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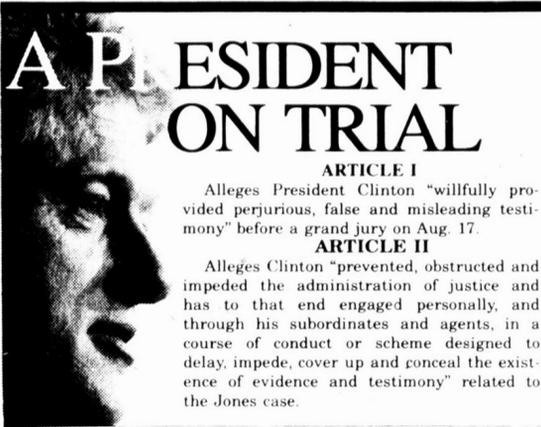


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## 'The Trial' begins



### A PRESIDENT ON TRIAL

#### ARTICLE I

Alleges President Clinton "willfully provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony" before a grand jury on Aug. 17.

#### ARTICLE II

Alleges Clinton "prevented, obstructed and impeded the administration of justice and has to that end engaged personally, and through his subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct or scheme designed to delay, impede, cover up and conceal the existence of evidence and testimony" related to the Jones case.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a solemn prelude to the first presidential impeachment trial in 130 years, House prosecutors delivered to the Senate today the articles of impeachment accusing President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice. The White House declared there wasn't "a compelling case" for ousting Clinton.

Led by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, the 13 Republicans named as prosecutors for the trial walked silently across the Capitol to deliver the papers.

"Senators will be in order," 96-year-old Strom Thurmond, the Senate president pro tempore, hollered as he called the session to order.

**"Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, all persons are commanded to keep silent on pain of imprisonment."**

Proclamation read by James W. Ziglar, Senate sergeant at arms

The Senate sergeant at arms, James W. Ziglar, escorted the House members to the well of the Senate. "Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, all persons are commanded to keep silent on pain of imprisonment," he declared, reading a proclamation written by the Founding Fathers more than 200 years ago.

Clinton "has prevented, obstructed and impeded the ad-

ministration of justice," the silver-haired Hyde intoned as he read from the articles to a stilled Senate chamber. Hyde's prosecution team stood at attention in a semi-circle to his right. The senators sat silently, a few taking notes. About three-quarters of the seats in the galleries were empty.

The two articles stem from Clinton's effort to conceal his affair with former White

House intern Monica Lewinsky. When he had finished, Hyde said, "That concludes the exposition of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton. The managers request that the Senate take order for the trial."

Three senators from each party were to leave later in the day and escort Chief Justice William Rehnquist from the Supreme Court to preside over the trial. Rehnquist was to be given an oath and then administer another oath to the 100 senators who will serve as jurors.

The president was out of public view, but the White House made one last bid at

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## 17th president was acquitted by Senate in 1868

By Michael Les Benedict

Crolier Encyclopedia

Andrew Johnson became the 17th president of the United States after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, on Apr. 15, 1865. As president he was the focal point of a struggle over how to restore the Union after the Civil War. The contest over Reconstruction became so bitter that he was impeached by the House of Representatives and tried before the U.S. Senate, which ultimately found him not guilty of the charges.

#### Early Life

Johnson was born in Raleigh, N.C., on Dec. 29, 1808. His family, already poor, was left destitute by the death of his father 4 years later. When he was 14 his mother apprenticed

him to a tailor Johnson never received a formal education; he learned the rudiments of reading and writing from the foreman in his place of work. In 1826, Johnson and his family moved to eastern Tennessee, and a year later he opened his own tailor shop in Greeneville. On May 17, 1827, Johnson married Eliza McCordle, the daughter of a shoemaker. She furthered his education, teaching him arithmetic and improving his reading and writing.

Ambitious to rise from his humble origins and resentful all his life of those at the pinnacle of society, Johnson and his friends founded a political organization that soon replaced Greeneville's traditional leaders. Attracted by Andrew Jackson's anti-aristocratic rhetoric, Johnson was an important figure in

Tennessee Democratic politics by the 1830s. Representing the mostly nonslaveowning small farmers of the eastern Tennessee hill country, he successfully challenged the western Tennessee cotton planters who usually controlled the party. Having served as alderman (1829-30) and then mayor (1831-33) of Greeneville, he became a state representative (1835-37, 1839-41) and senator (1841-42). Johnson then served his state as U.S. congressman (1843-53), governor (1853-57), and finally U.S. senator (1857-62).

Johnson was a radical Jacksonian, as distinguished from more conservative western Tennessee Democratic leaders. As

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## Bootleg's inventory expands

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The Bootleg Volunteer Fire Department received an addition to its equipment inventory from the Texas Forestry Service on Wednesday when it took delivery of a 40-foot telescopic light plant and gas-powered generator.

Both pieces of equipment are late-1960s models. The tower is a 240-volt, three-kilowatt unit. The generator can produce 60 kilowatts of power.

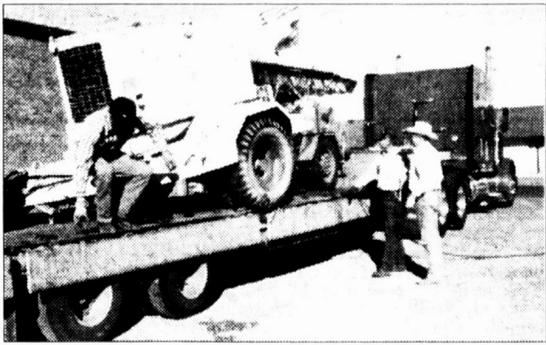
The equipment was made available through the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program, which loans rural and volunteer fire departments needed emergency equipment.

All FEPP equipment is refurbished military equipment, which remains the property of the federal government.

Fire departments receiving FEPP devices must meet eligibility requirements; be willing to sign a formal cooperative agreement with TFS; repaint all equipment; allow necessary inspections and agree to use all equipment only for fire/emergency use.

All equipment donated through this program remains the property of the federal government and must be returned when it is of no more use to the fire department.

"We can use this equipment, for as long as we need it,"



David Brown (left, above) of the Bootleg Volunteer Fire Department helps unload equipment donated to the department by the Texas Forestry Service. TFS representative Richard Baker (center, above) and Ernest Brown of the fire department check out the additions to the VFD inventory.



Bootleg Fire Department representative Ernest Brown said. "If something happens, other than general repair and upkeep it doesn't cost the Bootleg Fire Department anything."

FEPP equipment is available to rural and volunteer fire departments which serve populations of less than 10,000 through application to the Texas Forestry Service. Equipment is allocated on an as-needed basis, as the equipment becomes available.

Another program, which helps volunteer fire departments find needed equipment, is the VFD Helping Hands Program.

With this program, equipment, which once would have been dismantled and sold for scrap or just destroyed because of liability costs, can now be transferred to the Texas Forestry Service, refurbished and sent to fire departments in need.

"Liability costs resulted in the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of still useable fire fighting equipment each year," TFS staff technician Tommy Helton said. "Now the volunteer fire departments can maintain the insurance, repair and operational costs for far less than buying the equipment, and still useable fire fighting equipment is put to good use."

Until the 75th Texas Legislature approved House Bill 680, original owners remained subject to liability litigation.

Unlike the FEPP program, fire departments receiving Helping Hands equipment accept full title.

"These two programs have helped outfit volunteer fire departments across the state," Brown said. "With their help many rural fire departments can control a fire or emergency before help from larger fire departments can arrive."

## The check's arrived

### Hospital receives share of tobacco settlement

Special to The Brand

If hospital administrator John Studsrud is smiling today it's because Hereford Regional Medical Center received \$338,262.54 from the state.

HRMC finance director Rodney Bailey said this morning that the money, which is the Deaf Smith County Hospital District's share of about \$300 million distributed Wednesday by the Texas Comptroller's Office, was deposited electronically into the HRMC account.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that checks totaling \$300 million — some as high as nearly \$50 million for the Harris County Hospital — are in the mail to Texas cities, counties and hospital districts across the state to help them recoup some of the costs of providing health care to the indigent patients with tobacco-related illnesses.

The money to be received by the Deaf Smith County Hospital District represents about 0.1 percent of the total distribution.

Other area hospital districts receiving funds include:

- Castro County, \$160,185.94;
- Dallam/Hartley Counties, \$96,447.12;
- Dallam/Hartley County, \$64,180.34;

- Hutchison County, \$453,695.31;
- Parmer County, \$125,517.25;
- Amarillo, \$1,728,559.90;
- Amarillo, \$1,169,586.93;
- Randall County, \$295,310.91;
- Moore County, \$3,390.93.

