

weather
report

77°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:49 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:33 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 64 degrees
• Humidity 35 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds northeast 20-25
• Barometer 30.08 inches
and rising
• Record High 95° (1986)
• Record Low 30° (1983)

Last 24 Hours*

High 86°
Low 50°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 50, wind north-
east 5-15. Tomorrow: partly cloudy,
high 80-85, low 50-55, wind south
10-20.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: partly
cloudy, chance of thunderstorms,
high 80-85, low 60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.54 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.46
Corn — \$1.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.82
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
Milo — \$2.92 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.99 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.09
Loan deficiency payment — 83¢
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.30 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$6.95
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$7.66
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco
Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century
Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Senator may
join the race

LAWRENCE — Senate Presi-
dent Dave Kerr says he may run for
governor because he doesn't like
the current lineup.

The Lawrence Journal-World
reported today that Kerr, R-
Hutchinson, said he would run
under the right scenario. He would
not say what that would be.

"I don't want to ignore the op-
portunity and the need should that
become apparent," Kerr said.

Kerr had supported U.S. Rep.
Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, but Mo-
ran backed out of contention ear-
lier this week, saying he wanted to
stay in Congress after the Sept. 11
terrorist attacks.

Many Republicans, including
Kerr, considered Moran the front-
runner for their party's nomina-
tion. "I was hopeful Moran would
run," Kerr said. "I think his candi-
dacy would've won without any
real doubt."

Officials talk about animals in city

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland city commission put off a de-
cision on an ordinance allowing some farm ani-
mals to be kept in parts of the city Monday, say-
ing that the matter needed further discussion.

An ordinance passed in 1992 forbade the keep-
ing of livestock within the city limits, but some
landowners thought they would be protected by a
grandfather clause in a previous ordinance. This
misunderstanding came to light when a land-
owner complained about his neighbor's animals.

Jerry Nemechek, head of building inspection,

researched the law and discovered that the 1992
ordinance made it illegal to keep any livestock
within the city limits. The commission heard from
landowners who have kept livestock in the city at
the Aug. 20 meeting and decided to have an ordi-
nance drawn up.

The ordinance would allow livestock to be kept
in certain areas of the city but with restrictions on
how many animals could be kept per acre of land.

The ordinance states that horses may be housed
and maintained in the area between Toelkes Drive
and Armory Road and North Main and Caldwell
Avenue and that horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, and

goats may be housed in the area south of the Kyle
Railroad right-of-way and east of Arcade Avenue
extended to the city limits.

Landowners in those areas would be allowed
two cattle per acre if the animals weigh less than
1,000 pounds or one if over 1,000 pounds, one
horse per acre, five sheep and goats and three pigs
or hogs.

Some of the landowners in those areas normally
house more animals than they would be allowed
for the acres they own, commissioners were told.
The landowners present at the meeting said it
would be a hardship for them to move their ani-

mals now and that they hoped the commission
would allow them to keep their animals.

One commissioner felt the restrictions were too
harsh.

"We should be more accommodating than
this," Commissioner Rick Billinger said. "There
haven't been any problems so far. We should just
leave it alone."

But the law doesn't allow for the animals to be
kept as they have been. A new ordinance is needed
for that. Some of the commissioners would favor

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Blimp sails in for visit

Renner Field

"blimp-friendly"

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Fourteen "blimpies" converged on
"blimp-friendly" Renner Field on
Wednesday evening to land the
Budweiser blimp, a 165-foot long, 55-
foot tall, 7,500-pound advertising
icon.

After checking out of the Comfort
Inn, the blimpies were back at the air-
port at 8 a.m. today, preparing to
launch the huge
airship, which
will spend to-
night in Kansas
City before mak-
ing its way to St.
Louis and Green
Bay, Wis.

Matthew St.
John, one of two
line pilots on the
16-person crew,
said over Labor
Day weekend the blimp was crossing
Kansas on its way to Denver and the
crew needed a place to spend the night.
He said the pilots found Goodland's
airport on the map and determined it
was blimp-friendly because it has
enough room to park the gigantic icon.
The blimp went to Denver for a
Monday night football game, St. John
said, and the whole operation crew,
otherwise known as "blimpies,"
planned to leave Tuesday for Green
Bay.

Because terrorists hijacked four jet-
liners, crashing the planes in Washing-
ton, New York and Pennsylvania, he
said, most airports shut down last
week, including Denver International.
He said the crew spent the week in
Colorado, white water rafting and
mountain biking.

The blimp left Denver on Wednes-
day, St. John said, and the crew de-
cided to stay in Goodland again, arriv-
ing here about 4 p.m.

A crowd gathered around the airport
as the red, Budweiser-labeled blimp
landed about 4:30 p.m. Sheriff Doug
Whitson and Police Chief Ray Smea
stood in the shadow of the blimp talk-
ing to crew members, who were pol-
ishing the red cockpit, or "gondola."

One crew member answered ques-
tions from a group of children who
rode their bicycles to the airport to
check out the blimp.

