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Apple to Expand California Plant: Responding to increased demand for its Macintosh products, the company said it plans to build a 200,000-square-foot manufacturing facility to make components for personal computers adjacent to its current site in Elk Grove. The expansion will create about 300 jobs. Construction will begin immediately for completion late next year, the company said.

IBM to Cut 1,000 Jobs: The world's largest computer maker said that over the next few weeks it will cut 700 jobs from its microelectronics division, or about 5% of the division's work force. In the software solutions division, 300 employees were notified that their positions will be eliminated. The reductions are part of a turnaround program that has slashed Big Blue's costs by \$5.6 billion since the end of 1992. IBM's losses totaled almost \$15 billion in 1992 and '93, largely because of plummeting revenue from mainframes. IBM aims to trim its work force in 1994 to 222,000, a reduction of about 35,000 employees. IBM shares rose 37.5 cents to \$72.375 a share on the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.

New Antitrust Suit Filed Against Microsoft: The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Los Angeles for UNI-CGS Inc., a computer packager and reseller based in Walnut, Calif., claims that Microsoft Corp. monopolizes personal computer software because it licenses its operating systems only to large manufacturers. The suit was the eighth accusing Microsoft of bullying small companies to be filed by Los Angeles lawyer Thomas T. Chan. Greg Shaw, a spokesman for Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft, said company officials hadn't seen the latest lawsuit and could not comment on it. The Microsoft operating systems MS-DOS and Windows are standard on most IBM-compatible PCs.