Also, Gray County received \$423,282.95; Hale County, \$612,327.08; Oldham County, \$40,231.93; and Randall County, \$295,310.8.

"The funds being distributed today amount to 'found money' for Texas cities, counties and hospital districts. The money is the result of a clause in the Texas tobacco settlement increasing payments from the tobacco companies as a result of the 'Most Favored Nation' provision. When the State of Minnesota and the tobacco industry reached agreement, the clause kicked in the extra revenue for Texas," Rylander said.

Rylander said even though the signature on the checks is hers, State Sen. Bill Ratiiff, R-Mt. Pleasant; House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center; Rep. Rob Jumell, D-San Angelo; and the Attorney General's Office deserve

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## County to receive assistance funds

Deaf Smith County has been chosen to receive \$9,250 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives by the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country.

A local board made up of representatives from the business sector, city and county, school, churches, United Way and individuals will determine how the funds awarded to Deaf Smith County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs.

The board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Deaf Smith County has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with the American Red Cross and Hereford Food Pantry participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 68,909 meals and 218 utility bills.

For more information, contact Judy Baker, Deaf Smith County Social Services.

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## Local roundup

**HISD offers college classes**

Hereford Independent School District and West Texas A&M University are cooperating in a program to provide a series of classes to be offered at the High School campus during the spring semester.

The joint program offers up to \$250 in tuition for each course being offered.

Courses being offered this semester include College Geometry, Educational Psychology, Teaching English as a Second Language.

Tuition assistance is available.

For more information contact Nena Veazey at 363-7600.

Amarillo College will conduct registration for Hereford classes 6-7 p.m. Monday at the High School. AC classes offered will be human anatomy and physiology, computer concepts and lab, basic grammar, basic writing, freshman composition, Texas and U.S. government and history, supervisory management cooperative management, child psychology, reading techniques and business and professional speaking.

For more information contact Severo Reyna at 363-7625.

**Friends of Library book sale**

Friends of the Deaf Smith County Library book sale will begin Friday, 5-9 p.m. for members and Saturday for non members. Books are 10 cents and 25 cents with hundreds to choose from. The sale will continue through the month of January during regular library hours.

**Annual Koobraey**

Koobraey, the annual event naming all the student elected winners for such places as Mr. and Miss HHS, 1999 will be this evening at the High School auditorium. Admission is \$3 per person and doors will be closed promptly at 7 p.m.

**Partly cloudy**

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low around 30. Southwest wind 10-15 mph, shifting to the north late.

Friday, mostly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of rain, rain changing to snow late. An early high in the mid-40s, with temperatures falling during the day, north wind 10-15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow, low around 15.

**Extended forecast**

Saturday, partly cloudy, high 35 to 40.

Sunday, partly cloudy, low 15 to 20, high in the mid-40s.

Monday, partly cloudy, low in the lower 20s, high near 60.

**Wednesday recap**

High, 61; low, 20; no precipitation.

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## News in brief

**Harrison hopes for justice**

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — Melba Harrison gave up hope long ago that the killer of her daughter and grandson would ever be punished.

Now, she thinks she might see justice in the 1983 deaths of 21-year-old Tracy Powers and 4-month-old Justin.

Authorities say Danny Paul Bible of Cleveland, Texas — the brother-in-law of Ms. Powers' husband — confessed to killing her and her son after he was jailed recently in Louisiana on a rape charge.

Texas authorities are questioning Bible, who reportedly has confessed to four murders and nine more rapes in Texas. The rapes occurred in San Jacinto County, said Randy Walker, a sheriff's detective in West Baton Rouge, La.

Bible was sent to prison in 1984 after pleading guilty to killing Ms. Powers' roommate, Pamela Hudgins. He never was charged in the deaths of Ms. Powers or Justin.

**Dr Pepper sues school district**

CONROE, Texas (AP) — Dr Pepper is suing officials in the Conroe school system for granting exclusive vending rights to Coca-Cola after Dr Pepper helped finance a new marquee and three new scoreboards.

Dr Pepper says the school district's \$7.8 million arrangement with Coca-Cola in September and an order that Dr Pepper remove all its vending machines amount to a breach of contract.

The lawsuit, initially filed in Harris County, has been transferred to the district courts here at the request of attorneys for the Conroe Independent School District, the Courier of Conroe reported today in a copyright story.

Dr Pepper claims that in return for its being allowed to place its machines in Conroe High School's athletic area, it paid the school \$13,230 toward the cost of two new scoreboards.

As part of a contract allowing Dr Pepper half the soft drink volume at Oak Ridge High School, the bottler paid half the cost of a new \$24,000 marquee. And in return for exclusive vending rights at Knox Junior High, the company says it paid \$5,695 for a new scoreboard.

**Texas lawmakers take on new roles**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Watching from the House gallery as her son joined the ranks of the 106th Congress, Bertha Gonzalez was happy to witness the passing of the torch from her husband to the younger generation.

"I'm glad it's over with for us," said Mrs. Gonzalez, whose husband, 82-year-old Henry B., had represented San Antonio's 20th District in Congress since 1961. "Let Charlie suffer," she laughed.

Henry B. Gonzalez, who decided to retire only after a brush with serious illness, took advantage of his privilege as a former member to be on the House floor as the 106th Congress was gavelled into session.

"It was a happy feeling that I was there at this point, but it's a new era and a new Congress," he said later, attending a reception in his son's honor.

Charlie Gonzalez, who is the only newcomer in Texas' 32-member congressional delegation, is philosophical about following in his famous father's footsteps.

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## UT dismantles minority-hiring programs

AUSTIN (AP) — Without fanfare, the University of Texas has dismantled a minority-hiring program that helped attract a record number of black and Hispanic professors to the campus between 1988 and 1997.

Several UT System regents learned of the action only Wednesday, during a meeting to discuss progress in hiring women and minorities, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

This is the first school year in a decade in which UT hired faculty without the benefit of its Target of Opportunity program, which officials said fell victim to anti-affirmation action climate, including the 1996 federal court ruling known as Hopwood.

The Hopwood ruling was being applied to faculty hiring of minorities.

The ruling effectively ended affirmative action in all student programs, admissions,

scholarships, recruitment and retention, or tutoring, across Texas.

But officials at Texas A&M, the University of Houston and Texas Tech said they did not interpret Hopwood as applying to faculty — an opinion also expressed by former Attorney General Dan Morales.

UT System General Counsel Ray Farabee disagreed. He said Hopwood, along with several other court rulings, led him to advise UT System

chancellor William Cunningham and the campus presidents that "the same broad principles are going to apply and you should avoid quotas or set-asides."

Stephen Monti, who was acting provost last year, made the decision to end the minority recruitment program, the American-Statesman reported.

Monti said Hopwood raised sensitivities about the program and prompted a review. He said he was persuaded to end the program by a December 1997 decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the same court that ruled in Hopwood.

In that case, a white state employee, Karen Hanson Messer, successfully challenged an affirmative action program at the Texas Education Agency, led by former Education Commissioner Lionel Meno.

The ruling doesn't stop UT from recruiting minority faculty; the university just can't use special programs or give such candidates any preferences, officials said.

The money that was used for recruiting minorities, including supplementing salaries and creating positions for black and Hispanic stars, has been put into a larger pool for hiring all faculty, Vice Provost Ricardo Romo said.

The program was created by Cunningham, then UT-Austin's president, in 1987, when blacks made up 1.3 percent of the faculty and Hispanics were just 2.5 percent.

During the program's first five years, the UT system's Austin campus attracted four times as many new black and Hispanic faculty members as it did the previous five-year period: 76 compared with 18.

So far this school year, UT has hired eight blacks and Hispanics out of 60 tenured and tenure-track faculty, compared with 18 of 109 in all of last year.

Today, of 2,509 faculty members, 76, or 3 percent, are black, 111, or 4.4 percent, are Hispanic, 2,177, or 86.8 percent, are white, 134, or 5.3 percent, are Asian, and 11, or less than 1 percent, are American Indian.

**Systems do little to prevent overpayment**

HOUSTON (AP) — The health insurance system that covers state employees and their families paid \$51.6 million in fraudulent or excessive claims during fiscal year 1997, a draft report by the Texas Comptroller's Office shows.

That's 10.5 percent of all medical expenses the Employees Retirement System of Texas' two HealthSelect insurance plans paid last year.

The study, the first of its kind on Texas, concluded the health-insurance system takes few precautions to prevent overpayments. It didn't examine health maintenance organizations the employees' system offers.

The report identified \$251 million in possibly fraudulent or excessive claims by care providers under the state's Medicaid program in 1997, including about \$1 million paid to dead people who remained on the state's Medicaid rolls.

Officials at the insurance system and its claims administrator, Dallas-based Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Texas Inc., say the report is based on insufficient information.