"Have you ever walked on it?"
asked Ryan Fisher, 8, standing near the
blimp's gondola.

"It's like walking on the moon,"
said Cheryl Krause, a North Carolina
native, who has been traveling with
the blimp for about a year and three
months.

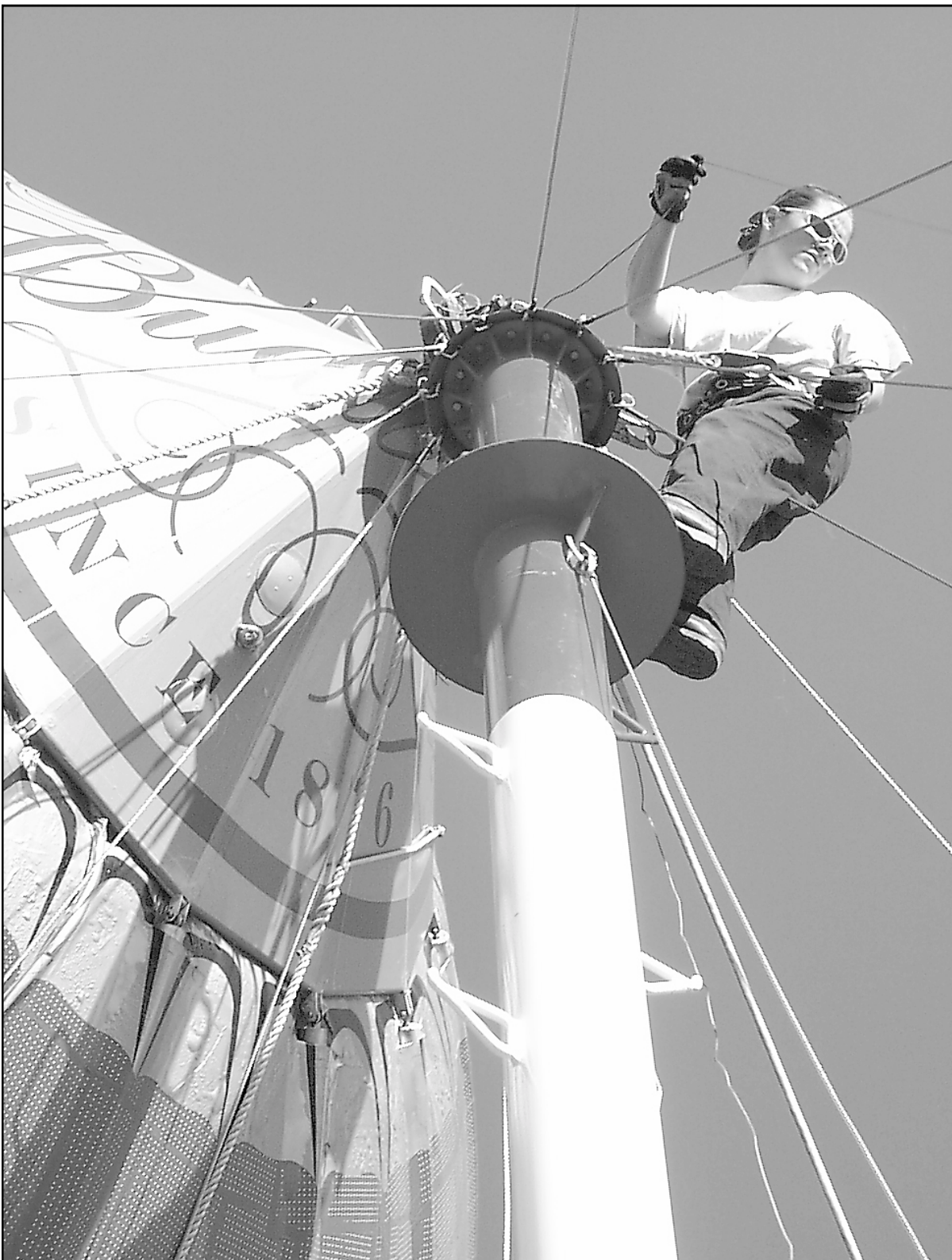
St. John said there are two pilots on
the crew, two crew chiefs, two me-
chanics and about 10 ground people,
who drive the equipment trailers and
help land and launch the blimp.

Before the blimp lands, he said, the
crew sets up a red-and-white striped
mooring mast, which stands about 50
feet in the air. The front tip of the blimp
is attached to the mast, St. John said,
and the backs and sides of the ship are
free, allowing the blimp to turn in a
360 degree circle.

St. John said the system reduces
wind damage, allowing the blimp to
move freely, whatever direction the
wind is blowing.

