


### Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow before 1 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 19. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.  
**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 37. North wind around 15 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 51. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 66.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.  
**Tuesday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, low around 31. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Wednesday:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Wednesday Night:** A slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Thursday:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a high near 48. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
 Thursday: High, 75; Low 31  
 Precip: Thursday 0.02 inches  
 Month: 1.37 inches  
 Year: 2.24 inches  
 Normal: 1.20 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 7:48 a.m. 7:56 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:46 a.m. 7:57 p.m.  
 Monday 7:44 a.m. 7:58 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

## Lawmakers stalled over tax proposals

TOPEKA (AP) — A Kansas Senate panel failed to agree Thursday on a variety of tax increase proposals to close a projected gap in the 2011 budget.

Senate leaders say the stalemate makes it unlikely that legislators will be able to finish a base state budget by their planned recess later this month. Lawmakers are scheduled to leave Topeka on April 6 for three weeks.

"I hope that's not the case," said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, an Independence Republican and vice chairman of the tax committee.

That panel met and adjourned Thursday after failing to muster enough votes to endorse a variety of tax increase ideas, with suggestions ranging from a levy on sugary beverages to sales taxes. The tax revenue is critical to close a \$364 million hole in a proposed budget the Senate will consider next week.

Earlier, the House Appropriations Committee endorsed a budget drafted by GOP leadership that cuts state spending and puts \$302 million into reserves.

The plan would close the projected budget shortfall by not replacing federal stimulus dollars for education and borrowing \$50 million from the state highway fund. School districts could replace the lost revenue by raising local taxes, subject to voter approval.

House Speaker Mike O'Neal said the Appropriations Committee was able to deliver on House GOP leaders' promise to produce a budget without "draconian" cuts or tax increases.

"In talking to our caucus, the vast majority — virtually all of them — are looking for a budget that they can support that does not include tax increases," said O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican. "This is it."

The GOP plan also calls for cutting all other state agency budgets by 1 percent, eliminating overtime unless authorized and closing all state offices at 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Appropriations Chairman Kevin Yoder said the plan reflected action Tuesday when the House voted to delay any debate on raising

taxes, leaving little else to do but to assemble a budget with cuts.

"The instructions were clear. The majority of legislators determined that they didn't want a budget that relied on higher taxes," said Yoder, an Overland Park Republican.

The plan recommends that the state doesn't replace \$172 million in federal stimulus funds that were used in the current budget to fund K-12 education.

It also is built on the presumption that the Legislature will adopt a change in the school finance formula to require districts to raise a minimum of 10 percent of the base cost of an education with local taxes. The remaining 90 percent would be funded by the state.

Democrats said public schools bear the brunt of the GOP cuts, which they said would hurt all students.

"If you don't believe education is important, you can do that," said Rep. Bill Feuerborn of Garnett, the ranking minority member of the committee. "I think we'll lose federal dollars."

Feuerborn also complained about the House budget process, which was similar to last year when GOP leaders used their majority on the committee to push through cuts with no discussion about specifics. That resulted in the House defeating the GOP plan and adopting the Senate version in its entirety.

"I would hope we would have the votes to defeat this," Feuerborn said, adding that merely accepting the Senate plan without House input isn't the best policy choice either.

Parkinson and Senate Republican leaders had been counting on a tax package to move the state closer to solvency. The governor's spokesman said Parkinson's position on protecting schools and vulnerable residents from further cuts hadn't changed.

"House Republican leadership should turn their attention toward working our way out of this recession by determining what revenue options are available for protecting these critical assets," spokesman Seth Bundy said.

## City looks at sound systems

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groups will have to solve some water rights issues. She said the city and the representatives of the course need to figure out who owns what portion of the 137 acre feet — about 44.6 million gallons — of water rights on the golf course. She said they will either come together and agree on something or it will be settled in court.

Armstrong said the golf course is about 100 acres. She said Colby owns about 86 acres and Meadow Lake owns about 13. Armstrong said the city sold 10 acres of the land to Colby Country Club (today Meadow Lake Golf Course) for \$750. She said the city deeded three acres to Colby Coun-

try Club for \$10 in 1988, but when they deeded the land they forgot to retain their water rights.

• Heard Armstrong say the city may have access to hydropower from the Great River Dam Authority in Oklahoma. This river dam authority is an energy agency that has a contract with the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, of which the city is a member. Armstrong said the hydropower may be available for three years starting this summer.

