

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. South wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph.
Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. South wind around 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 72.
Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 103.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74.
Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.
Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Thursday: High, 101; Low 65
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 2.43 inches
Year: 8.50 inches
Normal: 13.61 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:35 a.m. 9:06 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 7 percent
Sunday 6:36 a.m. 9:05 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 14 percent
Monday 6:37 a.m. 9:04 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 22 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Thursday 3,108,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Twelve dead in shooting at Colorado movie theater

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and discovered that the unit was booby trapped. Authorities evacuated five buildings as they tried to determine how to disarm flammable and explosive material. Victims were being treated for chemical exposure apparently related to canisters thrown by the gunman. Some of those injured are children, including a 4-month-old baby who was released from the hospital. Aurora police spokesman Frank Fania on ABC’s “Good Morning America” said he didn’t know yet if all the injuries were gunshot wounds. He said some might have been caused by other things such as shrapnel. The movie opened across the world today with midnight showings in the U.S. The shooting prompted officials to cancel

the Paris premiere, with workers pulling down the red carpet display at a theater on the famed Champs-Elysees Avenue. President Barack Obama said he was saddened by the “horrific and tragic shooting,” pledging that his administration was “committed to bringing whoever was responsible to justice, ensuring the safety of our people, and caring for those who have been wounded.” It was the worst mass shooting in the U.S. since the Nov. 5, 2009 attack at Fort Hood, Texas, when an Army psychiatrist killed 13 soldiers and civilians and more than two dozen others wounded. In Colorado, it was the deadliest since the Columbine High School massacre on April 20, 1999, when two students opened fire at the school in the Denver suburb of Littleton, killing 12

classmates and a teacher and wounding 26 others before killing themselves. Today’s attack began shortly after midnight at the multiplex theater at a mall in Aurora, the state’s third-largest city. The film has several scenes of public mayhem – a hallmark of superhero movies. In one scene, the main villain Bane leads an attack on the stock exchange and, in another, leads a shooting and bombing rampage on a packed football stadium. It was the final installment of the “Dark Knight” trilogy directed by Christopher Nolan, starring Christian Bale as Batman. The series has a darker tone than previous Batman incarnations. It is the follow-up to “The Dark Knight,” which won Heath Ledger a posthumous Oscar for his searing portrayal of The Joker.

Department gets approval from county for equipment

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machines for the two departments, which they’ll reimburse the county for. Hickert said he’ll be able to save the cities \$700 each. After looking through expenses for providing standby service to car races in Colby, Hickert asked commissioners if they would like to change how he figures those charges. He said sometimes the department loses money, depending on who sits in the ambulance. Hickert said, for example, if Don Morton covers car races, he gets paid overtime because he is an hourly employee. That makes the department’s expenses exceed revenue. He added that most of the time, he’s able to recruit a volunteer to cover evening and weekend events, but sometimes that isn’t possible. Right now, the department charges \$30 for the first three hours and \$8 per hour, per person after that. If they change their fees to cover the department’s actual expenses, it would depend on who covers the event, he said, and it would be virtually impossible to give a cost estimate ahead of time. Since it is a medical service to the community, commissioners agreed not to make any changes, even though it’s possible they may lose money. Hickert told commissioners his offices have been given a facelift, adding that his new paramedic was put to work painting on his first day on the job. Greg Brown, from Holcomb, is now one of three paramedics in the county. In addition

to paint, the department also got new carpet, he said. In other business: • After a lot of searching, Sheriff Rod Taylor reported, he was able to find drawings of the law enforcement center’s plumbing and sewer lines. Work on the building’s plumbing began Tuesday, said office assistant Reba Cersovsky. Taylor did not provide cost estimates for the work. • County Attorney Kevin Berens got approval to buy case management software for about \$4,900 from his bad-check fund, which has about \$6,600 in it. He received three bids for the specialized software, he said, and the most expensive exceeded \$9,000. • Landfill supervisor Larry Jumper announced he received a check for \$7,222 from B-Rose Transportation for scrap metal that was purchased in May before commissioners decided to take over the bidding process. Contrary to a Letter to the Editor that was published in the *Colby Free Press* on June 18 by Delin Thompson of Colby, he said, the landfill received \$175 per ton rather than \$100 per ton. • Jumper received approval from commissioners to seek a burn-ban exception from Fire Chief Bob McLemore. He said since the ban started June 29, the landfill has received 335 loads of trees totaling more than 62 tons, which needs to be burned before the pile gets out of control. • Commissioners approved a request from Jumper to spend \$8,572 at Foley Equipment to repair the bucket on the landfill’s front-end loader.