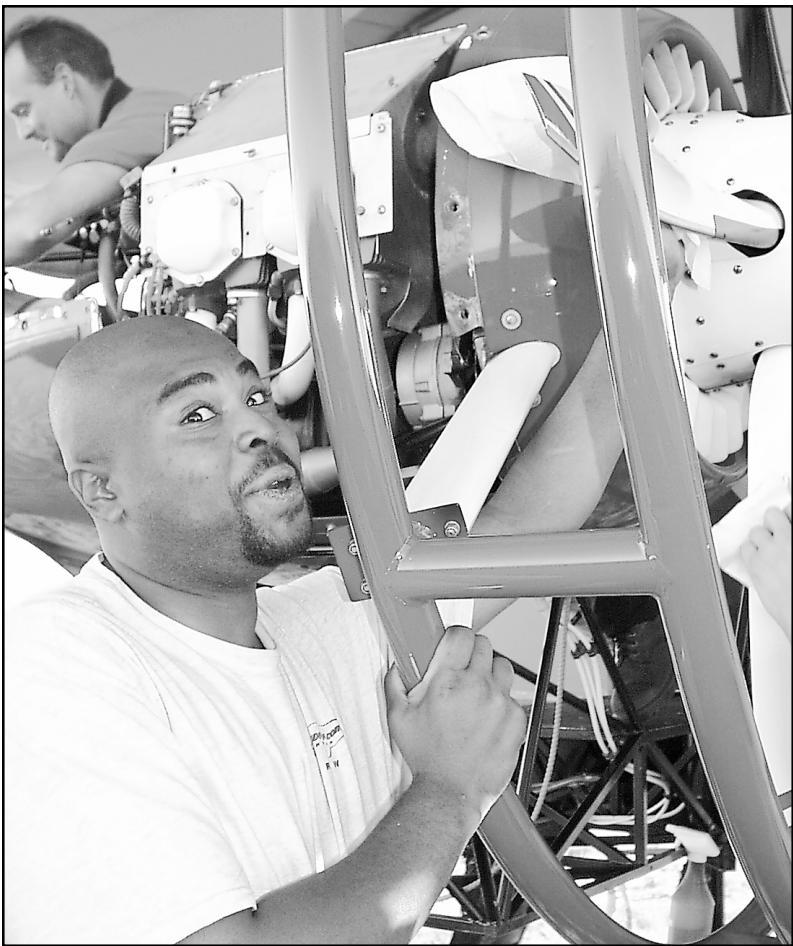
"It's basically like docking a ship,"
he said.

The 27-year-old pilot, who said he
has an extensive sailing background,
said he thinks of the blimp as an "air-



Annie Hamrin (above), a Budweiser blimp crew member, stood on top of a mast Wednesday evening at Renner Field to hook the tip of the blimp to the mast, docking the airship for the night. Larry "Ham" Ruffin (below), a crew member, helped polish the blades on the blimp's props after landing.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News



ship" because it handles more like a
boat than a plane.

When an airplane hits turbulence,

St. John said, it makes the ride bumpy
and "herky-jerky." The blimp, he
said, rolls over the air, like it's a wave.

Bush rejects proposal

Afghanistan asks bin Laden to leave

By Christopher Newton

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As he prepared
to address Congress, President Bush
rejected a proposal by Islamic clerics
that Osama bin Laden leave Afghanis-
tan voluntarily. "We want action, not
just statements," Secretary of State
Colin Powell said today.

Powell said the suspected master-
mind of last week's terror attacks must
be surrendered and not given continued
haven in Afghanistan or any other
country.

"The sooner he leaves and is brought
to justice the better off I think the world
will be," Powell said.

Powell also provided new insight
into the administration's battle plan,
suggesting bin Laden and his al-Qaida
terrorist organization would be the first
targets.

"When we have dealt with al-Qaida,
the network, Osama bin Laden, the in-
dividual, we will then broaden that
campaign to go after other terrorist or-
ganizations and forms of terrorism
around the world," Powell said at the
State Department.

The nation's military leaders, mean-
while, indicated they were preparing
for a long, sustained effort that will in-
clude U.S. combat forces.

"It is a marathon, it is not a sprint,"
Defense Secretary Donald H.
Rumsfeld told a Pentagon briefing.
"It's not easy, it's difficult. And it will

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Businesses donate cash for parade

Schyler Goodwin, director of the
Goodland Development Corp., said
businesses are donating over \$300 in
cash and gift certificates to the group for
the "Junk Parade" this Saturday.

The corporation and other businesses
and organizations have spent the past
two weeks gathering thousands of
pounds of trash in town and plan to pa-
rade the junk down Main and across
town to the county transfer station.

The parade will start at 1 p.m. at the
corner of 17th and Main, and will in-
clude entertainment and two children's
contests for best decorated costume and
bicycle. There will be two age groups
in each children's contest, 1 to 5 and 6
and up.

Goodwin, who works at Bankwest,
said the bank will give \$30 to the first
place winners in each age category, \$20
to second place winners and \$10 to
third. He said every participant will
receive a \$1 coin.

He said Wendy's, McDonald's, Sub-
way, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen and Wal-
Mart have also donated prizes and gift
certificates for the children's contests,
and the Goodland Police Department
will give all participants a fake badge.

Participants can meet at the corner of
17th and Main at 12:30 p.m. on Satur-
day to be judged. If you want to sign
your child up call Goodwin at 899-6200
or Mitch Hixson at 899-3060.

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