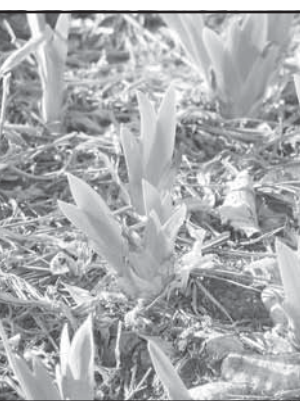


Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast 5 to 10 mph in the evening.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest 15 to 25 mph in the morning.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A chance of snow before 10 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday Night: Rain and snow likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Sunday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 41. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: High, 82; Low 37
Saturday: High, 48; Low 29
Sunday: High, 54; Low 20
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday Trace
Month: 0.09 inches
Year: 0.89 inches
Normal: 2.11 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:49 a.m. 7:56 p.m.
First quarter moon at 12:27 p.m.
Wednesday 7:47 a.m. 7:57 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 59 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Author speaks at Brewster church

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the first nation ruled by law and not a king, where kings were equal to the people and each person had an individual relationship with God.

"This is the beginning of the very concept of equality," he said, adding that the ancient Greeks and Romans had democratic governments.

"Every now and then," he said, "people get the rare opportunity to stretch the rubber band and put the power back into the hands of the people."

He said these governments were undermined by corruption and eventually fell into a cycle where they were taken over by dictators.

"We've gone around that cycle so many times to varying degrees," Federer said. "We're on it somewhere today."

He said God allowed America to be the most prosperous and powerful nation in that en-

tire 6,000-year history, but that some people in this county have their own agendas.

"Their goal is to take us from our Judeo-Christian past into a secular neutral," he said, "and now they'll take us into their plan for the future."

In his talk about another book, "BackFired," Sunday morning, Federer covered the founding of the U.S., with its special place in history. Leaders and ministers of different Christian denominations helped form the original 13 colonies, he said, just like European kings held onto different denominations.

"So instead of separation of church and state," he said, "it was the church creating the state."

The colonies did not get along very often, he said, but they had to work together during the American revolution. Gradually, Americans learned tolerance for different religions.

The original Constitution

guaranteed states' rights, he said.

"The states were in charge of religion," he added. "Some states gave a little more religious freedom."

But after that, states began to accept a wider variety of religions, he said, and later interpretations of the law in the Supreme Court resulted in atheism becoming recognized as a kind of religion, then being favored over Christianity. The 14th Amendment - meant to force states to grant citizenship to freed slaves - was used to give the federal government a chance to overrule states' rights, he said.

"The last ones decided to kick the first ones out, and that's the story of the book," Federer said. "It's that everyone is tolerated except the first ones who decided to do the tolerating."

Speaking about St. Patrick during the Sunday service, he said the man converted 120,000

Irish to Christianity and helped lay the groundwork for spreading the religion in Europe. After finishing up his talk about "Change to Chains," Sunday evening, he said he wanted to talk about his book, "What Every American Needs to Know about Islam And the Koran, a History of Islam and the United States." He said this book is about the effect that Muslim conquests had on the history of Europe and the U.S.

He said that Muslims caused setbacks for Christian Europe in some ways, but in others help spur positive developments like Christopher Columbus discovering America.

Several times Federer asked his audience if they found his subject interesting, and each time a handful of people answered "yes."

"I think he's very well read on the subjects. He's quite a historian," Pinkelman said. "I think I have enjoyed him coming here."

Legion post honors longtime members

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of where we are right now," Lewis said of the sons. "American Legion is the glue, but they do the work that allows for charities."

Galli said the Sons helped with charity work, such as Fischer House, which sets up houses next to military hospitals for veterans' families to use when visiting.

He presented a plaque to Richard Cox for founding the Colby Sons. Cox said he was the chairman of the building committee when the post decided to buy its current building and change it over from a bowling alley.

"I've got to say, you wouldn't know today that this is the same place," Cox added.

He in turn brought his son, Bobby Joe Cox, to the podium. Bobby Joe was a state commander of the Legion and commander of the Colby post before moving away.

He asked member Doug Ketchum, Americanism Committee chair for the post, to stand for a round of applause.

He also is a director of the American Legion Riders, who along with charitable work provide funeral escorts for former service members.

Cox also extended congratulations to all the Legion members.

"You need to pat yourselves on the back," he said. "You all deserve a great big hand."

Chaplain George Overton led the group in a prayer before everyone lined up for a potluck dinner.

Lewis said the legion also helps support the old soldiers' home at Fort Dodge and the Wounded Warrior Battalion.

