

## A Big srange ROUND The Town

## Obituaries

Raymond Barraza
 Spring will be and Smith Chapel Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at St. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Buria will be held at Mount Olive Memoria
Park.
Mr. Barraza died on Saturday, Dec. 21, at his residence following a long illness. Born on Dec. 26, 1922 at Loraine, he in Big Spring. He had been a resident of Big Spring ince December 1979 coming from Morrill, Neb
While in Morrill, Neb., he worked as a Foreman for Jordan Agri Chemical Company, retiring in 1974 due ill health.
He is survived by his wife, Virginia Barraza of Big Spring; five sons, Victor Barraza of Morrin, Neb., Wyoming, Raymond Barraza Jr. and Johnny Barraza, both of Big Spring; six daughters, Mary Hernandez of Morrill, Neb., Jose Barraza, Julia Barron and Martina Johnson, all of Mitchel, Neb., and Mary Barraza
Olivares of Big Spring; two sisters, Ruth Bravo and Olivares of Big Spring; two sisters, Ruth Bravo and
Carmen Castaneda, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; one brother, Leonardo Barraza of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 27 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and
Smith Funeral Home.

## Martha Christine Parker

Funeral services for Martha Christine Parker, 67, of Stanton will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First
Baptist Church of Big Spring, will assist. Burial will be held at Evergreen Cemetery. Mrs. Parker died on Sunday, Dec. 22, in a Midland Hospital
Born on July 9, 1935, in Houston, she married Nolan O. Parker on Dec. 25, 1960, in Amherst.

She graduated from Wayland University of
Plainview in 1956. She was a first Plainview in 1956. She was a first grade teacher in rural schools near Lamesa, Union, Spade and Dell
City.
She had worked in the Martin County Clerk's office in Stanton for 16 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.
Survivors include her husband, Nolan O. Parker of Stanton; two sons, John Parker of Huntsville, Ala., and
Louis Parker of Reno, Nev. four grandsons; two broth. ers James Rankin of Amarillo and Stephen Parker of Wortsboro, N.Y
The family suggests memorials be made to First
Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168 , Stanton 79782 or Cal Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782 or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo 79174 0001.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath
Dewey Howard
Dewey Howard, 60, of Big Spring, died on Sunday,

(2)he First Assemblyday, Dec. 26, 2002, iterment Havener, pastor, officiating Memorial Park. follow at Trinity He was born on Sept. 16, 1942 in Big
Spring and married Dorothy Willis Spring and married Dorothy Willis.
Dewey graduated from Forsan High Dewey graduated from Forsan High
chool. He worked for the Dr. Pepper Company for 17 years and had also retirlng in 1994 He was married for six years to Marie Conner of San ngelo and lived in San Angelo for four years. They He was a member of First Assembly of God Church His hobbies were fishing and all forms of hunting
birds, deer, turkey and elk. He loved the outdoors and being in the fresh air. Dewey enjoyed making things out of wood, such as picture frames and plant stands. He enjoyed going for car rides and going down dirt ty of the country. He loved his family and friends. Survivors include his mother, Estelle Howard of Big Spring; two sons, Joel Brent Howard of Big Spring and Carey Brian Howard of Tucson, Ariz; one brother Ronald Howard of Big Spring; three grandchildren; one nephew, Vance Howard of Huntsville; two nieces, La Donna Kibler of Madisonville and Rachel Glick of Athens; his close friend and former wife, Marie Conner of San Angelo; and his extended family, Joy San Angelo.
The family suggests memorials to: First 'Assembly of God Church, Building Fund, 310 W . Fourth, Big Spring 79720; the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121; or to a favorite charity
Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle \& welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until 8 am . - KATRINA RENE BUSTAMANTE, 22 , of 406 S . Johnson was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-
tion. LETISHA KAY BUSTAMANTE, 21 , of 406 S . Johnson was arrested on two local warrants. - ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80. reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 1600 block of Avion. A gold 1989 Honda Accord reportedly sustained $\$ 650$ damage in the incident.

In the 3300 block of West Highway 80. $\$ 35$ damage was reportedly done to the home

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of South Gregg Street. Several 8 -foot light bulbs were broken in the incident for a total $\$ 40$ damage. Medical equipment worth $\$ 150, \$ 108$ cash and an undetermined amount of reported stolen.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1002 N . Main. Someone reportedly forced the front door of the home, causing $\$ 120$ damage before stealing household goods worth \$1,848.

- In personorte police station. Items worth $\$ 339$ were reported stolen

At Wal-Mart. Electronics worth $\$ 19.94$ were reported stolen and later recovered.

- DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of North Lamesa Drive amd the 800 block of - DOMEST

位信 700 block of Lancaster Street and the 2200 block of

## Sheriff's office

The Howard County
owing recent activity:
Gisecent activity: North Lamesa Dri

- ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of Davis Road.
- ONE-VEHICLE ROLLOVER ACCIDENT was reported near the 184 mile marker on Interstate 20 . POSSIBLE SUICIDAL SUBJECT was reported in the 100 block of Dover


## Support groups

TUESDAY
$\square$ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) :30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane 263-1340 for more information

## WEDNESDAY

UAA open discussion meeting from noon to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 .m. to 9 p.m
THURSDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.: Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. NonSmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m

- Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation


## FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 meeting last Saturday of each month at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
SUNDAY Y

Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to Inoon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m

MONDAY
weigh in at $5: 30$ TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at $5: 30$ p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Do
Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800

D Encourager's Support Group, all widows arrd widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual
abuse. Call $263-5140$ or $263-2241$ for dates and upcoming groups.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call $631-4430$ for more information.
alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Bulletin board

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## TODAY

Christmas Eve, Santa sighting day

## WEDNESDAY

Merry Christmas

## THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m.. Herman's Resturant.

Coffee Club, 7 a:m. Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 EM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring
Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main
FRIDAY
AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn
Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, country and Pestern dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m, Industria Park,. All area seniors are invited

## SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahonWrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, open for tours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m senior citizens.

Eagles Lodge, dance, 8;30 p.m., 703 W. Third Members and their guests are welcome
SUNDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahonWrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m

MONDAY
Sr. Circle, 4 p.m., Scenio* Mountain Medica Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Seniors 50 years
4721.
Concerned Citizen's, Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Intermediate Line, Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring 1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park.

## WEDENSDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

## Take Note

- BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in
For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.
- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which deliv ers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers deliver meals
If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eigh or 10 meals, we need you
About 85 to 90 rieals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call $263-4016$ before 3 p.m.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - With a nuclear chisid ening inf said Monda, Defense Secretary Donald H: the war on terror, a war in fraq and possible conflict with Pyongyang simuitaneousiy
"We are perfectly capable of doing that which is necBut White House officials emphasized that the United States has no intention of attacking North United States has no intention of attacking North defuse the situation through diplomacy.
Rumsfeld gave no indication the United States was readying military force against a nuclear power plant that North Korea is moving to restart - a step the administration calls fresh evidence of
The tempts to buind a nuclear bomb.
same site, a nuclear facility at Yongbyombing the before that crisis was resolved.
The situation today is somewhat different from then," Rumsfeld said, without elaborating
The administration renewed its calls Monday tha Pyongyang replace U.N. surveillance gear that it dis
mantled at a nuclear reactor and refrain from restart ing the facility.
Moving ahead to restart the reactor will only deepen North Korea's isolation, senior administration offi cials said.
But a top Russian diplomat warned the United States that putting pressure on North Korea could heighten "It
North Korerproductive and dangerous to blackma North Korea, with its grave economic position
Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov said
GOP chooses Frist as new Senate leader WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans elected ending a two-week political firestorm that brough down former leader Trent Lott and threatened to derail the GOP's efforts to reach out to minorities.
The 50 -year-old Frist, a wealthy heart surgeon, will become Senate majority leader when the GOP takes control of the chamber in January
He was elected during an unprecedented 45 -minute conference call among most of the 51 -member Senate Republican Caucus
Announcing Frist's election in a written statement, Sen Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, the No. 3 GOP unemployment benefits for the jobless, and finishing the Fiscal 2003 budget
"With a renewed sense of commitment, Senate Republicans will also begin work immediately to accomplish an aggressive compassionate conservative
agenda," Santorum said. agenda," Santorum said.
Frist and saying the Tennessean "has earned the trust and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle."
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said: "With Bill Frist as our new leader, we can now focus our atten tign on the important issues facing our country,"
Frist, who parficipated in the can from Nashville, Tenn., office, is considered an authority on health issues in the Senate. He still keeps his starched white lab coat in the trunk of his car, makes monthly visits to hospitals and clinics and goes on occasiona overseas medical missions. When the anthrax scare surfaced on Capitol Hir last year, he worked to calm The election
when all senators retur ning of the new congressional session - but several Republican senators wanted to try and put Lott's con

Speaker-apparent opposed MLK holiday
AUSTIN (AP) - Texas House speaker-apparent To Craddick's voting record shows he's a Republican wh has often been one of a few opposing measures
creating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
The record also shows he occasionally bucked fellow conservatives such as voting for the Children's Health Insurance Program.
Craddick, who's expected to be elected House speaker next month, says he's against tax increases, despite a projected budget shortfall of more than $\$ 5$ billion. tax hikes.
Republican Party spokesman Ted Royer told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Craddick's conservative record "has been in line with a majority of Texans, which is to the right of center."
Democratic caucus, said Craddick would have reach beyond the group of conservatives he has often sided with to ensure a smooth transition to power.
"He's going to have to show more sensitivity to African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans. It' going to be a transition for him from being a leader of a small faction of people to the leader of the whole
House," Gallego said. Some Craddick crit record of Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican who is stepping down as U.S. Senate majority leader. He's been under fire for comments praising Strom Thur
1948.

## $\stackrel{1948}{ }$

Craddick "has always been a conservative person and dear to the hearts of minority citizens," said state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston.

MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME \& CHAPEL
24th \& Johnson 267-8288 Raymond Barraza, 79 died Saturday. Funeral
Mass will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial
will be in Mt. Olive

FIREFIGHTER
worked under him - he's real big into this high angle rescue training and vehicle rescue - just admires him and the job that he does and th knowledge he has.
Jensen said the training
provided by provided
Muller Mulier the Big Spring Fire
Department extremely importan he said. "It" about doing JENSEN it right. We need to do it so that done in a safe manner so that everybody benefits." The chief acknowledges that the publicity is hard for Muller to handle. "He's not a fireman for the glory," Jensen said. "He's very dedicated to his job and he knows what he's doing. He's
impressive to be around Muller said he starte Muller said he started with the city of Big Department before ing over to the Fire Department.
"The Air Force is what got me here," he said. "I was out at the motor pool. I was maintenance, and stuff like that. I
here since ' 73 ." Muller said he originally got into firefighting
because of the excitement because of the excitement about his favorite part of the job, he said talking to the press isn't high on the the pre
list.
"The
"The fires," which we don't have enough of, whigh is good, I guess
Good for the citize Good for the cítizens but not good for us. We do First Responder too. We back up all the antbu The job itself is what makes it fun working

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 of structure fire and search and rescue runs.

Muller said he doesn't
ike sitting around the fire house between runs. "Nobody really does," he said. "But we do a lot of training. We just came back from a class. We Main pretty busy, Maintenance. We have to take care of the fire-
house." lot of the training,
A lot of the training,
Muller conducts himself. "I teach high-angle res. "I teach high-angle res-
cue, rappelling," he said "I teach extrication, vehicle extrication. I teach search and rescue and I also teach for Midland College, fire science." The Firefighter of the
Year has seen a lot of changes in his years the department
"Training has proOur equipment has yoars. better. Trucks have gotbetter. Trucks have got-
ten better," he said. "The technology has just gotten better. When I started we

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Big Spring Fire Department Lt. Robert Muller poses with a firetruck at the 18th and Main street Fire Station. Muller - who is in charge of the station - was named Firefighter of of the department, opened up a bit during an interview and said he enjoys the excltement
had standard shift fire scene at night and we'l trucks. We've only got be standing around talk ne now, and that's a ing and everybody's PASS reserve truck. device will go off. They're Everything's automatic. not that big of a nuisance ts safer because we're really. They're intended mur better trained and for our protection."
better."
One advance making the job safer is the Personal Alert Safety "They have about a 20 second delay where if you're not in any motion "They have a little warn. Roger Cline at 263-7331 ing device first. I guess newsdesk@crcometail we're not really used to

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of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
-First Amendment

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## OUR Views

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Wtake pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:
"Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old.
Clause.
Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? 115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. hey do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds; Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe ect, as compared with the boundless world about rim, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as and you know thd generosity and dive to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It 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 ight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there
is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world 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 wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what make the noise inside, but there is a veil covering even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, ond view and picture, tan push as beaty and tory and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory 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.
"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 associate. 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 quarter of the globe
The publication of Virginia's question and tradition at the Herald. We hope you enjoy it.

## A Small Prayer <br> by K. Rae Anderson In your presence, Lord, every thing is possible.

 may we always feel you presence.
## Twas about time for Christmas

t was about time for Christma
and all through the house,
A creature was stirring, but it
wasn' a monse;
Thnew right away it was my wife
Little pup,
She thought we were
sleeping, and so she


## A tiligh rin

 snoozing; she was really sacked out. She wouldn't haveawoke from less then
Ysut.
Yer in her night
 We had finally settled down to We had finally
catch some Zs ;
When catch some Zs;
When of in the kitchen thete arose
such a clatter

## such a clatter, <br> I rolled from t was the matter

was the matt
Away down

## muddle,

I reached the kitc, my head in a in a puddle.
The glow from a nightlight illuminated the room,
So how come I stumbled over the
broom?
I fell in a sprawl, my legs were not

## stable. On the way down, my nose hit the

 table.My head was a spinnin' and when I

## my chest. With a ed away; Into the

## play. More rapic terrier ran, Me on the

Me on the follow, rolled newspaper
in hand.
"Stop, Skeeter! Stop, Dog! Stop, Pup! "Stop, Skeeter! Stop, Dog! Sto
Halt, Pooch! Halt, Girl! Oh, come'ere, you mutt!

## of that curtain!

Ohhh'..If I ever catch you, you're gonna' be hurtin" As winds of a Texas tornado do fly,
She spun round the room, down low and upp high.
Then up on the countertop, that
puppy went puppy went
She stopped for a second. I thought she,was spent.
I make a quick lunge, she ducked me and then
Yawned when I dove through the flour bin.
As I drew

## turning around,

## She made gle bound.

## I was cove

head to my toe with flour, from my
head to my toes,
My robe in tatters, and blood on my
nose
A bag full of toys, she grabbed with
glee;
I nabbed her, I thought, but instead
got the tree got the tree.
The ornam
The ornaments, they broke, as they
began to fall; began to fall;
The lights,
that is not all.
Urn the bulbs out for the plug, to What flowed through my body; but lectricity, so stout
As smo
Thath
Then
That dog held my big toe, tight in
her teeth,
Skeet, I give in."
So she bit my sw
apped at my chin
ack to work not a word, but went
Down came the stockings; it took
just a jerk
just a jerk.
Then up from the hall, came the
ound of feet. ound of feet,
Momma, it
her sleep.
"Now you'll get it pup," I
announced with glee.
Then Skeeter walked
her little head on my knee.
She looked up at my wife - so inno
cent - and at me, so, so sad.
cent - and at me, so, so sad.
And had. ake long, to know I'
strong and so clear
"Bili, you leave that puppy alone!
And I exclaimed to myself, as they
walked out with a strut, "Don't leave any gifts, Santa; just
PICK UP THE MUTT"

