

weather
report

40°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:37 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:36 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 36 degrees
• Humidity 27 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southeast 12 mph
• Barometer 29.79 inches
and steady
• Record High 79° (1927)
• Record Low 5° (1950)

Last 24 Hours*

High 41°
Low 16°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 20-25,
southeast winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow:
Mostly cloudy, high 40-45, low
20-25, southeast winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: chance of rain or snow,
high 30s, low 20-25. Sunday: chance
of snow, high upper 20s, low 20s.
Monday: high 30s, low teens.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.81 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.67
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.96 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.84
Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢
Milo — \$3.19 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.16 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.07
Loan deficiency payment — 83¢
Millet — no posted price; ask.
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.45 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.49
Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, 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.

Sides far from
a resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed violence is at the top of the agenda and resumption of negotiations with Israel only a remote possibility today as Yasser Arafat calls on President Clinton at the White House.

“We’re now in a very difficult cycle,” Clinton’s assistant for national security, Sandy Berger, said before the meeting. “The president is focused on what he can do in the next few months to try to reduce the violence and resume a political process.”

Rejecting any notion Clinton’s influence has waned with his term running out, Berger said “the business of the presidency goes on.”

Once-optimistic plans to mold a final settlement between Palestinian leader Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who comes calling Sunday, are in disarray.

Democrats to ask for hand recount

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush’s margin over Al Gore in make-or-break Florida dwindled to fewer than 800 votes Thursday in a continuing recount that held the presidential rivals and the nation in agonizing suspense.

Democrats said they would demand a follow-up recount by hand in a few counties and support unspecified “legal actions.”

“Technicalities should not determine the president of the United States, the will of the people should,” Gore campaign chairman William Daley said in Florida, where voters say that confusing ballots may have led them to vote for Pat

Buchanan when they meant to support Gore.

“We’ve come to believe that there are serious and substantial irregularities resulting from the ballot used only in one county,” added former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, dispatched to Florida to protect the Gore campaign’s interests. He was referring to Palm Beach County.

Daley and others said it was possible Democrats would seek a new election in that county, where, he said, “the confusion was massive” because of the design of the ballot.

The Democrats held their news conference in Tallahassee, Fla., as Attorney General Janet Reno

said in Washington there was no reason for federal authorities to “jump in” but pledged to review any complaint brought to her.

“We are not here to generate controversy,” Reno, a former Miami prosecutor, said at her weekly news conference.

There was plenty of that already as Bush and Gore dispatched their emissaries to Florida to protect their interests in a recount of all 67 counties.

An unofficial tally by The Associated Press showed that Gore had cut Bush’s lead to 787 votes in Florida, with the recount complete in 53 of 67 counties.

Daley also jabbed at the Bush campaign, saying they “blithely dismiss the disenfranchisement of thousands of Floridians as being the usual mistakes” that afflict elections.

“If the will of the people is to prevail, Al Gore should be awarded a victory in Florida and be our next president,” he asserted.

Earlier former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, tapped by Bush to represent him in Florida, said he had seen neither allegations of fraud nor evidence of it. He said the controversial Palm Beach County ballots had been reviewed before the election.



The ‘guys’ rehearse their parts

Goodland High School will present the musical “Guys and Dolls” at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium. The cast had a dress rehearsal on Tuesday night. Gangsters Darin Richardson (above, right) along with (from left) Preston Lambrecht, Adam McCoy, Timothy Kafka and Stuart Campbell rehearsed a song from the musical. Campbell and Kafka (right) sang a song about guys and dolls.

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Veterans’ groups to honor soldiers

By Janet Craft

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An open house, program and balloon release Saturday, put on by Sherman County veterans organizations and a Goodland business, will honor area veterans.

The open house, honoring veterans of World War II, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. The event is being hosted by the Sherman County Historical Society, which will have a display of citations, medals, uniforms, pictures or other World War II memorabilia for people to view, as well as refreshments.

At 11 a.m., members of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans will have a joint service at the hall. The Veterans of Foreign Wars color

guard will bring in the flags at the beginning of the service. American Legion Commander Mark Heckman is to lead the opening prayer. Then Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Bill Selby will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jo Ann Wahrman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, will announce the winners of the organization’s Voice of Democracy contest.

Auxiliary President Debbie Snethen will give highlights of what has been going on with the women’s group.

Dwight Briney will provide music. American Legion Chaplain Don Fiegel will give a scripture reading and Veterans of Foreign Wars Chaplain Harold Karspeck will say a Veterans Day prayer.

Broadcaster Kay Melia, a veteran of the Korean War, will be the speaker.

After Melia talks, the color guard will carry out the flags and retired U.S. Air Force Chaplain Chet Ross will say the closing prayer.

Following the service, Koons Funeral Home of Goodland will have a balloon release to honor World War II veterans. This activity is part of a nationwide balloon release by funeral homes which coincides with Saturday’s groundbreaking for the World War II Memorial in Washington. The memorial will honor World War II veterans and those who supported the war. “We are pleased and proud to be involved in this effort,” said Linda Koons, president of the funeral home. “Recognition of those who gave so much in World War II is long overdue.”

The auxiliary will host a reception afterwards at the hall.

Government offices to close Friday to honor those who fought in war

With Veterans Day falling on Saturday, state, county, federal and city offices in Goodland will be closed on Friday.

The Sherman County courthouse will be closed Friday, as well as the landfill and the road and bridge department. However, the landfill will be open normal hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Banks generally will be open Friday, but those that open on Saturday will take the day off.

First National Bank will be open on Friday and Bankwest will be open Friday, but both the bank and the drive-up window, which are normally open on Saturdays, will be

closed.

Western State Bank will be open Friday, but the drive-up window which is open on Saturdays, will be closed.

City offices will be closed Friday for the holiday, but all emergency services will be available.

Post offices will be open Friday, but will be closed on Saturday for the holiday.

There will be no mail delivery that day.

Federal agencies, such as the Farm Service Agency, will also be closed Friday, as will state agencies such as the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

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Vote loss may end seeding

Board could stop weather program

By Rachel Miscall

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Thomas County voters’ decision Tuesday that they don’t want cloud seeding over their land could be the straw that breaks the weather modification program in northwest Kansas.

Three other counties have opted out of the three-year-old program — an extension of a 25-year-old program in southwest Kansas — and the board that controls it will decide next week whether to let Thomas County out or end the program altogether.

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District board will meet next Thursday, said Wayne Bossert, manager of the regional agency, to discuss continuing to seed clouds over other counties in the water district or ending the program. He said he expects the board to release a statement after the meeting, which will be at 10 a.m. (Central Time) at the district’s office, 1175 S. Range in Colby.

A board member from Goodland said in his opinion the program could be successful, but doesn’t have merit in “bits and pieces.” Many board members support the program, he said, but are realizing people here don’t want it.

The Kansas Water Office received Tuesday’s election results — where 64 percent voted against the program — almost immediately, said Director Al LeDoux. After reviewing the results, he said, the state will probably reduce the amount of money it pays to the district each year to account for Thomas County’s absence.

Bossert said even before the results of Tuesday’s non-binding election came in, the board had discussed dropping the program — which is paid for by water users and the state — because of public opposition. In that case, Bossert said, counties that want the program would become responsible for paying for it.

“On Aug. 10, the board said the 2001 program will be the last they will fund with the district water user charge,” he said. “However, they could change their minds later. It wasn’t a motion. It