

# Commit to future in your relationship

**Aries (March 21 – April 20)** Make a relationship commitment to the future. At the same time, focus on your financial situation. Your financial desires fuse and new determination emerges. Watch for second chances, while maintaining forward momentum.



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• Weekly Horoscope

**Taurus (April 21 – May 21)** Forces at work and in relationships are demanding attention. You can gain major momentum on the job front, not just working smarter rather than harder but working both smarter and harder. In the meantime, relationships hold some auspicious conditions.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)** This is a week that should and needs to be as easy-going as possible. Step back and consider your options. Mull things over and take time to think and focus on the chance to put your heart and passions on the same page. Make time for fun, play, love and passion.

**Gemini (May 22 – June 21)** Divide your attention evenly between work and play. This is one of your most important weeks for things romantic and creative in three decades and your best as far as work conditions go since 2002.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)** You're about to feel what it's like to not be under professional pressure. String things out so you can tie up loose ends and put things on the right track. Otherwise this is a week for both personal and professional networking, along with relaxing, recharging your batteries and getting your imagination in gear.

**Cancer (June 22 – July 22)** You're achieving a better balance, working to live rather than living to work. Make time for things that matter. Life is going to get busy and stay that way through February. Take time out to focus on home or fun, so you won't burn out before professional opportunities even kick in.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)** As important as last week was from a professional perspective, this week is even more important as things come together. However, professional forces don't completely dominate the week, which is important and opportune for both personal and professional networking. There's even an opportunity to catch up with old friends or make up for lost time.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** Financial pressure ease. You're left with a strategic sense of what's possible. The focus switched to second chances, benefiting from the past or making up for lost time when you reach a communication and mental peak. There are some special developments on the home front.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)** Keep your mind and options open, especially on personal, professional and financial fronts. Approach things as a process to simplify responses to opportunities for learning, increasing your skill base or even for taking a break. Nothing needs to be all or nothing. Financial pressure is easing.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)** Nothing will diminish your ability to communicate or think on your feet. Your heart and passions find their voice. Intuition is important for communication and income. Open the door to new beginnings, while you're inspired, creative and able to turn situations to your advantage.

**Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)** One of your most important relationship chapters in decades closes; take responsibility for keeping communications open. Meanwhile, your financial situation holds an opportunity to make a commitment to the future. Take your power back. A serious and financially focused week is being colored by the desire and passion for more adventure.

**Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)** If last week was powerful, this week either equals or betters that. Your head now is engaged in your future, as your heart and passions are. This is the last advantage needed to get one of your biggest opportunities in decades to claim your future and to move on.

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## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE

**Wednesday**  
12:26 a.m. – Assisted sheriff's office with traffic stop near Rasure Lumber.  
3:15 a.m. – Citizens Medical Center reported a suspicious vehicle parked by the emergency room with no one coming up to the door. Spoke with reporting party, unable to locate.  
3:33 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.  
4:05 a.m. – Citizens requested help to find a patient's spouse who had not arrived. Vehicle was located at the hospital at 4:16 a.m.  
8:44 a.m. – Assisted sheriff's office with complaint of illegal dumping at 1260 S. Country Club.  
8:54 a.m. – Dead animals in the roadway at 1025 W. Third. Removed.  
10:32 a.m. – Subject reported abandoned vehicle. Removed.  
1:40 p.m. – Report filed on driving under the influence arrest.  
2:40 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center reporting harassment by ex-girlfriend.  
3:11 p.m. – Subjects panhandling in the Walmart parking lot. Everything OK; spoke with subjects.  
4:55 p.m. – Obstruction report filed on case at 2:40 p.m.  
8:40 p.m. – Subject came to station about rental at 520 N. Sterling. Provided information.  
9:36 p.m. – Subject called about juvenile trying to leave residence. Report filed.  
9:36 p.m. – Supplemental report filed on warrant arrest of April J. Valles.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

**Tuesday**  
8:17 a.m. – Accident with deer in the 300 block of County Rd. 11.  
11:43 a.m. – Semi sideswiped another in the 1200 block of County Rd. 3.  
**Wednesday**  
12:26 a.m. – Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop at Rasure Lumber.  
8:44 a.m. – Illegal dumping at 1260 S. Country Club Drive. Report filed.  
4:12 p.m. – Criminal threat: report filed on incident at 2160 E. Fourth No. 34.  
5:06 p.m. – Minor in possession report filed on case at 4:12 p.m.  
11:33 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol in taking keys back to motorist at the rest area.

