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LOCAL

Officers investigate burned Bible, photo

A burned Bible and a photo which was damaged by fire were found at the west side of the chapel building at the doors from the courtyard of the St. Matthews' Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning.

A deacon arriving at the church shortly after 8 a.m. Monday, made the discovery.

According to Pampa Police Department reports, the Bible belonged to a minor and the damaged photo was inside the Bible.

Pampa PD officers are continuing their investigation. There are no suspects.

STATE

Fatal wreck closes I-10 near Orange

ORANGE (AP) — At least three people were killed Tuesday morning in a fatal two-vehicle wreck just outside of Orange that shut down Interstate 10 in both directions for hours, state troopers said.

According to the DPS, the wreck occurred shortly after 8:05 a.m.

DEATHS

- Dorothy Lee Castleman**, 86, homemaker.
- Ruby Pauline Denney**, 94, homemaker.
- Lela Comer Fore**, 88, businesswoman.
- Hattie Marie Rust Stephens**, 96, homemaker.

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Pampa misses out on vets home

Officials: Low local veterans population a factor

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Pampa tried but didn't make the final cut for a Texas State Veterans' Home, according to a story in today's Amarillo Globe-News.

Local community leaders were not notified prior to reading the story in the area newspaper that McAllen and El Paso were selected for facilities to begin construction in 2003.

Amarillo was listed as a

site for another one in 2004 if funding is continued.

Disappointment was expressed by County Judge Richard Peet who coordinated the effort to seek the 160-bed veterans' nursing center to Pampa.

An economic downturn in the Texas Panhandle along with a declining population caused Peet and several community leaders to attempt to land the state project locally.

"It seems if the state wants to help rural counties they need to make an effort to place state agencies in rural counties," he said. "I am a little disappointed."

He said that he doesn't think all state agencies belong in Austin.

"They could put some of them in the small communities across the state," he said.

Peet said the community members who volunteered on the project gave the project a good effort.

"Not having an economic vehicle such as an economic

development corporation didn't help us," he said, referring to the vote of local voters on Nov. 6, 2001, which dissolved the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. He said recruiting such projects is a function of the EDC.

"I hope the local people can see that we're not being able to compete," he said. "But I'm not giving up. We'll continue to try to land other projects."

State Rep. Warren Chisum said this morning the retiree- (See HOME, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
 Anna McAnear of White Deer takes a sheet of her fresh-baked cinnamon rolls from the oven.

Yum! Anna's buns

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER — Anna McAnear has probably caused more New Year's resolutions to be broken than anybody else in the Texas Panhandle.

The smells of brown sugar, cinnamon and fresh baked rolls wafting through her kitchen here would be enough to drive anyone to break a New Year's resolution concerning dietary habits and expanding waistlines.

Anna makes dinner rolls, cinna-

mon rolls, hamburger buns and, more recently, pigs in a blanket for a variety of people, businesses, church and civic groups, restaurants and stores in Pampa and White Deer.

"I'd rather do what I do," she said, "than go back and work for somebody else."

Originally from southern Illinois, Anna moved to Wisconsin while her husband studied to be a Methodist preacher. When their house burned in Wisconsin in 1968, they moved to Texas.

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School board to look within for PISD head

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees Monday decided to begin the search for a superintendent of schools by looking within the district itself.

"We want to find the best person available," PISD Board President Lee Porter said today, "and we're not convinced the best person is not right here in Pampa."

Local school board members plan to interview some school district employees in a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, Jan. 20, at Carver Center.

'We want to find the best person available and we're not convinced the best person is not right here in Pampa.'
 — Lee Porter
 Board President

"Although the board has not received any applications in regard to the pending vacancy, the board would like to interview some of the current employees of the Pampa Independent School District ..." Porter stated in a press release.

Porter said that if a suitable candidate is not found after searching within the school district, the board will then consider hiring a consultant to seek superintendent applicants.

The school board met in special session Monday for two purposes: to undergo training in the state's new financial accountability system with Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr and Mark McVay, assistant superintendent - finance and to consider the process of searching for a new school superintendent.

Orr, after 13 years of heading Pampa's public schools, will become the Wichita Falls ISD superintendent Feb. 3.

