

Security scaled back as Los Angeles remains calm

LOS ANGELES — Police on Monday scaled back a heightened street presence and Rodney King's lawyer said his faith in the justice system was renewed after two policemen were convicted of violating King's civil rights.

was ordered at dawn Saturday to avert possible rioting. Last April, the acquittals of four white policemen on nearly all state assault charges in the videotaped beating of King, a black motorist, set off three days of rioting in which 54 people were killed.

"It does something to make one believe that the courts will deliver justice to African-American people," Grimes said. "There is a renewed hope that justice will prevail in the courtroom."

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he was gratified for the convictions and disappointed about the acquittals. Koon and Powell face up to 10 years in prison at sentencing Aug. 4. Koon's attorney, Ira Salzman, said the sergeant took the verdict well.

years with unparalleled abuse, slander." Briseno said his two convicted colleagues shouldn't be imprisoned. "The public—they would never understand it," Briseno said in a Los Angeles Times interview published Monday.

Serb guns silent; evacuations continue

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb guns trained on Srebrenica kept silent Monday while U.N. helicopters flew out hundreds more sick and wounded and U.N. troops sought to cement a truce for the beleaguered Muslim enclave.

U.N. officials said they planned to start truck evacuations within a few days for all residents wanting to leave the town. Under the cease-fire, the area is to be completely demilitarized within 72 hours, said a U.N. peacekeeper spokesman, Cmdr. Barry Frewer.

U.N. peacekeepers arrive in Srebrenica



arrived in Srebrenica, the leaders of Gorazde, the largest Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia, appealed for relief, Sarajevo radio reported.

S. Africans boycott work; violence resumes

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Millions of blacks across South Africa boycotted work Monday to honor slain leader Chris Hani, who was buried in an emotional ceremony as police clashed with enraged youths.



bullets at protesters blocking a road near Cape Town on Monday, injuring five people. Hani, head of the Communist Party and a top African National Congress official, was one of the country's most popular black leaders.

Italians vote to overhaul system

ROME — Disgusted by corruption and a half-century of weak governments, Italians voted overwhelmingly to overhaul their scandal-plagued political system.

It's not only a great victory, it is almost a cry of liberation. —Bordon Democratic Alliance official

of voting showed electoral reform received a resounding 82 percent of the vote while a proposal to end huge government subsidies to now discredited political parties won approval by nearly 90 percent.

country into elections with the revised voting system. Amato met with President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro immediately after the polls closed and said his government's "task is over," though Amato has not ruled out forming another governing alliance.

50 years later, survivors hail courage of uprising

WARSAW, Poland — As survivors and world leaders hailed the courage of the Warsaw ghetto uprising in 50th anniversary ceremonies Monday, the rebellion's last living leader questioned whether its lesson had been learned.

"No words can explain," said Walter Cykiert of Detroit, seeing for the first time since World War II the place where his three brothers and two sisters died. He escaped the uprising to the shelter of a Catholic woman and spent weeks in a closet.

Experiment may lead to cure for disease

WASHINGTON — Researchers have begun transferring normal genes into cystic fibrosis patients in an experiment they hope will lead to a cure for the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States.

Ronald Crystal, a Cornell University researcher who developed the gene therapy technique while working at the National Institutes of Health.

tional Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. For the experiment, a cold virus was disabled so it could not cause infection and then was modified to contain a normal of the human gene which is defective in cystic fibrosis patients.