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Eisenhowers to lecture at college Wednesday

By PATTY DECKER

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Colby and area residents will have an opportunity see in person two figures bearing the names of presidents of the United States.

David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower will be at Colby Community College on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for presentations in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center as part of the annual Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series.

David Eisenhower's presentation at 2 p.m. will be entitled, *American Presi-*



Julie and David Eisenhower

dency, and Julie Nixon Eisenhower's topic is entitled, *Inside the White*



House and Women in Politics, at 7 p.m.

"The Eisenhowers, by virtue of their heritage and fate," said Tom Moorhous, coordinator of the event, "have a distinctive and extraordinary perspective of the presidency."

Julie is the daughter of former President and Mrs. Richard Nixon and David is the grandson to former President and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower.

"Together this dynamic and fascinating couple charms audiences with their candid recollections of growing up in a highly political, closely scruti-

nized family environment," Moorhous said.

"They skillfully blend anecdotes with both up-close, personal points-of-view and scholarly knowledge of their subject matter — the Presidency," he said.

The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded by private donations. There is no admission charge to attend either lecture.

Since its beginning, the lecture series has brought distinguished guests from across the country to the college

in an effort to provide cultural opportunities.

The Eisenhowers are expected to arrive in Colby tonight.

During Julie and David's stay in Colby, they will be meeting college students in Thomas Hall at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Following introductions and greetings, the couple will then take part in a short news conference.

The Eisenhowers will then spend time with local officials prior to and after their presentations.

Last year, the lecture series hosted Susan McDougal, who was the recipient of a presidential pardon by then President Bill Clinton.

"We, again, want to cordially invite the public to attend one or both presentations on Wednesday," Moorhous said.

There is no charge for admission at either the afternoon or evening lectures.

For more information on the lecture, call Moorhous at Colby Community College, 462-3984.

Rollover near Brewster kills one

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press

A 20-year-old Texas man, traveling with three other people, died Monday morning after being thrown from a car involved in a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate 70 near Brewster, said a Highway Patrol official in Norton today.

Grant Opplinger of Farwell, Tex., was pronounced dead at the scene and the other three people suffered only minor injuries, authorities said.

The accident, around 8 a.m., happened when the driver, Nicholas Shuman-Web, 20, of Boulder, Colo., lost control of his 2001 Landrover and apparently began to drift from the driving lane into the passing lane, according to the report.

In trying to correct the situation, Shuman-Web reportedly jerked the steering wheel hard to the right causing the car to roll once, coming to rest on its top.

The driver, along with the two other passengers, were taken by ambulance to Citizens Medical Center in Colby with bruises, scrapes and other contusions, said Michael Boyles, chief executive officer. Along with Shuman-Web, the other passengers, Lindsay M. Hoffman, 20, of Cincinnati, Ohio and Stephen Smith, 20, of Raleigh, N.C. were all expected to be released later today. Opplinger was taken to Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The report also noted that with the exception of Opplinger, the other three people were wearing seatbelts.

Pope says sex scandal is a crime by society

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John Paul II told American church leaders today that there was no place in the priesthood "for those who would harm the young," saying sex abuse by priests in the United States was both a sin and a crime. U.S. cardinals said the pontiff backed a "swift process" to remove priests involved in abuse. They said there was no discussion of the possible resignation of Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law, accused of mishandling sex abuse cases. Addressing U.S. cardinals and bishops at the start of an extraordinary two-day meeting, John Paul made his strongest statement since allegations of sex abuse by priests began pouring out in January, shaking the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. "The abuse which has caused this crisis is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society; it is also an appalling sin in the eyes of God," the pontiff said. "To the victims and their families, wherever they may be, I express my profound sense of solidarity and concern."

"People need to know that there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young," he said, according to the official English text of the speech released by the Vatican.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago said the subject of Law's possible resignation was not raised in Tuesday's session or in a private meeting of the prelates the night before.

George said Law admitted to the group that "if he hadn't made some terrible mistakes, we probably all wouldn't be here."

Law is under pressure over his handling of abuse cases — especially those of two known abusers in the Boston archdiocese who were moved from parish to parish. He said last week that he would not resign, following a secret visit to the Vatican.

The American cardinals and Vatican officials were summoned by the pope to find ways to stem the scandal that has shaken the confidence of the faithful, led to the resignation of one bishop, and cost the church millions of dollars in legal settlements. Church officials have been accused of covering up misconduct by priests, in some cases by moving known abusers from job to job.

Asked if the Vatican had committed to a policy of zero-tolerance toward abusive clergy, Mahony said, "We got that commitment from the Holy Father."



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Lt. Don Phillips, Colby Fire Department, started the job of flushing hydrants on E. Plum today as part of an annual maintenance program

to maintain the city's fire insurance rating, check for problems and clear water lines. The work is expected to take about three weeks.

