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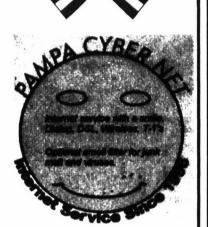
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LOCAL

Lefors ISD board to meet Thursday

LEFORS Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Lefors High School Library, 209 Fifth.

Board members will discuss personnel and superintendent's report.

Also listed on the agenda are two financial items: current billings and update bank signature cards.

STATE

Plague samples missing from Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) Authorities on Wednesday were looking into the apparent theft of samples of bubonic plague from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

A report was made late Tuesday to the Tech police and city officials in Lubbock were preparing a statement Wednesday morning, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported on its online edition.

Information on the precise number of vials reportedly taken was not available.

Bubonic plague is an infectious disease of animals and humans caused by a bacterium named Yersinia pestis.

DEATHS

LaDonna K. Ward **Alderson**, 46, homemaker. Teri L. Anderson, 41 former grocery clerk.

Al Will, 87, retired ranch manager.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Mitch Grant, Pampa's new city manager, leads the Pampa City Commission through their agenda during a work session at City Hall prior to the regularly scheduled Tuesday night commission meeting. Tuesday's meeting, the commission's first meeting of 2003, was also Grant's first city commission meeting.

City begins year with new leader

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

In their first meeting of the new year, Pampa City Commission quickly dealt with the action items on their agenda.

They approved the revised abandoned and junk vehicle ordinance on second and final reading, approved the city's check register, adopted a resolution concerning a law enforcement block grant and sold eight lots to a Pampa man for \$400.

Doug Locke, representing the PEDC, told commissioners during the meeting that three properties - 213 acres by the rodeo grounds, the U.S. Bus property and the American Energy building on Price Road - were being appraised, and he would have the figures to the commission next month. Then, he said, they could proceed with selling them.

Locke said the PEDC is working on a plan under which the Celanese property near the prison that the commission had asked to be removed from the PEDC dissolution plan could be sold with the City of Pampa having the option to buy the water rights.

Again, Locke said he hoped to have that plan ready for the commission next month.

The commission approved the sale of eight lots in the 1000 block of East Denver to George Kilcrease for \$400. The lots are valued at \$3,060. The total taxes due on the lots are \$3,200.

"At least, we won't have to mow them anymore," Commissioner Faustina Curry said.

The abandoned and junk vehicle ordinance, which now becomes law, was revised, according to City Attorney Don Lane, to bring the city ordinance into compliance with state guidelines. The revised ordinance primarily tightens the time restrictions on how long a vehicle sits before it can be declared abandoned or junk.

The commission approved the city's check register with an adjusted amount of \$511,180.63, after reviewing the register during their pre-meeting working session with city

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the commission during the working session that the department received a \$13,816 federal (See CITY, Page 3)

Hwy. 60, Price Rd. - two wrecks, two days

By DEE DEE LARAMORE **EDITOR**

Three people were taken to the emergency room here after an accident at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Price Road Tuesday afternoon, the second investigating the wreck. wreck there in two days.

Investigation continues into the Tuesday crash that sent two Pampa women and a Borger man to the hospital, Texas Department of Public Safety officials said today.

At 5:10 p.m., Tuesday, a 1989 Ford

Copado, 31, 436 Pitts, and a 1988 Gifford, 43, 1200 N. Wells. Chevrolet Nova driven by Donna Jean Kane, 40, 901 E. Denver, collided in the intersection, according to a report filed by Trooper Ron Shank who is

lights, officials said.

Three occupants of the Nova, including Kane, were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service. Also injured in the accident were James

F250 pickup driven by Alberto Villalon Auldridge, 76, of Borger, and Phyllis south on Price Road and a 1993

All three persons were treated and released, hospital officials said this morning. No citations have been

On Monday, at 4:30 p.m., DPS offi-Both drivers said they had green cers also investigated a wreck at U.S. Highway 60 and Price Road involving a pickup and a tractor-trailer rig.

> Cerda's report, a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jonathan Jennings, 18, RR1, Box 149-A, was stopped facing

Freightliner pulling a box trailer for agriculture products was traveling west on Highway 60. The Freightliner driver, Jose Eliseo Salinas, 58, of Hereford, failed to stop at the red light and moved into the intersection at the same time the pickup started forward with the green light, the report stated.

The pickup struck the Freightliner According to DPS Trooper Jesse in the right passenger back quarter panel. No injuries were reported at the scene. Salinas was cited for disregarding a stop light.

Put a plug in it

Landowners urged to cap abandoned wells

WHITE DEER - Officials with the state plugging report." Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District (PGWCD) want people to put a plug in it.

Amy Crowell with the PGWCD said abandoned water wells can pose a threat to personal safety as well as to the aquifer below ground.

If they are not plugged or capped, aguifer. Children or animals can also fall into the open holes.

"We urge all landowners to identify report them to the district," Crowell

State law requires any well be closed or capped.

"When plugging an abandoned well," Crowell said, "owners must meet the requirements of the Texas Water Well Driller's Rule and fill out a

All pumps, piping and other materials must be removed from an abandoned well, and the well must be disinfected before it is sealed.

If the well isn't plugged, it should have a cap on it capable of supporting at least 400 pounds.

The cap should either be permashe said, they provide a direct conduit nently attached to the casing or have for contaminated water to get into the a permanently attached pipe extending at least three fcet into the well casing.

"The weighted pipe should be no abandoned wells on their property and more than two inches smaller than the diameter of the well casing," Crowell said, "and the cap should be of sufficient size that no opening shows if it is shifted."

> The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District provides an abandoned water well capping service for \$50 per well, she said.

Public hearing on water district's revisions set for Tuesday, Jan. 21

WHITE DEER - Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District (PGWCD) will hold a special meeting at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the White Deer office, 201 W. Third. The district seeks public comment on revised rules.

Under the revisions, PGWCD will require a permit for new domestic and livestock wells on 10 acres of land or less. Existing wells will be exempt from this change.

There are also procedural changes for acquiring permits, according to C.E. Williams, general manager of the district, especially with high-impact production permitsand there are additional requirements for high-impact production permits.

There has been a comprehensive revision of the notice and hearing process for high-impact production

An alternative dispute resolution Deer.

procedure for hearings has been added to the district's rules.

Williams said another change in the district's rules includes an additional application for transporting ground water out of the district. An additional rule has been included regarding water transportation fees.

He said the district's board of directors have added smaller and larger pump sizes to the spacing rules.

An acceptable decline rate as a percentage has also been added to the aquifer depletion rule as well as the removal of lower limit on production and changes allowing the board's discretion in decreasing the time period for limiting production under the depletion rule.

A complete copy of the rules and the proposed changes is available at the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District office in White

Agent tells of call setting terms to end shootings

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — An FBI agent testified Wednesday that she monitored a phone call from someone claiming to be a sniper that laid out terms for ending the October shooting spree that killed 10 people and wounded three in the Washington area.

Speaking at a juvenile court hearing for sniper suspect John Lee Malvo, agent Jackic Dalrymple said the call came Oct. 21, two days after a sniper wounded a patron leaving an Ashland

Dalrymple said the caller demanded that police hold a news conference and say "you believe you have caught the sniper like a duck in a noose." Otherwise, the caller said, police should "be sure to know that we will not deviate" from previous threats to kill more people.

Montgomery County, Md., Police

'All of this was an attempt to intimidate the government to pay in excess of \$10 million for these defendants and this defendant in particular to stop the shooting.'

- Robert F. Horan Fairfax County, Va., Commonwealth Attorney

message at a news conference during the search for the snipers.

The prosecution has not said the caller was Malvo, and defense lawyers were challenging whether it was even a male voice.

By late morning Wednesday, 14 witnesses had laid out the government's case against Malvo in the preliminary hearing in juvenile court, and the .223-caliber rifle allegedly used in the shootings was introduced as evidence. The hearing was to determine Chief Charles Moose read the cryptic whether Malvo, 17, should be tried as

an adult for capital murder and face a possible death sentence.

Overall, Malvo and John Allen

Muhammad, 42, are accused of shooting 18 people, killing 13 and wounding five in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia — Malvo in Fairfax County and Muhammad in nearby Prince William County.

Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan said fingerprints from a rifle, ballistics evidence,

notes to police and phone calls from Malvo link him to at least four of the October sniper shootings. "All of this was an attempt to intim-

idate the government to pay in excess of \$10 million for these defendants and this defendant in particular to stop the shooting," Horan said.

