

Glowing guns aid research

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Not many companies encourage their employees to shoot each other with squirt guns at work. Then again, not many companies have squirt guns with glow-in-the-dark ammo.

Prolume does. And its new line of squirt guns is designed to raise money for deadly serious research.

The partnership of doctors and

scientists is duplicating luminescent genes from jellyfish and other sea creatures and using them, for now, to fill up squirt guns. Next up could be glow-in-the-dark soda and beer.

The idea is to raise enough money from selling novelty items to underwrite more important pursuits, such as using the glowing genes to identify cancerous tumors or detect nerve gas.

Kerrey considers leaving Senate

By Jill Zeman

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Sen. Bob Kerrey is considering trading in his work in the U.S. Senate for a taste of university life.

If offered the position, Kerrey may leave the Senate to become president of New School University in New York City.

Kerrey is taking his time to decide whether to run for re-election to a third Senate term, said Jody Ryan, press secretary for Kerrey.

"It's a very personal decision, and he is spending time with family and friends to help make his choice," Ryan said.

Kerrey's hesitancy to run for re-election is not because he was unhappy with his job, Ryan said.

Kerrey wanted Nebraskans to know he has had a great time representing Nebraska, and he has learned a lot.

Kerrey said he was happy with what he and the state of Nebraska achieved together in his past two terms, Ryan said.

He must make a decision by Feb. 15, the deadline for incumbents to file for re-election. Challengers have until March 1 to file.

Kerrey is the only Democratic office-holder in the state, so if he doesn't run for re-election, the state Democratic Party would be devastated,

said John Hibbing, University of Nebraska-Lincoln political science professor.

Hibbing said Kerrey has a good standing with the people, and citizens seem to be pleased with him.

He has been an unusual politician, and his voting record was not standard, Hibbing said.

Kerrey is also more liberal than what some Nebraskans would like but still remains very popular, Hibbing said.

"There are lots of things that set (Kerrey) apart from other politicians — he has a certain star appeal," Hibbing said. "But who knows, maybe someone else could do that."

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Debate to focus on fetal research

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be on the faculty of UNMC, as well as whether fetal tissue should be used.

Schmit-Albin said she is still looking for answers to 17 questions presented to the regents at last month's meeting.

Some of the questions included the exact procedure used, whether compensation was given to Carhart and what UNMC's policy was on accountability to the public.

Miller said he would use the debate to bring out a number of points.

One of those points is that the regents' resolution adopted in December is the only one in the

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nation that looks to an alternative source of supply for tissue.

Miller said ending the research and forcing research outside of Nebraska would end using tissue from alternative sources.

"In sum, if you are pro-life, you should support the Med Center alternative supply source program and encourage your state senators to

keep the research here," Miller said in his letter.

Asked if the debate would end the controversy, Schmit-Albin said she wasn't sure what the debate would accomplish.

"I don't have any idea what this will foster," she said. "If it will result in the 17 questions being answered, that would be wonderful."

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