"Since Orr has been here 13 years, none of the board now has gone through hiring a new superintendent,"

Porter said. "We're breaking new ground. We're trying to be deliberate and make the best possible choice."

"We're continuing the charge that we gave the district (to reach exemplary status by 2004) and we want to hire the best person to guide them in doing that," he added.

In the meeting Monday, board members voted to name only the finalist for the superintendent's position. While in closed session, they reviewed individual qualifications of possible candidates, according to Porter.

Reconvening in open session, they worked with Orr to develop criteria for the search process, including questions to be asked.

Two hours of Monday's four-hour meeting was spent reviewing the procedures for determining the financial accountability ranking of each school district in the state, Porter said.

"I am happy to report that under the direction of Dr. Orr and Mr. McVay, Pampa Independent School District will receive the highest state ranking," Porter said.

Texans join in debate over economic plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — While in Texas for the holiday break, Rep. Martin Frost got a grim view of the economy. The view was brighter in Rep. Kay Granger's district.

There's no doubt an economic slowdown exists in Texas as in the rest of the country, but how bad it is and what to do about it have become early topics of debate as the 108th session of Congress gets under way this week.

Democrats unveiled their economic revival plan Monday and President Bush planned to detail his plan in Chicago on Tuesday. Texas congressional members quickly drew distinctions between proposals, lining up along party lines.

"I spent the last month and a half in Texas and when you talk to people, they tell you, 'Business is down.' If you go to the cleaners they tell you. If you go to the coffee shop they tell you,

"Business is down," said Frost, D-Arlington, the dean of Texas' delegation.

Granger, a Republican from Fort Worth, said while there are signs of economic slowdown, plans by Fort Worth-based Pier One and Radio Shack for headquarters construction indicate a recovery.

"We've got to be looking at something to immediately boost the economy ... But the long term is, we have to be creating jobs, stimulating investment," said Granger, a House Budget Committee member.

The Democratic plan would give workers a refundable income tax rebate of up to \$300 per person or \$600 per working couple and offer business tax breaks.

Texas Democrats said the plan includes money for states to help pay for homeland defense and transporta-

tion infrastructure, which will help create jobs. It also provides 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, Frost said. It would cost \$136 billion, Democrats said.

The White House said 92 million taxpayers would get an average tax cut of \$1,083 this year under Bush's plan — a mix of accelerated income tax cuts, child tax credits, business investment incentives and the centerpiece proposal to eliminate taxes on corporate dividends. The first year cost of Bush's plan was unclear Monday.

A late 2002 report by the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank says Texas seems to be lagging behind the nation in economic recovery because of a larger concentration of industries that suffered during the recession, including transportation, high technology and energy.

The report said that while the recession is shallower than others in Texas, it probably will last longer.

"The outlook for Texas depends very much on the health of the national economy," the reserve said in an online report. "If the U.S. economy double dips, the Texas economy will be stalled in recession for some time. If the U.S. economy picks up however, we could see Texas also turning the corner early (2003)."

Texas Democrats criticized Bush's economic stimulus package, saying it favors the wealthy.

"The Democratic plan is targeted to be an immediate economic stimulus. It's also targeted to the middle class rather than the taxpayers that make over \$200,000 a year," said Rep. Jim Turner of Crockett, a member of the Blue Dogs Caucus, made up of fiscally conservative Democrats.

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Is North Korean nuclear development a crisis? Washington says no, but the signs are present

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says the dispute over North Korea's nuclear programs isn't a crisis. The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog says it is. North Korea prefers the term "issue," but routinely warns of looming war.

There's no panic in the streets in South Korea, where many people have become immune to the potential threat from their communist neighbor, and think the dispute is primarily between the North and the United States.

The debate over whether the Korean Peninsula is in crisis is not just a semantic game. It's also an indicator of the differences in style, motive and perspective of the various players.

"The crisis is very much in the eye of the beholder," said Mike Breen, a long-time commentator on Korean affairs.

The facts: North Korea has kicked out U.N. nuclear inspectors and says it will reactivate nuclear facilities that U.S. officials suspect were used to make one or two bombs in the 1990s. It also has a second, clandestine nuclear program.

