educated point ofI hope these elected officialsremain in
Terry Harris
Austin
To the Editor:
I want to commend our mayor
and city council for having the courage to take a politically dangerous move to help keep us alive and healthy. Tobacco is a danger This sto position somewhat understandable I have a picture of four Bis Spring High School juniors and
In it are three of my best friends
and I . About five years ago, three of us met in Waco at the home of the fourth, to make what we knew to
be our last visit with him. He died of cancer about six weeks later.
Two years ago I visited with another of them who lived in Big Spring, three weeks before he died
of cancer. After Cher
After Christmas, I am going to
visit the third friend, who will know I am there, but will not be able to carry on a conversation
with me because his with me because his second stroke has disabled him, and is likely to I am grateful, not prideful, to say that this year when my doctor checked me over and analyzed my blood, she sent me away saying,
"You don't belong here." I answered with a smile that if I didn't keep coming then I would come Three of the four friends we heavy smokers most of their lives. One was not. Who of the four, do
you suppose, was not a smoker? you suppose, was not a smoker?
Hell is described in Heing a burning tar the Bible as Big Spring has restaurants glad that do not smell like Hell. I commend the Wilkerson family for making Herman's a clean air restaurant voluntarily before the
ban. I commend the council for ban. I commend the council for the
ban. Actually, all four of these and everyone else have been smokers. We have breathed other people's smoke all of our lives. Their
"right" to smoke has deprived us of our right to breathe clean air.
Lane Bond
Big Spring
To the Editor:
Thanks to all who donated coats fow the 1955 Hyperion Coat Drive. A and donated to Goliad were collected Spring State Hospital Big Northside Community Center Thank you to the eight local busi nesses that donated time and effort for the drive.
The coat drive was a success due everyone's contribution

## Big Spring

To the Editor:
I have a question for parents in our community. Do they know


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## DPS geared up for busy holiday traffic


"We have a zero-tolerance belts and driving while intoxiapproach to both seat belt and cated." intoxicated driving violations, Hester said this year's effort
said Hester. "Absolutely no has been said Hester. Absolutely no has been expanded to include warnings will be written for either. We're anticipating traf-
fic will be very heavy this son, so there's heavy this, season, so there's no room for
these type of mistakes. these type of mistakes. Operation Holiday means that all available troopers will
be out on the roads. They're be out on the roads. They're
going to be looking really close at drivers to make sure they are following the law, especially the three violations that are the deadliest - speeding no seat consider is the weather," said
The kids, or should I your children, please cor same vandals that struck $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ne kids, or should I } & \text { your children, please cor } & \begin{array}{l}\text { same vandals that struck }\end{array} \\ \text { the Festival of Lights }\end{array}$ were driving a black full By the way, these hood- recently. were diving a with loud lums did leave their How sad that this is that
size pickup glasspack type mufflers mark. There was blood these young people think that could be heard for left on our polar bear of this as fun, destroying
from where they had cut other peoples and the
blocks away. $\begin{aligned} & \text { blocks away. } \\ & \text { Talking with other peo- } \\ & \text { from where they had cut other peoples and the } \\ & \text { themselves on the plastic }\end{aligned}$
community's Christmas ple in town, it sounds like base when they broke it. decorations.
they were struck by the So check your children same delinquents. for any injuries. If this sounds like one of $\begin{gathered}\text { for any injuries. } \\ \text { Perhaps these are the }\end{gathered}$

Perhaps these are the Peyton Sedberry

## $* \begin{gathered}\text { Seasons } \\ \text { Greetings }\end{gathered}$

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dition reports by calling 800-452-9292, or pay close attention to the local weather channel. We report all road closures to both. Pay close attention to bridges and overpasses during freezing weather as well. Another thing to remember is to allow extra time for travel
because the high level of traffic because the high level of traffic is going to increase how long it
takes to get where you're going."

Hester said planning your trip
as well as your route the time can really pay of


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## THE ATTACKS JUST KEEP OY COMIIYG!

The ACLU has threatened to sue a school in Colorado for permitting
"Jingle Bells" to be sung, because it makes some students.
uncomfortable. In New York City public schools, menorahs and Islamic symbols are acceptable, but not nativity scenes. Teachers in Sacramento have been forbidden to use the word "Christmas" in the classroom.
Illinois state government employees have been forbidden to say "Merry Christmas" on the job.
The effort to strike "Christmas" from our greetings is just one more step in the ongoing quest to strip away every religious reference from our culture.
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Sunday Morning Worship...........11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
.6:00 P.M.
"JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME"


West Texas A\&M winning streak by taking ninth consecutive year at the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Region 4 Dallas. The group brought
home 37 regional awards along with the right to advance to national NBS competition in spring
2007 in Chicago. WT is the defending National NBS champion.
WTAMU is part of
Region 4 which includes Region 4 which includes colleges and universities
from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. The Region 4 sents work on student produced audio and video projects.
video category included ideo category included,
Chelsea Schwartz, senior broadcasting major, claiming four trophies;
second in video feature package for "Campus in video feature package for "Campus Beat 1 ," first in video
 2006 graduate of Midland College's Associate was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa nur ind
sorority and is also a • Joseph D. Jamail sorority and is also a
graduate of the Howard
Endowed
Eollege $\begin{gathered}\text { D. Jamail } \\ \text { Scholarship, }\end{gathered}$ College LVN program. 2004-2005 Scholarship, She is a 2000 honor gradu-
ate of Big Spring High Hresident's $\begin{gathered}\text { List, }\end{gathered}$
Howard College, Spring ate of Big Spring High School and plans to pur-
sue a career in travel sue a career in travel

nursing. She is the daughKappa, Howard College Smith Charles and Sharon 2003-2004 Smith of Big Spring and President's List, $\begin{aligned} & \text { granddaughter of James } \\ & \text { and Nell Busby of Rusk. }\end{aligned} \quad \begin{gathered}\text { Howard College, Fall } 2003 \\ \text { President's }\end{gathered}$ List | and Nell Busby of Rusk. | $\begin{array}{l}\text { President's } \\ \text { Howard College, Spring }\end{array}$ |
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and took part in develop-hands-on algebra-based hy physics course. He has Angelo State University presented research relat- conferred degrees upon $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ed material at five region- } & 334 & \text { students during } 200 \\ \text { al, state and national con- } & \text { Fall commencement exe }\end{array}$ ferences and has authored cises Dec. 16 in San one publication with Angelo. $\begin{gathered}\text { one publication with } \\ \text { three others in the works. } \\ \text { Presently, Abel is an }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Angelo. } \\ \text { The } 2006 \text { Fall graduates }\end{gathered}$
include the following associate professor at from the Big Spring area: Howard College he has Ashley P. Larson, BS; and Howard College he has Ashley P. Larson, BS; and
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By BILL LILLEY Akron Beacon Journal AKRON, Ohio - As a
retired teacher and wife retired teacher and wife
of a longtime congressman, Mary Regula had a good reason to be excited when she addressed a gathering Tuesday morning at the National First
Ladies' Library Ladies Library. the first four coins in the First Spouse Coin series marked the first time in more than a century that
the image of a first lady the image of a first lady rency. The image of Martha Washington was on a $\$ 1$ silver certificate note in 1886 .
"I can't think of a better
venue to unveil our First Spouse Coins," said Regula, who spearheaded the drive to create the National First Ladies' Library and museum in ${ }^{1998 .}$ We Spouse Coins will help inspire Americans to take a fresh look at the first ladies' contributions
throughout the history of throughout the history of U.S. Mint Director Edmund C. Moy and
National First Ladies' Library Education Director Lucinda Frailly were part of the unveiling
for the 2007 coins, which

## RECORDS

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Grantor: Mike Rush Grantee: TLC Property Management Property: Lot 42, Block 13 Douglass Addition
Date: Dec. 18, 2006

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## First lady coins



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spouse while in oftice spouse while in office, Lady Liberty will represent his administration
$\qquad$
Description of commemorative first lady coins that the U.S. Descriptor
Mint is planning to sell as companions to the circulating $\$ 1$ coins to honor the presidents. Designs for the first four commemorative coins were unveiled this week.
will honor the wives of on a consecutive series of the first four presidents. coins," Moy said. This marks the first Martha Washington,
time the United States Dolley Madison Mine the United States
Mint has featured women $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dolley Madison and } \\ & \text { Abigail Adams are on the }\end{aligned}$

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| Property: Lot 5, Block 3, | and Ruth Garcia |
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calling 1-800-USA-MINT. never was a first lady She died in 1782, 19 years before Jefferson become president in 1801
The image of Lady Liberty from a half-cent
coin that circulated from 1800 to 1809 graces the front of the fourth coin. A monument on the Jrounds of Monticello, home, is featured on the back.
Moy said the coins will be available beginning Mother's Day week in May The price of the collec-
tor's coins - each will be a half ounce of pure gold - will be set by the market price of gold "four to six weeks before the pub
lic sale begins," he said lic sale begins," he said.
Moy said the price will be fixed for the rest of the be fix.
The
will The collector's coins will have a denomination of $\$ 10$.
Moy said there also will be bronze duplicate
medals of the First Spouse Coins, issued at \$4 apiece. "We wanted to

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open the box and take open the box and take
out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us, as
human beings, have bee human beings, have been given a golden box filled
with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family and friends happened! Everything was lost! He was stunned
with disbelief, grief, and anger. "How could all this happen to me?" he

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Early the next day he Early the next day he sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his ressmoke signal," they
replied.
So the moral of the So the moral of the
story is that it's easy get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, for good things can happen even in the midst of pain, and suffering. So hut seems to be burning
to the ground Remember it just may be a smoke signal that summons something good. Darrell Ryan is the director of federal pro Independent School District.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borden County Independent School District (I.S.D.) in Gail, Texas, is presently accepting transfer students for the spring semester of 2007.

The Borden County I.S.D. is a "Recognized District," as named by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the 2005-2006 school year. This past year, the district also received ten (10) Gold Star Performance awards from the TEA for high percentages of "Commended" students on all five TAKS testing areas, completion of the
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ChALLENGE ACCEPTED

Marcy Elementary students made good on a challenge from Principal Carrie Dunnam. All students who earned 40 polints in Accelerated Reader earned the priviledge to tape her to the wall. Also, students were glven pleces of tape for every 10 points earned after the initial 40 points. 25 points for the eamed also enjoyed an also enjoyed an corn party.

A dietitian's poem for Christmas barbara quinn Monterey Herald Chisas hism week band altore through
our clan,
Our family prepared for the big day at hand.
Cookies were b Cookies were baked with
love and good cheer Without any hope tha they'd last through the year And gitts were all packed for our long journey home,
In hopes that the storm In hopes that the storm
would hit after we'd gone And Dad in his pickup and 1 in mine, too,
Took no time to eat right,
Oh what should we re Oh what should we do?
We grabbed here and there and ate late in the
night,
Our plans for good eating were nowhere in sight. Quick meals in a rush and
a soda or two Made each of
had nutrients due.
High fiber, omega and vita-
Mad dropped from our diet like leaves from a tree. Then out in the kitchen
heard a big clatter,
1 stopped eating a cookie And what to my malnour ished eyes should appear But a bag of fresh groceries; Now what have we here?
A carton of yogurt and
bread of whole wheat,
Made me know in a
moment I knew what to eat.
A Clementine orange and some nuts on the side from its unhealthy slide. How enticing they led me away from the fudge. And perked up my fitness Without extra pudge. berries, now veggies and greens,
Are ful
Are full of tresh color and won't fill my jeans I thought of my diet. This food builds my health if 1 'm willing to try it. eggnog, more sharing of food,
Small portions of things that aren't really so good. A lesson at parties that ad to a meal tion: gulp water with zeal. Make merry with small sip of wine, not too much, And walk some each day for a finishing touch to our family back home 1 knew that the reason for Christmas had come. And I vowed not to fret But to relish the gift of God and his son.
It's not about Santa or cookies or pie,
Or even the fact that The message of Christma is not what we eat; But the message of hope and love and real pea Christmas
Barbara Quinn is a registered
dieititian at the Community Hospital dietitian at the Community
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## Sports

## In Brief

High school player
of the year named
Southlake Carroll
quarterback Riley
Dodge was named Class
5A offensive player of
the year by The
Associated Press on
Friday, marking the
fifth straight year a
Carroll quarterback has
won the award.
In his first season as a
starter, Dodge led
unbeaten Carroll to its
fifth straight Class 5A
final. The junior has
thrown for more than
3,800 yards and 51
touchdowns in 15 games
this season.
"Im speechless," said
Dodge. the son of
Carroll head coach Todd
Dodge. "I've always
wanted to get that
award, to follow those
guys and keep the tradi-
tion alive for
Southlake."

