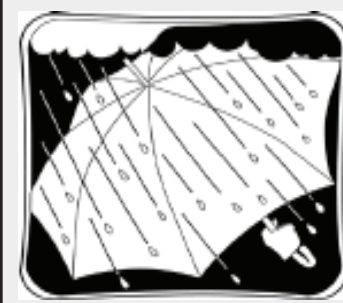


**Weather Corner**



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. North wind around 5 mph.  
**Tuesday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51. North wind around 5 mph becoming south.  
**Tuesday Night:** A 40 percent chance of rain before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. West wind around 5 mph.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 60. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 38.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.  
**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.  
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 68.

Friday: High, 73; Low 42  
 Saturday: High, 65; Low 43  
 Sunday: High 64, Low 38  
 Precip: Friday, 0:00  
 Saturday, 0:09  
 Sunday, 0:59  
 Month: 1.22  
 Year: 18.10  
 Normal: 19.19 in.  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Winds drive fire through 3,000 acres**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Intense Santa Ana winds swept into Southern California this morning and whipped up a 3,000-acre wildfire, forcing the closure of a major freeway during rush hour and burning mobile homes and industrial buildings.

"This is what we feared the most," said Los Angeles County fire Capt. Mark Savage. "The winds that were expected, they have arrived."

The blaze, 20 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, began Sunday and was calm overnight, but flared up early today when winds gusting to 65 mph moved in.

Officials said the fire has burned 3,712 acres and was about 5 percent contained this morning.

Re-energized flames jumped the Foothill Freeway, which was then closed in both directions for a three-mile stretch in northern Los Angeles amid the morning rush hour, officials said.

"That was quite a jump, that's an eight-lane fire break," said fire spokesman Paul Hartwell.

Fire Inspector Ron Haralson said the blaze had reached a mobile home park and an industrial area, but could not say how many structures had burned. The park was evacuated earlier today before flames reached it, he said.

The fire sent about 1,200 people from their homes over the weekend. All remained evacuated this morning, when the winds arrived and marked the start of the region's serious fire season.

About 100 evacuees had gathered at San Fernando High School, where some had seen news footage of their homes burning, said Red Cross spokesman Nick Samaniego.

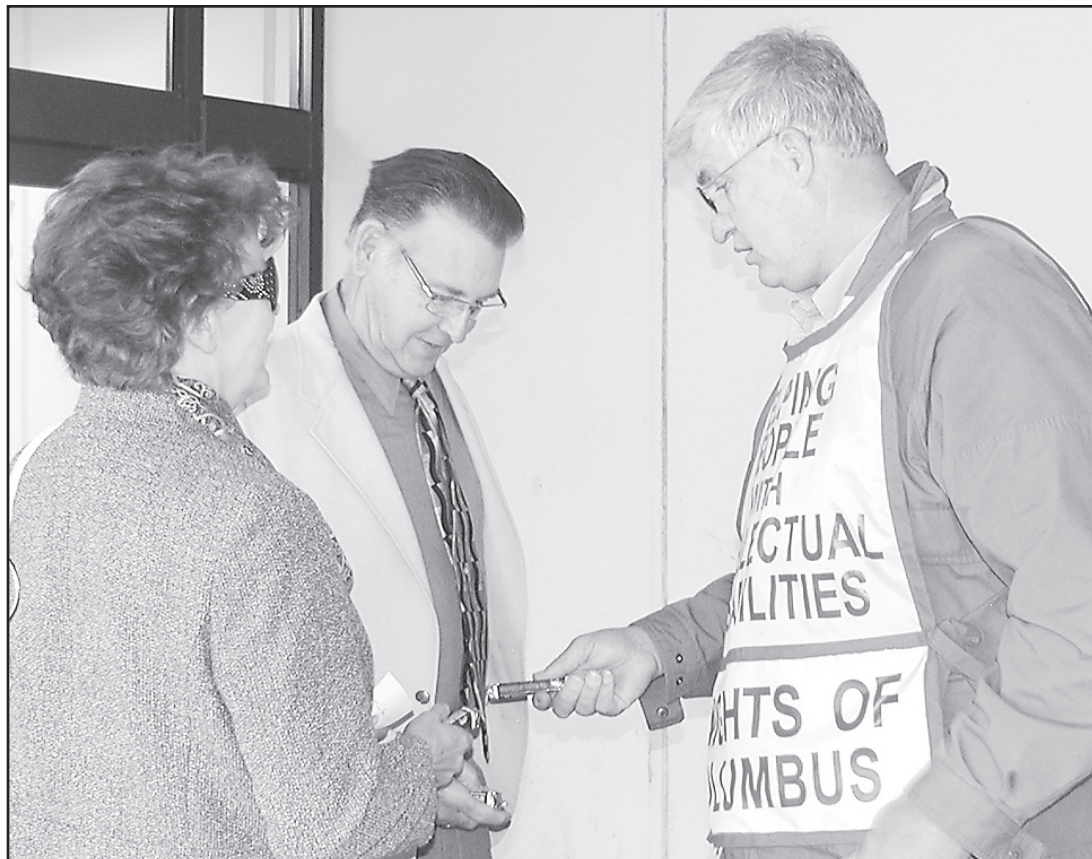
"You can imagine, it's a devastating situation," he said. "A lot of people on pins and needles waiting to hear news about their communities."

