

weather
report

31°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:26 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 56 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds west 19 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and falling
- Record High 73° (1981)
- Record Low -13° (1935)

Last 24 Hours*

High 40°
Low 13°
Precipitation .01 inch
moisture/.1 inch snow

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy; low 5-10; winds light and variable. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 30-35; winds southwest 5-15 mph; low 15-20.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday. Wednesday: dry; high 45; low 15-20. Thursday: dry; high 50; low 20-25. Friday: dry; high 50-55; low 25. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.10 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.92
Loan deficiency payment — 53¢
Corn — \$1.61 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.69
Loan deficiency pmt. — 30¢
Milo — \$2.31 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.82
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.07
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.70 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.12
Confection current — \$11/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press



1 p.m.

‘Beauty’ leads
Globe listings

BEVERLY HILLS — “American Beauty,” a dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction, received six Golden Globe nominations today to lead all film contenders.

“The Insider,” based on the true story of tobacco industry whistleblower Jeffrey Wigand, and “The Talented Mr. Ripley,” a tale of a high society murder plot, were right behind with five nominations each.

“American Beauty” received nominations for best dramatic picture, best dramatic actress for Annette Bening, best dramatic actor for Kevin Spacey, best director for Sam Mendes, best screenplay for Alan Ball and best score for Thomas Newman.

“The Insider” was nominated for best dramatic picture, best dramatic actor, director, screenplay and score.

Agents search for bomb accomplice

SEATTLE (AP) — An Algerian charged with bringing bomb-making materials into Washington from Canada may be connected to a theft ring that funneled money to terrorist groups, authorities say.

Ahmed Ressam — currently in federal detention near here after being charged Friday — was jailed for a few weeks in Montreal last year for stealing laptop computers and cellular phones from cars, Montreal Police spokesman Andre Poirier said Sunday.

Ressam is suspected of being an associate of Said Atmani, who is believed to be the head of a Montreal crime ring that engaged in such thefts, Poirier said.

“We have reason to believe that the money that

was gathered after selling those goods was distributed to some terrorism groups,” Poirier said.

Investigators believe the money raised through the thefts was quickly funneled out of Canada via a sophisticated network passing through France, Belgium, Italy, Kosovo, Pakistan and Algeria.

Last week, police arrested 11 alleged members of the ring, including eight Algerian nationals, Poirier said.

Newsweek magazine, citing unidentified Canadian police sources, reported this week that Ressam lived with Atmani in Montreal for a time. The magazine said Atmani was extradited from Canada to France in connection with a 1996 Paris subway bombing that killed four people and injured 86. The bombing was attributed to the Al-

gerian radical Armed Islamic Group.

Newsweek also reported that Ressam is tied to the Montreal cell of the Armed Islamic Group, but Poirier said the link was a rumor not yet confirmed.

Vincent Cannistraro, former counterterrorism chief for the CIA, said Ressam has suspected ties to Osama bin Laden, the man U.S. officials believe leads a terrorist network involved in the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania last year.

On Sunday, police found a van belonging to Ressam and registered in the name of Benni Norris — one of his two aliases — in the east end of Montreal, said Cpl. Leo Monbourquette, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Po-

lice. A security perimeter was set up and the area was evacuated.

A police bomb squad inspected the orange GMC van for more explosives. Police also have searched the apartment in Montreal that Ressam reportedly shared with Atmani, as well as a second car that had been reported stolen and another building in Montreal. Authorities wouldn’t say what was found.

“When we arrested Mr. Ressam last year ... we weren’t looking at that time to associate him with terrorism,” Poirier said.

Cannistraro said in today’s Seattle Post-Intelligencer that at least 50 known terrorist groups are present in Canada because they face fewer legal restrictions than in the United States.

Health money to be split

County to divide remaining sales tax among its agencies

The Sherman County commissioners will decide how to distribute remaining sales tax money during Tuesday’s regular meeting starting at 8 a.m.

The commissioners discussed the distribution at an earlier meeting and are considering a method to disperse the funds to allow each department to use money as needed.

“I don’t see any reason for us to be keeping this money when it could be put to a beneficial use by the health groups,” Commissioner Kenny Davis had said.

