Dry weather, wind cause fatal wreck

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they tried to direct traffic around the

Roemer said a man who said he was a first responder checked the young man's pulse and said he was dead.

"He said, 'There's nothing we can do for him," he said.

Roemer said the car's motor was pushed into Hopper and the steering column was smashed against his chest. He said it looked like the air bag de-

by the steering column. As law officers started arriving, Roemer said, Johnson asked him, "Were you the one driving behind me?" When he said "yes," he said Johnson told him to stick around to give his report to police.

With the wind blowing and dust swirling, volunteers worked frantically to free Hopper from the vehicle, which had a Kansas license plate reading, "Nevrmor." They used a hydraulic tool to cut off the doors and top of the car, smashing the windows in the

The front of Hopper's car was smashed and a medical volunteer held his head while others took apart his car.

Johnson said he was worried about the young man. He and others had dirt stuck between their teeth.

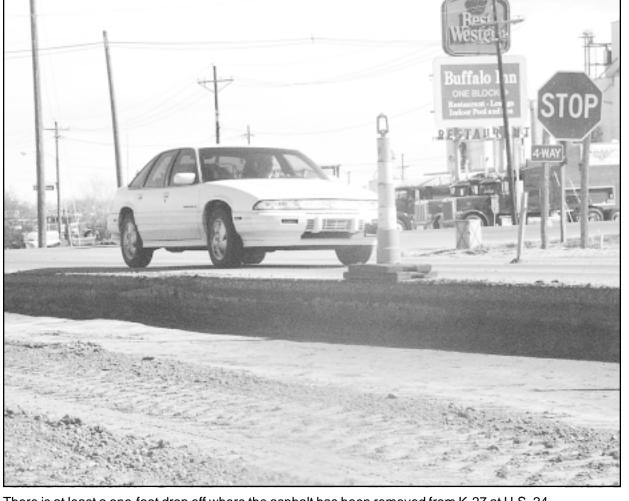
Trooper Troy Smith, who handled the accident, said officers worked to clean up the scene until about 9 p.m.

The first accident apparently caused a second, in which a driver was taken to the hospital here.

A highway patrol report says about ployed, but may have been punctured 8:30 p.m. David Savage, 19, Diamond Valley, Utah, was driving east on I-70 in a 1989 Jaguar when the lights from cars at the first accident startled him.

> Savage reportedly stopped abruptly and a 1998 Ford driven by Gerald Hatt, 48, New Baden, Ill., ran into the back of his car. Dale Schields, resource development director at the hospital, said Savage was treated as an outpatient and

The report says a passenger in Hatt's car, 17-year-old Matthew Hatt, declined to be taken to the hospital. There were three other passengers in Hatt's car who were uninjured.



There is at least a one-foot drop off where the asphalt has been removed from K-27 at U.S. 24.

Construction goes ahead

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their way south to County Road 67. They will work south to the intersection, and should be finished in 10-14 days, Binning said.

The last layer is a surface mix, Binning said. It is more porous than the current top layer, so that water can run off the road more easily. Afterwards, a striping crew will put on temporary stripes. The road will be about an inch and a half higher, Binning said, so dirt will have to be brought up to the new level and seeded with grass. The layer is being added under traf-

fic, Binning said, and cars might have to wait up to 15 minutes to pass, following a pilot car.

Binning said the construction seems to be going much smoother this year than last.

"It's been a lot nicer," she said.

Andy Hull, a construction superintendent for Richie Paving, the prime contractor of the work, said he appreciates the support he has gotten from Goodland businesses and residents.

"People have been very patient and cooperative," he said. "We'd like to extend a big thank you."

County decides to buy a 'Deere' to use at fairgrounds County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the

The Goodland Daily News Sherman County decided Tuesday to take the low bid and buy a John Deere tractor to be used at the fairgrounds and the courthouse.

"Blue or green, that is the choice," said Commissioner Mitch Tiede. What is your favorite color?

"Actually the real question is which one will hold together better, and I lean toward the John Deere.'

apart. But so far, there seemed to be as

"Polarization has to give way to rec-

onciliation and understanding," OAS

Secretary General Cesar Gaviria said after meeting Chavez on Tuesday. His

fact-finding trip was meant to help

other governments in the hemisphere

party announced yesterdau it did not

ing that Chavez himself had imposed

'permanent unconstitutionality" on

The Confederation of Venezuelan

Workers, which led a national strike

last week that helped topple Chavez, called for a referendum on whether the

Even so, Caracas Archbishop Cardi-

nal Ignacio Velasco — who visited

Chavez during the president's deten-

tion — said Chavez "promised me he

would correct many things." He prais-

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) —

The Pakistani government is failing to

protect women from violence includ-

ing rape, acid attacks, burning and kill-

ing, an international human rights

Violence at home, in police custody

and in society at large is widespread in Pakistan, the London-based Amnesty

International said in its fifth report on

Very poor women, women from re-

ligious minorities and women forced to pay off debts through indentured

service are particularly vulnerable to

The report acknowledged that the

Musharraf has made numerous pledges to protect women's rights. How-

Government officials did not imme-

diately comment on the report. However, the government last month

termed a State Department report criti-

cal of human rights here as "factually

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—

Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts com-

inaccurate and unwarranted.'

women's rights in the country.

group said Wednesday.

abuse, Amnesty said.

changed in recent years.

government should stay.

recognize Chavez as president.

power on Sunday.

the country.

The opposition I

much bitterness as forgiveness.

horsepower, more loading capacity the motion. It passed unanimously. and cost a few dollars less.

kenfeld said he had reviewed the bids six to eight weeks for delivery. from Yost Farm Supply and Goodland Greenline and he also felt the Deere rector, said he had received four optractor was the better choice.