The extortion allegation is a key element of a new Virginia anti-terrorism law that allows the death penalty for killers convicted of trying to intimidate the public or coerce government policy.

On Tuesday, William Franklin fought back tears as he testified about the shooting of his wife, Linda Franklin, while they loaded shelves from a Home Depot store into their car

"I heard a noise and felt something hit me on the side of my face,"

(See **SHOOTINGS**, Page 3)

LaDonna K. Ward Alderson, 46, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at the Carpenter's Church with Pastor Fred Palmer and Pastor Jim Sinyard officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Alderson was born Aug. 6, 1956, at Altus, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1974. She was a member of the Carpenter's Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Twila Busby, and two nephews, Scooter Caler and Randy Busby.

She was a loving and caring daughter who loved her family very much.

Survivors include her father, Bobby Ward of Oklahoma City, Okla.; her mother and step-

Melvin Clark of Pampa; brothers, two Rusty Ward of Shreveport, La., and Doug Ward of Pampa; and a niece, Lisa Busby Pampa.

The family requests memobe to rials

father, Beverly

Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville, Pampa, TX 79065

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

TERI L. ANDERSON 1961-2003

a former Pampa Safeway grocery store clerk, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Osawatomie Hospital in Osawatomie, Kan. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home in Emporia, Kan.

Mrs. Anderson was born May 17, 1961, at Pampa.

AMERICUS, Kan. — Teri L. Anderson, 41, Big Springs, Texas, to Billy Ray and Imogene Smith Lyles. She married Robert Anderson in 1979 at Pampa. The couple divorced in 1988. She moved to the Emporia area in 1993.

> She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include a son, Justin Anderson of Fargo, Okla.; and a sister, Theresa Lyles of

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid 50s. and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy and windy with lows in the mid 20s, and east winds 10 to 20 mph, shifting to the north 20 to 30 mph. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Windy and cooler. Highs in the upper 30s. North winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, clear. Lows around 15. Light winds. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Today's forecast is calling for cloudy to Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the southwest 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE

Texas be cloudy and cool low 70s in the Permian Basin today before colder temperatures hit Thursday. Along

ranged from 66 degrees at Marfa to an overnight low of

calls for colder temperatures Thursday, then warming, with no precipitation in the forecast through the weekend. Today, clouds will decrease by afternoon to partly cloudy, with highs ranging from the mid 50s in the northern Panhandle to the will be cold Thursday night 60s.

and far West Texas. Thursday it will be windy, with daywith the colder temperatures time highs dropping into the will come a chance of rain in upper 30s in the Panhandle, east and mostly in the 60s South Texas and possible and mostly in the 40s elsesnow flurries in far North where. Beginning Friday, skies will clear and tempera-Tuesday's temperatures tures will warm into the 50s Saturday and 60s Sunday.

27 degrees at Amarillo and to mostly cloudy today with windy and colder, with possi-Marfa. No precipitation was highs in the 50s southeast and ble show flurries early in the west, and in the 60s central The West Texas forecast and south. Thursday morning there will be a chance of showers central and southeast. Skies will clear by Thursday afternoon and colder temperatures will move in. with daytime highs dipping into the 40s in Southeast Texas and 50s elsewhere. It from the mid 50s to upper

with lows around 30 degrees. Beginning Friday it will warm up, with Saturday highs in the mid 50s southelsewhere.

North Texas will be mostly cloudy through Thursday. Highs Wednesday will range from the upper 40s to lower South Texas will be partly 60s. Thursday it will be Highs will range from the upper 30s north to near 50 southeast. Skies will clear Friday and chilly temperatures will continue, mostly in the 40s. Temperatures will warm to around 50 Saturday. Sunday's highs will range

Officials scouring Bexar County crime scene

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State forensic technicians were expected to examine the site where the badly burned body of an unidentified woman was found by investigators searching for a missing Central Texas mother.

Texas Rangers guarded the crime scene in southeast Bexar County overnight Wednesday. They were led to the location by a tipster.

Texas Rangers Lt. Jim Denman said authorities believe the body is that of 43year-old Susan McFarland, a SBC Communications accounting manager, who was last seen on Nov. 25

Asked if the body might belong to someone other than Susan McFarland, Denman replied, "I don't think so. The tip was a good tip.'

Authorities arrested her husband, Richard McFarland, about an hour before the charred body was discovered Tuesday in a pickup truck parked near an abandoned house in a rural

McFarland, considered by authorities as a suspect in his wife's disappearance, was charged with tampering with evidence, tampering with a witness and unauthorized use of a stolen vehicle. Bond for McFarland, 45, was set at \$450,000.

The couple's three children also were taken into custody Tuesday by Child Protective Services.

The agency said they had been trying to talk to the children and their father since they received a complaint about

"parental neglect" over the weekend.

After several unsuccessful attempts to talk the family, the district attorney issued a court order to have CPS take them. The children — ages 5, 9

and II — had been in Richard McFarland's custody.

Caseworkers took custody of the children at an undisclosed location Tuesday after-

Until the latest developments, the case of the missing woman had appeared to be at a standstill

Three days after Susan McFarland was reported missing, her Ford Explorer was found a short distance from her home in suburban Terrell Hills, about five miles northeast of downtown San Antonio, with

the keys still in the ignition. Then a tipster called investigators, claiming to have seen a Chevrolet Suburban and a Ford Explorer at different times around Thanksgiving on South W.W. White Road.

Richard McFarland, a stay at-home father, had taken a Suburban for a test drive earlier that month.

Texas Ranger Shawn Palmer, lead investigator in the case, went to the rural location and discovered the body.

The Rangers, who are overseeing the investigation, said neither Richard McFarland nor anyone else has been charged in connection with her disap-

pearance. McFarland's attorneys, Mark Stevens and Pat Hancock, said they are dismayed by his arrest.

"They're extraordinarily

high bonds for charges of that nature," Stevens told the San Antonio-Express News for Wednesday's edition. "The first thing we'd want to do is file paperwork to have the bonds commensurate with the charges.

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AL WILL 1915-2003

STRONG CITY, Kan. — Al Will, 87, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at Chase County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Cottonwood Falls, Kan. Services were Tuesday in Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home of Cottonwood Falls with Father Jeffery A. Fasching, of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Strong City, officiating. Interment was in Strong City Cemetery.

Mr. Will was born April 2, 1915, at Dundurn Saskatchewan, Canada, to Paul A. and Emily Schoer Will. His family moved from Canada to South Dakota in 1917 and to Melvin, Iowa, in 1930.

Mr. Will came to Texas in the late 1930s and worked as a ranch manager for the Price Borger.

ranch, both in Texas and Strong City, for more than 50 years, retiring in 1990.

He married Florence Daub on Jan. 22, 1960, at Chase County Courthouse in Cottonwood Falls. They later divorced.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Eldo, Louie, Lester, Paul, and Ernest Will; and three sisters, Elsie Verdoes, Lily Greselin, and Hazel Amundson.

The family requests memorials be to Handin-Hand Hospice in care of Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home, 201 Cherry, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845.

Survivors include a brother, Jack Will of Skellytown; and a sister, Stella Dillard of

SERVICES TOMORROW

ALDERSON, LaDonna K. Ward — 10 a.m., Carpenter's Church, Pampa.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Dorian Bradshaw, 25, Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on a Potter County warrant for theft by check.

Debora Chandler, 43, 604 N. Wells, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

4:13 p.m. - A 2000 Ford Windstar van driven by Laurey Franks Gilbert, 41, collided with a steel pole in the 1700 block of North Banks. No injuries were reported and no citations were listed on the police report.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

1 p.m. - A 1991 Dodge Dynasty driven by Elizabeth K. Hellman, 71, 500 Hazel, and a 1996 Ford Windstar van driven by Leann M. Griffin, 32, 1105 Crane, collided in the 2200 block of North Hobart. Hellman was cited for failure to yield right of way. No injuries were reported at the scene.

7:02 p.m. – A 1996 Guick Regal driven by Wanda Louise Armstrong, 62, 2129 Hamilton, and a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Brandy Danielle Middleton, 22, 1315 N. Russell, collided at Perryton Parkway and 22nd Street. No injuries were reported at the scene. No citations were listed on the police

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period end ing at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

10:10 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC); one patient was transported to IHS of

12:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to the 1800 block of Lynn.

