



California dreamin'

Nebraska and Arizona square off in the Culligan Holiday Bowl, a game that gives NU a chance to play well in front of a national audience. PAGE 10



Original sin

KISS has made a few comebacks in the past, but this time all the original members are back with an album of original material. PAGE 15

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Kerrey passes on 2000 presidential bid



'Unfinished business' in Senate is reasoning

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OMAHA — Sen. Bob Kerrey announced Sunday that he would not run for president in 2000, saying he wished to continue serving in the U.S. Senate.

The Nebraska Democrat, who spent most of 1998 considering a presidential bid, met with about 150 friends and supporters at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha on Sunday afternoon, then emerged to announce his decision at a packed press conference.

"My choice is not whether or not I will try to lead," he said, flanked by his daughter, Lindsey, and his son, Ben. "My choice is how best I can lead."

"After meeting and talking with my family and friends, my choice can now be stated publicly:

"I will not be a candidate for president of the United States," he said.

According to some of those who attended the two-hour, closed-door meeting before the press conference, Kerrey announced he would not run for president at the beginning of the meeting, then discussed his intentions with those in attendance.

Kerrey said he entered the meeting willing to change his mind after hearing his friends' input, but that apparently did not happen.

"I have made this decision at home with my family and friends," he said. "They will not allow conceit or selfish hunger for power to seduce me into making a false choice."

Although Kerrey did not officially announce his candidacy for re-election to the Senate in 2000, he said he expects to do so.

Kerrey said he has "unfinished business" he wants to tackle in the Senate, including entitlement reform, post-

U.S. SEN. BOB KERREY announced Sunday afternoon from the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha that he will not seek a nomination for the presidency in 2000 from the Democratic Party, after conferring with friends and family. Among his supporters joining him on stage were his son, Ben, and his daughter (right), Lindsey.

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Families plea for murderer's life

"It sickens me to think that my mother's death would lead to another loss of life."

AUDREY LAMM
daughter of victim

By JOSH FUNK
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Eighteen years ago a tremendous pain engulfed the families of two young women who were killed in Lincoln by a family friend.

But over time the nightmares faded, and most found it in their hearts to forgive the man who caused that pain — the man who had killed their daughters, wife and mother.

Now, the families say, the state is planning to revisit that anguish on Jan. 14 and unleash more grief when it exe-

cutes the man condemned for the murders of Janet Mesner and Victoria Lamm.

Randolph Reeves will be put to death next month unless the pleas for clemency from his family and the families of both his murder victims are heard and accepted by the Pardons Board.

"We must have the ability to forgive," said Gus Lamm, Victoria's widower. "We take the most horrendous circumstances (in life), deal with them

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NU volleyball team advances to NCAA Final Four

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couple of matches they were.

On Friday, No. 3 NU first survived Cinderella Pepperdine's upset bid, prevailing in the final two games to win a five-game match.

Then, in one of the most memorable matches in Nebraska volleyball history, No. 3 NU trailed a game on two separate occasions but prevailed in another five-game marathon over the No. 8 Wisconsin Badgers.

During a quiet feeling of anticipa-

tion, in an otherwise raucous crowd, outside hitter Nancy Meendering's last kill hit the floor ending the three-hour match. Players and fans erupted into a thunderous roar, ending an emotionally and physically draining match.

It's now to the Final Four, where NU plays 34-0 Penn State on Thursday at 7 p.m. If the Huskers win that, it's to the final to play the winner of the Long Beach State and Florida match.

Nebraska can then find out if champions were made here in 1998.

Plan needs work, NU regents say

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Regents

Though no official vote was counted, opinions given by NU regents Saturday indicated changes would need to be made before they would say yes to projects included in an estimated \$200 million plan for UNL's future.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents discussed short- and long-term master plans for the university's four campuses over the next 12 years.

"One thing that has become very apparent is that this needs to be an ongoing discussion," Regent Don Blank of McCook said.

Projects included on the master plans, drafted by each of the four NU campuses, will need to be approved individually at separate board meetings.

It is possible some projects will be voted on as early as January 1999. The plans will be carried out in

two phases. All four plans are based on a higher projected enrollment in the next 12 years. For example, the University of Nebraska at Kearney does not anticipate a larger first-time student enrollment, but does anticipate an increase of transfer students from area community colleges, said Rebecca Koller, NU director of facilities planning and management.

UNK predicts a 20 percent increase in students while UNL foresees 9 percent growth and the University of Nebraska at Omaha anticipates a 15 percent addition.

As a result of the proposed plans, all campuses envision higher retention rates for freshmen and upper-classmen, Koller said.

Plans would change the looks of the campuses and renovate students' living space, and they would build

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