AIDS specialists aim to jump-start hunt for cure

By Lauran Neergaard
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WASHINGTON – For years it seemed hopeless. Now the hunt for a cure for AIDS is back on. International AIDS specialists on Thursday released what they call a road map for research toward a cure for HIV – a strategy for global teams of scientists to explore a number of intriguing leads that just might, years from now, pan out. “Today’s the first step,” said French Nobel laureate Françoise Barre-Sinoussi, co-discoverer of the HIV virus who also co-chaired development of the strategy. “No one thinks it’s going to be easy,” added strategy co-chair Dr. Steven Deeks of the University of California, San Francisco. “Some don’t think it’s possible.” The announcement came just before the International AIDS Conference begins on Sunday, when more than 20,000 scientists, activists and policymakers gather in the nation’s capital with a far different focus: how to dramatically cut the spread of the AIDS virus, what they call “turning the tide” of the epidemic, using some powerful tools already in hand.

Chief among them is getting more of the world’s 34 million HIV-infected people on life-saving medications, so they stay healthier and are less likely to infect others. By itself, that is a huge hurdle. Just 8 million of the 15 million treatment-eligible patients in AIDS-ravaged poor regions of the world are getting the drugs. But Barre-Sinoussi, president-elect of the International AIDS Society, which hosts the conference, said that lifelong treatment, as good as it is, isn’t the end-all solution – and that science finally is showing that a cure “could be a realistic possibility.” The panelists refused to estimate Thursday how much this research would cost. But already, the National Institutes of Health has increased spending on cure-related research, about \$56 million last year, according to a report in this week’s issue of the journal *Nature*. Scientists attempting cure research will meet today and Saturday, ahead of the AIDS conference, to compare notes. And the new strategy won praise from Michel Sidibe, executive director of UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS.

Today’s anti-HIV drugs can tamp down the virus to undetectable levels – but they don’t eradicate it. Instead, tiny amounts of the virus can hide out in different tissues and roar back if medication is stopped. That means there’s no certainty of developing a cure. “I’m not sure we can, but we’re going to try,” Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of NIH’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in a recent interview. “This virus is uncanny in its ability to be able to integrate itself into a cell, as a reservoir, and no matter what we’ve done so far, we have not been able to eliminate that reservoir.” Yet one person in the world apparently has been cured: Timothy Ray Brown of San Francisco, who in 2006 was living in Berlin when in addition to his HIV, he got leukemia. Brown underwent a blood stem cell transplant – what once was a bone marrow transplant – to treat the cancer. His own immune system was destroyed. And his German transplant surgeon found a donor who was among the 1 percent of whites who have a gene mutation that makes them naturally resistant to HIV – their cells lack the specific doorway

the virus uses to get inside. It worked. Brown has been off HIV medications for five years and is doing well, Deeks said Thursday.

Snakes, wildlife moving into city limits

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opossums, raccoons, skunks, foxes and badgers in recent days, he said. Dry weather may causing the migration, Jones said, because both the snakes and their prey both are looking for water during the drought. Residents should be careful when around areas such as gardens, yards, water dishes or anywhere else where water might accumulate. “Look before you reach,” Jones said, “as you could very well find an unwelcome guest.” Along with kids, dogs are in danger from snake bites when going outside, said Dr. Tammy Swartz

at Swartz Animal Hospital. She said the clinic has seen more dogs bitten by snakes during this year’s dry spell, with the first case at the end of March. “We have it every summer,” Swartz said, “but this summer up to this point we’ve had more than normal.” People should scope out the area before letting their pets play around a park located next to grasslands. Jones said there seem to be a lot of snakes this year at Westside Park and near the edges of town. Anyone who sees a snake in a city park should call the police department at 460-4460, he said.

Briefly

Bluegrass festival to accept donations

The Pickin’ on the Plains Bluegrass Festival will be accepting donations of nonperishable food and money for Genesis-Thomas County food pantry at the ticket booth through Sunday. For information, call Jo Wolf at (785) 460-2892.

