

House may be declared landmark

■ Making sorority a historical landmark and a spitting ordinance up for council vote next week.

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"Moving" is a familiar word to most college students.

They move in and out of apartments, residence halls, greek houses and parents' homes.

In 20 years, some of the places they've lived in will be remodeled or gone.

But the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority may always be able to return to their sorority house at 616 N. 16th St., if the City Council passes an ordinance making the house a historical landmark.

The City Council held a public hearing on the ordinance Monday and will vote Nov. 8.

Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni decided to protect the sorority house by having Lincoln's Historical Preservation Commission name the house a local landmark, said Chapter Adviser Mary Imig, who also attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from 1977 to 1981.

If the house becomes a landmark, the exterior may only be remodeled in a "historically correct way," she said. It also can't be torn down.

"I want to make sure personally that they don't do anything goofy, and we'd say 'Why did they do that?'" Imig said. "We've always done a good job of maintaining the historical integrity of the house, and we hope everyone after us does, too."

The house was built in 1925 and designed by Lincoln architects Miller and Craig, who also built other houses on greek row, Imig said.

UNL's greek row was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997 through the work of Justin Van Mullem, a 1996 UNL graduate.

Van Mullem decided to put greek row on the register while he had an internship with Lincoln's Historical Preservation Commission, Imig said.

The National Register of Historic Places honors historic sites but does not directly protect them or offer funding, said Ed Zimmer, Lincoln's historic preservation planner.

The house used by Phi Delta Theta Fraternity became a landmark in 1986, and the Delta Gamma Sorority house became a landmark in early 1999, Zimmer said.

City Council

"The preservation committee is delighted to recognize worthy buildings," he said.

In other business, the council read an ordinance forbidding people to intentionally spit or expectorate on another person. The council will vote to add the ordinance to the Lincoln Municipal Code on Nov. 15.

Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady said he had read about a city that made spitting unlawful, and he asked the council to create the ordinance.

"We said, 'Good idea; we should have thought of that,'" Casady said.

Police officers, a man in a bar fight and a passenger on a bus have all been spat on in the past few weeks, Casady said.

He said his officers worried about being exposed to viruses such as HIV through saliva. If an officer has been spat on, the department sometimes gets a court order to test the assailant's blood for diseases.

"All these things are a real aggravation for police officers, or anyone else for that matter," Casady said.

A spitting person would be fined up to \$500 or given six months in jail.

argument outside the Temptations Dance Club, 1600 O St., earlier in the evening. Finnell said police think that assault and the later shooting are connected.

Police recovered the rifle in an alley near the shooting, Beggs said.

Police say man arrested with shotgun outside store

Lincoln police arrested a 30-year-old man in the parking lot of a Lincoln grocery store after being told by the man's wife she thought he might shoot someone, Finnell said.

Jeffrey Jewett was arrested in the parking lot of Cook's Family Food with a loaded shotgun, Finnell said. Police think he was preparing to shoot someone inside the store, Finnell said.

Jewett left his home after an argument with his wife stemming from undisclosed information she revealed to him, Finnell said. He was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

Drunken man mistook office for his own home, police say

Lincoln police responding to an alarm at a south Lincoln office building found an intoxicated 28-year-old Lincoln man who insisted he was in his home, Finnell said.

Officers arriving at Professional

Business Products Inc., 1800 Windhoek Dr., found the office's front door smashed out, Finnell said. Finnell said that inside, they found Domar Knudson yelling that the office was his home.

An alarm panel inside the office and three ceramic coffee mugs were also smashed, Finnell said. Damages were estimated at \$675.

Dog bites graduate student walking to university

A dog bit a 30-year-old graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as she walked to school Sunday, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

The canine bit Yang Ruidong on the 500 block of North 24th Street, Bushing said. The graduate student walked to the University Health Center for treatment and, when she found the center was closed, called police for help from a nearby phone.

Rural Metro Ambulance took Ruidong to BryanLGH West for treatment of two puncture wounds she suffered in her left knee, Bushing said.

Police talked to the owner of the dog, who said the animal was current on all required shots.

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Trade group sues online bookseller

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A trade association representing more than 1,000 suppliers of college books and products sued an online textbook marketer in the District of Columbia district court Friday.

The National Association of College Stores brought the lawsuit against VarsityBooks.com for what the trade association claimed were misleading advertisements on the online bookseller's site.

The suit alleges that a 40 percent discount advertised on the VarsityBooks.com Web page only applies to a small number of books sold by the online bookseller and is based on an inflated "suggested price."

"Our members are deeply concerned that students are being duped into believing they're saving 40 percent on textbooks when such claims are completely false," NACS Chief Staff Officer Brian Cartier said.

The lawsuit asked the district court to prevent VarsityBooks.com from advertising discounts without including the source of the suggested price or from even using the term "suggested price" unless the publisher of the book

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National Association of College Stores

actually recommended the price.