5:06 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Price Road on a motor vehicle accident; two patients were transported to PRMC. 5:13 p.m. – A second mobile ICU

responded to Highway 60 and Price Road; one patient was transported to PRMC. 5:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the 1900 block of North Sumner; one patient was transported to PRMC. Wednesday, Jan. 15

12:30 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Browning and trans-

ported one patient to PRMC. 3:14 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

5:10 p.m. – Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at U.S. Highway 60 and Price Road. Firefighters assisted with three injured persons. Wednesday, Jan. 15

12:34 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of East Browning.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents today. Tuesday, Jan. 14

Michael David Gerik, 44, 519 N. Frost, was

arrested for theft. Mark Allen Haynes, 33, 628 Roberta, was

arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving with license invalid.

An assault was reported to have occurred at Pampa Middle School, 2400 N. Charles, on Jan. 13. Destruction of property was reported at Compressor Systems, 2538 W. Kentucky. Someone hit a sign with bullets and drove on the grass leaving ruts. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

Husband claims company drove wife to suicide

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Two men, including the husband of a former Pinellas County employee who killed herself weeks after giving birth, are suing a Dallas company, claiming it helped drive the woman to suicide.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday by Steven Meyers, husband of the late Janet Gifford-Meyers, and Rick Dodge, the woman's for mer colleague at the county's Economic Development Department.

It contends ACS State and Local Solutions Inc., formerly Lockheed Martin IMS, hired an activist named Theresa "Momma Tee" Lassiter to threaten and harass Gifford-Meyers in order to keep her and Dodge from exposing alleged mishandling of a \$15 million county contract.

Gifford-Meyers, 41, overdosed on barbiturates in April 2001, a few weeks after giving birth to her daughter. At the time, postpartum depression was believed to have played a role. 'This suit is to honor the memory of my

wife, who is unable to pursue it herself," Meyers said Tuesday. "Above all, we want to get to the truth.' The seven-count suit seeks more than

\$75,000 in damages plus attorney's fees. The company has denied any wrongdo-

ing. A company spokeswoman declined to

The county hired Lockheed Martin IM6

comment on the lawsuit.

welfare-to-work programs.

A year later, Gifford-Meyers and Dodge began investigating after receiving complaints from people in the program who said they were not receiving the training or assistance from the company, according to

The two county employees concluded that Lockheed was double-billing, overpaying and had created inaccurate lists of people participating in the program. That's when the company hired Lassiter and ordered her to run a smear campaign to discredit Dodge and Gifford-Meyers, the suit

Meyers and Dodge allege Lassiter harassed Gifford-Meyers and her colleague at public meetings, calling them racists, and also harassed them at work. Lassiter also at one point allegedly asked a pregnant Gifford-Meyers "How would you like to wake up tomorrow and not be a mother anymore?" the lawsuit states.

The attacks got to Gifford-Meyers, who suffered from bipolar disorder. She became scared and put in for a transfer, which she was granted, the suit states.

Lassiter denies making personal threats against Gifford-Meyers.

Dodge also was subjected to "numerous false and disparaging statements" by Lassiter that damaged his reputation and led to his firing in August, according to the Corp. in 1999 to coordinate the county's

SPECIAL TO

Clare Booth of ACT I's curre "The Women" Pampa actors myriad characte quite a characte ing served as a woman, foreig dent, ambassad nist.

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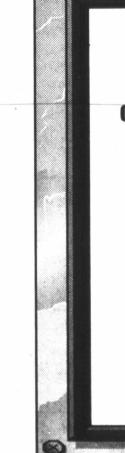
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Play's author a character, too

By DARLENE BIRKES SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Clare Booth Luce, author of ACT I's current production "The Women" featuring 20 Pampa actors portraying a myriad characters, represents quite a character herself having served as a U.S. congresswoman, foreign correspondent, ambassador and femi-

The local community theatre performances of the play written by Luce in 1935 are set for 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17 and Saturday, Jan. 18. Theater entrance is midway on the west (back) side of the Pampa Mall, 2530 N. Hobart. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

"The Women" is set in both New York City and Reno, Nev., with a troupe of women trying to find themselves at a period of time when women stayed home, some as busy homemakers while the idle rich with maids and nursemaids were left seeking a purpose in life.

"We are using the same characterization, but we are updating some of the comedy," explained Kayla Pursley, who is directing the Pampa production with Berinda Turcotte, assisting.

Luce wrote the play in 1935 when she was husbandsnatching Henry Luce, a Yale Phi Beta Kappa who had already co-launched "Time" magazine and later "Fortune" magazine. While on their honeymoon, they organized a new photojournalism magazine "Life."

"The Women" is said to be the essence of Clare who had recently traveled to Reno to divorce her billionaire husband of an "arranged marriage." Clare was a woman who could not sit, who was a competitor in a man's territory, who was intelligent, witty, clever, and unusually attractive, and who won Luce, acclaimed "one of the most powerful journalistic innovators of that generation." Ironically, she had had only three years of formal schooling but was to achieve some eight honorary degrees in her lifetime.

Clare attained social standing with her first marriage and then began a lifelong battle to establish intellectual credentials. She was an opportunist, self-driven and self-taught. Through hard work she became editor at age 30 of "Vanity Fair" in 1933 and had met some of the world's top

Switching to playwriting,



(Courtesy photo)

Lisa Ryan in rehearsal for her role as Crystal Allen. the other woman in ACT I's production of "The Women" by Clare Booth Luce set for 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17 and 18.

she could use her skill for dialogue. She wrote a satire of her own types in "The Women." Clare had been writing plays since the age of 10, perhaps as an escape from a pushy actress-mother and an absentee father. She once noted that her pattern for playwriting was "to chase the cat up a tree, keep him there until the crowd gathers, then bring him down.'

This pattern is used in "The Women," which portrays a good woman, Mary Haines. Mary is "talked into" divorcing a wayward husband by her "concerned" circle of women friends that include elegant Sylvia, sloppy Edith, sweet Peggy, sharp-tongued Nancy the writer, ending with the worldly Countess and husband-snatching Crystal, all caught up in a comical entanglement.

Some of the dialogue revealing the writer's thoughts includes statements as "no one misses a clever woman; this is a man's world; they (ladies) do all the things men do - fly planes, go into politics; men two-time for a change."

"The Women" was performed on Broadway in 1936 - "comic enough to meet the Broadway demand for a laugh every 30 seconds without being silly or ingratiating." Also known for "Stuffed Shirts" and other plays, Clare held her own as

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an actress, too.

Then she went on to another field as European corespondent for "Life." She trod in a man's world, as always, hobnobbing with front-line personalities, in this case, the world leaders during the early war years including General Douglas MacArthur and Dwight Eisenhower as well as Winston Churchill. She became a recognized global thinker with her book "Europe in the Spring."

Returning home, she won a congressional seat in 1942, but resigned in 1946 after the death of her daughter to seek peace through religion, securing instruction from Rev. Fulton J. Sheen. She became a devout Catholic as well as acquaintance of Pope Pius XII and friend of Cardinal Francis Spellman. She was appointed in 1953 as ambassador to Italy by Eisenhower and continued on a government advicory board and in the capital's social scene until her death in 1987.

On the cutting edge, Clare Booth Luce paved the way with her tongue and wit for the women who followed.

Editor's Note: Research material for this article came from "Clare Booth Luce" biography by Wilfrid Sheed, "Encyclopedia of World Biography," and "The Women" script.

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CITY

block grant last July, \$1,382 of which was matching money put up by the city. Pitner said the Police Department Advisory Board had developed a number of uses for which the money may be used. A public hearing concerning the block grant and how it could be spent is scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday, Pitner said, in the first floor conference foom of City Hall.

Pitner said he favored using the money for equipment purchases for the police department. Citing potentially tight budgets this year, Pitner indicated that his first choice would be to use the funds to upgrade or replace worn police radio equipment.

The police chief said other uses suggested by the advisory board included spending the money in the areas of crime prevention or increased

One of the suggestions was to buy a speed radar trailer, a trailer equipped with radar that gives speeds via a lighted sign, telling motorists how fast they are going.

Pitner said the advisory board was also looking at an identification card printer that could be used in conjunction with the department's children fingerprint identification program and a senior citizens identification program.

"That's the kind of projects we're looking at," Pitner said.

Pitner also told the commissioners during the work session that the police department had hired one officer, leaving three vacancies in the department. He said, however, that he was scheduled to interview two applicants next week, and the department had been in touch with a couple of candidates in the police acad-

"We ought to be back to normal staffing pretty quick,"

During the work session, City Commissioner Jeff Andrews noted that the latest sales tax figures were seven percent below what had been budgeted. Projected on an annual basis, he said, that meant the city could end up short \$150,000 for the year.

"We need to figure out where to cut," Andrews said.