Astros and Bruntlett agree on contract

Utility infielder Eric Houstent and the Friday to a $\$ 525,000$, ne-year contract, up son.
Bruntlett hit . 277 with career-high 33 hits and eight doubles in op pinch-hitter, with a 412 average. Bruntlett also contributed in the field, playing six differ ent positions -- all three
outfield spots and every outfield spots and every
infield position but first base.
The 28-year-old Bruntlett was optioned Aug. 2 to Triple-A it 219 with a home rum and seven RBIs in 22 games. He rejoined the Astros on Aug. 28 and
hit 370 in September.

New Orleans Bow turns into a route
Omar Haugabook passes and ran for nother score to lead Troy to its first bow victory, 41-17 over Ric New Orleans Bowl It was only the second bowl appearance for the Trojans (8-5), who moved up to Division I A in 2002. Troy earned first Sun Belt title. Rice's Joel Armstrong, pressured all night, was intercepted five times and sacked four times.
He completed 35 of 54 passes for 305 yardsand one touchdown.

Sterling Doty named to Conf. U.S.A. team
The grandson of Jack of Coahoma Sterling Doty, was named to the irst team offensive line for Conference USA. Doty, a senior for the all tean Cougas 100 the best , was voted a conference and was on the watch list for the Rimington Award. Haping recently gradated, Doty is currently working on his Master's for the Cougars upcoming Liberty Bowl game gainst the South Carolina Gamecocks. The game is scheduted elevised on DSPN

## Rockets grab rare win against Spurs



San Antonio's Tim Duncan has dominated the Houston Rockets over the paty
years, but Friday night the Rockets defeated the Spurs, 97.78 in San Antonio.

By ELIZABETH WHITE from the field. Houston Associated Press Writer hit 38 -of 74 (51 percent). SAN ANTONIO - The Yao's performance wasFriday night was the games, the last four of Ftart of new era against which he scored more the San Antonio Spurs. than 30 points, but he did Yao Ming scored 22 points and the Rockets beat the Spurs 97.78 fo their first victory in San years.
San Antonio had won 17 straight home game against the Rockets an seven in a row in th series overall. Houston
last road win against the Spurs was a 103-94 dec sion on April 20, 1997. Bonzi Wells scored a season-high 15 points Juwan Howard added 1 and Rafer Alston finished
with 12 for the Rockets. with 12 for the Rockets.
Luther Head had a career-high 11 assists. "I don't think too many people gave us a shot
coming in tonight," said coming in tonight," said Shane Battier, who fin
ished with 10 points "Especially after our last game in Portland when we played poorly.
Manu Ginobili had 23 points for the Spurs, wh low point total seasonParker followed with 21 and Tim Duncan had 14 points and 11 rebounds.
"My teammates did a great job, a huge job in the second half," Yao
said. "They showed a lot of energy. They put the of energy. They put the
life into the game."
Parker said his team Parker said his team did just the opposite. We were definitely flat, had no energy," he out very strong, played more physical and made
shots." San Antonio, which had
the lead for just 18 seconds in the first quarter, onds in the first quarter,
shot 29 -for- 72 (40 percent) go lead the 2 He scored 14 his 22 points in the firs about midway through the third.
He sat out the rest of he period and played just bout 4 minutes in th picked up his fifth foul. The Rockets will get chance at two wins in a ow in San Antonio when hey play the Spurs on Jan. 24.
"I really don't know about the streak. I'm no
a historian on the record around here," Wells said. I just know we needed this win for our team and our confidence.
"We wanted to finish he game and I think we The Rockets took a 30-21 lead into the second quarter, with Yao scoring 14 points in the first. They extended the advantage
with an $8-0$ run in the with an $8-0$ run in the five straight shots during the second-quarter surge. San Antonio scored a season-low 15 points in the second period and Houston led 53-36 at half At the end of the third period a visibly angry Duncan was given a techabout hir complaining quarter. The foul in the quarter. The Rockets led 74.59 after thre without Tracy McGrady who has missed six games because of back spasms. The Rockets are $2-4$ without him in the

2006 filled with surprises for Texas sports

## By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

- With 2007 approaching it's time to look back at the year that was in Texas sports. And to make things more interesting, let's set the scene by going all th way back to Dec. 31, 2005
Terrell Owens was a pariah,
perhaps working off his frustraperhaps working off his frustra-
tion with some sit-ups in his Philadelphia driveway. Tony Romo was carrying a clipboard, about the only thing he'd ever
done for the Dallas Cowboys. done for the Dallas Cowboys.
Vince Young was sure he Vince Young was sure he was
coming back for his senior season at Texas. Only NFL draftniks knew who Mario Williams was. Todd Dodge's phone rang a lot, but it was never Bill Parcells or a Division I-A athletic
calling with job offers
calling with job offers.
Avery Johnson and the Dallas Mavericks were off to a strong start, but already headed for a second-round showdown with his mentor Gregg Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs. That meant of finally defending an NBA title. Roger Clemens was retired, Jeff Bagwell wasn't. Buck Showalter was managing the Texas Rangers.
The only speedskaters you could name were the guy with the soul patch on his chin and
Eric Heiden. And the only footwork associated with Emmitt Smith was to avoid would-be tacklers.
OK, OK. You've pretty much got the theme by now: 2006 was a year of change, with plenty of Before we flip the way. 07 and see all the unexpected delights the the unexted bring, here's a look back the top story lines of this year involving Texas teams and athletes with Texas ties:

Flopping around at 3-3, the


## In the quarterback Vince Young scores

Cowboys were ready to collapse high expectations for the season ing fourth quarter ever, startin when Parcells benched Drew and was probably ready to give a 6-2 roll that's carried them to Bledsoe and turned the offense up when Dallas trailed going into the top of the NFC East and
over to Romo, an undrafted, the fourth quarter of Romo's earned Romo a trip to the Pro unproven backup the last $31 / 2$ debut. Bowl years. Owner Jerry Jones admit- Then the legend began. The years. Owner Jerry Jones admit- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Then the legend began. The } \\ & \text { ted he was lowering his once- Cowboys had their highest-scor- }\end{aligned}$ See sports, Page 2B

## Rape charges against Duke lacrosse players dropped

$\qquad$ DURHAM, N.C. - The district attorney dropped rape charges Friday against the three Duke
University lacrosse play ers after the stripper who accused them changed her story again. But the men still face kidnapping and sex charges that
could bring more than 30
y lawy prison. athletes bitterly one of the athletes bitterly demanded that District Attorney
Mike Nifong drop the remaining counts, accusing him of offering shifting theories of the crime in an attempt to win the case at any cost
"It's now the "It's now the shifting
sands again, the shifting factual theory," defense attorney Joseph Cheshire
Army donation, happy birthday to me, drops,
beware the snitch and beware the snitch and
beware the spit.

- Houston could've had - Houston could've had
Reggie Bush or Young, Reggie Bush or Young,
the hometown hero fresh off leading the Longhorns to the national champi onship. The texans didn't
even bother trading down to get Williams. Charley Casserly quit as general manager soon after, supposedly for an NFL job
but wound up on TV. New coach Gary Kubiak has seen Carr regress, has no running game and the playoffs seem as far away as ever. At least DeMeco
Ryans, their first pick in Ryans, their first pick in
the second round, is defi-
ethical duty of a district attorney not to win a
case, not to prosecute all case, not to prosecute all
cases, but to see that justice is done."'
In dropping the rape charges, Nifong filed court papers that said th tor Thursday that she is no longer certain whether she was penetrated vaginally with the men's claimed earlier. Nifong previously 'said he could
rely on the woman's account because of a lack the players Lacking any "scientific or other evidence independent of the victim's
testimony" to corroborate that aspect of the case, the district attorney said in court papers, "the state is


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 underrated coaching per underrated coaching per-formance in the country was done by Todd Graham at Rice.
-The Longhorns wo
a thrilling Rose Bowl for their first national cham pionship since 1969, then offense to redshirt fresh man Colt McCoy. He proved he was no Vince Young in a No. 1 vs. No. 2
showdown with Ohi State, then spent the next two months showing he
might be Major Applewhite.
The small-town kid with the great name and tough resolve won eight straight games and set a school
record with 27 touchdown record with 27 touchdown
passes. There was talk of passes. There was talk of
Texas getting back into the national champi-
onship game until McCo onship game until McCoy
got hurt in a loss to
Kansas State. A loss to Kansas State. A loss to
Texas A\&M, which ended with McCoy being carted
off the field, kept the Longhorns from even
defending their Big 12 Longhorns from Big 12
defending their
South title.

- Six points. That's all South ixte.
-Six points. That's all
that stood between Texas
Keeping an Open Mind
 A\&M and an unbeaten They were donating season.
The bottom line is blood. Malone let them
coach Fran on the club the next The bottom line is back on the club the next
Coach Fran has the day, but still made them
Aggies on the upswing, sit out a game. "It's still


 unable to meet its burden
of proof with respect to
this offense." this offense. Nifong's office door read,
"No media, please!" But "No media, please!" But
as he left his office, he said, "All the documents have been filed and they speak for themselves."
In recent months, Nifong has been vilified by some lawyers and members of the communi- to
hat appeared to many to what appeared to many to "He has said to you his case rises and falls on the statements accuser," Cheshire said of the district attorney. "He gets yet again a different
story from her, which disputes and goes against the other stories she has
told." Cheatham said.
- After a regular sea-
son that earned Avery
Johnson coach of the
year, Dallas outlasted San
Antonio in a seven-game
series that still needed
overtime to be decided. -
The Astros made things
interesting in September
for a third straight sea-
son, but this time it was
just a tease.
After being 8 $1 / 2$ games
out of first place in the
NL Central on Sept. 20,
Houston rallied to within
a half-game before fiz-
zling.
- The Rangers flopped
again under micromanag-
er Showalter, so GM Jon
Daniels dumped him and
hired Ron Washington,
who has no managing
experience.
Texa Tech's Bob
Knight has been called a
lot of things. Pretty soon,
he's going to have to be
called the winningest
coach in men's college
basketball history. Knight
already has passed
Adolph Rupp for No.
and went into the week-
end looking to tie Dean
Smith's mark of 879 wins.
Baily Gillispie and
Gary Blair are doing their
best to turn Texas A\&M into a basketball power house. The Longhorns won a school-record 30 games, scut needed 31 to get to the Final Four, losing to LSU in the regional final. Then P.J. Tucker, Damiel Gibson left for the NBA, with Aldridge being taken second. Now coach Rick Barnes is building around freshman Kevin Durant, but his tremen
dous all-around game dous all-around game Austin beyond this season. Byron Nelson and Lamar Hunt were true gentlemen from another
era. In death, it was their humility that stood out above their accomplishments, and both accomplished a herk of a lot.
That's the snapshot as That's the snapshot as Next up is the fun part waiting to see how things develop over the next 12 month



