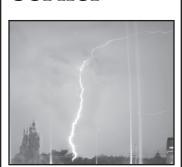
Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. mainly after 10 a.m. Mostly cloudy, high near 66. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A chance of drizzle before 1 p.m. Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Thursday: A 30 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Thursday Night: A 30 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 66.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Friday: High, 58; Low 30 Saturday: High, 60; Low 38 Sunday: High, 65; Low 42 Precip: Friday 0.18 inches Saturday 0.00 inches

Sunday 0.08 inches Month: 1.36 inches 3.97 inches Normal: 3.89 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset 7:00 a.m. 8:27 p.m. Wednesday 6:59 a.m. 8:28 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Kansas sees \$70 million budget shortfall

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son said. "That's why I reiterate my call for receiving additional federal dollars. the Legislature to return to Topeka at the end of the month prepared to raise the revenue we need to prevent permanent damage to the foundation of our state."

The Republican-controlled Legislature returns April 28 to finish its work for the task of historic proportions," said Schmidt, year. Neither the House nor Senate has approved a budget for next year, nor any plan for new taxes to make it balance.

Parkinson has proposed \$380 million in

port. His budget plan also includes small create lasting economic recovery," Parkin- increases in public education and the state

Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt said finding a solution will require a bipartisan compromise among legislators and Parkinson.

"Balancing this budget will be a daunting an Independence Republican. "There is no good or popular option that will get the job

The Senate Ways and Means Committee tax increases, including raising the sales will start working on its budget Monday

tax rate, but the plan has found little sup- and then turn to tax proposals.

House and Senate Democratic leaders said tax increases must be part of the mix to prevent deeper cuts.

"Now it's time to make the tough choices that we knew were inevitable," said House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat. "We must begin to look past 2011's bottom line and consider the longterm impact of our decisions."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Kevin Yoder said the budget proposal drafted by his panel still would balance despite Friday's revenue revisions. That plan created a revenue surplus of more than

\$300 million in 2011 by freezing spending, making additional cuts and additional federal money for Medicaid.

However, Yoder said there doesn't seem to be support to either do what the House proposes or for the increases sought by Parkinson and Senate leaders to raise taxes. Yoder said the root problem is unemployment and how to create more jobs, not how

"Would a tax increase help small business hire people again?" asked Yoder, an Overland Park Republican. "I don't think

to maintain current state spending.

State Legislature may charge nursing homes more

TOPEKA (AP) — Operators of tors generally are united on most ing this is something they will said. "That's what providers do. ey." centers in Kansas are deeply divided over a proposal to charge a taking a position. fee for every bed in their facilities

of \$1,325 per bed. It would raise an estimated \$27 million from new federal dollars.

Supporters say the extra money would help a state payment system struggling with deep budget cuts, while opponents argue that fee for other budget purposes. lawmakers facing a big budget gap would likely use the money tive officer of the Kansas Health for other purposes.

Phyllis Kelly, executive director of the Kansas Adult Care Execuhome and assisted-living opera-

visive that her organization is not

"We usually as an industry are in an effort to attract more federal very together on the issues related to long-term care, our seniors and A bill awaiting action in the our elderly," Kelly said. "This is Legislature would assess a fee one that we definitely have different opinions about."

Debra Zehr, president and chief nursing homes, which could be executive officer of the Kansas matched by about \$62 million in Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, which represents nonprofit facilities, said she's been told that lawmakers in other states have used the revenue from this

> But Cindy Luxem, chief execu-Care Association, said she doesn't understand the opposition.

"I am shocked at the fact that tives Association, said nursing- the people that oppose this have scared senior citizens into think-

nursing homes and assisted-living issues, but this proposal is so di- have to pay themselves," said Luxem, whose organization represents both nonprofit and for-profit facilities. "There is this dirty secret, the issue about private pay, this is not a new issue for this profession."

> Because nursing facilities operate with tight limits on Medicaid reimbursement, Luxem said, private residents often pay a larger piece of the overall bill. She said that burden by bringing new money into the system.

'granny tax' for years," Luxem how they would spend that mon- great budget crises we are in."

They make the private pay people make up for those deficiencies."

Zehr said pressure to implement the fees and use the money for other purposes increases during difficult budget times. In fact, she said, the House Appropriations Committee budget already proposes taking some of the new money.

