

## weather report

72°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 6:16 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:14 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 62 degrees  
• Humidity 45 percent  
• Sky partly sunny  
• Winds southwest 13 m.p.h.  
• Barometer 29.86 inches and falling  
• Record High 93° (1996)  
• Record Low 22° (1948)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 71°  
Low 51°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain, low lower 40s, winds west 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high mid 50s, low upper 20s, winds north 15-25 m.p.h., hard freeze expected.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: sunny, high upper 50s, low mid 30s. Monday (Columbus Day): mostly clear, high lower 60s. Tuesday: mostly clear, high 60s, low mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$4.43 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.34  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.57 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.31  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.31 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.75 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.59  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.70 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$18  
(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.

## Carter wins peace prize

OSLO, Norway — Former President Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize today for his "untiring effort" to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts and to advance democracy and human rights.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee contrasted Carter's success in finding peace between Egypt and Israel through diplomacy with President Bush's vow to oust Saddam Hussein, by force if necessary.

"It (the award) should be interpreted as a criticism of the line that the current administration has taken," said Gunnar Berge, the Nobel committee chairman. "It's a kick in the leg to all that follow the same line as the United States."

Although the committee has often used the prize to send a political message, it rarely makes such a direct comment.

# Congress permits war

By Jim Abrams

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush now has the overwhelming approval of Congress to use force against Iraq. But the drive for U.N. approval is meeting stiff resistance from France.

After days of debate, the House and Senate passed and sent to the White House on Thursday a resolution authorizing the president to use military force, if necessary, to compel Iraq to get rid of its biological and chemical weapons and disband its nuclear weapons program.

"The days of Iraq acting as an outlaw state are coming to an end," Bush said.

At the United Nations, even an offer to compromise failed to win France's support for a tough Security Council resolution proposed jointly by

the United States and Britain.

Responding to the reluctance of France, and Russia, to have the Council approve war with Iraq, U.S. diplomats offered to remove from the resolution a threat to use "all necessary means" to compel Iraq to disarm, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Friday.

The resolution simply would threaten consequences, but not call for an automatic, forceful response. Still, the United States would be able to interpret "consequences" as meaning force, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In southern Iraq on Friday, U.S. warplanes bombed a mobile surface-to-air missile launcher near Tallil, about 160 miles southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. Central Command headquarters said in a brief statement. It was the latest in a long string

of U.S. attacks that Central Command says are in response to Iraqi provocations in the "no fly" zones patrolled by American and British aircraft.

France continues to insist on two resolutions. The first would authorize new international weapons inspections of suspect sites in Iraq.

Any consideration of using force would depend on the result of the searches and require further debate.

Reversion of France's initial resolution does not change this stand, the official said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Friday he believed the Security Council could reach common ground on Iraq and did not rule out Moscow's agreeing to a new U.N. resolution on the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq.

"We don't exclude the possibility of reaching

some coordinated decision in the shape of a U.N. Security Council resolution," Putin said after meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The president prevailed despite lingering Democratic concerns about the risks of a pre-emptive, unilateral strike on Iraq.

"The Congress has spoken clearly to the international community and the United Nations Security Council," Bush said Friday in a statement. "Saddam Hussein and his outlaw regime pose a grave threat to the region, the world and the United States. Inaction is not an option, disarmament is a must."

It was a major national security policy victory for Bush, and it occurred less than a month before midterm elections that will decide control of the House and Senate.

## Doctor allowed to work

By Michelle L. Hawkins

Colby Free Press

District Judge Jack Burr of Goodland allowed Colby doctor Victor Hildyard to continue seeing patients on Thursday by denying Colby hospital's request to lift a temporary restraining order blocking Hildyard's suspension in early September.

Thursday's teleconference hearing was the next round in a controversy which started in April, when the Citizens Medical Center board first suspended Hildyard, a longtime Colby physician.

Judge Burr blocked that first ban, along with a second one the hospital board imposed on Sept. 5, after investigating complaints a Citizen's employee made against Hildyard, including sexual harassment.

