

# City asks people to cut water use

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evaporates. Pickman said the commissioners had three options. They could issue a water watch and warn people too much is being used, they could issue the warning and give people recommendations on ways to conserve, or they could declare a water emergency and enforce conservation. "We are way past just hoping people will cut back," Commissioner Rick Billinger said. "We are already two million over. We have a real problem." Pickman said the city would have to cut back on how much water it uses to water parks. "We might end up with brown grass or dead grass in our parks," Pickman said, "but saving water at this point is more important than grass." The commissioners agreed. "If we want to encourage conservation, we have to set the image," Mayor Tom Rohr said. When asked by the commissioners,

Ed Wolak, director of public works, said the city has been trying to water most of the parks only once per week. Rosewood Park near the hospital was watered every day in the spring, Wolak said, but has been cut down to three days per week. Pickman told him to cut it back to the same level as the rest of the parks. Commissioner Chuck Lutters said there was no reason to let the grass die if it didn't have to, because the city would have to spend more money next year reseeded the grass. "If the weather is nice, they should go ahead and give the parks a shot of water," he said, "just enough to keep them alive." Commissioner Dean Blume said he wished there was a way to encourage people to conserve water in their homes. Pickman said some cities charge for water on a tiered scale. The more people use, the higher the rate charged per gallon. "That sure would be one way to get people's attention," he said.

# Candidate's battle with electric firm raises issue

By John Hanna

*Associated Press Writer*  
TOPEKA — Wichita Mayor Bob Knight has fought the state's largest electric company for four years, creating an issue as he seeks the Republican nomination for governor. Knight is under fire from two opponents in the Aug. 6 GOP primary after criticizing Westar Energy Inc. and David Wittig, its chairman, president and chief executive officer. Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson, said Monday that Knight is trying to divert voters' attention from his support for policies that would have increased electric rates in central and northeastern Kansas. (A big part of his

battle has been to force the company to cut historically high rates in Wichita by raising them in Lawrence, Topeka and the rest of the state.) State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger called Knight's criticism of Wittig a "cheap shot" and said he worries that Westar might move its corporate headquarters out of Topeka if Knight is elected governor. But Knight spokesman Joe Pisciotte said voters should worry about a governor going easy on Westar instead of looking out for the interests of its 636,000 Kansas customers. Knight's battle with Westar began in 1998, when it did business as Western Resources Inc.

## Skate race



Copper Slough and Tiffany Charron, both 7, raced on roller blades down 12th Street by Goodland High School on Monday. Cooper won. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

# Candidates report campaign money

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Moore reported \$812,579 cash on hand, while Republican Jeff Colyer reported \$307,723 and Republican Adam Taff reported \$207,716. "The worst part of the job is trying to raise that money to run for re-election," Moore said. "Campaigns cost way too much in this country. I hope I can accomplish something good for the people in my district and in this country by staying in office." A competitive primary contest is shaping up between Colyer, a plastic surgeon from Overland Park, and Taff, a pilot from Lake Quivira. Contributors have given \$340,272 to Colyer's campaign, while Taff has received \$162,683. Both have taken out sizable loans: Colyer for \$130,000 and Taff for \$155,000, borrowing \$55,000 more during the previous three months. Colyer had a better interest rate, reporting 4.7 percent versus Taff's 7 percent. Colyer spent nearly as much as he raised over the past three months, boosting his cash balance by \$10,333, while Taff's cash balance increased by

\$47,720 in April, May and June. In Wichita's congressional contest, four-term GOP Rep. Todd Tiahr reported \$586,191 cash on hand and overall contributions of \$574,019 in this election cycle. Attorney Carlos Nolla, a Democrat who ran against Tiahr in 2000, reported \$171,017 cash on hand with total contributions of \$285,732 for the cycle. Nolla has a primary opponent in Democrat Patrick Quaney, but Quaney's report was not yet on file at the commission. Nolla said Tiahr "will certainly have an advantage, being the incumbent, but that's only when you're talking about dollars and cents." "It's not all about money; it's ultimately about the people." Tiahr spokesman Chuck Knapp said Tiahr is pleased with his report. "As far as I know, this is the most cash on hand he's ever had at this point in a campaign," Knapp said. Other than in the Kansas City-area 3rd District and Wichita's 4th District, few reports from would-be challengers had been received late Monday.

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**A RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 17-504 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND.**  
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**WHEREAS**, the City is empowered by resolution to declare that a water warning exists and that the Governing Body of the City shall recommend restrictions on non-essential water uses during the period of such a warning.

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