

weather report

27°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:44 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 39 degrees

• Humidity 78 percent

• Sky overcast

• Winds southwest 12 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.25 inches

and falling

• Record High 77° (1960)

• Record Low -1° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*

High 37°

Low 20°

Precipitation .01 snow

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy with 20 percent of snow, low mid teens, winds northwest 15-35 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy with 20 percent chance of snow, high upper 20s, low near 10, winds northwest 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: partly sunny, high mid 30s, low mid teens. Thanksgiving: mostly clear, high lower 40s. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 40s, low mid 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.01 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.96

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.55 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.32

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.27 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.18 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.13

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$12.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$16

(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.

Saudi may support terror

WASHINGTON — President Bush's spokesman praised Saudi Arabia today as a "good partner in the war on terrorism," despite accusations that the wife of the Saudi U.S. ambassador might have financially supported Sept. 11 terrorists.

"He believes the Saudi government is a good partner," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters. The accusations are complicating White House efforts to win Saudi support for potential war against Iraq.

Fleischer refused to discuss the merits of an FBI investigation into the financial doings of Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wife of Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Salman.

A parade of senators upbraided the Saudi government on Sunday's television talk shows for what they saw as years of complicity in anti-American radicalism.

Surgeon here suing Colby doctors

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

A Goodland surgeon is suing two Colby doctors and a member of the Citizens Medical Center board, claiming they spread false information about him.

In another case, a notice of hearing was filed for a teleconference before Judge Jack L. Burr at 11:30 a.m. Central Time Tuesday, in a suit involving one of the Colby physicians and the hospital.

The latest suit was filed late last week in Thomas County District Court by Dr. Duncan Davis,

who performs surgeries at Goodland and Colby hospitals. He is suing Dr. Victor H. Hildyard, Dr. Raymond Ketting and Judith Sears on the grounds that they have all made "false and defamatory statements" regarding him.

The petition, filed by Dr. Davis' attorney, Larry G. Michel with the law firm of Kennedy, Berkley, Yarnevich and Williamson of Salina, alleges that Hildyard and Ketting have made public statements alleging that Davis was the subject of a large number of lawsuits and that he was about to lose

his hospital staff privileges.

The petition also claims that Hildyard and Sears have said that officials in the state of Colorado were exhuming bodies of Davis' patients because of his supposed incompetence or lack of skill.

Michel asserts that his client reasonably believes that other, similar defamatory statements were made by the three.

The lawsuit asks for damages in the amount of \$75,000 from each of the three defendants. In the separate counts, the petition asked the court to rule in his favor against Hildyard, Ketting and Sears

for defamatory statements and for damaging his professional reputation, along with the embarrassment alleged to have been caused by their actions.

Hildyard's attorney, Michael O'Neal of Hutchinson, could not be reached today for comment and no answers to Davis' allegations had been filed at the district court from Ketting or Sears.

In the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Hildyard

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Man wins \$20,000 in lottery

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland's Leonard "Mac" Thompson was delighted when he thought he had won \$2,000 off a lottery ticket last Tuesday, and shocked when he heard the ticket was actually worth \$20,000.

Thompson, who retired this year as counselor at St. Francis Community High School, said he rarely gambles but decided to buy a \$2 Bonus Crossword lottery ticket while he was drinking a cup of coffee at Presto Convenience Store, 2417 Commerce Rd. He said he enjoys playing the crossword game, even though before last Tuesday he had never won more than \$10.

"If I get a scratch ticket," he said, "that's the only one I get."

Thompson, 65, said the game, which requires the player to scratch off individual letters to form words, started off slow but then began picking up.

"I knew I was in for a good prize," he said. But he didn't realize how good that prize would be.

Thompson said he counted the number of words on the ticket three times and then had the Presto manager check it. He said they both counted nine words — one word away from the \$20,000 grand prize.

When he mailed the ticket and claim form to the Kansas Lottery office in Topeka, Thompson said he figured he would receive a \$2,000 prize. He said he took a trip to Denver that week, and while he was there a Lottery representative had left a message with his answering service asking him to call.

Thompson said he thought there was something wrong with the ticket and a Lottery worker confirmed that when he called on Monday.

"She said they had scanned the ticket and found it was not a valid ticket for \$2,000," he said.

Thompson said he wasn't sure how to respond, and there was a long pause until the worker finally said, "Sir, the ticket is worth \$20,000." At first, he said, he thought maybe she was joking. "You've got to be kidding me," Thompson said he told her.

She wasn't kidding. Thompson will receive a big check from the Kansas Lottery during a ceremony Monday at Presto. Madinah Hazim, spokesperson for the Lottery, said he will receive \$13,600 after state and federal taxes.

Thompson said his wife Patty, a first grade teacher at West Elementary School, was just as shocked as he was.

