

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 44. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 44. North wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 46.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Washington's Birthday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 43.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Monday: High, 43; Low 24 Tuesday: High, 56; Low 26 Precip: Monday None Tuesday None Month: 0.39 inches Year: 0.39 inches Normal: 0.93 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:35 a.m. 6:22 p.m. Moon: waning, 28 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

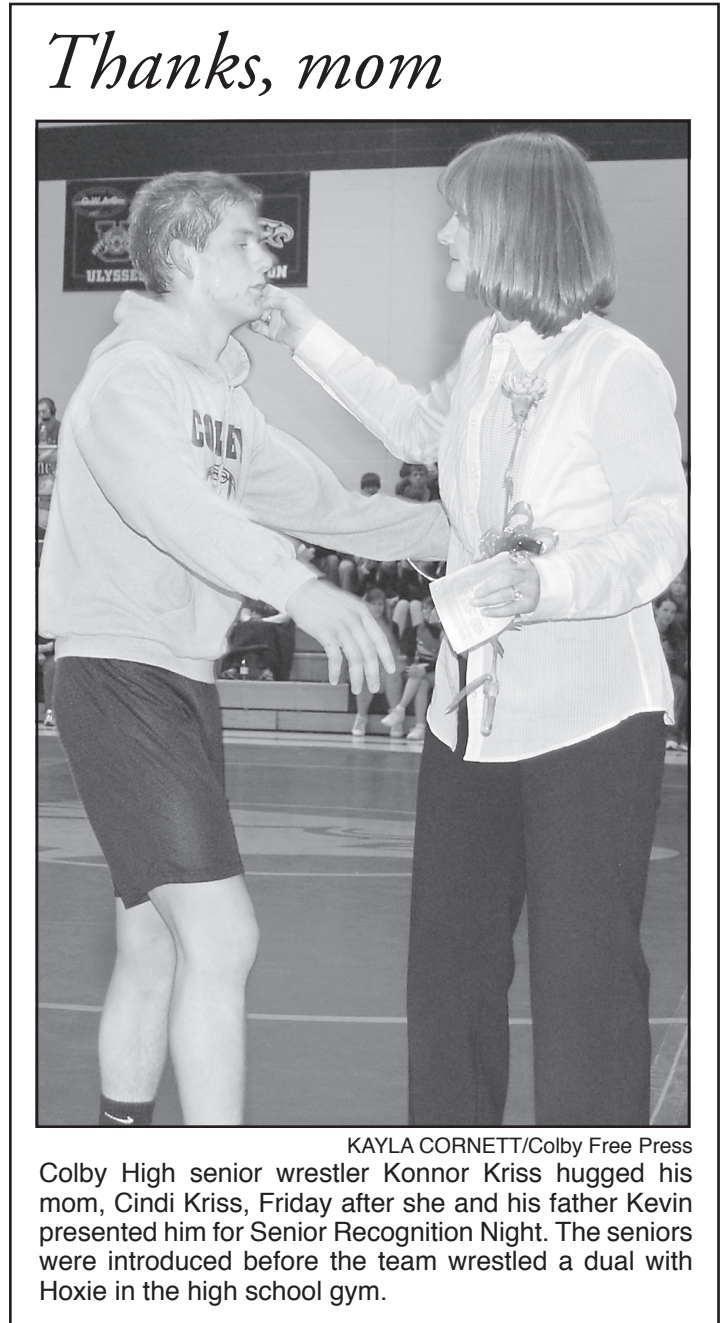
Police chase purse thief

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Mission Ridge, Jones said. "More than likely, he got between two houses and dumped the purse," Jones said. "He took the cash and left the cell phone and everything there."

Mission Ridge, he said, and the checkbook from the 400 block of South School. As of midmorning, the checkbook was still missing, the chief said. The thief was described as a white man, about 5 foot, 8 inches tall, slender and wearing a light blue jacket and a dark stocking cap. "If anybody saw anyone walking on the street about that time, they should call police," he said.

The number at headquarters is 460-4460. People could help prevent thefts from cars by simply taking valuables inside, he said, and by locking their cars and taking the keys out of the ignition. "People should lock their cars," he said. "They should lock their homes at night or when they're not home. We encourage people not to leave certain items in a vehicle."



Thanks, mom

Colby High senior wrestler Connor Kriss hugged his mom, Cindi Kriss, Friday after she and his father Kevin presented him for Senior Recognition Night. The seniors were introduced before the team wrestled a dual with Hoxie in the high school gym.

Fire kills convicts in cells

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rights groups say little has been done.

The country of 7.6 million people is a major transit route for drugs headed from South America to the United States and has one of the world's highest rates of violent crime.

The U.S. State Department has criticized Honduras for "harsh prison conditions" and violence against detainees.

Comayagua fire department spokesman Josue Garcia said he saw "horrific" scenes while trying to put out the fire, saying inmates rioted in attempts to escape. He said "some 100 prisoners were burned to death or suffocated in their cells."

"We couldn't get them out because we didn't have the keys and couldn't find the guards who had them," Garcia said.

Rescuers carried shirtless, semi-conscious prisoners from the facility by their arms and legs. One hauled a victim away from the fire by piggyback.

A prisoner identified as Silverio Aguilar told HRN Radio that someone started screaming, "Fire! fire!" and the prisoners called for help.

"For a while, nobody listened. But after a few minutes, which seemed like an eternity, a guard appeared with keys and let us out," he said.

He said there had been 60 prisoners packed into his cell.

Hundreds of relatives rushed to Santa Teresa Hospital in Comayagua state to learn the fate of their loved ones, Silva said.

Lucy Marder, chief of forensic medicine for the prosecutor's office, said she believed the death toll would rise and it would take at least three months to identify victims, some burned beyond recognition, because DNA tests will be required.

Honduras has 24 prisons, 23 for men or mixed populations.

Swiss satellite to clean up space

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The U.S. space agency NASA says over 500,000 pieces of spent rocket stages, broken satellites and other debris are being tracked as they orbit Earth.

The debris travels at speeds approaching 17,500 miles per hour (28,000 kilometers per hour), fast enough to destroy or inflict costly and time-draining damage on a satellite or spacecraft. Collisions, in turn, generate more fragments floating in space. "It has become essential to be aware of the existence of this debris and the risks that are run by its proliferation," said Claude Nicollier, an astronaut and EPFL professor.

Building the satellite means developing new technology to address three big problems, scientists say.

The first hurdle has to do with trajectory: The

satellite has to be able to adjust its path to match that of its target. EPFL said its labs are looking into a new ultra-compact motor that can do this.

Next, the satellite has to be grab hold of and stabilize the debris at high speeds. Scientists are studying how plants and animals grip things as a model for what would be used.

And, finally, CleanSpace One has to be able to take the debris, or unwanted satellites, back into Earth's atmosphere, where they will burn on re-entry.

Swiss Space Center's director, Volker Gass, said it hopes to someday "offer and sell a whole family of ready-made systems, designed as sustainably as possible, that are able to de-orbit several different kinds of satellites."

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