

# New measures restrict nudity, club locations

BY JOSH FUNK

The city continued its ongoing battle against indecency Monday when Mayor Don Wesely signed into law a public nudity ban and new zoning regulations.

These laws, which take effect Oct. 10, address some of the city government's concerns about sexually oriented businesses.

"This sends a message that our values won't be lost as the city grows," Wesely said.

The mayor was joined by four of the five City Council members who voted last week to approve the measures in a meeting that stretched into the early morning hours with extensive public comment.

Wesely said he expected these new laws to be challenged in court, but he felt both laws were sound.

Two city ordinances to ban sexual contact, passed earlier this year, have been challenged by the owner of Mataya's Babydolls Gentlemen's Theatre Club in federal court. A trial to

determine the constitutionality of the first sexual-contact ordinance was held Monday.

"I see an ongoing legal battle with some individuals who don't seem to want to yield to public sentiment," Wesely said. "I am in this for the long haul for the good of the city."

The public nudity ban will make it illegal for men or women to bear their genitals in a public place or any place open to the public. Women also are barred from baring their breasts.

The nudity ban does not apply to any arts or theatrical performance, breast-feeding mothers, children under the age of 12 or dressing rooms open to the public.

That law could require Lincoln's adult-entertainment businesses that feature topless dancing to cover their dancers' nipples with pasties to comply.

"What consenting adults do in the privacy of their own home is their own business," Wesely said. "What happens in public places becomes public business."

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**Don Wesely**  
Lincoln mayor

City Council members echoed Wesely's praise of these laws.

"This is a good day for Lincoln. We've done what we can to say no to the degradation of women," Councilman Jeff Fortenberry said.

Councilwoman Coleen Seng, who represents northeast Lincoln, where Mataya's is located, said she supported these laws in response to her constituents' comments.

Council Chairman Jerry Shoecraft said that the laws were a step in the right direction.

"These are a step towards how we want our city to look," Shoecraft said.

The new zoning regulations will restrict any new sexually oriented businesses to areas near Interstate 80 or other high-

way corridors and industrial areas.

The new businesses would also have to be at least 1,500 feet from schools, churches, parks and residential areas, among other things.

But the zoning ordinance does not apply to the downtown business district, which houses two topless bars.

The zoning rules also extend to a three-mile radius around the city.

That area includes the topless bar Cheetahs, 640 W. Prospector Court, which has been arguing with county government over details of its liquor license.

Businesses that were lawfully in existence will be grandfathered under the zoning regulations.

# Study: Smoke could cause teen depression

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CHICAGO - A new study suggests smoking may be a cause of depression in teenagers. This contradicts the idea that depressed people may smoke to feel better.

The study found that teens who smoked were about four times more likely to develop highly depressed symptoms during a year's time.

The researchers speculated that nicotine or other smoking byproducts may have a depressive effect on the central nervous system.

The study adds to a growing body of conflicting research on links between tobacco and the mind.

"The thing that bolsters the idea is that there is evidence that anti-depressant drugs are helpful in treating nicotine addiction," said Dr. Elizabeth Goodman, an adolescent-medicine specialist at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati. She led the study.

The study appears in the October issue of Pediatrics, the monthly journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Other researchers have linked teen smoking with suicide and have linked smoking with depression in adults. But they disagree over whether tobacco use is a cause or merely a result of a depressed state.

Most people think that those who tend to be depressed "self-medicate by smoking. This is probably not the case," said Naomi Breslau, director of research at Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit.

Breslau's own research also has suggested tobacco may somehow contribute to depression. While the new findings do not prove smoking is a cause, they strongly support that theory, she said.

"They find absolutely no evidence that depressive symptoms per se increase the risk for smoking," she said. "They do find very clear evidence in the other direction."

She added: "It's just one more adverse effect of smoking on health."

The study relied not on doctors' diagnoses but on teen-agers' reports of having symptoms suggestive of depression.

The study analyzed data from teens questioned in 1995 and 1996 in a national study on adolescent health.

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**Naomi Breslau**  
research director

# Majority of new vehicles get poor gas mileage, data show

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WASHINGTON - While a handful of small cars are getting 40-plus miles per gallon, the vast majority of new vehicles coming into showrooms get about half that, the government's latest automobile fuel economy statistics show.

For the second year, a hybrid gas- and electric-powered vehicle - the two-seater Honda Insight - topped the list of biggest fuel misers with 64 mpg combined city and highway driving among 2001-model vehicles.

It was followed by another hybrid, the Toyota Prius, and three Volkswagen diesel cars.

The huge popularity of sport

utility vehicles again drove down the overall numbers of the more than 800 cars, trucks and vans listed in the annual fuel economy statistics released Monday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Average fuel economy for 358 models or variations of SUVs, vans and pickup trucks was just over 18 mpg, compared with 23.6 mpg for nearly 500 cars on the EPA list.

King-size SUVs such as the Ford Expedition, Lincoln Navigator and Dodge Durango and their twin pickups accounted for 12 of the 36 vehicles on the list with the worst gas mileage, all with 12 mpg or less in city driving and 17 mpg or less on the highway.

