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## Road construction creates 'beastly' driving difficulties

By James A. Fussell

Driving to a Nebraska football game is only slightly more difficult than mailing an octopus via parcel post. That's on good days.

This fall, however, road construction projects threaten to add an extra tentacle to the transportation problem. Road repairs inside and just outside of Lincoln also could make driving difficult for motorists going to the Nebraska State Fair, which begins Friday and runs through Sept. 12, and to a John Denver concert scheduled for Sept. 10. That, incidentally, is also the date of the first Nebraska home football game.

Kelly Sieckmeyer, a traffic engineering technician employed by the state Department of Transportation, said the worst problems for drivers will come from the road widening at South 48th Street between Newton and Pawnee streets, and the intersection construction at 70th Street and Pioneers Boulevard. The projects are scheduled to be complete in December, and October, respectively.

Bridge construction on Highway 6 at 84th Street may cause problems for motorists driving from Omaha. They will be forced to detour from Interstate 80 at the 56th Street exit and take Highway 77 to Cornhusker Highway. Another recommended alternate route is to exit at the airport interchange, Sieckmeyer said.

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Staff photo by Craig Anderson

Terry Rue (front) and Larry Walker work on Highway 6 project.

## Today at the state fair

Open Air Auditorium — Chris Collins Bluegrass-country western music, noon; country western, 1:30 p.m.; Henton Show, 4:30 p.m.; International Soap Dancers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bob Devaney Sports Center — Greg Kihn Band, 7:30 p.m.  
Bands parading on the grounds — Ralston High School, Lincoln Northeast High School, Sabetha High School, Crete High School.

## Lincoln men arraigned on cocaine charges

By Lauri Hopple

Two UNL students and another Lincoln man were arraigned Thursday in County District Court on charges of possession and delivery of cocaine.

Lt. Al Maxey of the Lincoln Police Department said agents from the Lancaster County Narcotics Unit and the Nebraska State Patrol made the arrests Wednesday and seized three-quarters to one pound of cocaine worth an estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000. No other details of the arrests were released.

UNL student Kurt Eberhardt, 28, of 500 W. Harvest Drive was charged with three felony counts of delivery of cocaine.

Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Jaudzemis said the charges stemmed from cocaine deliveries Eberhardt allegedly made on March 22, April 11 and May 11.

Rodney Rozanek, 20, of 672 W. Lakeshore Drive, is also a UNL student. He was charged with three counts of delivery of cocaine, stemming from deliveries he allegedly made on March 2, April 11 and Aug. 31.

The third man, Juan Vargas-Manchego, of 6140 N.W. Ninth St., was charged with one count of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. The

cocaine was seized at the time of Vargas-Manchego's arrest.

Vargas-Manchego and Eberhardt are citizens of Peru, South America.

Vargas-Manchego, a railroad employee, has lived in Lincoln for more than eight years.

Eberhardt has lived in Lincoln for 10 years.

County District Court Judge Jeffre Chevront posted a \$10,000 bond for Eberhardt and Rozanek and released them on their own recognizance. Chevront set Vargas-Manchego's bond at \$20,000. Vargas-Manchego paid the mandatory 10 percent and was released.

The court ordered that Vargas-Manchego's passport be held by the court and that he not leave Lancaster County except for employment reasons.

The three men were ordered to appear in court Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. to request or waive a preliminary hearing.

Jaudzemis declined to comment on whether the arrests were connected.

Maxey said that the Lancaster County Narcotics Unit, made up of Lincoln and UNL police, began an undercover investigation in the case "several months ago" on the university campus.

## Chambers: Senators on trip are 'mooches and freeloaders'

By Kris Mullen

Five Nebraska state senators are scheduled to leave today for South Africa, despite some controversy over the South African government paying for the trip.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha says the trip is "propaganda" for the South African government. The government will determine what the senators will see and hear, he said.

Chambers introduced a bill barring investments of public pension funds in corporations doing business in South Africa. This prompted the South African government's invitation.

Senators making the trip are John DeCamp of Neligh, Glenn Goodrich of Omaha, Rex Haberman of Imperial, Lowell Johnson of North Bend and Loran Schmit of Bellwood.

Judy Gant of Lincoln Tour and Travel estimated the cost per person for the trip is about \$5,000, including air fare, meals and hotel accommodations.

Haberman said the fact that the South African government is paying for the trip is not a reason to decline the invitation (South Africa's government has long been under fire for its policy of apartheid, the separation of races and white supremacy).

"People in my district think it's great because we're not using the taxpayers' money," Haberman said.

Senators making the trip are "sponges, mooches and freeloaders," Chambers said. They have taken stands on issues in Poland, Russia and Afghanistan without visiting those countries, he said.

Haberman said the trip is a chance for South Africa to promote itself, but added it also is a chance for the senators to promote Nebraska at no cost to the state.

DeCamp said barring investment with companies that do business with South Africa would hurt the United States.

"It's disinvestment in America," he said.

DeCamp said Chambers's bill would financially hurt employees such as teachers and judges whose pension funds are invested in corporations that deal with South Africa.

He said before the Legislature passed the "prudent man rule" — allowing the government to invest pension funds in bonds "as any prudent man would" — the law limited types of investments that could be made. The investments lost money, DeCamp said. Goodrich declined to comment on the trip.

Don Mathes, state investment officer, said since the prudent man rule was enacted, the state can

invest up to 30 percent of a fund's assets in common stock.

The state now has invested approximately \$90 million in common stock. State law previously limited such investments to \$25 million.

Because values now are higher than when the stocks were bought, the investments could realize a \$12 to \$15 million profit if all stocks were sold, Mathes said.

But Chambers said his bill would not cause a loss for the pension investments because the money could be invested in portfolios that do not deal with South Africa.

He said before the government offered to pay, he wrote to the country's general counsel about a trip.

He said his requests for freedom of travel, access to various people and freedom from censorship of any recordings of photos he took, were all denied.

Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln had planned to make the three week trip. But then he announced Aug. 25 that he would not be going because the South African government is paying for the trip.

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