

# Fleeing teen hits barricade

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A Goodland youth was arrested early Wednesday morning after hitting a barricade in Colby while attempting to flee from authorities.

Keith Richard Vasquez, 18, was charged with driving under the influence, exhibition of power (acceleration on roadways), transporting an open container, minor in possession of alcohol, and reckless driving.

The incident occurred just after midnight, said Gary Shull, Colby Police investigator, when Vasquez turned off College Drive onto Terrace Drive near Colby Community College slamming into a barricade at the end of that street.

Vasquez was driving a 2001 GMC pickup and apparently panicked when he saw an officer driving in the vicinity , Shull said.

After the pickup struck the barricade, a passenger in the vehicle, who was believed to have hit the windshield on impact, fled the scene, Shull said. Not long after the accident, authorities were notified that the passenger went to Citizens Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

The driver was released from the Thomas County jail later that day pending charges in municipal court.

Regarding the passenger in the vehicle, officials had no other information as of press time today.



City of Colby Public Works and Police Department officials inspected damage to the barricade at the end of Terrace Drive on Wednesday after a Goodland teenager slammed into one of the two concrete supports which held the wood barrier in place earlier that day. Left to right are Ron Kogler, city employee, Colby Police Chief Randall Jones and Gerry Bieker, director of public works.

# Fair losses in excess of \$10,000

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The Thomas County Fair Board released the financial report at Thursday night's meeting dealing with entertainment for the week-long 2002 fair. The tabulation showed losses totaling \$10,070.

Nancy Rundel, board member, said, "I think we have some challenges, but I also think in come cases we got really lucky."

The first two nights of the fair featuring the PRCA Rodeo, 905 adults and 543 children were in attendance. Income for the event was \$11,817, while expenses were \$26,356. This added up to a \$14,539 loss.

Discussion was held about the financial losses sustained by grandstand events in the years there have been no carnival.

"I think it has hurt attendance not having a carnival," said board member Gary Garrett.

The evening of the demolition derby was the biggest money maker for the fair, bringing in a plus \$3,842. The Thursday night event brought in 844 adults and 162 children.

The income of tickets combined with gate fees totaled \$10,416. After taking \$6,574 out for expenses the derby netted \$3,842.

The races were supposed to be held Friday and Saturday, but rain caused a postponement to Sunday.

For the entire event, 1,708 adult and 467 childrens tickets were sold, board officials said.

The \$44,040 in income for the races outweighed the \$43,413 in expenses for a \$627 gain.

Mark Anderson, vice-president filling in for absent president Mark Miller said, "There are two ways of getting this bottom line to work out. We can spend less or bring in more."

Board members discussed possible ways to cut expenses for grandstand events for next year, and speculated that the commencement of the home-owned carnival would help raise attendance at the nightly events.

In other business:

- Board members were invited by the Thomas County Extension to attend a meeting Sept. 23 to discuss the fair-book and other possible changes for next year.
- The board was informed by Jim Malcolm that he would be receiving "free" help on painting the grandstand seats by those fulfilling community service.
- His plans are to start the project after the college rodeo is finished.
- Permission was given to hold a Boy Scout Fun Day at the fairgrounds on Oct. 5. This Fun Day will be for Boy Scouts from all over the area.
- Darrell Dible presented four different layouts for placement of the home-owned carnival.
- The board chose one and voted it as their preference to submit to the Thomas County Amusement Association.
- Discussion was held about holding the parade on Saturday next year to allow more families to be able to attend.

After the Sept. 23 meeting with the Extension office, and when plans are finalized for 4-H release times, auction, and sellers meal at next year's fair, a decision will be made as to whether a different time would possibly work better.

# Powell begins talks on a resolution to disarm Hussein

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is launching talks with key foreign leaders to see if they can put together a U.N. resolution that calls on Iraq to submit to weapons inspections or risk grave consequences.

Only Britain stands firmly with the United States in its hard-line approach to Iraq's Saddam Hussein. The three other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, Russia, China and France, have the power to veto and torpedo a resolution.

Powell's tough assignment is to try to gain their support.

In a speech Thursday night, Powell lashed out at the Iraqi leader.

"Saddam Hussein has long made an unholy alliance with terrorists," Powell said. "What is not arguable is that he is in violation of international law."

Predicting the U.S. campaign against the Iraqi leader would prevail, Powell said, "I am confident we will be

successful in making that case to the international community."

Raising the specter of war, President Bush told skeptical world leaders Thursday to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Saddam's Iraq — or stand aside as the United States acts. Hesitant allies asked Bush not to go it alone, while some members of Congress said the president still had not made the case for an attack.

In deciding to try to put together a new U.N. resolution on Iraq — there have been 16 since the Persian Gulf war of 1990-91 calling for weapons inspection and disarmament — Bush has taken a step in the direction of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and other world leaders who are opposed to unilateral action.

But a senior U.S. official responded negatively when asked if there was a chance Saddam would comply with U.N. demands this time. The official added there will be no negotiations

with Iraq.

"It's not as if Saddam Hussein doesn't know what he is supposed to do. So we don't expect the process of coming to a resolution to take months," the official said.

Nor, the official said, will the United States wait months for Iraq to comply with any new U.N. demands.

Powell had a luncheon scheduled with the foreign ministers of Russia, France, Britain and China, and a separate session with the other members of the Council.

Also, Powell was to meet separately with Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan of China and, briefly, with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepan.

Bush, in his speech to the U.N. General Assembly, said millions of lives were at risk because of Saddam's biological, chemical and nuclear weapons programs.

He said it would be a "reckless gamble" to delay in coming to terms

with the threat.

"If Iraq's regime defies us again, the world must move deliberately and decisively to hold Iraq to account," Bush said in his 15-minute address. "The just demands of peace and security will be met or action will be unavoidable. And a regime that has lost its legitimacy will also lose its power."