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## Teammates once, friends forever: Walls donating kidney to Springs

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer
PLANO - Having grown up
in Dallas, Everson Walls thought he knew his way around town. Then he started third-year running back who grew up in Virginia showed him how it was really done. Ron Springs taught the rookie cornerback where to go for free this and discount that. In
return, Walls did the driving and, better yet, introduced Springs to a terrific, cheap latenight food joint - his mom's kitchen.
Kindred spirits only a few years apart, they quickly built
a friendship that went way a friendship that went way
beyond being teammates. It was so much like big brother and little brother that Springs became a regular at Walls family gatherings.
By the time Springs left the Cowboys in 1985, their wives Eventually, so were their kids Everyone gets along so well that they've taken family vacations together, like the time all eight piled into one Land
Cruiser and drove from Dallas to Orlando through a rainstorm so blinding they missed their destination.
Springs is the godfather of Walls' oldest daughter and Walls received the same honor for Springs' youngest. And, liv-
"your family is my family,"
Springs recently spoke at the Springs recently spoke at the
funeral of Walls' father-in-law. That's close, right? Well they're about to get a lot closer: kidney to help Springs, a diabetic, regain the quality of life he's lácked for nearly three
years. The disease already has
forced the amputation of his right foot and the big and middle toes on his left foot. His rotting kidney has knotted his hands, bound him to a wheelchair and forced him to get up
at $5 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. three times a week to endure several hours of dialysis treatments.
Walls' kidney is expected to be transplanted in March. Once the healthy one takes over
Springs can look forward to his hands uncurling, ditching his wheelchair and never going to dialysis again.
"This man has got to love me in order to give up something He's taking some risk," Springs
says. "It's something you can't explain, but something that I will always think about every day for the rest of my life. It's like getting a new battery in a car. I'll be able to be back to
basically almost 100 percent normal." "A piece of me is going to be
inside him and hopefully giving him a lot more life than he would've had otherwise," Wall says. "To me, friendship is
unconditional."
$\underset{\text { Wprings grew }}{\text { Williamsburg, Va., a short }}$ in drive from several black colleges where friends and rela-
tives played football. He foltives played football. He fol-
lowed the teams closely, but picked Ohio State for himself. Adept at running, receiving and blocking, the Cowboys drafted him in the fifth round
in 1979, a few months after in 1979, a few months after Tom
Landry and Roger Staubach won their second Super Bowl. Springs became a starter in the same backfield as Tony Dorsett in his third season. At
training camp that same year training camp that same year,
he got to know Walls, an undrafted rookie from Grambling, and his roommate, another black-college alum. "Ron would always come over and give us a bunch of crap about black colleges being from "That's how we started joking around and he started hanging out with us."
During the season, they became regulars at each other's houses. Springs was married with his mom and dating his "Yuture wife.
"You kind of hung with the people who did what you did,"
Springs says. "We were profes Springs says. "We were profes
sional beer drinkers and mar garita drinkers and crawfish eaters."
Offseasons were spent touring the state and the country together with a basketball team
called the Dallas Hoopsters,
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { which was really just a group of } & \text { through Jimmy Johnson's dis- } \\ \text { Cowboys paid to play at at } & \text { astrous first season, then joined } \\ \text { fundraisers. Springs later took } & \text { the New York Giants in 1990, }\end{array}$ fundraisers. Springs later took the New York Giants in 1990,
over organizing the shows. over organizing the shows.
In the summer of 1983, them to their second Super Springs organized a different kind of fundraiser. The beneficiary was Walls, grossly under paid for someone who'd led the league in interceptions and
made the Pro Bowl in each of his first two seasons. (Walls had 11 interceptions in 1981; nobody has had more than 10 since. Alas, he also was the cornerback who dove in vain when
Dwight Clark made "The Catch" to send San Francisco past Dallas and into the Super Bowl in the January 1982 NFC Championship game.
As a locker-room lawyer and "Ghe de facto leader of the "Ghetto Row" clique, Springs officials he was "mentally frus trated" and had to retire, a
word chosen to avoid being word chosen to avoid being fined for holding out. He
instructed Walls to go into hidinstructed Walls to go into hid ing, except for once-a-day calls
to Springs. Walls resurfaced to sign a contract that paid about four times what he was sup-
posed to make, with a hefty posed to make, with a hefty
signing bonus signing bonus.
"The guys figured out that me and him had concocted this," Springs says. "But he got a nice new contract and we celebrated pretty good."
Springs went to Tampa Bay for two seasons, then retired
Walls lasted with the Cowboy The week of the big game, Walls and linebacker Lawrence Taylor - who played Little League and high school ball - spent hours trying to persuade Springs to join them in Tampa. Once he gave in, Spelings drove all night, despite feeling the effects of a flu bug that wound up keeping him in "I was happy on game day. finally win a Super Bowl," Springs says. ${ }^{\text {aft }}$ ge football, $\underset{\text { Springs stayed in good shape by }}{\text { After }}$ playing basketball a lot. But he was getting tired easily, which didn't make sense.
A checkup revealed he had
Type 2 diabetes, the most common kind. He was 34 . "I just kept working out and
denying it for a while," he says "Then, all of a sudden, it was attacking me worse than it did most people."
In 2004, at age 47, Springs went on dialysis and was added o the nation이 transplant wait ing list. The following year, he
lost his foot, then began feeling the muscles bail up on his right arm, then the left.
Given his age, overall health See WALLS, Page 4B


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and degenerating condiion, he was told it would his number to come up unless he could find a donor on his own. Springs immediately including his oldest son, Shawn, a cornerback (Walls' position) who'd
starred at his dad's alma starred at his dad's alma mater and now plays for
the Washington Redskins. Springs also has a 21 -year-old daughter, Ayra, soon to
Oklahoma
State and Ashley, a high school senior.
Because diabetes is hereditary, he worries
they eventually will be they eventually will be
afflicted. He couldn't bear afflicted. He couldn't bear
the thought of taking a he thought of taking a
kidney they may end up kidney they may end up
needing either for themselves or to donate to
thear kids should one of them be stricken.
Plenty of friends and
relatives offered to be tested, but being a donor want-to. Requirements want-to. Requirements
start with being in good health, good shape and, in Springs' case, having
type-O blood. ype-O blood.
Springs only let two peo-
ple try, a niece and ple try, a niece and a
nephew. Both were perfect matches, until she got pregnant and his kidney
turned out not to be turned out no
strong enough.
strong enough.
"Instead of being down "Instead of being down
on himself after two ed to just stay active to keep his mind and body
strong so we started strong so we started
working out together," d working As we start ed working out together, I
said. Well, look, I know my blood type is the same as his. Why not give it a
shot and see what hap-
"I never tried to influence him,"" ${ }^{\text {Springs }}$
explained. "If he was going to do it, I wanted him to do it out of the love he had for me. Springs warned Walls of
all the painful, time-consuming tests and paper work ahead of him. He also prepped him for a
500 question psychiatric 500 -question psychiatric
evaluation. "That's the one I hought says, cackling, The process was so gru eling that Walls became more resolved, especially after talking to doctors donors and transplant
recipients. "I wasn't going to go
through all of this for nothing," Walls says. "My mind was pretty much made up that if I was going to be a complete to do it." Informal confirmation
came several weeks ago Thinking the donation was more of a done deal
than it was, Shawn than it was, Shawn
Springs shared the good Springs shared the good
news with a Redskins beat writer, even saying the transplant could happen "any day now. The resulting six-paragraph note on page five of
the Dec. 12 Washington Post sports section got the story out before either was ready. It hasn't been all bad, though. "We've gotten some says. "It does allow you to see how many people care about us, how many peo ple respect us."
Now comfortable shar ing their story, the guys are sitting on a sofa in
Springs' den. A pair of framed No 20 Cowboys jerseys is on a wall high above them and eight game balls are on a ledge across the room. Upstairs 18-year-old Cameron are hanging cit
The camaraderie among the former teammates is


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## Bennie Brownie

By Mamie Lee Dodds

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a children's book entitled "Benny Brownie by Big Spring resident Mamie Lee Dodds. The illustrations for the book were
drawn by her 13-year-old great niece Krista Bailey. The original short story fro which the book evolved was written for her children when they were very young.

## Chapter I

There was chaos and confusion in Santa's workshop. The elves were running around, looking over, under, and around everything in sight.
"He's not here!" I've already looked there!"
"Did you look over there?" One pointed to
"Did you look over there?" One pointed to the shelves that held supplies. "Yes, I've looked there, and everywhere I can think to look. The brownies, smallest of Santa's helpers, were trying to decide who could
complete the truck and car motors that stood unfinished on the work bench.

"You try."
"I've tried, but my hands
are too big."
"I think every brownie "I think every brownie
has tried but no has tried, but no one can
do it but Benny Brownie do it but Benny Brownie
He's the smallest one and the only one who is small enough to get inside
there," said Bertran there," said Bertran Brownie.
You see You see, Benny Brownie
was not much larger than Santa's thumb, and he Sadn't reported to the
had workshop as usual. "Did you look in his bed," asked one there. He didn't come to eat his breakfast," said another.
Just the
Just then Santa Claus entered the workshop and
noticing the unfinished toys and the idle elves and
brownies, asked, "Has brownies, asked, "Has
someone declared a someone declared a
holiday, or have you a decided that some children of the World can Christmas?" "Oh, no, Santa," replied
Eldrid Elf. "We can't finish the cars and trucks until Benny Brownie wires the motors. He's the only one small enough to get inside, as you know, and he is nowhere to be found."
"Where have you looked for him," asked Santa. All the elves and brownies yelled, "EVERYWHERE!"
"Did you look in the barn? Sometimes he likes to pet the reindeer.
"We looked in the barn and the hayloft, too. What do you suppose has happened to him?"
"He never goes off by himself," said one brownie
"Well, let's keep looking"
Just then the door to the, workshop opened and Mrs. Santa Claus came in holding Benny
Brownie in her hand. "Look what I found."
"Where was he," asked Santa, as all the expressing relief that Benny had been found
unhurt." "Well," said Mrs. Claus. "I finished hemming the sheets for one of the tiny doll beds and went to put them on the bed, and "Well, Benny What do you have to say."
yourself," asked Santa.
Mrs. Santa Claus answered, "I don't think he
can talk. He's very sick; burning up with fever. That's why he's been missing." Santa touched Benny's forehead and drew his finger back very quickly. "He is very hot! Let's put him to bed, and Mrs. Claus, you look after him," Santa said. rarlow Brownie "None of us has been able to do Benny's work because we'
too big.". "We'll delay finishing them until Benny is well," instructed Santa, "and build the larger trucks and cars in the meantime
Mrs. Claus took the sleeping brownie into her room, after picking up Benny's own little bed. She placed it on then nightstand, next to the big bed where she medicine to help you feel better, Benny," and she quietly left the room and closed the door.