Jim Williams, 72, a retired city utility worker, was woken around 6 a.m. by police officers driving down his street telling residents to leave immediately.

Williams grabbed his medication, comb and toothbrush and was out of his house within five minutes. He went to the nearby Hansen Dam Aquatic Center, a 40-acre water recreation facility.

"I thought I would be safe here," Williams said.

*A sweet donation*



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 Knights of Columbus member Dave Everet (right), principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School, handed out Tootsie Rolls and collected a donation from Don and Donna Farley, Brewster, outside of Dillon's in Colby on Sunday. The money will be used for special education projects.

**Markets soar with bank rescue**

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street snapped back from last week's devastating losses after world governments announced more steps to support the global banking system, including plans by the U.S. Treasury to buy stocks of some banks.

All the major indexes rose well over 6 percent, and the Dow Jones industrials gained 500 points.

The hope on the Street was that the market was finding a bottom after eight sessions of devastating losses that sent the Dow down nearly 2,400 points. But while a rebound had been expected at some point, Wall Street can expect to see volatile, back-and-forth trading in the coming days and weeks as investors work through their concerns about the banking sector, the stagnant credit markets and the overall economy.

But the market did appear to take heart when the Bush administration said it is moving quickly to implement its \$700 billion rescue program, including consulting with law firms about the mechanics of buying ownership shares in a broad number of banks to help revive the stagnant credit markets and in turn get the economy moving again.

Neel Kashkari, the assistant Treasury secretary who is interim head of the program, said in a speech today officials were also developing guidelines to govern the purchase of soured mortgage-related assets. However, he gave few details about how the program will actually buy bad assets and bank stock.

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**New York Ballet in Colby on Sunday**

The New York Theatre Ballet will offer "He Loves/She Loves: A Radio Reverie" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Cultural Arts Center, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association.

The ballet is described as a frolic as The Radio Lady, sitting in an overstuffed chair, listens to her favorite program and dreams of how life could have been.

The dance numbers include two shy librarians in love, a pom-pom girl pursued by a body builder, a ballroom romance, a beach babe and a sextet of distraught lovers. The score includes 1950s music by George and Ira Gershwin.

Act II combines Agnes DeMille's choreography of sections from the musicals "Paint Your Wagon" and "Carousel."

The program is billed as suitable for all ages. Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$15 for adults and \$8 for students.

**Levant woman wins honor from Silver Haired Legislature**

A Levant woman was honored for her service by the Silver Haired Legislators during a banquet Oct. 1 in Topeka.

Rosalie Seeman, Levant, and Mel Henderson, Leawood, received awards for their work with the group, which helps seniors get more involved in state issues.

Also honored were the entire staff of the Kansas Department on Aging around in the state; Mary Ann Flunder, Kansas City; Verna Devine, Iola; and Dorothy Zook, Hesston.

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