He said that one of the national group's goals is to be involved with youth, and the first national convention recommended that every post charter a Boy Scout troop. A small group of Scouts and their dads showed up in uniform for the celebration.

Explosives removed from Florida dorm

By Kyle Hightower

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - A college student killed himself in a dorm at the University of Central Florida and authorities found explosives and guns in the room early today, authorities said, leading to the evacuation of hundreds of students and cancellation of morning classes.

University spokesman Grant Heston said normal campus operations resumed around noon after the makeshift devices were taken away from the dorm, which remained closed. Authorities didn't immediately say what the student's intentions may have been.

"Obviously you never want somebody to commit suicide, but knowing what we know about what was in his room, we feel better at least that no one else was hurt," Heston said. University police were called to the dorm around 12:20 a.m.

after a fire alarm went off. Heston said. While they were on their way to the scene, a 911 call came in about a man with a gun.

Arriving officers found a man dead from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound inside a residence at the Tower 1 dorm. Heston said the man was a student at the university.

Heston said the dorm has suites, with a main kitchen and living area, along with four bedrooms. The dead man was inside one of the rooms. Inside the room, Heston said, police also found what they described as an assault weapon, a handgun and makeshift explosive devices. Florida law prohibits the possession of guns on state university campuses.

He said the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the FBI are helping with the investigation. The sheriff's bomb squad was examining the explosive devices this morning.

About 500 students were evacuated from the dorm, and Heston said it would remain closed until authorities give an all-clear on the building.

This morning, flashing signs around the campus alerted students and staff about the canceled classes. Campus shuttle buses were lined up about a half-mile from campus, with drivers standing by once the campus opens. The university's main campus in Orlando has about 51,000 students.

Antonio Whitehead, 21, a junior from Hollywood, Fla., said he heard the fire alarm go off after midnight and thought it was a routine alarm. He headed outside where he saw a crowd already heading across the street from the dorm.

Whitehead, who has lived in the dorm for two years, said the students were moved to an open area about 1,000 feet from UCF Arena. The area is a busy sec-

tion of the campus, with restaurants and shops nearby.

Grant Hernandez, 20, a sophomore from Orlando who also is a resident at the dorm, said he woke up sometime after midnight when police were evacuating the building.

He said officers on the scene began providing information, and students checked updates on the university's website.

A statement there said the UCF Arena would open to accommodate displaced students. Counselors would be available to talk to students who need assistance.

The Tower 1 dorm is part of the school's popular Towers at Knight Plaza apartment building complex, according to UCF's website. Tower 1 has seven floors. The typical apartment layout has four bedroom and two bathrooms, the website says. Heston said the student who died had three roommates.

Briefly

Extension continues sign up for Walk Kansas

Interested in joining the exercise program Walk Kansas? You can still sign up. Diann Gerstner, a Thomas County Extension agent, said with everyone on spring break last week, they have extended the deadline to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Stop by the Extension Office to pick up a team-captain packet or go to www.thomas.ksu.edu to download the materials. For questions, call Gerstner at 460-4582.

Insurance company to hold open house

Strutt Insurance Services, formerly F&M Insurance Store and Cersovsky Insurance, will be holding an open house at its new location, 1675 W. Fourth St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The business will also hold Business After Five beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday. For information, call Darwin Strutt at 462-6779.

Legion Auxiliary making bierocks

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary will be taking orders for regular, cheese and jalapeno bierocks at \$32 a dozen to be made Sunday, April 7. The proceeds will go to veterans and their families. For questions or to order, call Terina Schmidt at 443-3766.

Museum to hold last Food for Thought

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will hold its final free Food for Thought program of the season during the noon hour Thursday in the Garvey Educational Room at 1905 S. Franklin. Joan Nothorn, president of the Solomon Valley-Highway 24-Heritage Alliance, will talk about "Converting Pasture Paths to Public Roads." The museum will provide a light lunch. For information, call Director Sue Taylor at 460-4590.

Commodities to be given out this month

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. next Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. This is a second distribution for March. It is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with someone else. Bring a sack or box. Commodities may include corn, orange juice, mixed fruit, grapefruit juice, potatoes and applesauce. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

'Kids a Cookin' classes continue in March

Spring sessions of Kids-a-Cookin', a hands-on food preparation and nutrition class for third through fifth graders, continue Thursdays this week and April 11. Sessions start right after school, about 3:45 p.m., at the Colby Community Building. Classes are taught by Extension agents Karen Jones and Diann Gerstner. Sign up by calling the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.

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Table with TV listings for Tuesday Evening, March 19, 2013. Columns include time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and channel names (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, KSNK/FOX, etc.).

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