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WEATHER



**Tuesday**  
Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 7am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7am and 3pm. Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 63. Very windy, with a southwest wind 17 to 20 mph increasing to between 40 and 43 mph. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Tuesday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Windy, with a west wind 25 to 28 mph decreasing to between 15 and 18 mph. Winds could gust as high as 38 mph.

DEATHS

- Mildred Degnan Hunter, Fresno, Calif.
- Paula Joan Maple, Ulysses
- Ken Darrough, Johnson
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ENTERTAINMENT

## The Life and Times of Bill Cosby: What's Not To Laugh About?

By Don Steele  
Dodge City Daily Globe

Bill Cosby flew into town Saturday afternoon and was welcomed to Dodge City by winds gusting to 55mph. The master comedian hosted a press conference at 5 p.m. where he was made an honorary Dodge City marshal. He stopped by to say hello at the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Magouirk Conference Center. And just after 8 p.m. he walked onto the stage at the United Wireless Arena, wearing a DC3 Conquistadors hoodie, his shiny marshal badge and his new black cowboy hat. After asking for advice from the audience about how to store his hat during the show, he sat

down and proceeded to entertain the crowd with stories about his youth. At age 6 he wanted to send in for a race car he'd heard about on the radio. "I only needed a boxtop and 15 cents," he said. In the process, he utilized his three stages of dealing with his parents: asking, whining and mucous. At age 12 he learned about kissing girls during a game of spin the bottle. At age 18, he made a date to listen to Miles Davis solos but an overzealous dose of cologne in his bath sabotaged the evening. Being a parent, being a husband, being a kid in Philadelphia — all fodder for stories that were hysterical and profound all at once.

### Welcome to Dodge



From left: Miss Kitty (Alicia Thompson), Jeff Thorpe, Bill Cosby. Brent Harris and Jim Sherer pause for a photo opportunity following a ceremony naming Cosby an honorary marshal of Dodge City. GARRETT RITONYA/DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE

At the press conference, when asked if he'd had a good flight into Dodge, Cosby launched into a ten-minute account of the experience. "I was asleep and one of the guys woke me up and said 'Mr. Cosby, we may have to land an hour or so away from Dodge and drive - we've got 50

to 60 mph winds.' I went back to sleep." Once safely on the ground, they stopped for Chinese takeout. "When the driver opened the car door, the wind picked up stones and things to throw in my face, welcoming me

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HISTORY ON FILM

## Dodge City set to figure prominently in new movies



Dora Hand. COURTESY PHOTO

By Don Steele  
Dodge City Daily Globe

One of Dodge City's most colorful stories is set to be told on film — not once, but twice. The story of Dora Hand, a singer who worked at the Alhambra

Saloon and was mistakenly shot and killed in the early morning hours of Oct. 4, 1878, by a bullet meant for the mayor. Following her murder, a posse consisting of Bat Masterson, Charlie Bassett, Wyatt Earp, William Duffey, Bill Tilghman and others set off to bring the killer to justice. Miss Hand's funeral was one of the largest in the history of the young town. It's a story with enough drama to attract writers. The story has been made into a musical entitled "Tales of Fannie Keenan Better Known as Dora Hand," by Mark Turnbull and Douglas Rowe. A local production of the musical was presented on the stage of the Long Branch Saloon at Boot Hill Museum in Oct. of 2010.

A direct-to-video movie based on the Dora Hand story is set for release Mar. 6. The movie, entitled "Wyatt Earp's Revenge," stars Val Kilmer as an aging Wyatt Earp who recalls the incident for a young reporter. Country singer Trace Adkins plays Mifflin Kenedy, an early cattle baron and father Spike Kenedy, the man who fired the shot and the target of the posse's ride. Dora Hand is played by singer Diana DeGarmo, who was runner-up on the third season of American Idol.