• Agreed to approve allowing people who attend Wesleyan Church to park on the south side of Pine Street from 9 a.m. until noon each Sunday until October 1. Previous parking spaces are unavailable because construction is taking place at the church.

## Knitting bandit strikes east coast town

WEST CAPE MAY, N.J. (AP) — Someone is spinning quite a yarn over one New Jersey shore town.

An unknown person dubbed the Midnight Knitter by West Cape May residents is covering tree branches and lamp poles with little sweaters under cover of darkness.

Mayor Pam Kaithern says police are looking into the guerrilla needlework, which technically is against the law because it is being done on public property without permission.

The mayor and many residents admit they're enthralled by the rainbow of colors that has popped

up. Resident Susan Longacre takes a walk each morning in Wilbraham Park, where several tree branches and light poles has gotten the treatment. She thinks it's great.

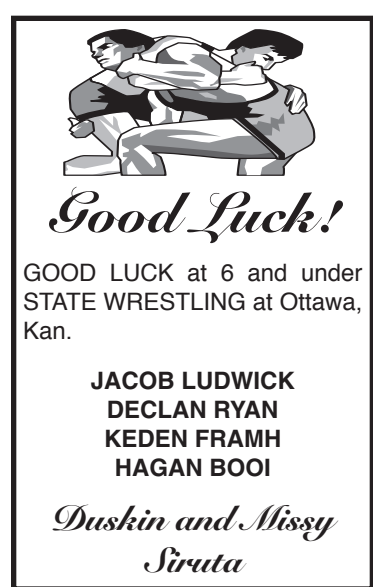
Even those who aren't thrilled admit the yarn is better than spray-painted graffiti.



Thank You!

Thank You, to all my friends and family who sent me birthday cards. It sure made for a special surprise.

Mary Oard



Good Luck!

