

National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48. Windy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 46. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 52. Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Wednesday: High, 55; Low 27 0.00 inches Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches Month: 0.00 inches Year: 0.48 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station)

# Colby student lands internship abroad

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ticed a negative image of Americans. She said she hopes to help improve the way people look at

The three months in Brussels will complete her requirements for graduation at the university, where she is in the top 10 percent of the senior class.

Unger said her dream job after school would be to work in stay in Washington and work for parents at an early age.

the government when she returns from Brussels.

She said growing up in Colby has helped prepare her to succeed in college. She said the opportunity to volunteer at her church with the Catholic Youth Organization, school events and community projects gave her a good work ethic and the ability to get along with with people from diverse backgrounds.

Not last on her list of credits, the State Department in foreign she said, is her strong faith in God, policy. She said she would like to which she said was instilled by her

## Protests turn violent

Protests over the fatal shooting of to turn nasty after a splinter group an unarmed man by a Bay Area marched downtown. Rapid Transit police officer turned violent Wednesday night with windows broken, fires set and train stations closed.

A few hundred protesters took the streets of downtown Oakland to condemn the shooting and call for criminal charges against 27-year-old officer Johannes Mehserle. Oakland police reported at least 15 arrests.

Mehserle resigned from the transit agency shortly before he was supposed to be interviewed by investigators Wednesday.

Mehserle is accused of shooting 22-year-old Oscar Grant of Hayward, who was lying face-down on the station platform when he was shot and killed early New Year's Day. Mehserle was one of several officers responding to reports about groups of men fighting on a train.

Protesters gathered in the afternoon at the Fruitvale transit station where the shooting occurred. killed."

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - It was peaceful at first but began

Protesters set fire to a trash container and tried to overturn a police car, smashing the front window. Police attempted to disperse the crowd and groups of protesters marched to different areas.

Some protesters threw bottles, a window of a fast-food restaurant and other downtown stores were smashed and a car was set on fire during the rampage. Police in riot gear threw tear gas to try to break up the demonstration.

Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums went to the protest scene Wednesday night to urge for calm. He and several council members then led a group toward City Hall and further addressed them.

"Even with our anger and our pain, let's still address each other with a degree of civility and calmness and not make this tragedy an excuse to engage in violence," Dellums said. "I don't want anybody hurt, I don't want anybody

# Street floods during repairs



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press

A driver did a doubletake Wednesday as he passed a fire hydrant gushing water onto Fourth Street near Thompson Avenue. Public Works Director Chris Bieker said an old water valve underground broke, causing a leak until the old valve was replaced with a new one that after-

# Colorado wildfires force evacuation

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — "There's still too many hot spots, by, some with livestock trailers. across Boulder County grasslands Wednesday, destroying at least four structures and prompting mandatory evacuations of almost 900 homes.

Officials said late Wednesday that 391 new homes were being evacuated west of the Boulder Heights neighborhood, in addition side of Boulder that were evacuated earlier in the day.

Sheriff's Cmdr. Phil West said two firefighters suffered minor injuries.

but not all of those households were told to leave.

"At this point we don't anticipate rescinding the evacuation order until sometime tomorrow morning," West told KDVR-TV. one road as cars and pickups rolled

Wind-driven wildfires swept too many places where the fire could flare up again if the wind changes.'

The flames - part of three wind-driven blazes - started in parched, rolling grasslands dotted with subdivisions, individual homes and horse ranches about 25 miles northwest of Denver.

Authorities said at least three to at least 500 homes on the north of the destroyed structures were a ranch. homes, and the fourth was either a barn or a home.

The largest fire, which burned more than 10 square miles, jumped across U.S. 36 and en-Authorities said more than tered the Lake Valley Estates 11,000 homes had been alerted to neighborhood, where police went the danger by reverse-911 calls, from house to house warning residents to evacuate. A perimeter of 15 square miles was closed off to contain the fire. Two smaller fires were contained by early evening.

"It's really terrifying," said Pamela Taylor of nearby Louisville, who was trying to find out whether her horse, Zorro, had been moved from a boarding stable in an evacuation area.

An emergency animal shelter at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in nearby Longmont was full, and an overflow shelter was set up at

West said the fire apparently started when winds knocked down a power line. "This is what scares everybody to death, these high winds," said John Stobbelaar, a retired captain with Mountain View Fire District, at one of the fires after he was called up on standby. Two smaller fires were contained by early Wednesday evening.

Winds at the scene ranged from 35 to 55 mph, said Kyle Fredin, a Flames licked the shoulders of National Weather Service spokes-

#### The Shooting Stars Square 7:45 and squares from 8 to 10:30. Youngs as cuers. Rounds will be-Dance Club of Hays will hold its Rounds will be called by Pam and

Dance festival to be next week in Hays

annual Snowball Festival on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17, in the Black and Gold Ballroom of the Memorial Union at Fort Hays State University.

Next Friday, rounds will begin

Tom Young.

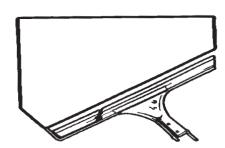
Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. that Saturday. Supper will be at 5:30 at the Reed Center, 317 13th Street.

The Saturday evening caller at 7 p.m. with the grand march at will be Dean Dederman, with the

gin at 7 p.m. with the grand march at 7:45. Squares and rounds will be from 8 to 10:30.

Singles and couples are welcome to attend. For questions, call Opal Flinn at (785) 726-4432.

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