## Chapter II

The days seemed very long to Benny, as he gradually got better, but he was too sick to get out of bed. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to check on him one day and ound Benny sitting up in bed.
"I think Benny would get well faster if he was where it is warm," said Mrs. Santa Claus.
"That's a good idea," Santa replied. "I'm sure the ice and snow here at the
North Pole aren't helping him. If you could have lots of sunshine I'm sure youn would be as strong as the other brownies soon. I'll make arrangements to send
you where it is warm most of the year, Benny."
"I'm sure I'd get well in no time if I had plenty of sunshine
Brownie. Of course, Benny had no idea what sunshine was.
The next morning, Santa asked Eldrid Elf to hitch up the reindeer to the sleig The next morning, Santa asked Eldrid Elf to hitch up the reindeer to the sleigh ooad of hay from the storehouse,
"No, it isn't Christmas Eve, but I must take Benny Brownie to a warm climate Santa explained.
While Eldrid Elf and his helpers hitched up the reindeer to the sleigh, Mrs. Claus got Benny dressed, packed some clothes for him, and admonished him to bey Santa on the trip. As they got into the sleigh, Benny asked, "Where am I "Ting?'
To Middleville," answered Santa
"No, I've arranged for you to live with Mr. and Mrs. Evans. You know, Benny very year there are some children who get left out. I don't get a letter from every child and those are the ones I can't visit. I don't want to leave out any children. I want to visit them all, so I have a job for you to do as soon as you are whether it's because they forgot or because they don't know about Santa Claus.
"Yll be glad to find them for you, Santa," Benny promised him
"You know people can't see you, Benny Brownie, and so I think you will need
some help. I have here two tiny silver bells. They are magic bells. I want you to they make when you swing your feet If you need something or want me for anything, take off one of the tiny bells, hold it in your hand; wish for help, and it will be yours. Also, when you find the children who need me at Christmas, use the bells to let me know who they are.
Santa placed the two tiny silver bells in Benny Brownie's small hand. "Thank " tip of each shoe. "I'll take good care of them, Santa."
"Are you ready to go?"
"No." Benny jumped down from the sleigh. "There's something I have to do before we leave.
Benny went into the workshop to say good-bye to all the elves, brownies, and
Mrs. Santa Claus. She kissed him and cautioned "Get Mrs. Santa Claus. She kissed him and cautioned, "Get well soon. We will miss Benny went back and climbed into the sleigh beside Santa Claus; Santa picked up the reins, snapped them once over the reindeer, and way they flew.


It seemed only an instant had passed when Santa Claus stopped the sleigh. It was very dark, and Benny knew the time had passed so quickly because he had were in front of a very pretty white house.
"Here's your new home, Benny," and Santa quietly opened the door, placing Benny's small satchel beside him. "Don't go to work until you are completely well and strong, Benny. Now I must leave you. I have to get back to the North Pole before daybreak. I have a lot of work waiting for me."
Good-bye, Santa, and thank you for finding me such a nice home"
closed the door. It was such a pretty place that Benny Browent inside and Starting at the front door, he looked everywhere form the attic to the basement. Because he was easily tired, each time he wanted to go into another room or up the stairs, Benny sat down, took one of the tiny magic silver bells, and wished
himself to be where he wanted to go. Upstairs he looked into himself to Evans were he wanted to go. Upstairs he looked into the room where Mr quiet so he would not wake them.
Exploring the
kitchen, Benny
kitchen, Benny
found the prettiest
thing he ever saw on
the toy shelf. There
was a large silver
tray with a silver
teapot on it. Benny
Brownie sat down on
the edge of the silver
tray to rest. He was tray to rest. He was
exhausted! After exhausted! After
awhile he swung his feet and the tiny silver bells made a lovely sound, helping to soothe him.
Rested, Benny
hopped up to see th
pretty silver teapot.
He had already
placed his satchel on
the shelf where he
sat. Lifting the lid to the teapot, Benny looked inside. This seemed to be just
what he had been looking for while he explored the house "This is where what he had been looking for while he explored the house. "This is where Ill
make my home," he said, as he put his satchel inside and climbed into the pretty silver teapot. He curled up and in no time was fast asleep.

## Chapter III

How long he slept. Benny Brownie had no idea. When he awoke one morning there was a very bright light coming into the pretty silver teapot. It was all golden! It came in through the spout. Benny lifted the lid of the teapot and hopped down to the edge of the tray. He wanted to find out where the light was coming from and what was making it.
He looked around very carefully and was amazed at what he saw. The bright
light was coming in the door that led into the back yord light was coming in the door that led into the back yard. Using a silver bell to greeted his eyes!
Through the screen door, he saw a great ball of fire hanging in the sky, making the light. Of course, it was only the sun, but Benny Brownie had always lived at the North Pole and had never seen the sun before. As he looked, he asked himself, "What's all that green stuff on the ground, and where has the snow
Benn
walked out on the green grass. If felt just like a carpet under his feet. Benny Brews was so tall he couldn't see the top
blade of graws. He climbed up a stalk to get a better look and sat down on the weight made the did sit there very long! He was very amall, but even his small weight made the blade of grass bend. Down he slid until he reached the ground more. It was like sliding down a real slide.

down scon he was tired and wanted to sit dow and rest. That's when he noticed something close by that was made of a bright blue color. It looked very soft, so Benny decided it was the perfect place for him to rest. He waiked over and sat down on the pretty blue
thing. He leaned back and closed his eyes. Suddenly he became very frightened! What, was moving! Quickly he grabbed hold of the thing on which he was sitting. My, but he was scared! He looked about and realized he was flying through the air
"Oh, dear, what shall I do? I can't let go of this thing long enough to get one of my magic silver bells, and I'll fall to the ground if I let go," his voice quivered.
fully looked heard a soft chuckle. Benny Brownie care him. There was nothing in sight could be laughing at with which he was having so much trouble. "IDon't you know who I am?" asked a small voice. "I'm a big blue butterfly, Bertha Butterfly. Don't be for a nice ride. If you hold on tightly so you won't fall, you'll have a nice ride."
Benny Brownie realized he was beginning to enjoy the ride.
"I've got to stop now," said Bertha Butterfly after awhile. "I'll land on a pretty flower, and you can get off my back."
Down she flew to the flowers growing in the yard and landed on a big red rose. "Bertha Butterfly, that was lots of fun. Thank you very much for my ride. Next time I won't be afraid to ride with you. Butterfly. "There are lots of things you don't know about this place, and I can show you some interest ing places."
"I must go inside now and get some rest," Benny said, as he slid down the stem of the red rose. He was very careful not to hurt himself on the thorns.
He sat down on the grass. Placing a silver bell in his hand, he wished himself back in the pretty silver teapot. This time there was a tea bag in the pot, and it made a good mattress for Benny to use as a bed, and he immediately dozed off to sleep.
When morning came, Benny Brownie could hardly ders Bertha Butterfly would show him.
He started across the yard to the place where he last saw Bertha, but suddenly he could go no farther. He saw nothing to hinder his progress, yet there was something in his way so he couldn't continue to walk legged black thing beside a bush.
Benny
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break, but
"If you would like to get by," Sophie Spider told him, "I'll break the web for you. It's very strong even though it doesn't look like it. You see, I spin webs to catch bugs and flies.
"Can you spin one now, so I can watch you?" "Sure, Benny," and as Benny watched, Sophi Spider spun a beautiful web.
Thinking of his ride on Bertha Butterfly, Benny your web? I could loop it around Bertha Butterfly when I ride on her. It could be Bertha Butterfly "Benny Brownie, I think that's a good idea, only the web is sticky, so it will cling to things. I'll pull that go to the fish pond to find Fier piece. First, we wash the web in the water of the pond to clean it." At the edge of the pond, there sat Ferdi Frog, sun ning himself before hopping back into the water. Of course, he was glad to help Benny and Sophie. When the web was clean, he handed it to Benny. for my new harness."

Benny put it in his pocket where he would always carry it. Quickly, he ran into the house and climbed into the that se wanted apong had learned so much today that he wanted a long time to think about it

## Chapter IV

Day after day, Benny Brownie marveled at the won derful in the pond, birds nests in the trees, bees gather ing pollen, the bee hive where honey was made, lily pads to rest on in the fish pond, smells emanating from the herb from the herb garden, chimneys wher Santa Claus entered the houses, and the multitude of While the sun shone and the
Benny Brownie stayed outside ev fun to play with the new friends he made! He loved sitting on the petal of flowers and watching the bees going from flower to flower and the goldfish swimming in the pond as he sat on a lily pad as he was resting. He was swinging his legs back an forth and the tiny silver bells made their tinkling sound.
"You know, Benny, those bells sound just like music," Bertha remarked. Above in the apple tre
Mickey Mocking bird trilled
an know what we should do, Benny. We should form an orchestra. Just think of the sounds all our friends
"'That's a great idea! I'll have to think about how we can do it, and who will be willing'to play. Now I need to go inside to do planning.
On his way into the house, Benny hummed the notes Mickey Mockingbird sang, and he lengthened the melody with other sounds of the birds he had heard.
By the next morning, he had composed the melody Ferdi Frog was the
approached about the idt one Benny and Bertha join. I'll be the bass with my ha-rumph! And by the I'l way, I found a piece of fisting ha-rumph! And by the thing to make strece of fistring line that is just the shaped twig and ask Sophie Spider to string and play

Off they went to find Sophie Spider. Gladly agreeing with the idea, she came up with one of her own "I can spin webs for the strings of a violin and bow and Ferdi, you can clean them as you did for Benny Brownie's harness
"O.K. , bu
asked Ferdi
"I know," and Sophie Spider led the way to a smal bush where Matt Mantis was making an egg case. Consenting, he joined the others to help recruit mem bers of the orchestra. When they finished at the end of the week, they had the following membe
Conductor and Bells - Benny Brownie Violin - Matt Mantis
Trumpet - Mickey Mockingbird (voice) Bass - Ferdi Frog (ha-rumph)
Timpani - Lenny Lizard (thumping his tail on a hol low $\log )$
Cymbal
Cymbals - Bertha Butterfly (flapping her wings
Flute - Connie Canary (voice)
Snare Drum - Bucky Bee (buzzing)
Harp - Sophie Spider
Then came the making of the instruments and prac tice - practice, practice, practice - every day until
they had the timing and pitch fine tuned and every. one knew their part perfectly.
At the end of practice one day, Lennie Lizard said "I think we should give a concert." "Oh, that means we'll have to learn more music," grumbled Matt Mantis.
Mockit will be worth it," chirped Mickey
"Let's take a vote to see who is willing to continue
to practice," suggested Sophie Spider.
"O. K., everyone who wants to give a concert say so," instructed Benny Brownie Everyone agreed to keep practicing, and Connie
Canary and Mickey Mockingbird were drafted to come up with more music.

ff The Students Are Watching by Ted and Nancy Sizer, defines my personal conception of success.

The book reminds us that our students are watching us; they listen to what we say, but more importantly they watch what we, the adults in the school, do and what we don't do. The degree to which I model the values, attitudes, and behaviors that I attempt to Instill in my students defines my level of success.

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| around the neighborhood so when the |
| day of the concert came, the yard was |
| full of creatures anxious to hear what |
| Benny's orchestra had in store for them. |
| They played and played, and at the end |

of the concert the audience didn't want to
leave and some suggested they would like
to join the orchestra in the future.