"Our complaint is that they did not prove any overpayments or fraud," Sheila Beckett, executive director for the retirement system, told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

Ms. Beckett also acknowledges her agency was mostly responsible for the lack of available and timely data. She said she agreed in October to grant access to records, eight months after she received the requests, which gave the study's authors insufficient time to review data for their broader report.

The employees' system keeps no up-to-date lists of patients' phone numbers, which the study's authors had to find through other means to interview patients and validate claims.

State Medicaid officials don't dispute the report's conclusions about their program.



**Giant jig-saw** — Landscape Concepts workers Ron Greider, front, and Don Brownlow piece together the pieces of the giant jigsaw puzzle that will soon surround the fountain at First United Methodist Church Welcome Center. Each piece had to be fitted to the earlier laid pieces which presents an interesting pattern.

**National education accountability reform systems slow, complicated**  
Study reveals most systems skirt problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-eight states now test students to see if they've learned their lessons and 36 publish report cards on individual schools, but only a handful have comprehensive policies to reward success and identify failure, a new study shows.

"An analysis of statewide efforts shows that most are skirting the edges of a serious accountability system," according to the 50-state study released today by the publication Education Week. Among its findings:

—Nineteen states, or fewer than half, publicly rate the performance of all schools, or at least identify low-performing ones.

—Sixteen states have the authority to close, take over or overhaul failing schools.

—Fourteen states offer financial rewards for individual schools based on performance.

—Nineteen states require

students to pass state tests to graduate from high school.

—Two states have tried to tie the evaluation of individual teachers to student performance.

"The progress at the state and local levels is very uneven, and the systems are much slower to develop and much more complicated than a lot of reformers expected them to be," said Richard Elmore, a professor at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

Chester Finn Jr., an education official under President Reagan and president of the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation in Washington, said people generally have two schools of thought on accountability: Those — often educators — who think that performance will improve if students are given enough resources and support, and those — often business people and elected officials — who think

schools need external pressure to succeed.

In the real world, he said, the result is often "peculiar hybrids."

Connecticut, for instance, publishes report cards on all schools, including their marks on statewide tests. The state also offers grants to school districts that have improved over time, but has no explicit sanctions for schools that don't improve.

By contrast, Texas schools and districts can receive cash awards for top performance, but also could be taken over if their achievement falls below a certain level. High school students in Texas must pass state graduation tests.

Education schools can lose their accreditation if too many of their students fail teacher-licensing tests. There also is a system to link teachers' evaluations to schoolwide test scores.

A survey by Public Agenda, a public opinion research group, also published in Education Week, indicates that most teachers disapprove of tying financial incentives for teachers to student improvement or replacing the faculties at failing schools.

In the survey, 60 percent of employers and 53 percent of parents favor tying financial incentives for teachers and principals to student improvement. But only 22 percent of teachers said this was a good idea.

The survey, based on more than 2,600 interviews, had a margin of error of plus or minus 6 percentage points for employers and college professors and 4 percentage points for other groups.

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## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 6, 1999, include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Arrests**

— A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

— A 35-year-old woman was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, false identification to a peace officer, and aggravated assault on a peace officer.

**Incidents**

— A high school student was assaulted by several girls during a gang initiation.

— Two elementary students were taken into custody for fighting on school property.

— An 18-year-old man filed assault charges against a 20-year-old man for an incident in the 400 block of East Park Avenue.

— Theft of approximately \$350 worth of CDs was reported from a residence in the 100 block of Kibbe.

— A cat attacked and bit a 34-year-old woman in the 400 block of Avenue D.

— Criminal non-support charges have been filed against a 35-year-old man for failure to pay court ordered child support.

— Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of

**Star.**

— A car collided with a gas meter in the 200 block of Avenue H. The driver was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

— Disorderly conduct was reported at a residence in the 800 block of South Main.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT****Arrests**

— A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— A 32-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of a court order.

— A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

— A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

— A 33-year-old man began serving time on a commitment.

— A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

**Incidents**

— A burglary was reported. **FIRE DEPARTMENT** — 5:37 p.m. Firefighters responded to 200 Avenue I for a gas meter repair due to a car accident.

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Texas Lottery**Lotto Texas**

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

4-19-21-26-27-45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

**Pick 3**

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-0

# LIFESTYLES

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Ann Landers

## Barber clipped for 1911 property tax lien

**Dear Ann Landers:** I just read a story in The Macomb Daily, a paper here in Michigan, about a 72-year-old resident of Pittsburgh. This man owns a beauty and barber shop supply business, which he bought in 1983. He recently received a notice saying he owes a property tax bill of \$1,151 that goes back to 1911, before this man was even born. It seems the debt had gone undetected, even though the property had changed hands several times.

When the man expressed his astonishment, he was told that the passage of time and the change in ownership did not make any difference. He still has to pay the back real estate taxes. I find this outrageous. — Mary in Warren, Mich.

**Dear Mary:** It is good of you to take up this man's cause, but I'm afraid he is stuck. According to Dominick Gambino, administrative assistant to the Allegheny County controller, anyone who buys property is responsible for the outstanding tax liens. In this instance, however, the tax lien was so old, it did not show up on a standard title search when the man bought the property back in 1983.

The county sold its tax liens to a private company in 1997, which then discovered the old debt when it began cleaning up the county's records. You will be pleased to know that the beauty supply owner has title insurance that ought to cover it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** With help from various family members, I created the following credo for drivers:

Drive defensively. Remember that the driver next to you could be fighting sleep, distracted by a crying baby, combing her hair, daydreaming, lighting a cigarette, shaving, searching in the glove compartment, reading a map, applying makeup, talking on the phone, reading road signs, drinking, eating, adjusting the air conditioning or changing a cassette. That driver also might be suffering from any number of physical ailments that could alter his or her ability to see or hear.

Defensive driving means wearing a seat belt, no tailgating, obeying traffic rules and keeping your attention focused on the road. What I have written could mean the difference between life and death. — M.C., Alamo, Calif.

**Dear Alamo:** Thanks for reminding us that all drivers must be alert to the drivers nearby. All it takes is for one of those drivers to be distracted for a few seconds. The result could be a tragic accident.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I never cease to be amazed at the number of people who put an unfair burden on a bride and groom by carrying wedding presents to the reception. The couple then must arrange for one or two empty cars to haul the gifts to the couple's new

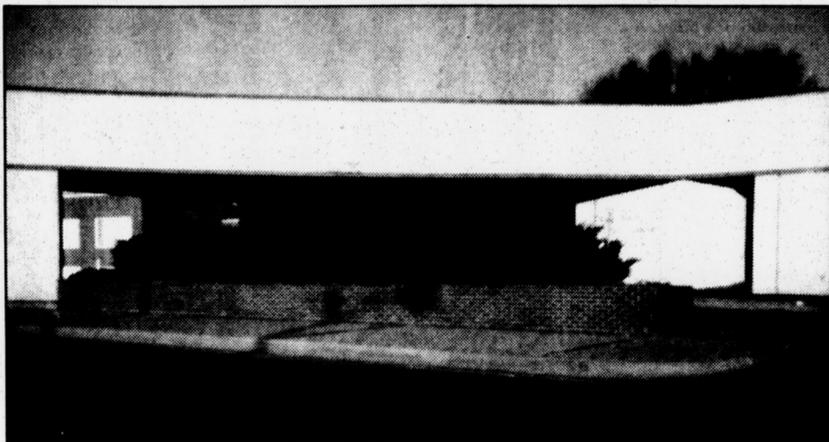
home. I believe this happens for two reasons: procrastination and laziness. Many guests wait until the last minute to buy a gift, and then, they bring it to the wedding rather than have it delivered. Also, some guests don't want to be bothered with wrapping a gift for mailing.

You would do thousands of wedding couples a huge favor

if you would urge guests to purchase and deliver gifts before the big day. If they can't manage to get the gift in advance, it is perfectly OK to send it a few days after the wedding. I hope you agree with me, Ann. — F.W. in Zionsville, Ind.

**Dear Zionsville:** You've hit on something that has stuck in my craw for ages. Thank

you. Whenever I go to a wedding and see a table loaded with gifts, I feel sorry for the bride and groom or, more realistically, for their parents. What an imposition to expect them to take these presents home, keep the cards straight and so on. How much more considerate to have those gifts delivered several days before the ceremony.



**What library? Oh, that library?** The entrance to the Deaf Smith County Library, almost completely obscured by shrubbery in the top photo, was made more visible recently by the Hereford Beautification Alliance with assistance from residents of the Youth Home. The youth provided the labor to remove the old shrubbery and planted 20 buffalo juniper and 50 large daffodil bulbs. Area residents will have a chance to inspect the work during the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale which begins Friday for members and continues Saturday for non-members.



