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Tip leads to drug bust

A Crimestoppers tip led police to a variety of illegal drugs in one Lincoln family's home Tuesday evening.

Two officers went to the house on the 1100 block of New Hampshire Street, where a woman lived with her four children, after a tip that she was involved with drugs, Lincoln police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Inside the home, officers found plastic bags of substances suspected to be marijuana and cocaine and two vials of what was suspected to be methamphetamine.

The drugs all were in small amounts.

The house also was in disarray with dirty dishes, soiled laundry, spoiled food and various chemicals such as weed killer and paint solvent lying around the house.

The woman had three girls, ages 3, 6 and 10, as well as an 11-year-old boy living with her in the house. All of her children were taken into protective custody.

The 35-year-old woman was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, child abuse and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Baseball sparks argument

An argument over baseball spurned an assault in a downtown bar Tuesday.

Twelve minutes after Mark McGwire's historic 62nd home run, a man and his fiancée started arguing with another man at the Spigot, 1624 O St., Heermann said.

The 34-year-old victim told police that the argument ended when the other man hit him in the face, cutting his lip and knocking out a tooth.

Police are still looking for the assailant.

Student threatened twice

A Lincoln Northeast student had his life threatened twice Tuesday.

While the 16-year-old was parking his car a boy pulled up in another car, pulled a silver revolver and said, "This bullet is for you," Heermann said.

At lunch the same student was threatened again by the same suspect. The boy being threatened said he had never seen the other boy before.

The suspect is described as a black man, age 17-18, 6 feet tall and 190 pounds.

Shots fired from vehicle

Police are investigating a series of shots fired in a central Lincoln neighborhood Saturday night.

The shooting began around 11:30 p.m. Saturday when shots fired in the area around 28th Street between R and S streets struck a

house and a parked car, Heermann said.

The shots were fired from a moving vehicle.

Police were called to the area after two shots hit the rear quarter and door panels of a 1993 Geo parked on 28th Street, causing \$750 damage.

Two shots also ricocheted off the siding of a house on the 400 block of North 28th Street, causing \$25 damage.

Then at 12:19 a.m. Sunday two more houses were hit with shots just two blocks south of where the first shots were fired.

At a house on the 100 block of north 28th Street two people were awoken by a popping sound outside their home followed by the shattering of their bedroom window, Heermann said.

The bullet flew over the bed and through an interior door before becoming lodged in a hallway wall.

Around the corner a bullet penetrated another house on the 2800 block of P Street.

The bullet entered through the north wall passing through a painting and an inside wall before bouncing off another wall and falling to the floor.

Police found six shell casings from a 9-mm handgun lying on P Street, and they believe a dark-colored, full-size Chevrolet Blazer or Ford Bronco may have been involved in the shootings.

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Speaker lauds world's charities

Democracy, philanthropy go hand in hand, she says

BY KIM SWEET
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During the first lecture of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues, Dorothy Ridings fondly remembered a comment made by a baseball player.

Ridings, the president and chief executive officer of the Council of Foundations, recalled the comments of an athlete whose words she remembers well. He said he hoped he would be remembered more for his foundations that aided groups such as abused children than for his athletic accomplishments.

The man was Mark McGwire. Ridings used the anecdote to relate to the audience the importance philanthropic activity is playing in the lives of more and more Americans.

Today more than 42,000 foundations exist in the United States. The number reflects the enormous amount of wealth that people are directing toward philanthropic activities, Ridings said.

Those foundations are supporting a wide variety of causes, ranging from public health to the arts.

While many of the contributions being made to philanthropies are from older generations, Ridings said, the trend toward charitable giving will not end with Generation X.

Generation Xers will focus on a different kind of philanthropy than members of older generations, Ridings said. Instead of just giving

money, they will want to participate in the cause and see exactly where their money is going.

Those who are new to charitable giving usually don't know where to start. Young people often choose universities as the recipients of their donations, Ridings said.

"Universities are in a good position to get a large portion of wealth," Ridings said.

Ridings also stressed that foundations' roles are becoming increasingly important to government.

Not only do they help to fill gaps left by a decrease in government funding for social programs, but, Ridings said, a democratic society functions best when multiple agencies experiment with and instigate changes.

"There will be increasing roles for philanthropies as governments around the world shrink and citizens are expected to do more," she said.

The positive attitudes toward philanthropies aren't ending at U.S. borders, Ridings said.

Leaders and activists from emerging democracies have visited Ridings to talk about the close connection between philanthropies and democracy.

She remembers talking to an activist from a country that turned to democracy after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The activist was curious how philanthropy had come to be such an essential part of the democracy.

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 Council of Foundations

"That he could see the value and virtue of giving in democracy was moving to me," Ridings said.

Jaime Bell, a sophomore elementary education major, was encouraged by Ridings' speech.

"She opened the window to all the different opportunities of foundations there are to get involved in," she said.

Bell, who participates in philanthropic activities in her sorority, Chi Omega, hopes to continue her charity work after she graduates.

Her attitude on the importance of philanthropy reflects one that Ridings said many possess.

"Philanthropy," Ridings said, "is an important vehicle for which we can give back to society and give back to our children and grandchildren."

Students not among most party offenders

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ered. There was little police could do except ask partygoers to leave.

This special detail of officers gives police the resources they need to handle the large crowds and enforce the laws.

Citta said this will be an ongoing project this year when enough officers are available.

As part of the special enforcement, police are contacting parents, landlords and the university when students are involved.

Though police are not obligated

to make those calls, Citta said they think it is important to address the problem.

"I've had a really good response from parents," Citta said. "They are interested in their children's lives."

Citta said landlords also have been very interested and cooperative when police call with the news that a party was on their property.

Students caught procuring alcohol or selling it illegally could face additional penalties from the Student Judicial Affairs.

Griesen said the university will not prosecute minor-in-possession

offenses.

Judicial Affairs is more interested in more serious offenses that affect university students, Griesen said.

"When the offenses affect our educational interests, we will prosecute," Griesen said.

Police want to find a way to reduce the parties to reasonable sizes to minimize the impact on neighbors, Citta said.

Parties overflowing into the yard, blasting loud music and allowing public urination attract police, Citta said.

"If you take precautions, you won't see us."