

weather report

94°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:34 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 82 degrees
• Humidity 23 percent
• Sky Mostly sunny
• Winds Southeast 14-25 mph
• Barometer 30.05 inches and falling

• Record High 107° (1934)
• Record Low 55° (1972)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°
Low 65°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low upper 60s, south winds 15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high near 100, wind south 10-20 mph, low upper 60s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Friday: Sunny, high near 100, low upper 60s. Saturday: Mostly cloudy, chance of thundershowers in afternoon and evening, high lower 90s, low upper 60s. Sunday: Partly cloudy, slight chance of thundershowers, high lower 90s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.35 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.18
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.13 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.02
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$1.79 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$5.12 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.21
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.65 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Nu Sun — \$11.80
Confection current — inquire
Pinto beans — \$27 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo 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.

Bush submits terror strategy

WASHINGTON — President Bush submitted to Congress today the nation's first-ever comprehensive strategy for confronting terrorism within U.S. borders, calling the protection of America "our most urgent national priority."
"This comprehensive plan lays out clear lines of authority and clear responsibilities — responsibilities for federal employees and for governors and mayors and community and business leaders and the American citizens," Bush said, flanked in the Rose Garden by lawmakers on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. Members of Congress are debating this week the president's plan for a new Department of Homeland Security.
"With a better picture of those responsibilities, all of us can direct money and manpower to meet them," Bush said.

City asking people to cut water use

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The city is asking people to cut lawn watering to every other night and generally use less water after learning the city has already pumped more water in July than it's allowed for the entire month.

The Goodland City Commission declared a water warning Monday night, asking that people don't water their lawns before 7 p.m. or after 8 a.m., and that they follow an even-odd pattern. If your address ends with an even number, you should water only on even-numbered days. Odd-numbered

City roundup

At a meeting Monday, the Goodland City Commission:
• Issued a water warning. See story to left.
• Planned to put together a park committee. See story below.

• Heard from a group wanting to buy the city's trash service. Story to come.
• Talked about a recreational vehicle parking law. Story to come.
• Heard the results of an audit. Story to come.

households should only water on odd days.

Cars should be washed only when necessary, the city said, and then only

at a car wash, which is often more efficient than washing at home. Make sure you have a full load when cleaning dishes and clothes, the commissioners

said, and try not to waste water in any way.

These actions are voluntary, City Manager Ron Pickman said, but if water usage doesn't go down, the city will make them mandatory.

The city pumped 47 million gallons of water through its wells the first two weeks of July, Pickman said, and it is only allowed 45 million for the whole month under its state well permits.

The commission will look at how much water is used the rest of the month, and on Monday, Aug. 5, will decide whether to declare a water emergency, which would give them the

power to enforce strict watering rules or even close down car washes and coin laundries.

At their last meeting, the commission asked people to conserve water. Pickman said that while some people have kept usage down, others just ignored the situation and kept wasting water.

A report the city got from the state last week said that about half of the water the city pumps is wasted because it is used to water lawns in the middle of the afternoon — when much of the water

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House bill has fraud penalties

By Marcy Gordon

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — Jumping on the Senate bandwagon, the House reversed itself today and speedily approved new criminal penalties for corporate fraud in an attempt to shore up investor confidence and calm uneasy markets.

The bill to create stiff penalties and jail terms for executives who deceive investors was adopted by a unified Senate on Monday but rebuffed by the Republican-led House in April when it passed a bill to tighten oversight of the accounting industry.

The House measure, approved 391-28, is tougher than the Senate bill, Republican leaders said.

"This is a tough bill that cracks down on the corporate crooks," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said in floor debate.

The House measure would create criminal penalties for company officials who retaliate against whistleblowers, while the Senate measure provides only civil penalties.

Democrats accused GOP leaders of reversing themselves only because Americans' confidence in business and the markets has become badly shaken and the issue of corporate accountability is resonating in this congressional election year.

"A deathbed conversion" was Rep.

John LaFalce, D-N.Y.'s description of the Republican move.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., told the Republicans: "You're trying to jump on the bandwagon at the last minute when you should have been there a long time ago."

Democrats said the House bill fell short. They objected to it being rushed through to passage without giving them the chance to propose amendments.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress today that the criminal penalties included in the Senate measure are "the most important part of the bill."

Galvanized by the need to shore up investor confidence, lawmakers have put the legislation on a fast track.

