

Law & Order

More names added to sex offender registry

Six names were added to the Nebraska State Patrol Sex Offender Registry on Thursday. One of the six people on the list is living in Lincoln.

The sex offender registry is an ongoing process, said Terri Teuber, Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman.

The list can be accessed through a link on the law agency's Web site, www.nebraska-state-patrol.org.

Freshman arrested for no-show

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman was arrested Tuesday for failing to appear in court.

Jade Harris, 19, from Dearborn, Mich., was arrested when University Police officers were investigating a disturbance in Abel Residence Hall about 7 p.m., Assistant University Police Chief Mylo Bushing said.

Harris, a broadcasting major, was one person involved in the disturbance call, and when police checked each person's name, they noticed Harris had a warrant for failing to appear in court for a minor in possession citation in 1999, Bushing said.

Harris was taken to jail, Bushing said.

Compiled by staff writer Michelle Starr

Earth Day celebration planned

People encouraged to 'bike, boot or bus' to Antelope Park on Saturday

By Gwen Tietgen

Staff writer

Green grass, budding trees, rabbits and baseball are all signs of spring fever.

But organizers hope one spring event, which started 30 years ago, doesn't slip by unnoticed: Earth Day.

Earth Day, celebrated all over the world, helps to increase public awareness about protecting the environment.

The Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful program will be celebrating Earth Day in Antelope Park, 3140 Sumner St., on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful program sponsors a celebration in Lincoln every five years.

Harry Heafer, coordinator of the program, said visitors are encouraged to "bike, boot or bus" to the event, bring their own drinking containers and keep the park litter-free.

"We're trying to make it as litter- and waste-free as possible," Heafer said.

Lincoln's Earth Day celebration will start with opening comments by Sen. David Landis of Lincoln.

The day's festivities include 30

exhibits and booths from different agencies, including a booth sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Ecology Now.

Other events throughout the day include performances by several Lincoln area bands, cultural events and dances, roundtable discussions and activities for children and their parents.

The Lincoln area bands performing will include Buffalo Grass, Paddywhack and the Toasted Ponies.

Cultural festivities will include the performance of a 100-year-old Chinese folk dance by the Asian Community and Cultural Center dancers.

When performed before festivals and celebrations, the dance is believed to bring good luck.

Other performances, all of which will be held in the Auld Recreation Center at Antelope Park, will include the Sabor Mexicano Dancers and the Edwards Family Takojas.

Takojas focuses on American-Indian traditional dances and pow-wow etiquette.

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presentation by Vicki Troxel, a speaker for the Nebraska Humanities Program.

Troxel will be speaking on black pioneers and entrepreneurs of Nebraska.

There also will be a trip to the Lincoln Electric System's wind turbine and four public roundtable discussions.

Heafer said the roundtable discussions will motivate citizens to discuss important environmental issues.

The discussions will run about 45 minutes each.

Phil Rooney, public health educator with the Lincoln and Lancaster County Health Department, said Landis will discuss how citizens can have a greater voice in government decisions.

Other topics for the roundtable

discussions will include growing pains of an expanding city, creating a hikeable and bikeable city and creating and sustaining backyard habitats.

Activities for the whole family will be available, including creating recycled art with artist Mary Sawicki and playing environmental games.

The day will conclude with closing comments by Mayor Don Wesley and the release of racing pigeons from the Lincoln Racing Pigeon Club.

"It's just kind of a neat way to end the day," Heafer said.

The day's celebrations are important to everyone, Heafer said.

"The Earth Day celebration reminds people to conserve resources to help protect the environment."

Air Force colonel retires

■ In ceremony at Nebraska Union, the UNL professor was presented an award.

By Diane Broderick

Senior editor

As rows upon rows of ROTC cadets stood at attention, at the beginning of their military future, an Air Force colonel ended his career Thursday.

Col. Richard Gaddie, who entered the Air Force in 1970 as a graduate of the Wichita State University ROTC program, was honored during a retirement ceremony in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

Most recently in his 30-year career, Gaddie has served as commander of Detachment 465 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is also a professor of aerospace studies.

Gaddie was presented with a Legion of Merit award by Lt. Gen. Thomas Keck, commander of the 8th Air Force. Keck said the award symbolized exceptional meritorious service to the United States.

