

# Bean plant has new owners

By Dana Sulsberger

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The branch manager of a bean processing company from Wallace County — which recently bought a closed-down Goodland bean plant — said the company is looking forward to a promising season.

Rick Lucas, manager of the Goodland branch, said the 21st Century Bean Processing company, a pinto bean processor based in Sharon Springs, bought the Goodland plant, 1707 Main, from KBC Trading in February.

KBC is a California-based bean processing company which closed the Goodland plant in early February for financial reasons.

21st Century was able to buy the plant, Lucas said, by convincing growers for the KBC to join the new company and find enough money to purchase the property.

Growers reopened the plant on Sept. 1, he said.

KBC, a ConAgra Co-Op headquartered in Stockton, Calif., closed the doors to the bean plant in Goodland on Feb. 1 due to company downsizing.

Lucas, who used to be a KBC member, said at that time 21st Century representatives asked him to help open the bean plant here. He said he and 20 other former KBC growers joined the Century Co-op.

The 21st Century Co-op, Lucas said, has 75 farmers growing for them. He said the company has other receiving points for the crops in Minneola and Idalia, Colo.

The Goodland plant can hold 65,000 bags of beans, he said, and the capacity of all of the 21st Century facilities is close to 400,000 bags.

Lucas said as of the end of January the company will no longer be a Co-Op



Rick Lucas, the branch manager for the 21st Century Bean Processing plant which opened in September, stood in front of the plant's sign.  
Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

but will instead be a limited liability corporation.

He explained that with a cooperative growers are reliant on buyers for profit, but with the corporate structure they are more reliant on the success of their own crops.

It is too early to tell how the pinto bean crop will do for next year, he said, but with the price of fertilizer and natural gas on the rise, it's likely more farmers will plant pinto beans because the crop requires less water and maintenance.

# kanorado chronology

By Dixie Hooker

*Kanorado Correspondent*  
Useless facts: Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2 to 6 years old.

Congratulations to everyone in the Kanorado Christmas lighting contest. The first place winners were Janell and Jay Pettibone, second place went to Connie and Jon Sheldon and third place was split between Delia and Frank Hernandez and the Soliz family. A group of people from Dynamic Dimensions Inc. of Burlington, Colo., drove around trying to pick the winners, along with their counselor, Ruth Stramel.

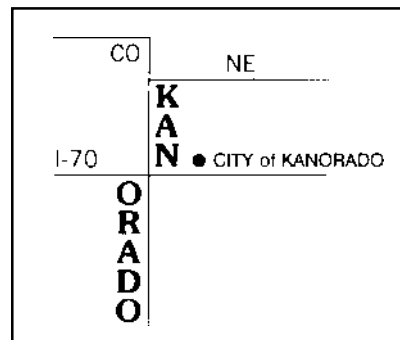
We thank them very much as they had a pretty tough job. But everyone deserves a pat on the back with their decorations. They made everything look nice, even if they were covered with a bit of dust!

Things I wish I had known before I went out into the real world: Some people are working backstage, some are playing in the orchestra, some are on-stage singing, some are in the audience as critics and some are there to applaud. Know who and where you are.

The Jensen's, Pete and Betty, had an early Christmas (Dec. 23) with their family at their daughter Judi Nemechek's home in Goodland. Those who also enjoyed the day were Ruth and Pam Stramel of Stratton, Colo.; Luther Jensen and his friend Bets Carter and Peter Jensen Jr. and his wife Kay, all of St. Francis; and Bonny Walt of Quinter and one of her children, Keri Lacy, and her children, Kelsey and Baily, of Hays.

Short wit: I love animals...they taste great.

Garry Moore and Helen Dilts started off with a great Christmas. Garry said he winked at Helen and she winked at



him. Then they deep-fat-fried a turkey for dinner. But not before Garry hauled himself over to Goodland to fetch his cousin Irene Jewell. Garry said Helen only charged her about \$11.60 for the great Christmas meal—with mileage and all they wanted to be fair. (Grins & snorts!) Well heck, they had to return Irene, don't you know! Oh yes, Happy Thanksgiving, you two! (More winking ensuing here!)

Things my mother taught me: My mother taught me about behavior and behavior modification: "Stop acting like your father!"

The little Butterfly Café set up their Christmas tree this year and under that tree they had many gifts. They used those gifts for a drawing. It was a thank you from them to all who darkened their doors in pursuit of fine homemade fare.

Pat Webber won the boy's bicycle they gave away and Mabel Golden won the girl's bike. Jon Sheldon won the screwdriver set and Joel Franz won the ladies' earrings. (I am so glad Joel has two daughters. Now he can give one to each of the girls).

Then the owners put out their delicious monster cookies in a jar for everyone to try to guess how many cookies it held. Once again, Pat Webber did well by picking the right number and won a \$20 gift certificate to the café.

The rest of the winners received bags of the great cookies.

They were Wayne Koehler, Mark Koehler, Edna Warren and Dan Perez. All of us here in Kanorado wish the Little Butterfly booming success in 2001!