### One more time...

Still in the early stages of production is a movie based on the book "Thunder Over the Plains." The book, by Howard Kazanjian and Chris

Enss, takes its title from the sound of the posse's ride through harsh, desert-like terrain to chase down the killer. The authors were in Dodge City in May of 2011 for the launch of another collaboration: "None Wounded, None Missing, All Dead: The Story of Elizabeth Bacon Custer." Chris Enss spoke to the Globe during the launch. "I think this book adds another dimension to the history of Dodge City," she said. In the book, the story is told from different perspectives. "It's like the gospels of the Bible," Enss said. "You hear the story from several different viewpoints. We looked at lots of newspaper accounts

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COMMUNITY

## Leadership Dodge goes back to school

By Julia Kazar  
Dodge City Daily Globe

The fourth Leadership Dodge class, sponsored by the Dodge City Chamber of Commerce met at the Learning Center on Thursday February 23. The topic for this session was education; the health and well being of our youth. To begin the day Ryan Lehmkuher and Michael Brakey gave a presentation about what was discussed at the previous session, at the Dodge City Senior Center. Tami Knedler, Head Start director and princi-

pal of Bright Beginnings gave a presentation about what Head Start is, and what it offers for both students and parents. Knedler talked about the importance of early childhood education, and the obstacles that children including financial difficulty and the parents' education level. After the Head Start presentation, the class took a trip to Comanche Intermediate Center to see first-hand many of the changes the school is currently making, including expanding the cafeteria, turning the gym into 12 new classrooms and



Leadership Dodge participants Heith Konency, Danielle Crouch, Ryan Lehmkuher and Erica Vazquez discuss their challenge and what groups in the community are affected by it as part of the fourth Leadership Dodge class held at the Learning Center. JULIA KAZAR/DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE

building a new gym. Marc Woofter, the principal at Comanche discussed the process of transitioning the building from an in-

termediate school into a middle school. The classrooms are expected to be completed by the begin-

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COPS AND COURTS

## Dodge man charged with attempted murder

By Eric Swanson  
Dodge City Daily Globe

A Dodge City man accused of shooting his nephew was charged Monday with attempted first-degree murder. Irvin McDonald, 50, was also charged with kidnapping, aggravated burglary and criminal possession of a firearm in connection with the shooting. He also faces charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal possession of a firearm in an earlier case.



McDonald

McDonald's total bond was set at \$575,000, and Dodge City attorney Daniel Arkell was appointed to represent him. His next hearing is tentatively set for 1 p.m. March 8. McDonald is accused of shooting his nephew, Hernandez Williams, on Thursday at Williams' relative's home, 500 Avenue P. Williams survived

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COPS AND COURTS

## Ford man gets probation in animal cruelty case

By Eric Swanson  
Dodge City Daily Globe

A Ford man was sentenced to 18 months' probation Friday for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. But if Jesse Goracke violates the conditions of his probation, he will serve the underlying 11-month prison sentence, according to Ford County District court records. The case began in November 2011, when Ford County Sheriff's deputies investigated a report that a dog had been shot in the 1000 block of Mulberry in Ford. When deputies arrived at the scene, the owner told them the dog was in its yard when it was shot. The owner described the suspect's vehicle to the deputies, who went to the 200 block of West 12th in Ford and contacted Goracke. After speaking with Goracke, they determined he had shot the dog and arrested him on suspicion of animal cruelty and criminal possession of a firearm. Goracke pleaded no contest to criminal posses-

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Degnan Hunter

FRESNO, Calif. — A memorial service for Mildred Degnan Hunter (1918-2011) will be held on March 7 at 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 512 Cedar Street, Ashland, Kansas.

Mildred Degnan Hunter passed into God's arms on November 27, 2011, from her home in Fresno, California.

Millie was born and raised in Ashland, Kan-

sas, and was a school teacher in that Kansas region. Millie is the former wife of Joe W. Hunter, also of Ashland, Kansas, who now resides in Green Valley, Arizona.

