

Planners take away waterfalls

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retention pond, benches, a Goodland sign, a raised planter, trees and shrubs, a picnic shelter, a pavilion, an information kiosk and a bike racks.

The park is part of a project to build a new entrance to the city. Building the new street and removing the old wye was the first phase.

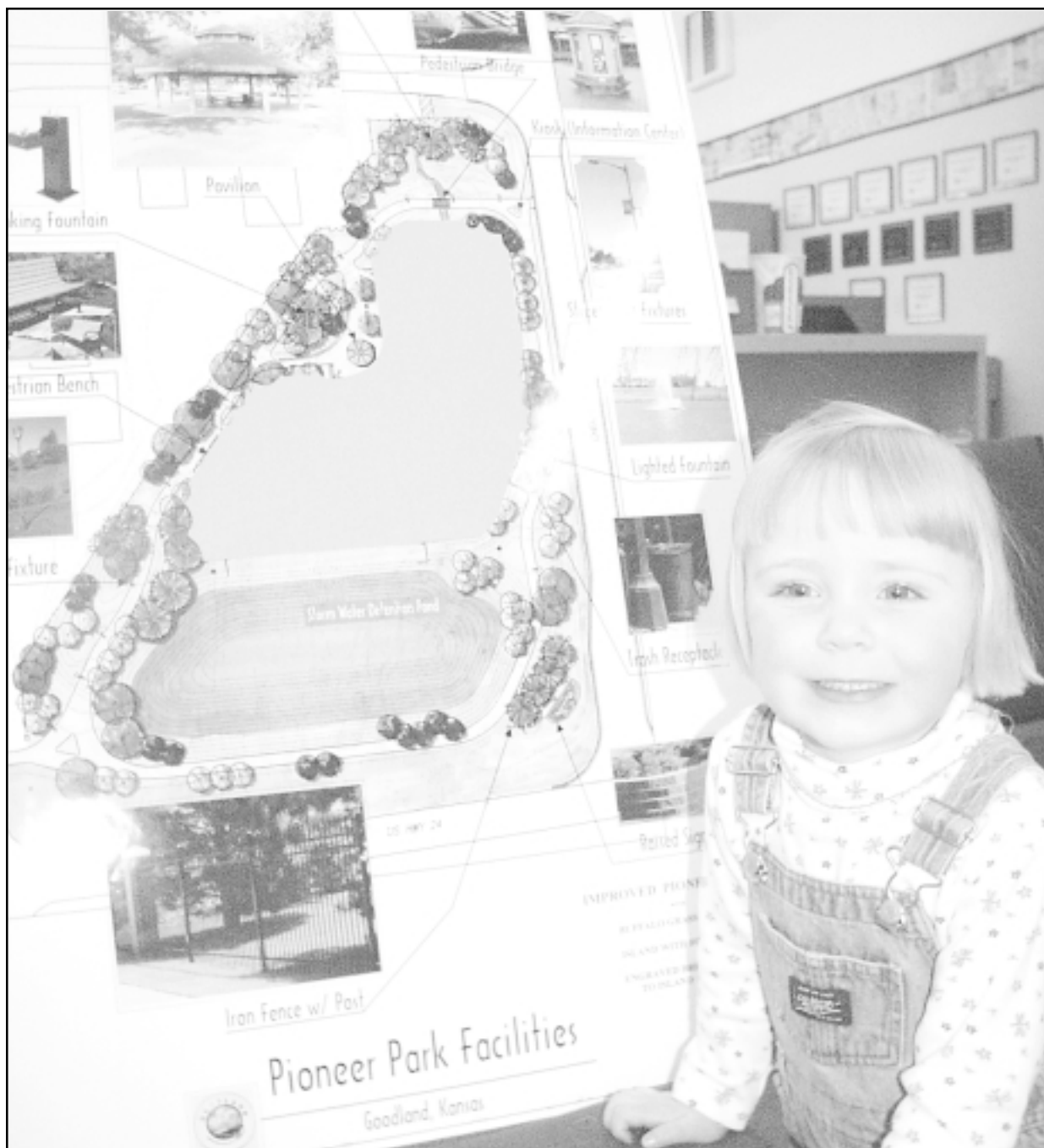
Tromble said the original design, done by Darin Neufeld, a Goodland engineer, included a permanent pond with waterfalls.

