

weather
report

52°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 6:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.

Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temp. 43 degrees

•Humidity 47 percent

•Sky Sunny

•Winds N 10

•Barometer 29.91

inches and falling

•Record High 80° (1945)

•Record Low 7° (1952)

Yesterday's Data

High 60°

Low 27°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Cloudy chance of sprinkles or flurries; low 30-35; winds N 10-20. Tomorrow: Cloudy; high 45-50; winds NE 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday: Chance of rain Wednesday; low near 35; high 45-50. Thursday and Friday dry; highs 55-60; lows 30-35.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at
162.400 MHz.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.48 bu.
Posted county price — \$2.37
Loan deficiency payment — 8¢
Corn — \$1.90 bu.
Posted county price — \$1.96
Loan deficiency payment — 3¢
Milo — \$2.93 cwt.
Soybeans — \$4.29 bu.
Posted county price — \$4.15
Loan deficiency payment — 74¢
Millet — \$4.25 cwt.
Sunflowers
oil current — \$8.20 cwt.
loan deficiency payment — \$2.06
oil 1999 crop — \$8.85 cwt.
conf. current — \$18/\$11 cwt.
Pintos - \$13

Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigco
Sun and Collingwood Grain

Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and
Bean

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.



U.S. envoy tries
to avert attack

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Declaring “we are on the brink of military action,” a special U.S. envoy headed for Belgrade today in an 11th-hour bid to persuade Yugoslavia’s president to accept a Kosovo peace plan.

An attack by NATO forces could come soon after Richard Holbrooke wraps up his talks tonight in the Yugoslav capital with hard-liner Slobodan Milosevic.

Chances for a last-minute agreement appeared bleak. Fighting raged today in the Serbian province, and the Yugoslav government showed no sign of backing down in its opposition to the plan.

Holbrooke stopped off in Brussels, Belgium, for talks with senior NATO officials. Afterward, he warned that if Milosevic does not reconsider, “the consequences will be clear and severe.”

“It’s not too late to avoid it, but the window is narrowing.”

Charges filed against man shot by officer

Victim now in Nebraska

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

A man who was shot twice as a Sherman County sheriff’s deputy tried to arrest him in January is out on bond in Nebraska, awaiting a hearing on a move to have him extradited back to Kansas to face charges of assaulting an officer.

Two charges of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, stemming from a shooting incident Jan. 13, were filed March 8 in Sherman County. On March 13, the suspect Tony D. Desaire, 25, was arrested in Grand Island, Neb.

After the shooting, Desaire was taken to a Wichita hospital but was not arrested. He was hit by two shots, with wounds in his jaw and shoulder. After his release last month, he apparently moved to Nebraska to live with his parents. It was only later that Sherman County authorities were able to file charges.

County Attorney Mike Irvin said he had to wait on the final report from the KBI before filing the charges. The state agency was called in to investigate the shooting because Goodland Police and Sherman County deputies had been involved in the incident.

A bond hearing was held Tuesday in front of Hall County Judge Philip Martin, who declined to lower the \$15,000 bond and set an extradition hearing for March 31. The defendant was released on bond and reportedly planned to return to Wichita for medical treatment even though he now is wanted in Kansas.

Desaire is accused of assaulting Sherman County deputy Arturo Lovington Jr. and Goodland Police Officer William Fulcher, the warrant said.

According to an article in the *Grand Island Independent*, during Tuesday’s bond hearing, Heather Swanson-Murray, a deputy county attorney, said Desaire has lived about a month with his parents at 720 S. Arthur in Grand

Island, where he was arrested. Desaire is self-employed as a painter and tree trimmer, Swanson-Murray said.

Judge Martin said he would be “extremely reluctant” to lower the bond set in the warrant.

Grand Island Police Capt. Larry Trosper said police had weapons ready when Desaire was arrested because he was wanted for a violent crime. “He was arrested without any problems,” Trosper added.

Sherman County Attorney Mike Irvin said Friday he is preparing the information for the governor’s warrant which is required to extradite Desaire back to Goodland. Irvin said he expects to complete the extradition as soon as the paperwork can be finished.

Also Irvin said Desaire is facing a court date in Sherman County on April 12 dealing with a sentencing agreement on an earlier charge in Sherman County.

It is unclear what the status now is of the Thomas County warrant, which was the reason deputy Lovington was looking for Desaire in January when the shooting took place.

The Thomas County bench warrant was issued because Desaire failed to appear at a Jan. 6 revocation of probation hearing. Desaire was sentenced to a year’s probation June 9 in Thomas County District Court for conviction on one count of domestic battery.

Desaire had violated four conditions of his probation, according to an affidavit accompanying the motion to revoke probation. Desaire had:

- Pled guilty on Oct. 2, 1998, in Sherman County District Court to aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.
- Had a case pending dealing with aggravated battery and criminal damage.
- A domestic battery, disorderly conduct and criminal damage case pending in Goodland Municipal Court from Sept. 14, 1998.
- Failed to comply with random drug screening.
- Failed to attend required group sessions in a domestic violence prevention program.

Officers say man came at them in dark yard

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

A Goodland man who was shot by a sheriff’s deputy had crawled under a bus in a dimly lit back yard, then came out carrying a steel bar and muttering threats, officers told the KBI.

According to an affidavit filed with a Sherman County warrant charging aggravated assault on an officer, the incident began when Deputy Arturo Lovington Jr. saw Tony Desaire’s vehicle parked at 1526 Texas on the evening of Jan. 13, and knew there was a Thomas County warrant for his arrest. He was on probation there for domestic violence and had a history of giving officers trouble.

