

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Blustery, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 46. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Blustery, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 49.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Wednesday: High, 41; Low 28

Precip: Wed. Trace
Month: 1.35 inches
Year: 2.22 inches
Normal: 1.20 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:00 a.m. 6:48 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Rep. Morrison lists possible cost savings

Here is Rep. Jim Morrison's "Billion Dollar List" of suggestions, some more serious than others, to "reinvent" state government and save money:

We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reinvent government.

Reinventing government gains more than just slashing it.

This suggestion list goes from mild to wild.

Morrison said he is sure there will be someone who opposes every item on the list.



J. Morrison

1) Downsize the Legislature — The permanent method to reduce legislative costs!

- Place on the 2010 statewide ballot a proposition to downsize the Legislature by 30 percent. If approved by the people (you know they will), the 2012 election will be like musical chairs with some seats eliminated and competition deciding who gets to sit and who's out.

- Reduce Legislature to 30 Senators and 90 Representatives. This will save \$1.8 million.

2) Consolidate Kansas into 25 counties and 25 judicial districts. Eliminate townships. A study by Wichita State University shows this could save \$700 million per year. www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/CnsReport.pdf

3) Sell and lease back state office buildings. Docking, Landon, Eisenhower and Mills buildings could all be sold to private developers who can perform renovations cheaper and faster than the state. Legislators received an e-mail Jan. 14 from Mark Creason at Amerifund Commercial offering to buy state office buildings at market prices and lease them back to state agencies. Sale and lease back offers two advantages:

- Immediate cash payment for buildings; and
- Any remodeling can be done by a private owner faster and cheaper than the state.

4) Privatize University of Kan-

sas hospital for \$500 million or more; use the proceeds to recapitalize the Kanas Public Employees Retirement System, the state's struggling pension fund. Ask Steve Weatherford for a copy of 2008 memo where this idea was discussed and a valuation estimate rendered.

5) Consolidate all functions of probation and parole in Kansas. A computer tracking system in the design stage will greatly facilitate such an efficiency merger.

6) Consolidate all regulatory and licensing functions of racing, gaming and bingo.

7) Consolidate and simplify all alcohol regulation, including 3.2 percent beer.

8) Consolidate into the Department of Agriculture the Livestock Commission, Conservation Commission, Water Office and Geological Survey. A 2007 Post Audit report concludes this will save \$700,000 year. www.kslegislature.org/postaudit/audits_perform/08pa23.pdf

9) Consolidate into one agency the Bank Commission, Credit Union Office and Securities Commissioner. A 2008 Post Audit concludes this will save \$500,000 year. www.kslegislature.org/postaudit/audits_perform/08pa22.pdf

Go another step further and consolidate all of the above with the Insurance Department and create one, streamlined financial regulatory agency.

10) Capitol renovation:

- Renegotiate contracts for architectural services and general contractor.
- Cap architectural fees at 5 percent.
- Limit build out of basement level visitors center to doors and lights only — a functional shell.
- Eliminate any more new furniture.

11) Increase premiums and co-pays for state employee health insurance and create large discounts

for those who choose healthy living habits such as avoiding tobacco, losing weight and annual checkups.

12) Consolidate and refinance all state debt into one mega bond issue at today's low rates. When you combine revenue streams and general obligation revenue, this is called the "double-barreled" approach.

13) Allow Kansas Department of Corrections to pay hospitals at Medicaid rates.

14) Eliminate state-owned buffalo herds. Donate buffalo to Bob Grant for charity barbecue!

15) Eliminate \$5 million state subsidy for air fares in Wichita. Let free market work!

16) Eliminate state purchases of water rights in government-owned reservoirs.

17) Eliminate money for National Guard Training Center in Salina.

18) Obtain dividend payment from land sales at Sunflower Army Ammunition plant.

19) Eliminate state support for excessive salaries of top executives of foster care contractors.

20) Transfer Turnpike surplus funds to highway program. Go one step further and consider selling the Turnpike as a way to finance the transportation plan.

21) No new vehicle purchases for three years; no purchases of full-size pickups or sedans.

22) Eliminate "weather modification" program for \$198,000.

23) Eliminate construction of more "weather monitoring" stations.

24) Renegotiate state building and property insurance.

25) Eliminate state aid to cities and counties but create incentives for city and county unification.