The situation is urgent because experts estimate North Korea could make several more bombs within six

months or so, if it chooses to do so.

However, the United States and South Korea are eager to avoid use of the word "crisis," which could escalate alarm as they seek a diplomatic solution.

"It is not yet a crisis that requires mobilization or for us to be threatening North Korea. Quite the contrary. We have been saying to North Korea that we have no plans to invade you," Powell told CNN on Dec. 29.

"It takes two to make a crisis, as to tango," said Aidan Foster-Carter, a Korea expert at Leeds University in Britain. "So if Bush won't dance, I guess for now we're safe."

In contrast, there is agreement that a 1994 confrontation over the same North Korean nuclear facilities was a crisis, at least outside North Korea. At the time, the United States drew up plans to bomb the reactor site, and fearful South Koreans hoarded food.

"I don't feel the current situation is a crisis because I don't think there is going to be a war, and I think the United States and North Korea will come to a compromise," said Sung-Wook Youn, a state finance worker in Seoul.

South Korean officials call it a "prob-

lem," not a crisis. And they talk about "persuading" Pyongyang to give up nuclear activity. U.S. officials, who take a harder line, say they want to "pressure" the North.

Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, has said the dispute "looks like a serious crisis situation."

But on Monday, his agency decided against reporting North Korea to the Security Council, giving it another chance to abandon its nuclear programs and readmit inspectors.

The IAEA ultimatum did not have a deadline, but sending the matter to the Security Council would add weight to the argument that it's a crisis. The Council might opt to impose economic sanctions on North Korea, a confrontational tactic that could trigger compliance, or more defiance.

"Sanctions mean a war, and the war knows no mercy," KCNA, North Korea's state-run news agency, declared on Tuesday.

Such dire warnings are run-of-the-mill in North Korean media, which hasn't lowered its shrill tone in half a century.

U.N. inspectors in Iraq search with helicopters

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms experts used helicopters for the first time Tuesday in their search for banned weapons in Iraq, while inspectors on the ground visited at least six sites, including a missile factory and a cancer research center.

The helicopters were the second step in recent days aimed at improving the search for weapons of mass destruction or programs to develop them. On Saturday, the inspectors opened a new base in Mosul and they've since carried out daily searches around the northern city.

Western journalists were told they could not cover the take-off since it was from a military base, but the Arabic satellite TV channel Al-Jazeera showed white U.N. helicopters lifting off from Baghdad's Al-Rashid military air base. It said three U.N. aircraft were tailed by two military choppers carrying the Iraqi liaison officers who work with the inspectors.

The helicopters were said to be making an aerial survey, but U.N. officials have said the choppers also would make it easier to swoop down on potential weapons sites.

In Britain, Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon was expected to announce the call-up of 5,000 to 7,000 reservists as part of a military build up in the Persian Gulf, news reports said.

The Ministry of Defense declined to comment, but a defense source speaking on condition of anonymity said Hoon was expected to make a statement to the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon.

And France gave its clearest sign yet that it would join in a military operation if Baghdad fails to cooperate with the U.N. inspectors.

President Jacques Chirac told troops to be prepared for deployment, alluding to a possible war against Iraq.

"To be prepared is at the heart of the soldier's job," Chirac said during annual New Year's wishes to the armed forces. "Particularly, we have to be attentive to the way in which United Nations Security Council resolution 1441 is applied by Iraq."

Under a resolution 1441, inspectors returned to Iraq on Nov. 25 after a four-year absence, with the mission of verifying that Iraq has eliminated all weapons of mass destruction. U.N. resolutions require Baghdad to do so before economic sanctions imposed on the country after its invasion of neighboring Kuwait in 1990 can be lifted.

The United States and Britain argue that Iraq is still hiding weapons and have threatened to go to war to disarm the country and end the 35-year rule of Saddam.

In Vienna on Monday, the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, which has inspectors in Iraq, said it was still too early to determine whether the Mideast nation was trying to develop nuclear weapons.

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HOME

ment centers must have a high veteran population to draw from in the areas in which they are located.

"The bottom line is, these homes have to have an 85 percent occupancy rate," he said. "There has to be a lot of veterans in those areas. McAllen and El Paso both have high veteran populations."

