

## weather report

**68°**

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 6:41 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:39 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 63 degrees  
• Humidity 45 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds south 20-25  
• Barometer 30.19 inches and falling  
• Record High 97° (1998)  
• Record Low 21° (1926)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 68°  
Low 39°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 45-50, winds southeast 5-15. Tomorrow: sunny, high 80s, low 45-50, winds southeast 5-15

### Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: sunny, high 75-80, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets



### Noon

Wheat — \$2.54 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.47  
Corn — \$1.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.82  
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢  
Milo — \$1.71 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.05 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.09  
Loan deficiency payment — 83¢  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7.40 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.29  
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.**

## Sides closer to truce talks

JERUSALEM — Prospects for Israeli-Palestinian truce talks brightened today as a trip by Yasser Arafat to Syria was called off at the last minute, freeing time for a possible meeting between the Palestinian leader and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

No date for a Peres-Arafat meeting was set, but a U.S. State Department official said the United States is looking into the new possibilities that opened with Syria's cancellation of the Arafat visit to Damascus.

The United States has been pushing for a Peres-Arafat meeting at the earliest possible opportunity. Washington believes that quelling Israeli-Palestinian violence is essential to its efforts to gain support in the Islamic world for a united offensive against terrorism in response to the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washing-

# Bush briefs Congress on war plans

## Saudi Arabia cuts ties to Taliban government

By Christopher Newton

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush briefed congressional leaders today on U.S. troop deployments around the globe and scored a diplomatic victory when Saudi Arabia cut its ties with the terrorist-harboring Taliban rulers of Afghanistan.

Meantime, reports showed that American consumer confidence plunged in the wake of this month's attacks in New York and Washington.

"I think the war aims are clear," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said after he and other lawmakers met with Bush at the White House. "In a way, it's meeting guerrilla warfare with guerrilla warfare, but it's also meeting it with financial efforts, and political efforts, and diplomatic efforts," said the Missouri Democrat.

Saudi Arabia's move left Pakistan as the only nation in the world to maintain ties with the Taliban — and Pakistan has pledged cooperation with the American-led war on terrorism. It leaves Afghanistan's hard-line Islamic regime ever more isolated in its show-

down with the United States over Osama bin Laden, the No. 1 suspect in the attacks on the United States that left nearly 7,000 dead or missing.

Separate from Saudi Arabia's move, Russian President Vladimir Putin underlined his country's commitment to an international coalition against terror, calling for the "complete ideological and political isolation" of international terrorists. He spoke in Berlin after meeting with German leaders.

Defiant, bin Laden's al-Qaida organization issued an early morning statement warning Washington against attacks against him or Afghanistan: "Wherever there are Americans and Jews, they will be targeted."

The statement was faxed to news organizations in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, in the name of al-Qaida's chief military commander, Naseer Ahmed Mujahed, and released less than 48 hours before the beginning of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for Jews.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer announced that Bush would travel to Chicago on Thursday to pledge

support for the battered airlines industry and urge Americans to resume normal spending practices.

He spoke as the Conference Board in New York was providing fresh evidence that Americans' concerns about an already weakened economy had been redoubled by the attacks.

The New York-based business group said its Consumer Confidence Index sank to 97.6 from a revised 114 in August.

At the White House, Gephardt said Bush was taking the right approach in targeting terrorist cells rather than civilians. He said that removing the Taliban from power in Afghanistan is not necessarily a goal.

"I don't think it's anybody's goal to topple governments in this," Gephardt said. However, he added, the fact that the Taliban supports bin Laden "gives us real pause, and obviously we'd like to change that position on their part."

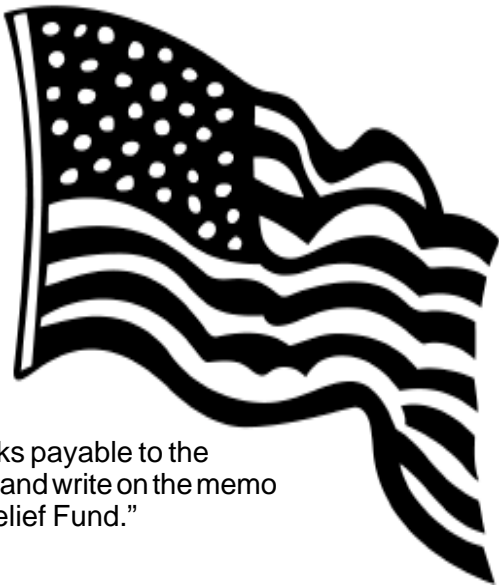
Also in the meeting were House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

## Want to help?

Donations for the American Red Cross to help in New York and Washington are being accepted at all Nor'West Newspaper offices and area banks.

