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Today

 Sunset, 6:21 p.m. Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:12 a.m. • Sunset, 6:22 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 50 degrees • Humidity 13 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds northwest 14 mph
- Barometer 29.97 inches
- and falling Record High 84° (1936)
- Record Low 18° (1950)

Last 24 Hours* 70° Hiał

Low	30°
Precipitation	none
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Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low mid 40s, wind southwest 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms late, high 80-85, low 40, wind south 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: chance of rain, high 60, low 40. Sunday: chance of rain early, high 60s, low 40. Monday: dry, high 70s, low 40s.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Wheat — \$2.19 bushel Posted county price — \$2.05 Loan deficiency payment — 40¢ Corn — \$1.78 bushel Posted county price — \$1.93 Loan deficiency payment - 06¢ Milo — \$2.69 hundredweight Sovbeans — \$4.63 bushel Posted county price — \$4.62 Loan deficiency payment - 27¢ Millet — \$3.6 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$6.25 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.3 Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt. Pinto beans — \$12 (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

Rebel flag

coming down

COLUMBIA, S.C.-State law-

makers have taken a key step toward

removing the Confederate flag from

the Statehouse dome, but the

NAACPsaid today the move won't

end a controversy that led to a pun-

ishing tourism boycott and scrutiny

The state Senate approved a com-

promise bill on Wednesday, exactly 139 years after the Civil War began

when Confederate troops fired on Fort Sumter, the federal installation

The vote was 36-7. All opponents

"This is one more hurdle that has

been overcome," said Democratic

Gov. Jim Hodges, who supports flag

The bill would remove the ban-

ner from the dome and place a simi-

lar battle flag behind an existing

monument honoring Confederate

soldiers in front of the Statehouse.

of Southern heritage.

in Charleston harbor.

were Republicans.

removal.

Late news

from the Associated Press

1 p.m.



County officers warn

By Tom Betz

Bonnie Selby.

invitation."

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an 8-4-2-1 pyramid scheme.

for the person receiving the letter to

send \$2,000 to the name on the top of

the list and then to add their name to the

bottom of the list and send it to other

people as "a very private and privileged

The base of the pyramid is the eight people who each send \$2,000 to the top

name, Selby said. Once the top person

receives the \$16,000 they are out and

the next two names become the top of

two separate pyramids. At this point the

four on the bottom of each of the sepa-

In the letter the reader is assured that

this system is both legal and that it is not

freshmen to be the bottom level.

about pyramid scheme

A letter about a "Gifting program"

Trees stark reminder of wind-swept blaze



Goodland, Kansas 67735

The windbreak on the east side of Shirley Pearson's house stands as a stark reminder of a wind-swept grass fire which swept north from the Kyle railroad tracks west of Goodland about noontime Wednesday. An outbuilding at Pearson's, which contained antique buggies was also lost to the fast moving fire. Nearby homes of Steve Raymer and Alan and Janet Rumpel were saved by the quick response of the rural and city

firemen who responded to the blaze. The fire apparently was caused by sparks from a control burn being done by Kyle Railroad south of the tracks which blew across and started a field on fire. The fire came within feet of the homes as fireman raced to contain the blaze which swept across Eighth Street and continued nearly a mile north across open ground until contained. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Bureau board nominations tabled

rate pyramids are to recruit two new By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News Members of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Comeither a pyramid or a violation of the tax merce boards came at 9 a.m. Tuesday to meet with the Sherman County commissioners and the hotel and motel operators regarding the bureau board and the use of the transient guest tax.

Commissioner Kenny Davis asked if Sherrie Clements from Howard Johnson Hotel was on the list for approval to the Convention and Visitors

Clements said she had been contacted by Karl Hildreth about the meet-

thought about going from a board of 10 members, to one made up of five. He threw out the question, "do you think

we should do this?" The law requires that on a 10 member board, at least six of those members need to be from the hotel/motel business, County Attorney Bonnie Selby said.

Commissioner Townsend said he was ready to accept the list of recommendations to the board.

Dale Neill, president of the bureau board, said if the hotel/motel operators won't come to the meetings, it doesn't do any good to have them on it.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said he thought the commissioners shouldn't accept the list until they talked to Selby.

done in the past." "The accountings aren't current," Selby said.

"So, do you have everything?" asked Stephen West, chamber board member. Selby said two years, 1985 and 1986,

were missing. "If we accept the names on this list,

where do we stand?" asked Townsend. "You are out of compliance, obviously," Selby said.

Selby suggested perhaps the charter could be amended, so that the board didn't have objections coming up.

ber, asked about representation by the tors on the board. restaurants.

Selby said the statute calls for six out ties," said Frankenfeld. of 10 of the bureau board members to be from the hotel/motel business.

Selby said what she would like to see is a reorganization, an adjusting of the board and make the changes now.

Neill said the Chamber of Commerce comes up with the recommendations for the bureau board and then the commission appoints them.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said the commissioners aren't under any obligation to appoint the recommendations made, so they could go out and find people. He didn't think anyone would want to lose the revenue.