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Addresses


## Missile defense system will be deployed

Ever since President Ronald
Reagan proposed his Reagan proposed his
Strategic Defense Init opponents dubbed the system "Star unworkable on the to begin a new arms race on the other. Interestingly, they
were right about it were right about it
being unworkable in 1983, But if it was could it start how arms race?
Now, President George W. Bush has given the Pentagon authorization to build a "modest" anti-misThis system by the end of 2004 .
Thar cry from Reagan's SDI that was intended to provide an anti-missile shield for the nation - but then, the threat is different today. The Soviet Union is gone, and with it America's prima ry nuclear threat. The threat in 2002 is posed by is a nuclear power but not at all along the magnitude of-what the Soviet Union was. So America's current nuclear problem is based upon threats from rogue nations. There is historical justiffcation for
concern.


In the Cuban Missile Crisis Union faced off, but underlying al of the diplomatic and military maneuvering was the concept of mutually assured destruction the Soviets were, in the final analysis, willing to blow each other up. The same could not be said for Cuba's dictator, Fidel Castro. Soviet archives that have opened up in recent years prove that Castro was urging the Russian military officials in launch a first nuclear strike against the United States. It is this kind of rogue behavior hat poses the real nuclear threat oday from such unstable leaders Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Ir, ruling mullahs. To thwart this threat, something considerably less than SDI' is needed.
However there's a larger question of whether or not any missile defense system ware willing to spend to find out In fact five the last eight tests of a groundbased system have been successful. Th's is based upon the same concept as the Patriot anti-missile system that was employed in the expensive space-oased system envisioned by Reagan.

A high-ranking government physicist explained to us that the impossible with the state of current technology. A land-based system is another matter, but it is also incapable of providing comprote protection or even timely the zero protection the nation now has.
So, it comes down to money. The
Bush administration has spent $\$ 8$ Bush administration has spent $\$ 8$ billion on the anti-missile system
over the last two years. This is an olmost insignificant percentage of the federal budget, and therefore very affordable. Presumably, the budget for the next two years will be higher, but also not significant. This leaves only the arms race question: There is no nation with
which to race. Will China be greatwhich to race. Will China be great deploys a system to shoot down a few missiles? What would the Chinese do if they were concerned? The last nation to enter an arms race with U.S. was the Sovie Union, and it bankrupted them. race with North Korea, the source of most rogue-nation missile production? Hardly.
Prediction: The missile defense system will be deployed, and it will provide an important deter-
rence to the axis of evil powers that pose a nuclear threat.

## MEMORABLE

## see them both there with

 us, but Iknow it could not sew Nanny Rudd talking with the doctors she sad: I knew then something was very wrong because my Namny Ruad is a very strong woma thing make her look so worried.My Granddad, who usually cuts up with my sister and 1, was very quiet and did not
much at all.
My Grandma Patsy was over there a lot and gave the time my daddy was in the hospital. I was always glad to see her when she could come over. At times, she would pray with me for my daddy to get well. Grandma Patsy kept telling me to always keep the faith
About five days before Christmas I heard the doctor tell my mother that arrangements because they did not think that my daddy was going to make it. My mother fell to a chair and began to cry and Nanny Rudd looked as though she was in shock or as though she was far away in her mind so that she did not have to telling them.
On Christmas Eve I told God that all I wanted for Christmas was for everything to be back like it was with my daddy well and back home with us and for him to please not take him to heaven yet, that if he would do that thing for Christmas. Christmas Day my Uncle George and Aunt Christy camer over cand made Christmas for my little sister and I at the hospital. I treasure that in my heart because that was so thoughtful of them both and had made our day. Every day after that I my daddy away from my daddy away from us care of us and loved us without question. Whenever I would have a bad day or something was wrong he would always make it all right or seem like what I was worried about at any time was not


Mary Christmas.
lebrate the true spinit of chnstsmas by remembering that Oof's son was som to Mar Mar Christmas. Mery Chrismas.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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## A Sailor's Christmas

## Twas the night be

lived in a crowd, In a 40-man berthing, with shipmates o loud
with presents to to mive the exhaust stack And to see just who in this rack did
live.
I looked all about, and a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree. No stockings were hung, just boots On the bulkhead hung pictures of far distant lands.
He had medals and badges and awards of all kind,
And a sobering thought came into my mind dark and dreary
I had found the home of a sailor, this I could see clearly.
The sailor lay sleeping, silent and Curl home.
home. The face was so gentle, the berthing in such good order,
But not how I pictured a United States sailor.
Was
Was this the hero whom I saw on TV? Defending his country so we all could
be free?
I realized the fatmilies that I've seen this night,
were willing to figh would play, And grownups would celebrate a new Thristmas Day.
They all enjoyed the freedom each Because of the sailors, like the one lying here,
I couldn't help but wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve, on a sea far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my I eye, I dropped to my knees and started to The sailor awakened and I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, for this life is my choice."
"Defend the seas this day, the peace do I keep.'
The sailor then rolled over and drifted to sleep. weep.
I kep
pt watch for hours so silent, so And we both shivered from the night's cold chill.
dark night want to leave on that cold, dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to Then voice soft and pure Whispered "Co, Christmas... All is secure


Grady schools collected canned food for the Martin County Community Fund to distribute to needy families this Christmas. Classes with 100 percent participation will ute to needy families this Christmas. Classes with 100 percent participation wiII
receive a banana split party later in the school year. Pictured among the collected food Items are students Erica Bracken, Andrew Swinson, Mandy Webb and Ashton Houston.

