

Woman bound with tape

Man arrested after allegedly wrapping acquaintance

By JOSH FUNK
Senior Reporter

Police arrested a Lincoln man Wednesday for wrapping a woman in duct tape and confining her.

Alan Wilder, 22, was apparently an acquaintance of his 22-year-old victim, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Wilder was at the victim's apartment Tuesday night and slept overnight on the couch.

The victim told police that she went to bed Tuesday while Wilder was asleep. She woke up at 2 a.m. to find Wilder duct-taping her.

After tying her up, Wilder threatened her with a knife, police said.

Wilder was with the victim in the apartment until about 8 a.m., when he left.

Eventually the victim was able to make it outside, and someone called police.

Lincoln Police found Wilder driving a car shortly after 11 a.m.

When Lincoln police attempted to pull Wilder over, he sped away.

After a short chase by Lincoln police, a Lancaster County sheriff's deputy began following Wilder east on Highway 2 near 115th Street.

Wilder was driving 70 mph when the deputy turned on his lights.

Wilder pulled over near 134th Street and Highway 2, and Deputy Joe Gehr ordered him out of the car as the Lincoln officer arrived on the scene.

Wilder dropped to his knees and then got up and ran from police.

After a short chase, Wilder was taken into custody.

Wilder is charged with false imprisonment and the use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Wilder did not tell police why he wrapped the woman in tape.

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Senators override vetoes

The Legislature voted to override more than \$30 million in line-item spending vetoes Thursday.

Gov. Ben Nelson had cut several spending proposals from the main-line budget proposal, LB1108, last week.

But senators said the vetoes cut too much spending for necessary programs and overturned the governor's actions.

In a news conference Thursday, Nelson said the Legislature was ignoring the desires of Nebraskans to cut state spending.

"My biggest concern is for the pressure all of this spending will put on the state's budget for next year," Nelson said, "and what effect it will have on continuing tax cuts."

Boundary question settled

During the second-to-last day of the legislative session Thursday, senators passed a bill that will change the boundary between Nebraska and Missouri.

The land drained when the Missouri River shifted its path and has been disputed for more than 50 years.

LB59, sponsored by Sen. Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth, will set the boundary line between the two states at the center of the river and, thereby, allow for future shifting.

The bill passed after its final

Lincoln restaurant to offer free Easter Italian dinner

By REBECCA HYDE
Staff Reporter

Low-income people and those who may be alone this Easter, including students not going home, are invited to daVinci's 14th-annual free Easter Dinner.

Members of the Knudson family, who own daVinci's, are serving dinner at the 745 S. 11th St. restaurant from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Connie Borgmann, daVinci's public relations director, said owner Kal Knudson, who had been a pastor for more than 30 years, wanted to reach out to Lincoln.

Students staying in Lincoln for Easter can come to the dinner, where an estimated 750 people will be served.

The dinner, first served in 1985, reaches out mostly to low-income people and their children. The dinner will consist of pasta, pizza,

salad and garlic-cheese rolls.

About 90 volunteers will serve dinner, but Borgmann said more may be needed.

"A lot of the volunteers call and thank us later for giving them the opportunity to help," Borgmann said. "The people who enjoy dinner say that we really make it a family atmosphere and that they really feel the Christian influence."

"I think that Easter kind of gets forgotten compared to Thanksgiving and Christmas as a holiday where people need to reach out and share in Christ."

A bus will pick up people at the Malone Community Center, 2032 U St., at 1 p.m. and at the People's City Mission, 110 Q. St., at 1:20 p.m. The bus was arranged by the First Evangelical Covenant Church.

Volunteers can call Borgmann today at daVinci's office, (402) 434-3300.

reading with a 33-6 vote.

Bill to aid health care

Money expected from the federal government's settlement with tobacco producers will be channeled into the Nebraska Health Care Trust Fund under LB1070.

Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely's bill also creates the Native American Public Health Act.

Certain nursing centers will be converted to assisted-living facilities in areas where long-term, preventative care is needed for the elderly and disabled.

A portion of up to \$65 million also will fund children's health care in Nebraska.

The bill passed 42-4.

Proposal would ease mergers

A proposed constitutional amendment will be sent to voters for approval in December.

LR45CA, passed by the Legislature 38-6, would make it easier for local governments to merge or consolidate.

The amendment also would establish rules governing motor-vehicle and sales taxes in the newly formed governmental districts.

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