

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 5. Wind chill values as low as -12. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35. South wind around 10 mph becoming northwest.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 40. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 41.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 28.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
M.L.King Day: Partly sunny, with a high near 37.
Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 38.

Monday: High 12; Low -11
 Tuesday: High 16; Low -9
 Precip: Monday Trace
 Tuesday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.18 inches
 Year: 0.18 inches
 Normal: 0.45 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 8:03a.m. 5:43 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas Legislature begins new session

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man Republican from Overland Park, said repealing the 1-cent increase in the Kansas sales tax passed last year should be a top priority. She said the state needs to get away from the practice of granting tax exemptions and abatements in order to entice economic development.

"We have to get a sensible tax policy all across the state of Kansas," O'Hara said. "It's going to be a process."

Rep. Terry Calloway, another freshman Republican from Pittsburg, said his focus was on helping create more jobs in southeast Kansas, which has seen manufacturing jobs evaporate in the past five years.

"We can't sit and wait for help to come to us," said Calloway, who defeated incumbent Democrat Julie Menghini over issues of taxes and spending in November. Monday's events began with the inauguration of Republican Gov. Sam Brownback in the House chamber, a move prompted by a heavy snow that blanketed Topeka and much of Kansas.

In the Senate, five new members took their seats, including replacements for two who were elected to statewide office. Republicans hold a 32-8 advantage over Democrats.

One Democrat, Sen. Janis Lee

of Kensington, is expected to resign later this month when she takes an appointment to the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals.

In contrast to the House bill introductions, the Senate introduced a measure to create a natural resources subcommittee position and a commission that would regulate the medical practice of perfusion.

"A lot of people are going to be looking to the Senate for moderation and pragmatism," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat.

He said the election made prospects difficult for the coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans who pushed through the tax increase last year.

"We have to recognize that far-right Republicans are in firm control," Davis said.

Brownback has said he doesn't support repealing the sales tax increase, but is willing to work with legislators to reduce the burden on taxpayers and reduce government spending. He also has suggested imposing a 10-year income tax break for residents who move from out of state to rural counties with declining population.

The plan may be a tough sell with House Republicans like O'Hara, who called it "a Band-Aid" approach to the economy.

"We need solutions, not Band-Aids," she said.

Victim still critical after Saturday shooting

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sive. The bullet appeared to have passed through one hemisphere of her brain from front to back, leaving much of her brain intact. As of this morning, she was still in critical condition but breathing on her

own and able to move both arms. CT scans showed no further swelling in her brain, and doctors said that was a good sign.

Giffords' husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, was slated to command the space shuttle Endeavour on a mission in April.

Governor to speak on economy

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careers.

"Growth will be a key part of it," Brownback told the Associated Press during a brief interview Tuesday. "It will be the Road Map in legislative form."

Legislators were waiting for glimpses of Brownback's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. They're expected to learn more details about his spending plan for state government Thursday morning, when his staff is to brief the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means committees.

Brownback has ruled out raising taxes as likely to hurt the economic recovery. A GOP-controlled Legislature increased the state's sales tax last year at former Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson's urging, but elections gave conservatives more power, the pro-spending coalition less.

The state is facing a shortfall despite last year's tax increase largely because it used federal economic stimulus money to put off deeper cuts in aid to public schools and social services. That money is expected to disappear in the next fiscal year.

The gap between projected

revenues and current spending commitments for the next fiscal year is about 9 percent, and public schools, higher education and social services consume 88 percent of the state tax dollars in the current budget.

"I think the governor's got a very difficult job ahead of him in crafting a budget that balances without doing great damage to important programs and services," said Senate Vice President John Vratil, a Leawood Republican.

Some Republicans are looking forward to taking on the challenge with Brownback.

"Government efficiency is something we've advocated for many years," said House Majority Leader Arlen Siegfried, an Olathe Republican. "The fact that we have a reduced amount of revenues gives us an excellent opportunity to put that into effect."

Meanwhile, business leaders were looking forward to hearing Brownback talk about creating new private-sector jobs and lessening regulation.

"It is the private sector that funds state government, and the focus rightly should be there," said Kent Eckles, a vice president and lobbyist for the Kansas

Chamber of Commerce.