City Manager Mitch Grant said the staff would begin developing plans so the commissioners could discuss which direction to take at their next regular meeting, Jan. 28.

"It's a sizable problem as far as I'm concerned," Andrews said.

In what was the commissioner's first meeting of the new year was also the first meeting for Grant, who was hired as city manager Dec. 9. He started his new job with the City of Pampa Jan. 8.

Grant complimented the city staff.

"I've been learning from them," he said.

Officials suspend more gene therapy studies

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are suspending 27 more gene therapy studies while they investigate a possible serious risk: A second toddler cured of the deadly "bubble boy disease" by gene therapy in France has come down with an apparent leukemia-like side effect.

It marks the second time in three months that health officials have interrupted gene therapy studies because of the grave side effect.

Bubble boy disease - an immune - disorder formally called severe combined immunodeficiency, or SCID is the only disease ever to be cured with gene therapy. But three months ago, a boy whose life was saved by a SCID gene therapy experiment in France when he was a baby came down with a leukemia-like syndrome at age 3.

Scientists have long warned that cancer is a possible risk from any gene therapy, such as

that for SCID, that uses retroviruses, a type of virus that permanently invades cells, to deliver new genes into a patient's body. Still, no one given gene therapy for SCID or other diseases had ever had such a side effect.

That first sick toddler prompted U.S. and French scientists in October to stop gene therapy experiments for SCID, including three in this country.

Now a second child in the French SCID experiment has come down with that same leukemia-like side effect, Food and Drug Administration scientists announced Tuesday.

Quietly notified by French researchers about a month ago, the FDA decided that the second serious side effect warranted the more serious response: temporarily stopping about 27 more U.S. experiments that use retroviruses to insert new genes into blood stem cells in hopes of fighting diseases other than

The FDA didn't release a list of the experiments but said they include some targeting such diseases as cancer, and include several hundred partic-

Dr. Alain Fischer, the Paris scientist who led the SCID study, called the FDA's reaction reasonable.

"We are continuing our research ... to understand what we can do to remedy this so it doesn't happen again," he said Wednesday.

The FDA said if researchers argue that any of the suspended retrovirus experiments offered a sole option to people with life-threatening illnesses, the agency would work to let them restart on a case-by-case basis, with appropriate warnings to participants.

The three SCID gene therapy experiments, however, remain on hold for at least a few more months while officials investigate the second side effect, FDA officials said.

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Franklin said. He learned later it was her blood, he testified.

Prosecutors said evidence will also link Malvo to the slaying of Dean Meyers in Prince William County.

Horan said authorities found Malvo's fingerprints on a package of raisins at the Ashland shooting Oct. 19. The package was near a tree where a note from the snipers had been tacked. That note contained the postscript, publicized worldwide by police: "Your children are not safe anywhere at any

Another note was left at the scene of the Oct. 22 killing of bus driver Conrad Johnson in Montgomery County, Md. It told police, "Your incompetence has cost you another life," Horan said. The note gave police a 9 a.m. deadline for delivering the money.

If Juvenile and Domestic Court Judge Charles Maxfield determines prosecutors have demonstrated probable cause, Malvo will face trial in adult court, where he would face the death penalty if convicted.

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North, South Korea set date for high-level talks

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — North and South Korea set dates for high-level talks Wednesday, boosting the diplomatic drive for a peaceful solution to a nuclear dispute despite signs the North has increased military patrols near its border with the South.

The announcement that the two Koreas would hold Cabinet-level meetings later this month was matched by hopeful comments by U.S. envoy James Kelly, who said before meetings in Beijing he was "reassured" by efforts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons develop-

The reclusive regime in Pyongyang, however, kept up its drumbeat of anti-American invective through the state-run

media, blaming nuclear proliferation on the United States and accusing Washington of using its weapons to threaten and blackmail other nations.

The public bluster had no effect on diplomatic moves in the region. In Seoul, South Korea announced it had agreed with Pyongyang to hold talks Jan. 21-24. The nuclear dispute was expected to be on the agenda.

Tensions on the peninsula have been rising since North Korea admitted in October to having a secret nuclear program. Last week the communist regime announced its withdrawal from a global treaty aimed at limiting the spread of nuclear weapons, and threatened to begin testing missiles

South Korean officials have

said they would use all inter-Korean contacts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear ambitions. Upcoming talks would be the ninth round the two countries have had since a North-South summit in June 2000 and the first since October.

While the North has maintained its antagonistic stance against the United States, it has not made any alarming moves on the ground.

The U.S. military spotted increased patrols by North Korean soldiers over the past week in one area of the Demilitarized Zone dividing the Korean Peninsula, said Lt. Col. Matthew Margotta, who commands a combined battalion of U.S. and South Korean soldiers.

The activity in the 2 1/2mile-wide, 156-mile-long DMZ were "not alarming, just unusual," and were probably "triggered by a heightening of tensions," Margotta said.

The North Koreans have also occupied a guard tower in the DMZ that hadn't been used in years, he said.

In a speech Wednesday at the Yongsan command headquarters for U.S. troops in South Korea, President-elect Roh Moo-hyun called the U.S.-South Korean alliance the "driving force" for security in the region.

"We can never accept North Korea's nuclear weapons program," Roh said, calling for international diplomacy to defuse the standoff. "The South Korean-U.S. alliance should be the basis for this effort," he said.

The United States keeps 37,000 troops in South Korea, and the accidental killing of two teenage girls by American soldiers driving a military vehicle had increased calls that the force be scaled down.

The North has continually tried to drive a wedge between the South and the United States, its key ally, and on Wednesday called for a joint Korean struggle against "U.S. imperialists."

"If the North and South join forces and take a joint stand, we can protect the nation's dignity and safety against U.S. arrogance," said Pyongyang Radio, monitored by South Korea's national Yonhap news agency.

In Beijing, U.S. envoy Kelly entered talks at the Chinese nuclear issue is resolved.

Foreign Ministry saying he was optimistic about international efforts to peacefully resolve the confrontation.

China has offered to host negotiations between the United States and North Korea.

On Wednesday, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, urged Russia to become involved in diplomatic efforts, saying Moscow could play a "vitally important role."

North Korea has been issuing daily diatribes against the United States through its staterun media. On Wednesday, Pyongyang's KCNA news agency rejected international concern over its nuclear programs and blamed nuclear proliferation on the United States.

"In 1945, the U.S. produced three A-bombs and tested one of them in its mainland and dropped the other two on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, inflicting nuclear holocaust on the Japanese for the first time in human history," the dispatch said.

The report, monitored in Seoul, said the United States and other countries are trying to shift the blame to North Korea, pressuring it to rejoin the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which says only Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States can have nuclear

Washington has taken a more conciliatory approach, indicating it would consider offering economic and energy benefits to North Korea if the

West Bank site of more violence, crackdowns

JERUSALEM (AP) -Israel shut down two Palestinian universities in the divided town of Hebron on Wednesday, while Israeli soldiers shot and killed three Palestinians in West Bank clashes, officials said.

Israeli forces shut the Islamic down University and the Polytechnic Institute in Hebron as part of its response to a Palestinian suicide bombing in Tel-Aviv earlier this month. That attack killed 22 peo-

The front gate of the Polytechnic Institute was closed with an iron bar. Troops surrounded the school and imposed a curfew on the neighborhood. Stone-throwing clashes erupted between students and troops, who fired rubber-coated metal bullets at the demonstra-

Some students at the universities belong to militant groups, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and use its facilities to plan and carry out attacks, the army said in a statement.

In east Jerusalem, Israeli authorities used concrete to seal off three separate homes of three Hamas militants convicted of organizing bombings that killed 35 people, including five Americans who died in a July attack at Hebrew University.

The concrete filled the homes and made them uninhabitable. The multistory buildings were not torn down because they included additional apartments where other families lived, Israeli police

A home belonging to a fourth Hamas member in the group was partially blown up, and then bulldozers demolished the remainder, police said.

At the recent trial of the four, the group's leader was convicted and received 35 consecutive life terms. Two other members were also given life in prison, while the fourth received a 60-year sentence.

Israel has demolished dozens of homes of miliand suicide bombers in an attempt to deter other Palestinians from carrying out attacks on Israelis.

