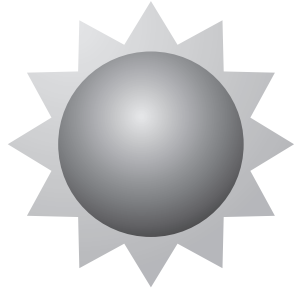


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Clear, with a low around -4. Wind chill values as low as -14. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 30. Wind chill values as low as -14. West wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 5. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 32. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 29.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 8.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Wednesday: High, 11; Low -5
Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
Month: 0.45 inches
Year: 26.05 inches
Normal: 20.34 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:54 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Cold wave chases snowstorm across western United States

From "COLD," Page 1

up to a foot of snow. Up to 7 inches fell in northeast Pennsylvania.

The storm drenched California in rain, blanketed the mountain West in snow and shattered snowfall records in Flagstaff, Ariz. earlier this week. Wind gusts of up to 100 mph were reported in New Mexico, wind chills as low as minus 40 hit southern Montana, and heavy rain and flooding affected parts of the South, according to the National Weather Service.

The storm felt like a rude surprise after an unseasonably warm and dry November in parts of the Midwest. The massive system is the first major blast of wintry weather for many parts of the region.

"I've been dreading this day," said Kim Brust, shoveling the sidewalk in front of his Minneapolis home before sunrise Wednesday. "I was starting to enjoy the global warming."

While an inconvenience for many, others took an opportunity to play.

At least 3,000 University of Wisconsin-Madison students took advantage of an unplanned day off and hurled snowballs at each other in a massive snowball fight. Classes were canceled for the first time in 19 years due to weather.

Some came holding trays as shields. Others were bundled up to protect themselves from the below-freezing temperatures and winds that gusted to more than 20 mph — though several went

shirtless, while at least one had on pajamas.

"I figured with the day off, there was no better way to spend it than with a snowball fight," said Matt Moerel, 19, of Vadnais Heights, Minn.

Many New England residents braced for bone-chilling winds after digging out from a foot or more of snow. The weather was welcomed by 8-year-old Gavin Graham of Concord, N.H. He spent two hours sledding.

"It was really good sledding. The snow was puffy, and that was really good because we had little jumps already made," he said. "It was awesome having the day off from school."

Colby student wins treasure hunt

From "TREASURE," Page 1

den. "I knew where it wasn't so I had to narrow it down to where it was," he said.

So he followed his hunch, and he was right! He had found the treasure on only the fourth clue!

His clues were: "I'm just hanging around;" "On the edge;" "While you're looking, there is probably a lot between us," and "We're #1."

He said that after the concert, in his suit and good shoes, and only two degrees above zero, he took his Dad with him and headed straight to the broadcast tower. There on the back of the sign hanging on the tower, was the token!"

"It was duct taped onto the back of the sign that hung on the broadcast tower, at the edge of the campus, past the vacant lot, and the radio station broadcasts that they are the number one college station in the nation," he said.

Larmer waited until around 8:45 Monday morning and went to the college bookstore with the token in hand.

"The radio station was just about ready to announce the next clue," he said.

But Larmer's discovery had ended the hunt.

Larmer is a home-schooled high school sophomore who likes music. He takes two music courses at the college, and likes playing in the community orchestra. He has



Nick Larmer

Manure may become prized power source

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Meadow muffins, meet Reddy Kilowatt.

Let's translate that: Meadow muffins, better known as cow manure, have a future in producing electricity.

Gene Pflughoff is the economic development director for Grant County in southwest Kansas. Early next year, he said, equipment at a cattle feedlot will begin turning manure into fuel that could make electricity for 30 homes.

If the demonstration project is successful — and Pflughoff is confident it will be — larger units could be placed at feedlots to take advantage of the state's abundant supplies.

Kansas has plenty of cow manure, with two cows for every human in the state. Over the course of a year, just one cow's manure contains the same amount of energy found in 140 gallons of gasoline.

The Bipartisan Policy Conference in Washington — established by former U.S. Sens. Bob Dole, Howard Baker, Tom Daschle and George Mitchell — recently issued a study that said Kansas could use more cow ma-

nure by blending it with coal. The report said that 50,000 cows could provide enough dung to power 24,000 homes.

Manure from other sources is also being used — even to make gasoline.

In Missouri, poultry farmers have approached Kansas City Power & Light about adding manure as fuel to coal-fired power plants. The utility said it was collecting information.

Meanwhile, a 55-megawatt plant in Minnesota is relying on turkey droppings.

Kansas has nearly 100 commercial feedlots that fatten 2.5 million cows every six months. Each produces an average of 6 pounds to 8 pounds of manure a day — 7 billion pounds a year.

No wonder the authors of the Bipartisan Policy Center's report suggested that a Kansas power plant located near some feedlots could use a blend of 90 percent coal and 10 percent manure to generate electricity.

"I wouldn't have put it in the model if I didn't think it was feasible," said Burton English, one of the study's authors and a professor at the University of Tennessee.

been a carrier for the *Colby Free Press* for more than three years. He is the son of Mike and Karen Larmer.

