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Courtney Brown's confidence helps the Nebraska women's gymnastics team stay stable and successful. PAGE 9

Playing fair

The Lincoln Community Playhouse is expanding the horizons of its patrons - with exciting, different plays and actors of all colors. PAGE 12

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A DROP IN THE BUCKET

Sprinkles possible, high 45. Light rain tonight, low 32.

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Stenberg announces Senate candidacy

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entrance will be advantageous.

"I think it will be a tough race," she said. "From my point of view, I'm encouraged that Don Stenberg is getting into the race at such an early date so he can be in the best position possible."

If Stenberg or another Republican is elected in 2000, Nebraska's representation in the House of Representatives and the Senate will be completely Republican.

Attorney General Don Stenberg announced Wednesday that he would run in the 2000 U.S. Senate race against Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey, who recently announced he would forgo the presidency for a third senate term.

Beth Smith, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party, said Stenberg's network of supporters in Nebraska, name recognition and early

Anne Boyle, chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, does not think that will happen.

"Bob Kerrey is going to run a very aggressive campaign for re-election, and he has high regard in the U.S. Senate from both sides of the aisle," Boyle said.

"I don't think Nebraskans are going to jeopardize that very clear independent voice for somebody who has represented the extreme side of the Republican Party."

Smith said Stenberg, who was first

elected attorney general in 1990 and re-elected in 1994 and 1998, has been considering a run for senate for awhile. Wednesday's announcement was no surprise, she said.

Stenberg filed his statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission, Smith said, which allows him to set up an office and start fundraising.

Boyle was surprised by Stenberg's early announcement and questioned his

"He's going to make a very credible and strong candidate ... He's smart and tough."

SEN. CHUCK HAGEL

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PHOTO GRAPHIC MEMORIES

Exhibition, seminar celebrate power of photojournalism

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The shot heard 'round the world was fired from a musket at the start of the American Revolutionary War, but the shot seen 'round the world was captured by a 35mm camera during the Vietnam War and sent out over The Associated Press wire service.

The picture depicts a street execution during the Tet Offensive in 1968. The Pulitzer Prize-winning image, shot by Eddie Adams, caused many people to rethink American involvement in Vietnam.

News stories can relay events accurately and effectively, but photographs can bring those events to life, photojournalists said.

Some of the most powerful pictures ever shot are on display at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery as part of a display of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications' photojournalism collection.

The exhibit, called "Icons of Public Memory," includes pictures from Vietnam and World War II as well as modern politics, domestic conflicts and colorful feature shots, many of which were taken by University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduates.

At a daylong seminar Saturday at the 12th and R streets gallery, four renowned photographers who contributed to the collection - Joel Sartore, Mike Davis, Julia Dean and Hal Buell - will share some of their work and the stories behind the photographs.

The seminar, titled "Photojournalism CAN Change the World," will focus on different issues

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COURTESY PHOTOS
FAMOUS NEWS PHOTOS grace the walls of UNL's Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery for the exhibit "Icons of Public Memory." The exhibit runs through March 14 and features a portion of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications' photojournalism collection.

Court denies Lamms' plea to be heard before Board

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A Lancaster County District Court judge ruled Wednesday that the Pardons Board does not have to hear the pleas of two family members of a woman Randy Reeves killed.

Paula Hutchinson, attorney for both Reeves and the family members who brought the petition, said she would appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

The petition that Judge Jeffre Chevront rejected asked the court to force the Pardons Board listen to the pleas of Gus and Audrey Lamm, family members of Vicki Lamm, one of the women Reeves killed in 1980.

Gus and Audrey Lamm, Vicki Lamm's widow and daughter, respectively, said the Pardons Board violated their constitutional rights as victims when it refused to hear their pleas for Reeves' clemency at the Board's Jan. 11 meeting.

Reeves was sentenced to death in 1981 for the murders of Vicki Lamm and Janet Mesner, who were killed in the Quaker meeting house in Lincoln.

In its findings, the court said it did not consider the Lamms victims under Nebraska's victim's bill of rights because, in its judgment, they were acting on Reeves' behalf and not their own.

Hutchinson disagreed.

"The Lamms just wanted a chance to share who Vicki was and make her wishes known," Hutchinson said.

When she was alive, Vicki Lamm was known as a champion of causes, Gus Lamm said, and she firmly opposed the death penalty.

Since early December, the Lamms have been lobbying state officials to commute Reeves' sentence to life in prison.

Assistant Attorney General Kirk Brown said the court's decision was consistent with the shortcomings his office found in the petition.

"It's pretty clear this was nothing more than a stalling tactic," Brown said.

But Hutchinson argued that if the Lamms had supported execution, their voices would have

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