- Eliminate the \$18 million transfer from state alcohol tax to city general and recreation funds.

26) Ask the four big hospital foundations (Kansas Health Foundation, Sunflower Foundation, Wyandotte Health Foundation, REACH) to donate their annual revenue, \$20 million, for two years to Medicaid instead of funding more duplicative studies, newsletters, conferences and luncheons. These foundations were formed from sale of church-founded hospitals, Catholic and Methodist, whose original founders intended direct care to the poor. Returning the revenue back to the original intent would complete the circle.

27) Obtain dividend payment from Jayhawks and Wildcats sports franchises. These are lucrative businesses developed on public property with public dollars,

but the profit is reaped by a few well-connected folks.

28) Obtain dividend payment from Kansas Bio-Science Authority.

29) Regents Universities:

- Require them to disclose their endowment funds and restrictions. This may not save money initially, but will help us understand what resources are available to pay for university operations.
- Cap fees for architectural and contractor services for Regents capital improvements.

30) School Finance:

- Create incentives for school districts to unify.
- Eliminate state matching funds for new school bonds or equipment. State matching money incentivizes oversized and excessive school buildings. When districts are required and pay the full cost of construction, they will economize!

31) Consolidate all state housing programs into Kansas Housing Resources Corp.

32) Consolidate all early childhood programs (Tiny-K, Head Start, Early Head Start, Parents as Teachers, Smart Start, Healthy Start, Kansas Preschool Program) at state Board of Education.

33) Privatize management or sell off state-owned parking lots.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening										March 13, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Desperate Housewives	Desperate Housewives	Castle	Local							
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Local							
KSNK/NBC	Parenthood	Law & Order	Law & Order: SVU	Local	Saturday Night Live						
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted	Local		The Wanda Sykes Show	Sit Down	Local			
Cable Channels											
A & E	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami						
AMC	Gangs of New York	Gangs of New York	Gangs of New York	Gangs of New York	Gangs of New York						
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog	Underdog-Wonderdog	Dogs 101	Underdog-Wonderdog	Dogs 101						
BRAVO	House	House	House	House	House						
CMT	True Blue: Ten Years	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy					True Blue	
CNN	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom						
COMEDY	Scary Movie 3	Jackass: Number Two	Jackass: Number Two	Jackass: Number Two	Jackass: Number Two					Arj Barker: LYAO	
DISC	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers	Swamp Loggers					Swamp Loggers	
DISN	Suite Life on Deck	Wizards-Place	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven			
E!	Little Women	Little Women	Little Women	Little Women	Little Women					The Soup	
ESPN	College GameDay	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball				Final	Fastbreak	
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball					Drag Racing	
FAM	Miss Congeniality	Practical Magic	Practical Magic	Practical Magic	Practical Magic					The Cutting Edge	
FOOD	Chefography	Ult. Recipe	Ult. Recipe	Ult. Recipe	Ult. Recipe					Ult. Recipe	
FX	The Punisher	The Punisher	The Punisher	The Punisher	The Punisher				Sunny	Sunny	
HGTV	D. Design	Sarah	Outdoor	Block	House	House	House	House Hun	Outdoor	Block	

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers					
LIFE	The Two Mr. Kissels	Who Is Clark	Who Is Clark	Who Is Clark	Who Is Clark					
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Fantasy	Fantasy	Slither					Slither
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	The Troop	Big Time	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Spring Break	Dinoshark	Dinoshark	Dinoshark	Dinoshark					Dinoshark
SPIKE	Star Wars Ep 2	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars: Ep. III					Lake Placid
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rush Hour 3	Rush Hour 3	Rush Hour 3					The Replacements
TCM	White Heat	White Heat	White Heat	White Heat	White Heat					The Big Heat
TLC	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink					LA Ink
TNT	Enough	Daddy's Little Girls	Daddy's Little Girls	Daddy's Little Girls	Daddy's Little Girls					Deliver Us From Eva
TOON	Tn-Titans	Batman	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Freaknik: Mus.	Freaknik: Mus.	Freaknik: Mus.	Freaknik: Mus.
TRAV	Food Wars	Food Wars	Steak Paradise	Steak Paradise	Hamburger Paradise	Hamburger Paradise	Extreme Pig Outs	Extreme Pig Outs	Extreme Pig Outs	Extreme Pig Outs
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					Burn Notice
VH1	When Harry	When Harry	Sober House	Sober House	Tool Academy	Tool Academy	Celebrity Fit Club	Celebrity Fit Club	Celebrity Fit Club	When Harry Met Sally
WGN	Love & Basketball	Love & Basketball	Love & Basketball	Love & Basketball	WGN News at Nine	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Angela's Ashes

