

**Weather:** Cloudy this morning with a 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, breezy and warmer by afternoon. High in the mid 70s. South wind 15 to 25 mph. Partly cloudy Tuesday night. Low in the lower to mid 60s.

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## Labeledz, Pappas, among seven charged with petition violations

Attorney General Spire says more charges could follow

By Jen Deselms  
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State Sens. Bernice Labeledz — Omaha and James E. Pappas — North Platte were among seven people charged Monday with violations during the unsuccessful lottery petition drive.

Eight people have been charged since the beginning of the statewide investigation in July.

The investigation began when an employee of the Lancaster County Election Commission spotted an unusual signature on one of the petitions.

Attorney General Robert Spire said he expects to have additional charges filed in Lincoln County late Monday or Tuesday and in Douglas County by the end of the week.

Spire said it is possible for further charges to occur later.

Charges were filed against five people in Lancaster County Court.

Sen. Labeledz was charged with two counts of falsely swearing as a circulator of a petition.

Sen. Pappas was charged with unauthorized circulation of a petition and falsely swearing as a circulator.

Marc Fellman, Fort Calhoun, was charged with hiring circulators of petitions and falsely swearing as a circulator.

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— Spire

Marleen McCullough, Grant, was charged with unauthorized circulation of a petition.

Lincoln lawyer Walter Radcliffe was charged with two counts of hiring circulators and falsely swearing as a circulator. Radcliffe was also charged with two counts involving misdemeanor violations.

Two Omaha men, William Kateman and Joseph A. Monastero, were charged in Sarpy County Court with five counts each of falsely swearing on an initiative petition.

Spire said in a Monday afternoon press conference, the reason it has taken some time for charges to be filed is that it is important for the investigation to be thorough, careful and professional.

Spire said there would be no reason for any resignations of public offices because no one has been proven guilty.

He said his office would do legal research concerning the legislative offices at the appropriate time.

"In my judgment the state has a good case or we would not be proceeding with the charges," Spire said.

Spire said he anticipates that the defendants will question the constitutionality of the statutes involved in the case. He said he would respond to those questions at the proper time — in court.

### Night game goes well

## Minor problems reported at NU-FSU football game

By Jen Deselms  
Senior Reporter

Rain made the turf in Memorial Stadium slicker and fans colder, but an officer of the Lincoln Police Department said the rain reduced traffic problems after the game.

Lincoln received 1.2 inches of rain between Friday and Saturday.

Lt. Tom Casady, commanding officer for LPD's game detail, said rain made several parking lots near the stadium too muddy to be used for parking Saturday night. As a result, many fans had to park their cars farther away from the stadium than usual, Casady said. Fewer cars near the stadium lessened traffic congestion after the game, he said.

LPD uses 50 officers to direct traffic

after the game, Casady said. It usually takes about an hour after the game for traffic flow to return to normal, he said. On Saturday, it took an hour and 18 minutes for the traffic to clear. No significant accidents were caused by game traffic, he said.

Saturday was a quiet night with only a couple of minor incidents, Casady said. There was one arrest outside of Memorial Stadium and one in the stadium, he said.

Lt. Joe Wehner of the university police criminal division said he expected to see more alcohol at the game. He said that a few more people appeared to be intoxicated but they didn't cause a problem. Police were watching closely for alcohol at the gates, Wehner said. He said people had been told that

security for Saturday's game would be stricter and that may have prevented some fans from bringing alcohol.

Wehner said that about 100 law enforcement officials were working at the game. He said this was about average.

Both LPD and university police said they had anticipated additional problems for Saturday's game because it was the first night game played at Memorial Stadium. Departments also agreed that despite pre-game worries, everything went smoothly.

The police departments will be meeting with other city agencies to review the security for the game.

"I can't think of anything we'd want to do differently," Casady said.



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Karen Messenger, Curatorial Assistant for the Don and Velma Lentz Center for Asian Culture, admires a tabla, an ancient drum from India.

## 'Dream' opens today

### Asian treasures displayed at Center

By Sharon Gies  
Staff Reporter

A long-held dream of Don and Velma Lentz has been realized with today's opening of the Don and Velma Lentz Center for Asian Culture. The center, located in 304 Morrill Hall, was established through a donation of Asian treasures collected

by the Lentzs during their travels and studies in the Middle East and Asia. Lentz was a professor of music at UNL for more than 30 years.

Featured exhibits include bronzes of the Shang and Chou Dynasties, some 3,000 years old, and a jade piece from the Tang Dynasty that is

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## Sales at State Fair disappoint most exhibitors

By Michael Hooper  
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It's a reality. Some products sell sometimes and others don't.

It was no different with the exhibitors at the Nebraska State Fair.

"Last year we sold zero pool tables," said Jerry Hovelsrud, salesman for Cornhusker Billiard Supply's exhibit in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. "But this year we've sold eight."

The State Fair ended Sunday night. The interest was there last year, Hovelsrud said, but this year people were ready to buy.

"This is one of the better fairs we've had," he said.

Other exhibitors weren't as pleased. "Last year it was shoulder to shoulder on Labor Day," said Shirley Buckner, an attendant at the F & S Sign Company's exhibit. "But yesterday (Labor Day) was slow, about like today."

Buckner said business was slow last Tuesday, and said she hoped it would pick up over the weekend.

Lori Warren, an attendant at a jewelry and novelty stand, said last Tuesday afternoon that business had been slow at her stand since opening Aug. 29.

"My boss is paying me wages, and

I'm just sitting here, so I feel like I'm cheating her," she said.

Fairgoers don't seem interested in spending money, she said, even though products may be inexpensive.

"Our prices are fair. One thing is \$6. Everything else is below that," Warren said.

Paul Putens, the fair's space rental manager, said "it's very competitive" between the exhibitors.

"It can get hectic out there," he said. "They do what they can to attract customers. You have only a few seconds to draw the people to your booth."

Kay Martin, who was selling hand-

made magnetic refrigerator decorations, said it was sometimes difficult to attract fair-goers to her booth when it was busy.

"In fact it gets so crowded that people get shoved right on down the aisle," she said Saturday.

Martin said she and her partner Letha Lengel have been selling their products at the fair for 11 years.

"A lot of people know we're here and they usually come back to see us," she said. "It's fun to see those we haven't seen for a while."

Martin said business was down from

last year and attributed it to the decline in the economy. She said the number of fair-goers looked like about as many as last year.

General Fair Manager Henry Brandt said Monday that overall attendance was down about 5,000 this year over last year. 545,750 people attended this year, compared to 550,435 last year.

"We lost the 5,000 Saturday because of the rain," Brandt said. "We were right on course until then."

Some new exhibitors were unsure how the public would react to their products.