Chisum said speculating that having an EDC was the reason Pampa wasn't selected was a "judgment call."

"It hurt not to have a coordinated effort," he said.

He said there were 40 cities vying for the homes, and there were other towns with EDCs who didn't get selected and said that wasn't

the only reason Pampa wasn't selected.

He agreed with Peet that Pampa would have had a better chance if the community had an economic development corporation.

"It's not in Pampa's best interest not to have an EDC," said Chisum. "But the voters decided."

Jim Suydam, media representative with the TGLO, said the TVLB made their decision on certain criteria.

"In making their decision, the most important criteria considered by the Texas Veterans Land Board were the number of veterans over 65 in the service area for the proposed home, the distance of the proposed home from an existing Texas State Veterans

Home and the proximity of the proposed home to required U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and service or the equivalent," said Suydam.

He said the number of veterans in the area was an important criteria for selection and the sites were selected from 40 applicants.

"The overriding concern was that the new homes be placed where they have the greatest chance for success," said Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

"We received many fine proposals, but we have only been awarded enough federal funding for two homes this year. We will continue applying for federal grants to construct additional veterans

homes, because Texas has a demonstrated need for these facilities," said Patterson.

He said Texas needs additional homes to serve the approximately 500,000 Texas veterans who are 65 or older.

The existing four state veterans homes are in Temple, Floresville, Big Spring and Bonham.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Clay Rice said he was disappointed Pampa didn't get the retirement home, but he was not going to be deterred from working on other projects to build Pampa and Gray County.

"The people in the community helped so much," he said. More than 1,100 letters from individuals and businesses were sent to Austin asking that Pampa be considered.

"I will not give up," he said. "We will continue to search for new business."

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DEBATE

But incoming House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, said in a statement that the Democrats' plan "offers too little stimulus beyond an increased appetite for more federal spending."

"Only by empowering risk takers and entrepreneurs can we spark the economic growth that will create jobs, strengthen markets and improve the lives of every American," DeLay said.

Granger and Plano Republican Rep. Sam Johnson

said Bush's plan will help bring order to the nation's tax structure.

"I think it's the best way to go and probably the only way to go. This plan helps people who could use extra money to buy clothes and buy car insurance. That's more money for real people," said Johnson, a House Ways and Means committee member.

Bernard Weinstein, a North Texas University economist, said the proposals are very similar, "but I don't see either plan doing much to encourage new business investment,

which is sorely lacking in the economy."

He said tax rebates of a few hundred dollars will be offset by expected increases in payroll taxes, likely increases in state taxes to overcome multi-billion-dollar revenue shortages and increases in health insurance costs.

On the Net: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Texas economy reports: <http://www.dallas-fed.org/html/pubs/swe.html> University of North Texas: <http://www.unt.edu/>

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BUNS

They were living in Pasadena in 1973 when he died.

"That's when I married a Texan," she said with a smile.

Ed McAnear was an electrician and working in Pasadena when Anna met him.

After they were married in 1975, they moved to Odessa. He worked in Eunice, N.M.

When the Phillips refinery exploded in 1980, McAnear was transferred to Borger. The couple settled in nearby White Deer.

"In March," Anna said, "we will have lived here 22 years. That's the longest I've ever lived in one place."

Eventually they established an appliance and furniture store in White Deer, but she said she's always enjoyed baking.

"I've always baked rolls," Anna said.

Her recipe for dinner rolls was her step-mother's.

"It's called a refrigerator roll recipe, but I never put them in the refrigerator," she laughed.

Anna said Ed was line boss at work and their cook quit. That's when she started making rolls for more than just the family.

"I didn't want to do the cooking for them," she said. "I said, 'I'll make you dinner rolls.'"

She'd make them for church dinners and parties, but when Ed had a heart attack in 1996, Anna began looking for a way to help with the family finances.

She decided to sell her rolls.

"At that time, I made cinnamon rolls and dinner rolls and that was it," she said.

They were immediate hits.

At Thanksgiving, 1996, she took orders for 142 dozen rolls.

"I didn't really want to get that busy," she laughed.

But she did, and business grew.

"I had a lot of customers over in Pampa and

in White Deer," Anna said.