Frankenfeld said the biggest stickler Jeff Deeds, another chamber mem- to him is having six hotel/motel opera-

"I think it comes down to personali-

Selby agreed and said that hurdle needed to be climbed.

Whitson also said that Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating, and Hamlin said agent John Grant is the KBI agent investigating the scheme, and that anyone with information about Bureau board, which she was. the program may call him at 785-296-

While the letter says "Only persons ing on Tuesday, and that's why she was specially chosen are offered this invi- present, but she had not spoken to tation ...," the guidelines accompany- Hildreth in person.

The commissioners talked about

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unsolicited e-mails. But you can respond to people who have experienced (expressed) an interest. For example, news groups and e-mail listings of addresses of people who want to receive your e-mails.'

ing the letter says: "You cannot send out

Selby said her office had been alerted by one of the nearby county attorneys, and that she and Sheriff Whitson thought it would be good to alert Sherman County citizens of the scheme and that if they are approached they should know that not only would they probably not get the money the letter suggests, but that the state could confiscate the money.

bureau board.

"We've been down this road for the past three years," said Commissioner Gary Townsend.

Davis said the commissioners even

Selby said if there are ways to reorganize the board then this is the time to West asked.

do it. 'We need to settle something," said would need to look at it, but probably Neill. "We are rehashing what has been wouldn't change anything.

"What does it take to change that?"

Commissioner Davis said they

Townsend said he would like to get the whole matter put behind them.

Davis suggested the commissioners table a decision until their next meeting on Tuesday.

Elian's reunion with father blocked by relatives

MIAMI (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives defied a government the boy to his father's custody and prolonging a custody battle that began with a Thanksgiving Day boat wreck.

Lazaro Gonzalez had been instructed months. to deliver his grand-nephew to an airport deadline this afternoon, refusing to return near Miami at 2 p.m. EDT. Instead, he took his brinkmanship one step further: The child remained in the Little Havana home where he has lived for $4 \frac{1}{2}$

Teachers have six contract items

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Unlike what was listed in the teacher negotiation story in Wednesday's Daily News, the Goodland teachers union have a list of six items for the negotiations which begin at 4 p.m. today at the district office.

At the end of January Mary Porterfield, leader of the Goodland teacher negotiation team, sent a letter to the school board saying they wished to include salaries, extra-duty pay, supplemental contract pay, teacher duty days and health insurance benefits for retirees.

After a call from Superintendent Marvin Selby Wednesday afternoon, it was discovered that the 11 items listed in the story were actually those sent to the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center in Oakley by Kristin M. Battin.

Both Selby and Porterfield had previously said the shorter lists by both sides should make this year's negotiations simpler because there would not be a large number of issues to deal with. However, neither have said the negotiations would be easy, but they have both said they hoped the two sides can move ahead on a quick schedule.

In Porterfield's letter the salary issue has two parts with the question of raises and redefining the Professional Development points which may also allow a person to receive a larger salary by moving up on the salary schedule.

The teachers are proposing to add list.

several activity positions to the extraduty pay list, and also are seeking to add ance benefit paid for district retirees is positions to the supplemental contract the final item on the teachers' list.

Raising the amount of health insur-

Attorney General Janet Reno said early the government would act in a "reasonable, measured way" — and not try to remove the boy immediately after the government-announced deadline.

"We have the authority to take action," Reno said before the deadline. "But responsible authority means not only knowing when to take action, but how and when to take that action."

After failing to reach an agreement with the family during a dramatic 21/2hour meeting attended by the Cuban boy, Reno ordered them to bring him to Opa-

locka airport outside Miami at 2 p.m. for a flight to Washington. Fifty police cars ringed the airport and 200 officers were deployed to the area.

Lazaro Gonzalez had insisted he would not relinquish custody of the boy he has cared for since Elian's mother drowned off the Florida coast nearly five months ago. "We will not turn this child over — not in Opa-locka, not in any 'locka," he said.

At the great-uncle's house, 1,500 demonstrators who had been bracing for Elian's departure renewed pledges of nonviolence. "War! War! War!" some shouted in Spanish. Many headed to a side street behind the house.

Lazaro Gonzalez addressed the growing crowd with a bullhorn this morning and called for peaceful demonstrations. "We're going to set an example so that they do not take the child Elian, and we're not going to fight with anyone," he said. The crowd cheered wildly.

Government sources have said that if the relatives didn't deliver the boy, the Justice Department would be prepared to eventually send U.S. marshals and immigration agents into the Little Havana house to remove Elian.

Protesters have repeatedly said they would link arms and form a human chain around the house to block federal agents from going in.

It was learned that federal marshals and immigration agents sent to get the boy would likely arrive in minimum numbers wearing civilian clothes. The agents who actually would go to the house might not even be armed.

Reno said there was no intention of going into the house immediately if the boy was not produced by 2 p.m. She also proposed that the Miami relatives fly to Washington — without Elian — and meet with his father.

"We are trying to do this fairly, straightforwardly, without playing games with people," Reno said.

High stepping at track meet



Christina Beeson (second from right) jumped a hurdle as she raced to a second-place finish in the high hurdles at the Goodland ninth and tenth grade track meet on Monday. More photos and results on Page Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News 8.