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|--|--|
|                         | 7:00                  | 7:30              | 8:00                 | 8:30            | 9:00                | 9:30            | 10:00              | 10:30               | 11:00             | 11:30     |                |  |  |
| KAKE/ABC                | Dancing With Stars    |                   |                      |                 | Castle              |                 | Local              | Nightline           | Jimmy Kimmel Live |           |                |  |  |
| KBSL/CBS                | How I Met   Rules     | Two Men           | Big Bang             |                 | CSI: Miami          |                 | Local              | Late Show Letterman | Late              |           |                |  |  |
| KSNK/NBC                | Chuck                 |                   | Trauma               |                 | Law & Order         |                 | Local              | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late              |           |                |  |  |
| KSAS/FOX                | House                 |                   | 24                   |                 | Local               |                 |                    |                     |                   |           |                |  |  |
| <b>Cable Channels</b>   |                       |                   |                      |                 |                     |                 |                    |                     |                   |           |                |  |  |
| A & E                   | Hoarders              |                   | Hoarders             |                 | Hoarders            |                 | Kirstie            | Kirstie             | Hoarders          |           |                |  |  |
| AMC                     | Lara Croft-Life       |                   |                      |                 |                     |                 | Enter the Dragon   |                     |                   |           |                |  |  |
| ANIM                    | Animal Cops Miami     |                   | Pit Boss             |                 | Pit Boss            |                 | Pit Boss           |                     | Pit Boss          |           |                |  |  |
| BRAVO                   | Real Housewives       |                   | Real Housewives      |                 | Kell on Earth       |                 | Kell on Earth      |                     | The Marriage Ref  |           |                |  |  |
| CMT                     | Smarter   Smarter     | The Singing Bee   |                      | The Singing Bee |                     | The Singing Bee |                    | The Singing Bee     | Cribs             | Cribs     |                |  |  |
| CNN                     | Campbell Brown        |                   | Larry King Live      |                 | Anderson Cooper 360 |                 |                    |                     | Larry King Live   |           |                |  |  |
| COMEDY                  | RENO 911   RENO 911!  | Futurama          | Futurama             |                 | South Pk            | Ugly            | DailyShow          | Colbert             | Tosh.0            | Martin    |                |  |  |
| DISC                    | I Was Bitten          |                   | Yellowstone          |                 |                     |                 | I Was Bitten       |                     | Yellowstone       |           |                |  |  |
| DISN                    | Wizards-Waver         |                   |                      |                 | Phineas             | Montana         | Wizards            | Deck                | Suite             | So Raven  |                |  |  |
| E!                      | E! Investigates: Cri  |                   | Unsolved Crime       |                 |                     |                 | Chelsea            | E! News             | Chelsea           | Kendra    |                |  |  |
| ESPN                    | College Basketball    |                   | College Basketball   |                 |                     |                 | SportsCenter       |                     | NFL Live          | Scorebr'd |                |  |  |
| ESP2                    | Wm. Basketball        |                   | Wm. Basketball       |                 |                     |                 |                    | College Basketball  |                   |           |                |  |  |
| FAM                     | Secret-Teen           |                   | 10 Things            | 10 Things       | Greek               |                 | The 700 Club       |                     | Secret-Teen       |           |                |  |  |
| FOOD                    | Good Eats   Good Eats | Unwrapped         | Unwrapped            |                 | Diners              | Diners          | Good Eats          | Unwrapped           | Unwrapped         | Unwrapped |                |  |  |
| FX                      | Wild Hogs             |                   |                      |                 | Damages             |                 | Damages            |                     | '70s Show         | '70s Show |                |  |  |
| HGTV                    | Property   Property   | Home Rules        |                      | Home Rules      | House               | House Hun       | Nails              | My First            | Home Rules        |           |                |  |  |
| HIST                    | Pawn   Pawn           | Pickers           | Pickers              |                 | Pawn                | Pawn            | Pickers            | Pickers             | Pawn              | Pawn      |                |  |  |
| LIFE                    | Grey's Anatomy        |                   | Panic Button         |                 |                     |                 | Will               | Will                | Frasier           | Medium    |                |  |  |
| MTV                     | Spring Break          |                   | True Life            |                 | True Life           |                 | True Life          |                     | Spring Break      |           |                |  |  |
| NICK                    | G. Martin   Malcolm   | Chris             | Chris                |                 | Lopez               | Lopez           | The Nanny          | The Nanny           | The Nanny         | The Nanny |                |  |  |
| SCI                     | Star Trek Gen.        |                   | Star Trek Gen.       |                 | Star Trek Gen.      |                 | Monster            | Monster             | Macross Plus 1    |           |                |  |  |
| SPIKE                   | Ultimate Fight Night  |                   | TNA Wrestling        |                 |                     |                 | Police Chases      |                     | DEA               |           |                |  |  |
| TBS                     | Fam. Guy   Fam. Guy   | Fam. Guy          | Fam. Guy             |                 | Fam. Guy            | Fam. Guy        | Lopez Tonight      |                     | Name Earl         | Name Earl |                |  |  |
| TCM                     | The Big Sleep         |                   |                      |                 | The Maltese Falcon  |                 |                    |                     | The Shootist      |           |                |  |  |
| TLC                     | Little   Little       | Ultimate Cake Off |                      | Cake Boss       | Cake Boss           |                 | Little             | Little              | Ultimate Cake Off |           |                |  |  |
| TNT                     | Bones                 |                   | Bones                |                 | The Closer          |                 | Law & Order        |                     | CSI: NY           |           |                |  |  |
| TOON                    | Ben 10   Ben 10       | Flapjack          | Flapjack             |                 | King-Hill           | King/Hill       | Fam. Guy           | Fam. Guy            | Chicken           | Aqua Teen |                |  |  |
| TRAV                    | Bizarre Foods         |                   | Bourdain             |                 | Bourdain            |                 | Bourdain           |                     | Bizarre Foods     |           |                |  |  |
| TV LAND                 | Home Imp.   Home Imp. | Raymond           | Raymond              |                 | Raymond             | Raymond         | First Love         |                     | Roseanne          | Roseanne  |                |  |  |
| USA                     | NCIS                  |                   | WWE Monday Night RAW |                 |                     |                 | Crank              |                     |                   |           |                |  |  |
| VH1                     | Sober House           |                   | Celebrity Fit Club   |                 | Beauty              | TRANSform       | Celebrity Fit Club |                     | Beauty            | TRANSform |                |  |  |
| WGN                     | Funniest Home Videos  |                   | Funniest Home Videos |                 | WGN News at Nine    |                 | Scrubs             | Scrubs              | South Pk          | S. Park   |                |  |  |
| <b>Premium Channels</b> |                       |                   |                      |                 |                     |                 |                    |                     |                   |           |                |  |  |
| HBO                     | Real Time/Bill Maher  |                   | Afghan Star          |                 |                     | Pacific         | Ricky              | Life                | Treme             | Promotion |                |  |  |
| MAX                     | Chainsaw              |                   | Death Becomes Her    |                 | Fighting            |                 |                    |                     |                   |           |                |  |  |
| SHOW                    | Twilight              |                   | Nurse                | Tara            | Nurse               | Tara            | Nurse              | Tara                | My Best Friend    |           |                |  |  |

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