Things you can't say with Hallmark: "Congratulations on your wedding day! Too bad no one likes your wife."

I would like to say thank you to James M. "Smitty" Smith of Goodland. I got your message and it is appreciated!

I don't say this enough to all of you who call or send me letters, but it is appreciated more than you know. I received a letter from Marie Moore of Goodland a few months ago.

Marie, I am saving the great info you sent and will put it in this column in the spring. So, don't think I forget you folks, because I don't. But with that Pagoo thing I have when I am on the web, I think I am confusing a lot of people who call, so hang in there and I will get to it!

Peggy and Sonny Witzel spent a nice Christmas with their family. Along with their daughter, Chandra, they were joined by their oldest girl Natasha Mueller and her husband, Jim, and of course their baby daughter, Elizabeth.

Oh man! The postal rates are going up Jan. 7. The 34-cent stamps went on sale in December. A two-pound Priority mail package will increase to \$3.95, but you can get a new one-pound rate for \$3.50. Tell me what hasn't gone up recently?

Everything except my paycheck and ole Phil's. It's getting to the point we aren't living anymore—we are existing. Happy New Year folks! I hope your social security checks increase and you can retire when you want to and everyone gets a raise.

# Prime minister may be defeated

INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is facing a resounding defeat in next month's election, polls indicated Friday as Barak and the Arabs staked out tough positions for peace negotiations.

A Gallup poll in the Maariv daily indicated that 50 percent of Israel's people back hawkish opposition leader Ariel Sharon, who has said that if he is elected, he would not honor any peace accord Barak signs. Only 22 percent favored Barak. A poll in the Yediot Ahronot daily showed Sharon leading Barak by 50 to 32 percent.

Both polls quoted 4.5 percent margins of error on samples of 640 and 510 Israeli adults, respectively.

Barak faces a Feb. 6 re-election vote, and many analysts here say a peace accord with the Palestinians before then is his only chance to win.

On Thursday, Barak said Israel's refusal to let Palestinian refugees return to Israeli land is absolute. But Palestinians continue to insist that millions of refugees should be allowed to return.

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine police charged seven Muslim guerrillas with murder Friday for allegedly masterminding a spate of New Year's holiday bombings that killed 22 people and injured more than 120 in Manila.

Police pressed multiple murder charges against six leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in absentee and arrested a seventh. They accused the detainee of acting as a Manila scout for the rebel group, according to a police complaint filed with the Justice Department.

The document, which state prosecutor Menrado Corpuz showed to reporters, names MILF top leader Hashim Salamat and five of his senior officers.

The MILF is one of two major Muslim rebel groups that have fought for years to carve out a separate Islamic state in the southern Philippines. MILF leaders have denied responsibility for Saturday's attacks.

NATIONAL

AUSTIN, Texas — Wrapping up his old life and preparing for his new one, President-elect Bush is packing his belongings in Texas and working to fill top law enforcement and intelligence positions in his administration.

Bush wants Louis Freeh, a Clinton appointee who is popular among Republicans, to stay on as director of the FBI, advisers said. Freeh has two more years left of his 10-year term.

Bush may also offer a brief extension to CIA Director George Tenet, some Bush advisers said Thursday.

No other major personnel announcements were planned for Friday. Instead, Bush aimed to spend the day boxing up his belongings — some will go to the White House later this month and others will be shipped to his newly completed new ranch house in Crawford, Texas, about a two-hour drive from Austin.

Bush planned to leave Friday for the

ranch, where he'll spend the weekend and play host to a group of Republican governors on Saturday, said spokesman Dan Bartlett.

ALPINE, Calif. — The arrival of calmer winds has helped firefighters get the upper hand on a San Diego County wildfire that was apparently started by a cigarette thrown from a vehicle, authorities said.

The effort to stop the 11,000-acre blaze has shifted from a defensive battle to an offensive strike, said Mike Conrad, a fire incident commander.

The blaze, which had started Wednesday morning, was 30 percent contained Thursday. Full containment is expected by late Saturday.

About 500 firefighters were on the front lines early Friday, down from 800 the day before. A total of 2,000 firefighters around California have been called in to help. The cost of fighting the fire was estimated at \$3 million, Conrad said.

The blaze forced the temporary closure of two casinos and a 12-mile stretch of Interstate 8 on Wednesday. Two people, including a firefighter, suffered minor injuries.

At least five homes were destroyed. About 500 people were evacuated from their homes, but many were allowed to return by Thursday.

SAN FRANCISCO — Teetering on the brink of financial collapse, California's two largest utilities have been handed a double whammy by getting only a fraction of expected rate hikes and experiencing Wall Street's wrath.

The state authorized immediate rate increases on Thursday ranging from 7 to 15 percent, or about half of what Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. had requested.

Standard & Poor's and Fitch Inc., two major credit rating agencies, responded by downgrading the utilities' parent companies, causing their stock prices to plummet.

The prospect of "a bankruptcy like no other" has prompted President Clinton's administration to arrange a meeting between top state and federal officials at the White House on Tuesday, The New York Times reported Friday.