In Goodland, the *Goodland Daily News* and local banks are collecting donations.

Please make checks payable to the American Red Cross and write on the memo line, "For Disaster Relief Fund."



The leaders discussed airport security measures, including Gephardt's idea of putting military police or reservists on planes "so that every passenger has a feeling of confidence to go back on the airplanes."

Gephardt said Reagan National Airport outside Washington, the only airport still closed due to the Sept. 11 attacks, could reopen once planes using the airport are equipped with better cockpit doors.

# Parade brings tons of junk into landfill

## Effort collects over 37 tons and 613 tires

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

"Junk Parade" participants hauled more than 37 tons of scrap metal, furniture, tree branches and other garbage to the county transfer station on Saturday, along with 613 passenger, truck and tractor tires.

The Goodland Development Corp., a 12-member group formed to improve the city, revived the parade to cleanup the town for the Flatlander Fall Festival this weekend. Schyler Goodwin, corporation director, said the event had died out about 10 years ago.

Corporation members and people from other organizations and businesses spent the past couple of weeks gathering trash out of yards and alleys and making junk floats. Volunteers collected everything from refrigerators and air conditioners to couches and televisions.

Goodwin said there were about 53 trash floats and more than 150 people participated, including more than a dozen children who entered the costume and bike-decorating contests the corporation held before the parade. Hundreds of people watched the event.

The trash floats were paraded down Main Avenue and across town to the county transfer station, where workers weighed the junk and directed volunteers to different piles. The event lasted from 12:30 p.m. to about 4:45 p.m., with some participants waiting for hours in line at the transfer station.

County commissioners waived landfill fees for the parade, though they did consider having the corporation pay for

tires, which the county has to pay a contractor to pick up. Not including the tires, parade participants brought in 21.7 tons of metal, 12.55 tons of construction and demolition waste and 3.32 tons of solid waste like furniture and mattresses.

Curt Way, county public works manager, said it will cost the county about \$1,551 to dispose of the 613 tires, paying \$2 each for 573 passenger tires, \$5 each for 26 truck tires and between \$15 and \$40 each for 14 tractor tires.

Way, who helped at the landfill on Saturday, said three employees with the road and bridge crew will get at least four hours of overtime pay, along with one landfill worker. The collection was expensive, he said, but it was worth it.

"I think the county paid its fair share of this," Way said. "Granted it is taxpayer money. It was an awful help to the community to clean this stuff up."

