

weather
report

73°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:19 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:52 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 65 degrees
• Humidity 33 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds west 16
• Barometer 29.66 inches
and steady

• Record High 88° (1934)
• Record Low 20° (2000)

Last 24 Hours*

High 85°
Low 45°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, low 40s, wind northwest 20-30. Tomorrow: sunny, high 60s, low 35.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: sunny, chance of thunderstorms, high 70, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.43
Loan deficiency payment — 2¢
Corn — \$2.01 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.80
Loan deficiency payment — 19¢
Milo — \$1.69 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.85
Loan deficiency payment — 1.07¢
Millet — \$1.69 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.54
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)
(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.

Three share
physics prize

STOCKHOLM — Three U.S.-based scientists shared the 2001 Nobel Prize in physics today for creating a new state of matter: an ultra-cold gas that could aid in developing smaller and faster electronics.

The award went to Americans Eric A. Cornell, 39, of the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, and Carl E. Wieman, 50, of the University of Colorado, along with German scientist Wolfgang Ketterle, 43, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Their creation of a Bose-Einstein condensate in 1995 could lead to ways to make ever tinier electronic circuits. The new technology could eventually be used to draw computer circuits by depositing a stream of atoms on a circuit board.

Fugitives reach end of line in Texas

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

Texas proved to be the end of the line for a couple who led officers on a high-speed chase through Thomas County this summer, held a 17-year-old rural Colby girl at knifepoint, and allegedly stole many vehicles along the way.

A lovers' quarrel apparently brought them down after more than two months on the lam, but the man ran from police, trying to break into nearby houses and attacking residents before he made the mistake of taking on a retired policeman.

Kristopher Aaron Lambert, 21, and Tina Janice Pearce, 23, both of Rankin County, Mississippi, were caught on Monday afternoon in Angelton, Texas (south of Houston).

C.D. Hopper, investigator with the Thomas

County Sheriff's Office, said police officers were called to a motel on a domestic disturbance involving the couple.

Authorities in Angelton said that Lambert ran when officers arrived, allegedly breaking into several houses and assaulting several residents before being brought down by a retired police officer in his yard. He then surrendered without further incident, Hopper said.

Pearce was arrested at the motel and could be extradited back to Thomas County within days. As for Lambert, police arrested him on charges of being a fugitive from justice, and aggravated assault and burglary in association with Monday's incident. He is currently in jail at the Brazoria



Lambert



Pearce

kidnapping, one count each of felony theft and misdemeanor theft and two counts of misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

The events started at 11:30 a.m. when the couple was reported in a gas skip from Grinnell. A chase then ensued when Thomas County Deputy Ken Patton attempted to stop the couple on I-70.

County Jail in Angelton.

Hopper said that extradition papers are being filed today with the Thomas County attorney's office for both Lambert and Pearce.

Charges in Thomas County stem from an incident Wednesday, Aug. 8, in which the couple was charged with aggravated burglary, aggravated assault,

Lambert and Pearce managed to elude Patton by driving off the freeway, through a fence and into a corn field. While deputies, Colby police and state troopers, along with a plane from the Colby Municipal Airport searched for the two, they ditched the Mazda pickup which had been stolen in Michigan and escaped in a 1998 Escort after holding a young girl hostage for nearly 30 minutes.

The following day, the couple allegedly stole another vehicle from Hoxie Grain Co., a white Jeep Cherokee, which was recovered in Tremonton, Utah, on Aug. 23. Another vehicle was then taken from Tremonton and officials in Ogden, Utah, suspected it was the work of Lambert and Pearce.

Lambert's capture on Monday was good news for authorities in Colby, since he had been listed as one of Kansas' most wanted.

Bombs falling night and day

Attack kills four U.N. guards

WASHINGTON (AP) — American pilots bombed targets in Afghanistan day and night today as the Bush administration pressed its campaign to combat terrorism.

Meantime, the United Nations listed four of its security guards as civilian casualties of the military bombardment.

"With the success of previous raids, we believe we are now able to carry out strikes more or less around the clock as we wish," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said at the Pentagon.

Administration officials declined to specify the targets of the renewed attacks. But anti-aircraft fire could be heard in the Afghan capital, Kabul, and Taliban officials reported bombs falling around their headquarters in Kandahar and the northwestern city of Herat.

Four weeks after the worst terrorist attack on American soil, President Bush moved quickly to beef up his new Office of Homeland Security and was conferring with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, whose nation has offered to join in military operations.

In Florida, the FBI continued its investigation into the death of one man from anthrax, and the exposure of his co-worker to the deadly disease.

"It remains a situation of concern with the federal government," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, as officials offered antibiotics as a pre-

caution to hundreds who worked in the same building as the two men. Fleischer added, however, that "it's not unusual at times like this for false alarms to go off."

