

— CITY COUNCIL —

Contract extension rejected

■ Members vote against use of the city's ambulance service past December.

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Staff writer

The City Council voted down an ordinance Monday that would have allowed the council to extend the contract of Rural/Metro Medical Services for up to two years.

Just before failing to pass the ordinance, the council voted against putting the ordinance on the pending list.

Rural/Metro Medical Services is the current provider of ambulance service for Lincoln. The company's contract with the city expires on Dec. 31.

Councilman Jon Camp said the date seems to be approaching too quickly.

Camp, who proposed the ordinance, said it would allow the council more flexibility in deciding whether to

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Cindy Johnson
councilwoman

renew Rural/Metro's contract.

Camp said the Dec. 31 deadline doesn't give the council much time to explore possible options for ambulance service providers.

He stressed the decision of contracting an emergency medical service provider is an important one.

"We're talking about patient care here," Camp said.

Councilwoman Cindy Johnson also supported the ordinance.

Johnson said the council should be able to take as much time as necessary when choosing an emergency medical service provider.

"I taught my children that when someone tries to sell you something, and they tell you that you have to buy right now, something isn't right," she

said.

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Councilman Jonathan Cook agreed the issue was a serious one.

However, he said, the serious nature of the issue was the reason the council shouldn't be able to extend the contract.

"I think having this issue waiting in the wings is just going to make this more complicated," Cook said.

The ordinance failed 2-5.

Only Camp and Johnson voted in favor of the ordinance.

After the votes were cast, Camp said he was unsure why the majority of the council voted against the ordinance.

"This needs to be medically driven, not politically driven," he said.

— ASUN ELECTIONS —

Run-off candidates to debate in union today

From staff reports

Three student election parties will have the chance to square off in the final Association of Students of the University of Nebraska election debate tonight.

The debate, held a day before the

run-off election, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union's Union Square.

It is sponsored by the Daily Nebraskan and the Residence Hall Association.

Presidential candidates participating in the debate are Heath Mello, Empower, and Joel Schafer, A-Team.

First vice presidential candidates, who are on the same ticket as their presidential counterparts, are Cecily Rometo, Empower, and Riley Peterson, A-Team.

The second vice presidential candidates, who are on separate tickets, are Mike Butterfield, Empower, and Amy Ellis, Impact.



Man found dead after threatening suicide

A 24-year-old man reportedly killed himself Saturday after making a suicide threat.

Police responded to 2428 S. 10th St. after the man told his family he was going to shoot himself in the head, Lincoln Police Sgt. Dennis Duckworth said.

When police arrived, the family said everything was fine, but when police investigated the man's room, they found him dead, Duckworth said.

He was found with a wound on the right side of his head and a gun in his hand, Duckworth said.

Woman evaluated after making suicide threats

A woman was taken for evaluation after making suicidal threats while holding a knife Sunday.

The woman was seen in a parking lot at 1936 J St., holding a knife to her chest at 11:30 p.m., Duckworth said.

After nearly 15 minutes of talking, police distracted her and took the knife out of her hand, Duckworth said.

Man arrested for abuse

A man was arrested Sunday for felony child abuse.

Bruce Canady, 31, 1700 Euclid Ave., placed his 3-year-old daughter in a bath of scalding water, Duckworth said.

After hearing her screams, Canady's girlfriend took the child out of the water. The child had second-degree burns on 23 percent of her body, Duckworth said.

Man sought in robbery

Police are looking for a man for alleged false imprisonment and robbery.

His girlfriend said at 11 p.m. after an argument the man threw her on the ground, tied her up Saturday and said he was going to kill her, Duckworth said.

She said the man took \$340 from her and left. She was at 4501 Tranquility Drive until 1:23 p.m. Sunday, and officers don't know how she escaped, Duckworth said.

As of Monday night, officers were looking for Kevin Rumel, 24, a 5-foot-10-inch white man, weighing about 175 pounds, Duckworth said.

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Mexican students seize college building

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A month after police broke up a nearly yearlong strike at Latin America's largest university, more than 100 rebellious students seized the rector's building on Monday, screaming at workers to get out and spraying walls with graffiti.

About 150 strikers who covered their faces to hide their identities screamed at university employees to evacuate the building and forcibly removed some of the reporters and photographers who tried to cover the takeover, reported Mexican broadcast stations and the government news agency Notimex.

As they herded workers out of the building in single file, the protesters chanted "political prisoners, liberty," and "de la Fuente's resignation now," a reference to recently appointed rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente.

De la Fuente took the helm of the school after the strike forced the previous rector to resign.

About 100 strike sympathizers waiting outside the building said they

were trying to determine whether the takeover was going to last or was only a brief symbolic action to demonstrate that the strikers' movement was still alive.

Strikers had occupied and effectively paralyzed academic activity at the university from April 20, 1999 until Feb. 6, when they were ousted by a dawn police raid in which hundreds were arrested.

The strike at the 270,000-student National Autonomous University, known as UNAM, was led by radicals who saw it as a struggle against global free-market economics.

It began as a protest against tuition increases but continued long after officials rescinded them.

The continuing detention of some of those arrested in the raid has served as a rallying cry for the ousted strikers.

De la Fuente has pledged to set up a special commission to oversee preparations for a congress to discuss the future of the troubled university.

The A-TEAM Voters' Guide

Tomorrow's run-off election presents the voters with a clear choice. If you think the ASUN is fine the way it is, vote for Empower. If you think the ASUN has alienated the student body and needs a serious dose of reform, then send a message and vote A-TEAM.

THE A-TEAM

Empower

On ecological cost-saving.	The A-Team is the only party with a plan to implement ecological cost-saving measures that will protect the environment and lower student fees.	No position.
On the failed landing crafts we sent to Mars.	We think NASA should stop filming phony moon landings before it sends fancy space wagons to Mars. As if we couldn't tell the 1969 "moon landing" used the same stock scenery that would later appear in "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan." ** Come on, NASA! Who are you kidding?	No position.
On the use of on-line voting for student elections.	The A-Team is the only party that supports the creation of an on-line voting process for ASUN elections.	No position.
On credit-card solicitation.	The A-Team is the only party that supports abolishing credit-card solicitation on campus.	No position.
On Kathy Lee's decision to leave the show.	The A-Team isn't afraid to call a spade a spade. Kathy Lee is dead weight and has been holding Regis back for years. We've grown tired of Frank and Cody's antics and think it's time for a change. Our suggestion: forget "Regis and Kathy Lee" and bring on "Regis and Mister T."	No position.

THE REVOLUTION IS AT HAND! Send a message: Vote A-TEAM tomorrow!

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