The abacus in China is called *suan p'an* or *soo p'oin*, names that mean counting or reckoning board.

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**CLAUDE**  
Joplin and Company, featuring Kent Watson of Claude, Elizabeth O'Neal of Panhandle, Diana Detten of Hereford, Stanley Homer of Groom and Doug Stone of Lubbock, will present the Rimstone Revue at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 on the stage of the Armstrong County Museum's Gem Theatre in Claude.

Watson is bringing his friends together for a classical, contemporary rag time musical variety show.

For ticket information and reservations call 806-944-5383 or 226-2187.

**AMARILLO**  
A new parenting class for parents of children and/or adolescents ages 0-18 is being offered by the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority (TPMHA) Child and Adolescent Services on Tuesday evenings, Jan. 19-Feb. 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The class will meet at the TPMHA Administration Building, 1500 S. Taylor, Amarillo.

"Real Life Parenting" is a different concept than has been taught before by the agency. Stan Waddell, LPC, and Gene Ann Grant, BBA, will be the instructors and have co-authored the curriculum.

The goal of the class is to help parents look at themselves, their parenting challenges, and learn some new ways to raise their children to

be responsible, productive members of society.

Some of the topics to be covered are parenting styles, individual personalities, parents as models, relationships, trust, joys of parenting, being consistent, rule, consequences, and positive outcomes.

Pre-registration is required. Call 806-354-2191 to register. The cost of the class is \$5 for the six-week course. No childcare is available. Attendees will receive a packet of materials and a certificate upon completion of the class.

Amarillo Little Theatre will host auditions for its mainstage production of "An Inspector Calls" on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the ALT Annex, 1936 Civic Circle (one block north of the theatre).

Parts are available for four men (ages ranging from 20-65) and 3 women (ages ranging from 20-65).

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Copies of the script are available at the ALT Box Office for a \$5 deposit.

Amarillo Symphony Guild will hold its 1999 Young Performers' Competition on Saturday, Jan. 23 in Polk Street United Methodist Church.

Any student who has not yet graduated from high school is eligible to compete.

The grand prize winner will

receive a cash award of \$500 and also perform with the Randel Chamber Orchestra on April 16.

The winners in each category will have the opportunity to perform in recital in the Youth Orchestra's final concert of the year.

The four areas of competition are piano, strings, vocal and wind/percussion. The entry fee will be \$25. Each entrant must provide his or her own accompanist.

For more information, call Becky McKinley at 806-359-8919 or 806-674-5850.

**LUBBOCK**

The Municipal Garden and Arts Center will hold a beginners drawing class for adults and teens in January with Pat Greene as teacher.

The class will be held on from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 19 through Feb. 4.

The Municipal Garden and Arts Center also now taking reservations for its 1999 spring and summer art class schedule for adults and children.

For more information, call 806-767-3724.

The Lubbock Fine Arts Center announces the opening of the exhibition "Four Wheels, One Eye: Art Cars in the Eyes of the Image Makers." The exhibition will open Monday, Jan. 11 at the center's gallery at 2600 Avenue P, Lubbock.

The exhibition, organized by The Orange Show Foundation and the Ineri Foundation as part of Houston's 1998 FotoFest, includes 50 photographs by Harrod Blank, Amelia Blyth, Dick Craig, George Hixson,

Clare La Groue, Andy Mann, Maurice Roberts, Philip Taplin, Irv Tepper and Dave Wilson.

The exhibition will remain at the Fine Arts Center through Feb. 19. For More information, call 806-767-2686.

Wedding information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday to be included in the next *Sunday Brand*. Wedding information forms, as well as those for engagements and showers, are available at the news office, 313 N. Lee.

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## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 1999. There are 358 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

**On this date:**

In 1959, the United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

Ten years ago: Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown

Prince Akihito.

Five years ago: The government reported the unemployment rate fell to a three-year low of 6.4 percent in December 1993. Nancy Kerrigan withdrew from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit, a day after her right leg was severely

bruised in an attack after a practice session.

One year ago: Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty when a jury deadlocked over his punishment. Canada apologized for past acts of oppression against the country's native peoples.

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## Owners, players reach accord

NBA season still alive after opposing sides come to terms 1 day before 'drop-dead' day

By Chris Sheridan  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The NBA lockout finally came to an end Wednesday on its 191st day, a nasty and divisive struggle that cost the owners and players hundreds of millions of dollars and scarred a league at the pinnacle of its popularity.

"Everybody lost. We lost three months of the season and we did a disservice to the game, so there are no winners and losers," Charles Barkley said. "There's going to be a lot of damage."

The season will begin the first week of February, with teams playing about 50 games each, some 30 fewer than a regular season.



Stern

The agreement was reached just 29 hours before the NBA Board of Governors was to vote on canceling the remainder of the season. It came just

before dawn, following an all-night bargaining session at NBA headquarters between commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter.

Each side made significant compromises to close the deal, but the owners clearly walked away with a much better agreement than the old one. The players, for their part, came away with their dignity intact and with more money for the non-superstars.

"I will say that I am elated that we will be playing basketball this season," Stern said.

Hours later, the deal was ratified by players in a 179-5 vote after being approved by both negotiating committees. It gives owners the unprecedented

concession of a maximum limit on individual salaries and will be in place for six years, with owners having an option for a seventh year.

"Oh, I'm so relieved it's unbelievable," Milwaukee Bucks coach George Karl said. "It's like I let a balloon out of my stomach. The knots are already loosening up in my neck. I get to do what I love to do."

The Board of Governors will vote on the agreement Thursday, and the league said it would not comment until

then. The lockout will not officially be lifted until terms of the agreement are formally drawn up — a process that could take 10 days.

Stern, however, spoke to the almost 200 players who had flown in to vote on the owners' latest proposal — a vote that never came.

"He told us Billy was a tough guy, but a good guy, and how glad he was to get it over with and to start playing again," Aaron Williams of the Seattle SuperSonics said.

And now Michael Jordan must decide whether he will retire or return to the Chicago Bulls for a shot at a seventh

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## IOC official Samaranch denies any wrongdoing

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — The Olympics' top official said Wednesday he did nothing wrong by accepting firearms worth more than \$2,000 as gifts during Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said he is routinely presented with gifts during his travels and didn't want to insult Salt Lake by refusing the guns.

Samaranch also said he is not covered by IOC restriction on gifts because he doesn't vote in the election of host cities.

He vowed to stay in office through the end of his term in 2001 and reiterated his promise to clean up the International Olympic Committee and expel any members found guilty of corruption.

So far, two rifles and a shotgun, all made by Browning Arms of Mountain Green, Utah, have been identified as going to Samaranch, and there also may have been a handgun given to him.

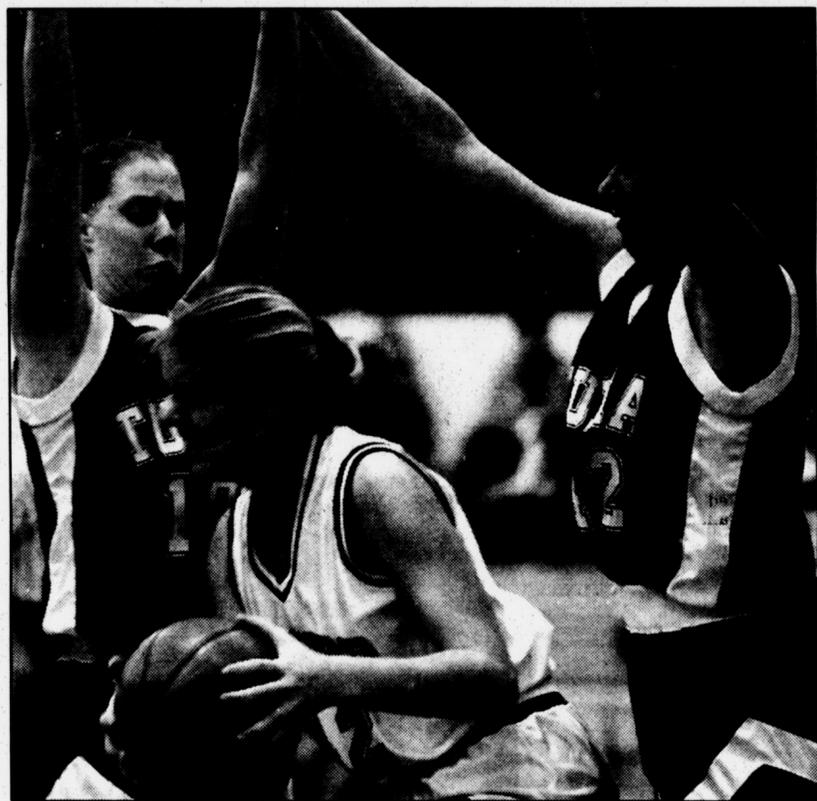
"Every time I travel I get gifts," Samaranch said. "Of course Utah, Salt Lake City, is a state where guns are very popular. I have visited Salt Lake City twice and I got a gun both times. I took it to Switzerland."