Chapter V
$d$ the lid of the pretty silver eapot and hopped down to the edge of and forth, he realized that summer was and wotely forgot hat he was in Middleville to work for Santa Claus.
What was that Mr. Evans was saying? Surely he must be mistaken! Benny lisened so as not to miss a word. "With all the work you have to do this week getting ready for Christmas with "It would be a good idea," said Mrs. Evans, "but I know of no me."
"I know just the person," explains
 the other day. She has come to live in Middleville from overseas. She
girl named Jean."
"'m sure she would be glad to, Dear. She has been having a hard time finding work since her husband died."
"Then I'll go to see her today! Where does she live?"
"She lives at the end of Lake Street, and her name is Mrs. Jennings. Benny Brownie suddenly remembered his promise to Santa Claus and what he he had not done a thing about finding children who forgot tô write Santa Claus. Perhaps Jean was such a little girl, he thought. Maybe she didn't even know about Santa Claus. If Mrs. Evans was going to her house, Benny would go along too. Hopping down from the shelf, he crawled into Mrs. Evan's pocket Little Jean was a very pretty child, but her clothes were very old and worn. someone who needed help. There would be no trouble about what to bring Jean or she had so very little; but first Benny Brownie had to find out if Jean and written to Santa Claus.
Mrs. Jennings agreed to work for Mrs. Evans for a week. All week Benny watched Jean as she played near the back door while her mother worked in the itchen, hoping to ea in she had written Sant
Claus to bring her when she wrote to him?"
"Santa Claus? Who is he?" asked Mrs. Jennings.
'You mean you don't know?" Then Mrs. Evans told her about Santa Claus, how every Christmas Eve he visited the children with gifts.
Benny Brownie was pleased to learn Jean didn't know about Santa Claus. It mould make up, in part, for tonight
As soon as it was dark that night, Benny Brownie wished himself to the Jenning's house. Sitting on the floor, he took off one of the tiny magic silver ells. Holding it in the palm of his hand, he began to wish as the tears streamed own his face:
"Santa, I wish you would bring Jean Jenningss some toys," he said. "She lives at After he looked aroun Middleville.
Christmas tree with all the trimmings. Bring something for her mód bring her an Benny Brownie put the tiny magic silver bell back on his shoe and waited for anta Claus to arrive
Time passed, and Benny Brownie began to get very worried. Could it be that since he had played until this week that Santa would not hear his wish? He felt would be all his fault. Benny hung is head Jean had no toys for Christmas, it
down his cheeks again. Still, there was just a waited. It was almost morning, and Benny had just about given up when he heard Santa's sleigh
sleigh landed.
"Benny Brow Santa Claus when he had put down his pack. "I was already on my trip around the world when I heard
your wish. I had to fini your wish. Thad to fini North Pole, pick up thing for Mrs. Jennings and Jean, and load them in the sleigh. I brought Eldrid Elf and his crew with me.
We will all have to work fast so we can have the tree up by daylight." "Oh, Santa," cried Benny Brownie. Im so glad you heard me and got here at daylight.'
They all went to work, and soon the tree was up and decorated with the toys beneath. Next to the filled with presents for Mrs. Jennings. In front of
 all the presents, Benny Brownie placed the beautiful doll Santa had brought for Jean. When all was finished, Santa turned to go. Then he said, "Benny Brownie, I'm not taking you with me back to the North Pole now. We haven'taked about dark. Tomorrow night I'll come back, and we will decide if you will always stay here or come back home to the North Pole."
"Thank you, Santa, for all the gifts for Jean and her mother. I roalize I have done wrong and will wait for you to come back." Benny watched until the sleigh was out of sight. Needless to say, he hardly be. He crawled under the Christmas tree to wait until Jean came to see what Santa Claus had brought.
Jean came into the room
at daybreak. When she
saw the Christmas tree,
her eeyes widened and her
mouth gaped open. When
she was able to catch her
breath, she called,
"Mother! Come here! Just
come and look!"
Mrs. Jennings appeared
and was as surprised as
Jean.
"Where did it all come
from, Mother? Do you
think it is really meant
for us?"
"I suppose Santa Claus
must have brought it."
"But how did he know
where we lived?"
"One of his helpers must
have told him," replied
Mrs. Jennings.
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## February short course focuses on Texas culture

LUBBOCK - Anyone interested in
commercial wine-grape production and vineyard management should make plans to attend the Texas viticultur short course. Texas Cooperativ Division of Outreach and Distance Education will present the course Feb 7-9, 2007 at Baron's Creek Conference Center in Fredericksburg
"This intensive three-day course is designed as a comprehensive study of wine-grape production in Texas," said Ed Hellman, Extension viticulture spe cialist based in Lubbock. Hellman holds a joint appointment w
Extension and Texas Tech.
Viticulture specialists and faculty

University, Texas Tech and the University of Houston-Downtown will teach the course. Topics will include win
grape physiology, vine. yard establishment and management and pest management. A field tri to a local vineyard will provide hands-on experiand a discussion of vinetraining methods. Registration costs $\$ 450$ per person before Jan. 15 and $\$ 500$ thereafter. The
fee includes course materials, fee includes course materials, three
lunches, two dinners, refreshment

breaks and a wine showcase. Enrollment is limited to 75 partici
pants on a first-come, first-enrolled basis, Hellman said. "Those who attend will qualify to" earn 2.1 Texas Tech University contin and five hours of continuing education units for Texas Depart-ment of Agriculture pesticide re-certification," Hellman said.
To register:

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http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ode/viticul ture.asp for online enrollment - Print and fax a completed registra tion form and credit card information to (806) 742-7220 or call (806) 742-7200, ext. 270.
"The short course fee does not cover lodging, but we have a block of rooms available at a conference rate at the
Fredericksburg Inn and Suites," Frelericksburg Inn and Suites,"
Hellman said. "Other lodging options are noted on the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Web site."
For more information, contact Merchant at (830) 990-2717 or wanda.merchant@ttu.edu. Persons with disabilities who need additional services should call $830-990-2717$ one week in advance of the short course.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative
Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bot tom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at $264-2236$

## County, regional pecan shows held Need legal help?

The Howard County Baggett, 1st, Division Western: Juan Palacios
Pecan Show was held Pecan Show was held
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Extension Office.
Below is a list of the
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Palacios, 1st; Wayne Ralacios, 1st;
Johnson Johnson, 2 2nd;
Whitaker, 3rd Desirable:
Palacios, 1st Juan
Stuarts: Juan 1st

1st; Nathan Hughes, 2nd Seedling: Nathan Hughes, 1st; Dealeon The pecans that placed 2 2nd first in their variety moved on the compete in the Regional Pecan Show Martin County.
Below are the result from the Regional Pecan

$\qquad$ $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Desirable: } & \text { Juan } \\ \text { Palacios, 3rd } & \text { Geraldine }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Western: } \\ \text { Hughes, 2nd }\end{array} & \text { Geraldine } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Show } \\ \text { Tom } \\ 2236\end{array} \\ & & \end{array}$ mind, the machine works most. "Customer satisfaccles.
"tt's the most tive way to have cost-effecwork done properly" " caid work done properly," said G\&M Auto Care is one Leatham. shops in town and The second reason is an Leatham said he enjoys a
obvious one, but one obvious one, but one lot of repeat customers.
newer model cars in Leatham cares about However, Leatham makes $\begin{array}{ll}\text { mind, the machine works } & \text { Leatham cares about } \\ \text { most. "Customer satisfac- } & \text { However, Leatham makes } \\ \text { no bones about his com- }\end{array}$

Barton: Juan Palacios, 3rd
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These pecans will now advance to the State pecan Show. This show results from the State Pecan Show will be given immediately following that show.
tions about the Pecan Show, you can contact However, Leatham makes
no bones about his com-
petitors. "We have about five
really good, Christian really good, Christian
mechanics in this mechanics in this town," Leatham said. "This town doesn't know the quality
of people we have in Big of people
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G\&M Auto Care is a shop will be closed for the complete service shopand Christmas holiday. or 12,000-mile NAPA guar- Monday through Friday antee. All credit cards are accepted and the shop is located at 900 East Third. Mo contact Andreia $\begin{array}{ll}\text { located at } 900 \text { East Third. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Medin call the Herald at } \\ \text { Contact George or Mary } \\ \text { 263.-7331 or e-mail }\end{array} \\ \text { Leatham at } 263-1091 \text {. The } & \text { lifeebigspringherald.com }\end{array}$

## GIFT CARD

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Shoppers tend to spend more than the cards' value when they
are redeemed. For example,

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but he doesn't know of any vicbuth.
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Target found that customers } & \text { their store," said David } 2007 \text { designs, with scratch-and- just } 5 \text { percent of the expected } \\ \text { spend an average of } \$ 43 \text { when } & \text { Herskovits, partner in the con- }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { spend an average of } \$ 43 \text { when } & \text { Herskovits, partner in the con- } & \text { win gift cards and even more } \\ \text { they shop with gift cards- } \$ 27 & \text { sumer business practice at con- } & & \$ 457.4 \text { billion in total retail }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { they shop with gift cards- } \$ 27 & \text { sumer business practice at con- } & \text { multimedia features. } \\ \text { on the card and } \$ 16 \text { from their } & \text { sulting firm } & \text { Deloitte and } & \text { Skiba said the message of the }\end{array}$ on the card and $\$ 16$ from their
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sulting firm.
"Touche USA. "That's a very Own pockets.
"Retailers have been using Touche USA. "That's a very
smart use from the retailer's these gift cards as a way to perspective." attract people to come back into

## "It's not an epidemic."

 Newsday examined about two dozen gift cards from a variety of retailers with an online pres-ence. Nearly all of them had ence. Nearly all of them had
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But not all cards have the
Federation, said the industry codes, and some retailers don't
trade group's loss-prevention require the code for online purexperts found that the crime is experts found that the crime is
rare. "It's the equivalent of pickpocketer," Krugman said.
codes, and some retailers don't
require the code for online pur require the code for online pur chases, Krugman said. Krugman said thieves would
have to keep checking many

Skiba said the message of the "You're delusional if you
hyped-up gift card is: "You
thought thought about it. You looked at think this is going to replace a it. You cared." But he notes Christmas present under the
that gift card sales represent tree," he said.
numbers, waiting to find a card permits use of just one gift card behind the counter or buy them that has been activated, "to per online purchase, said Rex from the retailer's Web site, maybe get $\$ 20$ or $\$ 50 \ldots$. Is it Spoutz, product specialist for said Gail Hillebrand, senior $\begin{array}{llll}\text { crime? No, it's not practical." } & \text { "I truly don't expect to see } & \text { attorne } \\ \text { Union. }\end{array}$
Some retailers protect the this," Spoutz said. "It seems Consumers should also keep numbers by keeping the cards like a pretty pedestrian way to the receipt, make sure the behind the counter. try to execute a scam." Still others have further secu- Wal-Mart said it has security
rity measures. Borders book- measures for gift cards but rity measures. Borders book-
stores require customers to stores require customers to enter a valid credit card num- As a precaution, consumers void purchasing intact and avoid purchasing cards from online auction sites, as they may be counterfeit, according

## BROWNIE

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| Jean picked up the doll and cuddled her. "It's the most beautiful doll in the whole wide world," she said. <br> Quietly Benny Brownie | "What have you learned, Benny?" | ells for my own benefit stead of the use for |
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|  | Benny | e. The lesson is to |
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| tiptoed out of the house and wished himself back | even if it's hard | se something meant for |
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| Night found Benny waiting for Santa Claus | Fourth: Be | way I've acted; so tell |
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## ‘Talladega Nights’ finds Ferrell at his best

While I en- standout, sporting the most joyed the tortured French accent delirious since Peter Sellers' InspecAnchor. man," the film couldn't hold itself together long enough for greatness. "Talladega Nights" corrects many of the comedy problems that plagued "Anchorman." and speeds off to be
 come one of the funniest films of the year. All his life, Ricky Bobby (Will Ferrell, "Anchor

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Jenkins man," "Elf") has wanted to win races. After getting his chance to prove himself as a driver on the NASCAR circuit, Bobby thunders to the number one spot and stays there, raking in the riches, marrying a hot blonde (Leslie Bibb, "Hitched"), and relying on the undying friendship of pal Cal (John C. Reilly, "The Aviator," "Days of Thunder")
When a French driver named Jean Girard (the sublime Sacha Baron Cohen, better known to the world as "Ali G" and "Borat") swoops in and steals Bobby's glory, the confused champ must restart his life at the bottom. Starved for inspiration, Bobby seeks the help of his friends and his deadbeat dad (Gary Cole, The Ring Two," "Dodgeball") to climb back into the driver's seat and race again.
"Talladega Nights" is unmistakably a Will Ferrell vehicle, but the actor is magnanimous enough to allow plenty of shining moments for a first-rate supporting cast that includes Michael Clarke Duncan ("The Green Mile"), Amy Adams ("Serving Sara") and Molly Shannon ("Saturday Night Live," "Little Man"). In an environment that obviously relied on improv, Reilly, Cohen and Bibb are uniformly terrific; Cohen is a particular
 this film has an appealing gentle rumble to it. Rarely is any joke shoved into the audiences' faces, and the story, as silly as it gets, is adhered to in ways that make "Anchorman" resemble a box of spilled Legos. This is a tighter, focused directing job by McKay and he ends up with a bet ter film for his effort.