# Deadline coming up fast to apply for 'stop loss' payment

Military members whose service was involuntarily extended or whose retirement was suspended between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, due to the "stop loss" program are entitled to retroactive payments of \$500 for each month they were extended.

However, Department of Defense officials note that the deadline to receive those benefits is Thursday, Oct. 21.

"You served with honor. You did your duty. And when your country called on you again, you did your duty again," said President Barack Obama. "Now, it's time to collect the special pay that you deserve."

Only about 58,000 of 145,000 possible claims have been paid, leaving more than \$300 million available to veterans. The average payout is close to \$4,000, the department says.

The president said that the program has caused confusion and skepticism among those who have served.

"Some veterans think this is some sort of gimmick or scam, or that it's a way for the government to call you back to service," he said. "Nothing is further

from the truth. You worked hard. You earned this money. It doesn't matter whether you were active or reserve, whether you're a veteran who experienced 'Stop Loss' or the survivor of a service member who did. If your service was extended, you're eligible."

The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act established the Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay and the services have been reaching out to veterans, service members and their families through direct mail, veteran service organizations and the media.

But by law, there is no authorization to make payments on claims submitted after Oct. 21.

Eligible members should print, complete and sign Department of Defense Form 2944, Claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Payment.

They must then submit their claim form based on their service's requirements. Go to the service's stop loss web site at [www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710\\_stoploss/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss/), or call: Army (877) 736-5554, Navy (901) 874-4427, Marine Corps (877) 242-2830 or Air Force: (800) 525-0102.

## Fort Hays celebrates Space Week

Fort Hays State University will turn its eyes to the heavens to celebrate Space Week 2010, from today through Sunday, with activities, presentations and prizes.

World Space Week was declared by the United National General Assembly in 1999 "to celebrate each year at the international level the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition."

A public rocket launch was set for 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. At noon today, Larry Railing, a Fort Hays alumnus and former software engineer for the moon program, was to present "Memories of the

Apollo Program" at the Forsyth Library on campus.

Noon on Tuesday will bring Christopher Orwoll, president of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, to present "The Russian Space Program" at Forsyth. At 7 p.m., the Science Café at Semolino's will feature "The Face on Mars: A Critical Look," by Dr. John Heinrichs, chair of the university's Department of Geosciences.

From noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, the English department will hold science fiction readings in the Cody Commons in the Memorial Union. On Thursday at the same

time and place, Dr. Paul Adams, Anschutz Professor of Education, and Heinrichs will face off with students during "Space Champs or Space Chumps," where students are encouraged to prepare their most challenging questions in an attempt to stump the professors. Prizes will be awarded. Forsyth Library will host a NASA-sponsored display about the planets. All events are open to the public. Space Week is sponsored by the Science and Mathematics Education Institute, Forsyth Library and the Department of Geosciences.

## Driving safety program aims at teens, trucks

The Kansas Highway Patrol is participating in a new program designed to help keep teens and other motorists safe when driving around large trucks.

Aside from Arizona, where the program was developed, Kansas is one of the first to sign on for the Teens and Trucks program. The Kansas Motor Carriers Association is joining to support the program.

The program was developed last year to educate teens about safe driving around commercial vehicles. Materials are provided through a grant by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Studies show that nearly 70 percent of crashes involving large trucks and passenger vehicles are the fault of the passenger vehicle driver. Young drivers endanger themselves and others when they don't realize that cars and trucks handle differently. The patrol is incorporating this program into its curriculum to raise awareness and prevent crashes.

The program addresses safe driving habits, including:

- Don't cut trucks off.
- Stay out of blind spots or "No Zones."
- Maintain a safe following distance.
- Know that trucks make wide turns.
- If your car breaks down, pull off the highway as far as you can on the right shoulder.

"Too many Kansas teenagers are injured or killed in traffic crashes because of inexperience," said Col. Terry Maple, patrol superintendent. "They haven't had nearly as much time as the rest of us to learn how to share the road.... Our goal is to reduce crashes and save lives, and help produce young drivers more capable of making safe choices on the road."

The program will be used by Highway Patrol public resource officers and also will be distributed to driver education programs.

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