# Abortion doctor to be cut from Med Center faculty

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a five-month analysis of the college's volunteer faculty program.

Armitage could not be reached for comment Monday. Bob Blank, president of Metro Right to Life, said he was pleased Carhart was asked to step down from UNMC.

But the bigger issue lies in whether Carhart will still provide aborted fetal tissue to the Medical Center for research, Blank said.

"(UNMC faculty members) don't teach abortion and don't practice abortion, so why should they have an abortionist as part of the faculty?" he said.

Blank said he thought part of the decision to remove Carhart from the faculty was triggered by the coming election for three open University of Nebraska Board of Regents spots.

The three regents running for reelection, Chuck Hasebrook, Drew Miller and Rosemary Skrupa, voted in favor of the aborted fetal-tissue-cell research last year, he said.

But with controversy surrounding the research, the regents' support could be a crucial factor in the election.

"The timing of this makes it appear as just a public relations ploy to try to get the regents reelected," he said.

# Approval of abortion pill debated by Lincoln activists

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After a woman takes three mifepristone pills to detach the fetus from the uterine lining, she must return to the doctor two days later to take misoprostol, a drug that causes uterine contractions, which will help move the embryo out of the body, the FDA Web site reported.

Keller said it was important to note that this was not an emergency contraceptive pill. The "morning after pill," which prevents an embryo from implanting, has been available in the U.S. for the last two years.

Blank said he expected the pill to be touted as a "one-stop quick fix" to an unwanted pregnancy.

"We're kind of a quick-fix society now," he said.

Blank said there could be complications associated with the pill, including excessive bleeding or even death, and there was a death attributed to

RU486 somewhere in Europe. Blank said Metro Right to Life would continue to oppose abortion by exposing abortion doctors and adding abortion facilities to its "boycott list."

Blank said it didn't matter which form of abortion a woman chose. Both were wrong.

"The product of both abortions is the same," he said. "You have a mother, a father and a dead baby."

Pat Tetreault, sexuality education coordinator at the University Health Center, said she didn't see the FDA approval as a pro-abortion rights or anti-abortion rights issue. She believes the pill is just another option for women.

Tetreault said it was more important that women realize the bigger picture and educate themselves about their options.

"Women need to make the decision best for them," she said.

# On latest adventure, student ventures to coldest continent

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At the station, he will be joined by about 2,000 other workers and researchers from around the world.

The research station has a fire department, a barbershop and other trappings of a typical community, he said.

"It's like a small, little town," he said.

Story won't be able to venture far from his new town, though.

Raytheon doesn't like its workers to stray far from the community because it is so close to freezing sea water and thousand-foot-deep hidden crevasses, he said.

"They don't want you to fall into a crevasse and die," he said. But the tight boundaries won't stop Story from keeping busy.

Story will work at least 54 hours a week, and despite the limited roaming space, he will still be able to do many activities, including biking and running, he said.

Constant sunshine will accompany Story during the long days, but Story said never-ending days are nothing new to

him. Last summer, Story worked in Greenland where the sun doesn't set for months at a time.

Story's obsession for the extreme outdoors began as a passion for the wilderness when he was young.

A friend's family used to take him on yearly trips to Alberta, Canada, where he learned about backpacking and rock climbing.

Story gained more outdoor experience when he arrived at UNL and began working for Outdoor Adventures, which is part of the Campus Recreation Center.

Story, who has worked at Outdoor Adventures for two years, started out renting equipment to students. Now, he guides trips once or twice a month.

His own backpacking, kayaking and climbing trips have taken Story across the country.

Story hopes he will have a positive experience in Antarctica and that it will lead him to additional outdoor jobs.

"I am trying to get my foot in the door," Story said.

# Police chief's testimony on ordinance challenged by Mataya's Babydolls lawyer

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in certain circumstances.

When asked whether someone becoming aroused at a performance of "Hair" at the Lied Center for Performing Arts would violate this ordinance, Casady said that was a different situation.

"I think the fact that someone becomes aroused during a performance is different than something that is intended to cause sexual gratification," Casady said.

Chapin challenged Casady's testimony that sexually oriented businesses, such as Mataya's, cause additional crimes, or secondary effects, near the business.

"I believe sexually oriented businesses contribute markedly to other crimes occurring at or near the establishment," said Casady, who based his conclusion on his own crime mapping and national studies.

But on cross-examination,

Casady could not cite any examples of prostitution or pandering - buying or selling sex - near any of Lincoln's sexually oriented businesses.

The city also showed surveillance videos of several nude couch dances. The video was seized as part of an Aug. 11 raid on Mataya's.

On the video, one nude dancer was shown with her buttocks resting on a customer's chest, so her genitals were directly below the customer's face while she opened and closed her legs.

Urbom will consider the tapes and other evidence when determining if the dancing at Mataya's is obscene.

Ways said that all of his video tapes have been sold for \$5,000 to \$10,000 each to God's Eye Productions, which planned to market the content. Ways said he was supposed to deliver the tapes Monday, but the city is still holding about 3,000 tapes taken during the raid.


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