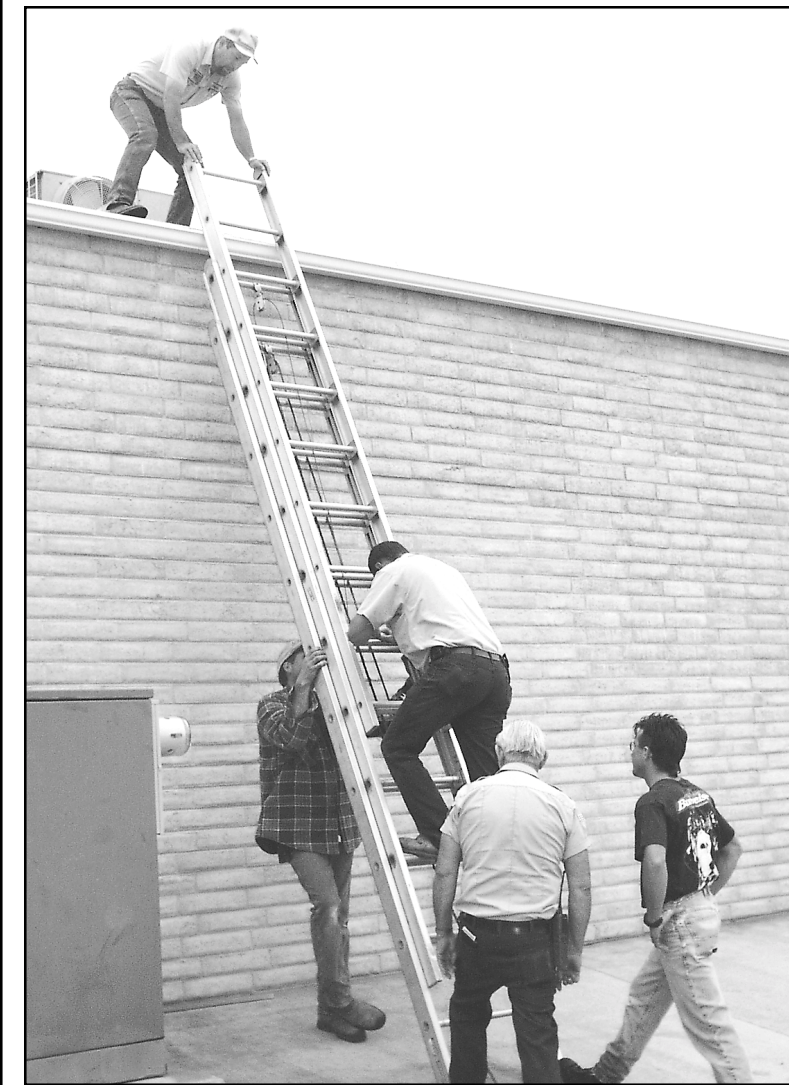


Smell from heater



Goodland firefighters were called to the Cowboy Loop gas station at 17th and Main about 9:10 a.m. on Monday after employees reported smelling smoke. It turned out to be false alarm, Fire Chief Dean Jensen said. The station's heater had kicked on, putting out a smoky smell.
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Alumni to award cash prizes

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providing transportation and hope to have quite a number of entries from (Goodland High) classes and organizations," said Dale Schields, an alumni association board member. "We really encourage everyone to participate."
The association will award a \$50 cash prize to all Goodland High organizations that provide parade entries

and will give cash prizes to help defray costs to all schools that provide entries.
Goodland High students are having dress-up days this week, starting with Hat Day on Monday. Today is Twin Day, Wednesday is Color War, with each grade dressing in a different color, Thursday is Pajama Day and Friday is Black and Gold Day.
Each class is decorating a hallway at the school and will have a golf cart to

decorate for a parade float.
The parade entries will begin assembling at 6 p.m. Thursday at the following locations: convertibles, antique cars and motorcycles in front of the library and courthouse on Broadway; floats and individual entries along Eighth Street next to Gullick Park; and the Goodland High School band near the intersection of Eighth and Main.
The Goodland Police Department

and Public Works personnel will block off Eighth from Main to Caldwell and Broadway from Eighth to Ninth between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. and ask that only parade participants enter these areas during this time.
The police department and the alumni association ask that parents not allow their children to get too far into the street during the course of the parade to pick up candy.

Moran not running for governor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Considered the GOP front-runner for Kansas governor, U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran nearly joined the race, but abandoned the idea after terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.