Millie had four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren of whom she was extremely proud. Heaven welcomes a kind, loving and generous soul.



Hunter

John H. Trabert

MEADE — John H. Trabert, 97, died February 24, 2012, at his home in Meade. He was born on July 14, 1914, at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, the son of Joseph Frank and Bertha Theresa (Grebe) Trabert.

John farmed and ranched in Hodgeman County for many years, retiring in 1972. After retiring he moved to Deming, New Mexico, and later moved to Meade, where he has resided since.

On December 1, 1938, he married Betty Mae Hutchison at WaKeeney. She preceded him in death on August 12, 1965.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Meade, and Knights of Columbus Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #2954.

Mr. Trabert is survived by six children, Mary Mae Lubich and husband, Ed, of Yucaipa, California, John R. Trabert and wife, Tammy, of Dodge City, Lucy B. Lyon and husband, Marvin, of Sterling, Joe A. Trabert of Bucklin, Andy E. Trabert and wife, Michelle, of Phelan, California,

and Rose A. Gamblin and husband, Daniel, of Pratt; 17 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, William "Jackie," Carl, Frank, George and Albert; two sisters, Lucy and Elizabeth; and two sons, George and Alex.

Vigil service will be held at Swaim Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Ted Stoecklein presiding. Knights of Columbus honor guard will be conducted by Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council # 2954. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore.

Visitation will be at Swaim Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from noon to 7 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Meade Senior Center in care of the funeral home. Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online guest book at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Carson Edward Shotton

SUBLETTE — Carson Edward Shotton, 27, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at his home in Kechi.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Sublette Methodist Church, with the

Rev. Kent Scott presiding. Burial will be at the Haskell County Cemetery in Sublette.

More information is available at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth David Darrough

JOHNSON — Kenneth David Darrough, 83, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at his home.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Ulysses Cemetery, Ulysses, with Masonic rites conducted by Lodge 441 of



Johnson and Lodge 435 of Ulysses and military rites conducted by Dexter D. Harbour American Legion Post 79.

More information about his life and survivors is available at garnandfuneralhomes.com.

Paula Joan Maple

ULYSSES — Paula Joan Maple, 71, of Ulysses died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Ulysses, with Warren Baldwin, minister, officiating. A second service

will be at 4 p.m. at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman. Burial will follow at the Hunt Cemetery in rural Kingman.

More information about her life and survivors is available at www.garnandfuneralhomes.com.

DAILY RECORD

Ford County Jail

The following inmates were booked into the jail over the weekend:

Armando J. Maestas, 22, possession of methamphetamine, fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement, interference with law enforcement, possessing meth without a tax stamp, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Wesley L. Phillips, 27, probation violation.

Oduber Castro-Rivera, 34, no driver's license, failure to appear.

Filiberto Zuniga, 19, three-day commitment order.

Adalberto A. Romero, 57, fleeing and eluding, criminal threat, transporting an open container, obstruction, driving under the influence, driving while suspended, no driver's license, no insurance.

Jesse D. Sidebottom, 30,

probation violation (two counts), aggravated assault.

Mario A. Linsy, 22, aggravated assault, failure to appear.

Diana Conejo, 22, aiding a felon.

Kaylan M. Shull, 18, aiding a felon, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Margaret B. Rollins, 18, aiding a felon.

Irvin McDonald, 48, attempted murder, aggravated burglary, criminal possession of a firearm, aggravated assault, criminal use of weapons.

Yemane Solomon, 33, drawing a weapon upon another.

Shelby L. Wilson, 23, arrest warrants.

Rachel Huerta, 36, arrest warrant.

Dmitri A. Rincones, 24, two-day sentence for battery.

