

weather report

60°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 17 mph
- Barometer 30.23 inches and falling
- Record High 88° (1981)
- Record Low 24° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 72°
Low 37°
Precipitation .7 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 40-50, winds south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 75-80, low 45, winds south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: dry, high 80-85, low 45. Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 75, low 45.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.18 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.07
 - Loan deficiency payment — 38¢
 - Corn — \$1.80 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.96
 - Loan deficiency payment — 3¢
 - Milo — \$2.73 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.70 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.72
 - Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
 - Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.35 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$6.39
 - Confection current — \$13/\$17 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 wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Senate agrees on new lockup

TOPEKA — A Senate committee has given the go-ahead to build a \$34 million maximum-security juvenile lockup.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee reluctantly approved Gov. Bill Graves' plan Monday to build the center in Topeka.

That's the biggest piece of the \$60.5 million package Graves and the Juvenile Justice Authority sought from the committee.

The package would add 231 beds to the state's youth corrections system, including rebuilding the detention center in Larned. It already has been endorsed by the House Appropriations Committee.

Juvenile justice projects are just one of many budget issues legislators must resolve before adjourning for the year. The Legislature reconvenes Wednesday, and its leaders hope to finish Saturday.

Football coach leaving for Nebraska

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School will be looking for a new football coach and social science teacher following Mike Johnson's resignation at Monday's school board meeting.

"We want to thank the board for the support over the past 12 years," Johnson said. "Both Rochelle and I wanted to personally thank you for all your efforts, and we will always be Cowboys at heart. It was a hard day talking to the students, and it has been great to work with a great bunch of kids."

Johnson said he and his wife would be moving to Waverly, Neb., where he

has been offered a position at a new school. He said it is an opportunity to get closer to his family.

"I want to say that the board and administration have done a great job over the years to provide first rate facilities," Johnson said, "and I can say it was an extremely hard decision. We have been happy here, and enjoy working with the kids."

There was applause from the board and Dick Short, board president, thanked Johnson for his comments and said the district would certainly miss the couple. Later in the meeting the board formally accepted Johnson's resignation.

Certificates of recognition were presented to Dave Hardy, junior high social studies teacher, from the University of Kansas for 25 years of teaching; to JoAnn Wahrman, high school librarian, for having the most outstanding school library in the state selected by the Kansas School Librarian Association; and Chris Guillot, for being named Class 4A wrestling coach of the year by the Salina Journal.

North Principal Steve Raymer introduced three teachers who asked the board to allow them to explore the possibility of creating a "multi-age" classroom with the fifth and sixth grades.

Fifth-grade teacher Norma Staker,

and sixth grade teachers Jona Neufeld and Michael Nelson explained the advantages of mixing ages.

Neufeld said she had taught in two multiage classrooms, and felt there were a number of advantages. Staker said she had been involved in a multiage experiment several years ago at Central School. Nelson also said he would be interested in teaching in a multiage classroom.

Neufeld said there would not be any attempt to force this change on anyone, and there was no intention on making all of the fifth and sixth grade classes into multiage.

"We do not want or would not recom-

mend eliminating all of the single-age, single grade classes," Neufeld said. "It is important to have options for both the students, parents and teachers."

Time savings and student, teacher and parent relationships were among the advantages listed by the teachers. They said multiage classes increase the available learning time, learning begins earlier in the fall, for the second year students the teacher knows where the students are academically, students are given longer to master skills, and curriculum overlap can be eliminated.

Neufeld said there is a bonding between the teacher and student, students and students, and students and parents. With the two-year program, the students, with their parents develop a longer relationship with a teacher, which is also better for the learning of the student.

Staker said the proposal is different from what was tried before, and that many of the mistakes from that experience have been eliminated from the new proposal.

The plan would give parents a choice of classroom organization between the traditional single-age, single-grade classroom and the multiage classroom. There would be an opt-out for both teachers and parents at the end of the first year of the two-year program. Also there would be a commitment to keep a mix of students in each class by ability, gender and ethnic background.

Board member Kathy Russell said both her sons were in the multiage classes at Central and there was a perception among the other students that the classes were for all the slow learners or those who thought they were the elite.

Neufeld said it would be important to see that no one thought the class was "special" or that it was a "dump and hope" class.