She baked rolls for the bank every Friday and had rolls in Allsup's three times a week.

They still had their appliance and furniture store at the time and that was their first priority, so she quit baking rolls to help with the store, but after they sold the store, she started baking rolls again.

Anna had some friends that used to live in White Deer that had moved to Pampa, and they were excited about her re-entry into the roll business as were her neighbors in White Deer.

"I got some of the same customers back," she said.

Along the way she began offering homemade hamburger buns.

Now she has added pigs in the blanket to her menu. She offers them with wieners or smoked sausage, and she's debating about adding chocolate chip rolls, her son's favorite.

"My son," Anna said, "that's what he wants. He lives down in Alice, Tex., and every time he comes back, he wants to know where his chocolate chip rolls are."

Anna made some before Christmas, but she worries that they won't sell well because she'll have to charge more for them than the dinner rolls, even though they sold well among her best customers, who didn't bat an eye at the increased charge.

The cinnamon roll recipe is hers. It's one that she's developed over the years. Anna said she's tried other recipes but her husband insists that she stick with her own.

"I just use my dinner roll recipe," she said, "and I mix brown sugar and white sugar and lots of cinnamon. It raises your blood sugar."

She and her husband are both diabetic, so they don't get to enjoy them.

Anna laughed that the icing on her cinnamon rolls is just powdered sugar, milk and flavoring, but one of her customers in Pampa wanted to buy a quart of it.

"I don't have any kind of fancy recipes," she said.

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Factory orders decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories fell by 0.8 percent in November from the previous month as the nation's manufacturers coped with an economy that struggled throughout last year to gain solid footing.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that the decline in demand for manufacturers' products came after a 1.4 percent increase in October. November's decline marked the third drop in factory orders in the last four months and represented a weaker performance than the 0.6 percent decrease analysts were forecasting.

The report comes as President Bush was set to unveil a 10-year \$674 billion package aimed at helping the lackluster economy. The package includes speeding up tax rate reductions, eliminating taxes on stock dividends and accelerating deductions planned for business equipment.

Democrats offered a competing plan, which includes tax rebates, that would cost \$136 billion in its first year. A more forward-looking report released last week by the Institute for Supply Management said that manufacturing activity grew in December for the first time in four months, providing a dose of encouraging news for the sector.

Even with the encouraging news, manufacturing has been the weakest link in the national economy's recovery from the 2001 recession. Economic growth last year was uneven. Some sectors of the economy did well, notably a stellar housing market powered by low mortgage rates.

Manufacturing struggled, shedding jobs amid sluggish demand. On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 32 points, while the Nasdaq index was up four points in morning trading.

While consumers carried the economy all last year, the shoulders of business have been far less broad. Companies haven't made big capital investments and haven't been in a rush to hire because their profits haven't recovered from the big hit they took during the recession, and they face economic uncertainties, including a possible war with Iraq.

A sustained turnaround in capital investment is considered a necessary ingredient to the economy's return to full throttle as well as the manufacturing sector's return to full health, economists say. In November, orders to factories for transportation products, including cars and airplanes, fell 1.9 percent from the previous month, following a 1.8 percent increase in October.

Excluding transportation orders, which can swing widely from month to month, factory orders went down by 0.7 percent in November, the biggest decline since June.

Venezuelan opposition march on tax agency

By JAMES ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's opposition stepped up its call on citizens to stop paying taxes with a march Tuesday on the offices of the federal tax agency — part of a month-old strike intended to force President Hugo Chavez from office.

The government warned that tax evasion can carry up to seven years in prison. "It's not only a criminal action. It's also anti-national and threatens efforts to create a stable tax system," said Elias Eljuri, an officer of the Senat tax agency.

The march in Caracas was also meant to pressure Chavez into accepting referendum to ask citizens if he should quit. Opponents said they will hold the vote even if Chavez ignores it, as he says he will.

"The referendum will happen with or without the participation of this regime," said Carlos Ortega, president of the 1 million-member Venezuelan Workers Confederation and leader of the general strike against Chavez.

Venezuela's state-owned oil monopoly proceeded with

plans to try to break the strike by dividing the company into two parts to eliminate a faction of dissident managers based in Caracas.

Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. President Ali Rodriguez said last week that the government planned to cut some 6,000 jobs in Caracas, a center of anti-Chavez resistance, and in the western oil town of Maracaibo.

PDVSA wants to split its operations into eastern and western divisions to eliminate the opposition-dominated bureaucracy based in Caracas, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez had announced that he would personally run PDVSA while managers Felix Rodriguez and Luis Marin handle separate operations in eastern and western Venezuela.

Ortega's workers confederation, Venezuela's biggest business chamber and a range of civic and political groups withstood attacks by Chavez street thugs in November to deliver 2 million signatures demanding a nonbinding referendum on Feb. 2.

They buttressed their demand with a Dec. 2 strike that has hamstrung

Venezuela's oil industry, a top supplier to the United States and the world's fifth-largest exporter. The strike has helped pushed oil prices beyond \$30 a barrel.

Chavez, a former army officer who staged a failed coup in 1992, was elected president in 1998 and re-elected in 2000. He is ignoring the referendum.

Cesar Gaviria, secretary-general of the Organization of American States, said his mediation efforts to solve Venezuela's crisis depend on a pending Supreme Court decision on the legality of the non-binding vote.

Chavez refused a request by the National Elections Council to fund the vote. Ortega and other strike leaders are collecting money to pay for it while the council says it may ask the OAS and other international bodies to help pay for the ballot.

The march in Caracas was also meant to pressure Chavez into accepting referendum to ask citizens if he should quit. Opponents said they will hold the vote even if Chavez ignores it, as he says he will.

"What are you afraid of? Why don't you want to be counted?" Ortega asked Chavez during a nationally televised news conference Monday.

Chavez has never answered such questions. He cites his hand-crafted Venezuelan constitution, which allows for only a binding referendum halfway into a six-year presidential term. In Chavez's case, that would be August.

Chavez's standing in popularity polls has remained at a consistent 30 percent since he was briefly overthrown in an April coup. Some recent polls suggest as many as 90 percent of Venezuelan voters want elections now, well before Chavez's term ends in January 2007.

His term has seen incessant political unrest, a rapidly shrinking economy, ballooning unemployment, an increasingly feeble currency, endemic poverty and inflation surpassing 30 percent.

Miami DJs apparently fool Chavez with Castro tapes

MIAMI (AP) — Two radio show hosts who use jumbled recordings of Fidel Castro to trick callers into believing they're talking with the Cuban president say they have duped another victim — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Venezuelan officials said Tuesday they could not immediately verify the call, but a recording provided by the Cuban-American radio announcers contains a voice that sounds like Chavez.

The tape appears to have Chavez, who is struggling to end a month-old national strike by opponents, happily answering what he thought would be a friendly call Monday morning from Castro, one of his closest allies.

On the other end of the line were WXDJ-FM disc jockeys Joe Ferrero and Enrique Santos, who ended the conversation by calling Chavez "terrorist" and "animal," along with a few expletives.

During the call, they played disjointed snippets of a private conversation between Castro and Mexican President Vicente Fox, which the Cuban leader released last year.

"We usually call (regular) people," Ferrero said. "We never thought that we would be able to talk to Chavez. We thought maybe we'd be able to talk to a secretary."

He said they had tried about 10 times since Friday to bluff their way past Chavez' aides at the Venezuelan presidential palace.

On Monday, Ferrero said, he and a woman posed as telephone operators and told a Chavez secretary that they needed the president's personal phone number to connect him with Castro, who supposedly was in a hidden location and could not receive calls. A recording of Castro's voice was heard in the background.

The announcers said the secretary finally consented, and they called Chavez with their tape of Castro ready to roll.

"Hello Fidel?" Chavez answered, according to a copy of the call provided by the announcers.

"Yes. Did you receive my letter?" Castro asked.

After greeting Castro, Chavez said: "Yes, I received everything fine."

"I am ready to cooperate with you," the voice of Castro replied.

After an exchange about the day of the week, Santos broke in and said they were calling from Miami.

"Get out of Venezuela, (expletive) terrorist! ... Animal, assasin, (expletive)!" Santos said before hanging up.

