

Law & Order

Man charged in shooting death

Linh Bao was charged with first-degree murder Tuesday for the Saturday night shooting of Vu Hoang La.

La was found dead in his car outside of Bao's trailer at 3700 Cornhusker Highway.

Bao was arrested early Sunday morning on Interstate 80. His bond was set at \$1 million.

Assault charges dropped

Sexual assault charges against Merle Justice, 2438 S. 10th St., Apt. 4, were dropped Tuesday because of a lack of evidence.

Justice, an employee of the group home the victim was staying at for the evening, was arrested for raping the 23-year-old woman Saturday night.

The woman was reportedly

coerced into having sex with Justice in a bedroom, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

Prosecutors said they lacked enough evidence to pursue the case.

Man arrested in shooting

A third arrest was made in connection with a shooting in a trailer park at 2525 Cleveland Ave. on Friday night.

Police arrested Aaron Finnell, 19, 2245 N. 30th St., for robbery, first degree assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony, Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

Police said Aaron Finnell entered the trailer with a baseball bat.

Davila Lorenzana, 23, was shot in the leg during the incident, Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

Compiled by staff writer Michelle Starr

Youths rally against teen tobacco use

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"I could tell in my mid-20s the health effects," Johanns said. "I'd get to the top of a flight of stairs, and I had to catch my breath."

Johanns said an important achievement in his life was when he quit smoking when he was 36.

Leslie Nuchow, a singer and songwriter from New York and keynote speaker at the rally, said she turned down a record deal that was backed by the Virginia Slims cigarette company because for people to purchase her compact disc, they would have to buy two packs of cigarettes as part of a promotional deal.

"Music is something that young people relate to," Nuchow said. "So for the tobacco industry to be using the music industry as a tool is pretty disgraceful."

Johanns said the tobacco industry is encouraging youths to smoke.

Nuchow wants young people to recognize organizations that harm them and to fight against them.

"I encourage young people to rebel, but be smart about it," Nuchow said. "Don't rebel against your own body. Rebel against an organization that is exploiting you."

Omaha Sen. Pam Redfield spoke about a friend who had lung disease and couldn't breathe deeply.

Redfield encouraged young people to be grateful for their ability to breathe and to encourage others to keep their lungs healthy.

"You need to value every breath you take, thank God you can take it and help others take it, too," she said.

Jonas Randall, a senior at Sterling High School, said he decided he would never start smoking because his grandparents, who were smokers, died from lung cancer.

"It's too bad that instead of them putting the tobacco down, the tobacco put them down," Randall said.

Randall said he was upset that bills that discourage smoking, such as LB505, which would add a higher tax to cigarettes, hadn't been passed in Nebraska.

"I think that the senators are supposed to represent their people, and youths are people, too," Randall said. "It's kind of discouraging, but it just means we have to work harder."

Sen. Jim Jensen of Omaha encouraged young people not to give up on the legislative bills.

"The political process can be a little slow," Jensen said. "We do respond to people like you who say you want it and want it now."



Heather Glenboski/DN

SOPHOMORE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR Rodney Smith and junior communications major Nakia Jones hang out in the Culture Center on Monday night. The center serves as a study area, a place to hang out with friends and a place where various organizations meet.

Schramm bathroom floods

By Sarah Bachman

Staff writer

Schramm residents on the second floor of Schramm bonded Tuesday over broken pipes and a flooded bathroom.

The sink nearest to the second-floor door in the restroom of Schramm Residence Hall fell off the wall at about 8 p.m., causing broken pipes to spew water.

Freshman biochemistry major Ben Bramble was the first of a gathering crowd to try to control the water.

Grabbing a towel out of a nearby room and holding it in front of his face, Bramble covered the broken pipes to control the spraying water.

Freshman business and marketing major Eric Schnase taped one end of a hose, which floor residents found, to the

broken pipe, rerouting the hot water into a nearby shower.

Bramble was able to use a socket wrench set to shut off the cold water and partially shut off the hot water.

While Bramble was working with the pipes, resident assistants and assistant resident directors arrived.

Standing in the 2-inch-deep water that was covering the floor, they were able to shut off the water to the broken sink and begin the clean-up process.

Assistant Residence Director Jessica Kingman, a junior accounting major, said she was particularly impressed that the residents didn't panic and did what needed to be done.

"They were incredible," she said. "That really shows what kind of community they have on their floor that they can pull together in a crisis like that."

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