

weather report

47°
at noon



Today
• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.
Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 41 degrees
• Humidity 35 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds northwest 15 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.62 inches and rising
• Record High 76° (1979)
• Record Low -15° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*
High 56°
Low 29°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast
Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 23, winds north 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high near 47, low near 19, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast
Friday: mostly sunny, high near 45, low near 20. Saturday: partly cloudy, high near 42. Sunday and Monday: partly cloudy, high near 42, low near 19. Tuesday: mostly clear, high near 48, low near 18.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$3.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.74
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.44 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.23
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.21 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.04 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.03
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.55 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$16
(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.
Finance firm in bankruptcy

INDIANAPOLIS — Insurance and finance company Consecro Inc., deep in debt and facing a federal investigation of its accounting practices, filed for Chapter 11 protection in the third-largest bankruptcy in U.S. history.
The company filed late Tuesday after reaching tentative agreements with two of the three groups of investors owed a total of \$6.5 billion from 1990s acquisitions that soured, including a \$6 billion purchase that left Consecro with the nation's largest portfolio of mobile-home loans.
St. Paul, Minn.-based Consecro Finance Corp., which oversees that portfolio and other consumer finance products, would be sold under the agreement.
The filing does not include Consecro's insurance operations, which the company and insurance regulators say remain sound.