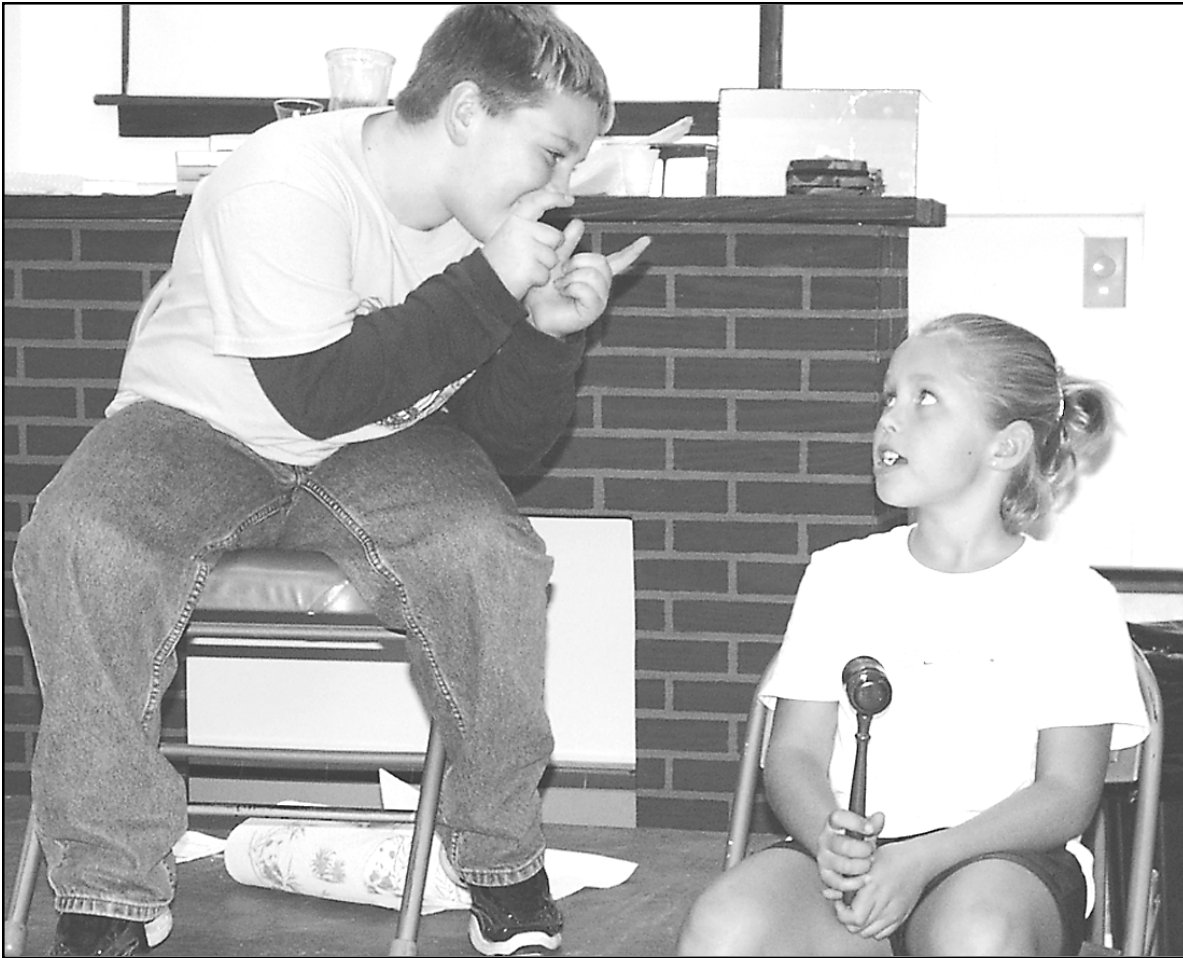
Goodwin said the corporation plans to make the Junk Parade an annual event, but probably won't pick up tires and appliances with coolant during every collection.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede, who also helped at the landfill, said the commissioners would most likely waive fees for another Junk Parade, but may not accept tires or appliances with coolant again.

"I think it worked out well," Tiede said, noting that the county ended up not having to pay as much for coolant removal as expected.

Goodwin said a Goodland business

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## 'Give that back,' the judge shouts

Loren Strait as Judge Billy Goat Gruff (above) had words for Jade Herl as Baby Bear, who took his gavel, during practice Monday for the Little City Productions kids' play "Woollie." Zach Prine as Woollie (left) lured one of the three little pigs out of their house. The children will perform Saturday at the Sherman Theater during the Flatlander Fall Festival. Younger students will perform at 3 p.m and the play will follow. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

# State treasurer decides to enter governor's race

TOPEKA (AP) — State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger has decided to join the field of Republican candidates for governor.

Shallenburger filed paperwork Monday with state officials to change his campaign committee from treasurer to governor, the first step toward an official campaign.

"We're going for it," said Shallenburger, adding he had received an overwhelming number of phone calls urging him to jump in the race.

"You just come to a point in time where you have to make a decision," he said. "It's not too early and not too late."

With the primary election still 10 months away, Shallenburger emerges as the acknowledged conservative candidate in the field.

He said that for last 60 days he had been urging support for U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran, who decided last week not to

run for governor.

Shallenburger, a native of Baxter Springs, was elected treasurer in 1998 after serving four years as House speaker. He said he plans to make a formal announcement tour in the near future.

"I'm more confident in this than either of the other two decisions," said Shallenburger, who gives up a re-election bid to run for governor.

Gov. Bill Graves, a moderate Republican, won re-election in 1998, but is barred from seeking a third consecutive term.

So far, the only announced candidates for the GOP nomination are House Speaker Kent Glasscock, of Manhattan, and Shawnee County Treasurer Rita Cline.

Glasscock said he fully expects a competitive primary and that having choices is healthy for Republicans.

# Power out short time in morning

The power went out for about a minute in parts of Goodland this morning, as the city crew had some trouble fixing a line.

Rod Blake, production supervisor at the power plant, said the crew was switching from one loop to another, when something went wrong and power was cut to part of the city, including part of downtown, about 9:20 a.m.

He said the problem started when someone hit an electric pole about a week ago, knocking out power for a short time. Workers needed to make some repairs.

"It was a maintenance-related problem," he said, "but everything is back to normal now."

## Gift for royalty



Jessica Vignery received an autographed football after being crowned homecoming queen Friday. Bryce Bahe (center) is the homecoming king.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News