The "unrated" DVD boasts 13 minutes of addi tional footage, but parts of this rejigged version actually dilute some of the humor. A few new bits such as a conversation about getting a gigolo for an 88-year-old grandmother - are gratuitous but fun ny. A smattering of scenes

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from the theatrical version, including one in which a young Ricky Bobby steals his mother's car while she's buying milk, are now inexplicably absent. And still other vignettes, while funny, are extended to the point that they lose their punch.
One thing you can bank on with DVDs of largely adlibbed movies; there will be plenty of supplemental material that end ed up on the cutting room floor. That's surely the case with "Talladega Nights: The Ballad Ricky Bobby." Fans are rewarded with a rich bounty of bonuses.
The only real disappointment, in fact, is a commen tary by direc-tor/co-writer Adam McKay and actor Ian Roberts, who appears in the film. McKay
spoofs the ar rogance and pretentiousness that drips from so many commentaries, but the joke grows tiresome and - stretched across the length of the entire feature - plain unbearable. Maybe that's the point If so, mission accomplished.
Thankfully, the other extras more than make up for the commentary. Nine deleted and extended scenes (which have a combined running time of 25 minutes, 20 seconds) are generally funny; some of the material probably deserved to make the final cut.
We get more scenes with Adams as Ricky's personal assistant, Susan. If included in the theatrical ver-
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Other supplemental material nixed from the theatri cal version includes: Ricky and Cal's commercials (1:35), Ricky and Cal's pub lic service announcements (2:31) and a five-minute, 40 second grouping of some wonderful outtakes with Walker and Texas Ranger.
Will Ferrell Returns to
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minute, 20 -second clip of the actor making an appearance at the celebrated raceway sometime after the completion of the film. Ferrell is quick-wit-

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oftrey Rush, Jucy Davis. The son of an acconolic De comes a swimming champion. PG-13. (1.54) (CC) December 26 10:15 am 308 am
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brothers compoete over a hangout (CC)
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sabotaged (CC) ( 30 ) December $274: 30 \mathrm{am}$ The Burz on Maggie Maggie and the Pesky kids go on strike: Magores mother helps them with etituetio lessons ather they are rejected for Bugtlilion
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the school dancoe. (CCC) (30) December 29 the school dances.
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ty and make Jake jealous. (CC) ( 30 ) December
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teenage singers. (1:36) (CC) December 267
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 hhil of the Future The Ditty tamiky contract a disease (30) December 265 pm
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The Proud Family Penny connects with a tiger while
spending te work tay with her mom. (CC) (30) De-
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the school play (CC) (:30) December 29 5:30 pm 2910 pm
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cember 269 pm
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assignment (CC) (30) December 295 pm Lto With Dorot Casey considors joining Dereek's band. Lilo \& Stitch Lilo tries to teach Stitch about Christmas. (CC) (30) December 2411 am 254 am
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handtul of Mouseketools. (CC) ( 30 ) December hanctur
$287: 30 \mathrm{am}$
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Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Mickey and Minnie sel out
to bring somesoup to a sick Gooty. (CC) (30) Deto bring some-soup to a sick Gooty. (CC) ( 30 ) De-
cember $308: 30$ am Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas (1999) Voices of
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trienss tell three holiday tales. NR' $(1: 10)$ (CC) De| cember 247 pm |
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My Little Pony: A Very Minty Christmas My Littie Pony: A Vor Minty Christamas (2005) Ani-
mated Clumsy Minty mated. Clumsy Minty breaks Ponywille's holiday bea-
con. G (1.06) (CC) December $259: 30 \mathrm{am}$
$\overline{\text { Naturally, Sedie Sadie has no idea what to get Ben for }} \mathbf{N}$
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the 21 st century. (C)

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11 pm Phil of the Future Phil and Keely care tor dogs to raise
money tor concert bickets. (CCC) (30) December money tor concerer ficicelsis.
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Phil of the Future Phil has problems with a bully; Pim has a problem with her conscience. (CC) (30)' $\mathrm{De}^{\mathrm{Pm}}$ cember 2511 pm
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chine during a class trip to the museum. (CC) (30) chine during a class trip to the
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ny. (CC) ( 30 ) December $244: 30 \mathrm{pm} 249$
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cage. (CC) (30) December 307 pm
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( 137 ) (CC) December 2511 am 257 pm The Senta Clouse 2 (2002) ** Tim Allen. Elizabet Mitchell. Santa aust get married in order to keep his
job. $G^{(1): 44)}$ (CC) December 251 pm 2599. Shane's Kinderganten Countdown (CC) Decem-
ber $279: 55 \mathrm{am}$ Shanna:s Show (CC) December $249: 55$ am
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on campus and is surppised tomeet his
lin) Deponent. (CC)
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 their dates to the Homecoming
December 27 H2:30 am
Sister, Sister Jordan and Tamera sister, Sister Jordan and Tamera clash over antending
church, but a church choir diricctor church, but a church choir diracto provides
(C) (30) December $28 \quad 12: 30 \mathrm{am}$
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tant Cithon MNNarit to kck his candidacy into gear
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twins tor make overs. (CC) ( 30 ) December 29 wins lor make overs.
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The Unimate Christmas Present (2000) Hallee Hirsh, Brenda Song. Two girls use a weather ma-
chine to make snow in Los Angeles. (1:22) (CC) chine to make snow i2:30 pm
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All We Are Seying (2005) Various artists discuss the state of the music industry. NR' (1:43) De cember 29 7:15 pm
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ter his daughter is tatally shat $R \cdot R \cdot(129)$ (CC) De er his daughter is tatally shot. 'R' (1:29) (CC) De
cember $242 \mathrm{pm} 309: 30 \mathrm{am}$ Amos \& Andrew (1993, Comedy. ESP) * * Nicoas Cage, Samuel $L$. Jackson. A tamous writer is mistaken for a burglar in his new home. PG-13
(1:36) (CC) December 25 10:30 am 25 8:45 (1:36)
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The Baxter (2005, Romance Comedy. ESP) ** Michael Showater, Elizabeth Banks. A bridegroom has an anxious two weeks before his wodd
13 ( $1: 31$ ( $\mathbf{~ ( C C ) ~ D e c e m b e r ~} 25 \mathbf{2 ~ p m}$ sean (1997) \# \& Rowan Atkinson ool. An eccentric Briton wreaks havoc at an at unveling. 'PG-13' (1:30) (CC) December $257: 10$
The Big Lebowski (1998) ** Jefl Bridges, John Goodman. An L.A. slacker gets caught up in a
wacky kidnapping plot. 'R' (1.57) (CC) Decem ber 307 pm
Black Mask (1996, Action, ESP) *** Jet Li, Karen Mok. A kung tu master battles power-crazed villains. 'R' $1: 30$ ) (CC) December 27 6:30 pm Campbell. A man thinks he is involved in a plot to kill the president. 'R' $(1: 35$ ) (CC) December 25 3:30 pm
Mloodilist (1989) *Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Joe Mari Avellana. A kicxboxer lakes on fighter wh am
BloodRayne (2006) *Kristanna Loken, Michael Madsen. A vampire hybrid joins the fight against her indead sire. 'R' (1:35) (CC) December 2 0:30 pm 299 pm
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The Brother From Another Planer (1984) *** Joo Morton, Darryl Edwards. Bounty humters track
mute alien to Harlem. 'R' (1:44) (CC) December
$299: 25$ am Busty Coeds (2005) Voluptuous beauties receive nonstop attiention. NR' (1:22) (CC) December 24 3:15 am
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 summ Leterie, Joanna Chilcoat. Teens attend a summer camp tor budding entertainers.
(1:54) (CC) December 26 4:05 pm The Charge of the Light Brigade (1968, Historical Drama, ESP) * $\begin{aligned} & \text { \& } \\ & \text { Redrgrave. A poetically inspired vorsion of the battle }\end{aligned}$ of Balakava. 'PG-13' (2:08) December 29 7:15 ${ }_{\text {am }}^{\text {am }}$
Class (1983, Comedy-Drama, ESP) * $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jacque- }\end{aligned}$ line Bisset. Roo Lowe line Bissel, Roo Lowe. A prep-sch 'ring with (CC) Deal cember 28 5:35 pm
Contessions of an American Girl (2002, ComedyDrama, ESP) \& Jena Malone, Brad Rentro. Family members visit their incarccrated patriarch. 'R'
(1:28) (CC) December 302 pm Crusce (1988, Adverte ESP)
Crusoe (1988, Adventure, ESP) $\begin{aligned} & \text { a } \\ & \text { Quinn, Ade Aidan }\end{aligned}$ Sapara. A native warrior captures a Virginia slave-trader marooned with a dog. PG -13' (1:31) December 268 am

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 Dangerous Minds (1995, Drama. ESP) **Michelle Pteitter, George Dzundza. A teacher works wonders on a class of educational misfits. $R$ ( $1: 39$ ) (CC) December 24 5:15 pm 30 3:35 pm Deed Man on Campus (1998, Comedy, ESP) $\star \star$
Tom Everett Scott, Mark-Paul Gosselaar. Two college roommates must raise their grade point averlege rommales must laise therr grade point aver-
age.
7 $\begin{aligned} & \text { ape. } \\ & 7: 15 \mathrm{pm} \\ & \text { Deedilier }\end{aligned} \mathrm{m}$
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Jotnson, Elike Sommer Buldog Johnson, Elke Sommer. Bullogog Dummond tininks
two women murdered wo weathy men. NP (1:38) December 29 12:45 pm
Death to the Supermodels (2005) Jaime Pressly, Brooke Burns. A killer targets a group of models on a tropical island ' R ' (1:24) December 269 pm Deltivering Millo (2001. Comedy, ESP) $\star \star$ Brid-
get Fonda, Albern Finney. A cosmic crisis ensues when a boy reluses to be born. 'PG' (1:34) (CC) December 285 am
Dirty Deeds (2005, Comedy, ESP) $\$ x$ Milo Ventimiglia, Lacey Chabert. A teen must pertorm 10 outrageous challenges in 12 hours. 'NR' (130) (CC)
December 247 pm Dressed to Kill (1980, Suspense, ESP) *** Michael Caine, Angie Didinsinson. A hooker and a
murder victim's son seek a vicious killer. 'R' (1:45) murder victim's son see
December 292 am