At the Pentagon, Rumsfeld said the United States had no independent verification of the reported deaths of the U.N. workers, or whether they might have died after being hit by anti-aircraft fire.

"Nevertheless, we regret the loss of life," he said. "If there were an easy way to root terrorist networks out of countries that harbor them, it would be a blessing, but there is not."

The bombing marked the third straight night of attacks by American-led forces. But even before night fell, pilots flew strikes sporadically throughout the day, a sign of increased confidence that whatever air defenses the ruling Taliban regime possessed had largely been suppressed.

Taliban officials said Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, had survived the American assault.

Abdul Salam Zaeff, the Taliban envoy to Pakistan, told reporters the United States had spurned Afghanistan's request for evidence of bin Laden's involvement.

"America is sending warplanes, bombs and cruise missiles in place of evidence," he said.

With state on alert, security tightened

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The state is restricting the traffic flow on the Capitol grounds again and has added security personnel in the wake of military strikes in Afghanistan.

Sawhorses of wood and metal went up Monday to prevent vehicles from driving through arches under the north and south Statehouse steps. The barriers were designed to force traffic around the steps and away from the building.

Joyce Glasscock, secretary of administration, said Monday that she ordered the barriers put up and hoped to have them replaced with larger barriers, perhaps made of concrete, by today or Wednesday.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, which oversees the Capitol Police, added officers to the Statehouse and nearby state office buildings.

The patrol's spokesman, Lt. John Eichkorn, declined to discuss the details but said the number of officers inside the Capitol and their patrols around the building increased.

"I think all of us have to exercise some degree of additional common sense and caution, given what's going on the world," Gov. Bill Graves told reporters.

At other public sites around Kansas, little seemed to have changed because of U.S. and British air attacks on military sites and terrorist training camps.

Some officials said their agencies weren't taking additional precautions because they have been on alert since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

"We have been on a heightened awareness for some time," said Joy Moser, spokeswoman for the Kansas Adjutant General's Department, which oversees operations of the Kansas National Guard and the state's Division of Emergency Management.

Security at the Capitol still wasn't as tight as it was during the week after the Sept. 11 attacks. Then, access to the Capitol grounds for vehicles was restricted to one entrance, and vehicles couldn't go under the steps. In addition, access to the building was reduced to the east entrance only.

Barriers similar to the ones now in place went up shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks but came down again about a week later. Joe Fritton, director of facilities management, said they were supposed to have been put back up but weren't by mistake.

After the attacks, the state also increased the number of Capitol Police officers in the Statehouse.

Near done



Manuel Reyes (left) and Daniel Martinez, workers for Bridges, a Newton construction company, assembled a metal basket called a gabion last week under a bridge on K-27 north of Goodland. The basket, which was set next to other gabions under the bridge, will be filled with rock and will prevent soil erosion.

Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

K-27 may open next week

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The finishing touches and details are being put on K-27 north of Goodland and the new highway could be open in the next two weeks.

"We are down to the final details, and depending on their completion and the weather, we should be able to announce an opening date soon," said Donna Binning, construction engineer with the Kansas Department of Transportation in Atwood.

She said the paving is virtually complete, with crews less than a mile from finishing the north end of the 17-mile project.

Some details like seeding, dirt work and striping remain to be completed, and once those are done, Binning said, they will set the reopening.

New signs are going up along the road and the old signs are to be removed. The engineer said some of the new signs have different speeds than the old ones which makes it look con-

fusing until the old signs are pulled out.

Ritchey Paving, the general contractor, is using a "smoking" technique on the new pavement to seal it with liquid asphalt for winter. Binning said they will do a top coat on the highway next spring, but the smoking will seal it for the cold months.

Finishing touches are complete on both bridges, Binning said, and the contractor is busy putting in culverts for those who live along the highway.

"I have been very happy with the work done by the contractor," Binning said. "They are doing a good job and I'm very happy that they are finishing early."

The state offered a bonus to Ritchey Paving for each day the road is finished between the first of October and first of November.

"Because of the long detour," Binning said, "the state felt like the company needed an incentive to finish as

quickly as possible."

The reconstruction has meant that people traveling from St. Francis or Bird City had to use county roads or detour to Colby or Burlington to travel a paved road.

With the completion of the 17-mile stretch of K-27, the first part of the two-year project will be done. Ritchey will be working on a new access road to 19th Street from Business U.S. 24, and replacing the intersection at K-27 and Business 24 next spring. The project will include stop lights and concrete pavement. The work will change several of the access points near the intersection. The "hook" from K-27 to Cattletail will be kept as a one-way turnoff to allow better truck access to the elevators, but southbound traffic will have to use the new connection to U.S. 24.

Traffic will be allowed through the project next year, both at the intersection and along K-27 as the final coat of asphalt is applied.