He said the lining used to stop erosion around the pond would have been too expensive, so committee members decided to do away with the water to save the cost.

He said they decided to replace it with buffalo grass and a fountain. A brick walkway will lead up to the fountain, Tromble said, and people can have their names engraved on a brick for \$100.

He said some families are buying three bricks to commemorate the three generations that have passed since homesteading days in Western Kansas. The park's name was chosen to honor families who homesteaded in Sherman County.

Tromble said people who want their name on a brick can pick up a form at banks in town, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce or the Goodland Public Library. He said donations can be sent to the trust department at First National Bank.



Elizabeth Fulcher, daughter of Bill and Dana Fulcher, thought it was fun to help show off the revised plan for Pioneer Park, which features a fountain in the middle of a grassy basin in place of the proposed lake. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Fund raising helps students with loss

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Lukas Wolak, also a first-year student, said he sold tickets to family members and people he works with.

"Jeff was a really great guy, easy to get along with," he said. "It's an easy way to remember him, a way to give something back."

Brock Kohls went to Colby, raising over \$300 in donations to buy the television, and sold tickets at the school's Spring Fling.

"He would do it for any of us," Kohl said. "We're kind of returning the favor."

Hopper's teacher, Ray Morgan, said the students raised the money all on their own as a club project. They got permission from the administration, he said, and took off on it.

"The only advice I gave was to do it quickly," he said, "while the tragedy

was still on people's minds."

Morgan said once the students got the idea, they had it up and running within a day.

Morgan said the project was a good way for students to deal with their grief.

"It was kind of a catharsis," he said. "For some of them, it was the first time they experienced a tragedy concerning someone they were close to. It was hard on them. Frankly, it was hard on their instructor, too."

"He is sorely missed."

Hester said the diesel mechanic department at the school donated a lot of money.

"They bought a bunch of tickets," Hester said, "then they came back and donated an extra \$100."

Smith said the response from businesses and people who donated money and bought tickets was great.

Students saw two shooters

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former East Germany.

During the rampage, a handwritten sign reading "HILFE" — Help — was pasted to a fourth-floor window and the face of a girl could be seen through a window.

Shocked students who fled the shooting reported seeing a man dressed all in black roaming the hallways.

"I heard shooting and thought it was a joke," said 13-year-old Melanie Steinbrueck, chocking back tears. "But

then I saw a teacher dead in the hallway in front of Room 209 and a gunman in black carrying a weapon."

"The guy was dressed all in black — gloves, cap, everything was black," said Juliane Blank, 13. "We ran out into the hallways."

Sixth-grader Martin Streng said he was in math class when he heard gunfire coming from a classroom down the hall. As he and other students filed into the hallway to flee the building, they saw a man with a gun down the corridor behind them, Streng said.

Palestinian youth who sought shelter in church being held by Israelis

around the world

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Eight of the nine youths who walked out of the Church of the Nativity after 23 days of siege were allowed to go home today, but one was kept in Israeli custody while the army investigated suspicions that he was involved in militant activities.

Military officials said suspicions that one teenager had helped plant explosives during the 19 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting had delayed the release of all nine, and the group had been kept overnight at a military camp.

Palestinian officials said the Israelis were still holding Hamza el-Hmur, 16, a resident of the Deheishe refugee camp outside Bethlehem.

The nine, ages 14 to 20, left the church, bringing with them two rotting corpses, in an agreement with the Israelis that signaled an easing of the prolonged standoff. Negotiations to end the crisis were adjourned Thursday to allow the two sides to consult their leaders on the negotiating proposals.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A bomb exploded in the women's section of a Shiite Mosque in a Pakistani province wracked by religious violence, killing 12 female worshippers and wounding at least 13 other people, hospital officials said today.