Sunday Evening										March 14, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover	Desperate Housewives	Brothers & Sisters	Local							
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race 16	Undercover Boss	Cold Case	Local							
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It	Celebrity Apprentice	Celebrity Apprentice	Celebrity Apprentice	Celebrity Apprentice					Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Tucson	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	
AMC	Pulp Fiction	Pulp Fiction	Pulp Fiction	Pulp Fiction	Pulp Fiction					Pulp Fiction	
ANIM	Killer Aliens	Killer Aliens	Killer Aliens	Killer Aliens	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Killer Aliens	Killer Aliens	Killer Aliens	Killer Aliens	
BRAVO	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: Intent	Law Order: Intent	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	
CMT	Blue Collar Comedy	Ron White: Call Me Tater	Blue Salad	True Blue: Ten Years	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy	Blue Collar Comedy	Ron White	
CNN	CNN Presents	CNN Presents	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom					CNN Presents	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	Who Framed Jesus?	Who Framed Jesus?	Who Framed Jesus?	Who Framed Jesus?	Who Framed Jesus?					Who Framed Jesus?	
DISN	Sonny	Jonas	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire					Wizards	
E!	Knocked Up	Knocked Up	Knocked Up	Knocked Up	Knocked Up					Montana	
ESPN	College GameNight	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30					SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Drag Racing	Drag Racing	The Experts	The Experts	The Experts					30 for 30	
FAM	Cutting Edge	Cutting Edge	Cutting Edge	Cutting Edge	Cutting Edge					J. Osteen	
FOOD	Challenge	Ultimate Recipe	Ultimate Recipe	Ultimate Recipe	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	B. Flay	Flay	Flay	Ultimate Recipe	
FX	The Punisher	The Transporter	The Transporter	The Transporter	The Transporter					Archery	
HGTV	House	House	Holmes on Homes	Holmes on Homes	Antonio Treatment	Antonio Treatment	Antonio Treatment	Antonio Treatment	Holmes on Homes	Holmes on Homes	
HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	Ax Men	Ax Men	Ax Men					American Pickers	
LIFE	Mr. Brooks	Mr. Brooks	Who Is Clark	Who Is Clark	Who Is Clark					Who Is Clark	
MTV	16 and Pregnant	Summit on the Summit	Summit on the Summit	Summit on the Summit	Buried	Buried	America's Best Dance	America's Best Dance	Life, Liz	Life, Liz	
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ultraviolet	Ultraviolet	Crank	Crank	Crank					Highlander	
SPIKE	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars: Ep. III	Star Wars: Ep. III	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Hills-Eyes 2	Blue Streak	
TBS	Rush Hour 3	Rush Hour 3	Rush Hour 3	Rush Hour 3	Rush Hour 3					Rush Hour 3	
TCM	God's Little Acre	God's Little Acre	God's Little Acre	God's Little Acre	For Those Who Think Young	For Those Who Think Young	For Those Who Think Young	For Those Who Think Young	The Magician	The Magician	
TLC	Help-Giant	Help-Giant	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	Hoarders: Buried	
TNT	Dreamgirls	Dreamgirls	Dreamgirls	Dreamgirls	Dreamgirls					Dreamgirls	
TOON	Casper-Spirited	Chowder	Flapjack	Flapjack	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Venture	Aqua Teen	Awesome	
TRAV	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man, Food	Man/Food	Amer. Worst Driver	Amer. Worst Driver	Amer. Worst Driver	Amer. Worst Driver	Man/Food	Man/Food	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	House	House	House	House	House					The Game Plan	
VH1	Frank Enter.	Frank Enter.	Tool Academy	Tool Academy	Tool Academy	Tool Academy	Frank Enter.	Frank Enter.	Tool Academy	Tool Academy	
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News Replay	WGN News Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker	

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