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years ago, my husband,
"Charles," confessed he was foving an arore, I agreed to it
and sald I would take the children back to my homeThe next day, Charles did a complete turnaround,
telling me he made a mis take, he loved me and he took him back, and we Now I have this weitr feeling that he is up to explain my suspicions, but something is not right. insists he is faithful. I am having a hard time trusting
him, and I constantly ask him, and I constantly ask where he's been, who he's crazy. Please help.
Cheating Husband's Wife Dear Wife: Although you your instincts, don't make any 'rash assumptions without proof. You can hire a prink Charles is sneaking around, or you can start going through his pockets, credit card bills and $\rho$-mail. However, if you find noth.
ing, you will still be suspi. ing, yo
cious.
Please make an appointment to see a marriage anxieties. Ask Charles to with you, but if he refuses go alone. You need help from an impartial observer who has all the details mear Annie: 1 recently
met a girl online, and we clicked right away. We've been talking for two months, and although we in person, the connection is solid.

spots. Surely there are wed-
ding plans that Bobby does
ding plans that Bobby does n't need to handle. Canshe flowers or your dress? Can she helpaddress invitations to include Mom while minimizing her contact with
Bobby. As her new daugh ter-in-law, you will be in a position to help mend their Dear Annie: My fianc and I have known each other for seven months. Two weeks before he pro-
posed, my mother died by posed, my mother died picked a rather inappropriate time to ask me to marry him, but tragedy, and he convinced me it was the right thing to
do. He talked about how much better it would be for me to move out of my par-
ents' home, where my mom's death occurred. I have since had second
thoughts and am regrettin thoughts and am regretting my decision. I amege degree and a good job. He is 31 , inconsiderate and disrespectful, and his horrible
credit rating is destroyin credit rating is destroying
mine. Our new $\$ 300,000$ house and the new car he bought are in my name.
Even if I wanted to leave Even if I wanted to leave
him, I could not afford all of him, on my own. When it comes to handling our bills, he is totally immature. I have to remind him constantly to pay his share of
the mortgage. Also, he has the mortgage. Also, he has about my mother. He will not permit me to display
any pictures of her in our any pictures of her in our
house. He says it's maudlin. I feel trapped. All of my friends tell me to get out of
this relationship, but it's this relationship, but it's
hard when he threatens to crash the new car and burn the house down. He's not kidding, either. Any
advice? advice? -. Sleeping with the
Enemy in Colorado Dear Colorado: Your
fiance sounds like a potenfiance sounds like a poten-
tial abuser, and you need to tial abuser, and you need to get out of this relationship
NOW. Talk to a lawyer about disentangling your ' finances from his. You may need to sell the house and the car, or put them in his,
name. If he threatens to hurt you in any way, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-
799-SAFE $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 799-SAFE } & (1-800-799-7233) \\ \text { (TTY: } & 1-800-787-3224)\end{array}$ (www.ndvh.org), andi ask for help in removing, your-
self physically from this self physically from this
volatile situation.
Dear Annie: "Linda," $\begin{gathered}\text { Annie: } \\ \text { was } \\ \text { My } \\ \text { born }\end{gathered}$ Nebraska 30 yearss ago and
put up for adoption at birth a wonderful couple took her in and raised her to become the lo'vely woman I fell in love weith. We now have two children of our own.
Linda alvays wondered
why her birth mother gave why her birth mother gave
her up, so a few years ago, she did a search through her original adoption
agency. The agency located agency. The agency located
her birth mother, but inforrned Linda that the woman does not wish to have any contact with us.
This upset Linda deeply, This upset Linda deeply,
and she hasn't been the sarne since.
'The adoption laws protect
ly ignore the rights of the are nelther celebrating nor
child, If the right people using the day to relax, and
read this, maybe things wil are simply getting along as read this, maybe things will
change while all the parties
involved are stil alive. change are still alive.
Montreal, Canada Montreal, Canada
Dear Montreal The adopDear Montreal: The adop-
tion laws are not the problem here. The birth mother
was informed that her biological daughter searching for her, and if she
wished to initiate contact, yo olie prevented her from like it, but her birth mother has the right to maintain
her privacy. Sad to say, not her privacy, Sad to say, not
all anticipated reunions turn out well.
Your wife is Your wife is entitled to her medical history, and provide this, Linda cannot however, demand a rela tionship, no matter how much she believes her birth
mother "owes" it to her Since Linda cannot get pas this huge disappointment, please urge her to seek pro
fessional help fessional help
is near, and many of you are going to church and spending time with your
families, some of you are families, some of you are
enjoying a day off, and others are busy, working at businesses that stay open $\begin{array}{ll}\text { on the holiday. Some of you } & \text { 3. Yonder in the haystack } \\ \text { 4. Five p.m. to } 6 \text { a.m. with }\end{array}$
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5. Adorn the vestibules
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the planet
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4. Silent Night
5. Deck the Halls
6. Joy to the World
7. Hark the Herald Angels Sing W. Three Kings
8. We Th All Y Faithful
9. Come
10. Holy Night 10. O Holy Night
11. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas 12. Silver Bells 13. The Twelve Days of 14. It
Christmas Midnight Clear Upon a 15. Frosty the Snowman 16. I Saw Mama Kissin Santa Claus
12. Walking in a Winter Wonderland 18. Up on the Rpoftop

