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Today

- Sunset, 5:15 p.m.
- **Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:45 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 39 degrees
- Humidity 22 percent
- Sky cloudy
- · Winds calm Barometer 29.88 inches and steady
- Record High 78° (1976) • Record Low -22° (1933)
 - Last 24 Hours*

High

31° Low Precipitation

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy; low 25-30; winds north 10 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; chance of rain; high 50; winds northeast 10 mph; low 20-

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday. Friday: snow likely; high 25-30; low 20-25. Saturday: dry; high 45; low 10-15. Sunday: dry; high 45-50; low 20. (National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon

Wheat — \$2.30 bushel Posted county price — \$2.09 Loan deficiency payment — 36¢ Corn — \$1.77 bushel Posted county price — \$1.86

Loan deficiency payment — 13¢ Milo — \$2.72 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4.24 bushel Posted county price — \$4.24

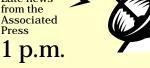
Loan deficiency payment — 65¢ Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.50 Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop) (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.



Late news from the Associated Press



Bush, McCain escalate battle

Campaigning toward a collision in South Carolina, Gov. George W. Bush said his 2-to-1 victory in Delaware's GOP presidential primary Tuesday will buoy his supporters while Sen. John McCain claimed he'll get a boost for finishing second in a state he bypassed. Steve Forbes, third in Delaware,

decided to drop out.

Bush and McCain wasted no time today in making a pitch for supporters of the conservative publisher. Noting Forbes' proposals for a flat tax system and medical savings accounts, Bush said Forbes "injected some pretty good ideas into the political process.

"I'm going to work hard to appeal to his voters and give his conservative voters a home."

McCain predicted that "most of them will head in our direction," saying his tax cut plan was more conservative than Bush's.

Board revisits evolution

Opponents defeat review of standards

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer TOPEKA—The state Board of Education has reignited a controversy over its science standards for public schools, which de-emphasize evolution.

The board killed a proposal Tuesday to hire a Washington company to review its science standards and submit a report before University of Kansas experts begin work on new science tests for students. The tests are to be given beginning in spring 2001.

The proposal failed on a 4-5 vote, delaying the outside review indefinitely. Some board members said they didn't have enough information on the company and felt rushed.

Critics immediately suggested that the board members who support the science standards feared that the company would have a negative opinion of those and embarrass the board. "If we don't go out on an external

review, it says we don't go by our desire for world-class standards," said board member Val DeFever, of Independence, who opposed the science standards and voted to hire the firm. The board approved the science stan-

dards on a 6-4 vote in August, and they replace standards that some board members saw as too vague. The 1999 standards include natural

selection, the idea that advantageous traits increase in a population over time. However, they exclude "macroevo-

lution," the theory that different species – most notably apes and man — can have common ancestors. They also omit the "big-bang" theory of the universe's origin.

In December, the board decided to hire a consultant to review the science standards, something it has done for standards on other subjects, such as reading and math.

A committee set up by the state Department of Administration recommended Standards Works Inc. of Washington and a contract of up to \$8,850.

But most of the board members didn't have any input into the recommendation because state purchasing laws generally keep such discussions closed until a contract is agreed upon. The board hasn't used the normal contracting process in the past because it has hired nonprofit educational groups and can do that on its own.

Chairwoman Linda Holloway, of Shawnee, a supporter of the science

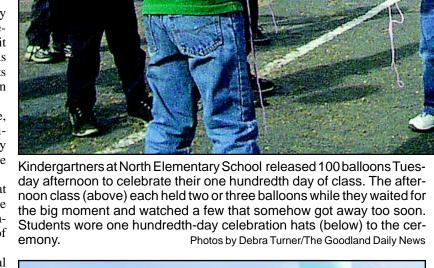
Other board members expressed frustration because the University of Kansas plans to begin work on the new science tests in April. That meant the board would have only until March to respond to a review. "We're going to pay someone to criti-

cize something right as we're getting ready to do it," said board member John Bacon, of Olathe, who supports the standards. "I think the timing stinks."

Holloway said the board could revisit the issue later and still do the review. But such a review wouldn't affect the way the first tests are developed.

Voting to hire the consultant were DeFever; Sonny Rundell of Syracuse; Janet Waugh of Kansas City; and Scott Hill of Abilene.

Against hiring were Bacon; Hollo-Steve Abrams, of Arkansas City; and Mary Douglass Brown, of Wichita.







County asks for reports on money

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News County Attorney Bonnie Selby

pointed out to county commissioners Tuesday that many agencies which get county money never make a report of how it is spent. She asked commissioners at their

regular meeting what they wanted to do "It was bizarre," said board Vice and recommended sending letters to remind them that they are accountable to the county. She said she thought a minimal obligation should be once a

Commission Chairman Kenny Davis thought the hospital board has been the only one to report to the commissioners. Selby said if they get county money, then organizations have an obligation to report. Davis thought it was a good idea, since it was taxpayers' money.

"Some don't tell how it was spent," said County Clerk Janet Rumpel.

