

Weather



National Weather Service  
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west after midnight.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of rain and snow showers before midnight, then a chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow showers before 7 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Monday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Monday: High, 43; Low 4  
Tuesday: High, 45; Low 12  
Precip: Monday None  
Tuesday None  
Month: None  
Year: 11.74 inches  
Normal: 20.65 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
Sunrise and Sunset  
Thursday 7:56 a.m. 5:21 p.m.  
New moon at 2:42 a.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Senate leader had big bankruptcy

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the 2013 session starts in mid-January.

Masterson said he understands that some might question his appointment because of the bankruptcy. But he said it gives him a personal perspective on the tough economic times.

"Who better to lead out of the forest than somebody who has seen a lot of the pitfalls?" he asked.

Kansas faces a projected \$295 million gap between anticipated revenues and existing spending commitments for the fiscal year beginning in July 2013. The shortfall is tied to massive income-tax cuts enacted this year to stimulate the economy, which

Masterson supported.

Incoming Senate President Susan Wagle of Wichita said Masterson has "tremendous credibility with his peers." New Majority Leader Terry Bruce of Hutchinson said none of the nine members of the leadership panel – who include Wagle and Bruce – saw the bankruptcy as an issue.

Masterson served four years in the House before winning his Senate seat in 2008. He was re-elected this year without opposition.

"Everybody has faith in his ability to bring forward a good product to the Senate floor," Bruce said.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Dem-

ocrat, said Masterson was the logical choice for the chairmanship, given that conservative Republicans ousted the chamber's previous moderate GOP leaders in this year's elections. Masterson was the only conservative on the Ways and Means Committee this year.

"He's a quick study in terms of the budget," Hensley said.

Masterson said the bankruptcy was linked to the 2006 failure of a business, Masterbuilt Homes. The problems started with an employee's mismanagement and unauthorized charges, he added

The senator and his wife filed for bankruptcy in December 2010 under a chapter of federal bankruptcy law that allows in-

dividuals or businesses to liquidate their debts. They listed \$304,100 in assets, including their \$270,000 home, and nearly \$1.13 million in debts, including more than \$243,000 on their home's mortgage.

Masterson owed Corner Bank \$209,000 and Emprise Bank \$53,890 in commercial loans. He and his wife also listed more than \$160,000 in revolving credit card debt, but the filing said the debts were not primarily consumer obligations.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court records available online show that Masterson's debts were discharged in late April and the case was closed in August, two days after the state's primary election.

Living nativity to honor late professor

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that if they were live and on private property, no one would be able to take it down.

"I thought this would be a great way to honor the Christmas season and to also keep my mind busy during this first Christmas without my husband.

"He was always doing things for others, and he was the most humble and unselfish man I've ever met. The nativity and dona-

tions to Genesis would have made him very happy."

Johnson said Theron died Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the age of 78, after struggling with leukemia for 6 1/2 years. He retired in 1997 from Colby Community College as the dean of student services.

"He tried several experimental drugs for his type of leukemia," said Johnson, "but, they didn't work. He saw the tremendous value in these drugs and knew that if one

worked, it would have helped so many people."

Johnson said she hopes many drive out to her farm to honor her husband's memory and enjoy the Christmas cheer.

"What better way to remember him than to support such a giving organization that needs our help now more than ever," she said. "Who needs help more during this time of year than Genesis?"

Quickie weddings on the rise, just not in Vegas

By Hannah Dreier

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS – Las Vegas, land of the quickie wedding, is in the midst of a serious love recession, and chapels in a city accustomed to playing the numbers aren't about to let the latest money-making opportunity pass – Dec. 12, 2012.

They are hoping the lure of a wedding license stamped with a once-in-a-century 12-12-12 will help boost revenue.

Sin City's share of the weddings business has fallen by a third since 2004 as cities from New Orleans to New York have gotten into the elopement industry.

"From a marketing perspective, it's a very big deal. Numbers are associated with Vegas," said Ann Parsons, marketing director for Vegas Weddings, which runs four chapels in town. "Unfortunately, it's the last date like that we'll have."

Chapels from the rundown courthouse area to the ritzy Strip are jumping at the chance to sell 12-12-12 packages at three times the normal price for weekday ceremonies during the wedding offseason, from November to April.

In the absence of any obvious symbolism – like 7-7-07, which gamblers will recognize as the

numbers for a lucky slot machine winner – chapels are turning to Chinese numerology.

"One is considered a yang number, while two is considered a yin number. Combining the two can offer new couples balance," the marketing firm Back Bar USA said in a press release announcing its \$1,212,120 wedding package that includes the use of a private jet, watches and earrings for the wedding party, and dinner at a Michelin-rated restaurant.

