

Lincoln City Council approves \$200,000 Renteria resolution

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Francisco's life," Walker said. "They have come to terms with the litigation progress. "Whether or not they have come to terms with the loss of their son, brother and uncle is very private to them."

“*It is not an acceptance of guilt...It's a business decision, not a legal decision.*”

CINDY JOHNSON
Lincoln city council chairwoman

Renteria timeline

Sept. 30 1994 Francisco Renteria is stopped for questioning about a disturbance. A scuffle ensues after Renteria resists arrest or questioning. Officers attempt several restraints, and eventually hogtie Renteria and put him in a car.	Feb. 17 1995 Casady's indictment is dropped.	June 20 1995 After a trial, Wilke is acquitted by a jury.	Jan. 1996 The Lincoln City Council approves a \$200,000 settlement in wrongful death civil suits filed against the fire and police departments.
Oct. 1 1994 Renteria dies at Lincoln General Hospital.	Dec. 2 1994 A grand jury indicts Wilke, Schellpeper, Wright and LPD Chief Tom Casady, all on misdemeanors, for their involvement in the incident.	July 8 1995 After a trial, Schellpeper is acquitted by a jury.	Aug. 1995 Wright, who had requested a bench trial, was acquitted by a judge.

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Black medal winner lived in Boys Town

BOYS TOWN (AP) — The only living soldier of seven black World War II veterans honored at the White House on Monday lived at this home for orphaned and troubled youths in the 1930s.

"He was very solid. He was cool headed," said Albert Kercheval, a schoolmate of Vernon Baker's. "The two of us made it together all right."

Vernon Baker, 77, was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Clinton for distinguished service in World War II. Baker led his platoon through German bunkers and machine gun nests in trying to capture a stronghold along a heavily fortified line in Italy in 1945.

Baker stayed behind while his commander went for reinforcements, then ordered his men to retreat when reinforcements did not arrive. On the way out, the platoon destroyed two German machine gun nests.

Medals of Honor were awarded posthumously to six other black soldiers after a long lobbying effort at the Pentagon in which comrades and family members of veterans alleged racism in the lack of Medals of Honor for black troops.

Baker, who now lives in St. Maries, Idaho, said Monday in Washington that he fought a war on two sides.

"I was an angry young man and all of my soldiers that were with me were angry... We were all angry but we had a job to do and we did it," he said.

Baker said that until the Medal of Honor was recommended last year, he never considered whether he deserved it because he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest battlefield honor.

From 1930-33, Baker lived in the same red brick building as Kercheval on the Boys Town campus. They lost touch when Baker entered the service and regained contact when Kercheval heard about the Medal of Honor.

"We were kind of buddies like at the home, we were the same age, 13 and 14 years old. Boys Town was wonderful," Kercheval said. "They gave us a place to call our own. Our home."

Racism sometimes was a problem at Boys Town, said Kercheval, who is black. But the founder of Boys Town, the Rev. Edward Flanagan, worked hard at being certain everyone was treated equally, Kercheval said.

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Online service links law practice, study

By LINDSAY YOUNG
Staff Reporter

A new World Wide Web service for law students, which the NU College of Law started to use in December, will link people learning the field with people practicing in the field.

Bringing law students together with attorneys in their areas of interest is the goal of Law Schools Online at <<http://lawschools.counsel.com/>>.

Law Schools Online allows law students to hook up with a service for practicing attorneys called Counsel Connect said Todd Drucker, Counsel Connect law editor.

Law Schools Online was offered on software to approximately 15,000 law students in 1995. Drucker said he expected the audience to increase after the transition to the World Wide Web is finished in March.

Now, he said, there is not a lot of traffic.

Counsel Connect will promote the service through web-search engines and services such as America Online. New members will get Counsel Connect free for a year, which jointly will promote Law Schools Online.

Sally Wise, director of the NU law library, said the university began to use Counsel Connect last month. She said the interaction between professionals

and students was good and would be easier once the service was finished on the web.

The service offers job bulletin boards and open forums to talk to other students on Law Schools Online and professionals on Counsel Connect. The service also has job- and chat-related discussion groups for current events and politics.

Drucker said students have the opportunity to interact with as many as 50 different lawyers in their field, who also benefit.

"They love interacting with students," Drucker said. "It helps keep them fresh and it helps to network them (with the students)."

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Phillips to be re-arraigned after violating probation

From Staff Reports

Lawrence Phillips, the ex-Husker known for his legal problems and on-the-field heroics, is scheduled to be re-arraigned Jan. 31 for charges stemming from an assault of a former girlfriend.

Phillips, now an NFL running back for the St. Louis Rams, was sentenced to a year of probation in November 1995 after pleading no contest to assault and trespassing charges. In June 1996, Phillips was picked up for drunken driving in Los Angeles — a

violation of his probation.

Last month, Phillips pleaded no contest to that drunken driving charge, giving the go-ahead for Lancaster County to officially prove he disobeyed probation.

The Lancaster County Attorney's office filed to revoke Phillips' probation on Sept. 5, 1996. Two continuances had already been filed so Phillips' case in Los Angeles could be completed.

Phillips was scheduled to be re-arraigned Dec. 20, but asked for another continuance because of delays in Los Angeles County court.

Nebraska among states named in federal drug-trafficking list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven Nebraska counties are on the White House's drug-trafficking hit list.

The counties have been identified as having high intensity drug-trafficking problems, said Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

McCaffrey unveiled Monday target areas in five regions across the United States with critical drug problems.

In Nebraska, those areas include Dakota, Dawson, Douglas, Hall,

Lancaster, Sarpy and Scotts Bluff counties.

McCaffrey said methamphetamine use, production and trafficking has exploded in the state. As an effort to fight the growing problem, McCaffrey said he designated the counties for federal assistance.

More than \$8 million in federal aid will be distributed among Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota to launch a joint effort to investigate and prosecute methamphetamine cases, he said.

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Law & Order
A look at crime on campus and in the community

LARCENY

A Lincoln woman shopping for groceries lost more than just her purse and driver's license when she turned away from her cart to grab an item.

Thanh Pahn, 41, reported someone stole her purse — which had \$8,000 cash inside — while she was shopping at Super Saver, 2662 Cornhusker Highway.

Police arrested 21-year-old transient Daryl Moore on the 2500 block of Cleveland Avenue after three witnesses identified him as a man walking through the area pulling items from a woman's handbag.

When officers searched him, they found Phan's bank card in his front jacket pocket. They did not, however, find the cash.

Moore was jailed and booked on a felony larceny charge.

Lincoln Police, Sgt. Terry Sherrill said officers think Moore passed the money on to an associate between the time of the theft and Moore's arrest.

Officers who searched the area found nothing, Sherrill said.

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