Moran

"Every generation has an opportunity to leave a legacy," he said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press. "If we can leave a legacy that the world is ad be a good thing for the generation I'm part of."
Moran bowed out of contention during a Chamber of Commerce breakfast Monday morning in Hays, Kan.
He "came close to making a different decision," Moran told the AP, but the choice became clear after he cast a vote Friday for congressional consent to use force against those responsible

for the attacks.
"It just didn't seem appropriate — it didn't seem to have any integrity — to vote to authorize the president to use military force, and put the men and women of the armed services and intelligence agencies at risk, and several days later go out and put on my political hat and campaign for office."
He added: "What efforts we make at trying to combat terrorism seem to me to be an awfully important thing."
The three-term congressman from western Kansas said he reached his decision over the weekend but didn't know whether he would announce it when he arrived at the "Eggs and Issues" breakfast. Now is not a good time to be talking politics, Moran said, "but it might not get any better."
With the 2002 primary less than a year away, several Republicans have been waiting to see what Moran would do. Moran had promised to declare his intentions by Oct. 1.
"My impression is that there will be people who will be disappointed,

people who certainly encouraged me to run for governor," Moran said. "There may be complaints about the decision, but I would never begrudge anybody making a decision about what they do with their lives."
Moran said his decision had nothing to do with the tough economic times, or the fractured GOP majority in the Kansas Legislature.
"That actually was the most compelling reason to run, the part I had the most difficulty walking away from," Moran said. "When times are tough, we need even better leaders. That's not the reason not to run; that was actually the reason I came close to making a different decision."
Sen. Pat Roberts, a Republican ally of Moran's who held the same seat in the U.S. House, said the announcement did not surprise him.
"He's a damned good congressman," said Roberts, who described seeing one Kansas resident after another approach Moran at the State Fair urging him to remain in the House.

"They view him as standing in the breach representing rural and small-town America. I think he made the right decision. He's got an unfinished agenda."
Rep. Jim Ryun, R-Kan., said Moran's decision was a difficult one but echoed Moran's sentiment.
"I feel that, especially in light of what's going on now, there is an incredibly important task that needs to be addressed in terms of responsibilities arriving from last week's terrorist attacks," Ryun said. "I feel that's where I can best serve people."
Rep. Todd Tiahrt, another potential GOP contender for governor, said: "I can understand why someone would make the decision that it's important to continue to represent his district in Congress but I can understand why somebody would want to pursue a job in Topeka."
Tiahrt said he is focused on upcoming hearings of his Appropriations Committee panels on transportation and defense.

County seeking coroner

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ties because Thomas has the largest population in the seven-county 15th judicial district.
The Thomas County commissioners recently appointed Dr. Hildyard as district coroner, Selby said, after Dr. Richard Ohmart of Oakley resigned because of health problems. Workers at the hospital in Oakley said Ohmart is now staying in Denver after suffering a stroke.
At a meeting earlier this month, Sherman County commissioners suggested Selby contact doctors and ask Thomas County to make an appointment.
"We're working on it," Selby said Monday.
Dr. Jennings said the coroner's job is to declare a person deceased and investigate deaths that no one was

present for or where there is evidence of foul play. She said the coroner must determine how the person died, which sometimes requires an autopsy.
One reason Jennings gave for resigning was that county officials would sometimes second guess her decision have a pathologist perform an autopsy and say the county wouldn't pay the bill.
"That's not their call," she said. "I was second guessed by people less trained."
Other reasons she gave include that fact that the job was time consuming and stressful and she's leaving Goodland in January to take a job in Falls City, Neb., where she said she will be a family practitioner and won't do coroner work.
Jennings said the job should go to Hellerud because he's dedicated. "Tom has done a very good job."

Clerics discuss conditions for extradition

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discuss conditions for possibly extraditing suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden to a country other than the United States. The Bush administration considers bin Laden the prime suspect in the attacks.
Afghanistan's Taliban rulers vowed to wage a holy war against America if U.S. forces launch an assault to punish them for sheltering the exiled Saudi dissident.
Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the administration still "intends to take this attack to the terrorists."
"We have a choice either to change the way we live, which is unacceptable, or to change the way that they live and we chose the latter," he told a Pentagon briefing.

"The only answer is to take the effort to them, where they are."
And he made clear that countries supporting terrorists are not exempt from U.S. attack.
"The terrorists do not function in a vacuum," he said. "They don't live in Antarctica. They work, they train and they plan in countries. They're benefiting from the support of governments."
A delegation of Pakistani leaders who on Monday had at U.S. behest presented the case for surrendering bin Laden to Taliban leaders returned to Pakistan.
In New York, Pakistan's ambassador to the United Nations said his country's delegation tried to convey the gravity of the moment to the Taliban.
"I cannot predict at this stage what the outcome is going to be," Shamshad Ahmad said.

"In our view it was worth making an effort through diplomatic engagement."
Bush said Americans could use a special Web site to make donations and "figure out where to send food, where to donate blood, where to give clothes" and how to best devote their time.
"Last week was a really horrible week for America," Bush said. Still, he added, "Americans' love for America was channeled through our nation's great charities."
Joining him at the ceremony were Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and James Gilmore of Virginia. Later, Bush planned a dinner with French President Jacques Chirac to broaden an international coalition against terrorism.
Ridge later said that the attacks left "a permanent scar on America. But it is also an opportunity for us to do things

differently, both internally and externally. And he (Bush) is going to seize that opportunity."
Bush has ordered his staff to begin grappling with the economic consequences of the attacks. Economic stimulus legislation and assistance for struggling airlines are the first orders of business, presidential counselor Karen Hughes said in an interview.
Commerce Secretary Don Evans said Bush was considering direct financial aid to airlines.
"Certainly I see reason to step in and help," Evans told ABC.
Earlier Tuesday, Rumsfeld indicated that bin Laden's extradition, while welcome, would not be enough to stop a military response against terrorists and those who shelter them.

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