Venezuelan Information Minister Nora Uribe said Tuesday that she was not immediately able to confirm the call. Venezuelan officials in Washington and Miami did not return calls Tuesday.

Ferrero said the station was inundated with congratulatory phone calls, but Santos said WXDJ owner Raul Alarcon Jr. was "not very happy."

"He was a little bit upset that my partner began blowing off the president of Venezuela," Ferrero said.

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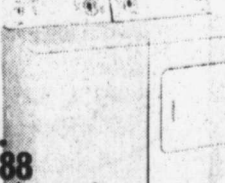
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Abusive Husband Looks Inside After His Family Leaves Him

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Texas Tina," whose husband drives like a maniac with her in the car when he's angry. As I read her letter, I saw myself a few years ago.

I agree that "Stan" must make his own anger-management appointment. I would like to go further and tell Tina that until her husband is willing to examine his own behavior and make changes, nothing will change.

I went on Zoloft for a while, but chose not to take drugs to fix a problem that was behavioral, not chemical. I went to counseling, said I was sorry, and promised to change.

However, not until my wife left me, not until she took my kids away, not until I was given a citation for telephone harassment and had to show up in court, did I change. I was lucky. As a first-time domestic violence offender, I was allowed to go through a program that gave me a lot of insight.

I'm sure that with a little searching, a similar program could be found in Tina's area. I would stress that her husband must be the one to do this. If he refuses — if he "doesn't get around to it" — then Tina needs to make a choice. This is a warning sign. Things may get worse, and Tina may wind up seriously injured.

Abby, I now acknowledge who and what I once was. To deny it would be to repeat it. I live every day of my life in fear that I will return to the place where I once was. It is that fear that helps me to keep a check on myself. I was given many useful tools to help me on my

path, but the best thing I received out of all of this was enlightenment.
 KEVIN IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR KEVIN: You are a lucky man. You seem to possess the prerequisites necessary to change abusive behavior: remorse, willingness to assume responsibility, motivation to change and insight. These traits, however, are rarely found in abusive men. Most go into treatment not because they want to, but because they are forced into it, or are attempting to manipulate their intimates back into the relationship — or to avoid incarceration.

I commend you for not blaming your behavior on something other than yourself. Living "in fear that you may one day return to the place you once were," however, suggests that you should remain in a maintenance counseling program that can keep you on your positive track. If not, you could very well return to your abusive behavior.

Victims must realize that the obsessive need that most batterers have to control their partners usually escalates, is seldom satisfied, and can be fatal to entire families. The Domestic Violence Hotline ((800) 799-7233) can help them establish a safety plan and support system that could very well save their lives, particularly when they are exiting such a relationship.

DEAR ABBY: What should you do when a friend or co-worker has a miscarriage? Someone suggested we send flowers and a card to our co-worker. I am afraid that flowers would be inappropriate. Is just a card enough to send?

WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN OHIO

DEAR WANTS: It is very important to acknowledge the loss. A card and flowers would be appropriate. So would a simple card or a note of sympathy and support "during this sad time." Your message need not be long and flowery, just a communication to let her know that she and her family are in your thoughts and prayers.