Refusing the guns "would have been a real insult," he said.

"I see no problem whatsoever since the important gifts I get will be placed in the Olympic

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## LOOKING FOR ROOM



Julius Bodner/Brand

Tulia defender Mandi Culwell (10) and teammate Brittany Howard block the way of Hereford's Shyla Martin during a nondistrict game Tuesday night at Whiteface Gymnasium. Hereford won, 59-26. The Lady Whitefaces will begin their District 3-4A schedule Friday when they host Dumas.

## Packers' White selected '98 AP Defensive Player

By Barry Wilner  
AP Football Writer

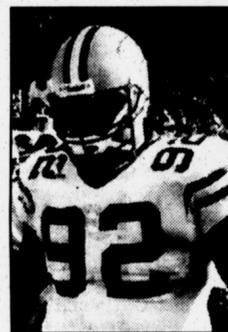
Reggie White's final season of an illustrious career was a brilliant one, and on Wednesday he was selected The Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

White, who planned to retire a year ago, came back to the Green Bay Packers for one last season and led the NFC with 16 sacks. He also served as an off-field teacher for young defensive linemen Vonnie Holliday and Keith McKenzie, who finished with eight sacks apiece.

No player has retired after winning the defensive or offensive player of the year award, but two MVPs did — Norm Van Brocklin, co-winner in 1960, and Jim Brown in 1965.

White also won the award in 1987 with Philadelphia, and recently was voted to the All-Pro team for the seventh time. The 37-year-old defensive end is the career sacks leader with 192 1/2 and is generally recognized as the first significant free-agent signing of the 1990s, when he left the Eagles for Green Bay.

Packers general manager Ron Wolf has said White's signing convinced



Courtesy Photo/Green Bay Packers

Reggie White walks off the field following Sunday's loss to the San Francisco 49ers. White was selected the AP Defensive Player of the Year Wednesday.

other players to come to Green Bay, which won the Super Bowl after the 1996 season.

"To go out on top like this is an honor and a privilege that God would allow me to come through and play the way I did," said White, an ordained minister who around football is known as the "Minister of Defense."

"I didn't play for the people who doubted me. When the Lord spoke to me about coming back, that

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## Couch will leave Kentucky for NFL draft

By Tim Whitmire  
AP Sports Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — As a child, Tim Couch idolized San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana. He could soon be playing for the man who caught Montana's most famous pass.

Couch will pass up his senior year at Kentucky for the riches awaiting him in the NFL, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

Couch's early entry into the draft clears the way for the expansion Cleveland Browns and general manager Dwight Clark — the man who made "The Catch" — to make the passing phenom the top pick in this spring's draft.

"He's definitely coming out" in the draft, a source familiar with the situation said,

confirming earlier reports that Couch had decided to turn pro. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

Couch was to announce his decision at a news conference Thursday.

Kentucky said coach H a l M u m m e would attend.

Couch has impressed scouts with his 6-foot-5, 225-pound size, accuracy, touch and experience in Kentucky's

pro-style passing offense.

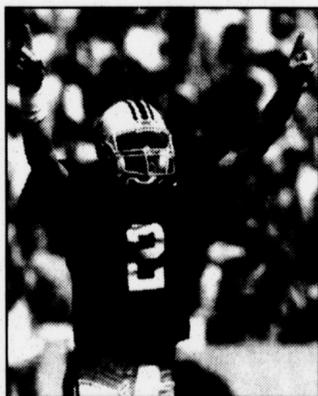
He threw for 4,275 yards and 36 touchdowns this season in leading the Wildcats (7-5) to their first seven-win season since 1984 and their first New Year's Day bowl appearance since 1952.

Friday is the deadline for underclassmen to declare for April's draft and Couch was just one of several top players set to leave school early. Also declaring for the draft Wednesday were this season's Outland Trophy winner, UCLA tackle Kris Farris, West Virginia tailback Amos Zereoue and Ohio State wide receiver David Boston.

Running back Shaun Alexander, Alabama's leading rusher, announced that he would pass

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Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch is reported to have decided to announce Thursday that he will enter the 1999 NFL draft



AP File Photo

## Stars' Severyn not just fighting anymore

"That role is becoming obsolete. It has certain value in certain areas, but it's changed. And not just here, but around the league. You can't afford to have a one-dimensional player in the lineup. A player has to be more than that."

— Ken Hitchcock, Stars' coach

By Mike Helka  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — He already has a growing base of rabid fans, but supporters of Stars tough guy Brent Severyn might still have to wait to cheer on their favorite fighter.

What's more, those who favor fisticuffs in the NHL might have to adapt to a new Severyn, one who thinks of making a play before throwing a punch.

"That role is becoming obsolete," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said of the traditional fighter role in hockey. "It has certain value in certain areas, but it's changed. And not just here, but around the

league. You can't afford to have a one-dimensional player in the lineup. A player has to be more than that."

Severyn is working his way back into the lineup since being sidelined by lower-back pain last month.

Severyn was a healthy scratch for two games before getting hurt, so he'll likely return to being a healthy scratch. When he does play in a game, he and Hitchcock are in agreement on one thing.

"I'm not just a fighter," Severyn said. "That's something I'm not afraid to do, and something I think I do well. But I know that I can do much more than that. I know I can contribute to the team in a lot of

different ways."

Severyn, 32, is the most physically imposing forward the Stars have. At 6-foot-2 and a muscled 211 pounds, he can hit and hit hard. He also has the intelligence of a veteran of 307 NHL games and the skill of a defenseman who at the junior- and minor-league level was known as a power-play specialist and top assist man.

The question, however, is how does he work himself back into a lineup that is winning without him? The Stars are on a franchise record 14-game (11-0-3) unbeaten streak and have made only cursory substitutions in that span.

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## Stars 6, Canucks 4

Vancouver 2 1 1-4  
Dallas 1 2 3-6

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Second Period—4. Dallas, Hull 14 (Modano, Sydor), 3:30 (pp). 5. Dallas, Sydor 10 (Modano), 10:28 (pp). 6. Vancouver, McCabe 4 (Messier, Naslund), 19:31 (pp). Penalties—Huscroft, Van (interference), 2:33; York, Van (interference), 9:34; Staios, Van (roughing), 10:55; Carbonneau, Dal (ob.-tripping), 18:41.

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Shots on goal—Vancouver 5, 7-8-20. Dallas 9-6-13-28.

Power-play Opportunities—Vancouver 2 of 2, Dallas 3 of 7. Goals—Vancouver, Snow 11; 18-3 (28 shots-22 saves). Dallas, Belfour 19-5-4 (20-16). A-16,928 (16,928). Referee—Paul Devorski. Linesmen—Wayne Bonney, Pierre Racicot.

## The streak lives on . . .

Dallas rallies from 2 goals down to ice Canucks and run unbeaten string to 15 games

DALLAS (AP) — Guy Carbonneau's timing was perfect Wednesday, and the Dallas Stars' streak lives on.

Carbonneau scored his first goal this season with 6:49 left, and the Stars rallied from a two-goal first-period deficit to extend their franchise-record unbeaten streak to 15 games with a 6-4 victory over the Vancouver Canucks.

"I know I'm not going to score 20 or 30 goals a season like I used to," the 38-year-old center said after his first goal in 44

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championship.  
 "Michael is going to analyze the deal, see what Chicago wants to do and then make an informed decision," agent David Falk said. "I'm not certain what his time frame is."  
 Under terms of the new agreement, a grandfather clause allows any player to re-sign with his team for 105 percent of his previous salary. That means Jordan, who made about \$33 million last year, could get about \$34.7 million from the Bulls.  
 No other team can offer him more than \$14 million.  
 The union agreed to accept 55 percent of about \$2 billion in annual revenue in the fourth, fifth and sixth years of the agreement, according to several sources involved in the talks who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.  
 Players would get 57 percent if the league exercises its option for the seventh year. In the first three years, there is no limit on the percentage of revenues players can receive.  
 Also, the agreement includes a ban on marijuana, with all players undergoing drug testing once per season, and tougher player discipline penalties and conduct rules.  
 The sides also agreed to form a joint committee of three owners and three players to discuss the growth of the league and improving the relations between play-

ers and management.  
 NBA players have the highest average salary in professional sports, about \$2.6 million annually, and the median salary is about \$1.3 million. NFL players average about \$900,000, and major league baseball pays an average of \$1.45 million.  
 Once the deal is finalized and the lockout is lifted, it will unleash a three-week frenzy of teams scrambling to fill rosters, make trades and sign some of the 200 free agents while running abbreviated training camps.  
 "We'll probably have eight months of NBA basketball squeezed into four months, with trades and signings," Karl said.  
 The league and the union had been fighting over how to divide the estimated \$2 billion in annual revenue.  
 Agreement was reached as players arrived in New York to vote on the owners' previous offer, and it took everyone by surprise.  
 "I got a call at 6 a.m. in my hotel room this morning and I couldn't believe it," free agent center Joe Kleine said. "We will finally play again."  
 The lockout went into effect July 1, just 21 1/2 weeks after Jordan and the Bulls won their sixth championship in a riveting Game 6 that put up the largest TV viewer numbers ever for the NBA Finals.  
 An entirely new schedule will be put in place for the remainder of the 1998-99 season, although details were still unavailable.

