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Hot topics on deck Monday

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He said he wants deep cuts in the budget, and supports a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution...

One person suggested increasing taxes as well as cutting spending.

"We've got to look at the revenue side," he said, suggesting removing the cap on Social Security taxes...

"There's not that much money at the top," Huelskamp responded.

"That's not true," the constituent muttered under his breath.

At its creation, Social Security was sold as something for widows and older people but not as a sole retirement plan, said Huelskamp.

Huelskamp also talked about immigration, saying the current system, based on laws passed in the 1950s, is bad for agriculture.

He has personal experience with immigration, which he called a "crazy system," stemming from the adoption of his two Haitian daughters.

"I don't think anything (an immigration bill) is going to pass," he said. "I don't think he



Rep. Tim Huelskamp took questions from about 20 constituents Monday at a town hall meeting in Colby.

(the president) wants an immigration bill.

Forty percent of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants came here legally, he said, indicating the federal government needs "better follow up" on people who overstay their visas.

He said he does not support the current version of the Senate bill because it offers only amnesty with a promise of dealing with border security later.

see both issues in the same bill. Huelskamp thanked the crowd for their prayers, and encouraged them to keep praying.

"We need to pray for wisdom," he said, for him, the president and other leaders.

Huelskamp said his constituents "deserve to know what's going on and what I'm doing," encouraging the crowd to sign up for his e-mail newsletter through a link on his website: huelskamp.house.gov.

Tractor collection sells big

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were displayed in the auction house. In it, Loker described what it took to restore an old tractor.

The first tractor he ever drove was a Farmall W-9, he said, the same as one he sold Saturday. After the sale, he pointed out a W-30 tractor. That, he said, was the same type that his father first worked on more than 70 years ago.

W-30 had been buried under the mud of a creek on a farm near Ludell. The tires were flat and the inside was filled with mud-dauber wasp and birds' nests and brush brought in by pack rats. They bought it for \$300 at a farm sale about four years ago. It was almost impossible to recognize that tractor, shown in the magazine in a photo taken shortly after the Lokers' Saturday.

"I'm hoping they go to a good home," Loker said.

Maurice Phelps, who owns U Pac Storage in Colby, was one of the buyers. He said he has several tractors.

"I've only got a couple of them," Phelps said. "They don't have that many antique tractor auctions."

Like Loker, he pointed out that the tractors used in western Kansas were generally larger machines.

Fireball shows meteor risk is higher

By Seth Borenstein AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Scientists studying the terrifying meteor that exploded without warning over a Russian city last winter say the threat of space rocks smashing into Earth is bigger than they thought.

Meteors about the size of the one that streaked through the sky at 42,000 mph and burst over Chelyabinsk in February - and ones even larger and more dangerous - are probably four to five times more likely to hit the planet than scientists believed before the fireball, according to three studies published Wednesday in the journals Nature and Science.

Until Chelyabinsk, NASA had looked only for space rocks about 100 feet wide and bigger, figuring there was little danger below that.

This meteor was only 62 feet across but burst with the force of about 40 Hiroshima-type atom bombs, scientists say. It released a shock wave that shattered thousands of windows and injured more than 1,600 people, and its flash was bright enough to temporarily blind 70 people and cause dozens of skin-peeling sunburns just after dawn in icy Russia.

Up until then, scientists had figured a meteor causing an airburst like the one in Russia was a once-in-150-years event, based on how many space rocks have been identified in orbit.

But one of the studies now says it is likely to happen once every 30 years or so, based on how often these things are hitting.

Scientists said a 1908 giant blast over Siberia, a 1963 airborne explosion off the coast of South Africa, and others were of the type that is supposed to happen less than once a century, or in the case of Siberia, once every 8,000 years, yet they all occurred in a 105-year timespan.

Because more than two-thirds of Earth is covered with water and other vast expanses are uninhabited deserts and ice, other past fireballs could have gone unnoticed.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Kiwanis invites vets to lunch on Thursday

The Kiwanis Club of Thomas County invites veterans to lunch at noon Thursday during the club's regular meeting at the Colby Community College Student Union, Room 106.

Church women selling holiday greenery

The Colby Presbyterian Women are selling fresh Christmas greenery - wreaths, garlands and centerpieces - as a fund raiser for their mission projects.

Firemen selling tickets at Legion supper

The Colby Fire Department will be selling tickets for a Henry lever-action .22-caliber rifle at the Sons of the American Legion pheasant hunters' feed from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the post hall, 1850 W. Fourth.

Trinity Lutheran craft bazaar this weekend

Trinity Lutheran Church's annual craft bazaar will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the church Fellowship Hall.

Free lunch offered at church on Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 Saturday, at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St.

Hunt breakfast will benefit Scout project

Hunters - and everyone else - are welcome to enjoy sausage gravy, biscuits and scrambled egg from 5:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church, corner of Pine and Franklin.

Veterans honored at Hometown Show

Pickin' on the Plains will present a Hometown Gospel Show tribute to veterans at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College with the McLemores, Gary Wiggins, the Jeff Wagoner Family, the Bugbee Sisters, Lisa Schroeder and Family, Leon Woofert, Pat Ziegelmeyer, Jay Stewart and Friends, the Perry and Terry Baird and Prairie Rose Harmony.

Landfill to close Monday for Veterans Day

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Monday for Veterans Day. For questions, call Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

Prairie Land group offers budget food

Make your grocery budget go farther with food packages from Prairie Land Food. Buy regular food packages and special November packages like the Thanksgiving meal deal, with ham, turkey and more.

Colby Grade School plans soup supper

Come to the Colby High School commons from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday for a soup supper and silent auction benefit sponsored by Colby Grade School for Jason and Leann Ostmeyer.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS



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Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.) listing programs.

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Table with columns for channel and program name, listing shows like American Pickers, Christmas Crash, Wait Till Next Year, etc.

Premium Channels table listing HBO, MAX, SHOW and their respective programs.