Wednesday's action marked the first time Israel had torn down the homes of militants in east Jerusalem during the current Palestinian uprising, which began 28 months ago. All the previous demolitions took place in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Wilson T-Shirt contest



Who let the wolves out? Fifth graders at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recent participated in a contest to design the school shirt. Matricia Davis, Jessika Rosenberg, Jorge Quezada, Riky Caballero, and Dylan Hendrix took top honors with their designs. Above: (back, left-right) Matricia, Jessika, Jorge, Mrs. Pam Lash, Mark Mertz; (front, 1-r) Mrs. Kimberly Brown, Riky, and Dylan.

Greenland government collapses over Inuit healer dispute

Denmark (AP) Greenland's government has collapsed amid political bickering set off by a top official's use of an Inuit healer to

cleanse government offices. Greenland Premier Hans Enoksen, leader of the social democratic Siumut party, booted the left-wing Inuit Ataqatigitt party from his ruling coalition late Tuesday night, leaving the Arctic island of 56,000 without a government.

The coalition's demise was linked to last month's hiring of a healer to chase away evil spirits from government offices. The healer was hired the semiautonomous

servant, Jens Lyberth, who was fired Sunday.

Most islanders belong to Denmark's Lutheran church, but some maintain ancient Inuit traditions, like drum dances, that are practiced during community gatherings.

The episode sparked a bitter dispute between Enoksen and deputy premier Josef Motzfeldt, who accused Enoksen of cronvism over the appointment of Lyberth and two other officials. He also sounded out opposition Democrats to see if they would form a ruling coalition

with Inuit Ataqatigitt. Enoksen maintained that his appointments were legal.

COPENHAGEN, Danish territory's top civil He said Motzfeldt's talks with the opposition prompted him to sever coalition ties with the Inuit Ataqatigitt.

Enoksen will begin talks Wednesday with the opposition Liberal Atassut Party to form a new coalition. 'His Siumut party holds 10 of the 31 seats in the parliament, while the Liberal Atassut Party has seven seats. The outgoing coalition held 18

seats. A former Danish colony, Greenland has had a local government since 1979 that runs most of its affairs. Denmark still handles its foreign and defense policies, as well as legal and currency

Ex-New York City mayor, Giuliani tours Mexico City's mean streets

MEXICO CITY (AP) -Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani strolled quietly through the mean streets of Mexico City before dawn, then became the center of media attention in a metropolis that is seeking his advice on cutting crime.

Afternoon newspapers late Wednesday. levoted much of their front pages to Tuesday's surprise visit by Giuliani, whose hefty consulting contract for tips on crime-fighting is an ongoing local controversy.

Television helicopters hovered overhead as crowds caught up to Giuliani and his armed escort with the sunrise. The Giuliani Circus Arrives!" announced newspaper Ovaciones.

The former mayor said it was too early to offer any suggestions: "This is still the

beginning of a long process." Mexican business leaders collected \$4.3 million to hire Giuliani's consulting company, hoping he could help the Mexican capital match New York City's success in cutting

Giuliani said Mexico City police leaders appear dedicated to cleaning up the city, and he was optimistic that New York-style "zero-tolerance" policies would work here.

"Although there are differences ... the situation in some ways is very similar," he said, though he emphasized that any plan would take account of legal and cultural differ-

Giuliani said possibilities include raising the wages of

the city's 35,000 police officers, who make an average of \$570 a month.

Giuliani arrived on a private plane before dawn and strolled through rich and poor neighborhoods before local news media caught up with him. He was expected to leave

The Daily News in New York reported last month that a Colombian rebel group was plotting to kidnap Giuliani here, but the former mayor scoffed at the idea Tuesday.

"Do I look concerned?" he said, smiling. "I'm not concerned."

Mexico City police commissioner Marcelo Ebrard said he believed Giuliani could help the city improve its crime record.

"We are optimistic that this relationship ... will be beneficial to both of us," he said.

But Patrolman Marcelino grumbled that Flores Giuliani was receiving millions of dollars for his advice while he only made \$475 a month.

"The first thing Giuliani needs to do is raise salaries, the next is training," he said. "Salaries here are way too low if they want a clean police force."

Others suggested Giuliani was not prepared for the challenge of Mexico City.

"You can't compare New York to Mexico City," said taxi driver Alejandro Lagran, who twice has been kidnapped and robbed by passengers. "People there are richer and there is more control."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Wife Loses Sleep When Man's Libido Works the Night Shift

I'm being unreasonable. A few days with her and Uncle Harry. nights ago - around 3 or 4 in the morning - my husband got into bed and woke me to have sex. I had only been asleep for a few hours. He knows I have to get up for work by 7 a.m. It's not the first time this has happened. When I tell him I need my sleep, he gets mad and says I'm rejecting him. Then he gives me the silent treatment.

Abby, I have never been a morning person and have always needed my sleep. This is a recurring problem that affects other parts of our relationship. My husband and I have been married 15 years and have quarreled continuously over his "nocturnal needs." I should add that he is unemployed and can sleep any time he wants.

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BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The major league season starts March 25 when Seattle plays Oakland in the opener of a two-game series at the Tokyo Dome. It will be the earliest season opener ever.

Back in North America, the season opens with a Sunday night game on March 30, when Texas plays at World Series champion Anaheim.

CORRECTION

Pampa wrestler Shawn Brown had a perfect 8-0 record in dual competition at the Hereford duals last weekend.

BASKETBALL

WELLINGTON Wheeler held Wellington for a 59-51 win Tuesday in District 2-1A action.

Wheeler's scoring leader was Dagen Moore with 19 points. Hector Emiliano followed with 9.

Taylor Allred topped Wellington with 14 points.

Wheeler's Finsterwald and Andrea Jones combined for 56 points to lead the Mustangettes to an 85-76 win the girls game.

Finsterwald led the way with 32 points while Jones added 24.

Wellington's high scorer was Jessica Archie with 27.

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist basketball tryouts continue tonight and Thursday from 6 to 7 at the Optimist Gym for boys in the 3rd-4th grades and 5th-6th grades.

Additional registrations are being accepted on the Internet www.optimist.pampa.com,

and during the tryouts. Games are set to start the week of Jan. 26. The leagues are expected to have 12 to 13 teams.

FOOTBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — Marvin Lewis pulled out of consideration at Michigan State last month because he desperately wanted a head coaching job in the NFL.

He's getting the one that breaks careers.

Lewis was hired as the Cincinnati Bengals' ninth head coach on Tuesday, ending two years of waiting for a top job. Now, the architect of one of the NFL's greatest defenses will try to revive its worst team.

Four coaches have failed to produce even one winning record during the Bengals' term as the league's most pitiful franchise, dating to 1991. Dick LeBeau was fired after a 2-14 season, the worst in team history.

"Before you win, you have to learn how to win," Lewis said Tuesday night. "Or more importantly, you have to learn not to lose.'

The Bengals are experts at losing, going 55-137 since owner Mike Brown took control 12 years ago. They hit bottom last season, drawing the three smallest crowds in the history of Paul Brown Stadium.

Although Brown detests change, he knew he had to do something to keep selling tickets. Brown broke with his pattern of promoting from within, and he hired the team's first black head coach.

Pampa downs Randall to take over second place

— Chance Bowers and Ryan Zemanek led a second-half scoring surge that helped Pampa hang on for a 55-51 win over Randall in District 3-4A action Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The victory gave Pampa sole possession of second place in the district standings with a 4-1 record.

Both teams were tied for the runnerup spot behind Palo Duro going into the game, which had 13 lead changes and six ties before Pampa decided the outcome.

Bowers, a 6-1 junior, scored 10 of his team-high 15 points in the second half. Zemanek, a 6-3 senior, was right behind with 14, including 11 second-half points.

Max Simon, a 6-3 senior, finished with 11 points and was a defensive star for the Harvesters.

Guard Kendall Webb paced the Raiders with 24 points while teammate Jared Krieger added 12.

The Harvesters, who led by one (38-37) after three quarters, scored five straight points early in the fourth quarter and stayed on top the rest of the way.

Pampa had a 26-22 edge in rebounding with Simon and Zemanek pulling down six rebounds each.

Randall is 3-2 in district and tied with Caprock for third place.

The Harvesters, 8-10 for the season, travel to Plainview Friday night.

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 Randall
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 Pampa:
 Chance
 Bowers
 15, Zemanek
 14,
 Simon 11, Hall 5, Collin Bowers 3, Moore 3, Silva 2, East 2; Three-point goals: Moore 1. Randall: Webb 24, Krieger 12, Singleton 11, Pirnie 4; Three-point goals: Singleton 2

Pampa almost pulled off an upset in the girls game, but Randall used the foul line to come away with a 45-38 decision.

"We had our opportunities. Randall hit 10 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter and we were 4 of 9. That really hurt us," said Pampa coach Steve Schmidt.