She said there were no official reports other than the hospital's. Other agencies which get county money, but apparently have not made formal reports, include the fair board, extension, recreation, historical society, cemeteries, library, mental health and others.

Some have given occasional reports. Davis asked Selby what she would way; Chairman Harold Voth, of Haven; recommend, and she replied that the organizations should present a budget and give an accounting of funds distrib-

uted. This would let the commission know what their needs are, she said. "If there are any irregularities, the

commission could be responsible for

that," Selby noted. She suggested having the county's auditor, Mark Bauer, a certified public accountant with Vonfeldt, Bauer, and Vonfeldt, make up a form showing the

whom and how the money was spent. Davis asked Rumpel to contact Bauer and have him come up with a form and said the commission would act on it at the next meeting.

amount of money received, then to

Commissioners appointed Selby as the county's representative for the regional board governing Juvenile Justice programs. Selby had agreed to accept the position at last week's meeting, but the official appointment was not made until Tuesday.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Daryl West presented three different items to the commissioners. The first was an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to spray the ditches along state highways, the second was the annual noxious weed report, and the third was a list of outstanding debts on services provided by his department.

Commissioner Gary Townsend made a motion to sign the agreement and it carried. Townsend moved to accept the annual noxious weed report, and complemented West for his report.

Mobile Home Park and Mid-America and the county clerk's office. Mobile Home Park, came to ask about getting the solid waste fees removed on some of his old trailers, which no one is able to live in, and are not generating any trash. He said he thought he had things taken care of with the county appraiser's office, but when he received his bill, he said, he was still charged for those trailers which are not rentable.

"It would be nice to have them out," said Commissioner Chuck Franken-

The other commissioners agreed.

"Where do you go with them?" asked Billinger, adding that he is slowly getting them moved out and has parked 10 or 12 out on a farm. Billinger said he is trying to sell them for storage.

"Can you demolish and take them to the landfill?" asked Frankenfeld.

"Maybe that's an option." After further discussion, Davis said to put Billinger's issue on the agenda for the Feb. 15 commissioners' meeting and they would make a decision.

Rick Billinger, owner of Nationwide a mix-up between the appraiser's office

In other business, the commissioners signed a contract with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas in Hays to allocate money to them. The agency provides services to mentally retarded people in the county.

The issue of mutual aid agreements with area counties for assistance in times of disaster, was tabled until the agreements could be drafted.

The commissioners approved charter resolutions drawn up by Dave Warren of Chapman Securities Inc.

Chairman Davis signed a letter from Yuma County Economic Development Corp. requesting a grant on behalf of a bean study. Davis said there would be no cost to the county.

They also approved the purchase of a computer software upgrade for the county presented by Crystal Linsner, county computer manager.

The commissioners will meet again at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the meeting room on the first floor of the county Townsend said it looked like there was courthouse.

Denver channel to return to cable on Presidents Day

President's Day will be special for December and picking up KWGN those who subscribe to the Goodland Cable television system, as Denver's Channel 9 (KUSA) will return to the lineup then.

Lila Krainbill, office operation manager for Eagle Communications in Russell, said that KUSA will return to channel 33 on Monday, Feb. 21, while Denver's Channel 2 (KWGN) will move to channel 53.

'We have all our ducks in order," Krainbill said Tuesday. "We are pleased we could get this done this

nounced it was dropping KUSA in Betz.

because it has the Warner Brothers programming which customers were asking about. However, after an outpouring of complaints about the loss of KUSA, Eagle negotiated a contract which allows them to return the channel to the Goodland cable system at a better price. The Goodland Daily News televi-

sion listings, which are printed in the paper on Thursdays, will reflect the return of KUSA to channel 33 and the addition of KWGN to channel 53 with the listings to be printed on Eagle Communications had an- Thursday, Feb. 24, said Editor Tom

Populists bottle up farm loan bill TOPEKA (AP) — A populist coaliity to block passage of many bills and Morris, R-Hugoton, one of the yes

tion is using its majority on a Senate force the Legislature to consider the

Democrats and conservative Republicans who formed the Kansas Independent Family Farm Coalition this year question whether the loan bill does

alternative from a coalition member. However, some senators believe coalition members plan to use their major- of their agenda," said Chairman Steve

committee to bottle up a bill that would coalition's agenda. That agenda increate a new agricultural loan program. cludes proposals attacking large agribusiness corporations and making state enforcement of antitrust laws more aggressive.

The Senate Agriculture Committee enough to help farmers. Some of them failed to endorse the agricultural loan also want the committee to consider an bill on a 4-5 vote Tuesday. All of the no votes came from coalition members.

"They don't want the bill; it's not part

However, he also acknowledged, "There are other bills we have to make sure get heard, too."

riculture loan bill.

votes. "If they really wanted to help

farmers, they'd be more cooperative."

he and other coalition members had

genuine policy questions about the ag-

Sen. Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler, said

The bill would make up to \$50 million in loans available to farmers at lower-than-normal interest rates.