Jon Kaplan, a public relations representative for VarsityBooks.com said the Web page actually advertises up to 40 percent off the suggested price.

"We've always advertised up to 40 percent off," Kaplan said. "Maybe they don't understand what the words 'up to' mean."

Kaplan said the lawsuit was without merit and that the online bookseller would continue to try to sell books at current rates.

"The lawsuit that has been fielded against VarsityBooks.com is completely without merit," Kaplan said.

Kaplan estimated that about \$5 billion is made nationwide every year from college textbook sales.

Judge: In museum case, Giuliani violated rights

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal judge restored city funding Monday to the Brooklyn Museum of Art, ruling that Mayor Rudolph Giuliani violated the First Amendment in cutting off the money over an exhibit featuring a dung-encrusted portrait of the Virgin Mary.

In issuing a preliminary injunction, U.S. District Judge Nina Gershon said the city's action against the museum was "directly related, not just to the content of the exhibit, but to the particular viewpoints expressed."

"There can be no greater showing of a First Amendment violation," she said.

Floyd Abrams, a leading First Amendment attorney who is representing the museum, said: "The ruling shows that the mayor's behavior was lawless."

The decision does not end the legal fight. Abrams said the museum will try to end the dispute once and for all by obtaining a permanent injunction protecting funding. And city officials said they will appeal.

"The judge is totally out of control," Giuliani said.

The mayor has branded the exhibit "sick," sacrilegious and unworthy of taxpayer support.

Aside from the portrait of the Virgin Mary fashioned with elephant dung, the show includes mannequins with genitals as facial features, a glass tank featuring a fake cow's head and 20,000 live maggots, and farm animals bisected and displayed in formaldehyde. The exhibit has drawn record crowds, pay-

ing \$9.50 per ticket.

After the museum refused to cancel the show, the city withheld the roughly \$500,000 October payment of its annual \$7.2 million subsidy. It also sued to evict the museum from the city-owned site it has leased for more than 100 years.

The museum filed a lawsuit of its own, claiming its First Amendment rights had been violated by the freeze on its subsidy, which represents about a third of its annual budget.

City attorneys argued the museum broke its lease, creating grounds for eviction. The museum's lease requires it to educate schoolchildren and the public. Giuliani said the art was not fit for children to see, and the city argued the issue was a legal and not a constitutional one.

Gershon decisively rejected that line of reasoning.

"There is no federal constitutional issue more grave than the effort by government officials to censor works of expression and to threaten the vitality of a major cultural institution, as punishment for failing to abide by government demand for orthodoxy," she said.

Critics have accused Giuliani — the likely Republican nominee for Senate — of pandering to conservative voters. City officials, meanwhile, have alleged that the museum board of directors, the British art collector Charles Saatchi and the exhibit's sponsor, Christie's auction house, are trying to cash in on artworks whose sole aim is to shock.

Police: Body found in Utah may be target of manhunt

DENVER (AP) - Navajo hunters found a body in the Utah desert believed to be a survivalist sought in the killing of a police officer last year, authorities said Monday.

The killing of the officer in Cortez had prompted a manhunt across the Four Corners area in 1998.

The body was dressed in military clothing, had a bulletproof vest, a Kevlar helmet and two pipe bombs, said Russell Johnson, assistant chief of the Cortez police department.

"We definitely believe it's one of our suspects," Johnson said.

Johnson said hunters found the body Sunday night in southeast Utah near Cross Canyon.

Johnson said the body was well hidden and had been there long time, "say since this thing probably started."

Authorities were trying to confirm the identity of the body and determine cause of death. Identification from dental records could take three days or more. FBI agents were being sent to help with the investigation.

Two survivalists, Alan Lamont Pilon and Jason Wayne McVean, were wanted in the May 29, 1998, killing of Cortez police officer Dale Claxton. A third fugitive, Robert Mason was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot days later near Bluff, Utah, after he wounded a deputy.



Man arrested on suspicion of attempted homicide

A 34-year-old Kansas City man is being held on 10 percent of \$40,000 bond in Lancaster County Jail after Lincoln Police arrested him early Sunday morning on suspicion of attempted homicide and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

David Tabor will be arraigned in Lancaster County District Court today.

Police arrested him after a shooting near an after-hours party at N-Da-Mixx CDs Records and Tapes, 2020 O St., at 2:20 a.m., Captain David Beggs said.

While investigating the shooting, police stopped and searched Tabor, finding a clip of .380 ammunition that matched a .380 automatic pistol found under a nearby parked car, Beggs said.

A woman was shot at 18 times with a 7.62 mm Norinco semi-automatic rifle, he said. No injuries were reported, but six cars were damaged, Officer Katherine Finnell said.

The 25-year-old woman was punched in the face by a man after an

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