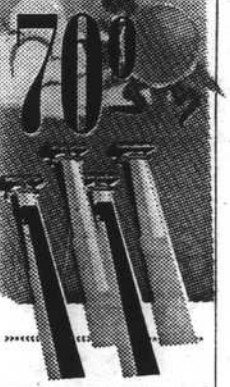


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**WEATHER:**

**Today - Partly cloudy.**  
West wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight - Fair. Lows in**  
upper 30s to mid 40s.

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## Jury reaches verdicts in Simpson trial

### Short deliberation shocks courtroom; nation waits in awe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Refusing to meet O.J. Simpson's gaze, 12 jurors filed back into the courtroom Monday to confirm they had reached verdicts after fewer than four hours of deliberation.

Their decision shocked the courtroom and a nation already busy debating how many weeks the jurors might be out.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said the verdicts would be read today at noon.

### Governor bid looks good to Breslow

By Jeff Zeleny  
Senior Reporter

As State Auditor John Breslow ate a chicken fried steak lunch last Thursday in Ben Nelson's hometown of McCook, he told local Kiwanis Club members that he would like to follow in the governor's footsteps.

Or at least in his position as governor.

Breslow, who is in his second four-year term as state auditor, said he was likely to seek the 1998 Republican nomination for governor. The 46-year-old Lincoln native is known throughout the state for being a state government watchdog.

"I have not planned any strategy," Breslow said, "but the thing that I would do if I do decide to run is watch out for the taxpayers' money."

Breslow was elected to both terms of auditor as a Democrat. He joined the Republican party in November 1994, shortly after his second election. He said his conservative stance on issues made him more suited for the GOP.

"Government can't do all things for all people," he said, explaining his political shift. "Sometimes government has to say, 'We cannot get involved in things.'"

Nelson, a Democrat, announced last month he would enter the race for U.S. Senate. If Nelson is elected in 1996, Lt. Gov. Kim Robak would serve as appointed governor for two years before deciding whether to launch her own campaign.

"Everyone is starting to think about it," Breslow said, declining to give predictions on who would enter the 1998 gubernatorial campaign field. "Governor Nelson's planned potential exit has moved up a lot of people's minds as far as running for office."

Breslow said when he was asked at the McCook lunch if he would run for governor, he answered honestly. However, he said it could be as long as two years before he ironed out the issues and his campaign hit full force.

"It is difficult for me to look into a crystal ball and know what the issues are," Breslow said. "I hope a lot of the issues such as crime and property taxes are solved."

Breslow defeated 20-year incumbent Ray A.C. Johnson in 1990 to become state auditor. A political unknown during his first campaign, Breslow used a barking dog in television commercials to promote his goal of aggressively fighting government spending.

Breslow has been a staunch supporter of term limits during his five years in office. He said he would not seek re-election to the same office.

"It is time for someone else in the state auditor's office," Breslow said. "My option is to move up to governor or quit. I was thinking

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As the 10 women and two men on the jury filed into court at 2:55 p.m., Simpson stood and stared at them. None looked his way.

The judge then announced the startling news. He said his court clerk told him that the panel had made its decision.

"Is that correct?" he asked.  
"Yes," said the jury forewoman.

There were gasps in the hushed courtroom. Lawyers on both sides seemed almost dazed by the speed of the verdict.

"Surprise doesn't begin to describe my feelings. I am stunned at the speed," defense attorney Carl Douglas said.

Prosecutor Christopher Darden, asked if he

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### Professors of law debate significance of quick decision

By Ted Taylor  
Staff Reporter

Anna Shavers couldn't believe her ears Monday when she heard that the jurors in the O.J. Simpson trial had reached a verdict after fewer than four hours of deliberation.

"Everyone is shocked and amazed the verdict came so quick," the associate professor of law said. "Usually in a long, complex trial like

this one the jury stays that much longer to reach a verdict."

Judge Lance Ito told the court a verdict would be announced today at noon.

Shavers said she could understand how the jurors made such a quick decision.