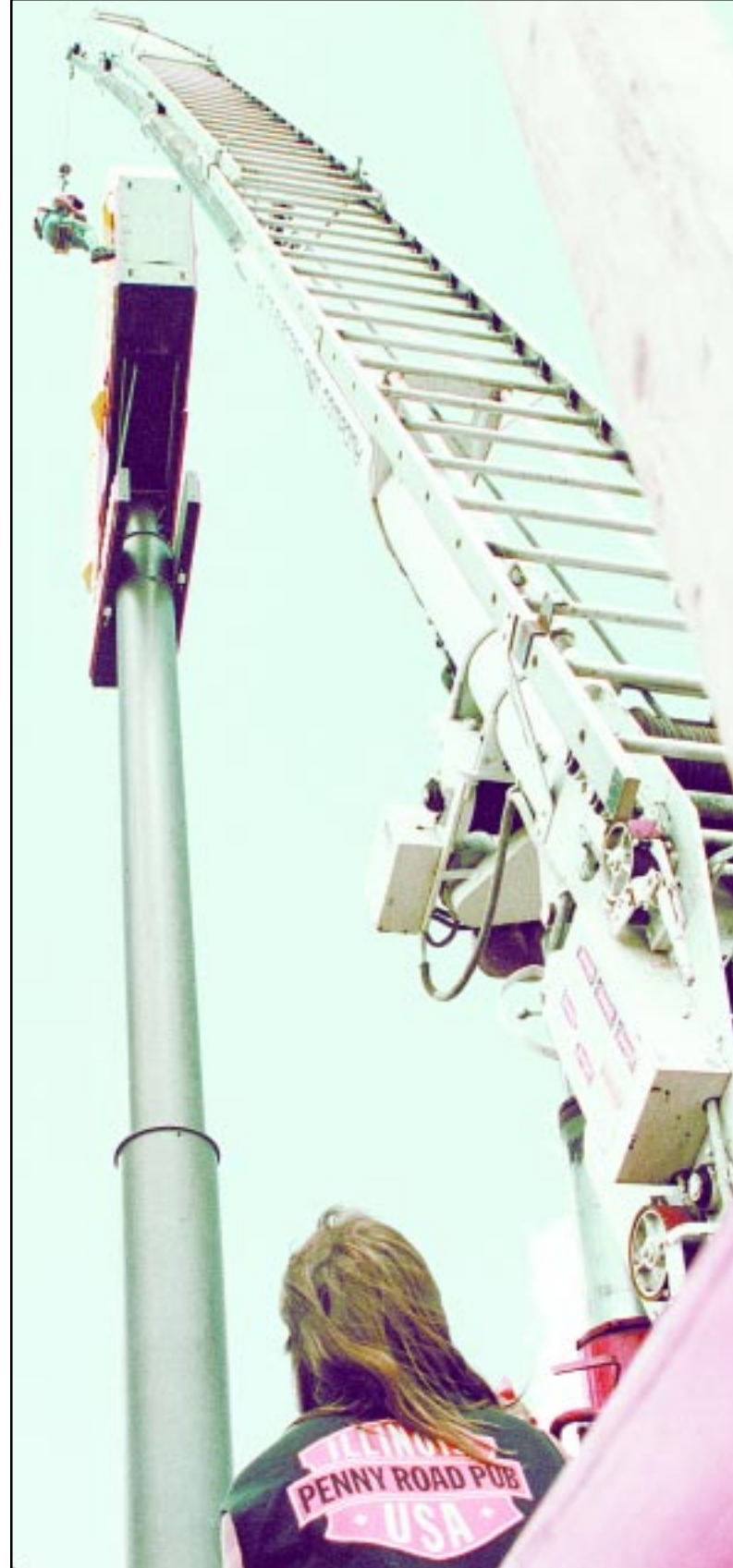
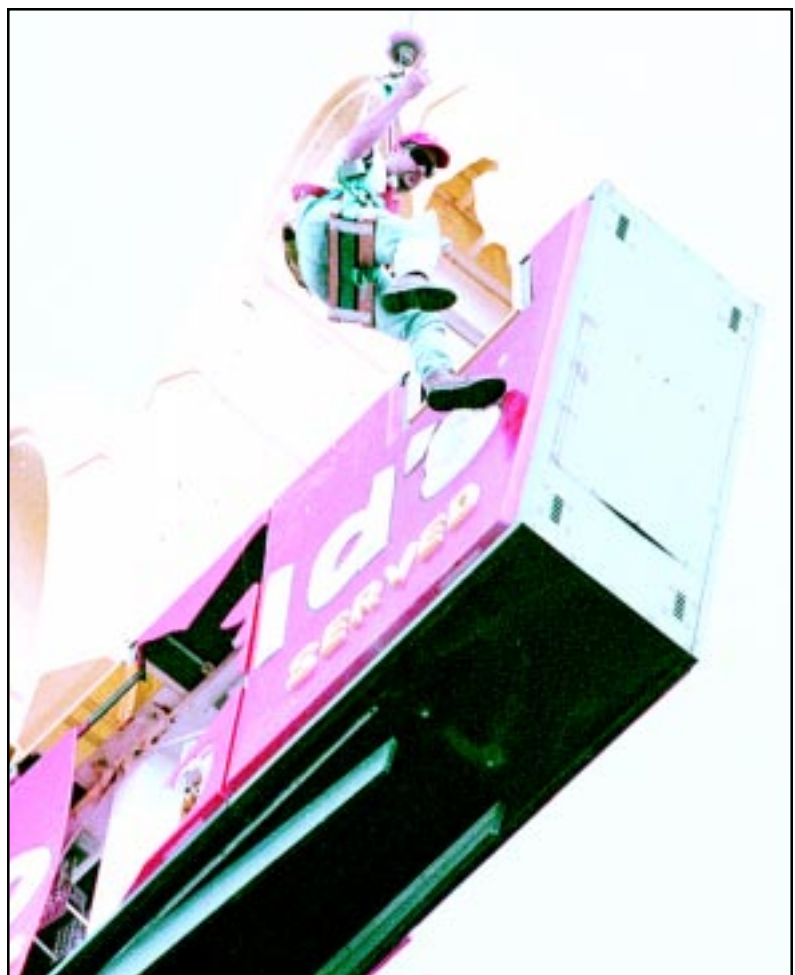
Raymer was asked if there was sup-