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Bis Spring stils will. play in Abllene toum The Big Spring Lady Abilene Friday to play in the Abliene Invitational Basketball The Lady Steers' next game will be Jay 8 District $4-4 \mathrm{~A}$ action a home against the Lak View Madens. The games are schedaled to start at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Big Spring Junio
Steers retum to play Steers return to play In Lamesa tourney, Steers will travel to
Lamesa Thursday to olay in the Lamesa Invitational Basketball rournament. The Steers next game will be Jan. Abilene Wylle in the Steer Gym. The games are seheduled to start at $2: 20$ p.m.
L-ace teains to play $\frac{\text { Area }}{-\frac{1}{2}}$ Area bisketball
teams will return to action with a flurry Thursday by partici pating
The Forsan and Garden City boys and girls will compete in
the Sterling City Tournament. Sands will play in the Stanton and Coahoma begin play in the Iraan and Reagan Co, tour
neys, respectively.

Players of the year unvelled by magazine Dave Campbell's Texas Football maga zine announced the winners of its 200 each classification of UIL football.
The 2002 Players of
the Year awards were the Year awards were selected in balloting by a panel of statewic Media members. Chase. Wasson of the Class 5 A recipient, while Denton Ryan' James Battle took the A honors.
Other winners were" Jasper lineman Jorrie
Adams in 3 A : Bangs Marcus Draper in 2A Chilton's Chris James in 1A and Whitharral's Brandon Hoskins in 1A ON THE AIR


The Playez edge Mavs for Goliad 3-on-3 title By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor King Midas would
have been impressed have been impressed Like the king, every
thing Klaassen ha touched this year ha turned golden.
As a football player
Klaassen helped led th Klaassen helped led th
Packers to a 34-0 win in the West Texas Are Championships. He capped that effort last
week by helping lead week by helping lead the Playez to the 2002
Goliad 3-on-3 Basketbal Tournament champi onship.
Klaassen, along wit sixth period teammates Cade Hollandsworth Kade Parker, Jorda Pointon and Suraj Patel
downed the Mavericks in the finals of the boys 16-team bracket
The Mavericks con
sisted of first perio sisted of first period
classmates classmates Chri
Brooks, Hutton Evans Cameron Hughey and Sidney Parke
The tournament was 4-day period from De 9-12. Teams qualified fo the event through
round-robin pool play in their respective classes Like The Playez, th Red Raiders were the
top finisher in thei bracket. The sevent period foursome of Breanna
Carlita Green, Megan Hilario and Shelb Lady Hawks to win the girls' title.
The Lady Hawks, also from the seventh period class, were made up of
Shawnte Lopez, Ashle Miramontes and Crysta Woodson.
The Spurs - a team mand up of Cob Todd Pace and Eric Valle - took third in the boys' bracket, pla Bucks' squad of the Bucks squad of Zac Rance Terry and Myke Wagner
The fifth-period Ho Shots garnered third girls' bracket. The team of Andrea Claxton Bailey Fox, Ariel
Johnson. Swinney and Brittani
York, edged out the Bad Girls for third. The Bad Girls, a fourth period squad, was made up of Kimberly Gutierrez The American Beau ties team of Mariah Duenez, Ashley Castillo and Marisa Mendoza finished fifth overall. ARLINGTON (AP) he Texas Rangers signed closer Ugueth Urbina to a tract with another $\$ 500,000$ deferred. Urbina, a two-time All-Star whose
40 saves for Boston last season tied for third-best in the American League, went 1-6 with a 3.00 ERA last season. He had 19 straight saves from April 12-July 3, and blew only
six chances all season six chances all season. In other baseball trans-
actions, former Gold Glove infielder Neifi Perez signed a two-year
contract with the San

Rangers ink all-star reliever to 1-year pact


The Playez captured the boys' championship in the Goliad 3-on-3 Basketball Tournamy chen recently by downing the Mavericks in the finals. Members of the team include (front row
real lefteto, fesht) Suraj Patel, Kade Parker, (back row) Ryan Klaassen, Jordan Pointon and $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The Giants } & \text { RBIs in 2002. Kansas City } \\ \text { The }\end{array}$ Perez off waivers from NL Gold Glove winner a $\begin{array}{ll}\text { the Kansas City Royals } \\ \text { last month. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { shortstop for Colorado, } \\ \text { during the } 2001 \text { season in }\end{array}\end{array}$ last month.
Perez hit 236 with 37 during the 2001 season in
a three-team trade Hall members may meet Jan. 17 NEW YORK (AP) - The Angeles, provided most of
Hall of Fame already has the group can make it. Hall of Fame already has
started contacting its 58
the group can make it.
Rose and Selig are nego started contacting its 58 Rose and Selig are nego
living members, hoping
tiating a possible end to to set up a meeting for the permanent ban the to set up a meeting for the permanent ban the
them with commissioner
career hits leader agreed Bud Selig next month to to in 1989 after an investidiscuss Pete Rose's possi- gation of his gambling ble reinstatement. Because he's banned The target date for the Rose cannot appear on
meeting is Jan. 17 in Los the Hall ballot meeting is Jan. 17 in Los the Hall ballot.