Pampa, which had lost to Randall 64-39 in the first round, held a 16-15 lead at halftime.

Randall jumped ahead 31-26 at the end of the third quarter. Pampa nibbled away at the Randall lead and cut the gap to two (40-38) on a foul shot by Mariza Scott with 1:19 remaining in the fourth period. That was as close as the Lady Harvesters " would get.

"We don't want to get where we're satisfied with coming close. I was proud of the girls and we hope to keep that kind of effort going, coach Schmidt said.

Casey Fisher and Valerie Velez led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 9 points each. Kara Cornelius led Randall with 18 points.

The Lady Harvesters did come out ahead on the boards with a 25-20 advantage. Velez and Fisher each had 6 rebounds.



Pampa's Ryan Zemanek (32) keeps a close watch on Randall's Chris York in the first half of Tuesday night's game.

Throwing kleenex at the upholstered furniture

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Writer

I don't know why the idea of full-time NFL referees seems so funny.

Maybe it's because I can't get a picture out of my head. In it, a guy runs around his living room in a striped uni- hostilities, the two sides form yelling "false start," and throwing Kleenex at the

upholstered furniture. Over and over again.

Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell has been around football as long as leather. He has an even funnier picture in his head.

"I just want to know what they're going to do for five days a week — eye exercises?

The easy way out of this latest officiating mess would be for the NFL chiefs to declare that all officials will be full-time league employees beginning next season, and stop there.

Then they could cross their fingers, hope a ref never blows another call and go back to counting money.

It would also be the out. cheapest way Remember that nasty little labor dispute two summers

The one where the NFL's unionized referees wanted to be paid the same as their baseball, basketball and hockey counterparts, and the league responded by hiring replacements at \$2,000 a

Well, at the peak of the apart on a five-year deal. The NFL has a license several, actually — to print money. Don't you think headquarters would have jumped at the chance to vaporize all the officiating messes for a measly \$4 million more a year?

Besides, for the kind of money a veteran baseball makes (about \$140,000 last year), most of the NFL's 119 zebras indicated they'd be willing to work full-time.

But the only thing switching from part-time to full-time help buys the NFL is time. And it doesn't begin to address the real problem: instant replay.

(If this were the NFL, you'd be entitled to a challenge at this point. But not in real life — put the hankie back in your pocket.)

Ever since 1999, when maddening than seeing ref-

replay back after a series of outrageously bad calls the season before, the league has been encouraging the myth that it's possible to get every call right. Its an impossible standard for the refs to meet.

Part of the argument for bringing replay back after a were only about \$20 million lapse of eight years was that technology had improved to the point where most arguments would be rendered moot. After further review, the opposite is true.

There are people in Buffalo who have been holding their breath for two years now, waiting in vain for the "The Music City Miracle" to be overturned.

And it's nothing short of miraculous that Oakland Raiders' fans didn't take hostages after the NFL was done explaining the "tuck rule" a year ago.

Knowing that full-time officials made those calls wouldn't have made any difference — especially not after the aggrieved parties were force-fed replays confirming what they were convinced they'd seen in the first place.

The only thing more

the owners voted to bring erees blow a call once is sent the Steelers home waiting around to watch empty-handed them do it again and again.

The earliest replay can be

killed is during the offsea-In the meantime, the league should tell stadium operators and its TV part-

replay once and move on. That's how the rest of the Why should the NFL be any different?

ners this weekend to show a

There nothing wrong with demanding a higher standard from officials.

And the game has gotten much faster, so it can't hurt to ramp up the physical requirements for officiating as well.

And maybe memorizing passages from the rule book all 52 weeks a will cut down on the embarrassing procedural mistakes refs make, like losing track of the number of timeouts and whether a coin lands heads or tales. Especially at the rate the league has been adding rules just to cover replay situations.

But I doubt it.

"It's the playoffs, and there is a lot at stake," Pittsburgh's Jason Gilden said after the timeout fiasco

Tennessee. "If anyone should be ready, it should be the referees. The players are going to show up and play. And in the playoffs, you're expected to rise to the occasion, am I right?"

Yet nobody gets it right all the time.

The week before his team world deals with bad breaks. opened the playoffs against the Falcons, Packers coach Mike Sheridan worked on his game plan more hours than any sane full-time employee at another company would. He still made some bonehead calls in the game.

> Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey practiced plenty the week before his game with the 49ers.

> He still dropped a gimme touchdown pass. We could go on, but you get the point.

> The real difference between those mistakes and the ones made by the refs is not how much time each put in beforehand, but how many times it turned up on the JumboTron afterward.

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Brand wants college presidents more involved in their athletic programs

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Among the changes Myles Brand envisions for the NCAA is having college presidents play a stronger role in their schools' athletic programs.

During the organization's convention that ended Tuesday, the new NCAA president stressed academic reform to ensure that athletes have "the best possible chance" to succeed in college and beyond.

He believes the heads of the colleges and universities have a major responsibility in reaching that and other goals.

"The principle of presidential control is the essential feature of the reform movement," said Brand, the former president at Oregon and Indiana who became the NCAA president on Jan. 1.

"Though pundits, external commissions and study committees may hope to influence the future course of intercollegiate athletics, the fact of the matter is that presidents are best positioned to change their campus' perspectives and behavior."

Brand, the first college president chosen to head the NCAA, proved to be an involved, decisive university administrator when he was at Indiana during the Bob Knight controversy.

Brand fired the volatile basketball college coach 2 1/2 years ago because, Brand said, Knight violated a zero-tolerance policy the university had imposed on

"When missteps in athletic programs occur, universities are open to criticism, and the presidents are the ones on the front lines. I know, because I have been there," Brand told about 1,400 NCAA delegates during his "state of the association" speech on Sunday.

"It is presidents who have the ultimate responsibility for setting standards and ensuring that these standards are followed," he added.

The NCAA, long considered a stodgy, slow-moving organization, apparently will be more dynamic under Brand, whose contract runs through 2007.

The emphasis on academics will increase, the backing of gender equality will continue and there will be a move to increase opportunities for minority coaches with a football "coaches' academy" and mentor program.

Although there was no general voting on issues by Division I delegates at the convention, some of the committees made headway.

Kansas chancellor Hemenway, the chairman of the NCAA directors' committee, said the organization intends to institute the academic reform package which would include changes in admissions policies for athletes and more timely tracking of their progress in college as soon as possible without being overly hasty.

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Cowboys Goodrich surrenders to police in fatal hit-and-run

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys reserve defensive back Dwayne Goodrich surrendered to police late Tuesday in connection with a high-speed hit-and-run accident that killed two people and injured two others on a freeway.

Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokesman Don Peritz said Goodrich surrendered to police and then was taken to the county jail, where he was being booked late Tuesday. Peritz did not have information on the charges Goodrich faced.

Goodrich had earlier gone to talk to police, his agent said.

Peritz said Goodrich was to be arraigned in a process that could take several hours.

"He turned himself in today

and told them what happened. He's devastated. It was a tragic accident," Goodrich's agent, Stephen Zucker, told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

Police said a car clipped a tractor-trailer rig and caught fire about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday on Interstate 35 in North Dallas.

As a rescue attempt began for those in the burning car, another car came speeding through the scene at an estimated 110 mph. Officers said the driver tried to swerve between the disabled vehicles and hit several people, two of whom were killed.

Senior Cpl. Diana Watts, a Dallas police spokeswoman, said the driver of the flaming car escaped without major injuries. A

passenger in the car was trying to help the driver out, as were two other motorists that came from across the highway.

"While they were doing that, a gray BMW struck all three of them," Watts said.

She said the driver tried to weave around the disabled vehicles but could not avoid hitting the rescuers.

The dead were identified as Joseph Wood, 21, and Demont Matthews, 23, who were struck by the BMW after they pulled off the freeway to assist the burning

Zucker said he last talked to the 24-year-old defensive back by telephone Tuesday night. Zucker declined to discuss the accident.

Sixth-ranked UConn takes over with big second half

By The Associated Press

Connecticut's second-half performance even impressed Huskies coach Jim Calhoun.

"I don't care who we are playing. If we play like that for 40 minutes, we're we get our fast break ignited it seems to do an awful lot for our whole psyche."

It also does a lot to wipe out 10-point deficits.

The sixth-ranked Huskies turned on the defense and shot 69 percent from the field in the second half to beat Virginia Tech 83-65 Tuesday night.