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 The Eagle Has Lended (1977) $\star \star$ \& MichaelCaine, Donald Sutherland. Nazis conspire to kidnap Winston Churchill ' PG ' (2:03) December 255
am ${ }_{\text {Eleni }}^{\text {am }}$ Eleni (1985) *** Kate Nelligan, John
Malkovich. A journalist seeks the truth about his Malkovich. A journalist seeks the truth about his
mother's execution. 'PG' (1:57) December 27 6:20 am
Evil Under the Sun (1982) *** Peter Ustinov. Colin Blakely. Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot solves Balkan resort mur
cember $29 \mathbf{5 : 1 5}$ am
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Fascination (2004, Suspense, ESP) ** Jaccque line Bisset, Adam Garcia. A man uncovers secrets ather his father's mysterious dea
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December 24 10. P
Fearless Fighters: (1973) ** Chang Ching.
Chen Lieh. Martial-ant terrorists piot to steal oovermment gold. A ' (1:23) December $249: 15$ am The Finel Cut (2004, Science Fiction, ESP) **
Robin Willams, Mira Sorvino. A man finds an unexRobin Williams, Mira Sorvino. A man finds an unexpected connection to his own darkest secret. 'PG-
$13^{\prime}(1: 43)$ (CC) December $244: 40$. 13:20.43)
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Forbiddon Zone (1980) ** Herve Villechaize, Susan Tyrrell. A ititle culer from another dimension kidnaps a debutante. 'A' (1:16) (CC) December
30 11:05 am

- H The hulle Heve Eyes Part II (1985) \& Michael Berryman, Tamara Stattord. Cannibalistic savages stalk a busloa The Hole (200
Harrington. Four stude \# Thora Birch, Desmond erground bour students become trapped in an un1:30 am 1:30 am
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Hollywood Shutfle (1987)
Townsend An Townsend, Anne-Marie Johnson. A struggling black cember 27 5:05 pm
Houseguest ( (1995, Comedy, ESP) \& \& Sinbad, Phil Hartman. A con artist tinds retuge in the home ol a suburban fa
25 12:10 pm
 new his relationstio Nivola An ex-con wants to re new his relationship with a beautician. 'R' (1:27)
(CC) December $30 \mathbf{1 2 : 1 5} \mathbf{~ a m}$ the Company of Men (1997) Cokhert, Stacy Edwards. Two men agree to date and drop a hearing-impaired typist. 'R'(1:35) December 30 12:20 pm
incident at Loch Noss (2004. Comedy-Drama ESP) $\star \star \pm$ Werrer Herrago. Kitana Baker. Wern er Herrog makes a film about the Loch Ness mon-
ster. PG-13 (1:33) (CC) December 27 12:10 sm.
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Uive Forover (2003, Documentary, ESP) *** (C) December 288 am

The Long Good Friday (1980) **** Bob Hoskins. Helen Mirren. A Cockney crime crar and his mistress meet a business threat. 'R' (1.54) De

M
Manko (2002, Drama, ESP) ** * Franky G. Leo Minaya. An honor student ends up in jail atter shooring an attacker. 'NF' (1:17) (CC) December 24 10:40 am
Paxt Hingle. A comel's tair brings inanimate obiectis 10 violent lite. 'R' (1:37) December 2712 am Memron (2004) * © Christopher Liam Moore Chris Wells. Unemployed co-workers try to form a
company. NR (1:19) (CC) December $286: 40$ am an War (1995) * $\times$ Dolph Lundgren, Chariothe ewis. Mercenaries protect an Asian island trom psychotic toe. $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}(1: 43$ ) (CC) December 30 1:45 am
The Monster That Challenged the World (1957) lusks terrorize Calitionia. $\mathrm{G}^{\prime}$ (1:23). Monstrous mol-
(CC) DecemSer 26 11:15 am 30 6:35 am
Mystery Train (1989) *** Masatoshi Nagase Nicoletta Braschi. A trilogy of stories is set in a run-
down hotel. 'R' (1:53) December 27 10:15 am

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Lationai Lampoon's Baroly Legal (2005, Com
dy. ESP) $\star x$ E Erik von Detten, Tony Denman Three teens search for actors to make a porn
movie. $\mathrm{A} \cdot(1: 30)$ (CC) December 289 pm nove. 'R' (1:30) (CC) December 289 pm Stewart, Kelli Maroney. The late of a comel-devas aled word rests with two teens. 'PG-13' (1:33) December 27 3:30 pm
Noise (2004, Suspense, ESP) $\star \star$ Trish Goth, Ally tairs neighbor. 'R' (1:24) (CC) December 2 12 am
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On Golden Pond (1981, Comedy-Drama, ESP $\star \star \star \star$ Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda. O lensions resurface during a tamily's lakeside vaca One Tough Cop (1998, Crime Drama, ESP) * lorced to betray his triend. 'R' (1:32) (CC) Decorced to betray his
cember 294 pm

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Planet of the Vamplres (1965) *** Barry Sullivan, Norma Bengell. Astronaut and partner fliee walking dead on volcano planet. 'NR' (1:26) December 26 9.40 am 29 11:15 am woman's spirit returns to kill her former band memt bers. NR' (1:16) (CC) December 27 10:35 pm Puip Fiction (1994, Crime Drama, ESP) $\star \star \star x$ John Travotha, Samuel L. Jackson. Criminals cross (2:33) (CC) Decernber 278 pm

## Q

Quicksiliver (1986) $\star \star$ Kevin Bacon, Jami Gertz. A destitute financier becomes a bicycle messenger. 'PG' (1:46) (CC) December 26 2:15 pm 27 4:30 am

Ripper 2: Letters From Within (2005) Erin Karpluk, Nicholas Irons. A descendant of Jack the Ripper stays at an asylum. 'R' (1:29) (CC) December 28 10:35 pm
The River King (2005, Crime Drama, ESP) * Edward Burns, Jenniter Ehle. A detective 'R' (1:39) (CC) December 27 1:45 pm 30 5:15 pm
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1990) *** Gary Oldman, Tim Roth. Minor characters from "Hamier" seek the brooding Dane. 'PG' (1:58) December 28 12:45 pm Rush ( 1991 , Drama, ESP) $\star \star \star$ Jason Patric, ward spiral into drug addiction. 'R' (2:00) Deward spira
cember 2512 am

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Saturn 3 (1980) ** Kirk Douglas, Farrah Fawcett. A space station is menaced by a madman and his robot. 'R' (1:28) December 28 9:30 am 29 3:45 am
Scarecrows (1988, Horror, ESP) \& Ted Vernon, Michael Simms. Ahauntec corntield proves
deady for thieves seeking refuge. 'R' $(1: 20)$ December 27 12:05 am
The Sex Spa (2003) Chloe, Dale Dabone. Detectives find passion and murder at a health resort. NR' (1:26) (CC) December 273 am The Sex Spa II: Body Work (2005) A wealthy ness. NR' $11: 30$ ) (CC) December 30 3:30
Shad
Shadow of Fear (2004, Suspense, ESP) * James Spader, Matthew Davis. Members of a secret society have criminal pasts. 'PQ
(1:30) (CC) December 26 12:45 pm Single White Female (1992) \& \& $\%$ Bridget Fonda, Jenniter Jason Leigh. A woman develops a deadly fixation on her female roommate $R^{\prime}(1: 47)$ (CC) December 28 3:10 am
Sieepless in Seatte (1993, Romance-Comedy ESP) *** Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. A grieving widower captures the heart of an engaged woman 'PG' (1:44) (CC) December 25
$\mathbf{8 : 4 5}$ am $257 \mathbf{~ p m} 295: 30$ 8:45 am 257 pm 29 5:30 pm on a scavenger hunt. 'PG' (1:29) (CC) De-
cember $247: 45 \mathrm{am} 308 \mathrm{am}$ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004, Comedy, ESP) *** Voices of Tom Kenny. Bill Fagerbakke. Animated. SpongeBob must find King Neptune's stolen crown. 'PG' (1:27) (CC) December 24 6:15 am

Stage Beauty (2004, Historical Drama, ESP) \# \& Billy Crudup, Claire Danes. A 17 th-cen-
tury actor's dresser becomes the first tury actor's dresser becomes the first actress
'R' (1:50) (CC) December $255: 10 \mathrm{pm}$ SuicideGirls: The thalian Villa (CC) (1:30) December $3010: 50 \mathrm{pm}$
Sunday Driver (2005) Lowrider enthusiasts drve cars with lowered suspensions. 'R' (58) (CC)
December 26 3:30 am 28 4:30 pm December 26 3:30 am 28 4:30 pm

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Terminal Velocity (1994, Adventure, ESP * * \& Charlie Sheen, Nastassja Kinski. A sky diver investigates the mysterious death of a stu
dent. 'PG-13'
(1:42) (CC) December 24 3:30 pm 25 3:15 am $28 \mathbf{1 1} \mathbf{~ a m}$ Tommy (1975) $\star \star \star$ Roger Dattrey, Ann-modern-day messiah. 'PG' (1.51) (CC) comber 26 6:05 am

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Undercover Angel (1999, Romance, ESP * Yasmine Bleeth, Dean Winters. A youngster plays matchmaker for her lovelorn guardian $\mathrm{PG}^{\prime}(1: 33$ ) (CC) December 26 4:30 am 30 5 am
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Unknown Soldier (2004, Drama, ESP) * * Carn Louis, Layla Ewards. Ablack youth is cas
adritt atter his father dies. NR' $(1: 18$ ) (CC) De cember 266 pm

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oyeurs Sex Club (2004) Sina Ayder Niuk Fritz Friends chin trillting Gina Ryder, Nikki photos. NR' (::10) (CC) photo
am
$\longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{W}$
Welcome Back Miss Mary (2006, Comedy-
Drama, ESP) Vincent Pagano. Mariey Shelton. Drama, ESP) Vincent Pagano, Marriy Sheiton A man upsets his talaian tamily when he falls in
love. 'NR' (1:47) (CC) December $282: 45$ A man
love
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Where the Truth Lies (2005, Drama, ESP) * \& Kevin Bacon, Colin Firth. A writer probes 1:48) (CC) December 309 pm Wicker Park (2004, Suspense, ESP) * \# Josh Hartnett, Rose Byrne. A man searches obses sively for his former lover. 'PG-13' (1:54) (CC) December 2412 pm
The Wild Angels (1966) \& P Peter Fonda loams through California 'R' (1:33) December 28 1:40 am
Without a Paddle (2004, Comedy, ESP) * * Seth Green, Matthew Lillard. Three friends em bark on a calamitous canoe trip. 'PG-13' (1:39) (CC) December 26 7:15 pm

Sleepover (2004, Comedy, ESP) * Alexa

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$\overline{\text { Airborne (1993, Comedy, ESP) } \star \star \text { Shane Mc. }}$ Dermott, Seth Green. A teen's skating skills save December 26 6:30 am
Biil a Ted's Excellont A Aventure (19e9. Conery.
ESP) $\star * *$ Keanu Reeves. Alex Winter. Dopey dudes time travel to tetch celebs tor school priject
PG $(1: 30)$ (CC) December $245: 30$ am PG' ${ }^{11: 30)}$ (CC) December 24 5:30 am
Blood Diamond: HBO First Look Leonardo D Caprio and Jenniter Connelly star in the thriller (CC) (15) December 26 10:45 pm Boxing's Best of 2006 The 2006 fight between Oscar De La Hoya and Ricardo Mayorga. (CC) (45) December 2610 pm

