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## Colonial conversations



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**ABOVE:** Grace Lynn Oard (in bonnet), and Emily Corbett, portrayed a colonial girl and dame schoolteacher today at Heartland Christian School. While doing a "Colonial Living Museum," they told kindergartners Michael Herndon, Landy Kistler and Elizabeth Collins what life was like in the days of George Wash-

ington. The event was put on by Heartland first and second graders in Erin Inman's class. **LEFT:** Quinlee Niblock, left, portraying a colonial mother, showed her exhibit to Beth Jamison of Quinter. **RIGHT:** Taylor Miller, homeschool student, explained colonial trapping and hunting to Dixie Snyder of Colby.



## Contract still could be reinstated

By Tisha Cox  
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The contract of Colby High School activities director is still in limbo.

Board members said today there is still a possibility it could come up at a future meeting, but members Stan Molstad and Gerry Fulwider, who each had a different stance, said they won't be the ones bringing it up.

The board approved administrative contract renewals at its December meeting, but made activities director Jeff Quenzer's contract a separate item.

Board members Fulwider, Joel Powell, Dewey Augustine and Kevan Taylor voted to not renew Quenzer's contract.

Board president Tracy Rogers and members Molstad and Janice Frahm voted to renew the contract.

The contract would have to be brought up for another vote by someone who initially voted against it, Molstad said.

"It's not up to me," he said.

Fulwider said Quenzer wasn't fired, but still has a job until July, when his contract expires.

"If somebody brings it up, it would be voted on again," Fulwider said.

## Two Oakley men charged with theft

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
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Two Oakley residents have been charged with forgery and theft and both are already in jail in Thomas County.

Eric Schiltz, 24, and Goldie Moore, 22, have been charged in Ellis County with forgery and theft.

According to Assistant Ellis County Attorney Brenda Basgall Schiltz was charged Tuesday with three counts of forgery and three counts of theft.

Basgall said Schiltz presented checks totaling \$1,853.38 at the Sunflower Bank, Dillons and Pay Day Loans in Hays.

Schiltz is in the Thomas County Jail awaiting a hearing pertaining to the Nov. 23 break-in at Murray Enterprises, Murray Roofing, JM Tree

and Lawn Service and Sundance Spas located at 780 E. 4th in Colby.

Moore pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit a burglary for her part in the same break-in. Moore is also in Thomas County Jail until such time she can present District Judge Glenn Schiffner a plan for living accommodations which would allow her release.

Moore told Schiffner during a hearing on Jan. 26 she had no place to live. She is to be sentenced in Thomas County on March 8.

Basgall said Moore is being charged with two counts of forgery and two counts of theft for presenting checks totaling \$735.36 to Dillons and Pay Day Loans in Hays in early December.

No court date has been set in Ellis County for either Schiltz or Moore.

## Defense budget goes up

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's 2007 budget seeks a nearly 5 percent increase in Defense Department spending, to \$439.3 billion, with significantly more money for weapons programs, according to senior Pentagon officials and documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The budget figures, to be unveiled next week, come as the Pentagon prepares to release a separate

long-range strategy to reshape the military into a more agile fighting force better able to fight terrorism, while still preserving its ability to wage large conventional wars.

More than a year in the making and scheduled to be released today, the strategy review represents the broader thinking that guides how the dollars are spent. It does not call for the elimination of any of the largest weapons programs.

## Hearing officer supports four of 19 allegations against doctor

By Patty Decker  
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In the second part of a two-part series, the remaining allegations and conclusions regarding a Colby doctor are highlighted. The first nine accusations and decisions based on law appeared in the Thursday edition of the *Free Press*.

Edward Gaschler, presiding officer for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, found 16 of the 19 allegations against Dr. Victor Hildyard did not violate any provisions of the Healing Arts Act.

Gaschler's order said the state board did establish evidence Hildyard violated the Healing Arts Act in counts 9, 10 and 11 dealing with inappropriate language and unacceptable behavior by a physician.