Ben Gordon had 24 points and Emeka Okafor added 19 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks — all in the second half — as the Huskies (11-1, 2-0 Big East) overcame a poor start that saw the Hokies (6-8, 0-2) take control early at the Hartford Civic Center.

"We can't afford to keep having slow starts. We have to start jumping on teams early," Okafor said.

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday, it was: No. 3 Pittsburgh 80, West Virginia 61; No. 10 Notre Dame 68, Rutgers 57; No. 16 Kentucky 74, Vanderbilt 52; and No. 21 Marquette 85, Tulane 73.

Virginia Tech coach Ricky Stokes knew his team's 43-39 lead wasn't going to intimidate Connecticut, which rallied from a 30-9 halftime deficit to beat Massachusetts 59-48 on Dec. 10.

"They were going to come out and play very aggressive," Stokes said. "We knew it was coming and we didn't attack it as well as we would have liked.'

21-3 run that lasted eight minutes. Virginia Tech shot 28 percent in the second half and went 11 minutes at one point without scoring,

Connecticut's Tony Robertson said the

Huskies knew Tech would expect the press in the second half, but that didn't make much difference.

"Knowing something is going to happen and beating it are two different things," Robertson said.

Center Terry Taylor had 16 points going to be a tough out," he said. "Once all in the game's first 21 minutes — and seven rebounds for the Hokies (6-8, 0-2). No. 3 Pittsburgh 80, West Virginia 61

Donatas Zavackas scored 16 points and Julius Page, Ontario Lett and Jaron Brown each added 14 as the Panthers (13-1, 3-0 Big East), which shot 63 percent from the field, including 10-of-18 from 3-point range, in winning consecutive games in Morgantown for the first time since 1934 and 1935.

Drew Schifino had 18 points for the Mountaineers (9-5, 1-2), who lost for the first time at home this season and were held to their third-lowest point total of the

No. 10 Notre Dame 68, Rutgers 57

Matt Carroll scored 25 points and the Fighting Irish (14-2, 2-1 Big East) went 22-for-23 from the free throw line to go 10-0 at home for the first time since

Herve Lamizana had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Scarlet Knights (8-6, 0-2), who were 5-of-9 from the free throw line.

No. 16 Kentucky 74, Vanderbilt 52

Gerald Fitch scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half as the Wildcats (12-3, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) rallied from 36-28 halftime deficit for the road win. Kentucky went on a 28-7 run over the first 12 minutes of the second half and limited the Commodores to four field The Huskies broke a 54-all tie with a goals — one a 3-pointer — over the final 20 minutes.

> Reserve freshman Mario Moore had 17 points for Vanderbilt (8-6, 1-2), which was coming off a win over then-No. 4 Alabama.

Scoreboard

HOCKEY Central Hockey League At A Glance

By The Associated Press NORTHERN CONFERENCE

	w	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Memphis	25	12	2	52	147	110
Indianapolis	22	9	5	49	104	85
Bossier-Shreveport	13	16	7	33	104	111
Fort Worth	7	24	4	18	80	136
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Oklahoma City	24	12	2	50	138	122
Tulsa	23	12	3	49	123	115
Amarillo	22	12	0	44	112	100
Wichita SOUTHERN CONF	8 EDEN	19 F	7	23	117	151
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Southeast Division	w	L	OTL	Pts	GÉ	GA
Austin	29	6	1	59	111	69
Laredo	22	10	4	48	151	113
Corpus Christi	17	18	1	35	107	119
San Angelo	13	24	4	30	128	169
Southwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Odessa	21	11	4	46	105	97
Lubbock	. 17	12	5	39	107	104

Note: One point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column Tuesday's Games Laredo 5, Austin 3 Amarillo 3, Corpus Christi 0

Tulsa at Indianapolis Fort Worth at Wichita Corpus Christi at New Mexico Thursday's Games No games scheduled Friday's Games Odessa at El Paso

Wichita at Indianapolis Tulsa at Bossier-Shreveport San Angelo at Corpus Christi Amarillo at Fort Worth Oklahoma City at New Mexico Memphis at Austin

Lubbock at Laredo National Hockey League EASTERN CONFERENCE Philadelphia

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San Jose

Northwest Division Pts GF 57 139 52 126 52 113 Vancouver Minnesota 37 95 Dallas 61 44 43 115 125 Los Angeles

> Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss Monday's Games Pittsburgh 2, Boston Montreal 4, Calgary 2 Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 4

N.Y. Rangers 5, Toronto 1 Detroit 5, Chicago 4, OT

New Jersey 6, Florida 2

Edmonton 8, Columbus 5 Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2, OT Tuesday's Games Ottawa 7, Tampa Bay 0 Toronto 3, Calgary 2 Buffalo 1 Minnesota 0 St. Louis 4, Phoenix 1 Vancouver 4, Nashville 3 Wednesday's Games Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m. Anaheim at Columbus, 7 p.m. Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Montreal at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Thursday's Games

Anaheim at Ottawa, 7 p.m. Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Detroit at Colorado, 9 p.m. Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Buffalo at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. BASKETBALL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Atlantic D	ivision		
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	27	10	.730	_
Boston	20	17	.541	7
Philadelphia	19	18	.514	. 8
Orlando .	20	20	.500	8 1/2
Washington	19	19	.500	8 1/2
New York	14	22	.389	12 1/2
Miami	13	25	.342	14 1/2
	Central D	ivision		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	10	.730	_
Detroit	25	12	.676	2
New Orleans	20	19	.513	8
Milwaukee	17	20	,459	10
Atlanta	14	23	.378	13
Chicago	14	24	.368	13 1/2
Toronto	10	28	.263	17 1/2
Cleveland	8	31	205	20

	Midwest D	Intoton			
	W	L	Pct	GB	
allas	31	5	.861	_	
an Antonio	24	14	.632	. 8	
ouston	21	15	.583	10	
tah	21	. 15	.583	10	
linnesota	20	17	.541	11 1/2	
lemphis	12	25	.324	19 1/2	
enver	9	28	.243	22 1/2	
	Pacific Di	vision			
	W	L	Pct	GB	
acramento	28	10	.737	_	
hoenix	24	15	.615	4 1/2	-
ortland	22	14	.611	5	
A. Lakers	17	20	.459	10 1/2	
eattle	16	20	.444	11	
olden State	15	22	.405	12 1/2	
A. Clippers	14	23	.378	13 1/2	
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Monday's Games Detroit 101, Orlando 86 Minnesota 89, Denver 75 Houston 101, Boston 92 Chicago 101, New York 94 Portland 118, Cleveland 94 Memphis 110, Golden State 108

Tuesday's Games Toronto 84, Washington 75 New York 98. Chicago 86 Milwaukee 97, Atlanta 88 San Antonio 108, Phoenix 100, OT

Wednesday's Games Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m. Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Phoenix at Houston, 8°30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m. Utah at Denver, 9 p.m. Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m. Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.

Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m

Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games Orlando at Washington, 7:30 p.m. Seattle at Utah, 10 p.m.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

Lost

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Harvester Lanes	
League Results	
Lone Star League	
(Week 13)	
Team	Won
Pampa Transmission	40
Harvester Cafe	31
Now & Then	-29
Whitehead Cattle Co.	24
Schiffman Machine	23
Quality Sales	22

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Week's Top Scores High scratch game: Geneva Schiffman 198; High scratch series: Carla Schiffman 515; High handicap game: Cassie McNees 238; High handicap Billie Gowdy 500.

series: Vicki Bowling 658 Wednesday Night Mixed League

(Week 7)		
Team	Won	Lost
State Farm Ins.	20	8
Bob's Bandits	19	9
Harvester Lanes	18	10
Team One	15	13
The Spark	13	15
Team Five	11	17
Cooper Energy Service	8	20
Week's Top Scores		
Mon	10,000	

High scratch game: Clay Lee 202; High scratch series: Dan Anderson 574.

Women Krist Lee 200; High scratch series:

Agassi advances to third round of Australian Open

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Three-time champion Andre Agassi took the simplest path to the third round, losing just one game in his second match at the Australian

Meanwhile, second-seeded Venus Williams returned to form Wednesday, regularly unleashing winners off her backhand to earn a 6-3, 6-0 victory over 21-year-old Ansley Cargill.

Venus, who lost the finals at the French, Wimbledon and U.S. Open to younger sister Serena last year, started slowly in her opening round at Melbourne Park. But against Cargill, ranked No. 118, she was never in trouble.