Manny Pacquiao and Erik Morales. (CC) (1.00) December 2710 pm
Boxing's Best of 2006 The 2006 light between Jermain Taylor and Winky Wrigtt. (CC) (1:00) De cember 2510 pm
Brokeback Mountain (2005, Romance, ESP boys maintain a sectet romance over many years. R ${ }^{(2: 14)}$ (CC) December 2812 am

- C C The Chase (1994, Action. ESP) \# \& Chariie sheen, Kristy Swanson. An escaped con and his obiging hostage head for Mexico. 'PG-13
$1: 28$ ) (CC) December Cheaper by the Dember 25 2:45 pm * $\star$ Steve Martin, 2 (2005, Comedy, ESP) vacation turns compettive. PG ' (1:34) (CC) vacation turns compettive. 'PG' (1:34) (CC)
December $25 \mathbf{1 1}$ am $25 \mathbf{8} \mathbf{~ p m} 298: 15$ am Chris Rock Show Actor Taye Diggs, music group the Roots. (CC) (:35) December 29 2:20 am
City of Angels (1998, Romance ESP) *** Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan. A smirten angel con.
siders becoming human. $\mathrm{PG}-13$ ' (1.57) (CC) siders becoming human. PG-13' (1.5)
December 25 12:45 pm 305 pm Costas NOW 2006 Sports llustrated Sportsman of the Year Dwyane Wade; remembering four sports giants who passed away in 2006 ; the
year in sports. (CC) (1:00) December 283
procodile Dundee (1986, Comedy, ESP) $\star$ * Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski. An Aus tralian hunting legend braves the wids of
hattan. 'PG-13' $1: 37$ (CC) December 9:30 am 29 6:30 am


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$\overline{\text { Dane Cook Vicious Circle The comic pertorms }}$ at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston. (CC)
pm (2002, Romance-Comedy ESP) Dawg (2002, Romance-Comedy. ESP) \&
Denis Leary, Elizabeth Hurley. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit mone R' (1:23) (CC) December 28 3:50 am Fred Dryer, Geottrey Lewis. In Burma, a jungle
guide tangles with an old nemesis. (1:37) (CC) December 248 am ESP) $\downarrow$ Keira Domino (2005, Action, ESP) $\begin{aligned} & \text { Keira } \\ & \text { Knightley, Mickey Rourke. Thrill-seeker Domino }\end{aligned}$ Harvey becomes a bounty hunter. 'R' (2:08) (CC) December 27 1:35 am $298 \mathbf{~ p m}$ Dreamgiris: HBO First Look Eddie Murphy. Jamie Foxx and Beyoncé Knowles star in the film based on the Broadway musical drama.
(CC) (30) December 25 10:30 am 25 $9: 35$ pm 27 1:15 pm
Dunston Checks in (1996, Comedy, ESP) $\star \star \star$ Jason Alexander. Faye Dunaway. Orangutan roams posh L.A. hotel's duct work.
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(1.28) (CC) 'PG' (1:28) (CC) December 259 am 29
2:30 $\mathbf{~ p m}$

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Everything Is illuminated (2005, ComedyDrama. ESP) $\star \star$ y Elijah Wood, Eügene Hutz. An American Jew looks tor the woman who saved his relative. 'PG-13' (1:46) (CC)
December 26 11:30 am 30 3:15 pm


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The Family Stone (2005. Romance-Comedy. ESP) * \& \& Dermot Mulroney, Sarah Jessica Parker. A man introduces his uptight girftriend to his tamily. PG-13' (1:44) (CC) December
$247 \mathbf{7 m} 25$ 4:15 am 27 9:45 am 277 pm 30 8:15 am 307 pm
Fat Albert (2004, Comedy, ESP) $\star \star$ Kenan
Thompson, Kyla Pratt. Live action/animated Thompson, Kyla Pratt. Live action/animated The cattoon character becomes real and helps a lonely teen. 'PG' (1:33) (CC) December
1:15 pm $271: 45 \mathrm{pm} \mathrm{30}$
$\mathbf{5}: 10 \mathrm{am}$ 1:15 pm 27 1:45 pm 30 5:10 am
The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005, Rom The 40-Year-OId Virgin (2005, Romance-
Comedy, ESP) $\star \star \star$ Steve Carell, Catherine Keener. Three co-workers unite to help their buddy get a sex life. 'R' (1.56) (CC) December 2511 pm
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G
The Goiden Bowl (2000, Drama, ESP) * \#* Uma Thurman, Jeremy Northam. Secrets surround a billionaire's daughter and her fiance. ' A ' (2:14) (CC) December 252 am The Good Shepherd: HBO First Look Matt (CC) (:15) December 28 2:45 pm 28 9:45 pm
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The Hard Way (1991, Comedy, ESP) * *x Michael J. Fox, James Woods. An actor latches (CC) December 261 am Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Fantasy, ESP) *** Daniel Radcilite, Rupert Grint. Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament. PG-13 (2:37)
cember $287: 45 \mathrm{am} 284 \mathrm{pm}$ cember Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992. Com-
Home edy, ESP) **x Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane ${ }^{\text {PGG }}$ (2:00) (CC) December am 25 5:45 pm 28 10:30 am House of Wax (2005, Horror. ESP) * Elisha
Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray. Murderous (wins entomb their victims in wax. 'R' (1:47) (CC) December 29 2:55 am

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year-old farmer aids a failing college tootbal
Inslde the NFL (CC) (1:00) December 247 30279 pm 287 pm 2811 pm 296 pm inside the NFL (CC) (1:05) December 30 12:15 am

Jingle Al the Wa Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad. A father tries desperately to find a special Christmas toy. 'PG (1:28) (CC) December 25 4:15 pm 278 am Just Like Heaven (2005, Romance-Comedy.
ESP) $\# \star x$ Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruttalo. An architect falls for the spirit of a comatose woman. 'PG-13' (1:35) (CC) December 28 pm 288 pm
ackawanna Blues (2005, Drama ESP) A woman takes care of a boy and helps strug gling blacks. (1:35) (CC)
$11: 30 \mathrm{am}$ 11:30 am

and of the Dead (2005, Horrer, ESP) $\star \star \%$ | Simon Baker, John leguizamo. Flesh-eating |
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| zombies threaten a torified city • ' |
| $1: 33$ ) (CC) | December 28 2:15 am

Legendary Nights Undefeated wetterweights scar De La Hoya and Felix Trinidad go toe to e in the "Fight of the Millennium." (CC) $(: 30$ ecember 27 7:30 am
The Eddie Matos Sto in Crisis "P.O.W.E.R warns teens Matos Story A former drug dealer warns teens of the dangers of drug abuse

The Making Ot: H M Goble The Making Of: Harry Potter and the Gobler
of Fire Actors Daniel Radcitte, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson return tor the fourth film of the series about a young wizard in Britain. (CC) 15) December $279: 30$ am

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Musical Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick star in the film adaptation of the Broadway musical. (CC) (:15) December 28 6:45 pm 30 $4: 55 \mathrm{am}$
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Making Tsunami, the Aftermath Tim Roth and Toni Collette star in the miniseries. (ESP) (CC) (:15) December $276: 45 \mathrm{pm} 3011 \mathrm{am}$ ic pertorms at the San Jose Improv in California (CC) (55) December 27 12:40 am Must Love Dogs (2005, Romance-Comed ESP) $\star \star \&$ Diane Lane, John Cusack. A d 13' (1:38) (CC) December 24 11:30 am 24 8:45 pm 275 pm
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lecessary Roughness (1991, Comedy, ESP
eam. 'PG 13' (1:48) (CC) December 294
New Jack City (1991, Crime Drama, ESP) $\star \star \star$ Wesley Snipes, ice-T. Two street-smart cops try to bust a venomous drug lord. 'R' (1:41) (CC) December 30 1:20 am
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Georgetown NCAA Championship Villanova Georgetown NCAA Championship Vilanova Georgetown University in an NCAA titile game (ESP) (CC) (1:00) December 256 am
Pride \& Prejudice (2005, Drama, ESP) Pride \& Prejudice (2005, Drama, ESP) $\star \star \star$ Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen. A man begins a convoluted countship with a young
woman. 'PG' (2:08) (CC) December 24 4:45 pm 28 5:30 am
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Meryl Streep, Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman. A recently divorced woman dates the son ot her therapist.
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Real Sports Corruption charges in horse rac ing's Jockeys' Guild; a man uses a stolen iden tity to get into Princeton University: Olympic gold medalist Bill Johnson. (CC) (1:00) De
cember $26 \mathbf{9 p m} 2910 \mathrm{am} 297 \mathrm{pm}$ Rebound (2005, Comedy, ESP) $\star \star$ Martin Lawrence, Wendy Raquel Robinson. A college basketbal coach leads a team of middle schoot ers. 'PG' (1:26) (CC) December 24
24 10:30 pm 295 am 291 pm Route 9 (1998. Crime Drama, ESP) \& $x$ Peter Coyote, Kyle MacLachlan. Sheritt deputies find money and murder along the highway. (1:45) (CC) December 30 3:05 am
$\overline{\text { Screamers }(1995, ~ S c i e n c e ~ F i c t i o n, ~ E S P) ~} \star \star$ Peter Weller, Jenniter Rubin. A distant planet's detense system turns on its creators. 'R' (1:45)
(CC) December 24 1:25 am (CC) December 24 1:25 am Sideways (2004, Comedy-Drama, ESP) \# \# * Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden
Church. Two triends ponder their lives during a road trip. 'R' (2:06) (CC) December 24 3:15 $\underset{\text { Size Ma }}{\text { am }}$ Size Matters: A Real Sex Xtra Segments from past specials, including a club featuring "super-
sized" male dancers and a privatu

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rida focusing on selt--stimulation. (ESP) (CC) (1:00) December 2810 pm Something the Lord Made (2004, Docudrama,
ESP) $\$ \star$ Alan Rickman, Mos Det. A lab technician helps a doctor with surgical techniques. (1:57) (CC) December 265 pm
Soul Food (1997, Comedy-Drama ESP) Soul Food (1997, Comedy-Drama, ESP) $\star \star \star$ Vanessa L. Williams. Vivica A. Fox. Domestic troubles and illiness threaten a close-knit
family. 'R' $1: 54$ ) (CC) December 2412 am A Sound of Thunder (2005. Science Fiction ESP) \& $x$ Edward Burns, Catherine McCorma cK. A time travelen alters the history of evolution 'PG-13' (1:41) (CC) December 27 5:45 am Strictly Business (1991, Comedy, ESP) \# \&
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The Thing About My Folks (2005, Comedy Drama, ESP) **Peter Falk, Paul Reiser. A man and his lather bond during a road trip. 'PG
13 ' $1: 37$ ) (CC) December $269: 45 \mathrm{~mm}$ Tsunami, the Aftermath (2006, Docudrama ESP) Tim Roth, Chiwetel Ejiofor. A cataclysmic
event devastates Thailand in 2004 (C) event devastates Thailand in 2004. (3:07) (CC)
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2005, Comedy-Drama The Upside of Anger (2005, Comedy-Drama
ESP) $\star \star \star$ Joan Alen, Kevin Costner. An ex ballplayer befriends a woman whose husband left her. R (2:01) (CC) December 26 2:5
am U.S.
U. Memy Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Sam Gerar gets caught up in another tugitive. case. 'PG-13 (2:13) (CC) December 30 11:15 am 30 10:30 pm

Wakko's Wish (1999, Adventure, ESP) * Voices of Rob Paulsen, Jess Harnell. Animated Wakko and triends search for a fallen star. NR (1:20) (CC) December 265 am War of the Worlds (2005, Science Fiction, ESP * * Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning. A man and
his children ty to survive an alien invasion. 'PG his chidren ty to survive an aien invasion. 'PG.
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