Learn about becoming foster parents

St. Francis Community Services will hold an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent at 6 p.m. Monday at the Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine St. in Colby. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Marla Baumann at (785) 476-8501 or go to www.st-francis.org.

Library plans big book sale for end of month

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have its annual Book Sale Blowout from Monday, July 30, to Sunday, Aug. 5. With lots of children’s books, fiction and nonfiction items to choose from, prices go down as the week progresses. Sunday, all remaining books are free. Hours are 9 a.m. to a half hour before closing each day and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call Debbie Tittel at 460-4470.

Youth foundation plans barbecue, concert

The Todd Becker Foundation will hold a free barbecue and concert beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29, on Franklin Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets. For information, contact Chris McClemens, events coordinator, at (800) 983-2644 or through www.toddbecker.org.

Museum displays student art work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit of art by students from kindergarten to high school from area schools through Sunday, July 29. The museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 for information.

Enrollment coming up at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart School enrollment for preschool through fifth grade will be from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 6. New students will need to bring a completed physical form, Social Security card, immunization records and a state-issued birth certificate. For information, call Laura Krejci at 443-3354.

Levant reunion planned here in August

A Levant reunion will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Colby. Lunch will be served at noon for \$9. Make reservations by Wednesday, July 25, by calling Erma Palmgren at (785) 694-2726 or Betty Schroeder at (785) 694-2255.

Free adult classes at college to start Aug. 6

Free adult education classes will begin Monday, Aug. 6, on the Colby Community College campus. Academic improvement, General Educational Development preparation, workforce preparation, money management, pre-health care preparation and basic technology classes are available. Call Nance Munderloh at (785) 460-4663 for information or to enroll.

Registration next month for soccer league

Registration for American Youth Soccer Organization players will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. Cost is \$45 until Aug. 11, \$50 after. Deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 17. Players must be at least 4 1/2 by Aug. 1. The season runs from Saturday, Sept. 8, to Saturday, Oct. 27. Call Emily Griffin at 460-0647 for questions or paperwork.

Organization ordering fruit for delivery

The Catholic Youth Organization at Sacred Heart Church is selling fruit for delivery in late August. Reserve your order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday, Aug. 15. Contact any member or Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart rectory, 462-2179. Pick-up is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the 4-H Building.

Chamber, college plan student block party

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and Colby Community College will put on the annual Community Campus Block Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, on the lawn on the north side of the student union. Businesses, churches and organizations are encouraged to set up a display booth or table, and the college will serve a barbecue lunch. For information, call Holly Whitaker at the Chamber office, 460-3401.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Monday Evening										July 23, 2012	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Bachelor Pad				The Glass House		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Ninja Warrior				Grimm		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen		MasterChef			Local					
Cable Channels											
A & E	Forrest Gump						Longmire		Forrest Gump		
AMC	Alien vs. Predator				Alien vs. Predator				Pitch Black		
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		River Monsters		Wildman	Wildman	Gator Boys		
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NYC		Miss Advised		Happens	Housewives/NYC	Advised		
CMT	Unforgiven						Under Siege				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Futurama	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny		Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		
DISN	Good Luck [Shake It		Ella Enchanted				Phineas	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	
EI	Kardashian				Opening Act		Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea		
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	NFL Kickoff		Outside	Numbers	SportsNation		NFL Live		Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Secret-Teen		Bunheads		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Eagle Eye						Eagle Eye				
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Picked Off		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Officer Murder				Beyond the Headlines		Beyond the Headlines		Officer Murder		
MTV	Snooki	Snooki	Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Awkward.	Awkward.	
NICK	All That	Kenan	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	G.I. Joe: Cobra		Warehouse 13		Alphas		Warehouse 13		Alphas		
SPIKE	Police Videos		Police Videos		Police Videos		Big Easy	Big Easy	Police Videos		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	Mutiny on the Bounty				Captain-Horn.					Treasure	
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Four Houses		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	
TNT	The Closer				Perception		The Closer		Perception		
TOON	Regular	Annoying	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						Common Law		CSI: Crime Scene		
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies		Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies		Love, Hip Hop		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Chris	Chris	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Rio		Vito				Boxing				
MAX	The Town	The Money Pit			Alien 3				Co-Ed Confidential 2		
SHOW	Hugh Hef	God Bless Ozzy Osbourne			Weeds	Episodes	Web Ther.	Weeds	Episodes	Web Ther.	