

weather
report

83°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:08 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 73 degrees
• Humidity 30 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds north at 8 mph
• Barometer 29.89 inches
and rising
• Record High 102° (1971)
• Record Low 39° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 90°
Low 57°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low 45 to 50, northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high 70 to 75, north winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: dry, lows 45 to 50, highs 80 to 85.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.31 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.27
Loan deficiency payment — .18¢
Corn — \$1.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.70
Loan deficiency pmt. — .29¢
Milo — \$2.53 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.51 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.19
Loan deficiency payment — .70¢
Millet — \$4 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.71
Oil new crop — \$6.90 cwt.
Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Police fire
at U.N. office

DILI, Indonesia — Indonesian police opened fire at a regional U.N. office in East Timor today, reportedly sending occupants ducking to the floor hours after the government imposed martial law and promised to return normalcy to the terror-ridden province.

East Timor's spiritual leader, Roman Catholic Bishop Carlos Belo, winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, fled to Darwin, Australia.

The bishop, whose home in Dili was torched Monday by pro-Indonesian mobs, was one of tens of thousands of people fleeing the vicious backlash of burning, shooting and killings unleashed by opponents of last week's landslide referendum for independence.

The Indonesian government declared martial law today as momentum built among world powers for sending an international peacekeeping force to the territory.

A lasting tribute



The color guard lowered the flag to half-mast in honor of Harley Whisnant at Friday's football game. The Veterans of Foreign Wars donated the new flagpole in honor of Whisnant, who raised the flag at Goodland's home games for 40 years. His son Gary and family (right) looked on as the flag was lowered.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Stock purchase of CBS
will create media giant

NEW YORK (AP) — Viacom Inc., the owner of Paramount Pictures and MTV, is buying CBS Corp. for \$34.45 billion in stock in the biggest media marriage ever.

The deal announced today combines two entertainment giants into a company with a top television network, numerous TV and radio stations, a movie studio, several cable channels and the largest outdoor advertising company. It will rival the media powerhouses like Time Warner, Disney and News Corp.

Viacom chairman Sumner Redstone will be chairman and chief executive of the new company, which will keep the Viacom name. CBS president Mel Karmazin, 56, will be president and chief operating officer, becoming heir apparent to Redstone, who is 76.

CBS shareholders will receive 1.085 shares of Viacom's class B stock, which based on Friday's close of \$45.06 1/4 values CBS at \$48.89 per share.

The deal's value started rising as Wall Street reacted to the announcement.

Even though Viacom is buying CBS's shares, CBS management will

have a major role in the new company, and all operations will report to Karmazin. Redstone's top two lieutenants, deputy chairmen Tom Dooley and Philippe Dauman, will leave the company once the merger is completed, though they will continue to serve on the board.

The new Viacom will own the CBS network, which was the top-rated network last season, as well as the Paramount studio, MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, and the Simon & Schuster publishing house.

Analysts hailed the deal as a good fit between two complementary companies. CBS will get a TV and film studio to provide shows for its network, while Viacom gains major advertising outlets to promote the films and shows produced by Paramount and its Spelling Entertainment TV studio.

"It's a good deal for everybody," said Chris Dixon, a media analyst at PaineWebber Inc. "You need to be big. You need to have a global presence."

The deal faces some regulatory hurdles, but analysts did not predict they would pose a major problem.

Patching begins on I-70

Road work will spread out around Sherman County this month as contractors begin repairing highways west and north of Goodland.

Crews were to begin patching concrete on I-70 between Goodland and the state line today, and the hot in-place recycling of K-27 north of Goodland to the county line is to begin next week, said Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation office in Colby.

She said Koss Construction is working to complete the work on the westbound lanes of I-70, and hopes to have them reopened by the end of the month.

Base preparation continues on the west section of the eastbound lanes, from K-27 (Exit 17) east about four

miles. Binning said she does not expect the contractor to close the west Goodland exit to pave the area until after Sept. 20. She said this should only take a few days, as they will not be removing the ramps until next year.