The How will return to action Jan 3 in Hillsboro to face the Hill Lady Rebels. The HC teams will ofan confe ence play a week later.
 might
week. Jones said Dave Campo likely will remain the team's coach through the season finale Sunday in
Washington. He made no promises beyond that, promises bey a decision "is going to be very
quick." quick." "I want to be real clear
about something: I have about something: I have not made up my mind be doing with our head coach," Jones said. "There will be a time frame and it will be soon,
just by the nature of it," just by the nature of it." interviewing potential replacements last week when he spent five hours with Bill Parcells.
Fox reported on its NFL Fox reported on its NFL Sunday show that a
source who spoke with source who spoke with
Jones and Parcells on Saturday night said they've agreed to everything except the final contract figure, with a
ballpark figure of $\$ 3.5$ ballpark figure of $\$ 3.5$
million. million.
Jones, however, said
earlier Sunday that teams are now required to contact the commissioner's
office before changing office before changing
coaches and that he has coaches and that he has-
n't started that process: n't started that process:
"Nor have I made up my mind that I wāñ to my mind that I w
start, Jones said.
Asked if a change
would be made before the Redskins game, Jones
said: "I don't think that would be the case. I can't think that would be the Campo is $15-32$ going
Cato the final game of his into the final game of his
third season. His job third season. Heakened throughout an ugly thre
game losing streak since blowing point, fourth-quarter lead against San Francisco in
part because of a coachpart because of a coach-
ing decision ing decision Jones dis-
agreed with, the Cowboys agreed with, the Cowboys
have lost 37.7 to the New York Giants and $27-3$ to
the Philadelphia Eagles. the Philadelphia Eagles. By losing to the Eagles
on Saturday night, the Cowboys have at least 10 losses for the third con-
secutive year, a first in secutive year, a first in
franchise history.
Jones met with Parcells Jones met with Parcells
on Wednesday, three days after Dallas lost to the Giants.
Parcells has been a winner everywhere he's
been, taking the New York Giants to two Super
Bowl titles then getting Bowl titles then getting
the New England Patriots the New England Patriots
into the Super Bowl and into the Super Bowl and
the New York Jets to the the New York Jets to th
AFC championship. He's also been a tease, such as last offseason when negotiations with
Tampa Bay broke down Tampa Bay broke down
in the late stages. It was in the late stages. It was
the second time he jilted the second time he jilted
the Bucs, and he's done the Bucs, and he's d
the same to Atlanta. Hiring someone
Harcells' stature would Parcells stature would
probably require Jones giving up some control
within the organization, within the organization,
and it would cost and it would cost more
than he's spent on coach-
A big contract for
Parcells or another Parcells - or another
high-profile coach might not be the only expense. Many assistant See cowsors, Page 2B

Calvert edges Sanderson for '02. national six-man championship

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor
The Calvert Trojans are max wins over the Sanderson Eagles. Calvert, which rallied from a $32-0$ deficit to claim a $51-46$ victory over
Sanderson in the Texas Sanderson in the Texas six-man state champi2002 six-man national $\begin{array}{ll}\text { champion by } & \text { national } \\ \text { Six-Man }\end{array}$ Illustrated -.by the nearlowest margin in poll's 10 -year history. The Trojans received 12 cast and rolled up 588
points - just 21 more than Sanderson. The Six-Man Illustrated poll is formulated based coaches and media membèrs in the United States and Canada. Last season, Whitharral was voted the No. 1 six-man team. Calvert finished the
year with a perfect 14-0 record. The Gateway Christian Warriors finished third in the final poll. The New
Mexico state champs colMexico state champs col-
lected two first-place lected two first-place
votes and rolled up 512 points.
Despite falling early in the playoffs, the
Whitharral Panthers still Whitharral Panthers still
finished fourth. The 2002 finished fourth. The 2002
state and national chamstate and national cham-
pions was among the state's leaders in total offense and defense before an injury to star Brandon
Hoskins led to a stunning

national crowns in 1992
and 1993.
The Peetz Bulldogs were The Peetz Bulldogs were
the top rated Colorado team in the rankings checking in at No. 6 with 397 points. The Bulldogs ended Idalia's strangle hold on the Colorado tit Texas superpower from Valley, Sands and Gordon finished at No. 7 No. 8 and No. 9, respec
The Highwood Moun trainers, who won the championship, rounded Canadian power Loreburn also collected one first-place vote. Th record eighth title in November, was 16 th over
Calvert will be present ed the national six-man July 26 at the half of the annual All America Bowl, which will be played in Big Spring. Sanders to come out of retirement? Deion Sanders could be on the verge of returning to the National Football
Sanders, on Sunday of retirement to join the Oakland Raiders. He retired after the 2000 sea Sanders finished his
career with

Lively.
The out the SI Top 10 all. League. son. THE ULTIMATE FOOTBALLCONTEST




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last chance to prove they game will mean a lot to deserve to return next them.
season. "There's guys that are coach on the bubble?
"Cm not going to get truly, really on the bub- "I'm not going
be," Campo said. "This into that," he said.

