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Weather: After a cold morning, expect sunny skies and light winds with a high of 33 (1C). Tuesday night, clear and cold again with a low of 11 (-12C). Wednesday, continued sunny and cold with a high in the lower 30s (0C).

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Bomb threat clears County-City Building — again

By Gene Gentrup
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The second bomb threat in less than a week — this time from a caller who said Nebraska Attorney General Paul Douglas "ruined his life" — forced another evacuation of the County-City Building Monday morning.

Debra Ewert, a secretary in the

building's maintenance office, said she received a call shortly before 9 a.m. Monday from a man whom she quoted as saying, "I want you to know Paul Douglas ruined my life and there's a bomb in there."

The caller then hung up and Ewert dialed 911. Chief Deputy Merl Hesser said Lincoln police stood guard around the building

while firefighters searched for the possible bomb. No evacuation was ordered until a second call to KFMQ radio warned of another possible bomb threat at the building.

Bob Allen at KFMQ radio said he received a call from a man who said his friend was going to plant a bomb in the building. Allen

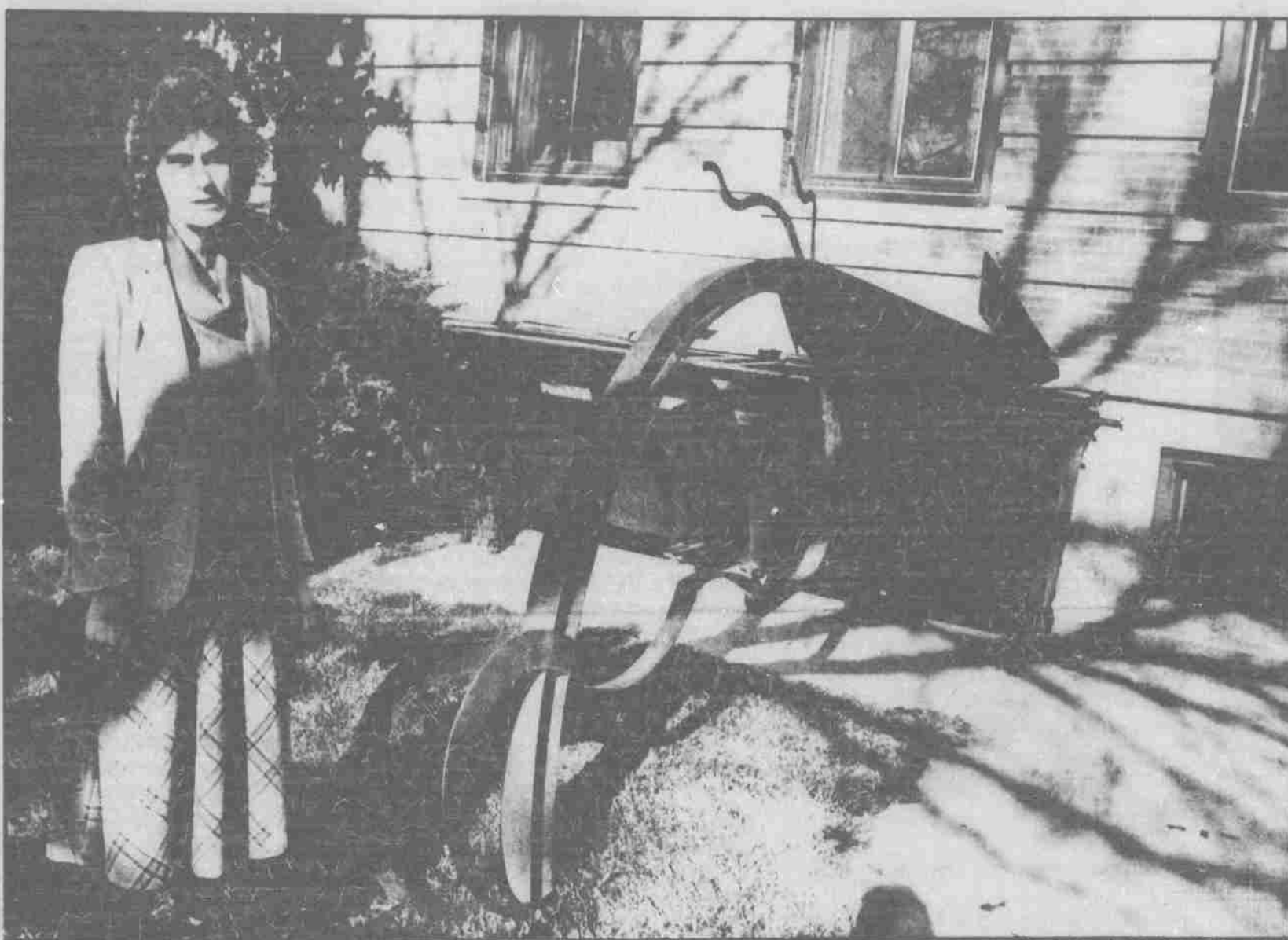
quoted the caller as saying, "I don't know who to call and that's why I'm calling you. I have a friend who's going to put a bomb in the County-City Building and I don't know how to stop him."

Allen said he then advised the caller to call the police department but the caller hung up. Allen said he then notified author-

ities. Officials were uncertain which call was made first.