Lindsay Davenport, one of the few women capable of matching Venus or top-ranked Serena for power or big-match experience, made more unforced errors (43-34) and less winners (39-43), than Uzbekistan's Iroda but Tulyaganova advanced to the third round

with a 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-5 win. "Sometimes, you're definitely lucky to be in the tournament when you don't play your best," Davenport said.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

act. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Stretch and get out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

you hear. Try to get clarity in that situa- effort.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

ball without checking in. Since you can- CANCER (June 21-July 22)

will easily meet people. Think about Tonight: Do your thing.

your long-term needs when choosing LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

and you could have a problem. Friends Start your weekend early.

and associates mean well. Do a better job LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

tion. Ask questions. Seek out answers. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

decisions. Associates often run with the dinner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. ★★★ Put your best foot forward and

Listen to what others say, even if they get answers and find out what needs to hap-

your dander up. You often have strong pen. You could find news rather diffuse

reactions and find yourself angry or irri- and extremely confusing. Seek facts;

tated. Learn when to pull back, empow- dump opinions. You will find the right

not change their behavior, flow with it. ★★★★ Your personality helps melt

You could find it a lot easier when others barriers and change others' opinions.

lay out their cards first. You will gain Laughter will take you in a new direction

financially and emotionally this year if if you can help those around you loosen

you lay back. Others really do care about up. There are many answers to the cur-

diately might not be right for you later. If you wants to withdraw from a problem.

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what you think. If you are single, you rent issue. Brainstorm with associates. a sign who enjoys being in control and

your companion. What feels right imme- ★★★ Be creative, even if a part of might say something that you are not

needs to stretch his or her wings. CAN- everything is as clear as it seems. especially if he or she suddenly becomes

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ** Pressure builds in an unprece- gain the control you desire. Carefully

*** Use your imagination, and higher. A family member agitates for could feel out of sync when dealing with

you'll create possibilities. Close down, more of what he or she wants. Tonight: loved ones and friends because of pres-

of listening. Your creativity takes you in *** Pressure builds whether you what you need to do. Tonight: Use your

positive happenings. Make an effort.

** * Review recent discussions with back in multiples. Consider your options Model Kate Moss (1974), sportscaster

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Midwest, Northeast suburbs hard hit by moving trend

By GENARO C. ARMAS ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alice Hilliard's job — helping out older residents around Pittsburgh - has gotten more difficult over the past decade.

Like many other places in the Northeast and Midwest, the Pittsburgh suburbs underwent a demographic shift in the 1990s. Many younger families left for better job opportunities, leaving large populations of older residents.

That leaves people like Hilliard, director of Eastern Area Adult Services in Wilkinsburg, Pa., struggling to find the money and volunteers to help care for the aged, an especially challenging task for financially strapped communities and outreach groups. In the Pittsburgh suburbs, 18 percent of all residents are senior citizens.

"Sometimes we sit and hold our heads and think, 'How is this all going to come together?" said Hilliard. They did find money recently to open an adult day care center and information kiosks in two malls.

Providing transportation for the elderly to visit doctors or senior centers can also be a major problem for a suburb, said Mary Ellen Walsh, director of the Amherst Center for Senior Services in suburban Buffalo, N.Y.

"In the city you have access to public transportation, but in suburbs and rural areas, you don't, and that's a big issue because people are so spread out," Walsh said Tuesday.

Many couples moved to the suburbs to raise families in the mid-20th century. When factories closed and the economies of industrial

cities declined during the latter decades, younger people moved

Many headed South and West, where jobs were more plentiful. Once their parents reached retirement age, they sought warmer weather, moving to places like Sarasota, Fla., Phoenix and Las Vegas.

About 35 million people 65 and older now live in the United States, roughly 12 percent of the population. Nearly 30 percent of the people in the suburbs of Sarasota are 65 or over, the highest among the 102 most populous metropolitan areas in the nation, according to a Brookings Institution study of Census Bureau figures being released Wednesday.

Two other Florida retirement centers, West Palm Beach and Tampa-St. Petersburg, were next on the list. The remaining top 20 subur-

he 65-and-over population in the suburbs of El Paso, Texas, rose 83 percent between 1990 and 2000, the largest gain of any metropolitan area. Las Vegas, Colorado Springs, Colo., Honolulu and Tucson, Ariz., had the next four largest gains.

ban areas, based on percentage of elderly residents, were dominated by Northeast and Midwest suburbs around cities like Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Youngstown, Ohio.

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University of Michigan demographer William Frey, who wrote the Brookings report, said boomtowns in the South and West generally have stronger economic bases to provide senior services than do the more depressed suburbs of the Northeast and Midwest.

Still, dealing with a huge influx of new older residents in a faltering economy isn't easy anywhere, said Pat Amaincangioli, a volunteer with the Clark County, Nev., Senior Advocate Program, which offers referrals for older people in Las Vegas and its suburbs.

Experts urge Kmart to 'rethink' its strategy

more than 300 Kmart stores plan for their final blue light specials, smaller discount chains are eyeing their markets, and some experts are advising Kmart to radically rethink its strategy.

Kmart announced Tuesday that it would close 326 stores and eliminate 37,000 jobs as part of a plan to emerge from bankruptcy by the end of April.

If the bankruptcy court approves, the Troy, Mich.based retailer will have about 1,500 stores remaining, a third fewer than when it declared bankruptcy Jan. 22, 2002. Though it closed 283 stores and cut 22,000 jobs last year, it still lost more than \$2 billion.

The new cuts still leave Kmart larger than discount competitor Target Corp., which has 1,148 stores in 47 states, but just over half the size of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., with more than 2,800 U.S. stores.

Some experts said the key for Kmart's survival now is to stop trying to compete as a mega-store in a market that's already been cornered.

"They want to have a store like Wal-Mart because they believe that's the only way for them to succeed," said Arun K. Jain, marketing professor at the University at Buffalo School of Management. "They have to adopt a more selective strategy. ... Everybody's going after these

mega-stores. "Wal-Mart and Target are

going to rip them up," he said. Kmart gave few clues Tuesday to what its future holds but said it would file a reorganization plan next week that is expected to explain what led to the bankruptcy and details of Kmart's management review.

Kmart could choose to close its doors forever, said Jordan Kaplan, professor of

DETROIT (AP) — While managerial science at Long Island University.

Barring that, he said, the company may want to rethink its strategy.

"Maybe they want to be a bigger player in smaller margins," Kaplan said. "They could become a very small player. ... Maybe they're going to reinvent themselves.

Jain suggested Kmart focus on areas where it has already established itself, particularly urban areas with no Wal-Mart or Target stores, a strategy, he said, that has worked for Kmart in the past.

Anthony Sabino, associate professor of business at St. John's University, said, "They've got to get beyond lean and mean.'

"They've got to get small, real small."

Among the Kmart stores expected to close are some the chain's largest, including an Indianapolis store converted last year into a 152,000square-foot super center.

"They remodeled the whole thing, and put a grocery store in," said Wilbur Thomas, 77, of Plainfield, Ind., whose daughter works at the store where he was shopping Tuesday.

Smaller chains such as Fred's Stores, Dollar General and Family Dollar are hoping for an economic boon from the closings.

Going-out-of-business sales will initially cut into the profits of Wal-Mart and Target, and even the smaller chains, said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J.

"There will be a little bloodletting ... and a little less competition," Barnard said. "All of those competitors that are in the vicinity of the store that's closing will certainly find that the market share will be wandering over to them."

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President declares Sanctity of Life Day

WASHINGTON (AP) -Pledging to build a culture that respects life, President Bush is declaring a National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

"As we seek to improve quality of life, overcome illness and promote vital medical research, my administration will continue to honor our country's founding ideals of equal dignity and equal rights for every American," Bush said Tuesday in a document that enacts no change in policy or program.

"By working together to protect the weak, the imperfect and the unwanted, we affirm a culture of hope and help ensure a brighter future for all.'

The president heralded the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act he signed last year, which amends the legal definitions of "person," "human being," "child" and "individual" to include any fetus that survives an abortion procedure.

Bush also underscored his administration's efforts to champion "compassionate alternatives" to abortion, such as promoting maternity group homes, encouraging abstinence and adoption and passing parental-notification and waiting-period laws.

The president also stopped short of condemning abortion outright, using only the veiled language of the anti-abortion movement.

"Every child is a priority and a blessing and I believe that all should be welcomed in life and protected by law," he said. "Through ethical policies and the compassion of Americas, we will continue to build a culture that respects life.

He proclaimed this Sunday as National Sanctity of Human Life Day, urging Americans to mark the occasion at home or in places of worship, to help others in need and to "reaffirm our commitment to respecting the life and dignity of every human being."

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