When asked if he had plans for the treasure, he said he would probably buy Christmas gifts for his family and some art supplies for himself.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening December 12, 2009

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Polar Express				Castle		Local			
KBSL/CBS	Rudolph, Red-Nosed	Christmas			48 Hours Mystery		Local			
KSNK/NBC	It's Wonderful						Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local			The Wanda Sykes Show	Sit Down	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds	
AMC	Jeremiah Johnson						Rio Bravo			
ANIM	Dogs 101	Dogs 101			America's Cutest Dog		Dogs 101		Dogs 101	
BRAVO	Real Housewives	Fight Club							Fight Club	
CMT	Posse	Remember the Titans								
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Van Wilder-Taj	Dave Chappelle	Russell Peters		Chris Rock: Bigger & Blacker		Williams			
DISC	Pig Bomb	I Was Bitten	Nature's Deadliest		Pig Bomb		I Was Bitten			
DISN	The Polar Express	Eloise at Christmastime		Montana	Wizards	So Raven	The Suite	Cory		
E!	You've Got Mail				Holly		The Soup	Chelsea	Plastic Surgery	
ESPN	2009 Heisman Trophy	30 for 30					SportsCenter		2009 Heisman Trophy	
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball					Rodeo			
FAM	Santa Clause 3				Santa Clause 3			Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
FOOD	Paula's Cookie Swap	Unwrapped			Unwrapped		Iron Chef America		Unwrapped	
FX	Live Free-Die						Sunny	League	Damages	
HGTV	Season of Surprise	Color	Color	House	House	House	House	House	Color	Color

Michael McDonald This Christmas

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HIST	Animal House		Sex in '69		Animal House					
LIFE	Holiday Affair		Holiday Switch		Holiday Switch					
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Love of Ray J		Real World-Rd		Thirteen Ghosts			
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	The Troop	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Ice Twisters		Annihilation Earth				Disaster Zone			
SPIKE	Spike-Game				Spike-Game				Spike-Game	
TBS	Blades of Glory				Talladega Nights:		Road Trip: Beer Pong			
TCM	The Mouse That Roared		The Mouse on the Moon		Father of the Bride					
TLC	Dateline Myst.	Ghost Intervention	Ghost Intervention		Dateline Myst.		Ghost Intervention			
TNT	The Bourne Supremacy		War of the Worlds				Da Vinci			
TOON	Tn-Titans	Batman	Saturdays	Justice	King-Hill	King-Hill	Boondocks	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach
TRAV	Fantastic Houseboats	Million Yachts	Forbes Luxe 11		Extreme Collections		Fantastic Houseboats			
TV LAND	Married	Married	Married	Married	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI			
VH1	Be Cool				Love of Ray J		NWA: Dangerous Group			
WGN	Star Trek Gen				Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Generations			
Premium Channels										
HBO	Body of Lies				Boxing					
MAX	Get Smart	What Happens in Vegas			Inkheart					
SHOW	Dexter		Boxing				Day of the Dead			

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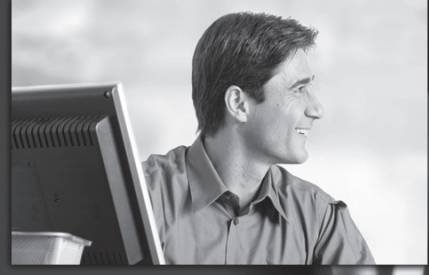
Sunday Evening December 13, 2009

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover				Oprah Special		Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Mentalist		Cold Case		Criminal Minds		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football						Local	Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds	Jackson Family	Jackson Family		Jackson Family		Criminal Minds			
AMC	White Christmas				Holiday Inn					
ANIM	I'm Alive	Untamed and Uncut	The Haunted		I'm Alive		Untamed and Uncut			
BRAVO	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI			
CMT	O Brother, Where Art				Cable Guy's Christmas		Luau		Cable Guy	
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Scary Movie		Scary Movie 2		Scary Movie 3					
DISC	Clash of Dino.	Clash of Dino.	Prehistoric		Clash of Dino.		Clash of Dino.			
DISN	Sonny	Jonas	Full-Court Miracle		Wizards	Montana	The Suite	Cory		
E!	Evan Almighty				Kardashian		Giuliana & Bill		Kardashian	
ESPN	SportsCtr	Bowl Mania Special			SportsCenter				SportsCtr	
ESPN2	World Series	World Series			30 for 30					
FAM	Santa Baby 2				Santa Baby 2		J. Osteen		Feed	
FOOD	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America	
FX	Spider-Man 3				Nip/Tuck				Flightplan	
HGTV	Sandra Lee: Holiday	House	House		Holmes on Homes		For Rent	Income	House	House
HIST	The People Speak				Hillbilly				The People Speak	
LIFE	Accidental-Chr.	Very Merry Daughter			Very Merry Daughter					
MTV	Jersey Shore	Nitro Cir	Nitro Cir		Dawn of the Dead		Jackass		Jackass	
NICK	Men in Black II				Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Alice		The Bourne Identity				Dungeons & Dragons: Dragon God			
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scn			
TBS	Madagascar		Madagascar		Ace Ventura: Pet Detective					
TCM	Our Vines-Grps		Johnny Got His Gun				Ben-Hur: Tale			
TLC	Mermaid Girl	6 Going on 60	Born Without Arms		Mermaid Girl		6 Going on 60			
TNT	Independence Day				Independence Day					
TOON	Jungle Book	Grinch	Flapjack	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Titan Maximum			
TRAV	Natives: USA	Meet-Natives: USA	Meet-Natives: USA		Meet-Natives: USA		Natives: USA			
TV LAND	Married	Married	Married		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne	3rd Rock
USA	License to Wed	Elf			License to Wed					
VH1	Tough Love	Tough Love			Sex-Dr. Drew		Tough Love		Sex-Dr. Drew	
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News/Replay		Cheers	Cheers	ALF	ALF
Premium Channels										
HBO	Slumdog Millionaire				The Dark Knight				Taken	
MAX	Clear	Inkheart			Death Race					
SHOW	Dexter		Dexter		Californ	Californ	Dexter		Elegy	

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