It's not known who planted the powerful bomb that went off around midnight Thursday in Bukker in eastern Punjab province, about 300 miles southwest of the federal capital of Islamabad.

"The bomb was planted on the women's side and all the dead were women," said Mohammed Nisar, a doctor at the only hospital in Bukker where the dead and wounded were taken.

Mosques are segregated. Police have not made any arrests, but Pakistan, and eastern Punjab province in particular, has been wracked by religiously motivated violence in recent years. Attacks by rival radical elements of the Sunni and Shiite sects of Islam have killed hundreds.

NATIONAL NEW YORK — An explosion that may have been caused by chemicals stored in a basement rocked a 10-story commercial building Thursday, hurling glass and rubble across a city block and injuring 42 people, at least 10 of them critically.

Authorities quickly ruled out terrorism, though the blast conjured up memories of Sept. 11 for some in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan.

Victims were taken to the hospital with burns, severe head injuries, broken bones and cuts after the 11:30 a.m. blast.

Chemicals stored in the basement by a sign company were being investigated as a possible factor, said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. Plumbers had been working on the boiler in the building at the time, but that did not appear to be the cause, investigators said.

The building housed the sign company and other commercial tenants, said Sid Dinsay, a spokesman for the city Office of Emergency Manage-

ment. Neighbors said the building was also used for storage by the Apex school, which teaches welding, automotive repair and other trades.

RICHMOND, Va. — Shareholders of Philip Morris seem intent on showing that the nation's largest cigarette maker is more than just a tobacco company.

The investors voted Thursday to change the company's name, long synonymous with the tobacco industry, to Altria Group.

The name change, affecting all but Philip Morris' tobacco operating divisions and "MO" stock symbol, was approved by 95 percent of eligible shareholders.

The vote came after nearly an hour of sometimes harsh criticism of the company's marketing policies from dissident stockholders.

Dr. Eva Kralikova of the Czech Republic asked the company to "change more than its name." She said Philip Morris' marketing is so pervasive in her country that a slang term there for a cigarette is "an America," and that the Marlboro Man image attracts young people.

Anti-smoking groups say the com-

pany is doing little more than changing its name. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids took out a large ad in Wednesday's New York Times depicting a coiled snake with its tongue sticking out. It says: "No matter how often a snake sheds its skin ... It's still a snake."

Last year, tobacco accounted for 61 percent of business for the company, which also owns Kraft Foods, Nabisco and Miller Brewing.

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers have reached a tentative agreement on a farm bill that would boost agricultural spending by about 70 percent, marking a reversal of a 1996 law that was intended to wean farmers from government support.

The market-oriented approach instituted by the 1996 law never had its intended effect. Commodity prices collapsed in 1998, and Congress has responded with a series of annual bailouts to supplement regular subsidy programs.

Terms of the new six-year deal were sketchy, and lawmakers said Thursday night it remains subject to change pending

some final negotiations and revisions in cost estimates.

The bill would increase total agricultural spending by about \$7.4 billion a year.

Subsidy levels, known as loan rates, will be increased for grain, cotton and soybeans, and the bill revives a target price system, abolished by the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, to provide additional income.

In a victory for Southern growers and large Midwest farms, no significant new limits will be set on payments that individual farms could collect.

WASHINGTON — Congress has taken the first step toward disbanding the beleaguered Immigration and Naturalization Service and splitting the agency's responsibilities into two new Justice Department bureaus.

The INS "carries out neither of its crucial missions effectively, enforcing our immigration laws or providing services to immigrants," Rep. James Sensenbrenner said before the House voted Thursday to dismantle the INS.

"We must practice tough love and abol-

ish the INS."

The Senate's turn comes next week when a measure sponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., heads to subcommittee. INS Commissioner James Ziglar is to appear May 2 before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration.

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