A crew from Towanda-based Dustrol is expected to be in Goodland next week to do the hot in-place project on K-27 north of Goodland to the county line. Binning said this is expected to take less than two weeks.

The crew will use heater trucks to soften the pavement, then break up the top few inches and roll it back down into a new surface. The resulting road should last a couple of years until contracts can be let to completely rebuild the stretch of highway. K-27 north will

be closed for the summer at that time, as new pavement and wider shoulders are constructed.

For the next two months, drivers can expect one-lane closings along I-70 west from Goodland to the state line as concrete patching is being done on both eastbound and westbound lanes. Binning said this is the first step in a project which will see a special slurry seal put on the surface next spring.

Likewise, traffic will be one-lane, led by pilot cars, around the work on K-27. The state expects I-70 east of town to be open for four-lane traffic during the winter, with the remaining old pavement on the eastbound lanes to be replaced in the spring, along with the eastbound exit ramps.

Pratt joins evolution debate

PRATT (AP) — Public school students in this small Kansas town are caught in the middle of another twist in the evolution debate.

If state biologist Chris Mammoliti succeeds, public school students will get something new in their curriculum next year — "intelligent design."

Mammoliti, who works for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, asked two Pratt County school boards to add the theory to their science classes as a supplement to Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection.

Intelligent design suggests life is too complex to have occurred by chance and it's more likely the result of an intelligent cause.

That's something no other school district in the nation has done, according to the National Center for Science Education.

And his efforts are being taken seriously in this rural southwest town of 6,300.

Critics accuse Mammoliti of trying to sneak religion into the schoolhouse through the back door, and they fear he might succeed.

"Pratt could be a tossup — the test case," said former state Sen. Fred Kerr, a Pratt farmer who opposes such a curriculum change.

The effort by Mammoliti, who said he represented concerned parents, was made about the same time the Kansas Board of Education was making national news by de-emphasizing evolution in the state's science standards.

"This has brought more attention to Pratt than anything in its history," said Kerr, who worries that all the publicity is hurting the town's image.

Not all residents see it as a problem.

"I think it's been blown way out of proportion," said Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Bohn, whose wife is a school board member. "I don't see the big deal."

Yet teachers such as Joyce Depenbusch, a math and science teacher in Pratt County's Skyline district, worry the publicity will overshadow all the good education that occurs in a community that prides itself on high-quality schools.

Kerr said the issue had even strained relationships between neighbors.

Aboard statement lists the steps in arriving at a new science curriculum and says the process normally takes a year. Ken Kennedy, Pratt superintendent, said he expected final board action as early as February.

While the new state science standards affect only what goes on state assessment tests, each district has a curriculum guide

that directs what is taught in the classroom. State standards often influence the way district guides are written.

Mammoliti said science textbooks presented evolution as a fact. The Pandas book, he said, presents another viewpoint, intelligent design, and questions some of evolution's assumptions.

Mammoliti, who served on Pratt's science-curriculum review committee, said the book was "pure science" and that those who wanted to keep it out of the classroom were using religion as a means of censorship.

"There are people who support the use of this book who have no church affiliation whatsoever," said Ernie Richardson, a Pratt lawyer who accompanied Mammoliti when he made his presentation to the local boards.

The Rev. Larry A. Carver, vicar for Episcopal churches in Pratt and several other towns, said the Pandas theory suggested an "intelligent designer," which would be interpreted by most people as God.

And that, he said, brings religion into science class, a violation of separation of church and state.

Mammoliti said the Pandas authors did not reach any conclusion about the designer, because it was impossible to show scientifically who or what it was.

Cowboys chomp Indians



The Goodland High School Cowboys football team (top) took the field Friday at Cowboy stadium to the delight of the fans. The Cowboys were able to move the ball all night. Quarterback Sean Winter (left) kept the ball on an option play, scoring for the Cowboys, in their 41-21 victory over the Hoxie Indians. Please see story and additional photo on Page 8.

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