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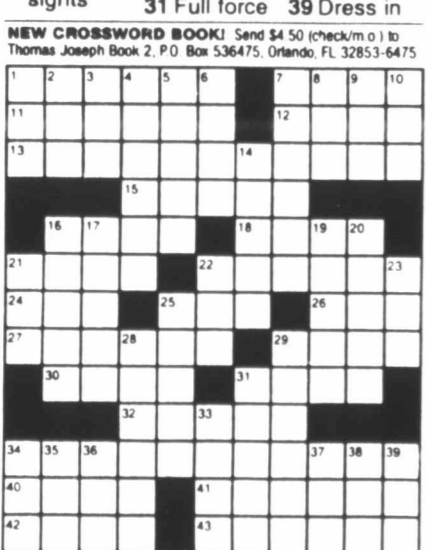
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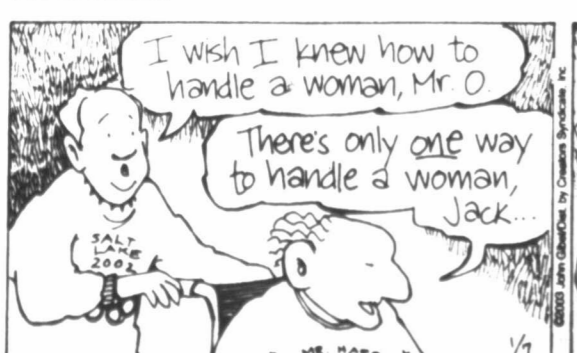
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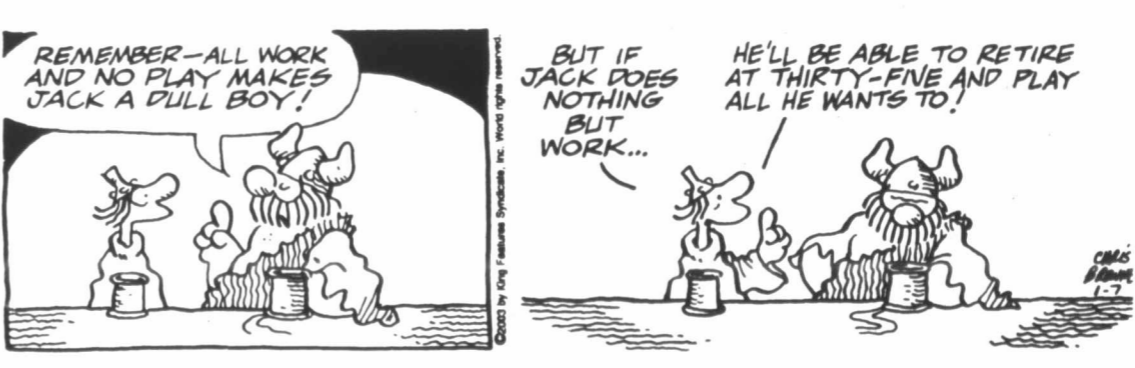
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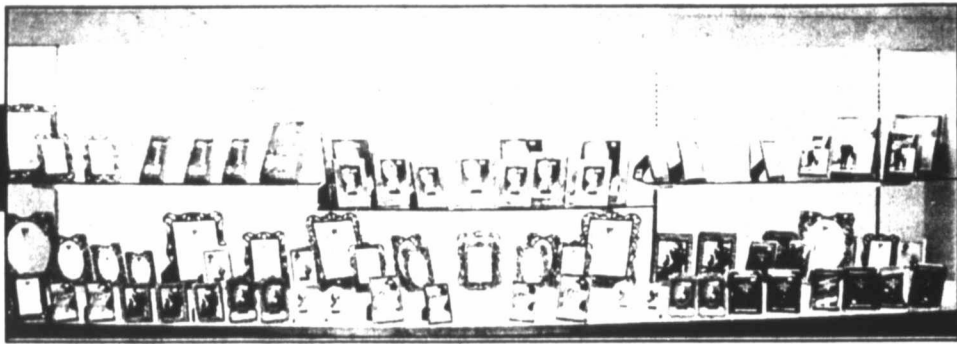
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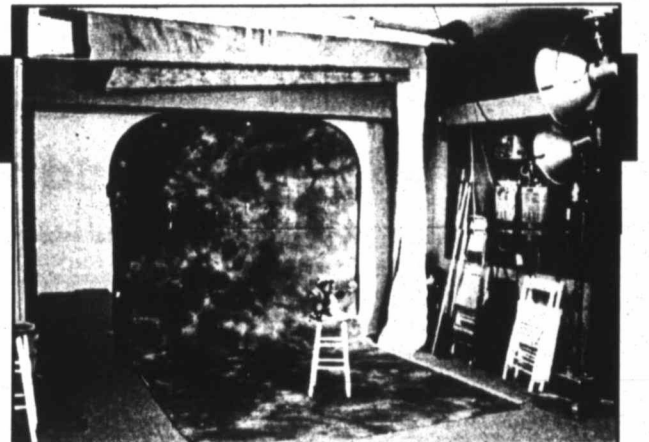
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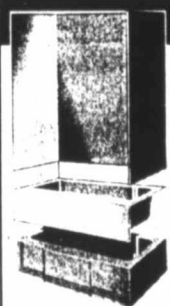
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