

weather report

46°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:27 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 41 degrees
- Humidity 49 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds north 20-25 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.81 inches and rising
- Record High 75° (1986)
- Record Low -3° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

High 62°
Low 34°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 20s, winds north 5-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high upper 50s, low mid 20s, winds west 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly cloudy, high upper 40s. Friday: mostly clear, high mid 60s, low mid 20s. Saturday: mostly clear, high upper 50s, low mid 20s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high upper 40s, low mid 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.60 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.54
- Corn — \$1.91 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.82
- Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
- Milo — \$1.63 bushel
- Soybeans — \$3.76 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.73
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.19
- Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$9.30 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 56¢
- Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)

(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.

Bush facing Seoul protests

SEOUL, South Korea — Facing protests in Seoul's streets and a combative new message from North Korea, President Bush today opened a two-day visit to South Korea that will take him to the dividing line between what he has called good and evil.

The president, whose provocative labeling of North Korea as part of an "axis of evil" has stirred Asian unease, arrived here with first lady Laura Bush from Tokyo.

Landing on a tightly secured U.S. military base in downtown Seoul, Bush saw none of the anti-American protests that have marred the run-up to his first visit to Korea. He indulged cheering U.S. military families with handshakes and autographs.

On the streets of Seoul, police in riot gear stood watch over Koreans who went about their day with barely a glance at the motorcade.

KU grad to talk to students

Janet Murguia, University of Kansas executive vice chancellor for university relations, will speak with more than 60 Hispanic students at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Goodland High School.

Harvey Swager, high school principal, told the Goodland School Board last week that he hopes Murguia will inspire the students. He said the high school teachers and administrators are working to help Hispanic students improve their grades and feel more accepted, including meeting with them one-on-one.

Murguia, who grew up in the Mexican-American neighborhood of Argentine in Kansas City, Kan., is in her first year as executive vice chancellor for university relations. She oversees public affairs and public relations for all KU campuses.



Janet Murguia

"I'm really looking forward to seeing Goodland and meeting the students," she said. "My message wherever I go is to stress the difference that education in general and a college education in particular can make in people's lives. It is so important for our young people to be motivated to seek a good education."

On Saturday, Murguia will give the keynote address for the day-long Latina Women's Leadership Conference at Garden City Community College.

The conference was paid for with a National Center for Outreach grant Smoky Hills Public Television received to respond to community needs for educational and leadership opportunities and encouragement for Hispanic women.

In addition to stopping in Garden City and Goodland, Murguia will visit Great Bend, Hays, Russell, Bunker Hill and Dodge City, meeting with alumni and prospective students.

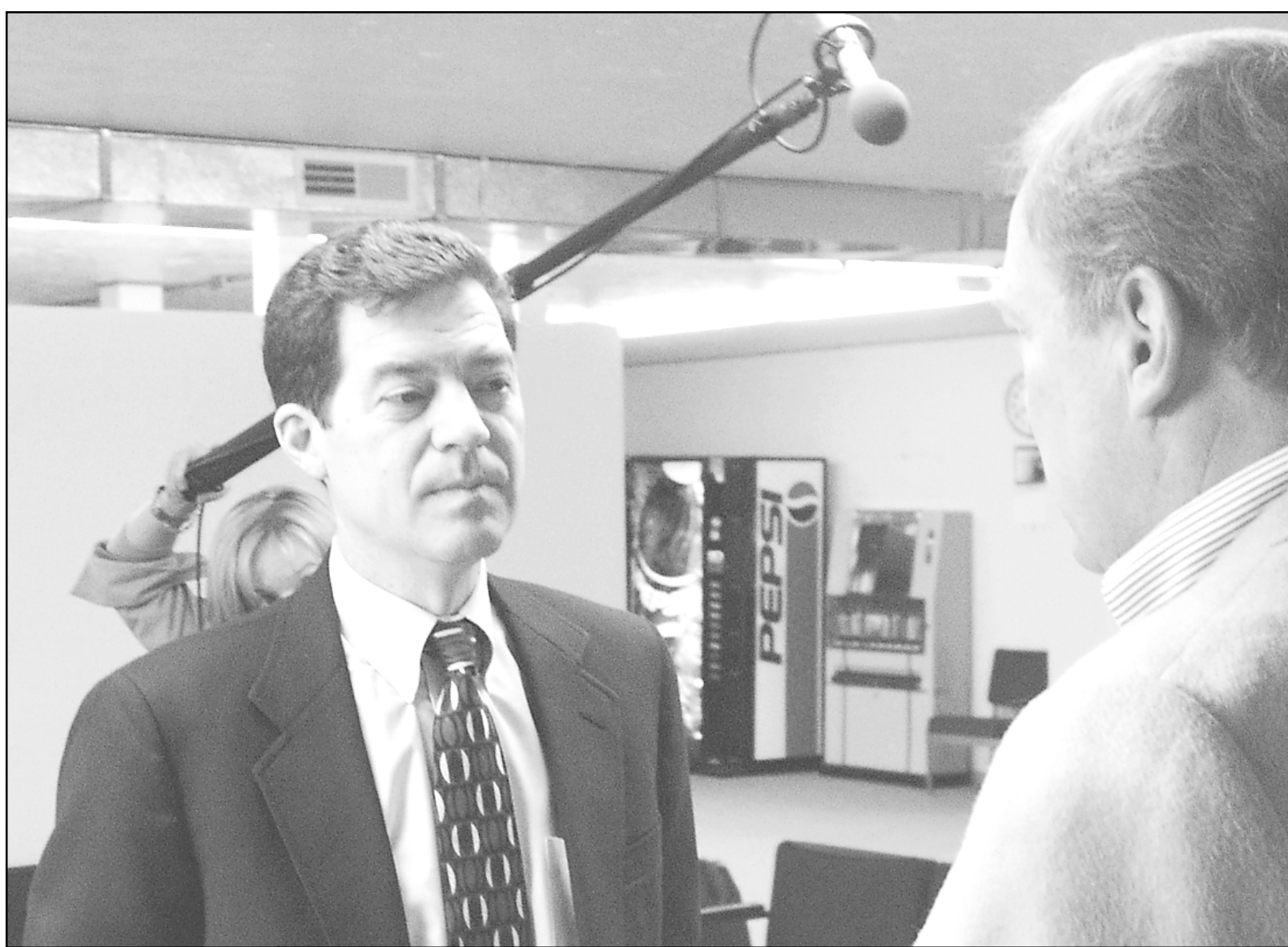
At several stops she will appear with Al Bohl, KU's new director of athletics.