The employee later rescinded the complaints.

Burr is handling the hearings because Judge Glenn D. Schiffrer of Colby is a patient of Hildyard's. On Thursday, Burr left the temporary restraining order he signed on Sept. 5 in effect until a Nov. 6 hearing.

"At that time, it (the temporary restraining order) will automatically be dissolved," Judge Burr said.

Carol Bonebrake, the hospital's attorney from Topeka, asked that a security bond be established to "secure the hospital against damages," and Burr denied that request, too.

Bonebrake refuted three arguments made by Hildyard's attorney, Michael O'Neal of Hutchinson. Her first argument was that there is a danger to patient care if Hildyard is allowed to continue practicing.

After the allegations were first made, she said, Hildyard refused to care for

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## Hospital halts list of patients

Many readers may be wondering why there has not been a hospital report in the newspaper for the past week, and the answer is that the hospital has decided this information shouldn't be made public under a new set of federal regulations.

The decision was made by the hospital administration, apparently without consulting anyone in the community. Hospitals in many other towns, faced with the same decision, have decided to maintain publication of their patient lists.

The Goodland Daily News received a faxed message from Brenda McCants, director of patient relations and marketing at the hospital, about 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

"As of this date, we will no longer be notifying you of patients admitted or discharged to Goodland Regional Medical Center," the fax said. "The

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# Go Cowboys!



## Town gears up for homecoming

The Cowboy cheerleaders (above) hyped up the crowd during the homecoming pep rally at Cowboy Stadium Thursday night, while band members (left) played music. KKCI Radio's Marty Melia and Ron Schilling (below) interviewed people on Main Avenue before the annual parade got rolling. The goal of the activities was to build team spirit for the homecoming game tonight against the Oberlin Red Devils.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News



## Police looking for van spotted at shooting

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Police searching for a sniper chased down white vans on a major interstate after a van was seen leaving the scene of a deadly shooting at a Virginia gas station Friday morning.

It wasn't immediately clear if the shooting near Fredericksburg was linked to nine sniper attacks that have left seven people dead in the Washington area.

The attack was brazen, carried out in broad daylight as a state trooper was working a traffic accident directly across the street, said Maj. Howard Smith of the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office.

The trooper heard the shot at about 9:30 a.m. but only saw the victim, a black man, fall at the Exxon station

pumps about 50 yards away. The victim's identity was not released.

"With a uniformed trooper across the street, obviously we're dealing with an individual who is extremely violent and doesn't care," Smith said.

Immediately after the shooting, authorities shut down part of nearby Interstate 95 and began pulling over vans. Bruce Bingham, who was working across the street, said he also heard a single gunshot and saw an unmarked white van at the corner.

"It would be, if you pulled out of the Exxon and tried to make a left to go south on route 1, it would be right there, the very first vehicle after the stop light," he said. "I could only see one person, the driver."

A white van or box truck had also

been spotted near the scenes of two shootings linked to the sniper.

In Washington, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer was asked Friday if the attacks could be connected to a terrorist group.

"We don't know it is or is not," Fleischer said. "Whatever the word you want to use to describe it, this is clearly terrorizing the people who are involved, and their families."

No one is known to have actually seen the triggerman in the sniper attacks that started more than a week ago in suburban Washington; however, police have been reviewing video surveillance tapes from the shooting scenes, all public places.

Friday morning, Montgomery County, Md., Police Chief Charles

Moose said a special projects unit of the FBI was working "with a sense of urgency" on a graphic aid to be distributed to the public in the search for the sniper. He and FBI officials declined to describe the graphic, but said it would be clear later Friday.

Authorities haven't said if surveillance tapes from Wednesday night's attack, at a gas station in Manassas, held any clues.

A 53-year-old civil engineer traveling from his job in Virginia to his home in Gaithersburg, Md., was killed after pumping gas just off Interstate 66.

Like the other victims, Dean Meyers was felled by a single shot from a high-power rifle. Police said ballistic evidence linked Meyers' death to the sniper.