

Lt. governor will announce intentions

TOPEKA (AP)—He's coy about his intentions now, but Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer plans to announce Friday whether he'll run next year for the Republican nomination for governor.

Sherrer scheduled a news conference for 10:30 a.m. Friday in his Statehouse office. The two-sentence statement from his office gave no further details, and Sherrer wouldn't disclose his plans during an interview Tuesday, though he did say he has made up his mind.

"I haven't taken any of this lightly," he said. "It has consumed a lot of my time, my thinking time. I've had input from a lot of people."

Sherrer, 60, has served as lieutenant governor since May 1996, and his tenure is the longest ever. He also has



Sherrer

served as secretary of commerce and housing since Gov. Bill Graves took office in January 1995.

Graves is serving his second four-year term, and the Kansas Constitution prevents him from running for re-election next year. Like Graves, Sherrer considers himself a moderate.

Others listed as potential Republican candidates are U.S. Reps. Jerry Moran and Todd Tiahrt, State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, Kansas House Speaker Kent Glasscock and state GOP Chairman Mark Parkinson.

During an appearance Monday in Wakefield, Moran told KJCK radio he was seriously considering entering the race but had made no final decision. He declined to say when he might announce a decision.

"I'm looking at it seriously and

trying to listen to Kansans as to where I best can serve, trying to figure out in my own mind what my goals would be as governor, and do I have the skills and abilities to make a difference in this state?," Moran said.

One Republican candidate, former Junction City Mayor Lloyd Parker, already has declared.

Among Democrats, Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius is considered the front-runner for the party's nomination.

Over the past two decades, candidates for statewide office typically have announced their intentions and kicked off their campaigns with a series of rallies across the state. But Sherrer said people shouldn't tread too much into the fact that he's scheduled only a single news conference.

"The last thing I'd want to be, if I were a candidate, is a conventional one," Sherrer said.

City will not charge car thieves

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Grand Voyager belonging to Topside Office Products in Goodland.

Yowell said police caught the teens, who live in or around Denver and are between 13 and 15, trying to steal a third vehicle at 8:15 a.m. that morning from the parking lot at the Limon Apartments. He said a person living in the building called police, and officers pulled into the lot just as the youths were driving away in the three vehicles.

Chief Yowell said the youths tried

to steal a Chrysler New Yorker from the lot and were caught driving a Dodge Caravan reported stolen from Wellington, Colo., north of Denver.

Four of the youths were taken to a detention center in Englewood, Colo., Yowell said, and a 13-year-old, the only girl, was released to her parents. He said police couldn't interview the youths because their parents didn't come to Limon.

Yowell said the teen-agers will be charged with second-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, conspiracy

to commit theft, possession of stolen property, criminal mischief, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

Chief Smee said no charges will be filed here, as the Colorado courts will handle the case. County Attorney Bonnie Selby said she hadn't received reports on the thefts, but said they couldn't duplicate charges here.

Smee said the owners of the Aurora car are coming to pick it up and the other vehicles have been returned to their owners.

Man forced from road on Friday

Roy Dixon, Brewster, reported that he was forced off of County Road 57 east of County Road 27, south of Edson, by a "phantom" vehicle about 6:40 a.m. Friday.

Dixon, 52, told Sherman County sheriff's deputy Robert Lamb he was

westbound on Road 57 when an unidentified eastbound semi forced the 1996 Chevy Blazer he was driving off

the road. The vehicle, owned by his wife Maxine, had damage to the underframe. No one was injured.

Notice

City of Goodland regular trash pickup scheduled for Wednesday July 4, 2001 will be picked up the following day, July 5, 2001. Those customers with a roll out cart need to have it available on the 5th for pickup. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

City of Goodland Solid Waste Department

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Swim team doesn't feel they have support of city

Swimming Coach Glenna Jarmin and four mothers told the Goodland City Commission on Monday that the kids on the swim team do not feel they have the support of the city.

Jarmin said the kids on the team have been blamed for the continued vandalism at the pool, such as a shower head that had been removed. The parents said their kids are treated like second-class citizens by management and employees at the pool.