Triple digit wedding dates have become a lifeline for struggling chapels, said Joni Moss, a longtime Las Vegas wedding planner and founder of the Nevada Wedding Association.

Over the years, the city has become known for such nuptial innovations as drive-through weddings, over the top themes, and Elvis look-alikes playing minister.

The boom in competition means real heartache for the city of lights, where weddings are the second largest industry after gambling, and newlyweds bring in about \$800 million annually, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Clark County, where Las Vegas is located, issued a third fewer wedding licenses for Nov. 11, 2011, which attracted a large share of veterans and fell on a

Friday, than it did for July 7, 2007.

The county captured 5.7 percent of the U.S. wedding market in 2004 compared to 4.4 percent in 2010, the last year the stats are available. Overall, speedy weddings and destination ceremonies are more popular than ever, according to *The Wedding Report*, an online market research firm.

More people are getting married at ages when they no longer need a gift registry to fill their kitchens or a "Big Day" to mark the transition to adulthood, said Linda Waite, a sociology professor at the University of Chicago.

And with budgets tightening and wedding costs spiraling ever upward, the stigma is falling away from getting hitched on the cheap. As a result, businesses and cities across the country are looking to attract couples fleeing the wedding industrial complex.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg turned the Manhattan Marriage Bureau into a gleaming 24,000-square-foot wedding palace in 2009, saying he was setting out to give Vegas a run for its money.

"Not everybody particularly likes Vegas," said Carolyn Gerin, co-author of the Anti-Bride Guide. "There are all sorts of

business that have sprung up to cater to brides that want to do it differently. It's like, why would they leave money on the table."

The lure of getting married in Las Vegas has long been tied to the state's streamlined wedding laws, which allow couples to skip blood tests and waiting periods. In recent years, other states have also hit the accelerator on their marriage license process.

Mississippi enacted a "quickie marriage" law this year to attract visitor and similar legislation is under consideration in New Jersey.

New Orleans saw a jump in marriage tourism after eliminating its waiting period in 2003, according to the Louisiana Department of Tourism.

"I feel like everyone who is getting married considers Vegas. I've just never liked it that much; it's tacky," said Nina Baltierra, 27, who eloped in 2010 after spending months planning an increasingly elaborate 200-person wedding in rural Pennsylvania.

Instead of flying to the desert, Baltierra and her groom called in sick and drove to New York City, where they were married in Central Park by a photographer and officiant team who do a brisk business in public, "guerilla-style" elopements.

Briefly

Volunteers needed to deliver meals to seniors

The Colby Nutrition Site at the Senior Progress Center needs volunteers to deliver meals to homes from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. Call Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information.

Santa City now open each weeknight

Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, is open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, the winter wonderland will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Coalition invites everyone to meeting

Everyone is invited to join the Thomas County Healthy Communities Coalition at its meeting at noon Thursday at El Dos de Oros. You will have a chance to win your lunch and become a partner in building a healthy community. For information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177.

Big Brothers cookin' up soup, chili and gumbo

For a \$5 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at their second annual soup supper, you can enjoy chili; chicken noodle, ham and bean or cream-can soup; or gumbo, with a cinnamon roll for dessert. Come to the Colby High School basketball game from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Community Building. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend to a free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. For information, call Norma Higerd at 462-7806.

Mingo Bible Church to hold free program

Stephanie Pauline of More Than Music Inc. will sing Christmas songs and give her Christian testimony at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mingo Bible Church. Everyone is invited to this free program. An offering will be taken. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at 462-2930.