The money is from a special health sales tax of one-quarter of 1 percent approved by voters in 1995. The Goodland Regional Medical Center, the Sherman County Health Department, mental health services and Good Samaritan Center are among the places the money can be used.

Brenda McCants of the Senior Housing group will appear at the beginning of the meeting, and is expected to present the commissioners with a check which returns the money invested by the county in the planned nonprofit senior housing development.

With the development of Wheatridge Estates as a for-profit venture, the nonprofit group has been returning money which had been collected to help finance the project.

The commissioners will also consider an amendment to the 1999 budget, and hear a presentation from the Goodland Regional Medical Center on their budget for 2000.

Roger Snethen is expected to meet with the commissioners to discuss dates and plans for the Sherman County Racing Association for next year.

Under old business, the commissioners will sign the grant agreement for the used fire truck for Kanorado and consider a standard lease for county farm ground.

The county landfill operator wants to have different hours for the holiday season, and will ask the commissioners for permission to change them.

The commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the main floor of the county courthouse.

Turner buys Kansas grassland

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Media tycoon Ted Turner plans to put buffalo back on the land they once roamed with the purchase of the 35,350-acre Z Bar Ranch in the heart of Barber County in south-central Kansas.

The estimated \$9 million sale closed Friday in Kansas City, Mo. It was handled by Hutchinson ranch brokers Doug and John Wildin.

The ranches Turner buys all once were home to herds of wild buffalo, and they all have a lot of western history.

“I’m bringing back the old West, saving key pieces of the world from development,” Turner told the Associated Press in April. “I’m doing it because I enjoy it. It’s that simple.”



Members of the Goodland High School X-pressos and Chamber Choir (above) performed during the Christmas on Us drawing on Saturday afternoon. Violet Phillips (below right) showed her delight at winning

the \$2,000 grand prize at Saturday’s drawing. A big crowd (below) stood around waiting to see if their number would be called.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Woman wins \$2,000 top prize

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Three Goodland women were the big winners in the Goodland merchants’ Christmas on Us drawing held Saturday afternoon in front of the Chamber of Commerce office on 11th Street.

Violet Phillips, who won the grand prize of \$2,000 in gift certificates, said she got her winning ticket from Frontier Equity Exchange.

“I couldn’t believe it,” she said. “It couldn’t have come at a better time. I’m buying my whole family Christmas presents.”

Helen Dobbs, the second-place winner, received \$400 to spend at participating Goodland businesses. She said her ticket came from Miller’s Electronics.

“It was really nice to win,” she said. “I thought it was really great.”

When asked what she would do with the prize money, she said she would probably spend it on Christmas.

Tris Todd won third prize, \$200 in gift certificates, in the drawing. Her winning ticket also came from Miller’s.

“It’s coming in handy,” she said. “We’re moving into a new home.”

She went on to explain that they had bought Vernon Austin’s home and were making some changes on it.

Todd was also a \$50 instant winner in the contest on another ticket.

Though the afternoon was cloudy and a bit breezy, there was a big crowd at the event, estimated at 1,200 to 1,500 people.

Steve Haynes, president of *The Goodland Daily News*, had children from the crowd come up on the trailer used as a stage, to mix the tickets in a large plastic container. Then, he had a young girl come forward to draw the first ticket for third prize.

Haynes allowed at least five min-

utes for people to come forward with their winning ticket. Two or three tickets were drawn that no one came forward to claim prizes on, so another ticket had to be drawn.

Each time a different kid came up to draw a ticket out of the can.

As the numbers were called out over a loudspeaker, they were written down on a big chalkboard attached to the front of a scissor lift, which was then raised, so that the number could be better seen by the people.

Some ticket holders had pieces of paper with ticket numbers written down on them to save time when looking for the numbers that were called.

While people looked over their ticket numbers, the Goodland High School Chamber Choir and X-pressos sang Christmas songs.

As Phillips came up to the trailer to look for the winning ticket, which was on her list, the crowd moved in close around her. After it was verified that she did indeed have the winning ticket, the crowd cleared out rather quickly, leaving the happy winner and her friends to celebrate.