COSBY

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to Dodge City. We went up to the door of the restaurant and he put his foot up on the wall, braced himself, pulled the door open and yelled 'Go!' On our way out, he was carrying the boxes of food, so it was my turn to open the door. I put my hip into it but I met resistance. It was like blocking for a football game. When I got the thing open for his escape, I was about a foot off vertical. When I got back in the car, I noticed that the wind wanted in the car too." The honorary marshal ceremony was conducted

by Brent Harris, Jim Sherer, Jeff Thorpe and Sen. Pat Roberts.

As Harris explained the duties that come with being a marshal, Cosby said "I've seen enough movies to know that you don't want to be the piano player — that's the worst job in the West."

When Sen. Roberts took a brand new black cowboy hat off his head to present to Cosby, the comedian wasn't sure why he was holding the hat.

"But this is your hat," he said to Sen. Roberts.

"No, sir, it's yours," Roberts said to Cosby.

With a twinkle in his eye, Cosby asked "Then why were you wearing my hat?"

TODAY'S MARKETS

Commodities

	Wheat	Corn	Milo	Soybeans
ADM				
Bucklin/Offerle	6.46	6.62	6.12	12.11
Cimarron	6.45	6.70	6.15	12.09
Coldwater	6.65	6.55	6.20	12.39
Dodge City	6.45	6.64	6.12	12.09
Ford-Kingsdown	6.45	6.62	6.10	12.09
Greensburg	6.70	6.55	6.18	12.39
Haviland	6.70	6.50	6.20	12.44
Jetmore	6.51	6.58	6.06	12.18
Meade	6.43	6.70	6.17	12.07
Minneola	6.42	6.63	6.15	12.09
Plains	6.44	6.75	6.22	12.05
Protection	6.65	6.55	6.20	12.39
Wright	6.45	6.64	6.13	12.09

Kansas City BOT table

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Change
Mar	678	686	674	685	+4
May	685¼	693½	681½	693½	+5¼
Jul	692	703	690	702¼	+5¾
Sep	715				+4¾
Dec	732½				+3½
Mar	744¾				+4¼
May	749¼				+6¾
Jul	740½				+7
Sep	746½				+7
Dec	755½				+7

Wall Street at a glance

Dow Jones Industrials	High	Low	Close	Change
	13,027.52	12,882.59	12,981.51	-1.44

Nasdaq Composite Index	Close	Change
	2,966.16	+2.41

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— some favored cowboys, some favored lawmen."

At the time of the launch, the authors were cautiously hopeful about the possibility of their book being made into a movie.

"Interest in western history is cyclical, but good stories always win out and the old west is full of good stories," Enss said.

But Enss acknowledged that the structure of Westerns has changed.

"In the older Westerns, there were no gray areas, good guys were good and bad guys were bad. Nowadays, the bad guy doesn't always get his butt kicked."

The authors have been shopping the story around to production companies and recently announced that Walter Hill will write the screenplay and direct.

Hill's first western was 1980's "The Long Rid-

ers," starring the Keache brothers, the Carradine brothers and the Quaid brothers as the James, Younger and Miller brothers.

In 1982 he directed Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte in "48 Hours."

In 2004 Hill served as director and consulting producer for the HBO Western drama, "Deadwood," winning an Emmy for his direction. He followed that with the AMC mini-series "Broken Trail," which became the highest-rated film made by a cable network and earned him another Emmy, for Best Mini-Series.

The Globe spoke with Enss via e-mail Monday.

"We're looking at some exciting cast choices — I'll keep you up to date," she said.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Daily Globe will follow the development of "Thunder Over the Plains" and keep you up to date as the project progresses.

GORACKE

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sion of a firearm on Jan. 12, but the animal cruelty case was dismissed under a plea agreement with the Ford County Attorney's Office.

Based on Goracke's criminal history, Kansas sentencing guidelines in-

dictated that 18 months on probation with an underlying prison sentence was appropriate.

Assistant Ford County Attorney Jaskamal Dhillon declined to comment on the case Friday, and defense attorney Heather Helvie was not available for comment.

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