Golden Plains to have annual soup supper

Golden Plains Elementary School invites everyone to celebrate the holidays with its seventh annual soup supper and Christmas concert Monday in Selden. Teachers and staff will serve homemade chili and chicken noodle soup along with desserts from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Selden Community Building. The program will follow at 7 p.m. at the grade school. Donations will go to the school's playground fund and the Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site Project. For information, call Traci Bruggeman at the school, (785) 386-4560.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Thursday Evening										December 13, 2012									
A & E	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	A & E	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Resort		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		KAKE/ABC	Last Resort		Grey's Anatomy		Scandal		Local	Nightline
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men			Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Two Men			Elementary		Local	Late Show Letterman
KSNK/NBC	All Night	All Night	Take It All		Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		KSNK/NBC	All Night	All Night	Take It All		Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Glee		Local						KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Glee		Local			
Cable Channels																			
AMC	Miracle-34 St.						Panic 9-1-1				AMC	Miracle-34 St.							
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives	Atlanta		BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Atlanta
CMT	Reba	Reba			Redneck Island		Redneck Island		Redneck Island		CMT	Reba	Reba			Redneck Island		Redneck Island	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront	
COMEDY	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy Central Roast		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		COMEDY	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy Central Roast		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0
DISC	Amish Mafia		Moonshiners		Ghost Town Gold		Moonshiners		Ghost Town Gold		DISC	Amish Mafia		Moonshiners		Ghost Town Gold		Moonshiners	
DI	Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause		ANT Farm		Gravity		Phineas		Jessie	ANT Farm	DI	Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause		ANT Farm		Gravity		Phineas	
ESPN	The Soup	Knocked Up					Chelse		Chelse		ESPN	The Soup	Knocked Up					Chelse	
ESPN2	High School Basketball			High School Basketball			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		ESPN2	High School Basketball			High School Basketball			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Wm. Volleyball		Wm. Volleyball				Football		NFL Live		ESPN2	Wm. Volleyball		Wm. Volleyball			Football		NFL Live
FAM	Nat'l-Christmas		The Polar Express				The 700 Club		Christmas Every Day		FAM	Nat'l-Christmas		The Polar Express			The 700 Club		Christmas Every Day
FOOD	Sugar Dome		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		The Next Iron Chef		Sweet Genius		FOOD	Sugar Dome		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		The Next Iron Chef	
FX	Deck the Halls		Sunny		League		League	Unsuper.	Sunny	League	FX	Deck the Halls		Sunny		League		League	Unsuper.
HGTV	Hotel Impossible		Extreme Homes		Hunters		Hunt Intl		Home Strange Home		HGTV	Hotel Impossible		Extreme Homes		Hunters		Hunt Intl	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Bamazon		Ax Men		Pawn	Pawn	HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Bamazon		Ax Men	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Abby's Dance				Project Runway		LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Abby's Dance			
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey		Jersey Shore		MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey	
NICK	Big Time Rush		Full H'se		Full H'se		The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	NICK	Big Time Rush		Full H'se		Full H'se		The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next				Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		SCI	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next				Star Trek: Next	
SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling				Ink Master		MMA		Ways Die		SPIKE	iMPACT Wrestling				Ink Master		MMA	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang			Conan		Office	Office	TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang			Conan	
TCM	Les Miserables				Les Misérables				Les Misérables		TCM	Les Miserables				Les Misérables			
TLC	Sin City Rules		Top 10 Weddings of 2		Say Yes	Say Yes	Top 10 Weddings of 2		Say Yes	Say Yes	TLC	Sin City Rules		Top 10 Weddings of 2		Say Yes	Say Yes	Top 10 Weddings of 2	
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball				TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball	
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Delocated	TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Dangerous Grounds		Mysteries-Museum		TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Dangerous Grounds	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens		TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Burn Notice		NCIS		Law & Order: SVU		USA	NCIS		NCIS		Burn Notice		NCIS	
VH1	40 Funniest Fails 2		Miss Congeniality						Behind the Music	The Short	VH1	40 Funniest Fails 2		Miss Congeniality					
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules	WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos	
Premium Channels																			
HBO	Mel Brooks		What's Your Number?				Katie Doe	Cathouse	24/7	Safe Hse	HBO	Mel Brooks		What's Your Number?				Katie Doe	Cathouse
MAX	What's Love				Big Mommas						MAX	What's Love				Big Mommas			
SHOW	Red				Sexy Baby			Old Porn	Reality	Old Porn	SHOW	Red				Sexy Baby			Old Porn

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HIST	AMERICAN PICKERS	AMERICAN PICKERS	AMERICAN PICKERS	HOW THE	HOW THE	AMERICAN PICKERS			
LIFE	Holly's Holiday		Undercover Christmas			Holly's Holiday			
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore			
NICK	Rugrats	SpongeBob	See Dad	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	WWF SmackDown!		Haven			Haven			
SPIKE	Lucky Number Slevin					Payback			
TBS	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	The Hangover				
TCM	Trouble in Paradise		Design for Living			One Hour With You			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides			
TNT	Lord of the Rings								
TOON	Cartoon Planet	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	The Dead Files			The Dead Files			
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The King of Queens			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Burn Notice			
VH1	Basketball Wives LA	Basketball Wives LA	Marry			SNL in the 2000s			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos			
Premium Channels									
HBO	Contraband				Your Highness				
MAX	Hall Pass	This Means War			Chronicle		Lingerie	Dark Secrets	
SHOW	Anthony Clark	Traffic							