

Weather Corner



Rain possible

Tonight — Partly cloudy, lows in the mid 20s with winds from the southwest at 10 to 15 mph. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy, windy and rain possible. Otherwise highs will be around 50 with winds from the southwest turning to the west at 20 to 30 mph and gusts near 40 mph. **Tuesday night** — The possibility of rain continues with a 40 percent chance under partly cloudy skies with lows in the low 20s. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny, clearing and breezy with highs in the 40s and winds from the northwest at 15 to 25 mph. **Wednesday night** — Mostly clear with lows again in the low 20s.

Temperatures
Records for this date, Saturday (Nov. 11) high: 78 in 1902; low: 2 in 1911; Sunday (Nov. 12) high: 76 in 1971; low 0 in 1911; Monday, Nov. 13 high: 78 in 1932; low -5 in 1940
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
November's precipitation, 0.00
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Thanksgiving service planned

The Thomas County Ministerial Alliance is having a Community Thanksgiving service at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin Ave.
All are welcome to join in giving thanks to God for his many blessings to us, a spokesperson said. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Thomas County Traveler's Assistance fund. Those attending are asked to bring two non-perishable food items per family member for the Genesis food bank.

Girl Scouts sponsor symposium

A "Women in Business Symposium," sponsored by the Colby Girl Scout Troop 162, is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center Frahm Theater on the Colby Community College campus. Guest speakers include Kris Bishop, Colby College vice-president of Academic Affairs; Tina Harris, owner of Harris Physical Therapy; Cindy Cersovsky, owner of Cersovsky Insurance and Ardath Beringer, owner of Colby Photo and Corner Cutter Plus of Hoxie.
The event is free and open to everyone. For questions, call Terrilyn Fleming, 462-3984, ext. 300.

Honor society induction

Colby High School's annual induction ceremony for the

Colby Chapter of the National Honor Society will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Colby High School auditorium. For questions, call Linda Jones, advisor, 460-5300.

Soccer group plans bake sale

Colby's American Youth Soccer Organization is sponsoring a bake sale at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

Contest deadline Wednesday

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is sponsoring a logo contest open to all residents in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties. There is no age restriction. The entry deadline is Wednesday. The winner will be announced in December and receive \$100.

"We want an icon describing who we are and we want to be able to use that on everything associated with the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization," said Lynette Koon, coordinating the contest. Send entries by mail to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization, P.O. Box 43, Colby, Kan. 67701.

For questions, Koon can be reached at 460-6598 or e-mail: koonsters@st-tel.net; messages can also be left at the recycling center, 465-8157.

Flamingo flock invades Colby

Colby Heartland Christian School juniors and seniors are working on a fundraising project for a mission/history trip to Washington, D.C. in March 2007. The project involves pink flamingos, placed in a residents yard. Donations are made when the resident wants to have the birds removed. For questions, call Tammy Higerd at 460-6419.

Search for Santa volunteers goes on

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is looking for people to play Santa at Santa City. For those who know of someone that might be interested, call Holly Stephens, executive director and one of the Santa City organizers. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the smile that Santa puts on a child's face," Stephens said. Call 460-3401 for more information.

Free senior dinner Thursday

The social problems class at Colby Community College will host its 39th annual free Thanksgiving Dinner for older Americans noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. 5th St. The event, sponsored by the Thomas County Council on Aging and the college, is for those 55 years and older. "Everyone is asked to bring a salad," said CCC instructor Larry Koon. For info, 462-6617.

Problems crushed attorney general's re-election

TOPEKA (AP) — Attorney General Phill Kline once hired a nephew who was on probation for marijuana possession to be his driver.

His consumer protection chief had been arrested a dozen times during abortion protests, and that top aide gave his division a new philosophy.

Kline waged a two-year legal battle to obtain patient records from two abortion clinics.

He wrote a "church" memo to his campaign staff that the Washington-based Interfaith Alliance described as the worst abuse of religion in American politics during the 2006 election cycle.

Former Attorney General Bob Stephan, once an ally, broke with him.

None of those issues, by itself,

was fatal to Kline's re-election, given his advantage as a Republican in a GOP-leaning state. But together, they drained away his political capital until the result was inevitable — last week's electoral thrashing by Democrat Paul Morrison, the Johnson County district attorney.

"We anticipated by time election day rolled around that (Kline) was going to lose by double digits," Republican State Chairman Tim Shallenburger said in an interview. "He was plagued by missteps and misstatements and people who disliked him picking at him for four years."

Morrison captured 58 percent of the vote to Kline's 42 percent, in a state where Republicans account for nearly 46 percent of all regis-

tered voters.

In theory, it should have been at least a close race. Morrison was a member of the Kansas Sentencing Commission, which had over the years backed changes in Kansas law designed to keep people from coming to prison.

He switched parties to run against Kline in the general election. Some of the credit for the result goes to Morrison, of course. He raised \$2.2 million — twice as much as Kline or any previous attorney general candidate.

He attacked Kline aggressively and relentlessly. Also, no one should forget the intervention of Dr. George Tiller, a Wichita doctor who performs abortions, and fellow abortion rights advocates. A group with links to Tiller helped fund

mailings and phone calls attacking Kline.

In a postelection Internet posting for fellow conservatives, Kline cited the "intensity and viciousness" of his opponents' campaign against him.

He promised that during his remaining two months in office, "We shall not be deterred from doing what is right and we shall continue to act with the authority and power vested in us."

