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DATELINES**

Lewinsky questioned under oath

Senators have option to summon former intern for live questioning

■ If Lewinsky is not called to the floor to testify, the trial is expected to end by the Feb. 12 deadline.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House prosecutor questioned Monica Lewinsky under oath Monday in her first sworn statements since the impeachment trial began. Presidential lawyers passed on the opportunity to pose their own questions.

The deposition of the former intern took place in private, in the Mayflower Hotel's presidential suite, but was videotaped for senators weighing the impeachment charges.

Senators can view the tape as early as today, and excerpts could end up being shown as part of the trial, which will resume Thursday. Or senators could vote to bring Lewinsky to the floor for live testimony about her

relationship with Clinton and attempts to conceal it, a less likely development.

Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., asked Lewinsky a number of questions on behalf of the prosecution team during the deposition session, which took about six hours including lunch and other breaks. But the three presidential lawyers who were there asked her no questions, said two sources familiar with the session. The sources spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The proceeding took considerably less than the eight hours allotted for questioning. Participants, under strict secrecy orders from the Senate, declined to describe the session as they left.

Lewinsky's recollection of Clinton's actions and words are crucial to the Senate's consideration of several matters: her affidavit in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit falsely deny-

ing a sexual affair with Clinton, the job search after she appeared on the Jones witness list and the retrieval of presidential gifts by Clinton's secretary.

The House team promised in advance to shun intimate questions about the sexual affair.

Clinton's friend Vernon Jordan will be questioned today, and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal on Wednesday — in depositions in a private room at the Capitol — before the trial resumes Thursday. The chances were slim for any bombshells, because Lewinsky would risk her immunity deal with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr by saying anything that was inconsistent with her prior testimony.

If senators decide that viewing the videotapes provides all the information they need, they can proceed to closing arguments in the perjury and obstruction case and meet the goal of

ending the trial by Feb. 12 or sooner. Meanwhile, some GOP senators also reacted negatively to a New York Times story that said Starr had concluded a grand jury could indict a sitting president.

David Kendall, a private lawyer representing Clinton, said Monday he was asking a federal court to require Starr to show why he and his staff "should not be held in contempt for improper violations of grand jury secrecy" in connection with such speculation of a possible indictment.

Starr said in a statement that he was deeply troubled by the news story, and announced he was launching an internal investigation to determine whether anyone in this office improperly disclosed the information to the Times. Republican Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio said the speculation was "unfortunate because it gets in the way of our focus on what our constitutional obligation is."

■ **Yugoslavia**
Kosovo rebels, Serbs may not attend peace talks
PRISTINA (AP) — U.S. and European envoys failed Monday to persuade Kosovo's rebels to attend peace talks described as the last chance for the combatants to resolve their differences.

In another sign that the talks are far from a done deal, the government in Belgrade announced that the Serbian parliament — dominated by hard-liners and ultranationalists — will decide Thursday whether the Serbs will show up for Saturday's conference in Rambouillet, France.

■ **Gaza Strip**
Security agent killed in shootout against Hamas

RAFAH (AP) — A Palestinian security agent died Monday in a shootout with three fugitives from the Islamic militant group Hamas.

The fugitives, who had been under police surveillance, then sped away in a car and ran over an 8-year-old girl who died of her injuries, a Palestinian security official said.

The three were arrested several hours later in the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip after another gun battle with security forces.

■ **Somalia**
Famine victims attacked by lions in refugee camp

MOGADISHU (AP) — Lions attacked a refugee camp for famine victims in western Somalia, killing at least four people and wounding several others, an elder said Monday.

The attack occurred Sunday in the village of El-Bardeh near the border with Ethiopia, Ugas Abdi Ugas Hussein Ugas Khalif said by radio from the village.

He identified the victims as a woman, her daughter and two elderly men. He did not know exactly how many people were wounded.

■ **Colombia**
Prisoners' rights advocates slain on way to meeting

BOGOTA (AP) — Gunmen forced two prisoners' rights advocates from a bus and shot and killed them, the rights group reported.

The men were headed from Medellin to a human rights meeting in Bogota on Sunday when their bus was stopped by two men and a woman in the town of San Luis, the Committee for Solidarity with Political Prisoners said.

Everardo de Jesus and Julio Ernesto Gonzalez were shot to death immediately after being taken from the bus, the group said in a statement.

■ **Russia**
Boris Yeltsin turns 68 in quiet celebration

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin celebrated his 68th birthday at a secluded government sanitarium Monday, visited by just a few dignitaries and largely ignored by the opposition, ordinary Russians and the press.

The ailing president's wife, Naina, said she was planning to cook Yeltsin's favorite treats — cabbage pie and walnut cakes — for his birthday.

Yeltsin has been abandoned by many of his former allies, who have recently started calling for his resignation, saying that his frequent illnesses have eroded his ability to govern.