Without dissent, the Senate on Monday passed the most sweeping changes in corporate accountability since the Depression. The vote was 97-0 for the bipartisan bill, lifted by a rising tide of unease over a string of corporate accounting scandals that have shaken Americans' confidence in business and the markets and threatened the fragile economic recovery.

Greenspan told Congress today the economy is on the road to full recovery but will keep feeling the effects of last year's recession. Corporate executives should be held accountable to accurately state the financial condition of their companies, he said.

Officials take tour of burned building

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Members of the Goodland City Commission agreed that the old IGA building on 10th and Center looks like it can be salvaged during a tour last week.

The city bought the building and lot in March, and the commissioners have suggested moving the police and fire departments into it, and making the front end a community center — if the building wasn't damaged beyond repair. The building suffered a fire in 1999, after Mosburg's IGA closed down.

During a budget workshop last week, the commissioners went with Ed Wolak, city director of public works, and City Manager Ron Pickman to look at the interior and roof of the structure.

The commissioners said the structure looks sound and the main beams look good.

The majority of the metal roof is undamaged; only a small portion on the south side was hurt in the fire.

Since the city bought the building, people who live near it have complained that pieces of the roof have blown onto their property. Pickman said the roof was secured last week, and the loose pieces were screwed down.

There is a lot of debris in the building, from pieces of wall and plasterboard to fire-damaged ceiling tiles and old metal shopping carts, and Pickman said the city will send a crew to clean it out.

After the building is cleared, Pickman said, the commissioners can decide what they want to try to do with

it. "Once it is cleaned up, we will have a much better picture of what it looks like," Pickman said.

At previous meetings, the commissioners said they could decide to remodel the building, replace part or all of the roof, or demolish the whole thing.

During the tour, the commissioners mentioned that the back storage area would be ideal for parking a fire truck, with good drainage, from grocery-store coolers, for washing down vehicles.

It has been suggested that the front area would be a good place to put a community center, but not all the commissioners agree.

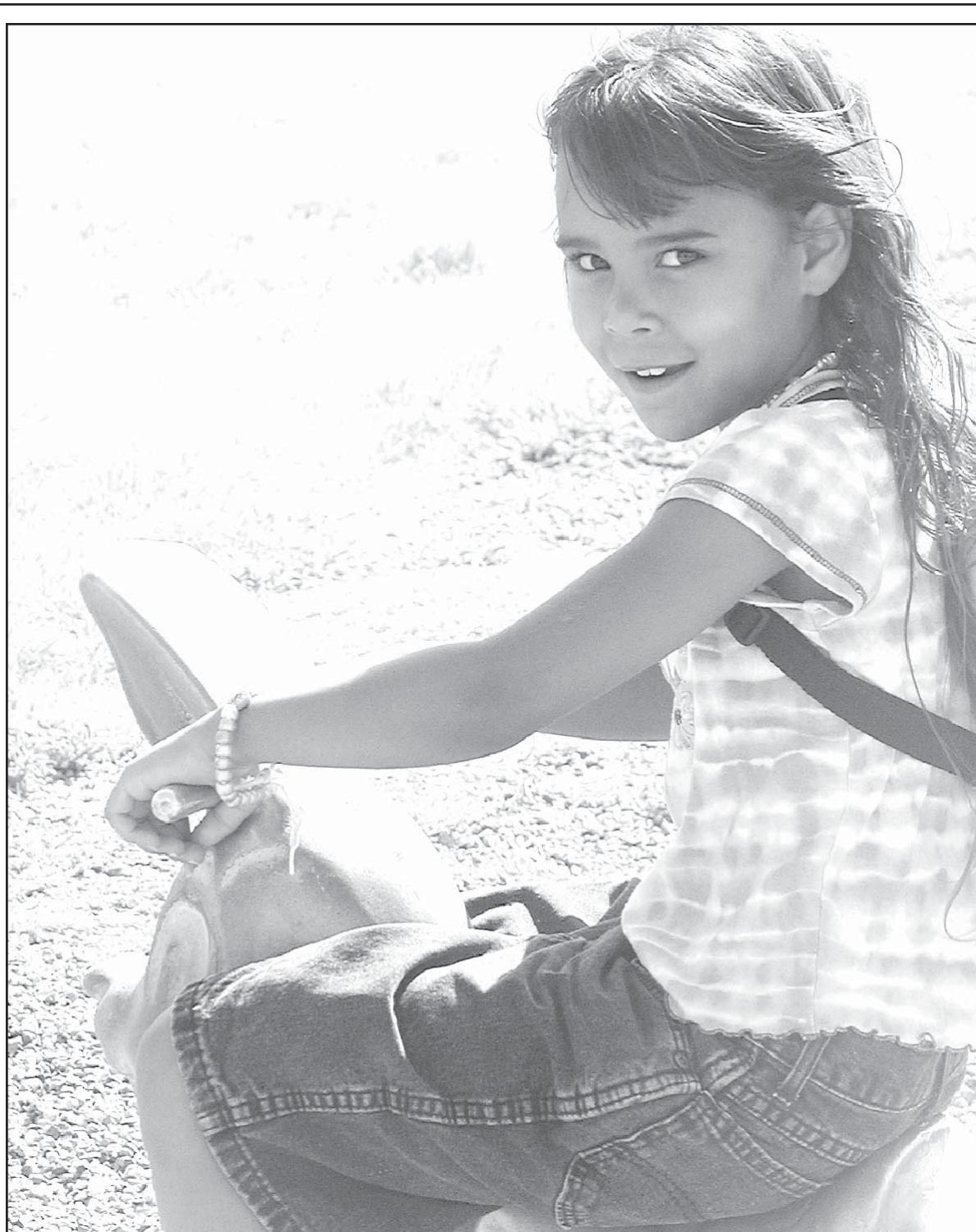
"Is this something we need to be spending money on, especially with the budget as tight as it is?" Rick Billinger asked, adding that the city has several places to hold events, including Max Jones Fieldhouse, the Elks Lodge building, and several churches. The National Guard Armory is also used for many activities.