The coach and parents said that the team's practice had been canceled because of mowing around the pool, that the kids have to work every weekend to earn money to support the team because the concession stand was taken away from them as a money-maker, and that the city does not pay their coach. They said they don't think the swim team is a priority in Goodland.

"There has been continued vandalism at the pool," replied Rohr, "and we don't know who's doing it."

"The new water park is a learning experience. It takes time to work things out."

Vice Mayor Rick Billinger said, "It's a new pool, and some things have changed. The team should not take things personally."

Pickman said that changes had been made for financial reasons. The old pool cost \$50,000 a year to operate whereas Steever Park costs \$250,000 a year and the city has a \$2.4 million loan to pay off.

Pickman said he thought a lot of the bad feelings expressed stemmed from a personal vendetta and that better communication is needed to solve the problems.

The commission discussed putting in a glass case to display swimmers' accomplishments as parents and Jarmin asked.

In the city manager's report, Pickman said the Cherry Street addition has been delayed as a result of the weather and the construction signs not arriving from the state. The state selected the bid of Venture Corp. to do the work and is responsible for the contract with them, he said.

Pickman said work should begin Thursday on a section of Business U.S. 24 that will be closed two days for repair.

Next week, the work is scheduled to begin on Cherry Street itself, he said. The intersection of 19th and Cherry will be closed maybe as early as Monday, he said. Their will be a detour of traffic to Caldwell.

Pickman said that beginning next week, everything south from 18th

Kansas farmers plant biggest soybean crop

WICHITA (AP)— Kansas farmers have planted more soybeans this spring than at any other time in the state's history, Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service said.

Soybean plantings in the state totaled 3 million acres, the agency said in its recently released June acreage report. That is 2 percent above last year's planting.

The increase in soybean plantings comes at the same time that corn acres are down in the state.

Kansas farmers ended up sowing 3.3 million acres to corn — 4 percent fewer acres than last year. About 38 percent of the corn planted in the state was genetically modified varieties.

Driving the crop choices are high prices for such things as the natural gas that powers irrigation pumps and produces nitrogen fertilizers, and the diesel gas to fuel tractors.

Street will be closed. This may begin as early as July 11 and will continue until mid to late August he said. There will be access to all businesses, but the alternate routes will take extra time.