Fire department begins flushing hydrants

By PATTY DECKER

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The Colby Fire Department started flushing hydrants today and will continue to do so for the next two to three weeks, weather permitting, said Rick Dickman, assistant fire chief.

"This is something we do annually and a requirement by the national and state insurance agencies in order to maintain our city's insurance rating," he said.

The city has a rating of four on a 10-point scale, with 10 being the worst. A rating of 10, he said, is usually for areas with homesteads and no water supply readily available. A rating of one constitutes everything being in the right place and would require more full-time people on staff.

"However, in our area, a rating of four is very good when compared to other cities in the surrounding counties," Dickman said.

In addition to maintaining insurance

requirements, flushing hydrants also keeps the lines clean and valves clear, he said.

"During these routine flushings, we also get rid of rocks and rust in the lines and if we discover any other problems with the hydrants, we can get them repaired quickly."

It normally takes about one to two minutes to flush each hydrant, he said, and there are some 270 hydrants located in the city. During the next couple of weeks while the hydrants are being

flushed, Dickman wanted to advise residents that they might see some discoloration in their tap water.

"Anytime we have a heavy flow on the water system, it is bound to stir some silt in the water," he said. Although this discoloration is not harmful, Dickman recommends people to let the water run long enough until it clears.

For questions, Dickman said he encourages people to call the fire department at 462-4454.

Glasscock treated for partially blocked artery; might still enter race

By JOHN HANNA

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA (AP) — House Speaker Kent Glasscock is home after being treated for a partially blocked artery and is being described by a spokesman as still inclined to run for governor.

Glasscock, R-Manhattan, underwent a balloon angioplasty Thursday

night to clear an artery to his heart. Until Monday, he was recovering at the St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Topeka.

His doctor discovered the blockage during a routine checkup and said there was no damage to his heart.

The speaker was hospitalized as speculation built over whether he

would re-enter the GOP governor's race. Glasscock began running last year, but abandoned his bid to become Attorney General Carla Stovall's lieutenant-governor running mate. However, Stovall quit the race a week ago, leaving moderate Republicans without a candidate.

Spokesman Scott Holeman said

Monday that Glasscock was doing well and considered the angioplasty "like a tuneup."

"His inclination is still to get in the race," Holeman said.

However, Holeman said Glasscock's recovery would delay an announcement about his plans.

"He's going to take the advice of his

doctor and stay at home and rest for a few days," Holeman said. "I would not expect any formal announcement this week."

Glasscock's brother has had a heart attack and his parents have both had similar procedures.

Doctors at St. Francis described the balloon angioplasty, which is designed

to keep blood flowing to the heart, as a common procedure.

The speaker was hospitalized during the Legislature's two-week recess, following 90 days in session on April 13. Legislators are scheduled to return to the Statehouse for a wrapup session on May 1, and Holeman said Glasscock will be present.

Briefly

Little hope for rain

Chances for moisture look slim, a study of the Colby area forecast through Friday reveals. Tonight, clear and breezy, lows in the upper 30s to around 40, southwest winds 5-10 mph, becoming north early in the morning and increasing to 15-25 with gusts to 35. Wednesday, sunny and breezy, highs around 60 and north winds 15-25 mph with gusts to 35 early. Wednesday night, clear, lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, cloudy, highs in the middle 60s. Thursday night, cloudy, lows in the middle 40s. Friday, cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, highs in the upper 50s to around 60. Colby's high Monday was 73 and the overnight low this morning was 34. The soil temperature at the 4-inch depth

is averaging 56 degrees. Precipitation remains at 0.17 inches for the month. The records for April 23: 98 in 1989 and 26 in 1988. (*The temperatures and precipitation are provided by the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.*)

Rexford plans annual clean up day

The City of Rexford is having its annual clean-up campaign on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 9 a.m., said Kathi Hapke, one of the organizers. For those who would like to drop off old appliances (no freon) can do so on Friday, April 26, when a trailer will be available at Rexford City Hall for that purpose. For those unable to bring items to that loca-

tion on Friday, Hapke asks that they call (785) 687-3340 or (785) 687-2400 for arrangements. For those who can volunteer time at the clean up, Hapke asks they be at the Rexford Community Building by 9 a.m. the day of the event.

Parking regulations revisited

With the warmer weather and as people begin turning their attention to recreational activities, the City of Colby is reminding its citizens that no truck, motor vehicle, camper, trailer, machinery or equipment can be parked on any street or alley within the city in excess of 48 hours, officials said. The police department is authorized to remove and impound any of these types of vehicles that would

be in violation, city officials said.

Middle school orientation tonight

Parents of fifth grade students at Colby Elementary School or those planning to attend Colby Middle School next fall as sixth graders are urged to attend an orientation meeting tonight at 7 p.m.

Golden Plains plans enrollment

Golden Plains School will conduct kindergarten enrollment and screenings for next year's kindergarten students on Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002, should call the school at (785) 386-4560 for an appointment.