"I'm not sure that is such a good idea," Billinger said. "We don't need to waste money."

The tour was the first time the commissioners looked at the building. They approved the purchase in an open meeting after a closed session in March, following discussions about how bad the boarded-up building looked.

"It's an eyesore," Commissioner Curtis Hurd said earlier this year. "Is there anything we can do with it?"

Pickman said the property, appraised at \$175,000, is being bought over five years from Bankwest for about \$89,600.



Toria Mouchette, 7, played on the equipment at Gulick Park Monday afternoon. She and her brother, Cameron, 5, played at the park while their older brother was at a Boy Scout meeting.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

City forming park committee

The city is putting together a committee to decide what to do with its parks, and it is looking for volunteers.

At a budget workshop last week, the Goodland City Commission decided to cut money for the parks next year until they could get a clear picture how the parks should be maintained. The best way to do that, they said, would be to form a committee and draw up a plan.

The group will have five members, the commissioners said, and they will put together a five-year park plan. The group would study the parks and rec-

ommend which should be taken care of, which need improvements, and possibly, which should be closed down.

The plan should be finished in time for the 2004 budget, City Manager Ron Pickman said.

"This way, we're not just throwing money at the parks," Pickman said.

There are already two volunteers for the committee, Pickman said, and he sees no problems finding more people to serve.

The group should use guidelines designed by the Kansas Department

of Wildlife and Parks, Pickman said, a requirement if the city wants to get state grants.

The city had planned to buy a sprinkler system for the parks next year, but put it off, as well as a few smaller projects, until the committee could say what was important. More than \$30,000 was cut from the parks budget for next year.

The commission urged anyone interested to approach the city, so the committee could be filled at the next commissioner meeting on Monday, Aug. 5.

Senator raises \$1.56 million for campaign

By Libby Quaid

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Pat Roberts was the only Kansas congressional candidate to out-raise Democratic Rep. Dennis Moore over the past three months, according to reports released Monday.

Moore, who represents Johnson County, Kansas City, Kan., and its suburbs, has set money-raising records in his three campaigns for Congress. He had raised at least \$1.08 million as of June 30, the close of the Federal Election Commission's three-month reporting period.

Roberts faces little opposition to his bid for a second term — a Republican, Tom Oylar, who doesn't intend to raise much money or even to win, and Libertarians Steven A. Rosile and George Cook. Still, the senator has raised \$1.56 million.

But Moore faces a competitive general election once a Republican nominee is chosen in the Aug. 6 primary election. In cash on hand, the key figure in campaign money-raising, Moore has a significant advantage over both Republicans.

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Event helps find cure for cancer

Last year's Sherman County Relay for Life raised twice as much money as the previous year for cancer research and education.

A committee and cancer survivors are preparing for the overnight walk starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23. A story with comments from cancer survivor Micki Scherling and pictures of last year's walk is on the Community Page on Page 7 of today's paper.