Keck also gave a history of Gaddie's achievements and read numerous complimentary remarks from reports filed about Gaddie throughout his career, noting that Gaddie is "tenacious, conscientious and totally dedicated."

"Rich's leadership is without peer," Keck said.

After being presented with the award and mementos from military figures and ROTC, Gaddie gave thanks to his family and to the cadets.

The future of the military is in good, reliable hands, he said.

Gaddie said each situation people are placed in during life comes down to choice.

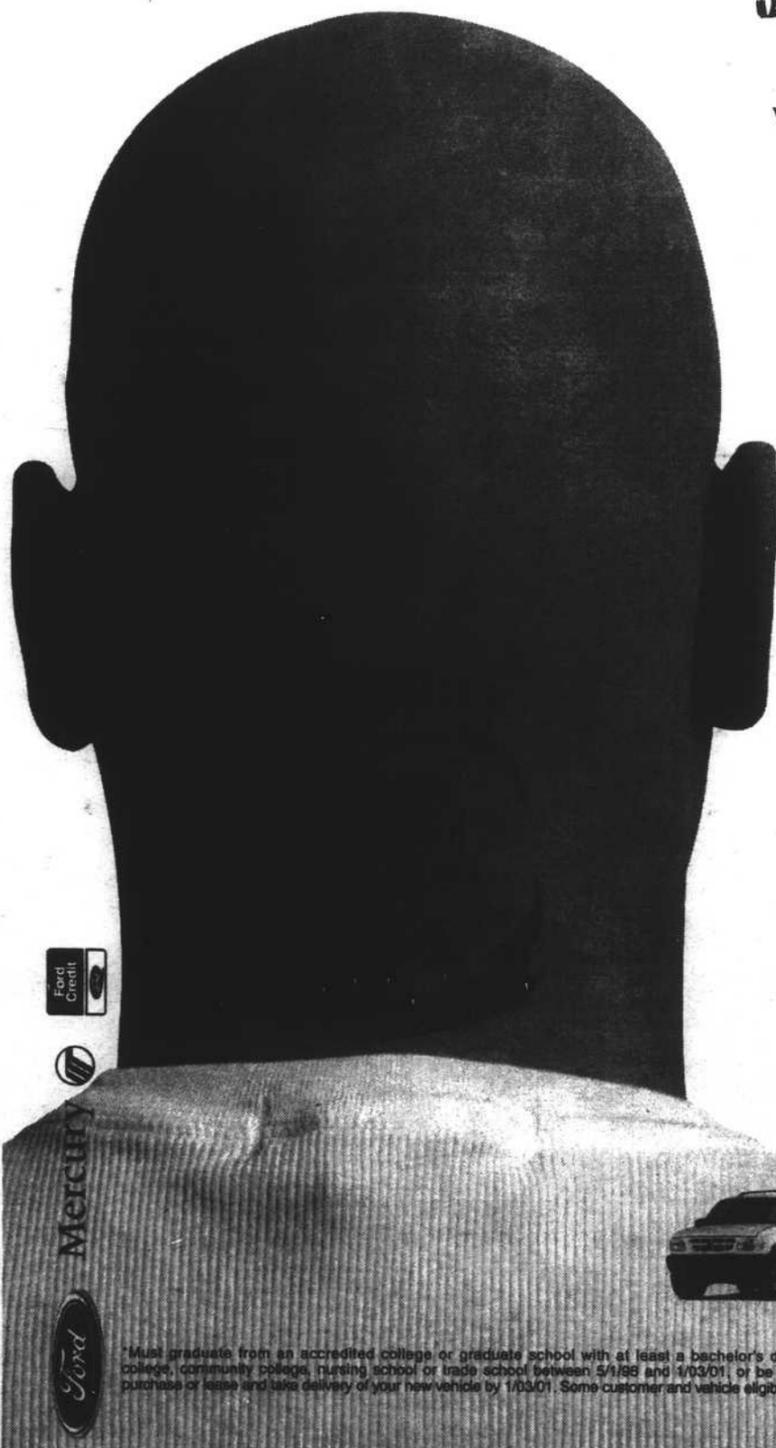
Attitude and judgment are key when these choices are being made, he said.

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