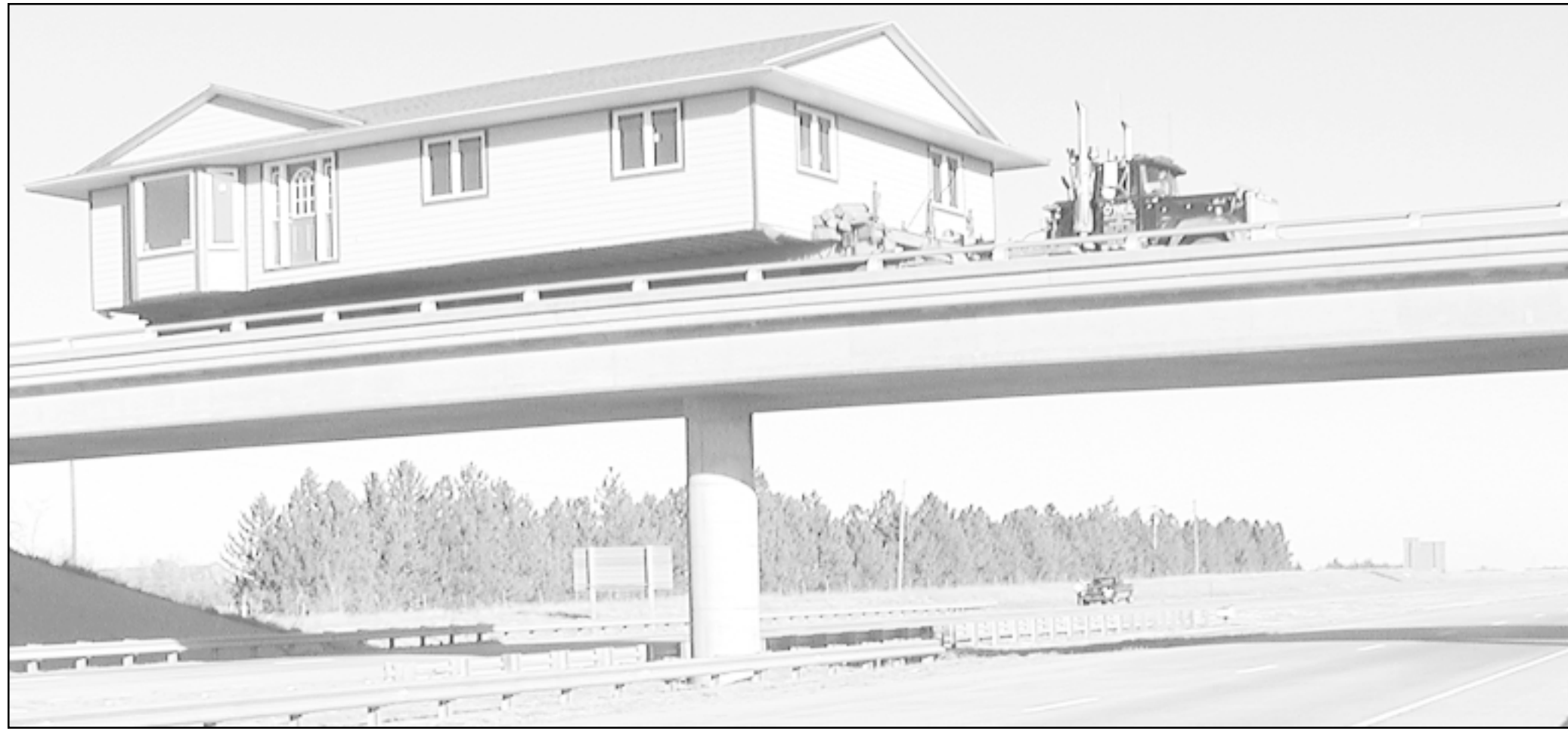
City hires Nebraska firm to fix roof

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News
The Goodland City Commission accepted a bid from a North Platte, Neb., firm to fix the roof and install gutters and downspouts at Carnegie Arts Center at a regular meeting Monday.
The Weathercraft Co. bid replacement of clay tiles, roof sheathing and new tiles at \$29,410 and the cost of gutters and downspouts at \$10,758 without painting. They were the only bidder.
The total bid was \$40,168, and the city has a grant from the Heritage Trust for \$51,960. The grant will pay up to 80 percent of the repairs, and the city must match it with 20 percent. The grant will pay for \$32,134, and the city will have to pay

\$8,034.
The city sought bids twice, City Manager Ron Pickman said, and only had one bid for the project, a bid for only part of the work that needs to be done. Besides the roof and gutters, he said, the building needs work on the wood columns, brick repointing, stone base units and scraping and painting of windows and doors.
Though the commissioners were disappointed at not being able to get all the work done with the grant, they accepted the bid after some discussion about the state Historical Society's requirements. The center is registered as a historical landmark, Pickman said, and by the society's rules, all repairs must use the original materials.

"Since it's registered with the state Historical Society," he said, "we have to use clay tile exactly like what's existing."
"We can't deviate from what's on there."
A man in the audience asked if the building could be taken off the registry. Tina Goodwin, director of the arts center, said it could, but then the city wouldn't get the grant.
The bid for roofing and gutters is not out of line, Pickman said, and the society doesn't have a problem with us accepting it.
The city can apply for grants for the other repairs, the city manager said, but will need bids for those in order to have the work done.
In other business, the commission:

- Heard a preliminary report on a sewer study from Evans-Bierly-Hutchinson & Associates. Story to come.
- Approved beer license renewals for consumption on the premises at Bowladium Lanes, China Gardens, Pizza Hut, Gambino's and the Buffalo Inn Restaurant.
- Renewed beer licenses to sell unopened containers at Wal-Mart, Travel Shoppe No. 6, Goodland Sinclair, Presto Convenience Store and Total Petroleum Inc.
- Reappointed Crystal Linsner to the city planning commission, Glenn Chase to the electrical board and Harold Gillihan to the plumbing/mechanical board.



Student-built house gets some air on trip

The house built by the Northwest Kansas Technical College students last year took a long trip Friday as it crossed Interstate 70 on its way to a foundation south of Goodland. To get the house to the foundation, it had to travel up Caldwell to Eighth Street, turn east and travel out to County Road 21 where it turned south and crossed the railroad tracks. Then it rode west on Business U.S. 24 until it reached Caldwell again, where it turned south again to cross I-70 on the overpass (above). The house turned west on County Road 63 (below) and 31st Street to K-27 where it again turned south to reach the new foundation. The house was accompanied by Sherman County sheriff's deputies handling traffic, and trucks from the city utility department to raise low hanging power lines. The trip took about three hours. This was the house completed in June, the 28th house the college students have built since the school opened in 1964.
Photos by Tom Betz and Steve Haynes / The Goodland Daily News