The officer’s story came out only when the charges were filed; the affidavit was based on KBI reports after interviews with the officers.

Deputy Lovington told dispatcher Rhonda Allen he was going to the

Swartz residence, 1526 Texas, and speak with Desaire.

“Lovington knew that in the past other officers had problems in dealing with Desaire, but he had been able to speak with him in the past with no trouble,” the affidavit said.

As Lovington approached the house, the resident, Bradley Swartz came out of the garage and Desaire was going from the garage to the doorway of the house. Lovington told Desaire two or three times he needed to talk to him as he went into the house.

Desaire reappeared in the garage, and Lovington asked him to come over to where he was standing so they could talk. Desaire shook his head saying “No, I’m not coming.” After saying this two or three times he darted back into the house and shut the door behind him.

Lovington checked the north side of the garage and south side of the house. Officer William Fulcher arrived and



Taking it real easy

Medics helped the driver of a truck which tipped over about 10:45 a.m. today at 12th and Cattle Trail from his cab. The truck was turning east (right) from K-27 onto 12th when it tipped onto its side, spilling a load of sunflower seeds. The driver was trapped briefly. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Photos by Tom Betz/Goodland Daily

Lovington told him Desaire had left.

The two officers went back to the garage and talked to Swartz. He said he would call if Desaire showed up again. Lovington asked if they could check the back yard area. Swartz asked Joan Lamb to go back inside the house and see if Desaire was in the house. Lamb checked and said he was gone.

Lovington and Fulcher then checked the back yard. After checking a trailer and vehicle in the back yard, Lovington heard a noise coming from underneath a bus on the southwest part of the property. Shining his light under the bus Lovington saw Desaire laying on the ground with his hands on a silver object the deputy did not recognize.

Both officers ordered Desaire not to move. They reported that Desaire lay still for a moment and then started shuffling to the side. Fulcher told Desaire not to move or he would mace him. Desaire continued to move around, and

after several more warnings from Fulcher, he sprayed Desaire — probably on the top of the head.

Desaire continued to move around, and after additional warnings Fulcher again maced him, although Lovington thinks he got the top of the head again. Desaire laid still for a few seconds and said, “you guys are going to be sorry.”

Desaire crawled out from under the bus. By then Lovington had his weapon drawn and did not know if Fulcher had his weapon out. Lovington started backing away from Desaire while still giving oral commands to drop what he had and not to move.

When Desaire came out from under the bus and stood up, Lovington put his light into Desaire’s faced and pointed his weapon at Desaire, who was still holding the silver object in his right hand. Desaire walked toward Lovington, bringing his right hand up with the object in it.

Lovington and Fulcher yelled at Desaire to stop, and when Desaire got within about five feet, Lovington fired the first shot. Just before shooting, Lovington recognized the object as a large breaker bar 12 to 15 inches long.

After the first shot, Desaire flinched, but still continued forward with the bar raised to a striking position. Lovington said he gave more commands, but when Desaire continued toward him, he fired again. The second shot also hit Desaire who seemed dazed and started going down to the ground while still holding the bar in his hand.

The officers called for assistance, a supervisor and an ambulance. When the ambulance arrived, Lovington asked Desaire if he was going to give the emergency medical technicians any trouble. Desaire said he would not, but just as he was being loaded into the ambulance, the wounded man flashed Lovington the “finger.”

Love over war: ‘Shakespeare’ tops ‘Private Ryan’

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Academy Awards were a lot like a Roberto Benigni acceptance speech: long, full of surprises and sometimes difficult to understand.

Four-plus Oscar hours Sunday night — the longest ceremony ever — narrowly favored the Bard over blood and love over war, as the romantic romp “Shakespeare in Love” reaped seven awards, including best picture and best actress for Gwyneth Paltrow.

The violent World War II epic “Saving Private Ryan” won five Oscars, including the directing award for Steven Spielberg in an unusual — though

hardly unprecedented — split between best picture and best director.

But it was Benigni who charmed the audience with his exuberance in pulling off a stunning first: winning as best actor for a foreign film for “Life is Beautiful.”

Benigni, who wrote and directed the film, became the first filmmaker in 50 years to direct his own Oscar-winning performance. In 1948, Laurence Olivier directed and starred in “Hamlet,” and won the best acting prize.

“Life is Beautiful,” a tragicomic film set mostly in a Nazi concentration camp, won additional Oscars for for-

eign film and dramatic score.

“This is a moment of joy and I want to kiss everybody,” Benigni enthused in accepting the foreign-language Oscar, after he bounded to the stage by walking across the tops of the chairs.

He planted kisses on both cheeks of presenter Sophia Loren. Fittingly, it was Miss Loren who was the only other performer in a foreign language film to win an acting Oscar, for “Two Women” in 1961.

If Benigni at times was difficult to decipher, so, too, was the ceremony.

“Shakespeare in Love” did pick up best picture, but director John Madden

was snubbed. The film’s leading lady Miss Paltrow won, but her leading man Joseph Fiennes wasn’t even nominated.

And the award to “Shakespeare’s” Judi Dench gave new meaning to the label supporting actress: as Queen Elizabeth I, Dame Judi was on screen only briefly, yet still took home a statue.

“Shakespeare,” which led all contenders with 13 nominations, also picked up Oscars for original screenplay, art direction, costume design and musical or comedy score. Madden’s film imagined a young Shakespeare suffering from writer’s block.



Gwyneth Paltrow...best actress