Still, many world leaders counseled patience and more diplomacy, while members of Congress were skeptical of going to war with Iraq.

"We are facing a lot of very, very difficult challenges and choices, and I guess we will have to choose among a lot of bad options really," Norwegian Foreign Minister Jan Petersen said.

Addressing the General Assembly, Annan urged caution, that the United Nations was the place to confront threats to international peace and security.

Defiant, Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Al-Douri denounced

Bush's address.

"He chooses to deceive the world and his own people by the longest series of fabrications that have ever been told by a leader of a nation," Al-Douri said.

In Washington, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said, "I don't think that the case for pre-emptive attack has been made conclusively yet. That doesn't mean it can't be."

Democrats like Daschle, D-S.D., are struggling to balance their concerns of going to war against the political dangers of bucking a popular president.

Republican lawmakers praised Bush's speech and urged Democrats to yield quickly on a resolution authorizing action against Saddam — an act that would make Iraq an issue deep in the midterm election campaign.

"We must vote to show support to the president right now," said Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

# Candidate Kline is slapped with \$8,100 fine

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Phill Kline, the Republican nominee for Kansas attorney general, has paid an \$8,100 federal fine for failing to properly report contributions in the days leading up to his unsuccessful congressional bid in 2000.

The fine was paid July 17, about three weeks before Kline won the Aug. 4 primary for attorney general.

Candidates for federal office have 48 hours to report receipt of contributions of at least \$1,000 that are received between two and 20 days before an election. In 2000, Kline waited until the

next regular reporting period to report such donations to the Federal Election Commission, FEC spokeswoman Kelly Huff said. "People want to know what money is coming in right before the election," Huff told The Hutchinson News for a story in today's edition. "Public disclosure is an important part of the law."

Kline, who faces Geary County Attorney Chris Biggs, a Democrat, in the Nov. 5 general election, said the incident was a mistake.

"Yes, it was a mistake and those reports are important, and they should have been filed," Kline told the newspaper. Kline lost the 2000 race to unseat Rep. Dennis Moore, D-Lenexa. He received late campaign donations that year from individuals as well as the Washington Group International PAC, New American Century PAC, and the American Leadership Council, the FEC said. "Friends of Phill" paid the \$8,100 fine, officials said.

Phil Kline, candidate for attorney general

## Briefly

### College board to meet

The Board of Trustees of Colby Community College will hold a regular meeting on Monday at 5 p.m. in the board room of the Thomas Hall administration building. Items on the agenda include discussion of a LSAT library grant, a report of the KACCT meeting of Sept. 6 and 7, and revisions to the Policies and Procedures manual. The public is invited to attend.

### Association to meet Monday

The Thomas County Amusement Association will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Thomas County Office Complex. This is a time change from previous meetings. The public is invited to attend.

### Commissioners meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will hold their regular meeting Monday at 9 a.m. at the Thomas County Courthouse. On the agenda: Chris Bieker will discuss the purchase of a water pump engine; Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball to discuss the 2001 Au-

dit, and Undersheriff Mike Baughn will be in to talk about the jail budget and radio/911.

### Hospital/college plan program

Citizens Medical Center and Colby Community College Department of Nursing will co-sponsor a community education program on dementia and Alzheimer's disease on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in room 108 of the college student union. The speaker will be Cindy Miller, an Alzheimer's Aging Specialist from the Kansas Department of Aging. For more information, contact Alva Horn at 462-8295 or Jeanene Brown at 462-4850.

### 'Fly-In' planned for October

The third annual Colby Fly-In will be Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colby Municipal airport. An assortment of aircraft will be on hand. Plane rides will be available to the first 100 people that register. Breakfast will be served for \$3 per person. Two rides in a W.W.II fighter trainer will also be raffled off. For raffle tickets and more information, contact Mark

Ostmeyer, airport manager, at 462-4438.

### Red Cross luncheon planned

The American Red Cross is hosting a luncheon to show its appreciation for blood donors, volunteers and the media in north-west Kansas. The celebration will take place at the Ramada Inn in Colby, on Thursday, Sept. 26, at noon. Please RSVP if you plan on attending to Debbie Kirk, at 620-271-7394, or 316-259-6685.

### Photos on display is Saturday

The Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library sponsored a second photo contest called *A Day in the Life of Thomas County* this summer. There were more than 80 community photographers who took the challenge and submitted their photos to the library. The winners have been chosen and a public showing has been set for Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the library. The three grand winning photos have been framed and will be on display along with the 100 honorable mention photos. For more information, contact the library at 462-4470.

WeatherWatch  
Colby-Oakley area

The numbers

Thursday's high, 83  
Low this morning, 56  
Year ago today, 95 and 55  
Temperature at 10:45 a.m. today, 66

Colby's 24-hour rainfall, 0.42  
Total for month to date, 1.06  
Soil temp at the 4-inch depth, 73  
Records for Sept. 13, 100 in 1955 and 31 in 1974

The forecast

Today's high should reach the upper 70s. Tonight, cloudy, slight chance for showers or noisemakers, winds 5-10 mph out of the north, lows in the mid-50s. Saturday, partly sunny, highs in the mid-70s, north winds 10-20. Saturday night and Sunday, mostly clear, lows in the upper 40s and highs in the lower 70s. Monday, clear, lows in the lower 80s. (*Temperatures and precipitation are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, unless otherwise noted. Forecast is from the National Weather Service.*)

Colby Water Usage

•Sept. 12=1,808 million gallons  
**Levels of Concern**  
**Watch** Level 3.5 million gallons  
**Warning** Level 4.0 million gallons  
**Emergency** Level 4.5 million gallons  
(Three consecutive days)