More than 100 people were forced to leave the building and by mayor's orders were forced to wait across the street to avoid the possibility of flying glass. Everyone waited outside for about 25 minutes in 15- to 20-degree weather.

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Down in the dumpsters

Lenora Hanna, staff secretary for the UNL forestry, fisheries and wildlife department, stands outside her office in the Plant Industry Building on East Campus by the sculpture she discovered Monday morning in a trash dumper.

Hanna said she thought the prank was funny at first, "but it isn't a nice thing to do."

Bob Fey, crime prevention officer and investigator for the UNL police department, said several campus sculptures have been vandalized in the past two weeks. "They appear to be related," he said.

Well-written cover letters impress employers

By Gah Y. Huey
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Editor's note: This is the second of three articles on tips for job seekers. Today, tips on writing a good resume and cover letter. Wednesday, how to complete a successful interview.

Before job seekers can launch a successful job hunt, they must know how to sell themselves.

An impressive-looking resume accompanied by a cover letter — either a letter of application or inquiry — are the first steps to obtaining an interview with a prospective employer.

A cover letter has several purposes, said Kenneth Cardinal, a counselor at UNL's Career Planning and Placement Center, Nebraska Union 230. A well-written letter should introduce the applicant to the employer, state clearly why the applicant is writing, highlight the applicant's experience and interest and leave room for further communication between the applicant and the employer.

The letter should be as personal as possible, said R. Neal Copple, dean of the School of Journalism. Job seekers should research the organization so when they

write to the employer, they can show they know something about how the organization operates. Employers are more impressed with an applicant who mentions specifics, such as what the applicant thinks are some of the company's strengths and weaknesses, and information about the community in which it operates, he said.

The cover letter should indicate to the employer what the applicant can do for the organization, said Dvee Buss, director of advising at the College of Business Administration. Applicants should emphasize special skills, abilities, education or experience that would qualify them for the specific position, she said.

Like the resume, the cover letter and any correspondence letters should be neatly typed, well written, well expressed and errorless, the experts said. Most agreed that the letter should be no more than one page and typed on the same paper as the resume if possible. Although a little more effort would be required, the applicant should try to address the letter to a specific person, along with the person's title.

Because potential employers sift through hundreds of resumes daily, job

seekers must make their resume stand out from the others. The resume is the applicant's first chance to impress the employer; consequently the resume must be clear, concise, attractive and reflect the abilities of the applicant, they said.

The following items are usually important in a resume: identification, job or career objective, education and work experience or skills and references. The optional items listed round out the overall impression of the applicant. They generally include activities, interests and hobbies.

The career objective should be concise but not to the point of eliminating potential jobs for the applicant, Buss said. The objective usually should include the desired job function, the type of company, the industry preferred and the specific skills the applicant wants to use.

The order of the applicant's education, experience and skills should be listed in the appropriate order. For example, if applicants are recent graduates, listing education first may be one of their strongest selling points, Cardinal said.

In some cases, applicants should present their resumes in a way that would show the employer they know how to

apply certain skills, said Anne Kopera, coordinator of advising at the College of Arts and Sciences. Along with listing education, applicants can let employers know how they can apply their acquired skills, she said.

Internships, volunteer work and part-time experience would be important items to list under work, the experts said. Internships show the employer the applicant has had experience working for an organization, Copple said. The employer will have an idea that the applicant has acquired some skills and used them while on the job.

Listed activities, memberships and honors provide information on skills an applicant acquires outside of class, Buss said. Applicants who held elected offices are telling the employer they acquired leadership skills, she said.

The goal of the resume is to make the applicant stand out, Copple said. Consequently, applicants should list any skill, interest, hobby or experience they think would interest the prospective employer, he said.

Job seekers should try to make their resumes look like they didn't come out of "the same cookie cutter," he said.

Arguments set scene for Douglas testimony

By Brad Gifford
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Opening arguments Monday from both sides in the trial of Attorney General Paul Douglas began to set the scene for expected testimony from Douglas and Marvin Copple.

The prosecution will probably call Copple, former vice president of Commonwealth Savings Co., to support the allegations made by Assistant Special Prosecutor Vince Valentino. The attorney offered Copple's financial records to support his claim that Douglas received \$40,000 from Copple involving a real estate deal. Douglas has maintained that the amount was \$32,500.

William Morrow Jr., representing Douglas, said the difference can be credited partially to \$2,500 in expenses and the rest to poor bookkeeping. Valentino said that Douglas received a \$1,000 tax break by intentionally ignoring the \$7,500 in his books.

Valentino said Douglas' relationship with Copple led the attorney general to discuss a letter from the FBI with Copple and to conceal that Commonwealth officials were suspected of wrongdoing. Those claims make up the charge against Douglas of obstructing government operations.

Douglas told a Lincoln Journal reporter twice that the state was not investigating Commonwealth, Valentino said, but later claimed he was reminded of an investigation.

Valentino also accused Douglas of informing Copple about the FBI investigation into Commonwealth. Valentino alleged that Douglas divulged the information in the basement of Commonwealth Savings and asked Copple if he was guilty.

Morrow has not revealed plans to put Douglas on the stand. He said Douglas' appearance depends on Copple's testimony.