



Sherman County election judges (from left) Brenda Frankenfeld, Joan Finders, Mary Ann Sneten and Betty Barkley worked in the front hall of the courthouse after polls closed at 7 p.m. Tuesday night. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Science standards may fall

TOPEKA (AP)—Three opponents of science testing standards that de-emphasize evolution won State Board of Education seats. Another critic was fighting to keep his job, and an architect of the standards was leading his race. Both Democratic and Republican candidates on Tuesday's ballot in the 2nd, 6th and 8th districts opposed science testing standards that de-emphasize evolution. In the 4th and 10th districts, the candidates disagreed. Republican Sue Gamble easily won her race in the 2nd District. Gamble, of Shawnee, won 71 percent of the vote, compared with 29 percent for Ron

Patton, a Fairway Democrat. In the 8th District, Republican Carol Rupe received 57 percent of the vote, compared with Democrat Dick Williams' 43 percent. Both are from Wichita. In the August primary, Rupe unseated Mary Douglass Brown, a Wichita Republican who voted in favor of the science standards. Brown's supporters mounted an unsuccessful write-in campaign. With 86 percent of the vote counted in the 6th District, Republican incumbent Bruce Wyatt had 62 percent to Democratic challenger Eloise Lynch's 38 percent. Both candidates are from

Salina. Democratic incumbent Bill Wagnon was battling to keep his job in the 4th District. With 85 percent of the vote in, Wagnon had 51 percent to Republican Patrick Hill's 49 percent. Wagnon is a vocal critic of the science standards, while Hill supports them. Both are from Topeka. In the 10th District, Republican incumbent Steve Abrams had 56 percent to Democrat Wayne Holt's 44 percent, with 54 percent of the vote counted. Abrams, of Arkansas City, helped write the standards. Holt, of Haysville, opposes them.

Boat, plane tax still undecided

Bank investment gets voter approval

TOPEKA (AP)—A constitutional amendment designed to help the state pension fund won approval, but the vote remained close on a proposed amendment that could lead to lower taxes for owners of boats and airplanes. With 95 percent of Tuesday's results counted, 62 percent of the voters supported the pension fund amendment. It will allow the state pension fund to invest in bank stocks, something prohibited since the state constitution was written in 1859. The other proposal would permit the Legislature to cut property taxes on boats and personal aircraft. With 95 percent of the vote in, 51 percent of voters opposed the amendment. Pat Weber said she voted in favor of the pension fund amendment. Weber,

who teaches reading at a Topeka middle school, is a member of the state's retirement plan. "I think we need to be able to invest it to get more bang for our buck," she said after voting. But Ruth Rieneman, a Topeka janitor, said she voted against the proposal because it sounded too risky. "I just didn't like the sound of it," Rieneman said. Weber said she voted against the tax amendment and expressed no sympathy for boat and airplane owners. "I think they're just trying to get a little cheaper tax," Weber said. "If you can afford a boat, you can afford the tax." Of the two questions on the ballot, the investment proposal received more

attention, largely because the Legislature gave the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System \$300,000 for advertising in favor of the change. KPERs officials contend the amendment will allow them to increase the retirement system's earnings. They suspect the original provision was included in the state constitution because the men who drafted it didn't trust the stability of banks. Supporters of the amendment on boat and aircraft taxes had to rely on a campaign of fliers, word of mouth and visits to newspaper editors. They argued that property taxes on boats and aircraft are too high because the owner of a \$50,000 boat pays about 2.5 times as much in taxes as the owner of a home with the same value.

Voters lined up all day to cast ballots

Voting booths all over Sherman County were busy Tuesday as people turned out to cast ballots in several hot races. Lines that formed from when the polls opened at 7 a.m. were still there when they closed at 7 p.m. Long lines at the polling places kept the election officials so busy they didn't even have time to eat lunch, as nearly two-thirds the registered voters in the county turned out for the general

election. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said 64 percent of registered voters cast ballots. Out of the 4,366 people registered to vote in Sherman County, 2,808 turned out Tuesday or voted through advance voting. "I had predicted 65 percent turnout," said Rumpel. She said that the numbers weren't too bad, but it would have been nice to have

more. The 64 percent compares with 40 percent of voters that turned out for the primary in August. Rumpel said during the elections four years ago, figures were about the same with 43 percent turning out for the primary election and 77 percent turning out for the general election. Across Kansas, 1,060,340 voted in the presidential election, according to the secretary of state's web site.

