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MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Tonight
5-8 p.m.

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weather report

51°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:58 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 61 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northeast 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.08 inches and falling
- Record High 90° (1921)
- Record Low 18° (1976)

Last 24 Hours*

High 70°
Low 39°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, low mid 30s, winds east 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain, high mid 40s, low lower 30s, winds east 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain or snow, high upper 30s, low upper 20s. Thursday: mostly cloudy, high upper 40s. Friday: mostly cloudy, high lower 50s, low lower 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.57 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.53
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.65 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.35
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.37 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.00 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.83
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$18

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

1 p.m.

U.S. says Iraq should change

WASHINGTON — Iraqis would be much better off without Saddam Hussein as their leader, Secretary of State Colin Powell says, seeming to back away from the long-held U.S. policy that Saddam must go.

There was no official change in policy, but Powell appeared in comments Sunday to play down the demand that the Iraqi president be deposed. He said the United States is presenting a resolution to the U.N. Security Council early this week to set stringent guidelines for new inspections of Iraq's weapons programs.

Elevators expect 50 percent less grain

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County elevator operators say fall harvest is starting off slow this year and will end with about 50 percent less grain in storage than last year.

Drought and heat burned up basically the entire dryland crop in Sherman County, the operators say, so farmers are mainly harvesting on irrigated fields. They say, on average, yields are lower even on the crops that were regularly wa-

tered, further cutting the amount of grain that is being hauled into elevators.

Hard times for farmers translates into hard times for elevators, and the operators say everyone is going to have to start tightening the belt.

Ken Ketter, manager of Kanorado Co-op, said the elevator has taken in about 400,000 bushels of grain so far this harvest and it's hard to tell whether cutting is just starting or is in full-swing.

"It's so bad," he said, "it's hard to get a feel for it. I'd like to say it's just getting started, but I know

better."

A few loads come in every day, Ketter said, but the flow is definitely slower than it usually is at this time of year. He estimated the elevator will receive a third of last year's grain total, which was about a million and a half bushels.

Farmers started cutting the fall crops, which include corn, milo, sunflowers, millet, alfalfa and beans, later this year, Ketter said, noting that fall harvest was reaching its peak at this time last year. Dave Snyder, grain merchandiser at Frontier

Equity Exchange, said about 20 percent of the fall crop in Sherman County has been harvested and there is a lot less to cut this year. He said Frontier is expecting to take in about half of the grain load it received last year.

During summer harvest, Snyder said, the elevator stored about half the amount of wheat it did the year before. Add a fall harvest deficit to that, he said, and it equals a smaller budget for the el-

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Volunteers give free car service

Calvary Gospel Church, Curt's Corner Garage and the Northwest Kansas Technical College teamed up Saturday morning to service people's vehicles for free before winter. The group cleaned, changed the oil in and checked over about 14 cars. Steve Rains, Calvary pastor, said more people wanted to sign up for the program, but they had to turn some away because there wasn't enough time. Derek Hines (above), church member, washed the windshield on a mini-van, while Rick Jorgensen (left), college automotive technology instructor, checked the tires on a car.

Photos by Rachel Hixson
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Country is willing to change

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea said today it was willing to negotiate its nuclear weapons program if the United States withdraws its "hostile policy" toward the communist country.

The comments by Kim Yong Nam, the North's ceremonial head of state, were unlikely to mollify the United States, which has said North Korea's nuclear program is a nonnegotiable issue and must be dismantled immediately.

Kim made the remarks in a meeting with South Korean delegates in Pyongyang, the North's capital, according to South Korean pool reports.

The comments were the North's first official response to a U.S. announcement last week that the communist country had admitted to having a nuclear weapons program in violation of international agreements.

"We consider the recent situation seriously," pool reports quoted Kim as telling the chief South Korean delegate,



Ken Klemm (above) asked the students to pretend they were a buffalo herd going into the buffalo chute on his ranch Friday. A student (right) looked out through the bars while in the chute.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Students tour ranch, learn buffalo business

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Under a perfect blue sky and trees with turning leaves, students from preschool to high school sat in Laurie and Ken Klemm's yard Friday morning as the couple talked to them about the history of buffalo (bison) and raising the animals.

The students from Colby, Oakley and Colorado are in a home-schooling program, and they and their parents gathered for a Homestead Ranch field day at the ranch seven and 1/2 miles north and five miles east of Goodland.

The Klemms said they moved to the ranch from Wyoming three and a half years ago, and the drought in this area started around that time and has gotten worse each year they have stayed.

"Our neighbors are taking up a collection to send us back," Ken said.

Laurie said they had been looking for a place in the mountains, but everything they looked at was way out of their price range. She said she saw the ranch north of Goodland in a real estate guide in a magazine and thought the price was wrong because it was so low, and she called the agent to ask about it.

She said Ken was not enthusiastic at first.



"He said, 'Kansas! I'm not gonna live in Kansas!'" she said. But they came here to look at the ranch, and it was perfect.

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Officers question two men

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Authorities took two men into custody today for questioning in the Washington-area sniper attacks after surrounding a white van parked at a pay phone.

Hanover County Sheriff Stuart Cook said the two men were seized about 8:45 a.m. across from an Exxon station in suburban Richmond.

"The two people we have in custody are being questioned as regards the sniper shootings," Cook said. "When we have further information that we can give to the public ... that we've concluded this case we'll do so, but that's not the case at hand."

He refused to describe them as suspects.

Investigators also confirmed that Saturday night's shooting at a steakhouse outside Richmond was the work of the sniper. The attacks have left nine people dead and three critically wounded since Oct. 2.

The developments today came one day after police issued a public plea for the sniper to contact them at a phone number that was part of a message found near the latest shooting scene.

At least one of the people in custody was dragged out of the van, described by witnesses as a Plymouth Voyager with temporary Virginia tags.

Keith Underwood, service manager at an Oldsmobile dealership next door, said officers screamed at the person behind the wheel and yanked several times on the door before getting it open.

"They basically surrounded him with their shotguns," said another witness, Pathenia Fields, a title clerk at the car