**Samaranch**

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Museum," he said at a news conference. "These weapons — these two guns — are in the Olympic museum."  
 In a separate interview in the Tribune de Geneve newspaper, Samaranch said the guns were in his office in Lausanne.  
 "I do remember very clearly the inscription on the case: 'To President Juan Antonio Samaranch on behalf of the population of Salt Lake City,'" he told the newspaper. "These gifts were put down in a register, as is required by our internal rules."  
 At the news conference, Samaranch denied that he had violated the IOC's own rule prohibiting IOC members from accepting gifts with a value of more than \$150.  
 "This limit is for the members who participate in the elections," he said. "I do not take part in the voting and the elections."  
 Some IOC members who did

vote in the 1995 election which awarded the games to Salt Lake City were also allegedly presented with firearms during their visits.  
 Samaranch said this would be addressed in the IOC investigation into whether bribery played a part in Salt Lake's winning bid. The inquiry is focusing on a "scholarship fund" that provided nearly \$400,000 in scholarships to 13 people, including six relatives of IOC members.  
 In addition, some IOC members were provided with free medical care, including cosmetic surgery.  
 The IOC investigative panel is due to present its findings to the executive board on Jan. 24.  
 "Possibly we (will) have concrete cases of inappropriate behavior, and if this is proven true then we will propose the expulsion of these people," Samaranch said.  
 Samaranch has been president of the IOC since 1980.

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games. "But when you go that long without scoring, you rush your shot and squeeze the stick too tight. Tonight I had a good chance, took my time and scored on it."  
 Carbonneau lifted a rebound over fallen Canucks goalie Garth Snow for his first goal since March 29, 1998, giving the Stars a 5-4 lead.  
 "As excited as the players are about the win, they're even more excited about Carbo's goal," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said.  
 The Stars are 12-0-3 during their run, the league's longest active streak.

Canucks coach Mike Keenan blamed his players' lack of discipline for the Stars' six power-play chances. Dallas scored three times on the power play.  
 "We took some unnecessary penalties such as retaliation, and that speaks of a lack of composure and discipline," Keenan said. "Then we couldn't get out of our end in the last five minutes and we made some mistakes on the penalty kill that cost us."  
 The Canucks were the last team to beat the Stars, handing Dallas a 4-1 defeat on Dec. 4 in Vancouver.

**Couch**

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on the draft and remain in school.  
 Couch, a native of Hyden, Ky., set national passing records in high school and confounded conventional wisdom by staying in-state for college, passing up scholarship offers from traditional powers like Florida, Tennessee and Penn State.  
 After struggling his freshman season in then-coach Bill Curry's conservative offense, Couch blossomed under Mumme and his "Air Raid" offense, throwing for 73 touchdowns and more than 8,500 yards over the last two seasons. He finished fourth in

the balloting for this season's Heisman Trophy.  
 Couch insisted during the 1998 season that he had not yet made up his mind whether to go to the NFL or return to Lexington for his senior year. In his most recent meeting with reporters, following Kentucky's 26-14 loss in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day, Couch said he was "50-50" on whether to turn pro or stay in school.

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**Severyn**

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**White**

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was the only reason I came back. No. 2, all of us have team goals and individual goals; my prayer was that God would make me defensive player of the year and to get 16 sacks."  
 White easily won the award in balloting by a nationwide panel of 47 sports writers and broadcasters. He received 20 votes, far ahead of Minnesota tackle John Randle's six.  
 Next in the voting were Miami linebacker Zach Thomas and

New England cornerback Ty Law with four, and Dallas cornerback Deion Sanders.  
 Receiving one vote each were end Jason Taylor and cornerback Sam Madison of Miami; Minnesota linebacker Dwayne Rudd; Pittsburgh linebacker Levon Kirkland; Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks; Seattle end Michael Sinclair; Green Bay safety LeRoy Butler; New York Giants end Michael Strahan; San Diego linebacker Junior Seau; and Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis.

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INSIDE

Heavy-metal band to share stage with symphony orchestra

SAN FRANCISCO — The heavy metal band Metallica has a new gig with an unlikely collaborator: the San Francisco Symphony.

About 100 symphony members will back the band and composer Michael Kamen for two performances of all-Metallica songs at the Berkeley Community Theater April 21-22.

Kamen, who has provided orchestration for artists such as David Bowie, Eric Clapton and Pink Floyd, says the Metallica project is no joke and has been in the works for two years.

"This is not going to be the easy-listening version of Metallica," Kamen said Wednesday. "The idea is to have Metallica be Metallica and the San Francisco Symphony be the San Francisco Symphony. I think there's more in common than there are differences."

What to wear when the metal crowd meets the black-tie bunch?

"Maybe Metallica will be in black tie and the orchestra will be in ...," began drummer Lars Ulrich.

"Black leather!" chimed in lead guitarist Kirk Hammett.

**Debbie Matenopoulos** NEW YORK — Debbie Matenopoulos, the frequently lampooned bubbly blonde on "The View," is out as the show's youngest co-host.

She won't be returning as one of the ABC program's full-time hosts, co-executive producer Barbara Walters told

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viewers Wednesday. Matenopoulos, 24, "is looking into doing a situation comedy and is working on a book about young people," said Walters.

"My co-hosts and I want to say how important Debbie has been to the success of 'The View,'" Walters said in a separate statement. "She is an adorable girl."

Matenopoulos said in a statement: "I owe everything to Barbara Walters for being like a mother to me and for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime that I'll never forget."

Sketches on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" have portrayed Matenopoulos as an airhead. A 1996 college graduate, she was a \$500-a-week MTV production assistant when Walters hired her.

A new group of twentysomethings will get on-air tryouts for the job beginning next week. In addition to Walters, who appears on the show several times weekly, the show's hosts are Meredith Vieira, Star Jones and Joy Behar.

**John Travolta** BOSTON — John Travolta takes heart in knowing that his new movie, "A Civil Action," is shining a national spotlight on environmental issues.

"If people leave the theater more enlightened about the situation in our environment we're in good shape," Travolta said Wednesday. "They came out maybe wanting to check their own water out, maybe their neighbors, too."

Hundreds of fans braved the cold Wednesday to catch a glimpse of Travolta and costar Robert Duvall, who attended a \$250-a-ticket screening to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Based on the nonfiction best-selling book by Jonathan Harr, the film chronicles the saga of Woburn families who blamed polluted drinking water for the leukemia that killed their children.

Travolta stars as Jan Schlichtmann, the underdog lawyer who goes up against a team of corporate attorneys to fight for the families.

In the real-life legal fight against the accused companies, Beatrice Foods was absolved of responsibility. The multinational chemical corporation W.R. Grace paid the families \$8 million, but did not admit to any wrongdoing.

**Tanya Tucker** NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tanya Tucker is headed to the altar.

The country music star has accepted a marriage proposal from songwriter Jerry Laseter, Tucker spokeswoman Suzanne Crowley said Wednesday. Laseter, 37, popped the question last spring.

The couple will exchange wedding vows in a chapel she

is having built at her Nashville-area home for the ceremony.

Tucker, 40, who began her career as a teen-ager with hits like "Delta Dawn," has never married. She has two children.

**Bob Newhart** LOS ANGELES — It's no joke: Bob Newhart has a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

More than 200 fans gathered on the Hollywood Boule-

vard sidewalk to witness Wednesday's unveiling of Newhart's star, the 2,127th to be dedicated.

Newhart, 69, launched his career in 1959 with his famous comedy routine utilizing a one-man, two-way telephone conversation, delivered with his trademark deadpan grin. He became a household name with sitcoms.

**Lee Ann Womack** NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country singer Lee Ann Womack had other things on her mind when she was nominated for a Grammy this week.

Ms. Womack, 32, gave birth Saturday to Anna Lise Womack, her second daughter. The father is Frank Liddell. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

She also has a 7-year-old daughter, Aubrie Sellers, whose father is country singer Jason Sellers, Ms. Womack's ex-husband.