Clinton puts forth budget for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ushering in the new millennium with the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton proposed on Monday a \$1.77 trillion budget for the year 2000 that would buttress Social Security and bestow billions on everything from troops to teachers.

Republicans who control Congress immediately vowed to rework much of it. Staking out this year's political battlefield, they insisted that hundreds of billions of the \$2.41 trillion in surpluses Clinton envisions over the next decade should be returned to Americans in tax-rate cuts, not used for new spending.

"Basic fairness dictates that some of this overpayment should go back to the taxpayers," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

"We don't want to invent programs to spend the surplus on," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Economists caution that a deep, protracted recession could erase the projected black ink, which began abruptly last year with a surplus of \$69 billion.

But Clinton exulted that after three decades of unremitting deficits, Washington had a "special obligation" to address problems gnawing at the country. He would not only brace the government for the looming retirement of 76 million baby boomers, but reduce the \$5.6 trillion national debt built over

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decades of federal borrowing.

"We have a rare opportunity that comes along once in a blue moon to any group of Americans," Clinton said as he outlined his plan at the White House.

The partisan positioning underlined how even in a time of budget plenty, the two parties are largely continuing familiar appeals to their political bases. Democrats are rallying behind Social Security and expanded domestic spending, while Republicans are raising their twin banners of tax cuts and smaller government.

Clinton would spend \$39 billion more, or 2 percent more, than is planned for fiscal year 1999, which runs through Sept. 30. But thanks to the humming economy, he anticipates \$77 billion more in federal revenue, allowing this year's expected \$79 billion surplus to swell to \$117 billion in 2000.

Photographer does his part to save endangered species

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ing at it," Sartore said of his goals in life.

Sartore said he became interested in endangered species after National Geographic assigned him to photograph stories on federal land use issues.

The stories dealt with logging, mining, grazing and other uses of federal parks and forests that are encroaching on the habitats of endangered species.

Last year Sartore created a Web site, <http://www.endangeredamerica.com>, where his pictures of endangered species can be viewed and purchased.

UNL Photojournalism Professor George Tuck said that many of his students have wanted to work for National Geographic, but Sartore is the only one who has done it.

"You hope you have students like Joel around often, but you know it is only once in a lifetime," Tuck said.

Being published in National Geographic is the culmination of a lifelong goal, Sartore said, and nothing else in photography can match that.

Sartore said that after taking Tuck's beginning photojournalism class he knew that was what he wanted to do.

"Nothing else mattered," Sartore said. "I'd do photography whether I got paid or starved."

For Sartore, the worst part about his job with National Geographic is that it often takes him away from his family in Lincoln for long periods of time.

"I came home late one night and the dog pinned me to the door," Sartore said. "The kids don't even know me and won't let me hold them when I get back."

Sartore's wife, Kathy, had to fax him a map of how to get to the house she bought while he was on assignment.

But when asked what he is most proud of Sartore immediately points to his 5-year-old son, Cole, and almost 2-year-old daughter, Kathy.

"My family makes everything else take a back seat," Sartore said.

Last fall, Sartore contracted a chronic disease from an insect bite in the jungles of Bolivia.

Sartore did not know he had been infected until the insect bite grew to a silver-dollar sized sore on his calf that would not heal.

He underwent several months of

treatment in Lincoln for the disease, which could have claimed his life.

And in the past, Sartore has had close calls with wildlife including being surrounded by a pack of hungry wolves in Yellowstone National Park.

But good pictures keep Sartore going, he said.

"Right now I think (the Bolivian trip) was worth it because I got some great macaw pictures out of it," Sartore said, "and because I beat the illness."

"But no picture is worth dying for."

As a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sartore lived in Abel Hall, where he used to take pictures of beer bottles he piled on top of his roommates when they were hung over.

While at UNL from 1981 to 1985,

Sartore also studied with social documentary photographer Julia Dean, who was a graduate assistant at the time.

"Joel was a dream student," Dean said. "His sense of humor and tremendous eye for light and composition make him special."

After graduation Sartore worked at The Wichita Eagle in Wichita, Kan., for five years before moving to National Geographic in 1990.

Sartore jokes that he was hired in Wichita because his boss needed someone to go fishing with.

But even with his accomplishments, Sartore remains modest and willing to help others.

"Joel is still down-to-earth and goofy as heck," Tuck said.

Sartore never turns down photographers who ask him to review their work, and he always speaks to Tuck's photojournalism classes.

"I always try to improve because I don't think I know much," Sartore said.

Dean said Sartore makes things happen with his hard work, dedication and belief that he can do it.

But Sartore said he just tries to put himself in a position where the pictures come easy.

"I'm not any better at this stuff — I am just obsessive-compulsive," he said.

"I try to be in a situation where my mother could take a good picture."

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