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4 cops acquitted in beating



Officer Laurence Powell, center, hugs Timothy Wind, as they celebrate jury's verdict of acquittal with co-defendant Sgt. Stacey Koon

Violence erupting in L.A. in wake of King-case verdict



1991 AP photo
Motorist Rodney King

By Linda Dourach
The Associated Press
SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Four white Los Angeles police officers were acquitted of all but one assault charge yesterday in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. A mistrial was declared on one count.
The verdicts, in the seventh day of deliberations, came after a year of political uproar sparked by the graphic videotape of a black man being beaten by white officers.
The beating was denounced in many quarters as brutality, and the backlash brought down the Los Angeles police chief.
Scattered violence broke out on the city's largely black south side a few hours after the beating.
"My client and I are just outraged," King's lawyer, Steve Lerman, said after the verdict. "It sends a bad message. It says it's OK to go ahead and beat somebody when they're down and kick the crap out of them."
No winners
Chief Darryl Gates, who was pressured to resign after the beating, declined to comment directly on the verdict.
"I do not think there are any winners at all in this situation," Gates told reporters. "I'm hopeful... that this department will go forward."
Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley thanked the jury's decision.
"Today, the system failed us," he said. "Today, this jury told the world what we all saw with our own eyes wasn't a crime. Today, that jury asked us to accept the senseless and brutal beating of a helpless man."
President Bush, at a state dinner in Washington, appealed "for calm and reason."
"The court system has worked. What's needed now is calm, respect

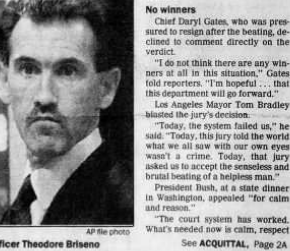
L.A. mayor to get National Guard help

Compiled from wire services
LOS ANGELES — Violence, including looting and fires, broke out on Los Angeles' largest black southside a few hours after the verdict acquitting four white policemen in a black motorist's beating.
"As the violence spread across the residential and business areas, Mayor Tom Bradley asked Gov. Pete Wilson to send in the National Guard," Wilson said. He would, Bradley spokesman Bill Chandler said.
Four people were reported killed and more than 70 reported injured. Looters ransacked stores, four mo-

torists were beaten and demonstrators railed police headquarters.
In the worst outbreak, an intersection in predominantly black South Central Los Angeles was plunged into chaos, with looters running free and motorists being pulled from cars and attacked. Police officers and paramedics were ordered to steer clear.
"These people are not protesters, these people are thugs," said District Attorney Ira Reiner. "They will be arrested and prosecuted."
Reiner criticized the Police Department for not doing enough to

stop the violence.
"When I was watching this earlier I was a little bit dismayed, more than a little bit, that we did not see a stronger police presence," Reiner said.
"I don't want to try to second guess," Reiner said. "But while that was happening, I found it hard to understand why there wasn't a very strong presence."
"It's my view that when there is a riot beginning... you've got to move in very quickly and suppress it," Officer David Lopez said police in the area were being under assault

by scores of people who were throwing rocks, bottles and other debris, and a Molotov cocktail was thrown over the fence into a bus yard where officers were gathered.
"I didn't think it would be this bad," Lopez said. "It puts the fear in you."
At least two dozen structures were burning throughout the sprawling south-central business and residential area, said Fire Department spokesman Bob Collins. Cars also were on fire, Collins said.
Pillars of smoke could be seen



AP file photo
Officer Theodore Briseno

Project SLIM seeks 10% cut in water staff

By Eric Volante
The Arizona Daily Star
Project SLIM aims to cut 10 percent of the staff of the Arizona Department of Water Resources.
The state should eliminate 23 of 233 department jobs in order to save \$1,068,231 a year, according to a draft SLIM report obtained by The Arizona Daily Star.
But the cuts could hurt Arizona's business climate in the long run by hampering efforts to switch Arizona from depleting ground water to renewable water supplies, the department director said yesterday.
"There's no way we can maintain current service levels with those kinds of cuts — and current service levels are not acceptable because we have backlogs in a lot of areas," said Director Betty Rieks.
"The backlogs range from cracking down on illegal irrigation or stopper drilling of wells to reviewing requests by farmers who want permission to pump more water."
"Marybeth Carille, executive director of the private, Tucson-based Southern Arizona Water Resources Association, agreed that the department does not have any fat to cut.
"There'll be people screaming that they can't get their paper work through," Carille said of the recommendations. "It's a pretty outrageous situation that's being created here by somebody who doesn't know anything about what DWR actually does."
State lawmakers established the department in 1980 to respond to longtime overramping of ground water. In some areas, water tables had dropped by as much as 600 feet. That makes it too costly to pump the water, lowers water quality.