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INSIDE

Johnson

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such he believed passionately that government at every level should interfere as little as possible in people's lives, no matter how desirable the benefits of government action might seem. Moreover, he was convinced that the U.S. Constitution imposed such limitations on the national government.

As a Southerner Johnson defended slavery in the conflicts of the 1840s and '50s, taking the strong state rights position that Congress could not prevent its spread to territories of the United States. Accordingly, in 1860 he supported the proslavery Democratic presidential candidate, John C. Breckinridge. When the Southern states began to secede after the victory of the antislavery Republican candidate, Abraham Lincoln, however, Johnson denied that secession could be undertaken legally. He therefore fought unsuccessfully to keep Tennessee in the Union and refused to resign his place in Congress—the only Southern senator to remain loyal to the United States. When Union forces occupied part of Tennessee in 1862, Lincoln appointed Johnson military governor there.

In 1864 the Republicans, seeking to balance the Union party ticket with a prowar Southern Democrat, chose Johnson to be Lincoln's running mate in the presidential election. Thus in 1865, Johnson became vice-president of the United States.

Presidency

Succeeding to the presidency after Lincoln's assassination, Johnson tried to restore the Union with as little change as possible beyond the abolition of slavery. Following Lincoln's Reconstruction plan, he pardoned nearly all Southerners for their parts in the rebellion and let them reorganize their state governments, urging Congress to permit representatives who passed tests of loyalty to take their old seats. When Congress refused to agree, Johnson broke with the Republican party.

Like most white Southerners of his time, Johnson was a racist who believed whites should have firm control over society and government. As a believer in state rights, he also thought that Congress had no power to interfere in the Southern states' internal affairs. He therefore opposed Republican legislation to protect the rights of ex-slaves in the South and tried unsuccessfully to prevent Congress from replacing the Southern state governments he had authorized.

In 1868 the struggle between Johnson and Congress came to a head. In defiance of the Tenure of Office Act, which Congress had passed over presidential veto in 1867, Johnson attempted to fire his secretary of war, Edwin M. Stanton. Congress responded by impeaching the President for "high crimes and misdemeanors." After a trial lasting several months (March-May 1868), the Senate found Johnson not guilty.

Later Life

When his term ended in 1869, Johnson returned to Tennessee, where he soon was again in conflict with the old leaders of the Democratic party. He rebuilt his eastern Tennessee Democratic organization, and after several unsuccessful candidacies for Congress, he was again elected to the U.S. Senate in 1875. He died shortly afterwards, however, on July 31, 1875.

For many years historians viewed Johnson as a president who was too tactless to carry out the appropriately mild Reconstruction policy he had inherited from Lincoln. His integrity and courage were later recognized, but most historians now fault him for being insensitive to the legitimate concern Northerners felt that the rights of Southern blacks be protected and that loyal officials govern the South.

Trial

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trying to cut short the trial by offering to stipulate to "the five volumes, 7,000 or so pages" of grand jury testimony and other evidence that prosecutor Kenneth Starr sent to the House last fall so that witnesses would not have to be called, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Lockhart said that "we don't believe everything that was said is an accurate portrayal of events" but that the president's lawyers wouldn't challenge using that record as the trial evidence. The White House made the offer in a late-night bargaining session with senators.

The House prosecutor made clear their intention to call witnesses, including Ms. Lewinsky, at a trial that could extend three weeks or more.

Lockhart said, "If they insist on bringing witnesses it will significantly extend and delay this process and all bets are off. ... We don't believe that they've made a compelling case that the president be removed."

Beyond the public sessions, the House managers were negotiating for the right to summon a number of witnesses, including presidential friend Vernon Jordan.

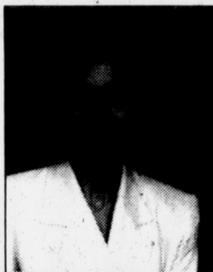
One Republican senator welcomed the White House offer to stipulate evidence. "That would be very helpful. Stipulating to facts will help that process, and then if there were the need for witnesses, it could be on a very narrow focus on a very narrow subject and perhaps not at all," said Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas.

Outside the Capitol, a long line of tourists formed, hoping to get a glimpse of the proceedings.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters Wednesday that if agreement could be reached to call witnesses, he would want the White House and the House to justify the need for each person summoned. The Senate also would have to approve each witness by majority vote.

Lott expressed optimism that agreement was near on a procedure for a "full trial ... and votes on articles of impeachment at the end of the process." One GOP source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it would likely be February at the earliest before votes were taken on the president's fate.

A bipartisan group of senators met Wednesday night with



Texas Sen. Hutchison welcomed White House stipulation offer

Hyde, R-Ill., and three other lawmakers on his team. Then the lawmakers unexpectedly summoned four members of the White House legal team to the Capitol to discuss proposals for conducting the trial.

Lott, who consulted separately Wednesday with Hyde and Democratic leader Tom Daschle, said he expected opening statements in the case sometime next week.

The crucial question was whether to allow witnesses, as demanded by the House but opposed by Senate Democrats.

Among Senate Republicans, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, one proposal was to give each side in the

trial, the House and the White House, three to five days to present evidence, most likely beginning next week. At the end of that time, a vote would be permitted to adjourn the trial, or either side could seek permission to summon witnesses. The Senate would have to approve each witness to be called by majority vote.

Without witnesses, the timetable would place final votes on the articles in the first week of February. Summoning witnesses to testify would push the date back.

Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, one of the House prosecutors, said "five to 10 witnesses puts on a case. I suspect we will want more."

He and others on the prosecution team said the House might try to summon women who have provided statements in the Paula Jones case "to the degree they go to obstruction of justice and perjury."

Ms. Lewinsky must be called "because she is right in the middle of this," Cannon said. Jordan, a prominent Washington attorney and longtime Clinton friend, "is a player" and should be summoned, Cannon said.

Starr argues leaks didn't violate secrecy rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr argued to a federal judge that some news leaks attributed to his office did not violate grand jury secrecy rules.

Starr did not acknowledge in court records unsealed Wednesday that his office was the sources of any leaks. But even if it was, he contended, the status of an immunity deal with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, her

DNA-stained dress and other evidence were not grand jury matters affected by grand jury secrecy rules.

News reports that attribute information about those topics to Starr or sources in his office are at the center of an investigation into whether prosecutors violated grand jury secrecy rules.

Starr has denied that his office disclosed any information covered by federal law requiring that grand jury mat-

ters be kept secret.

The Starr arguments unsealed Wednesday were in support of his request that U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson reconsider her decision to investigate certain articles.

She denied Starr's appeal, ordered a hearing into the matter and appointed a "special master" to investigate allegations of leaks, which were first made by President Clinton's lawyers.

Starr has said in a published report that he and his top deputy briefed reporters but did not disclose secret information about his investigation of an affair between Clinton and Lewinsky and subsequent efforts to keep the liaisons secret.

The documents, which were unsealed Wednesday by Johnson, provide details about his contention that the court defined secrecy rules too broadly.

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State leaders wrestling with money issue

AUSTIN (AP) — Help abused children? Increase benefits to teachers? Give Texans a multibillion-dollar tax cut?

With the legislative session just around the corner, state budget-writers are weighing competing interests and confronting a constitutional cap on how much of an expected surplus they can spend.

While Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander doesn't plan to issue her official revenue forecast until Friday, her predecessor months ago projected that \$6.3 billion in surplus funds and extra revenue would be available to lawmakers writing the next two-year budget.

The unofficial money pile inspired a myriad of plans — including Gov. George W. Bush's campaign proposal for a \$2 billion local school property tax cut, calls from teacher groups for a pay raise and a state judge's plea that the overburdened child welfare system get more funding.

Since then, budget experts have estimated that \$3.3 billion will be needed just to keep up with population

growth, debt service "and the things that we consider to be part of a base (budget) bill," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

In addition, the Texas Constitution limits spending of certain revenues, so lawmakers likely will be dealing with just over \$2 billion in discretionary funding, he said.

The cap, however, isn't set in stone. Lawmakers could go over the limit if a majority declare additional spending to be an emergency, Ratliff said.

There also are items that aren't affected by the cap. The spending limit doesn't apply to reductions in state revenues, so lawmakers could approve state tax breaks without bumping up against it, Ratliff said.

It also doesn't apply to state proceeds from the \$17.3 billion settlement of a lawsuit against tobacco companies, which officials have said they would like to use for such things as health care for uninsured children.

Sending money to school districts to reduce local property taxes would count against the cap. But some say dollars

earmarked for public school funding in a base budget proposal could be used to drive down school property taxes.