The base bid from Yost was \$16,000 and the bid from Goodland Greenline was \$15,100.

greed, saying the Deere has more the Deere and Frankenfeld seconded

Terry Holloway, a sales representa-

Commission Chairman Chuck Frantive for Greenline, said it would take Curt Way, county public works di-

tions for installing a large trash baler from salesman David H. Lane, representing Glen L. DeHart and Son of St. Louis. Way said Lane gave him a new

price for the baler of \$314,990 for a need of repair or may be traded in on a turnkey installation. That is a cut of about \$23,000, but does not include the electrical work or a building addition to the transfer station. Commissioner Tiede suggested he

liked option 4 the best because it would

put the baler inside the existing build-

there would be space available to handle recycled cardboard. Way said he believes option 4 is the best, and that with an addition of up to

40 feet to the south, there would be room to both store and handle the cardboard. The commissioners are considering the baler as a more efficient way of

handling trash for the landfill and being able to bale cardboard for recycling. They have not made a decision, and said they would like to see a baler in operation before they do.

Way talked to the commissioners about replacing the loader at the transfer station. "We will need it anyway," he said, "whether we go with the new baler or not. The existing one is in dire

new one, but we will need a loader no matter what happens on the baler." Tiede said he favored the new loader

because he felt it would cost more in the future to keep repairing the old one. Martin Tractor of Colby has offered to take the old loader as a trade in, and ing and with an addition to the south, Tiede said he thought it was a good Way said the new loader should last

> longer because the operation has changed and there would be fewer hours on the new one. Frankenfeld made a motion to pur-

> chase the loader through Martin Tractor for \$92,936. Tiede seconded, and it passed unanimously. Randy Hrabe of Northwest Kansas

Planning and Development appeared to have the commissioners sign the contracts for the new micro loan program, and a request for the state to release the money.

He told the commissioners there would be about a 15 day delay, but that the local committee could begin receiving and reviewing applications.

applications are available from her office and from the Goodland Chamber of Commerce. The micro loans can provide up to

\$15,000 to help small business get started. A state grant provides \$90,000 to be used for helping businesses in Sherman County. The commissioners decided to reject

a lease offer from Alan Townsend for farming county land near the new landfill. They asked Rumpel to draft a letter to Townsend saying the county was terminating the farm lease, and then asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby to draft a public notice to be published saying the commissioners will be seeking a new person to farm the ground.

Appointments to the Smoky Gardens board, the Rural Fire District board and a vacancy on the High Plains Mental Health advisory board were tabled until the next meeting, to be 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.

Venezuelan leaders plead for unity By the Associated Press ap news capsules **INTERNATIONAL** CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — At

the urging of President Hugo Chavez, Venezuelans began examining the rifts station today after a weeklong visit that were not immediately known. that led to a flip-flop coup over the featured the successful installation of weekend and nearly ripped the nation

> The seven shuttle astronauts wanted to stay a day longer and help their three jackpot were 76 million to one. The space station friends put away their deliveries, but NASA instructed them to leave on time because of upcoming station activity.

a \$790 million girder and railcar.

In the fourth and final spacewalk by the shuttle crew, NASA's most expeunderstand what happened as Chavez rienced spacewalker and his rookie was toppled on Friday only to retake partner wrapped up work on the space station's new 44-foot girder vesterday and hung powerful floodlights outside the orbiting outpost.

"Sure beats the dollar an hour I used Even as dozens of civilians and soldiers face possible charges stemming to get for baling hay," said Jerry Ross, an Indiana farmboy making his ninth from the coup, Christian Democratic party leader Sergio Omar Calderon It was the second spacewalk by Ross appeared to justify it yesterday, argu-

and Lee Morin in four days.

CHICAGO (AP) — A study suggests that angioplasties can be safely done at hospitals regardless of whether they have cardiac surgery departments, a finding that could extend the lifesaving procedure to thousands of U.S. heart attack patients.

The study, which appears in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, challenges the conventional notion that angioplasties should only be performed at hospitals with a speed the president for admitting he had cial cardiac unit.

The study involved giving three months of angioplasty training to staffers at 11 of such hospitals. Angioplasty, in which a tiny balloon is used to open a clogged artery, is considered the best treatment for heart attacks.

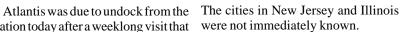
Following the training, researchers found that angioplasty patients fared about as well in regular hospitals as those who undergo the procedure at surgery-ready hospitals. About two-thirds of U.S. heart attack

patients each year do not get angioplasties because they are taken to hospitals without cardiac surgery units. In fact, most U.S. hospitals do not have such units. "It should not be a matter of chance

government of President Gen. Pervez or geography that determines what kind of care a heart attack patient receives," said Dr. Thomas Aversano, a ever, Amnesty said the statements have Johns Hopkins Hospital cardiologist who led the study. had limited impact and little has ATLANTA (AP) — Three lucky

people are holding winning tickets purchased for the \$325 million Big Game jackpot, lottery officials announced Wednesday. Georgia Lottery Corp. spokesman J.

B. Landroche said a winning ticket came from Dacula, Ga., a small town 32 miles northeast of Atlanta. Illinois pleted their construction work at the and New Jersey sold the other Big international space station and then got Game winning tickets that matched all ready for their all-too-soon departure. five numbers and the Big Money ball.



Each winning ticket is worth \$108,333,333.

The odds of winning the current jackpot was the second-largest.



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