Asian leaders face problems at trade summit

INTERNATIONAL
HONG KONG (AP)—Leaders from Asia and the Pacific rim have plenty of worries at a trade summit this week — high oil prices, political and currency troubles, and opposition to globalization. But unlike recent meetings, there aren't likely to be crowds of activists tearing up the streets over the issues being debated. At the same time, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders don't anticipate any major deals to be struck. President Clinton will be in Brunei, but the lame-duck leader of the world's biggest economy will not seek any major trade deals. The 21 economies that make up APEC are expected to push for a new round of talks by the World Trade Organization — the Geneva-based body that sets global trade rules. And they will generally try to promote freer trade and economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region. The United States will press to launch fresh WTO talks but also plans to emphasize lesser goals, such as co-operation on using e-commerce to promote trade, said C. Lawrence Greenwood, the State Department official preparing the U.S. agenda for APEC.

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"You'd better get out of here," shot his former boss, then fled, police said. Ludlam rode an elevator down with Joanne Podgurski, who works in the office. "His face was just covered in sweat," Podgurski told WVEC-TV of Norfolk. "He was breathing really hard. I asked, 'Are you OK?' And he just said, 'It's really hot in here.'" Ludlam ran to a nearby parking garage and fled in O'Shaughnessy's 1998 green Honda Accord, police said. Ludlam tried to crash through one garage door before leaving through another, Hill said. **BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)** — A federal judge has ordered that water levels at a key reservoir be maintained because of a tribal lawsuit over eroding gravesites, a decision that experts say threatens Missouri River dam and reservoir operations. The temporary restraining order was issued in response to a lawsuit filed by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, which contends erosion from water releases on the river has exposed as many as 100 American Indian graves. The order, which went into effect Monday night, is forcing the Army Corps of Engineers to release more water from dams in North Dakota and Montana to make up for a drop in hydroelectric power generated at Lake Oahe in South Dakota. A trial date is expected to be set sometime this month. The order is intended to keep fluctuating water levels at Lake Oahe from further disturbing cultural and historical sites important to the tribe. In response to the order, the corps released more water from North Dakota's Lake Sakakawea on Tuesday. Bob Keasling, a hydraulic engineer with the corps in Omaha, Neb., said the change will throw the river's three large reservoirs out of balance.

for diabetics, a study found. It was not clear from the study whether the fault lies with the patients or with their doctors. The study, reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, looked at 345,253 Medicare patients 65 and older. Fewer than two-thirds received care for 14 out of 37 generally recommended procedures, including preventive care, diagnostic tests and hospitalization, the researchers reported. **CHICAGO (AP)** — The New Delhi Driving School has traveled a rocky road. At least one of its students showed up for his state license test without knowing how to start his car. Others didn't seem to know the difference between drive and reverse. And state license examiners recently testified in federal court that the school's students were among the worst they had ever seen. But many got drivers licenses anyway because instructors had bribed state officials to wink at blunders between December 1997 and November 1999, according to court testimony. Former students at the New Delhi school who lined up for state-ordered retesting Monday said they had no inkling that their instructors may have been slipping cash to the license examiners. Results suggest Secretary of State Jesse White was right to order the retesting. Officials said of the 63 motorists who were called in Monday, 60 showed up, 37 passed and 23 flunked. The discovery of problems at New Delhi, a school that catered to immigrants from India, stemmed from a federal investigation of widespread corruption in the drivers licensing program.

Sheriff gets to keep his badge

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"Of course, I wanted to win," he said, "but if I can't win, I will still be the undersheriff. I have no problem working with the current sheriff." He said he didn't find out the final result until he called his wife, Monica, this morning. Albers thanked people for their support and for turning out to vote.

IRS agrees to fix tax rate for farms

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The Internal Revenue Service has agreed to a change in the tax code that will help protect farmers and ranchers from paying a higher tax rate than other taxpayers, says Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. The change appears in the new IRS Publication 225, "Farmers Tax Guide," which says farmers and ranchers will be able to average their losses and gains over a three-year period. Farm and ranch income can vary greatly year to year. Without the ability to average income over a period of time, Grassley said Tuesday, farmers and ranchers can be forced to pay an "unfair, higher effective tax rate than other taxpayers who earn the same, but at a steady, consistent rate." Grassley said he saw the need to seek an administrative change by the IRS after the government proposed new regulations for averaging farm income.

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