"I certainly am not saying there is malicious intent on the part of the new tax would help reduce any legislator," Zehr said. "It is 'We've had a secret or a silent the Legislature started to look at revenue enhancements to help the

Luxem responded that the bill establishing the fees requires that the program end and money be returned to nursing facilities if the money is diverted. She noted

raised by a similar fee for hospi-And she said nursing homes might not get their 10 percent cut in Medicaid reimbursements re-

that the state hasn't swiped dollars

"I guess I'm being a realist," just what happens over time. In she said. "I don't believe there is our case, it was 24 hours before any plans out there for any great

stored without the new tax.

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Candidate arrested at Salina 'tea party' SALINA (AP) — A Kansas though the alleged altercation took

gubernatorial candidate has been place at that gathering. arrested over an alleged altercation at a recent "tea party" event non ran into the former head of the in central Kansas.

The Salina Journal reported making a criminal threat. Cannon the district. is running an independent campaign for governor.

Cannon's arrest Thursday wasn't the death of Cannon's son. related to the tea party event, al-

Police say it started when Can-Concordia school board.

Police say the altercation Saturday that Ken Cannon of Sali- stemmed from problems that had na faces charges of battery and occurred while Cannon worked in

However, his campaign manager, Keith Davies, says Cannon Salina police said Friday that reacted after someone mentioned

Tuesday Evening **April 20, 2010** 10:00 KBSL/CBS NCIS KSNK/NBC The Biggest Lose Tonight Show w/Leno Parenthood A & E Criminal Minds Criminal Minds Criminal Minds Top Gun Fatal Attractions Fatal Attraction BRAVO Mill. Matchmaker Mill. Matchmaker 9 by Design 9 by Design Real Housewives Extreme Makeover True Blue: Ten Years Blue Collar Comedy Gator 911 Coast True Blue: Ten Years Campbell Brown arry King Live Anderson Cooper 360 Larry King Live Tosh.0 S. Park South Pk South Pk S. Park S. Park Deadliest Catch Deadliest Catch Deadliest Catch Deadliest Catch Cadet Kelly Wizards SportsCenter Special Baseball Tonight Baseball Tonight SportsCenter Football Coll. Football All-Star Chall 30 for 30 **SportsNation** Funniest Home Videos Whose? Whose? Funniest Home Videos Chefs vs. City Good Eats Unwrapped Chefs vs. City Cakes Damages S.W.A.T Justified Justified My First Home Rules Home Rules First House House My First Ancient Aliens HIST Ancient Aliens Ancient Aliens 16 and Pregnant Pregnant The Nanny The Nanny The Nanny The Nanny Deadliest Warrior Warrior Deadliest Warrior Deadliest Warrio Office Office Lopez Tonight Name Earl Name Ear TCM Quo Vadis? Ivanhoe Your Kid Ate What? Your Kid Ate What? NBA Basketball Inside the NBA NBA Basketball Garfield odename Ed, Edd Ghost Adventures Food Wars Food Wars Food Wars Ghost Adventures **Ghost Adventures** TV LAND Home Imp. Home Imp Raymond Raymond Raymond Raymond Roseanne Roseanne Law & Order: SVU aw & Order: SVU Law Order: CI RuPaul's Drag Race Brandy & Ray J RuPaul's Drag Race Basketbal Chill Sober House Scrubs Premium Channels Four Christmases Burma VJ: Reporting Treme Orphan Ronin Erotic 3

Wednesday Evening April 21, 2010 7:00 7:30 KBSL/CBS Chris Late Show Letterman Late Criminal Minds CSI: NY Local KSNK/NBC Mercy Law & Order: SVI Law & Order: SVI Local Tonight Show w/Leno KSAS/FOX American Idol Local Cable Channels Dog Bounty Hunter Pale Ride I Shouldn't Be Alive Top Chef Masters Top Chef Masters Top Chef Masters Top Chef Masters Gator 911 Gator 91 Coast Campbell Brown Larry King Live Anderson Cooper 360 Larry King Live South Pk Ugly Chappelle Chappelle Tosh.0 South Pk Ugly DISC Weird or What? What a Tool Weird or What? MythBusters Wizards Deck Tinker Bell Phineas Montana Hollywood Murder E! Investigates: Bul Chelsea E! News Chelsea Heiresses MLB Baseball Baseball Tonight Baseball Tonight SportsCenter SportsNation Who's Number 1 SportsCenter Special The 700 Club Remember Remember the Titans Whose? Dinner: Impossible Good Eats Unwrapped Flay XXX: Union

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