Bohl will travel to Goodland with Murguia and will speak at noon at the Sugar Hills Country Club during a luncheon in his honor.

Before coming to KU, Murguia served as deputy campaign manager and director of constituency outreach for the Gore/Lieberman presidential campaign.

Prior to the campaign, she worked at the White House in various capacities beginning in 1994. She was deputy assistant to the president and deputy director of legislative affairs, serving as the senior White House liaison to Congress.

Murguia holds three degrees from KU: a juris doctorate from the law school, a bachelor of science in journalism from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and a bachelor of arts in Spanish from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



Senator Sam Brownback listened to Larry McCants, president of First National Bank, while Shari Robertson of The Epidavros Project, a private film crew, provided a microphone on Monday at Renner Field. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Senator talks farm, energy

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback made a short stop in Goodland on Monday, talking to the media and a handful of Goodland residents at the airport before heading to Sharon Springs.

It was the first of three visits from U.S. congressmen this week. Sen. Pat Roberts stopped in this morning and Rep. Jerry Moran will be here Wednesday.

Brownback flew into Renner Field about 7:30 a.m. and spoke to a few people before moving on with his tour of western Kansas.

While a private documentary film crew recorded the meeting, Brownback spoke about the economic development, farm and energy bills coming before Congress in the next

few weeks, and heard comments on them from Dean Graber, a crop consultant, Rick Farris, a custom cutter in Edson, and Larry McCants, president of First National Bank.

Rick Farris asked if restrictions on diesel engines would be eased, and asked about the possibility of bio-fuels, such as ethanol, being more widely accepted. Brownback said there was a possibility they would be, and that he understood widespread use of bio-fuels would benefit Kansas farmers.

Graber asked about campaign finance and Brownback said he would like to look into the legislation which would limit and control soft money campaign contributions.

"Some of the restrictions are definitely unconstitutional," he said. "It's

a free speech issue. If someone wants to run an ad saying how horrible I am, well, that's their right."

McCants spoke to the senator about the economic development bill.

"This past year has been the toughest financially for the last 18 years," McCants said. "This economic development prospect is essential at this time."

Brownback said he hopes a border-security bill he endorses in the Senate passes. He said it would make it more difficult for people to enter the country, easier to track them when they get in, limit student and immigration visas from the seven listed "terrorist" countries, and authorize a tamper-proof visa or passport system. He said the bill is short one vote, but added, "I think we'll get it through."

The senator said he thinks the security bill, if it passes, will be the end of "terrorism" legislation.

He said Congress — along with passing other terrorist-related legislation — has bailed out the airlines, financed rebuilding in New York, funded the war overseas and passed the Patriot Act.

"We've put much into place," he said, "and I don't see much more legislation coming."

After Goodland, Brownback had meetings scheduled in Sharon Springs, Lawrence, Syracuse, Lakin and Leoti.

The senator said people on his stops would probably want to talk about the farm, energy, and economic development bills, terrorism legislation, Enron and education.

Students give lessons on 'free enterprise'

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Backed by a proclamation signed by Mayor Tom Rohr, Goodland High School Deca members are ready to put on this year's "Free Enterprise Week."

Deca members Tiffany and Bryce Chatfield are running the show this year, and they hope to educate fellow club members and the town at large about the benefits of a free enterprise economic system. Deca is an organization that teaches students about business.

"We wanted people to recognize what a great economy we have," Schwasinger said, "and how fortunate

we are to have it."

