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**Some states not in agreement with Microsoft breakup solution**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signaling a potential division within ranks that could complicate settlement talks in the Microsoft trial, some states active in the case believe the Justice Department's plan to break up one of the world's most successful companies may not be the best solution.

Although debate continues in secret among the 19 state attorneys general deciding what to recommend about Microsoft Corp., there is a risk the government might fail to bring a unified proposal on sanctions to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson. He bluntly told government lawyers to agree among themselves before they present in court any plan for sanctions.

"I would not like to have to deal with divergent points of view," Jackson told them in a private meeting in November.

Illustrating the difficulties in achieving such consensus, Ohio's attorney general indicated she is leaning toward a ban on some of Microsoft's behavior toward others in the technology industry rather than a forced restructuring of the software giant.

Calling the dilemma "the most difficult professional decision I ever got involved with," Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery told The Associated Press that a breakup of Microsoft "has never been on my top list."

"I have to tell you that my bias is toward a conduct resolution, but again it's too early to be specific," said Montgomery. "Quite frankly, I indicated to my staff when we started this lawsuit that I was not looking out for a structural solution as much as a conduct solution."

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— Betty Montgomery  
Ohio Attorney General

An official in another of the 19 states, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also has hinted that a breakup — considered the "death penalty" among possible remedies — might be too disruptive for consumers.

Critics have suggested a court-ordered breakup could result in different — even incompatible — versions of Microsoft's dominant Windows software, which is entrenched as a de facto standard for running most of the world's personal computers.

Montgomery, a Republican now in her second and final term as attorney general, indicated the states may eventually endorse a breakup, such as Justice's idea of splitting Microsoft into three parts. But she also suggested not all the states may participate fully.

"I can't tell you at this point ... what the resolution will be, and ... what I will feel about it and whether Ohio will join in that solution," Montgomery said.

**News in Brief**

**Cable snaps, 2 fall 40 stories**

NEW YORK (AP) — An Empire State Building elevator with two people aboard plunged 40 stories before a safety system finally stopped the car on the fourth floor. The passengers were not seriously hurt.

"I thought I was going to die," Shameka Peterson said. "It was going really, really fast."

Peterson and Joe Masoraca, who work in different offices on the 44th floor, boarded the elevator Monday afternoon and pressed a button for the lobby.

"It just plunged," Peterson told the New York Post. "It was like a bungee fall. It was terrifying."

The elevator dropped about 400 feet before the safety system caught it and slowed it to a stop on the fourth floor.

The elevator services the lobby and floors 41 through 55, so there was no way to exit. Masoraca called for help on the elevator telephone.

Maintenance workers rode up in an adjacent elevator, pried open an emergency hatch and guided the pair across a beam to safety.

Peterson was treated for neck and shoulder pain and released

from a hospital. Masoraca has made an appointment to see a doctor.

"I'm very tired, and I'm in pain," he said.

The elevator plunge was caused by a sheared compensating cable, which adjusts the weight of the car, building spokesperson Howard Rubenstein said.

The elevator passed an inspection May 19, he said.

All 64 elevators in the landmark have been scheduled for inspections this week.

The 102-story building at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street opened in 1931. It handles millions of tourists each year and thousands of people work inside.

**Girl pleads guilty in brother's death**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl pleaded guilty Tuesday to third-degree murder in the beating, stabbing and drowning of her 3-year-old half brother, prosecutors said.

A sentencing hearing in Juvenile Court is scheduled for Feb. 10 and few details on the case were released due to her age.

Christian C. Ladouceur was found in their home on Dec. 21. He had been beaten and stabbed before he

was drowned in the bathtub.

Under Minnesota law, the girl could not stand trial as an adult because she is under 14 and she can't remain under court jurisdiction past her 19th birthday.

**Graveyard murder captured on film**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A man who fatally shot his ex-wife at a cemetery while a TV camera rolled was found guilty Tuesday of murder.

A jury took just over an hour to convict Emilio Nunez, 40, in the slaying of Maritza Martin.

Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty; Nunez will get life in prison.

A reporter for the Spanish-language network Telemundo was interviewing Nunez in 1993 at the grave of his 15-year-old daughter, who had killed herself.

Nunez's ex-wife arrived unexpectedly, and he accused her of causing their daughter's suicide by slapping the girl because she was pregnant.

Nunez then pulled a gun, shot Martin in the head and fired 11 more times as she lay on the ground.

The reporter, Ingrid Cruz, and her cameraman ran for cover, but not before he filmed much of the shooting. The tape was shown in court.

**Consumer confidence on the rise**

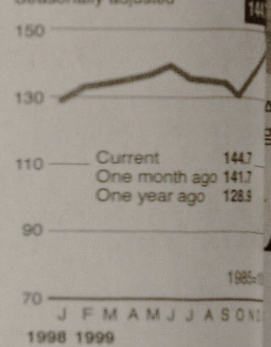
NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence has soared to its highest level in the 33 years the statistic has been kept, pushed by the booming stock market and plentiful jobs.

"Consumers have every reason to be optimistic. There is just nothing wrong," said economist Mark Zandi at Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

The Conference Board, which tracks business and finance trends, reported Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 144.7 in January.

**Confidence soars to 32-year high**

Here is a look at the consumer confidence index from a sample of 5,000 U.S. households. Seasonally adjusted.



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