If that can be done, Ratliff said, "Whether that's enough to be able to — between that and other discretionary money — to be able to come up with \$2 billion in property tax relief, I think it's going to be tough to get there."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, was more optimistic: "When you count the money we've already put in the budget, I think it's attainable."

Bush steadfastly maintained that there needs to be a tax cut.

"Until I see otherwise, I believe what I campaigned on is real, and it makes sense," the governor said.

Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry, who backed the \$2 billion property tax cut during his campaign, said he'd still like to see it happen and noted that a number of state taxes also have been proposed for reduction.

He said, however, that the budget process is a fluid one as more current numbers become available.

"Before we specifically put any hard numbers on specific programs ... we need to see what the actual budget is going to be," Perry said. But he added, "We will have a substantial reduction in taxes for Texans during this session."

Public education also is cited as a priority by leaders, and teacher groups are pushing hard for a pay raise as the answer to luring qualified educators into the classroom.

After state District Judge Scott McCown said the state is failing abused children, a Bush spokeswoman said the governor wanted to increase funding for the agency that investigates child abuse cases.

There is a case to be made for putting more money into everything from health and human services to higher education, nursing homes to highways, state employee pay raises to courthouse restoration.

"There's a long list of worthy proposals," Ratliff said. "I think the biggest challenge is the debate about how much tax relief do we try to provide under the (spending) cap as opposed to using that money for some of these other important needs."

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credit for negotiating the agreement that brought the money to Texas. Thanks are also due to the Texas Department of Health for handling the administrative work necessary to distribute the funds to the correct entities.

"Senator Ratliff, Speaker Laney, Representative Junell, and the Attorney General's staff negotiated the 'Most Favored Nation' tobacco settlement in mid-summer. Their vision and perseverance is paying off for the State of Texas," Rylander said. "Texas cities, counties and hospital districts that provide care to indigent patients will receive just under \$2.3 billion over the next five years. The checks mailed out today are

the first down payment."

The money from the settlement is in addition to the \$15 billion amount negotiated by the State of Texas with the tobacco industry and is for the benefit of cities, counties and hospital districts. While the Legislature must determine how to spend the \$15 billion state share, they have no control over the distribution and spending of the money designated for the local entities.

Altogether, more than 300 checks were mailed out to cities, counties and hospital districts across Texas. The check amounts were determined by several factors, including 1990 U.S. Census data and the providers' legal

responsibility for indigent health care.

The recipients of the largest checks include health care providers in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso and Austin areas.

For example, the Harris County Hospital District received nearly \$50 million; the Dallas County Hospital District received nearly \$33 million; the Tarrant County Hospital District received nearly \$21 million; the University Health System, based in San Antonio, received nearly \$21 million; the R.E. Thomason General Hospital District, based in El Paso, received more than \$10 million; and the City of Austin received just over \$8 million.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Comptroller's office will distribute another \$100 million in April 2000 and \$50 million in April 2001, using a formula based on unreimbursed health care expenditures.

An additional \$1.85 billion to be received from the settlement over the next four years will be deposited to a Permanent Trust Account. The income from this permanent fund will be distributed pro-rata to the cities, counties and hospital districts providing indigent health care in proportion to their amount of unreimbursed health care expenditures.

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## News in brief

### Flynt ready to expose another GOP 'big fish'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The very bad boy of publishing is not through.

*Hustler* magazine publisher Larry Flynt, the self-described "pornographer, pundit and social outcast," is promising to unleash new controversy on a scandal-weary Washington.

As the Senate prepared to put President Clinton on trial, Flynt was scheming to "publicly embarrass a 'big fish' Republican in the House, just as he did with Rep. Bob Livingston.

"This guy is really a gem," Flynt told *The Associated Press* on Tuesday. "We've got enough to go on now, but we are waiting for an affidavit from his ex-wife."

Flynt said he will make the disclosure next week at a news conference. He described his next victim only as a GOP House member who has been a strong critic of Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Fearful politicians are already talking about being "Larry Flynted." The president himself has decried "the politics of personal destruction" and Livingston warned of "government-by-Larry Flynt."

"Certainly, scandal-mongering goes back to the beginning of the republic," said Gary Jacobson, a political science professor at the University of California, San Diego. "But now it is on this huge financial scale. It's a sign of the times."

#### Lines being blurred in U.S.-Iraq faceoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intelligence cooperation between the United States and U.N. inspectors has blurred the line between gathering information to counter Iraq's secret weapons work and using it to target Saddam Hussein, intelligence experts say.

Part of the overlap rests

with the Iraqi president's use of special Republican Guard troops both to protect himself and to conceal chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Also a factor is the dual missions of the CIA: gathering information for the U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, and looking for ways to undermine the Saddam regime, which President Clinton says should be replaced.

"The CIA is involved with supporting UNSCOM and on finding ways to get rid of the guy (Saddam), which is causing a blurring of boundaries," said Michael Eisenstadt, an expert on the Iraqi military with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"As a practical matter, the UNSCOM inspection regime could not have operated without intelligence provided by the United States and other countries," Cannistraro said. "But it's a symbiotic relationship. They're (U.N. inspectors) giving you feedback, too."

The Clinton administration and U.N. chief weapons inspector Richard Butler on Wednesday denied using UNSCOM for U.S. spying purposes, but American officials acknowledged gaining valuable information about Iraq as a byproduct of cooperation. Even published reports by U.N. weapons teams provide plenty of detailed information about Iraq's weapons programs, military and internal security structure.

"Anybody who's shocked — shocked — that people who go into Iraq come out hopefully better understanding the Iraqi regime I think are naive in the extreme," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said, noting that diplomats from other countries who visit the United States also report what they've learned.



Laying brick — Don Brownlow of Landscape Concepts uses a saw to cut bricks to fit into the area near the entrance at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Main, while Ron Greider (background) places the bricks in place.

## Factory orders rebound

WASHINGTON (AP) — New orders to American factories rebounded in November, partially recovering from a sharp decline the month before, but analysts are watching a worrisome year-end spike in unemployment benefit applications.

Orders rose 0.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$337 billion, following a 1.7 percent plunge — the sharpest in five months — in October, the Commerce Department said today.

It was the fifth increase in six months, suggesting the economy was winding up 1998 on a strong note. For the first 11 months of the year, factory orders were 2 percent higher than the same period of 1997.

For much of the year, healthy gains for computers, communications equipment and autos have helped offset a drop in orders to steel mills and a lackluster increase at aircraft plants, reflecting the world economic slump that began in Asia in the summer of 1997.

In New York, major retail chains said deep discounts just before Christmas and right after the holiday lifted retail sales in December to respectable levels following a disappointing start.

On Wall Street, investors took profits this morning after a record-setting day. The Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 70 points in early trading. It had shot up 234 points to a record 9,545 on Wednesday.

Despite the world slump, the nation's unemployment rate has hovered near 28-year lows through much of 1998. Demand for labor in service industries has helped re-employ laid-off factory workers.

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## Dueling biographies

### First lady subject of Bernstein, Sheehy

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's turbulent marriage and her political partnership with the president will be under the microscope in dueling biographies by Pulitzer Prize-winner Carl Bernstein and best-selling author Gail Sheehy.

But don't expect Mrs. Clinton sit down and talk with the authors.

Bernstein, whose Watergate work with Bob Woodward in *The Washington Post* helped bring down President Nixon, has signed a deal with Alfred A. Knopf. Sheehy, author of the bestseller "Passages," is expected to announce a deal by next week, said her agent, Lynn Nesbit.

Both work as contributing writers to *Vanity Fair* magazine.

In the race to publish,

Sheehy appears to have the jump on Bernstein with a 15,000-word article exploring the Clintons' marriage in *Vanity Fair's* February issue, which hit newsstands Wednesday.

Relying on interviews with family, friends, unnamed associates, aides and lawyers and previous interviews with Mrs. Clinton, Sheehy characterized the first lady as a woman with two identities: a moral Methodist and a radical feminist.

Both have helped Mrs. Clinton with her marriage and her public life, says Sheehy.

"Her life strategy, decided long ago, was to take the raw material of a brilliant, emotionally battered child with a good heart and a desperate ambition and shape him into a political star.... It took a Hillary to raise a president,"

Sheehy wrote.

When the Clintons moved to the White House, Sheehy wrote that "Hillary believed that, at last, Bill would be more or less exclusively hers. If not because of a change of heart, then because of diminished opportunity. She told friends they had grown closer than ever."

But when the allegations of sexual improprieties arose, "Hillary adopted a Valkyrian battle mode in order to save her marriage. Presumably, she learned not only to rationalize, but even to capitalize on her husband's weaknesses," the article said.

The article speculated that Clinton would fight to keep his marriage, quoting Betsy Wright, who was Clinton's chief of staff while he was governor of Arkansas.

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