He joked that his sons, Nathan, 20, and Mitchell, 36, are looking forward to coming home for Christmas. Nathan is a student and baseball player at Garden City Community College and Mitchell is an assistant baseball coach at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

"Nathan called and said, 'You know that mountain bike I was looking at?,'" Thompson said, "Do you think you can handle that now?" Nathan will get the mountain bike, he said, and the family will have a nice Christmas with the winnings. But not all of the money will go for presents, he said.

"I'm going to pay some taxes and some bills," he said.

Thompson said winning the lottery won't change his life or his gambling habits.

"It's a stroke of luck that I happened to be the guy that won," he said.



Thompson

A Technical Show



Tech college struts stuff

Prospective students (above) checked out the classic cars and racing cars displayed at the Auto Body department Friday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College as part of the annual Technology Expo. Students in the building trades department (left) worked on the roof for a house the classes at the college are building this year.

Photos by Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Twelve possible illegal aliens hurt in crash

Twelve suspected illegal immigrants from Chapis, Mexico, were injured Friday night when the minivan they were riding in blew a tire and rolled into a ditch on I-70 about a mile east of the Colorado state line.

A report from the Kansas Highway Patrol said at 8:55 p.m. Oscar Florentino, 24, was driving the 1996 Chevrolet van east on I-70 when the left rear tire blew, causing the van to skid into the south ditch and roll. The van,

which was totaled, was towed away by Alex's Radiator and Repair.

Florentino and the 11 passengers were taken by ambulance to Goodland Regional Medical Center, where five were transferred to Denver Health Medical Center. No one in the van was wearing a seat belt and officers couldn't find evidence that Florentino had a driver's license.

A Denver Health representative said today that Florentino is in fair condition

and Ramero Roblero, 32, has been discharged. Arel Roblero, 30, and Martha Roblero, 23, are in serious condition and Pedro Mendes, 26, may have been discharged, as there is no record of him at the hospital.

Sondra Krayca, head nurse at Goodland's hospital, said today that five of the patients here have been discharged, while two remain in stable condition.

She wouldn't give names, but the rest

of the passengers listed by the Highway Patrol were Wilfredo Velasquez, 20; Orlando Perez, 30; Aberam Borrallez, 26; Santos Vasquez, 27; Demetrio Dias, 27; Tito Rameres, 40, and Fremer Robbliaro, 20.

A trooper said there was no evidence any of the people in the van were U.S. citizens.

He said the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will decide what happens to the group next.

First team of U.S. inspectors land in Iraq today

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The first team of U.N. inspectors landed in Iraq today to resume the hunt for chemical, biological or nuclear arms, a search whose outcome could help determine the future peace in the Middle East.

A white C-130 transport plane, emblazoned with a simple "UN," touched down at Saddam International Airport carrying 17 international arms monitors and their cargo of high-tech sensors, computers and other gear. They had assembled earlier at a U.N. base on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus.

The team comprised six nuclear experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and 11 inspectors from the New York-based U.N. commission charged with searching for other weapons of mass destruction. Meetings were scheduled tonight

with liaisons from President Saddam Hussein's government.

After a four-year suspension, the crucial new round of surprise inspections will begin Wednesday, when the team will likely revisit an unidentified Iraqi site previously inspected in the 1990s. Among other things, they may check on cameras and other monitoring equipment left behind by earlier inspectors.

Later, the inspectors will branch out to new or rebuilt sites — for example, suspected storage places for chemical weapons U.S. intelligence alleges are still held by Iraq.

"We come here with, let's say, hope that things will go well this time, and we will get what is required of Iraq," said Melissa Fleming, a nuclear agency spokeswoman who flew in with the inspectors.

"We're aware that we will be watched, every move. I think the Iraqis are also aware that the entire world is watching."

Hiro Ueki, Baghdad spokesman for the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, known as UNMOVIC, said the expert teams are empowered by the United Nations to inspect any site at any time, and secrecy in planning is paramount.

"If you were the head coach of an American football team, I don't think you'd reveal your strategy," Ueki said.

Fleming said some 35 additional inspectors will arrive Dec. 8. The roster of U.N. inspectors includes some 300 chemists, biologists, missile and ordnance experts and other specialists of UNMOVIC, and a few dozen engineers and physicists of the U.N. nuclear

agency. Between 80 and 100 will be working in Iraq at any one time.

As inspectors arrived, British Prime Minister Tony Blair warned Saddam against denying he has any weapons of mass destruction in the report Iraq must file to the United Nations by Dec. 8.

"We have no doubt he does have weapons of mass destruction. So let's wait and see what he actually says," Blair told reporters in London. "Should it be found that that declaration was dishonest, then that most certainly would be a material breach."

In Paris, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and French President Jacques Chirac also urged Iraq to cooperate fully with the inspectors.

On the eve of the inspectors' arrival, the Iraqi government released a letter protesting parts of the U.N. resolution