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## COWBOYS

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 two more years and they would have to be paid off, too, if the new coach staff. That leads back to Jones has often dictated the staffs. on issues that are legitimate things I've got to consider," he said. his own mold? to break his own mold? Can he?"I am what I am," Jones said. "I would have to my life. But I don't know if I am what I'm perceived
"I've had some good
things happen that I've things happen that rive was a lot of give and take. I'm a salesman and
there's nobody that can get to me quicker than another good salesman "But the facts are that maker as long as I the team. That's not an issue in any way that know of. When Jones squabbled with Jimmy Johnson success in the early 1990s, he once said 500 people could coach the Cowboys.
He's since changed his He's since changed his
stance, saying Sunday that "I've always thought that coaching was very "I've seen 'elite coaches' go into situations and not
have success, so I don't think it's a magical solutron, Jones said. But certainly people that can
motivate players and bring out the best in them and plan and organize, make strategic decisions - there are people who those peon

## liable.

decided whether to dis cuss his status with the team this week. Players were off Sunday. There's a chance I don't have any answers, don't have any answers,
so I cant address it too much," he said.
As for the Redskins, the
Cowboys have handled Cowboys have handled
them regardless of their coach. Dallas has won 10 Straight, dating
"I fully expect our guys to be ready," Campo said. "There shouldn't be any question of the confidence
level." Another motivator is that this will be players

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22) $\mathbf{2} . \mathrm{F}$ Your smile wing many favars. Right now use that gift to help other relax and make las minute decisions. Yo whelmed by all that yo hear. Be sensitive to some one who might not be quite as happy as you are LIBRA (Sopt sharin *** Take your time befor you decide which path to follow. Step back and do some hard thinking
Perhaps you have pushed someone away (withou intending to. Tonight: Lay back for now.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov 21) ***** Join your friend Make the most out of a your way. You could be bit tired or dragged dow by recent holiday celebra tions. Understand what is decision. Tonight: Wher the gang is. 22-Dec. 21)****** You really 22-Dec. 21)
want to make an effort want to make an effose
toward others. Touch base with a loved one who means a lot to you, who might not be part of your personal holiday celebra tion. Take time for those who are a part of your life circle. Tonight: A must CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 an. 19) Consid your options involving
loved one at distance. You manage to take care of and touch base with those wh re close to you. A chang in plans $\begin{gathered}\text { might } \\ \text { delightful } \\ \text { and }\end{gathered}$ delightful and quit stuck. Tonight: Try something totally different. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) ***** Others come
forward, and you will choose whom you want t be with. You enjoy relat ing on a one-on-one level most. Opt for more togeth erness. Work as a team
with a key partner. You'l enjoy yourself to the max Tonight: Say "yes" to a invitation.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March ${ }^{20)}$ inquiries. What's going on that others want to know that you're OK with the
holiday season. Make an holiday season. Make an extra effort to respond to
the many inquiries. Make the many inquiries. Make
decisions carefully in the next few days. Tonight:
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 Judd hasn't raised Ashley money for a Lincoln much zation that advocates fon AIDS-stricken children in Africa, but it has broughtattention to the group's cause. Dec. 1 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Lied Center. Since that visit, the
Lincoln-based Save Sub Saharan Orphans said it has received $\$ 406$ in new
donations. Still, SSSO President said the visit on World AIDS Day was a success because it called attention
to his organ to his organization, which
hopes to build a $\$ 100000$ orphanage in Kenya. The not-for-profit group
has raised nearly $\$ 21,000$ from grants and donations and mored
planned.

LOS ANGELES (AP) Magician David Copperfield was taken to a Canadian hospital after stopping midway through a perfor mance, his tour spokesman
said.
Copperfield, 46, was doing Copperfield, 46, was doing
the second of three scheduled shows Sunday at the Jubilee Auditorium in
Edmonton, Alberta, when he decided he couldn't continue. "He was up until 4:40 a.m. rehearsing on Saturday said agent Phil Lobel, who's based in Los Angeles.
"Copperffeld maintains a copperfleld maintains a schedule of more than 500 shows, which clearly took
its toll today " its toll today.
Copperfield, who began performing at 12 and was he youngest magician American the Society of planned to resume his Canadian tour Monday barring any further com plications," Lobel said
$\underset{\text { Crocodile }}{\text { SYDNEY, Australia }}$ Dundee" ${ }_{\text {(AP }}^{\text {star }}$

Paul Hogan was recovering n a hospital Monday after
uffering a slipped disc while wrestling with furniture. The 63-yeaz-old Ausralian actor was admitted Private Hospital in Sydney or treatment of the back injury he sustained while
moving furniture The hospital issued a brief statement saying the actor would be back on his feet within a few weeks.
Hogan rose to global f n the '80s with the Crocodile Dundee" movies as Mick Dundee, the tough but good-natured crocodile
hunter who becomes a hero ic fish out of water when he leayes the Qutback for the
United States. -


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