



Goodland Board of Realtors 2002 officers recently sworn in at the board's December meeting were Helen Dobbs, Mitch Hixson, Rose Anderson and Tom Harrison. Officer Terry Richardson was not available.

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Realtors give to charities

Rose Anderson, a broker-associate for Homeland Real Estate, was been elected president of the Goodland Board of Realtors at the December meeting.

Anderson, former broker/owner of Anderson Realtors, joined Homeland earlier this year.

Other officers for 2002 are Helen Dobbs, TeHe Enterprises, president-elect; Terry Richardson, Richardson's

Homestead Realty, secretary; Mitch Hixson, Homeland, treasurer; and Tom Harrison, Homeland, director. As director, Harrison attends state meetings on behalf of the Goodland board.

B.J. Melvin, zone vice-president for the Kansas Association of Realtors, Colby, and 1992 state president, presided over the swearing in of officers. Melvin is with Homeland in Colby. He encouraged members to attend the

state Realtors meeting, where property tax issues will be one of the big topics.

"There is nothing that would affect our business more than an increase in property taxes," Melvin said.

After considerable discussion, the Goodland board voted to give \$300 to charities: \$100 to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter, \$100 to the Dustin Zelfer fund, and \$100 to the Genesis food program.

Helicopters fire missiles at police

By Associated Press
INTERNATIONAL

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a Palestinian police post in the Gaza Strip and two Palestinian laborers were killed by Israeli fire at a West Bank checkpoint today, as Europe joined troubled U.S. truce efforts.

Two recent rounds of cease-fire talks have ended without result, amid mutual recriminations.

However, U.S. officials said today that U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni had no plans of leaving the region for now, despite earlier warnings to Israelis and Palestinians that he might do so if no significant progress was made by Tuesday.

The European Union, meanwhile, sent its foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, to the Middle East for a new mediation mission today, a day after branding the Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad "ter-

rorist networks" and demanding that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat dismantle them.

Israel has repeatedly accused the EU of being pro-Palestinian. Monday's unusually tough statement meant that the EU's line was now closer to that of the United States, which has stepped up pressure on Arafat to act against militants.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — The country's biggest trade federation will participate in an all-day strike aimed at protesting the nation's spiraling debt woes and its four-year recession.

"We back the national stoppage," said Rodolfo Daer, general secretary of the General Confederation of Labor, known by its Spanish acronym CGT. He said Thursday's protest would be "the start of a campaign to defend and

recover our salaries."

At a union meeting Monday, Daer said he held Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo personally responsible not only for failing to drag South America's second-largest economy out of recession, but also for forcing middle class Argentines to foot the bill.

Faced with a \$2 billion run on bank deposits Nov. 30, Cavallo partially froze Argentines' accounts, limiting cash withdrawals to \$1,000 a month. All other payments must be made by checks, debit and credit cards.

As a result, banks have been flooded with tens of thousands of Argentines trying to open their bank accounts and lines of disgruntled savers trailing half a block back from most automatic teller machines.

Short elected to state job

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extra space at West, the district may be able to move kindergartners from North Elementary to West, putting the preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades together.

During his monthly report, Selby played the conference video, which showed speeches Campbell, member Jane Philbrick and Short made before the vote to elect Short.

Campbell asked the association delegates to look no further than Short, who he said will represent every district fairly and believes everyone is responsible for education in Kansas. He said Short, a trucking company owner, former teacher and coach and father of three, has a unique mix of expertise and perspective to bring to the position.

Philbrick said in the seven years she

has served on the Goodland School Board with Short, she's found that he's committed.

"He's a friend to education," she said. "He genuinely cares about Kansas children and their education."

Short thanked his wife Sarah, who teaches in Goodland, the board members, Superintendent Selby and Board Clerk Pat Juhl for their support.

He said he was born in Goodland and graduated from high school here. He's been on the board since 1982. He said Goodland has great schools, teachers and kids.

Short said he understands the struggles of all districts in Kansas, in-



Short

cluding keeping quality teachers, recruiting staff to replace those retiring and the problems that come with declining enrollment.

He added that most schools need money, but it's important to pay teachers enough so they'll encourage others to join the profession.

"We must give teachers the tools to teach," he said, adding that education is everyone's responsibility.

Short said if elected, he'd give his all.

"I'm eager to work for you," he told association members.

The association then voted unanimously to elect Short, who has been board president in Goodland for 11 years.

Juhl allowed the tape to run long enough to see Short give a thumbs-up sign before taking his seat.

"I could breathe then," he told board members.

Protestors want options

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Participants said the United States should explore options other than military action and they worry the war on terrorism could spread to other nations, such as Iraq.

"We understand the need to bring people to justice, but there are so many innocent people in these countries," said Sarah Hoskinson, a University of Kansas religious studies student who helped organize the event. "Going in and bombing them and destroying their

homes isn't a solution."

The women's vigil lasted about 90 minutes, and they stood with their backs to the Statehouse, facing the Kansas Judicial Center across the street — and motorists driving by.

Hoskinson and other protesters said they understand many Americans, probably a majority, don't agree with their anti-war sentiments.

Lorraine Bayard de Volo, an assistant professor of political science and women's studies at Kansas University, said: "Patriotism in a democratic soci-

ety is the open discussion over these issues and the freedom to communicate."

A six-member crew of construction workers, repairing the stone on the Judicial Center, watched the protest during a break.

One of them, Greg Ackaman, of Nortonville, initially suggested the protesters didn't have anything better to do.

Then he said: "If we didn't defend our country, then we wouldn't have that freedom."

Missouri driver tips rig onto its side

A Missouri truck driver was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center for minor injuries Monday morning after he lost control of the semi-trailer tractor he was driving on I-70 and it tipped onto its side west of town.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said Jennings Louk, 51, Lebanon, was

westbound in a 2001 Freightliner about 6 a.m. 11 miles west of Goodland, when the rig veered off onto the shoulder. While Louk tried to drive back onto the freeway, the report said, he locked up the brakes and the vehicle went into the north ditch and rolled onto its side.

Louk was taken to the hospital and the truck was towed away by Kleine Motor Co. Dale Shields, hospital resource development director, said Monday the driver was admitted to the hospital for observation and was reported in satisfactory condition.

Bush marks anniversary of attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Precisely three months after the first jetliner slammed into the World Trade Center, the national anthem played today at the White House, across the country and throughout the globe as President Bush vowed to "right this huge wrong."

At 8:46 a.m. Eastern Time, a drum roll echoed in the East Room, a solemn backdrop for "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Bush said America does not need monuments and memorials to grieve the deaths of more than 3,000 people

in suicide hijackings over New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

"For those of us who lived through these events, the only marker we'll ever need is the tick of a clock on the 46th minute on the 8th hour of the 11th day," he said.

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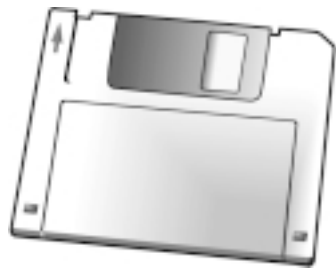
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