Some Republicans asked themselves before the election what Kline's political strength would have been had he not hired his nephew, named Bryan Brown as consumer protect chief or been so aggressive in seeking abortion records. Would Morrison even have challenged him?

"What I think we're seeing is that voters were wanting an alternative to Kline, and as soon as Morrison gave it to them, the election was over," said Bob Beatty, a Washburn University political scientist.

Kline created political problems for himself from the beginning of his four-year term, hiring his nephew and Brown in 2003.

Brown reshaped the consumer protection division so that restitution to consumers fell dramatically, then issued a report in October taking pride in that fact, saying the division was no longer pursuing frivolous or questionable cases.

In the past, the division's annual reports have been dry recitations of statistics and case summaries, whereas Brown's last one read like a position paper from a conservative or even libertarian think tank. Those issues paled to voters beside Kline's pursuit of the records of 90 patients from two clinics, including Tiller's. Kline said he needed the records to pursue crimes such as child rape and potentially illegal late-term abortions.

But Morrison found an issue that resonated with voters when he accused Kline of invading patients' privacy. The argument stuck, and neither Kline nor his supporters appeared to grasp that voters believed the invasion occurred whether he obtained the patients' names or not, but the moment the government had its hands on the documents.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.
The Thomas County Jail is used by the towns of Colby and Oakley

and Logan and Thomas counties.
Thomas County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday, Nov. 1
• **Traffic complaint:** At 3:13 p.m., a driver advised another car almost hit his vehicle on U.S. Highway 24.
• **Minor in possession:** Derreck

Blane Monson, 20, of Colby, was arrested at 2:31 a.m. by Colby police at Grant and Fifth Streets. The charge pending is minor in possession of a cereal malt beverage.
• **Minor in possession:** Alisha Jo Talsma, 20, of Colby, was arrested at 2:31 a.m. by Colby police at Fifth and Grant Streets. Charges pending

included minor in possession of a cereal malt beverage and transporting open container.
• **Minor in possession:** Christopher William Venters, 20, of Dighton, was arrested at 2:31 a.m., by Colby Police at Fifth and Grant Streets. The charge pending is minor in possession of a cereal malt

beverage.
• **Speeding, driving while suspended:** Travis James Beal, 32, of St. Francis, was arrested at 3:15 p.m. by a Gove County sheriff's deputy on Interstate 70 near milemarker 99. He was charged with failure to appear in Bee County, Texas, on a failure to appear for forgery. Other pending charges included speeding (107 mph) in a 70-mph zone; driving while suspended; transporting open container; third driving under the influence; criminal threat; resisting arrest; and failing to maintain lane.

Woman upset with stealing off the Internet

Dear Dr. Brothers: Do you think it is wrong to download stuff from the Internet without paying for it? My friends and I have been doing this for a while. It started out with just downloading a couple of CDs once in a while. But as we got more Internet-savvy and all these sites sprung up, we sort of went crazy. Now I am starting to have nightmares about being caught by the police. I have downloaded movies, books, whole seasons of TV shows, comic books, you name it. I can't figure out if I am a bad person or if everyone does it, or what. — J.E.

Dear J.E.: If you were a bad person, I don't suppose you would be wondering about it. And you certainly wouldn't be having nightmares. I'm not one to analyze every little dream, but if you are consistently finding that your sleep is being disturbed by visions of police and arrests, then clearly you feel you are doing something wrong and might be punished for it. Although these fears might seem far-fetched, if you and your friends keep it up, someday you actually may draw the attention of the authorities. Stranger things have happened. So for that reason alone, you should stop unlawful downloads.

The dreams also mean that you are feeling guilty and you want to be "policed" into stopping yourself. That's also probably why you have written to me. There might be a lot of peer pressure keeping you on this path. Instead, share or trade with people you know who have paid for stuff you like. Find a site that charges a reasonable fee for downloads, and start paying. You'll be amazed at how much better you'll feel very soon. Clearly you were not cut out for a life of crime, and now is your chance to turn things around.

Dear Dr. Brothers: For about a year, I have been living with this guy whom I found through a want ad for apartment sharing. He's a decent housemate, but I wanted to ask you about one of his habits. Well, his only habit. Whenever I see



Dr. Joyce Brothers

• **Ask Dr. Brothers**

him after work or on the weekends, he is in his room playing video games. I mean ALL the time. Once his computer broke for a week and he was very nervous and in a bad mood the whole time. I was wondering if you can be addicted to that kind of thing. He doesn't really talk to me or anything, or have a social life. — A.C.

Dear A.C.: Like any other habit, pastime or pleasure, a video-game interest can turn from moderation to an addiction

if the player does it for hours on end every day, to the exclusion of other activities. Video games in particular provide the great feeling environment that keeps addicts coming back for more with things like drugs, gambling or shoplifting.

And if they're not playing for money, the "downside" is usually seen as only missing out on stuff they're not interested in anyway. This assumes that they continue going to work. But video-game

addicts generally have few other interests to lure them away from the screen.

Some children can get addicted to video games quickly, and might neglect homework, friends and other activities to get their fix. A firm in Amsterdam has opened Europe's first detox center for video-game addicts, who live under its roof as they try to kick the habit.

A common chord there and from others treating this addictive behavior is that the players sometimes turn to drugs to be able to stay awake longer to play. If your roommate is losing sleep over this, it might be time to approach him about getting some help.

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