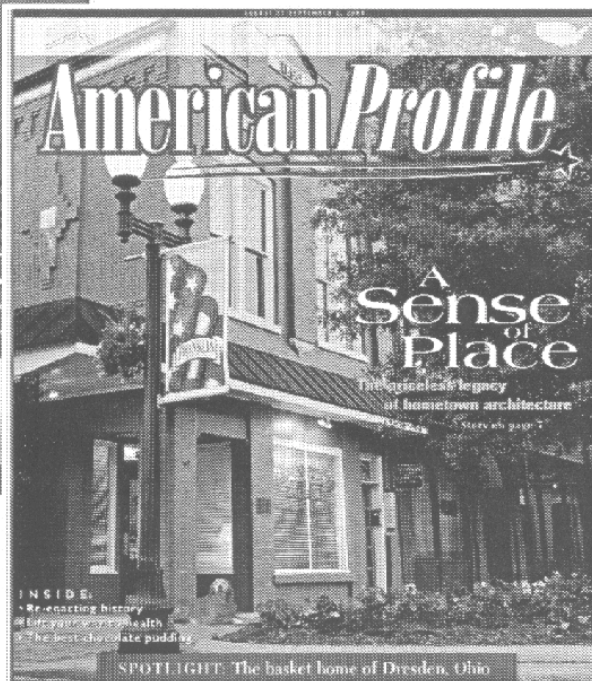
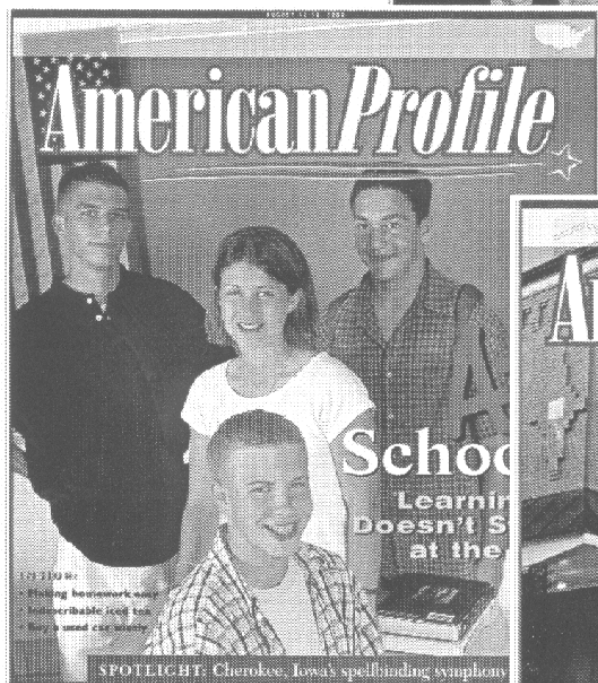
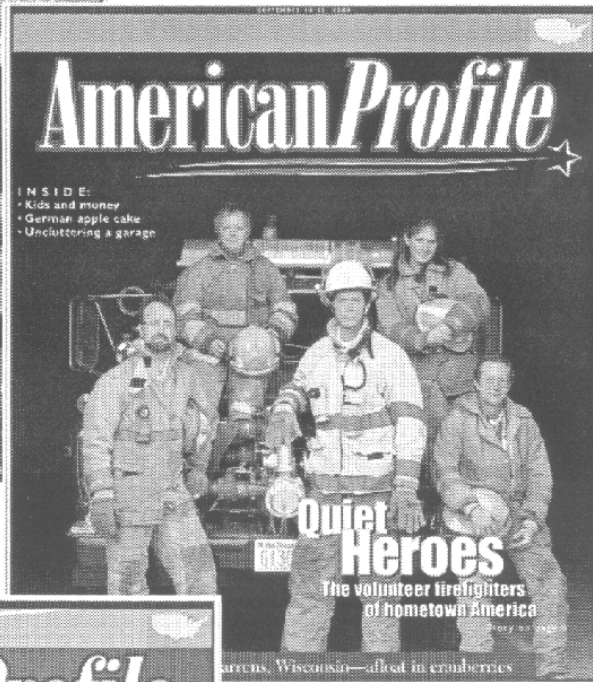
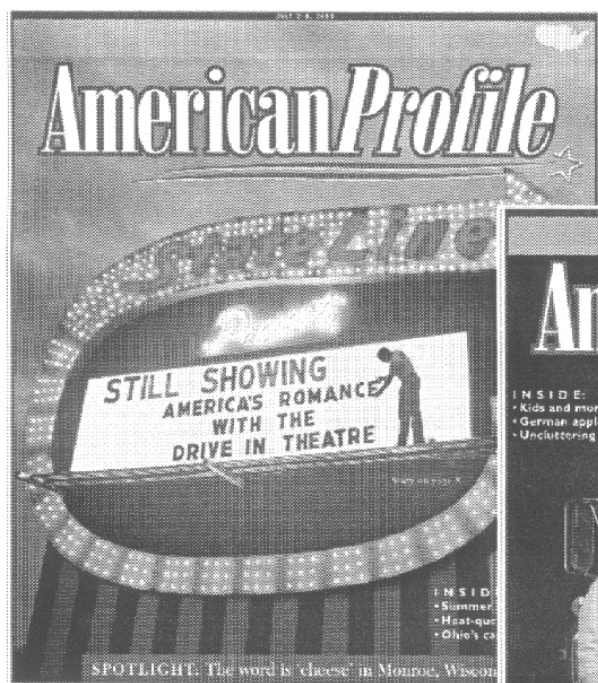
Commissioner Chuck Lutters asked if Cherry Street would be re-named East Main after the construction. Pickman said that would require address changes, and they would need to consider what property owners on Cherry Street think before making such a decision.

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