In addition, Tracy Deal, assistant to Gaschler, clarified today Count 8, regarding signing off on progress notes, was overlooked in the summary and was in fact a violation of the Healing Arts Act.

Gaschler's conclusions are based on the testimony of doctors from both the state and Hildyard, findings of fact, and law.

It is now up to the entire Board of

Healing Arts to either adopt Gaschler's initial order, modify it, or send it back for additional procedures, said Mark Stafford, general counsel, Kansas Board of Healing Arts.

The board could make a decision as early as its Feb. 10-11 meeting; however, the matter could be continued until the next board meeting in April, Stafford said.

The following is a brief overview of the remaining 10 allegations and findings from Gaschler's 28-page initial order.

### Count 10

The board alleges Hildyard, on two occasions, dictated inappropriate remarks into patient records, one involving remarks about a patient's mother.



Dr. Hildyard



M. O'Neal

### Part Two of a two-part series

The mother was identified as Hildyard's head nurse at the clinic. Hildyard and the mother testified neither thought the transcription machine was on at the time the statement was made.

The transcription was received in medical records and two versions were made — one with the statement and one without.

Hildyard was never contacted by medical records or at Citizens Medical Center regarding the dictation. In the second incident, regarding the same patient, comments were made about the inadequacy of staffing in the radiology department at the Colby hospital.

Gaschler concluded while "perhaps bothersome" to others at Citizens Medical Center, the remarks were "clearly friendly banter between the respondent (Hildyard) and his nurse (Patti Stephens).

"One thing that is somewhat troubling concerning this is that the administrator of Citizens Medical Center would speak to other physicians when they would make inap-

propriate dictation and that in the administrator's words, he would tell them to 'knock it off.' In this case, the respondent was never contacted..." With regard to complaints about the radiology department, Gaschler ruled while Hildyard might have legitimate concerns, the patient's record was not the proper place for lodging the complaint.

### Count 11

Hildyard is alleged to have used profanity in the presence of hospital staff and patients and accused of referring to female staff in a derogatory manner to include making sexually explicit comments and innuendoes, gestures and touching. In addition, he is alleged to have had sudden and unpredictable outbursts of anger, frustration, abusive and profane language in front of subordinates and patients.

Gaschler said the examination of the record in this case establishes the respondent did this on frequent, if not on daily occasions and also referred to other doctors (not associated with his clinic) as "twiddle

dee and twiddle dumb."

In his initial order, Gaschler concluded the state established a clear and convincing argument Hildyard did act in an "unprofessional and dishonorable manner" according to Kansas statutes.

### Count 12

This count deals with Hildyard losing his privileges at Citizens Medical Center; however, almost all the findings of fact have labeled "confidential." Of the 8 points in Count 12, only two were made public in the initial order.

The second point involved testimony with Patient Number 11 who spoke at the revocation hearing that included Hildyard's privileges being revoked. In his remarks, Gaschler said Patient 11 "made the allegations (against Hildyard), recanted the allegations, made the allegations again, recanted the allegations again and made the allegations again."

The majority of Gaschler's conclusions were also confidential by Stafford, general counsel with the Board of Healing Arts prior to releasing the order to the *Free Press*. The only writing available to the public by Gaschler was he didn't

believe the action taken by Citizens Medical Center supported the evidence in its revocation of Hildyard's clinical privileges and "does not believe that it can be the basis for discipline in this case."

### Counts 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19

All seven counts deal with Hildyard's use of intramuscular injections of corticosteroids on the following patients and the state's accusations the number of injections was excessive, the doctor didn't consider other treatment options and in some cases the injections led to steroid dependency.

Each count represents a particular patient and their condition. In **Count 13**, the patient is 73, suffering from asthmatic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, enlarged prostate, peripheral edema, hypertension, gout, diabetes, and degenerative arthritis.

The patient in **Count 14** was 62 and suffered from osteoarthritis of the spine, cervical disease, heart disease, gastritis, colitis and neurological damage resulting from a stroke.

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