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O.J. blasts 'experts'

Juror: glove was planted

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Speaking out for the first time since his acquittal, O.J. Simpson assailed prosecutors and legal commentators Wednesday for distorting the trial evidence to make him look bad.

"My basic anger is these misconceptions," Simpson said in a phone call to CNN's "Larry King Live."

Simpson also was asked by King about Simpson's reunion with his two small children.

"It's been great," Simpson said,



AP Photo

Brenda Moran: "I didn't have enough evidence to convince me he was guilty."

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without elaboration.

Simpson's surprise phone call came during King's interview with lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr.

Simpson called to respond to a woman who called in asking about prosecution claims that a shadowy figure seen moving across the driveway of Simpson's house was Simpson returning from an attempt to hide a bloody glove.

Simpson said testimony from limousine driver Allan Park never proved that — and showed only that there was a person near the front door.

"It was me, walking from my front door, dropping my bags," he said.

Simpson said prosecutors and legal commentators constantly misconstrued the evidence.

"My basic anger is people I've heard say, 'I followed the case.'

I've heard experts say, 'This was the testimony today,' and that wasn't the testimony today," Simpson said.

"Fortunately for me, the jury listened to what the witnesses said and not what Marcia Clark's or (Christopher) Darden's or anyone else's renditions of what was said," Simpson said.

Simpson said he went back to his cell many times and asked of the commentators, "Were they in the same courtroom that we were in today? Did they hear the testimony today?"

Simpson appeared eager to cut short the phone interview, say-

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Pope to U.S.: be moral giant after Cold War



Pope John Paul II

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON
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NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Pope John Paul II returned to America on Wednesday as a self-described pilgrim for peace, echoing Pope Paul VI's 1965 appeal to the United Nations: "No more war, war never again."

In remarks before President Clinton and about 2,000 Catholic schoolchildren, the pontiff said the ideals behind the founding of the United Nations 50 years ago are still needed in a world where "ancient rivalries and suspicions

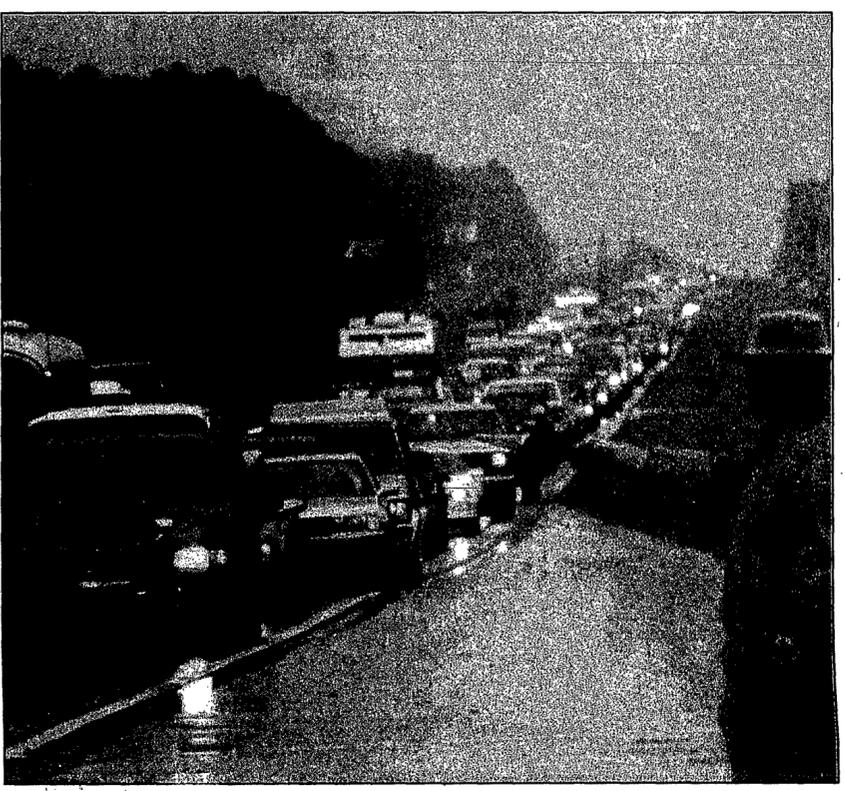
still compromise the cause of peace."

Unlike their meeting two years ago in Denver, the pope did not challenge Clinton on his support for abortion rights. But John Paul repeated his call for America to be a moral superpower in the post-Cold War era, and he reminded the nation's leaders not to forget the poor as Congress considers cuts in social spending.

"Your country stands upon the world scene as a model of a dem-

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Seeking higher ground



AP Photo

A Bay County Sheriff's Department deputy facilitates the evacuation of Florida beach areas on Route 231 near Panama City.

Hurricane lashes Gulf Coast

By BILL KACZOR
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PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Opal thrashed the Florida Panhandle with gusts up to 144 mph Wednesday, flooding homes, knocking down piers along the sugar-white beaches and sending tens of thousands of terrified people onto jammed highways. At least one person was killed.

The storm center hit the Air Force's Hurlburt Field, east of Pensacola, just after 6 p.m. EDT.

With sustained winds of 125 mph, Opal was one of the strongest storms to hit the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Camille killed 256 people in 1969.

"I think this one is going to clean our clock," said Tom Beliech, who fled Pensacola. "Erin gave us a deep respect for knowing when to leave," he said, referring to the hurricane that forced a similar exodus two months ago.

