## Weather Corner



National Weather Service **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 18. 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: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. South wind between 10 and 15

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 57. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a

high near 47. Monday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of

precipitation is 40 percent. Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 37.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and windy, with a low around

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 35. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 50. Thursday: High, 68; Low 19 Precip: Thursday 0.03 inches

Month: 0.03 inches 0.46 inches Year: Normal: 2.11 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

> Sunrise and Sunset New mood today

7:11 a.m. 6:41 p.m. Sunday 7:10 a.m. 6:42 p.m. 7:08 a.m. 6:43 p.m. Monday (U.S. Naval Observatory)

## Principal makes hall of fame

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finishes, 34 individual state champions, 10 two-time state champions, three three-time state champions, one four-time state champion - his son Billy - and 76 second- through sixth-place individual placers. Gabel's coaching record in duals is 205 wins, 104 losses and 10 ties.

Gabel has received his fair share of individual honors as well including being a five-time wrestling coach of the year, two-time Kansas wrestling coach of year and regional coach of the year (an award that covers six states). St. Francis High School named one of its wrestling tournaments after him: the Gabel/Jenkins Invitational. Steve Jenkins was Gabel's assistant wrestling coach for 30 years.

During his own college wrestling career Gabel was an All-American at Northeastern Junior College in Colorado and he took fourth in the national tour-

Gabel also served on the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service staff in Cheyenne County for 25 years and was an emergency medical services director for the county for 16 years. He was elementary grade school principal for 23 years. He was active in the wrestling coaches association for 31 years and served as the 3-2-1A representative to the Kansas Coaches Association.

Gabel said his wife Beth, his daughter Brandi Jones of Goodland, her son Jordan, 3 years old; Billy and his wife Rudilee and their daughter Gia, 2; all attended the induction ceremony.

## City buys dishwasher for community building

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Engineering, for design and construction engineering on Willow Avenue. This increased the cost from \$140,000 to \$155,000. Council President Jim Brown said the council made a verbal agreement about three meetings ago with Jerol DeBoer of Penco. He said DeBoer laid out for them what his company was go-

ing to do at that time and said he would come back with a price at a later date.

Councilman Pat Mallory said the council asked DeBoer to have Penco re-engineer the road on Willow Avenue that runs to Bosselman's truck stop. The extra \$15,000 reflects the extra inspection, engineering and design costs that went into making the change, Brown said.

## Special education costs still a sticking point on state budget

By John Hanna

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA – Kansas legislative negotiators made no progress this week on a bill sought by Gov. Sam Brownback to trim spending from the current budget because they weren't talking Friday about how to meet his goal while satisfying the federal government's demand to increase spending on public schools' special education pro-

The key issue is covering \$26 million in special education costs. U.S. Department of Education officials have told Kansas that if it doesn't spend the money, it will lose the same amount of federal funds each year going forward.

Senators initially committed to spending the money, going against Brownback's goal to trim spending. The House initially didn't include any new special education dollars in its version of the bill trimming the current budget.

House negotiators are now willing to spend the money on special education but want to take it out of the state's base aid to Kansas' 289 school districts. Senators have a plan to push the bill into the fiscal year that begins July 1.

House members who are supposed cation funding is tied to passing

didn't meet this week, and they don't have any meetings scheduled. Each chamber insists it's open to compromise but is waiting for the other chamber to make a new offer.

Negotiations on major issues often stall when the two chambers have major disagreements, but protracted impasses are unusual for budget talks, because legislative leaders usually feel some urgency to resolve spending issues. Brownback had asked legislators to put forth a budget bill before

"It's very disappointing," said Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn, a Sedgwick Republican who is her chamber's lead negotiator. "They've pretty much said all conferencing is off and we are adjourned."

The deadlock creates the possibility legislators won't pass any bill to trim the current budget. Kansas law allows Brownback to make some cuts himself, but his authority is limited. Also, the federal government's demands must be addressed at some point.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Marc Rhoades, a Newton Republican, said his The three senators and three chamber's stance on special eduto draft a compromise budget bill a bill in line with Brownback's

goals. He said House members will continue talks if there's some sign of movement from senators but, "We're waiting."

The governor wants to cut \$38 million in spending from the current budget, hoping to leave cash reserves of about \$35 million when the new fiscal year begins July 1. Both the savings and the reserves would roll over, helping reduce a \$493 million shortfall projected for the next fiscal year.

The House now proposes to cover the extra special education costs before July 1 by diverting money from the state's contributions to pensions for teachers and government workers. Then, as soon as the fiscal year begins July 1, the same amount would be diverted into the pension system from school districts' base aid.

Base aid would drop \$40 per student, in addition to a cut of \$232 per student Brownback already has proposed because of the state's financial problems. The base aid figure would decline from \$4,012 to \$3,740, a drop of almost 7 percent.

"The Senate will not go with that," said Sen. Laura Kelly, a Topeka Democrat and one of her chamber's negotiators.

Senators proposed delaying a Of course, those reserves would \$69 million contribution to the dwindle immediately when the pension system from April 15 until state caught up to making the penafter July 1. The state could then sion payment, and the decision cover the special education costs the next fiscal year. without cutting schools' other aid, and it would carry reserves of \$83 "That doesn't help anybody," million into the next fiscal year.

could complicate budgeting for





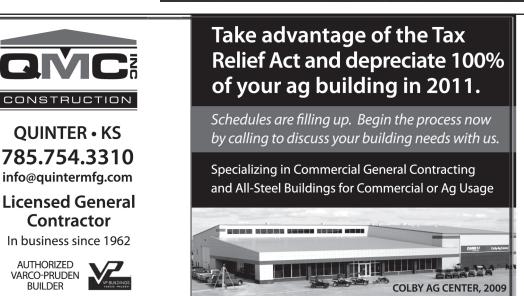
WICHITA (AP) - Sedgwick County officers are searching for tems are a prime target because thieves who are damaging large they contain several metals and crop irrigation systems to get to are in remote places.

three of the systems have been damaged this week in northwest Sedgwick County, costing farmers tens of thousands of dollars for

The thieves sell the scrap cop-

Hargus says the irrigation sys-

KAKE-TV reports that farmers Sheriff Sgt. Gary Hargus says can help watch out for each other by using a web site set up by the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. The site, called C-A-L-I-N. allows farmers and business. men to communicate with each other through an Internet message board.



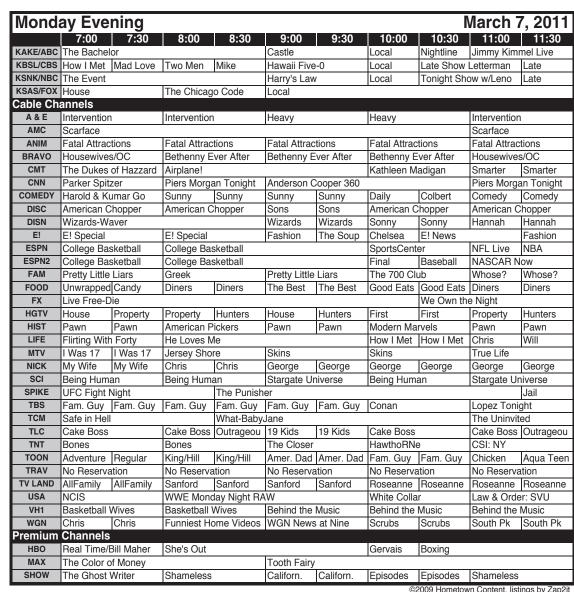
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