California's five-member Public Utilities Commission, which unanimously approved the 90-day rate hike, also urged the state Legislature to back a bond package for bailing out the utilities.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Israel is set to deliver to the White House a detailed response to President Clinton's framework for a negotiated settlement with the Palestinians.

Contents of the six-page document, addressed to Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, were not disclosed.

But after three hours of talks Thursday night with American mediators, an

Israeli official said his government endorsed Clinton's proposals as a way to move forward in peacemaking.

The only condition was that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat accept Clinton's outline as well, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The talks were held at a hotel between Gilead Sher, a veteran Israeli negotiator, and White House and State Department officials. They were due to resume Friday at the same undisclosed location.

Arafat told Clinton at the White House on Tuesday that he accepted the president's formula, with reservations. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told reporters Thursday that Israel had reservations, as well.

"Each one has a different interpretation, and we are trying to clarify" the proposals for both, she said.

WASHINGTON — House Republicans have installed a new team to head the committees that will try pushing President-elect Bush's agenda through the 107th Congress. Senate leaders still have not determined how they will run a chamber split evenly between the two parties for the first time ever.

"We're not afraid to take a chance on new faces, not afraid to take a chance on new ideas," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told reporters Thursday.

Fresh faces at the helm included Rep. Bill Thomas of California, a 22-year veteran taking over the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee; Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the one-time No. 4 House leader who will lead the panel that oversees education; and Rep. Mike Oxley of Ohio, who will head the new banking committee, which will also control insurance and securities.

They will be at the fore as Bush seeks legislation for the tax cuts and changes in education, Medicare and Social Security that highlighted his election campaign.

In the Senate, Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and top Democrat Tom Daschle of South Dakota separately shopped proposals to their rank-and-file members to allow equal numbers of lawmakers from both parties on committees.

WASHINGTON — Responding to a growing chorus of European suspicions, the Pentagon denies that U.S. and allied peacekeepers in the Balkans face a health hazard from remnants of American weapons that contain depleted uranium.

"We have not found any link between illnesses and exposure to depleted uranium," Kenneth Bacon, spokesman for Defense Secretary William Cohen, said Thursday. "We're pretty confident of what we've said, which is we have found no direct link."

The Pentagon has been investigating the question since the 1991 Gulf War, when such weapons were used in combat for the first time.

Starting Time:  
10 AM MST

Location:  
VFW, 824 Main  
Goodland, Kan.

Another  
FUN

# BANE AUCTION

Saturday, January 13, 2001  
Edyeth Handy Estate

NOTE: This will be one you won't want to miss. Lots of unique antiques, furniture & glassware. This is a partial list only. Edyeth lived in this home for over 50 years and loved to travel so we have lots of small items from foreign countries. Lunch will be served by the VFW Auxiliary. The hall will be full and this will be a large auction so plan to spend the day at another fun Bane Auction where everyone has "Satisfaction at the sound of the gavel."



VEHICLES

1992 Olds 98, Regency Elite, 4 dr, power everything, 3800 V6, only 40,400 mi. Bought new by Edyeth, always in the garage.

1979 Chevy Malibu Station Wagon, auto, V8, only 36,900 actual miles, great condition.

HOUSEHOLD

7' Formal sofa  
Matching coffee and end tables  
Brown rocker-recliner  
48" round coffee table, blond  
Brass lamps  
Large oak corner table  
Several chairs  
King bedroom set w/dresser  
Eggshell bedroom set w/ double bed, chest, night stand, makeup desk  
Large Oak desk and office chair  
Brass desk lamp  
Liquor cabinet  
Kitchen table w/4 chairs  
Wood serving cart  
Magic Chef microwave  
Maytag washer and dryer  
Complete set of kitchen cookware and utensils

ANTIQUES



Guns, -Fine Twist, flintlock double barrel shotgun -Crescent Fire Arms Co., Victor special, 410 single shot, Early American dining table w/ 8 chairs, buffet, china hutch, one of the nicest you will find. New box of cigars from "The General Merchandise of Bird City. Small crock from Harrison Mercantile of St. Francis, McDonald, Bird City. Reveille 1934 yearbook. Radiola radio, Singer portable sewing machine model 221-1, 4 Harmonicas, 2 Coffee grinders, Oak dresser w/mirror, Claw foot piano stool, 50's Recliner w/ottoman, 2-50's Arm chairs, 50's Tan sofa and lounge chair, 6 Oak ice cream stools, Oak claw foot music table, 2-Oak glass claw foot stands, 2 floor lamps, 4 Wicker bottom chairs, Oval picture frame and glass

Cedar chest, 3 metal trunks, Iron bed, Several alarm clocks, Lots of books and magazines, Sleigh bells, C.T. Handy desk set, Leather cases, Hair curlers 33, records, WWII tokens and I wooden nickel. Some foreign



coins. Several old cameras.

MISCELLANEOUS

Eureka self propelled upright vacuum  
Paper shredder  
Suitcases  
Wicker baskets  
Lawn sweep  
Honda lawn mower  
Garden tools  
Gas heaters  
Lots more items



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