

# Law & Order

## Governor's son released from hospital

The governor's son was released from the hospital Friday. Justin Johanns, 21, was sent to Bryan LGH Medical Center West on Tuesday after drinking a pint of alcohol and overdosing on prescription Ritalin, the governor's spokesman, Chris Peterson, said.

Gov. Mike Johanns spent Wednesday with his son in the hospital and maintained a light schedule Thursday and Friday, Peterson said.

He will be back to his regular

schedule today, Peterson said.

The governor took care of all legislation passed last Monday; he had until Saturday to sign or veto it.

For the legislation passed on Tuesday, he has until today to sign or veto it.

Gov. Johanns has been reviewing the bills with his staff and will act today, Peterson said.

## Man dies after veering off road, hitting a tree

A Lincoln man died Thursday evening after his car struck a tree.

Cary McDonald, 34, of 2401 N.W. 98th St., was driving east on W. Adams Street at about 11:05 p.m. when he veered off the road between N.W. 56th and N.W. 53rd streets, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

McDonald died in his 1978 blue Chevrolet Nova and was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident,

## Task force investigating prison medical care interviews doctor

A task force to investigate medical care in Nebraska's correctional facilities met Friday to interview the doctor who drew attention to problems within the department. The interview took place behind closed doors.

Dr. Fraisal Ahmed was one of the sparks that initiated the ombudsman's investigation into inmate reports of medical care. An extensive report from the ombudsman's office was released in late November.

The five-member task force was appointed by Johanns in December and began work in early January.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for Friday.

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# Chicano Awareness Week begins

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A minority student organization is dedicating a week to educate others about their culture.

Chicano Awareness Week, "30 Years of Excellence: Latinos Leading in the New Millennium," is today through Saturday.

Throughout the week, the Mexican American Student Association will also be celebrating 30 years of being an organization.

People should come to events next week to realize the positive side of Hispanics, said Cameya Ramirez, president of the Mexican American Student Association.

Television often shows Mexican Americans as bad people, Ramirez said.

"We're always been seen as the villains," said Ramirez, a senior criminal justice major. "I think when you see negative minorities in the media, it affects us all."

Marty Ramirez, a former MASA member who was first involved with it in 1973, said today's organization is more involved with other minorities than it used to be.

"One thing that's different with the MASA of the year 2000 is that when I first started, African Americans, Chicanos and Native Americans did not work closely together," said Marty Ramirez, a counseling psychologist for Counseling and Psychological Services.

One of the events shows the negative aspects of American-Indian mascots, Cameya Ramirez said.

"We need to stand behind them and say that the Native-American mascots are negative," she said.

The week will also aid the community by having a carnival to bring children to campus, Marty Ramirez said.

"Many people think that everybody has been to a college campus," he said. "Some of the kids we're bringing here have never been to campus."

The carnival is important because

the emphasis on inclusion needs to start with youth, Marty Ramirez said.

"Even though it's a kid carnival, that is where you need to start is with young kids," he said.

Recruitment for Hispanic students should be specialized because they are usually first-generation college students and their parents can't help them, Cameya Ramirez said.

"I think there needs to be a different kind of recruitment when you're dealing with Latinos," Cameya Ramirez said. "It's not like they can turn to their parents and say 'Can you help me fill this out?'"

Admissions requirements to get into UNL are unfair to Mexican-American students because, on average, they cannot meet them, Marty Ramirez said.

He said even though the university has changed since his days in MASA, there is still a long way to go.

"The issues haven't changed," he said. "If you look across the campus, we're still not like where we should be."

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