Democrats, facing GOP majorities of 32-8 in the Senate and 92-33 in the House, said they're also eager to see details of the new governor's proposals. Their leaders scheduled a news conference for immediately after the speech to outline the party's expected objections.

Democrats argued during the campaign that Brownback's "Road Map" was vague and designed to divert attention away from his opposition to abortion and other views on social issues giving him strong appeal among religious conservatives.

In his inaugural address, Brownback extolled faith as a Kansas virtue and decried the "crassness of modernity."

Some abortion opponents said they didn't expect Brownback to mention their issues. He's already said he'll sign anti-abortion legislation the Legislature sends him but as governor, will concentrate on economic issues.

"He's already made statements saying that he supports the fact that there'll be these types of bills that will come along," said Rep. Steve Huebert, a Valley Center Republican who's sponsoring a measure to tighten restrictions on late-term abortions.

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Thursday Evening January 13, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Community	Office	Office	30 Rock	30 Rock	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Million Dollar		Bones		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straight			First 48	The First 48	
AMC	Enter the Dragon				Enter the Dragon					
ANIM	Swarm Chasers	Infested!		Infested!		Swarm Chasers	Infested!			
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives	Happens		
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard	Mr. Mom				The Singing Bee		Smarter	Smarter	
CNN	Parker Spitzer	Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360				Anderson Cooper 360		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Orion	South Pk
DISC	MythBusters	American Chopper		Auction	Oddities	MythBusters		American Chopper		
DISN	16 Wishes		Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	The Princess Diaries			Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Final	
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball				College Basketball				
FAM	Van Helsing					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Unwrapped	Chopped		Iron Chef America		
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Double Jeopardy			Double Jeopardy		
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	Hunters	Cash & Ca	Hunters	Selling	Selling	
HIST	Ancient Aliens		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Stan Lee's		Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Poison Ivy II: Lily			How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier	
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore			Teen Mom 2		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	Lopez	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
SCI	Star Trek IV		Star Trek VI			Sunshine				
SPIKE	Gangland		TNA Wrestling			MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	Son Beach	
TBS	50 First Dates			Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight		
TCM	Only Two Can Play			The Millionaire						
TLC	Police Women	Police Women		Secret Service		Police Women		Secret Service		
TNT	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
TOON	Regular	MAD	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Chicken
TRAV	Hamburger Paradise	Man, Food	Man, Food	Carnivore	Man, Food	Ribs Paradise		Man, Food	Man, Food	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	The Break-Up					I Now Pronounce You				
VH1	SNL	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live	When Harry Met Sally...				
WGN	WWE Superstars		How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		
Premium Channels										
HBO	Tooth Fairy		Percy Jackson			Orgasm; Real Sex		Ricky Gervais		
MAX	The Ring				The Hangover					
SHOW	Scary Movie 2			Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work		Laugh	Laugh	Californ.	Shameless	

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Friday Evening January 14, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Supernanny		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: NY		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Day Earth-Still				Day Earth-Still				The Abyss	
ANIM	Confessions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions	
BRAVO	Jerry Maguire					Jerry Maguire				
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Blue Coll	Smarter	Smarter	
CNN	Parker Spitzer	Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360				Anderson Cooper 360		
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Comedy	Whitney Cummings		Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy
DISC	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		
DISN	Deck	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Deck	Deck	Deck	Phineas	Phineas	
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Born Different		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	High Scho	NFL Live	Boxing				SportsCenter		MMA Live	Final
FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Food	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners
FX	Eagle Eye				Hitman				Lights Ou	
HGTV	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.										
HIST	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		American	American	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	How I Met	How I Met	Reba	Reba
MTV	Teen Mom	Critics	Jersey Shore		Freedom Writers				Jersey	
NICK	Big Time	Victor!ou	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	G. Martin	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Merlin		Stargate SG-1		Merlin	
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Entourage	Entourage	MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Anchorman				Office	Glory Daze		Anchorman: Legend of Ron		
TCM	99 River Street			Kansas City				The Crooked Way		
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	Bones			The Hulk						
TOON	Ben 10	Star Wars	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Critics Choice		16th Critics' Choice				16th Critics' Choice			
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Night-Smithsonian		Gervais	Gervais	Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		Funny or	Gervais
MAX	Funny People				Charlie's Angels					
SHOW	Elegy		Nine				Transporter 3			

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