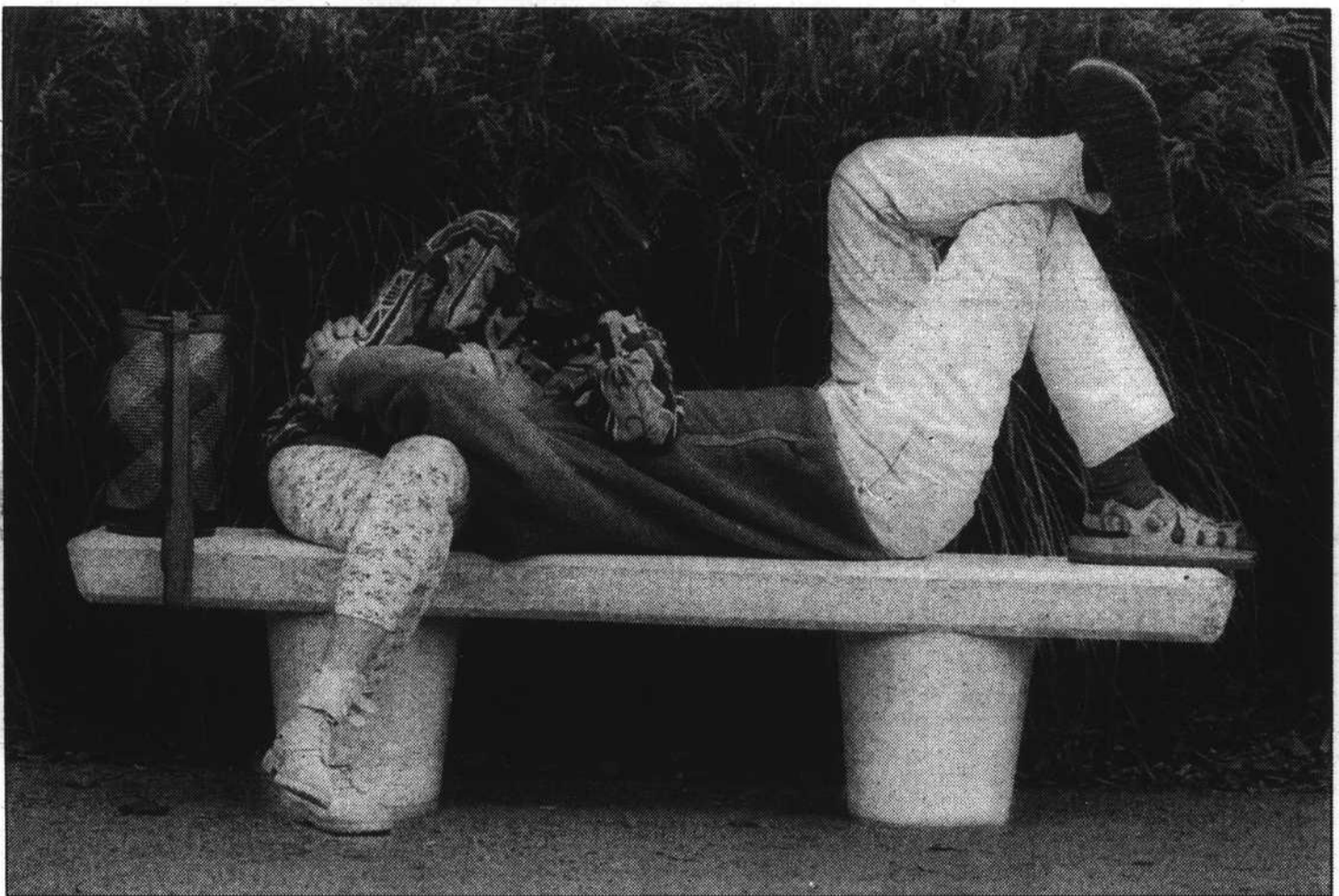
"They may have seen the case much more simpler than we did," Shavers said. "They saw things in a more condensed fashion than the public did and maybe made a quick explanation of what did and didn't happen."

Jo Potuto, a professor of constitutional law, said she also was surprised by the quick verdict.

"I thought there would be a fair chance it would be a hung jury," she said. "It would have been much longer for that to be the case. It's very hard to tell."

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## A LITTLE CHEMISTRY



Travis Heying/DN

Paolo Rossi and Elisabetta Bini share a bench on Broyhill Plaza Monday afternoon. The two are both graduate students in chemistry.

## Council deliberates Hurricane's license

By Ted Taylor  
Staff Reporter

The Lincoln City Council will take two weeks to decide the fate of one of downtown's hottest night spots.

The Hurricane, 1108 O St., found itself in the middle of the controversy Monday as council members considered revoking its liquor license based on a number of past violations.

Standing before the council with a plea for a second chance, Hurricane attorney Mike Johnson told council members the bar would put an end to the under-21 "College Nights" it has featured in the past.

"People will hate it," Johnson said. "But because of the problems, it's time to eliminate it. From now on, no one under 21 will be able to walk into the bar."

Assistant City Attorney Joel Peterson asked the council to revoke the establishment's liquor license, citing a similar case earlier this year when the council revoked Montigo Bay's license.

Peterson cited affidavits from seven violations, including:

— Oct. 2, 1994: Disturbance and fighting call.

— Dec. 28, 1994: Minor in Possession violation when bar staff admitted serving a minor without asking for ID.

— Jan. 5: Serving an intoxicated person. Lincoln police reports state that an officer saw a bartender serve someone who was obviously intoxicated. Blood alcohol tests later showed the person's blood alcohol level had been .271, twice the legal limit.

— April 28: MIP violation.

— June 1: Drinking after hours violation. An officer found people, including bar employees, drinking in an upstairs office at 1:21 a.m. Officers also noticed another person, not affiliated with the Hurricane, smoking from what appeared to be drug paraphernalia. That person later turned over a small bag of marijuana to police.

— June 7: MIP violation. Police saw a young man enter a back door of the bar without being carded and was later found inside holding a beer.

— Aug. 10: Serving an intoxicated person. Peterson also told the council about the

Hurricane's 71 police calls in the last year. Kaboom's, 1111 O St., led Lincoln bars with 256 police calls in that same period, according to police records.

"Each particular violation alone wouldn't warrant revocation," Peterson said of the Hurricane incidents. "But this is a repeated practice of continuing serious violations and something that should be looked at seriously."

Jack Hanrahan and Nancy Sevege are co-owners of the Hurricane.

Johnson said his clients did not take the matter lightly.

"Have we had problems in the past?" he asked the council. "Yes, we have."

"We have also had inefficient management during that time and have gone to great lengths to find someone to change things."

Troy Way, former manager of the Hurricane, was asked by Hanrahan and Sevege to resign earlier this year.

Chad Sitzman, a 26-year-old former UNL student, has taken over as manager of the club

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