Fighting breast cancer 500 Arizonans to take part in 1st nationwide study

By Jane Erikson
The Arizona Daily Star
Women in Tucson and Phoenix who are at high risk for breast cancer will have the chance to take part in the first nationwide study to prevent the disease, researchers announced yesterday.
A total of 500 Arizona women will be among 16,000 who will take part in the study. Its goal is to learn whether a drug called tamoxifen, widely used to treat breast cancer, can prevent the disease.
"The National Cancer Institute will spend \$60 million on the five-year study, the first large-scale cancer prevention effort."
"I consider this a landmark day with respect to our problem with breast cancer," said Dr. David Alberts, director of cancer prevention for the Arizona Cancer Center and principal

investigator for the study in Arizona.
"The problem of breast cancer is immense and devastating," Alberts added. "Until now, we have had no way to stop this disease in women."
Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in the United States. This year alone, it will be diagnosed in 181,000 women and will kill another 48,300, according to the American Cancer Society's 1992 Facts and Figures.
Tamoxifen counteracts breast cancer by

blocking the ability of the female hormone estrogen to feed the tumor. The drug has been used extensively to treat breast cancer since the early 1970s.
Tamoxifen already is widely prescribed not only to fight breast cancer once it has been diagnosed, but in hopes of preventing its recurrence.
This study will show whether it can be used to stop potential breast cancers from ever becoming reality, Alberts said. Doctors hope it will reduce the incidence of breast cancer by up to 33 percent among the women enrolled.
Breast cancer strikes one in nine women in this country, but among the high-risk women enrolled in the study, the incidence is predicted to be two of every three women, Alberts said.
Because his mother and grandmother both



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Ellen Graver

House caves in, will comply with bank subpoena

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled House buckled under Republican pressure yesterday and voted 347-64 to comply with a Justice Department subpoena for voluminous records from the chamber's bank.
The department's special counsel, Malcolm R. Wilkey, said he wants the microfilm records for his criminal investigation of check kiting at the bank, where House members wrote thousands of overdrafts.
"By turning over these records, we answer that final, that lingering, ultimately that very painful question: whether anybody here broke

WEATHER

Sunny, hot. Sunny, with occasional high clouds, a high between 87 and 102 and an overnight low between 61 and 66. Yesterday's high of 102 set a record, beating the 99 set in 1943. Detail, Page 13A.

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Megabuck series of Hermosillo projects planned to create modern city centers

By Leon Lazaroff
The Arizona Daily Star
HERMOSILLO, Mexico — Hermosillo is looking to go modern.
With their sights set on a free trade agreement and continued economic growth in Sonora, the city's most powerful business and political leaders this week unveiled a series of megaprojects intended to give Hermosillo a modern, developed look.
At an initial cost of \$196 million, state leaders plan to build a string of new government buildings, a financial and convention center, a large commercial complex of malls and stores geared to middle and upper incomes, and a state-of-the-art hospital. Also included are plans to re-

ovate the downtown shopping area.
City leaders expressed confidence that their ambitious projects will come to fruition.
"Like any city, we want Hermosillo to grow. We want the city to have a dynamic quality of life and be a major industrial and financial center," said Ricardo Maiman Linares, investment coordinator for the project.
Maiman said Sonora political and business leaders expect that once a free trade agreement is signed, Hermosillo will be in a position "to attract major U.S. firms and business, and become a crucial link between the United States and Mexico's major industrial centers further south."
He said the exact cost of the total project is unknown.
Construction is to begin in November, with most projects scheduled for completion by summer 1994. Private investors headed by Grupo Maiman and Grupo Gonzalez, two of the state's wealthiest business syndicates, plan to lead up the building of the financial and commercial centers.
The government will pay for the construction of its own offices, financed largely by the sale of public land for the other project centers. Many city, state and federal officials will be housed in the new complex. Currently, more than 100 private buildings and homes are being