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Measuring the arches after winds of March

A sign crew from Denver was up in the air Monday, measuring the big sign at McDonalds for replacement parts after wind blew out several pieces last month. Steve Graham of Young Electric Sign Co. was in the high seat, tape measure in hand (above) while Bill Leahy (right) ran the boom crane. Owner Paul Nelson said a storm about a month ago blew out parts of the sign, but his insurance will cover it. He said Young and a Colby company were bidding for the repair job. He plans to turn the big sign to face east and west, catching freeway traffic on I-70, and mount a smaller sign to face K-27 for local traffic.



Playmates get to visit with Elian

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the request of Juan Miguel Gonzalez, four playmates of his son Elian will be allowed to come from Cuba to visit him here for about two weeks, the State Department said today.

Spokesman James P. Rubin said visa requests from the four will be dealt with on an expedited basis. One adult will be permitted to accompany each child.

Rubin noted that the department issued visas almost three weeks ago to Elian's former kindergarten teacher, a pediatrician and a male cousin. They have not used the visas but may do so at any time, Rubin said.

Elián, his father, stepmother and half brother were moved today from nearby Andrews Air Force Base to an undisclosed location, the U.S. Marshals Service announced. There has been speculation the family would be taken to the secluded Wye Center on Maryland's Eastern Shore to await court action over whether Elián should be allowed to return to Cuba.

The Marshals Service remained with the family for protection, said spokesman Drew Wade.

Attorney General Janet Reno, who has voiced "no regrets whatsoever" for the raid that returned Elián to his father, defended her tactics in a 1 1/2-hour closed-door session with lawmakers. She declined to speak to reporters as she left the Capitol.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the first senator to leave the meeting and a defender of the administration's handling of Saturday's seizure of the 6-year-old boy, said Reno "was objective."

"The law was followed," Leahy told reporters. He said the atmosphere was "still very partisan."

Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., a critic of the military-style raid, said after the session his mind had not been changed by Reno's presentation.

"I am going to recommend... that the Senate engage in a hearing with respect to the use of force," Mack said. "I am deeply troubled, horrified as a matter of fact, that our government would use armed force in a family home to remove a 6-year-old child."