Bush says Saddam report has serious errors

By Ron Fournier
AP White House Correspondent
WASHINGTON — The White House said today there were serious omissions and problems with Iraq's weapons declaration, but President Bush had decided the violation of a U.N. resolution was not an immediate cause for war.
Instead, advisers said Bush decided in a meeting with his foreign policy team to chart a deliberative course that

would push the prospects for military action into the new year.
Senior administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush intends to use the declaration to build a strong public case against Iraq, starting with a speech Friday in Washington condemning Saddam Hussein for failing to disclose his weapons of mass destruction as required under the U.N. resolution, one official said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and John Negroponte, U.S. ambassador to the U.N., will begin to lay out Bush's case Thursday, officials said.
"The United States will continue to be deliberate in this matter," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer told reporters. "But this was Saddam Hussein's last chance and it is important to listen to the world, to listen to the United Nations, to listen to allies, to listen to other countries as they, too, have

another chance to look at this declaration."
Later, Fleischer was asked to amplify.
"As I said, the president has made clear that this is the last chance and the evaluation of the declaration continues" and will be "deliberate, thoughtful and wise."
The language was carefully crafted to reflect both Bush's promise to have "zero tolerance" for Saddam's defiance

and allies' demands for patience from the United States — a difficult balance that administration officials said Bush hopes to strike this week when he offers his first public assessment of the declaration.
Senior officials involved in the talks said Bush decided not to declare Iraq in "material breach" of a U.N. resolution arms resolution, which would provide

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Silo brings corn heat to 'burbs

By Stephen Manning
Associated Press Writer
TAKOMA PARK, Md. — When Mike Tidwell searched this summer for someone to insure a granary he wanted to help build, he got a string of rejections from confused insurance agents.
"Nobody would do it. They'd never heard of anybody doing this," said Tidwell as he filled buckets of corn from the 25-foot tall structure, which holds 21 tons of grain. "If we had put in on a farm, there wouldn't have been a problem."
The granary, which sits in a Takoma Park maintenance lot near Washington, is miles from any farmland. And Tidwell, who sports a "Global Warming Stops Here" sticker on his lapel, isn't a farmer.

The clean air activist and about a dozen other Takoma Park families banded together to build what they say is the first urban corn granary, a steel cylinder akin to the silos that tower over rural farmland.
The Save Our Sky Home Heating Cooperative uses the corn to fuel living-room stoves. Members say the equipment is cheaper than other heating methods and burns more cleanly than wood and fossil fuels.
"We're not just doing this because we're liberal greens," Tidwell said. "Everybody in this cooperative is doing it because of their concern over global warming. We're just 14 families, but this proves what can happen when people surrender their denial of global warming."

Farmers have long warmed themselves during winter months with corn stoves, feeding the flames with shelled and dried kernels readily available from their fields.
But it took residents of Takoma Park, a city of 17,300 people near Washington, to turn the farmer's heater into an eco-friendly tool.
Tidwell, a freelance reporter, got the idea last year while researching a global warming story. He said he "freaked out" when he read reports predicting rapid climate change if emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases from burning fuel went unchecked.
Tidwell formed the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, a nonprofit

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Roberts says to settle Sen. Lott's fate soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts said lawmakers should resolve the Trent Lott controversy before a scheduled meeting to decide the Republican leader's fate.
Like many Republicans, Roberts did not say Tuesday whether Lott should go. But he went further than many GOP colleagues, saying "this situation should be and very well may be resolved" before a Jan. 6 meeting called to decide whether Lott should stay on as leader.
"This matter has gone beyond the statement of a single individual to

one of national importance and, unfortunately, divisiveness and turmoil," Roberts said in remarks he wrote for a talk Tuesday before the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.
Lott is under fire for praising the 1948 segregationist presidential candidacy of Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C. Roberts said the words were "understandably interpreted by many as being racist and supporting segregation" and President Bush had set the right tone in saying Lott's remarks don't reflect "the spirit of our country."