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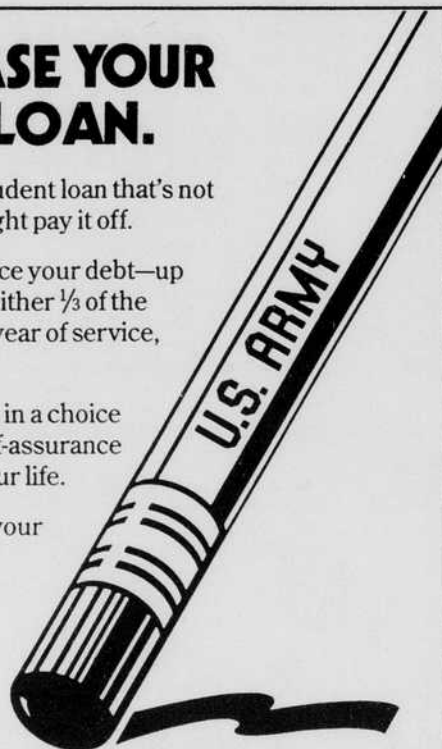
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Clinton challenges Congress to increase school spending

■ ADDRESS: The President plans to balance the budget and reopen welfare laws

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, declaring that Americans "want us to be partners, not partisans," challenged Congress in his State of the Union address Tuesday night to give the nation's schools a big spending increase while balancing the budget by 2002.

Recycling popular ideas from his campaign, Clinton identified education as the top priority of his second term and said Americans should have "the best education in the world." He challenged communities to measure their students against national standards to lift achievement in math and science.

The president's proposals would boost education spending by 20 percent, to \$51 billion for fiscal 1998. The increase — in-

cluding the cost of tax breaks for college — would total 40 percent by 2002.

Two weeks after his second inauguration, the president lectured the Republican-led Congress to "complete the unfinished business of our country" — balancing the budget, enacting long-stalled campaign finance reform and reopening last year's welfare law to restore benefits to legal immigrants.

In a 60-minute speech, his tone was both conciliatory and challenging, calling for racial and political harmony but also pressuring Congress for action. He was interrupted by applause 69 times.

As Clinton stood before a joint session of Congress, the nation's attention was distracted by news of a verdict in the O.J. Simpson civil trial. He completed his remarks just as the verdict was being read in California.

Balancing the budget by 2002 "requires only your vote and my signature," Clinton said, brushing over the wide gulf with Republi-

cans over how to achieve that goal. "This is not going to be easy," he acknowledged, adding that he believed Americans gave him a second term to make tough decisions about the future.

He said the Republican-driven proposal for a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget was "unnecessary and unwise," adding: "We don't need a constitutional amendment. We need action." That line drew groans from Republicans.

Clinton was on strong footing as he faced Republicans suspicious of his proposals. His political confidence, shaken by the Democrats' devastation in 1994, was restored by his re-election, and his recent approval ratings were among the highest of his presidency.

Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma gave the traditional Republican response to Clinton. In his prepared remarks, Watts struck GOP themes of returning power to local communities, family values and balancing the federal budget.

Civil jury finds Simpson liable

■ TRIAL: Simpson was ordered to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A civil jury found O.J. Simpson liable Tuesday for the slashing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend, a moral victory for grieving relatives who felt the football great got away with murder.

The jury ordered Simpson to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages and will return Thursday to hear arguments on whether to award millions more in punitive damages.

As the verdict was read, Simpson remained seated and stoic, staring straight ahead.

Across the courtroom, a whoop of joy went up from the relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"This is justice!" Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, said as she left court.

The mostly white panel, forced to start deliberations anew last Friday after a juror was removed for misconduct, snatched away some of the vindication Simpson claimed when he was acquitted of murder by a mostly black jury in 1995. That televised murder trial divided the nation over issues of police racism, domestic violence and the quality of justice.

This civil jury, using the lesser standard of "preponderance of evidence" rather than "beyond a reasonable doubt," was unanimous on all counts in blaming

Simpson for the June 12, 1994, slayings.

"I think this gives a little bit of solace to each of the divided camps," said Alan Dershowitz, part of Simpson's defense team at his murder trial. "Those who believe he did it will look to the civil verdict, those who believe he didn't do it will look to the criminal verdict."

The \$8.5 million represented the value of Goldman's funeral and the loss of Goldman's companionship to his parents. Ms. Simpson's family did not seek compensatory damages.

The jury's findings of malice and oppression triggered the second phase to determine punitive damages — money assessed to punish Simpson.

Council: Tuesday's meeting did not yield a final decision

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"There are already towers in the area that don't comply with this amendment. What happens to those? The language is not very clear," said Beverly Bookin, a representative of Airtouch Cellular.

At the beginning of the meeting,

the chair of the CCT said Tuesday night's meeting would not yield a final decision.

However, the committee will be holding another meeting on Monday to discuss changes they've made to the proposed amendments presented at the hearing.

"We're obviously not experts on this," said Bob Conrad, a committee member.

However, many of the people present at the hearing praised the committee for their hard work and dedication.

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