

weather  
report

63°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:36 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:51 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 57 degrees  
• Humidity 35 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds south east 12 mph  
• Barometer 30.10 inches  
and falling  
• Record High 87° (1967)  
• Record Low 24° (1969)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 70°  
Low 35°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low mid 40s. Tomorrow: Cloudy and windy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 65-70, low mid 30s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: rain likely, high 60-65, low mid 40s. Monday and Tuesday: chance of rain, high 70s, low mid 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.09 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.98  
Loan deficiency payment — 47¢  
Corn — \$1.82 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.98  
Loan deficiency payment — 5¢  
Milo — \$2.71 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.59 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.64  
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢  
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.10 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.35  
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  
wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Court asked  
to split firm

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department and 19 states that successfully sued Microsoft for antitrust violations will ask a federal judge to split the software giant into two companies forbidden to reunite for at least a decade.

The proposal was to be submitted to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson after the close of financial markets today. Jackson ruled April 3 that Microsoft repeatedly broke federal antitrust laws intended to maintain fair competition by using its monopoly power in computer operating systems to crush rivals.

Jackson gave the government and the states the option of submitting separate briefs if they failed to agree on a remedy. Despite doubts expressed by some states on the divestiture plan, a single proposal would be filed with the court, according to people close to the talks.

# Teachers, board speed to agreement

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A tentative agreement was reached Thursday afternoon between the Goodland School Board and National Education Association on a contract for the next school year.

After a session lasting nearly three hours, with the teams taking time to caucus about the issues, both sides breathed a sigh of relief when teacher's leader Mary Porterfield announced they would accept the package presented by Kathy Russell, school board team leader.

Both sides agreed that this year's negotiations were the shortest and most pleasant in memory. Reaching agreement in three sessions was possi-

bly a record for the district, Superintendent Marvin Selby said. Porterfield agreed.

The session opened with Porterfield presenting several counterproposals, and when she was done, Russell and the district team called a caucus which lasted about 45 minutes.

When the negotiations resumed, Russell said, "as a board we appreciate your presentation of limited items this year, and the absence of the antagonistic items which neither side is going to budge on. We do want to thank you for your efforts to make this a more pleasant process."

Following Russell's presentation of the board's package, Porterfield called a caucus which lasted about 20 minutes. When the session resumed

Porterfield said, "We appreciate the fact that we seem to be doing more in the way of listening and problem solving than in past year. We felt that when we were talking about PDC (professional development council) and staffing issues, it seemed both sides were trying to listen and understand. With that, I believe we have a tentative agreement."

While the teachers were caucusing on the district's package, Selby said he felt there would be an agreement. "If they don't agree to this, we will never get an agreement," he said.

The two sides agreed not to change the language about using sick leave when related to a spouse or immediate family member taking time

when a baby is born. The board had tried to change the language to clarify when sick leave could be used, and when the time should be personal leave. The teachers; team did not feel there was any reason to change the current language.

The board had suggested a change in the agreement which would have allowed a signing bonus to be paid as an incentive to bring qualified teachers to the district. The teachers had suggested this needed to be clarified, and that there might be some better ways to address recruitment. The signing bonus was removed by the school board team.

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## Remodeling exercise area

Remodeling work began April 17 on the inside of the Goodland Activities Center. Rhoads Construction of Goodland has contracted to do the work. Curt Baldwin (above) installed a ceiling tile on Thursday afternoon. Later, Baldwin (left) adjusted the framework for the suspended ceiling in the front area of the center.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

# Miami chief quits over raid

MIAMI (AP) — The city's police chief resigned today after the mayor criticized him for letting his department get involved in the Elian Gonzalez raid — a dispute that has plunged the city government into turmoil.

The resignation came a day after Mayor Joe Carollo fired the city manager during a hearing where dozens of residents said police abused them while they protested Saturday's pre-dawn raid.

Police Chief William O'Brien said he issued the order to clear his officers from around the house before armed federal agents whisked Elian away.

"I know there's incredible anger and frustration in the (Cuban) exile community, and I want to tell you, if you're looking for a focal point for that frustration, here it is: I gave the orders," said O'Brien, 56.

The former Vietnam-era Air Force fighter pilot and 25-year Miami Police veteran said he was retiring because "the healing's got to start. The healing's got to start for this community."

"I refuse to be the lightning rod of divisiveness in this community,"

O'Brien said. "I refuse to be the chief of police in a city that has someone as divisive and destructive as Joe Carollo as mayor."

