

Award-winning research benefits swine

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Pseudorabies sounds like it belongs in a horror movie, not in a barnyard.

But it's a potentially fatal disease that attacks swine. Luis Schang, a veterinary and biomedical sciences graduate student, has won a national award for his research on the disease.

He was awarded the Joseph J. Garbarino Award, a national award from the Animal Health Institute Foundation.

The pseudorabies virus causes an acute infection that swine retain for life. The virus has periods of dormancy, but sometimes reactivates and spreads to other animals.

Schang found that by using vaccines he could prevent or minimize the virus and prevent death in herds. This discovery is especially important in areas such as Nebraska and Iowa, he said, where farming is a big part of the economy.

"There are many things we do not understand that we should about this virus," Schang said.

He said the virus affected the central nervous system, resulting in respiratory, nervous and reproductive disorders.

Schang became interested in the virus in his rural hometown in Argentina, 15 years ago.

Massage

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Gilbertson and her techniques are popular with dancers and athletes, Marvin said.

"She's a real professional with a good sense of humor," Marvin said. "She makes you feel comfortable, and it's worth the money."

Gilbertson charges \$25 for a half-hour session and \$40 for an hour. She gives students a special price of \$30 per hour.

After initial visits to identify problems in the body and align muscles and internal structures, most people like to come in once or twice a month to relax and loosen muscles, Gilbertson said.

But relaxing is tougher than it sounds, she said.

Gilbertson said she relaxed her

patients by starting with a Swedish massage.

"Each person is treated differently depending on what my hands sense about them," Gilbertson said.

And her hands sense a lot, she said. Gilbertson stumbled into the massage profession. She had been going to a chiropractor after a horse sat on her, she said. When she suggested different ways the chiropractor could help her, he remarked that she was very in tune with her body, she said.

So Gilbertson decided to put that talent to use and enrolled in the Omaha School of Massage Therapy. She opened her own practice once she graduated.

"Massage is preventative medicine," Gilbertson said. "It makes muscles elastic to prevent injury, gets rid of toxins and also makes you relax, which makes a difference in the immune system."

Crime

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Casady said. Most crimes are committed by young adults between the ages of 15 and 30, Casady said. That age group has been rising in the city, he said, and will continue to rise.

LPD has responded to the rise in violent crimes by expanding its police force by 22 positions in two years, Casady said. The department now has 175 officers patrolling the street.

Casady said Lincoln residents could help prevent violent crime by keeping their neighborhoods strong. Residents should become active in Neighborhood Watch Associations, he said.

"I believe if we get our neighborhoods involved, we can avoid many problems other communities have had," Casady said.

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