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**THE VOTES** **Perjury: 45 guilty, 55 not guilty**  
**Obstruction of justice: 50-50**

## 'No winners, no solace'

### Senate brings tawdry tale to a stately end

**Wire reports**  
**WASHINGTON** — There were no heroes, only survivors, as a somber pair of roll-call votes brought a dignified end to an unseemly chapter of America's political history.

At the final gavel, when President Clinton was acquitted on two articles of impeachment, there was relief on Capitol Hill, humility at the White House and mercy for Americans who tired of the minor long ago.

The Senate fell short of even a majority vote on either of the charges against him, perjury and obstruction of justice.

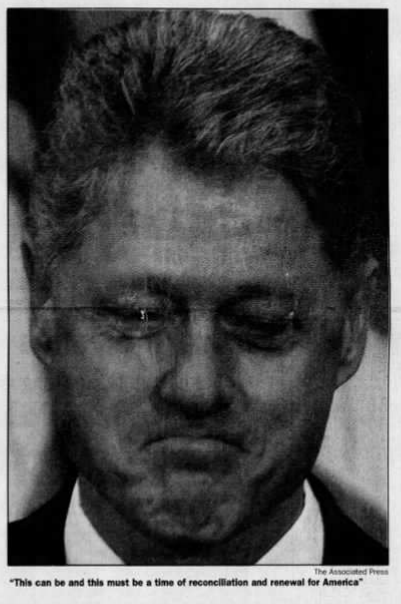
Both Arizona senators, Republicans John McCain and Jon Kyl, voted to convict on both articles.

After a harrowing year of scandal and investigation, the five-week Senate trial of the president — only the second in the 210-year history of the Republic — came to a climax shortly after 10 a.m. Tucson time when the roll calls began.

"Is respondent William Jefferson Clinton guilty or not guilty?" asked Chief Justice William Rehnquist, in his gold-embroidered black robe. In a hushed chamber, with senators standing one by one to pronounce Clinton guilty or not guilty, the Senate rejected the charge of perjury 45-55. Ten Republicans voted against conviction.

It then split 50-50 on the second article accusing Clinton of

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"This can be and this must be a time of reconciliation and renewal for America"

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**Politics being politics, Demos can't crow yet**

**By Joe Burchell**  
**The Arizona Daily Star**

The president's acquittal yesterday may have been politically popular, but local experts said Democrats can translate that into votes in the next election.

And while public response to yesterday's Senate vote tends to favor Democrats, the experts said at least one prominent Republican — Sen. John McCain of Arizona — could benefit.

McCain's votes to convict should play well with conservative voters likely to turn out for Republican presidential primaries, they said. His votes are unlikely to hurt him in the general election because of all the other issues that will be in dispute.

"When it comes to the general election

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## School cuts scrapped by legislators

### GOP will continue bid to rein in costs

**By Jon Burstein**  
**The Arizona Daily Star**

PHOENIX — State legislators yesterday scrapped a plan that called for cutting up to \$54 million in administrative costs from Arizona's school districts.

But Republican lawmakers who were heavily criticized for the proposal vowed that their quest to rein in school administrative costs will continue.

A joint House-Senate subcommittee unanimously endorsed a two-year education budget allotting about \$193 million more than the budget originally proposed by Republican legislative leaders.

The extra money should be freed up by a combination of more optimistic state revenue forecasts, budget cuts elsewhere and reserve funds already in the proposed budget, legislators said.

The previously recommended administrative cuts would have resulted in eight Pima County school districts losing a total of \$4.8 million in state funding next year. The hardest hit of the Tucson-area dis-

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tricts would have been Sunnyside, with \$2.1 million sliced from its \$107.7 million budget — a 3.5 percent drop.

Sunnyside Superintendent Mary Garcia said that in calculating her district's administrative costs, the Legislature counted positions such as security guards, nurses and prevention specialists. Some of those positions were funded through voter-approved budget overrides.

"It was going to have a direct impact on the kids," she said.

Senate Appropriations Chair Randall Grant, R-Scottsdale, said negative public response was a major factor in Republican legislators dropping the plan.

"What kind of legislators would we be were we not responsive to our constituents?" Grant asked.

The budget proposal passed 7-0 by the Joint Appropriations Education Subcommittee calls for a \$36 million boost in school general funding next year and \$72 million in 2001.

As part of the subcommittee's recommendation, the Legislature would develop standards to ensure funding increases go

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## U.S. approves beef irradiation to kill bacteria

**By Paul Nowell**  
**The Associated Press**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Irradiated red meat moved closer to the nation's supermarkets yesterday when the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved the controversial process for sapping potentially deadly bacteria.

"We need to do all we can to give consumers confidence we have the safest food supply in the world, which it is," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said at a meeting in Charlotte of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The proposed USDA rule would permit — but not require — irradiation for refrigerated or frozen uncooked meat and some meat products.

The industry welcomed the announcement, saying it will make meat safer.

Anti-nuclear groups oppose the procedure and some health advocates fear it might lead to a relaxation of other safety practices, such as plant sanitation. Irradiation also remains a hot issue in America's kitchens.

"I'll let someone else try it first before I buy it," said Annie Miller as she loaded groceries into her car.

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## Tomorrow in the Star

### El Con fallout

The City Council's vote to close much of the mall's access is stirring heated debate.

**What people make**  
 Parade magazine offers its annual survey of our earning power, plus a guide to personal finance.

**WEATHER**  
**Windy, sunny.** Watch out for blowing dust this morning as winds reach up to 30 mph. Look for a high in the upper 70s and an overnight low in the mid-40s. Yesterday's high was 70. The low was 45. **Details on Page 31A.**

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## That's an understatement

'It's a rock show' is like saying Ruth was a baller

**By Jill Jordan Spitz**  
**The Arizona Daily Star**

With a name like the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, it's no big stretch to expect an exhibit hall filled with well, gems and minerals.

But saying the show has cut gemstones and a bunch of rocks is like saying Tucson has strip malls and a whole mess of fast-food restaurants.

On a quick tour of the more than 200 booths in the Tucson Convention Center exhibit hall, you'll see intricately carved rock parrots from Peru. Delicately painted stacked dolls — one inside the other — from Russia. Elaborately beaded pillow tops and wall hangings from Tibet.

There are ages-old fish fossils embedded in rock, cut flat and framed for hanging. Covered Faberge eggs. Little trees with gemstone leaves. Even jade-handled golf clubs.

Here's a glimpse at some of the more unusual offerings:

- Stone carvings.
- Carvings made from gemstones — particularly turtles, elephants and birds — are in ample supply on the



Self-trained W. Morgan Norris, of Blackwell, Okla., started carving animals out of rocks at the age of 14.

show floor.

But even in a crowded field, W. Morgan Norris stands out.

The self-trained Blackwell, Okla., man carves lifelike animals and elaborate scenes out of stones he gets as gifts, trades for or occasionally buys.

Unlike most gemstone carvers, Norris leaves the rough exterior of the stone in its original state, using it as a frame for the carving inside. But he doesn't do it the easy way — cutting a blank from the rock's interior.

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## Gem show

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