Carollo had earlier demanded that City Manager Donald Warshaw dismiss O'Brien for failing to warn the mayor about the raid to seize the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

Warshaw, who preceded O'Brien as chief, refused to fire him. Since only the city manager can dismiss the chief, the stage was set for the confrontation and Warshaw's firing.

O'Brien will remain on the job until a replacement is named, Warshaw said. "He's not leaving to save my job. There are no deals being made," said Warshaw. "My fate is pretty much in other people's hands."

The Miami City Commission can give Warshaw his job back if four of five commissioners vote within 10 days to overturn Carollo's decision. In comments today, Warshaw said he wouldn't lobby to regain his job but noted that the mayor has little support from other commissioners.

Commissioner Johnny Winton, who

did not support Warshaw's dismissal, said it was too early to tell whether the commission would consider overriding Carollo.

Winton said O'Brien's retirement comes at a time when the community most needs professional leadership.

"Obviously, we're creating a gigantic leadership void," he said. "We're in very sad and trying times in the city of Miami."

The city commission voted to create a committee to investigate police involvement in the federal government's seizure of Elian and any police brutality that occurred during the protests. More than 300 people were arrested and tear gas was used to disperse crowds after the boy was seized.

Carollo said Thursday that Warshaw's firing had nothing to do with Elian. The mayor said Warshaw has been criticizing him, lying and trying to turn department heads against him.

Carollo could not immediately be reached for comment today following O'Brien's announcement. Messages

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# Exhibitors to fill floor at Max for weekend

About 45 exhibitors are expected to fill Max Jones Fieldhouse for the annual KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Home and Garden Show, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The show will feature an appearance of "The Conman," a radio personality from Denver, who will be at Crazy R's at 9 p.m. Friday and at McDonalds from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday. He will be at the show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Both exhibitors will include:

The Rattlesnake Roundup of Sharon Springs; Colby Photo, Cellular One and the Pirates Den of Colby; Superior Flooring and Knapp Realty of Burlington; DK Family Learning of Hope; Mingo Custom Wood; Watkins Soft Tubs of Hoxie; S and T Communications of Brewster; Nancy Dietz of Kirk, Colo.; Video Kingdom and Stevens Kansas Territorial of St. Francis; Discount Sid-

ing of Hays; Health Craft Cooking Show, Tampa, Fla.; and LustreCraft of Mount Dora, Fla.;

Grass Roots Lawn Service, Party Gras, Goodland Greenline, Scheopner's Culligan Soft Water, Nikken, Frontier Equity, Waddell and Reed, Elliott's, Fitzgibbon's, Securities America/Hospice, Luci's Aquarium, Cole Auction and Realty, The Goodland Daily News and **nwkansas.com**, J.D. Stone Cutting, Wal-Mart, Homestead Realty, the *Sherman County Star*,

Cobblestone Floral and Garden, Hitchcock Inc., American Communications, Bowman Heating and Air Conditioning, the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lincare, First National Bank, Rasure's Do It Center, Shields BDS Enterprises and Nature's Sparkle, all of Goodland. Outside of Max Jones there will be a booth for Shields BDS.

# Legislature hashing out compromise on budget

By David Miles

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The Senate unanimously approved its version of the year's final budget bill, leaving it to negotiators from both chambers to work out a compromise.

The 40-0 vote Thursday came a day after the House approved similar legislation by a wide margin. The Senate vote sent the bill to negotiators, who

worked well into the night.

The bill is the final piece of the \$8.7 billion budget for fiscal year 2001, which begins July 1.

Both versions of the bill spell out how Kansas will spend its share of money from the national tobacco settlement and permit the state to build what amounts to a maximum-security prison for juvenile offenders.

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# City expects to get development plan

A plan for a \$30,000 donation earmarked for economic development will be presented Monday to the Goodland City Commission on Monday by Stephen West, head of the Chamber economic development committee and president of Western State Bank.

The commission set aside the money in March, and asked West and the Chamber committee to develop a plan before any money was spent.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he expects the chamber's plan to cover at least a portion of the earmarked money.

The commission will also hear proclamations designating Friday as Arbor Day, and May 7 thorough May 14 as National Music Week at the request of the Goodland Federated Music Club.

In other business, the commission:

- Will consider a home occupation permit for Brenda Coon to operate a home beauty salon at 223 Clark.
- Consider bids for seven more buildings as the second round of demolition's under the current grant program.
- Consider bids for a utility pole trailer, a multi-use tractor and the summer street sealing project. Pickman said the city is planning to seal about one-third of the city streets this year.

Pickman said a comprehensive plan workshop Tuesday was productive, and that the consultants are taking the information back to develop a final draft.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. Monday, upstairs in the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.