Members started handing out posters Monday to downtown businesses, and Schwasinger said they have put together and are ready to hand out brochures which describe how our economic system benefits "well, just about everybody."

They have created a "Monopoly" game for club members. Rather than landing on Baltic Avenue and Boardwalk, players can build houses and hotels on Goodland businesses.

"Monopoly" is a great example of the free enterprise system at work," Schwasinger said.

As part of the project, she said, Deca

members will go on business scavenger hunts. Students are given random facts and are sent from business to business asking questions to match the answers with the facts they were given.

The project doesn't do any good if nobody hears about it. Schwasinger said they are trying to get the word out through ads on cable television, a radio presentation and through newspaper coverage.

She said they have even talked to Sen. Stan Clark, R-Oakley, trying to get people motivated by the interest of a legislator. She said Clark was excited to see youth actually interested in free enterprise, and was very supportive of

the project.

The project will be written up and judged at the state Deca competition March 3-4 in Kansas City and if it does well, will go on to the national competition April 19-21 in Salt Lake City.

This is the third year Schwasinger said she has worked on a free enterprise project. The first year her team won first place, and last year they tied for first. Both years her teams placed in the top 24 in the nation. Schwasinger said she really wants people to pay attention to the special week.

"Look for the signs, look for the ads, and try to learn about free enterprise," she said.

First District would span the state

TOPEKA (AP) — The 1st Congressional District would span the state from southwest to northeast and Kansas' only Democratic congressman would lose part of his base under a map endorsed by a Senate committee.

The congressional redistricting map, which now goes to the full Senate, reflects many of the goals of legislative Republicans and of the state's three GOP members of the U.S. House.

But minority Democrats on the Senate Reapportionment Committee, who had wanted to keep the city of Lawrence in the 3rd District now represented by Democratic Rep. Dennis Moore, sat out Monday's committee meeting.

"It was clear they would pass the map irrespective of our attendance," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka. "I'm not going to support it."

ment Committee voted 6-2 to accept the plan as an amendment to an earlier version, with Sens. Ed Pugh of Wamego and Tim Huelskamp of Fowler opposing it.

Based on his conversations with them, Huelskamp said, he didn't think the plan would please Kansas' three Republican congressmen. Reps. Jerry Moran of the 1st, Jim Ryan of the 2nd and Todd Tiahrt of the 4th.

Kansas' four congressional districts, as well as its legislative and Board of Education districts, are being redrawn to adjust for population changes reflected in the 2000 census.

The plan that cleared the committee Monday was a revised version of a map, nicknamed "Kansas Day" and submitted by Sen. Derek Schmidt, R-Independence.

"It was obvious we would have to make compromises on the map," said Schmidt. "I'm satisfied this is the best

we're able to do."

Earlier proposals before the committee had drawn dissatisfaction over the way they carved up southeast Kansas.

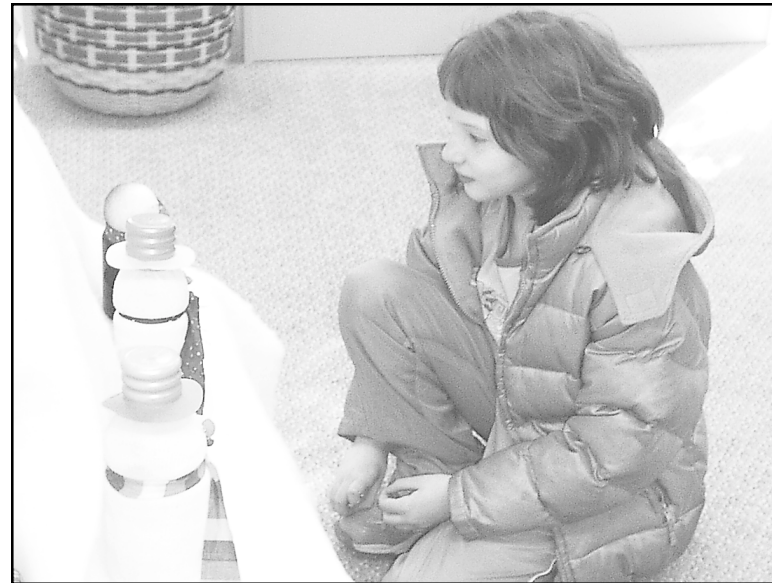
Highlights of the approved version include:

— Johnson and Wyandotte counties remain united in the 3rd, which loses all of Lawrence and surrounding Douglas County but picks up a corner of Leavenworth County and expands southward to absorb Linn and Bourbon counties, along the Missouri border.

— Riley and Geary counties remain in the 2nd, as do Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth. The 2nd loses a few counties in far northeast Kansas but picks up all of Douglas County and picks up Montgomery County, in southeast Kansas.

— The 4th loses Montgomery County but spreads to the north to take in all of McPherson County and part of Marion County.

Art survey



A student in Debbie Bantam's third grade class looked at the snowmen and penguins in the elementary school art on display at the Carnegie Arts Center Friday. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News