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## Investigation

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suspects in the Oklahoma City bombing.

One source who works in a federal building in downtown Omaha and spoke on the condition of anonymity said the sketches were of two men who had been in the federal building on the Friday before the blast. The source said they resembled Timothy McVeigh and "John Doe No. 2."

Another source, who also works in a federal building and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the composites did not appear to resemble the two suspects.

The Omaha World-Herald reported Tuesday that the sketches were made by the Omaha Police Department at the request of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

# Reason for dollar's fall argued

WASHINGTON — While the United States and other economic powers squabbled over who is to blame for the weakness of the dollar, President Clinton let it be known that he doesn't favor increasing American interest rates to support the U.S. currency.

The dollar's sharp plunge this year was at the top of the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of finance officials from the world's seven richest industrial countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

The finance ministers and central bank presidents were expected to issue a joint statement at the end of their meetings, pledging to intensify efforts at global cooperation.

However, currency traders said they

would be surprised if anything came out of the session beyond vague promises of future economic coordination. The market skepticism was cited as a chief reason the dollar drifted lower in advance of the communique.

A central reason for the pessimism was an unusual amount of squabbling among the Group of Seven countries before the session began.

Germany and Japan, concerned that the dollar's sharp decline will hurt their export industries, urged the Federal Reserve to boost U.S. interest rates as a way of making the dollar more attractive to foreign investors.

However, the Clinton administration has rejected that suggestion, fearing that further Fed rate increases would raise the chances of a U.S. recession.

The president himself entered the debate, saying that he believed increasing U.S. interest rates to bolster the dollar was "of questionable value."

"We aren't going to do ourselves any good by sparking a recession here at home by raising interest rates further," Clinton said.

Instead of focusing on interest rates, the president pledged to bolster the dollar's value by blocking any congressionally passed tax cuts that widen the budget deficit. He blamed much of the market uncertainty on the House-passed \$200 billion tax cut package.

"Once the financial markets see that I am serious, that we're not about to have a \$200 billion tax cut... that is basically an add-on to this deficit... then they will stabilize and go forward," he said.

## Nurse

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wanted to be there. She wanted to help.

She never got a chance. Shortly after she arrived, she was struck on the head by concrete from the collapsing building. Within hours, she was hospitalized. Within five days, she was dead. She was 37 years old.

Then, she went to the rescue once more: Her great heart was implanted in a sick man's chest.

On Tuesday, her husband Fred, her children — ages 10 to 17 — and other family and friends bid farewell to Rebecca Anderson in her hometown of Fort Smith, Ark. As they mourn, they also find solace knowing she died doing a good deed.

"Rarely do we go out of life doing what we want," Anderson said, puffing on a cigarette, his eyes red with tears and fatigue. "She gave her life doing what she wanted to do."

"I wish," he said, "I had half the compassion and heart that she had."

Rebecca was just beginning a new life when tragedy struck. Divorced, she started nursing school about three years ago and then went to work at the Brookwood Nursing Center.

Her personal life was flourishing, too, thanks to a husky, blue-eyed truck driver she'd met through a mutual friend. Their first date was Oct. 2, 1993 — Rebecca's 36th birthday. He had scouted out a restaurant that served her favorite dish, Alaskan king crab. The next day he brought her gladiolus. Nine months later, they stood hand in hand at the church altar.

Both Andersons had work off last Wednesday and were watching television when their house shook. Immediately, Rebecca grabbed some clothes and told her husband they needed to go help.

Though they'd been wed less than nine months, Anderson knew his wife was a determined woman. He would take her to the blast sight, and then go off, looking to help where he could.

"If I told her no, I wouldn't have made a difference," he said wistfully. "Nobody could change her mind. If she told me it was important, it WAS important."

Before leaving, she called a friend and co-worker, Ava Muzny.

"I told her to be careful and call me that night," Muzny recalled.

Nearly 200 miles away, in Fort Smith, her younger sister, Lori

Hughen, watched the horror on television. She kept an eye out for Rebecca.

"I thought I'd see her there putting on Band-Aids," she said, smiling though tears as she huddled with Rebecca's 15-year-old daughter, Hilary.

It was only after Rebecca's death that Anderson pieced together what happened: After public appeals — a photo of his wife fainting appeared in a local newspaper — witnesses told him Rebecca was hit by a large slab of concrete while helping rescuers near the building.

She sat down, someone went to get help, then she got up again and began walking. She went a short distance, her eyes rolled into her head; then she fainted, her head smacking against the pavement.

When Anderson arrived at the hospital, he said, a doctor showed him X-rays, indicating a severe blow to the back of her head and small hemorrhages. When he entered his wife's room, she recognized him.

"I said, baby, 'what happened?'" he recalled. "She said, 'I don't remember.'"

That night, she lost consciousness. Five days later, she was gone.

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# DANA DESIGN

## Nelson wants grads to stay

By Rebecca Oltmans  
 Staff Reporter

For 25 English students, a writing assignment to show how letters make things happen brought an unexpected result — a visit from the governor.

Ben Nelson spoke with a business writing class at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Tuesday about the "brain drain" in Nebraska.

Earlier this semester, the students wrote letters about what affected their decisions to stay in or leave Nebraska after graduation. They used the governor as a hypothetical audience.

When the letters were sorted, the "leaving" pile was larger than the "staying" pile, said Jill Morstad, who teaches the class.

Making people see what Nebraska has to offer is the way to stop them from leaving the state, Nelson told the class.

"It's like the chicken and egg theory," Nelson said. "If people stay here, then there is likely to

be jobs here." One member of the class, Ryan Hensler, said jobs weren't the only factor.

"We go away on spring break and see those cities and think 'Man, I really want to live here,'... a lot of kids just say Nebraska is not that dynamic," Hensler said.

Nelson agreed that some students would leave, no matter what.

"Nebraska isn't going to be competitive if you really love the ocean or the mountains," Nelson said.

"The question is, 'Where do you want to raise your family and live day-in, day-out?'" Nelson said.

Morstad said many students who wrote about leaving planned to return to Nebraska after they got their career going.

"They also said they would be proud to be from Nebraska, no matter where they moved to," Morstad said.

## Investigator approved to case

From Staff Reports

A private investigator has been approved for death row inmate Robert Williams, and the costs will be paid by the county. Williams requested the appointment last week.

John Vanderslice, one of the lawyers appointed to represent Williams, asked the court to appoint investigator Rod Yokel of Lincoln.

Documents filed by Williams' lawyers had argued an investigator was needed to interview past jurors and other witnesses who might have information regarding allegations of juror misconduct raised in his defense.

Williams came within three hours of his scheduled execution March 22. A stay was issued by the Nebraska Supreme Court, and his case was sent back to Lancaster County District Court for a hearing.

## McElroy's hearing is delayed

From Staff Reports

A hearing to determine if Arthur McElroy is a danger to himself and society will have to wait until an evaluation at the Lincoln Regional Center is completed.

McElroy was found not responsible by reason of insanity in a March ruling. His charges, including attempted second-degree murder, stemmed from a 1992 incident in which McElroy allegedly walked into a UNL classroom with a loaded semi-automatic rifle and attempted to fire. The gun jammed.

A two-page document filed in Lancaster County District Court earlier this week stated that an evaluation, not to exceed 90 days, at the center would be conducted.

Lawyers from both the county attorney's office and the public defender's office agreed to the evaluation and delay. Following a March 31 ruling that McElroy was not responsible by reason of insanity, a hearing was set for May 4.

The documents conclude by stating that McElroy "shall be held in locked and secure confinement by the Lincoln Regional Center" during the course of his evaluation.

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