More than 55,000 people were evacuated from

the Pensacola area on Florida's Gulf Coast as the ninth hurricane of the Atlantic storm season closed in.

"We're preparing for the very worst, extreme to catastrophic" damage, said state meteorologist Mike Rucker. "Within the eye wall, we're expecting total destruction of some homes and structures along the coast."

Opal, which left 10 people dead in Mexico, was expected to spin off tornadoes and cause flooding from storm surges of up to 15 feet.

The storm's first U.S. victim was a 76-year-old woman whose mobile home in Okaloosa County was destroyed by a hurricane-spawned tornado.

Thousands who waited too long to evacuate were trapped in their homes. Those who did flee bottled up traffic on U.S. 29 — the main route north toward Alabama — and on eastbound Interstate 10, where traffic crawled at 5 mph.

SUNY urges big classes, few teachers

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Pressed to increase faculty productivity by making professors teach more, the State University of New York is instead calling for class sizes to increase.

SUNY officials, in a wide-ranging cost-cutting program, also proposed eliminating hundreds of teaching jobs, forcing New York students to pay more for extra courses and shunting remedial education programs to community colleges.

The teaching plan is a direct response to Gov. George Pataki,

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PROPOSED CHANGES

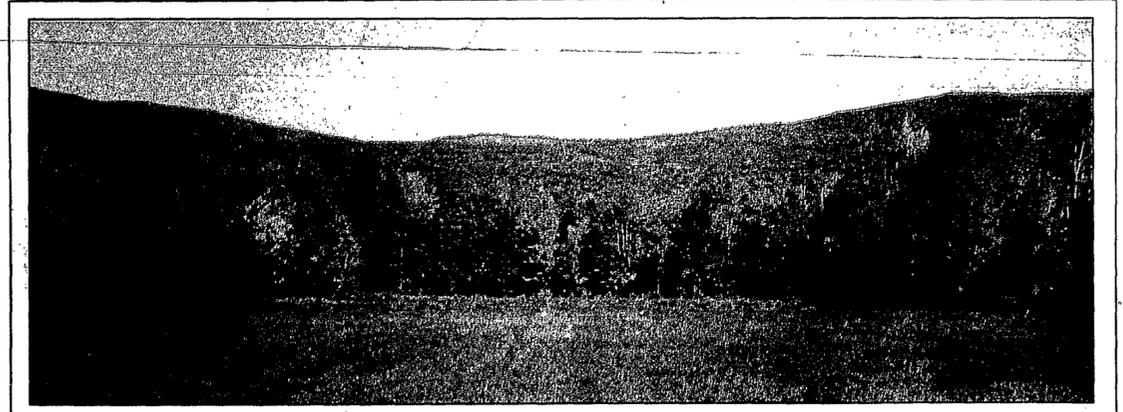
Proposed academic restructuring at the State University of New York, designed to save \$30 million:

- Require larger class sizes at the state-operated campuses.
- Eliminate 443 faculty positions.
- Require New York residents to pay out-of-state tuition rates if they take more than 135 credit hours.
- Increase the number of high school seniors and juniors taking SUNY courses for credit.
- Send remedial education students to community colleges instead of running such classes at senior campuses.
- Reduce duplication of undergraduate academic programs at the state-operated colleges.
- Encourage students to buy their own computers.

Parked tractor kills worker

BOMBAY—A Brushton man was killed Wednesday evening when the tractor he parked ran over him.

Charles Armstrong, 40, was parking a tractor at 6:20 p.m. at the Sunny Acres Livestock farm where he worked, police said. As he exited the vehicle, the tractor suddenly jerked and restarted, pinning him under the wheel.



Photo/Gareth Plumadore

This panorama in the Saranac Valley is what many tourists are willing to pay money to see.

Leaves change color, but merchants see green

By MARC VIOLETTE
Ottawa News Service

ALBANY — While the jury is still out on whether drought will kill the fall foliage season in the Catskills and other areas of southern New York, North Country tourism officials say area hotels are full to bursting with leaf watchers.

"The dry weather may have caused a lot of problems," said Carolyn Harding, director of

the Plattsburgh and Clinton County Visitors and Convention Bureau. "But the foliage is very colorful up here in the Adirondacks and as of last weekend, we were 100 percent booked in our motels."

Harding said busloads of tourists are being lured to the Adirondacks by dramatic displays of red, yellow and orange leaves flaming against the blue-green backdrop of

mountain evergreens.

"I just called the Holiday Inn in Plattsburgh," she said, "and they're booked with buses of people every night. They're coming from New York City, Chicago, New Jersey and, can you believe it? China!"

The same story is being repeated in the Tri-Lakes area of the Adirondacks.

"We had our hotels sold out last weekend and we expect the

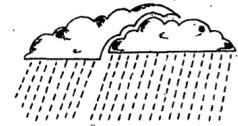
same again this coming weekend," said James McKenna president of the Lake Placid and Essex County Visitors Bureau. "It's not unusual this time of year to see 50 or more motor coaches a day pass through Lake Placid."

Fall colors are peaking in the North Country, which was not as hard hit by dry weather as more southern regions of the

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WEATHER

Becoming cloudy with a chance of rain by late in the day. High in the mid 60s. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.



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New England: Pick 3: 0-2-1. Pick 4: 8-4-7-8.
Tri-State Megabucks: 3-5-22-24-27-30.