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# Attorneys close King trial; jury will now deliberate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A prosecutor portrayed four policemen Thursday as pitiless brutes who inflicted street justice on Rodney King. A defense lawyer called them "sacrificial lambs" and suggested King was to blame for last year's riots.

During closing arguments in the officers' federal trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer said the four went "far beyond" the force necessary to arrest King. "These defendants taught Rodney King a lesson," Clymer said. He added that they concocted elaborate lies to cover up their misdeeds.

King was clubbed, kicked and shocked with an electric stun gun after police chased and stopped his speeding car on March 3, 1991. A neighbor's videotape of the beating was broadcast worldwide. When the officers were acquitted of most charges in a state trial last year, three days of deadly rioting ensued.

Clymer replayed the videotape, urging jurors to watch it repeatedly during their deliberations and to convict all four officers of violating King's civil rights.

“These defendants taught Rodney King a lesson.”  
 —Clymer prosecutor

Defense lawyer Ira Salzman told jurors that the officers were denied a tool to subdue suspects when the police department restricted use of the controversial chokehold but never replaced it with another technique.

"These sacrificial lambs are foisted on the public altar of justice to pay for negligence" by police management, Salzman said.

Salzman said King was headed for Hansen Dam, a place he had visited in childhood, when he was stopped for speeding.

"Because of that, people died. People lost their homes because someone wanted to go to Hansen Dam without interruption," Salzman said.

He said King accused the officers of racial epithets to inflame jurors. "This case has never been about race," Salzman insisted.

King, who is black, testified during the federal trial that the officers, who are white, uttered racial slurs when they beat him. Under cross-examination, King said he wasn't sure they used racial epithets.

Clymer accused Officer Laurence Powell of pummeling King excessively, bashing in his face, then filing a false report. He denounced Officer Timothy Wind for kicking the helpless King as he lay beaten on the ground, then lying about it. He depicted Sgt. Stacey Koon as abandoning his duty to stop the beating.

"The defendants tried Rodney King at Foothill and Osborne (boulevards) with Stacey Koon as judge and Powell, Briseno and Wind as the executioners," Clymer said. "And they found him guilty."

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## Clinton unveils federal budget to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton unveiled his \$1.52 trillion budget on Thursday, a blueprint for 1994 that boosts taxes on the rich and slashes military spending to break the government's deficit-spending habit.

The budget fleshes out the skeleton plan that the new president released in February. The biggest change is that the amount of deficit reduction — \$447 billion in five years — is slightly lower than what Clinton initially announced.

Clinton's budget projects spending \$1.52 trillion for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. That increase — 3.2 percent over current spending — essentially keeps pace with inflation.

The economic battle plan hews closely to the philosophy he campaigned on last year: more money for low-income students and other initiatives to bolster the economy and create jobs, and an attack on federal red ink led by higher taxes on the rich, energy users and higher income Social Security recipients. These changes would still have to be enacted in legislation.

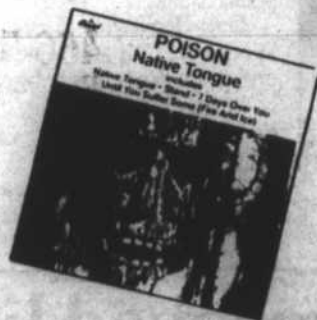
Majority Democrats have already whipped a deficit-reduction outline through Congress. It closely tracks Clinton's thinking. Over five years, it would cut deficit spending by \$67 billion more than the president proposed.

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## Wright wins RHA presidency

From Staff Reports

Raquel Wright, a freshman psychology major, was elected Residence Hall Association president in elections held Tuesday. Her running mate on the PROGRESS ticket, Kris Larson, a junior biology major, will take over as RHA vice president. The pair won 56 percent of the vote, beating out Brad Prall and Stacy

## Tech

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Highlands property. An 18-hole municipal golf course, another part of the Highlands' plan, is scheduled to open this summer, and the city has incorporated a number of infrastructure projects into its one-to-six-year capital improvement budget that will support development in the Highlands.

## WORLD WIRE

### Court orders Serbs to stop genocide

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Bosnia's embattled Muslim government won a moral victory Thursday when the World Court ordered Yugoslavia to stop acts of genocide.

While the emergency measures can sway world opinion, the court has no enforcement powers. Its rulings can be enforced by the U.N. Security Council, although none ever have.

### FBI hangs up on cult leader Koresh

WACO, Texas (AP) — FBI negotiators hung up on the leader of a heavily armed cult when he began rambling about religious doctrine, dimming hopes of ending a 40-day standoff with government agents, the government said Thursday.

Talks with cult leader David Koresh resumed late Wednesday for the first time in six days, but FBI special agent Bob Ricks said the negotiators hung up after Koresh

### Russians try to limit radiation damage

MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of disaster workers cleared snow and built dams in the Siberian wilderness Thursday in an effort to clean up the radiation from Russia's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl.

Commonwealth Television showed heavy damage at the nuclear weapons complex in the

secret city of Tomsk-7, where an underground tank containing a poisonous mix of liquid nuclear waste exploded and burned on Tuesday.

The roof and several walls of the complex's plutonium processing facility were destroyed in the blast, which spewed a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere.

talked nonsensically about the Bible's Book of Revelation.

Attorneys who entered the compound last week said the 33-year-old Koresh assured them he would end the standoff when the Passover ends next week.

Ricks said discussions Thursday with Koresh's top deputy Steve Schneider indicated cult members were in no hurry to come out.

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