

Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Windy, with a northwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Northwest wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.  
**Sunday:** A slight chance of snow and freezing drizzle before noon, then a slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.  
**Monday:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Monday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Veterans Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.  
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.  
  
Wednesday: High, 74; Low 38  
Precip: Wednesday, trace  
Month: 0.00  
Year: 19.88  
Normal: 19.95  
(K-State Experiment Station)

California voters put brakes on gay marriage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a heartbreaking defeat for the gay-rights movement, California voters put a stop to gay marriage, creating uncertainty about the legal status of 18,000 same-sex couples who tied the knot during a four-month window of opportunity opened by the state's highest court.  
Passage of a constitutional amendment against gay marriage — in a state so often at the forefront of liberal social change — elated religious conservatives who had little else to cheer about in Tuesday's elections. Gay activists were disappointed and began looking for battlegrounds elsewhere in the back-and-forth fight to allow gays to wed.  
"There's something deeply wrong with putting the rights of a minority up to a majority vote," said Evan Wolfson, a gay-rights lawyer who heads a group called Freedom to Marry. "If this were being done to almost any other minority, people would see how un-American this is."  
Legal skirmishing began immediately, with gay-rights groups challenging the newly passed ban in court Wednesday and vowing to resist any effort to invalidate the same-sex marriages that took place following the state Supreme Court decision in May.  
The amendment, which passed with 52 percent of the vote, overrides that court ruling by defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Thirty states now have adopted such measures, but the California vote marks the first time a state took away gay marriage after it had been legalized.  
Gay-marriage bans also passed on Tuesday in Arizona and Florida, with 57 percent and 62 percent support, respectively, while Arkansas voters approved a measure aimed at gays that bars unmarried couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents.  
Massachusetts and Connecticut are now the only states to allow

same-sex marriage.  
Even as the last votes were being counted in California, the American Civil Liberties Union and other opponents of the ban filed a challenge with the state Supreme Court. They contended that California's ballot cannot be used to undermine one group's access to rights enjoyed by other citizens.  
The city attorneys in Los Angeles and San Francisco also filed a request with the Supreme Court to invalidate the amendment's approval, arguing that it deprives gays of constitutional rights.  
The measure's passage casts a shadow of uncertainty over the marriages performed in the past four months. California State Attorney General Jerry Brown has said existing gay marriages will remain valid, but other legal experts said challenges are likely.  
Amid the uncertainty, some gay couples continued applying for marriage licenses Wednesday. They succeeded in some jurisdictions and not others.  
Jake Rowe, 27, and James Eslick, 29, were in the midst of getting their marriage license at Sacramento City Hall when someone from the clerk's office stopped the wedding Wednesday morning.  
"I'm thoroughly surprised," Rowe said. "I thought Californians had come to the point where they realized discrimination wasn't right."  
Proposition 8 became the focus of the most expensive social-issues campaign in U.S. history, with the rival sides raising a combined \$74 million.

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Corrections

A photo caption on the front page of the Nov. 3 *Colby Free Press* misidentified a resident of the Colby Care Center dressed in a witches' hat as Phillis Kriss. The woman was Frances Zoberst. This was a reporting error.  
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The name of newborn Dylan Daniel Wicks' great-grandmother was misspelled in an article in the Nov. 5 edition of the *Colby Free Press*. It should have said Sharon Hallagin of Dodge City. This was a reporting error.  
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