



The promoter

Even his assistant coach agrees: NU Coach Dan Kendig is a restless promoter, especially when it comes to his gymnastics team. PAGE 9



Native to the Zoo

The increasingly famous blues band Indigenous follows up last night's Nebraska Union show with a concert at its favorite local bar. PAGE 12

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OPEN THE FLOODGATES

Storms possible, high 65. Cloudy tonight, low 44.

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Everybody dance now



THE SABOR MEXICANO DANCE TROUPE performs in the Nebraska Union Ballroom as a part of a children's carnival to kick off the 29th Annual Chicano Awareness Days. The troupe consisted of about 36 kids ranging from 4 years of age to about 15 years old.

RICK TOWNLEY/DN

Police arrest four after crime spree

■ Four young adults are suspected of burglaries, a drive-by shooting and credit card fraud.

BY JAKE BLEED
Staff writer

Four young adults were in custody Wednesday after a mini-crime spree that included shooting one Lincoln family's dog in the head during a burglary, police said.

Starting Tuesday morning, the four suspects, aged 17 to 20, committed two burglaries, a drive-by shooting and several incidents of credit card fraud. Police are still investigating related incidents.

Three of the four suspects, one 18-year-old man and two women aged 20 and 17, were arrested Tuesday afternoon at Gateway Mall, 66th and O streets. The fourth suspect, another 18-year-old man, was arrested Wednesday morning after police questioning.

Police said the four suspects, all Lincoln residents, spent Monday night together in a cabin near Union—28 miles east of Lincoln—before starting the crimes.

After arriving in Lincoln on Tuesday morning, the

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Legislature

No-call lists fail in debate

Bill may still be considered

BY JESSICA FARGEN
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The Legislature did not answer a senator's call Wednesday to create a statewide no-call list for people who don't want telemarketers phoning them.

Under the bill, which failed 16-13 in the first round of debate, phone customers could pay \$5 to be put on a no-call list.

The estimated 30,000 telemarketing firms across the nation could be fined by the Public Service Commission if they called people on the list. Telemarketing firms would be charged \$10 to obtain the list.

Although LB427, sponsored by Lincoln Sen. Chris Beutler, was voted down Thursday, it could be up for

first-round debate again this session.

Beutler said the bill was mutually beneficial to telemarketers and customers.

"I find it impossible to believe telemarketers are going to sell anything to anybody who doesn't want to be called," Beutler said. "Why would a telemarketer want to make calls to people who don't want to receive calls?"

Unwanted phone solicitations also disrupt the valuable family time when parents are home from work and spending time with their kids at night, Beutler said.

"That small amount of time everyday becomes very, very precious. It's a time and a place that ought to be under your control," Beutler said.

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HIGHER LEARNING

Change of heart

College experience can shift religious beliefs

Editor's Note: This is the third in a four-part series examining the relationship between religion and higher education.

BY DANE STICKNEY
Staff writer

Dorothy Pedersen used to take communion in a Methodist church.

Now she holds ceremonies for Baha'i, an Eastern religion, in her home. Pedersen, a senior water science major, is testament to the fact that the college years can be a time of religious choice. Students sometimes use that time to pick and choose from religions

that are not always the norm in the United States.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Sociology Professor Hugh Whitt has spent years looking into the relationship between higher education and religion.

Whitt said college offers students a newfound freedom.

Whitt said more than half the people in the United States change their religion at some point in their life.

College is ultimately an independent environment where students are free to experience many areas of life, and religion is one of the largest areas to explore, Whitt

said.

"A lot of it is being away from parents," he said. "They always have a great deal of religious influence."

"It is common for students to lead two lives: a home life influenced by parents and a school life influenced by friends."

Realizing lifelong beliefs

After being a Methodist for 24 years, Pedersen decided to look for a different religious focus, even though she knew it would

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SANDY SUMMERS/DN

LARRY PEDERSEN reads his Baha'i religious book during a church service at his home Sunday morning. Behind Pedersen, Dawn Dumas, right, rocks her son, Diel, while Jeffrey Alder prays.