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Simpson trial goes to jury STATE

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's fate was placed in the hands of a jury Tuesday after a final theatrical flourish from an attorney who waved a wad of bills at the football great and accused him of cheapening the lives of the victims.

The panel deliberated two hours before quitting for the night. They must decide whether Simpson should be held responsible and made to pay millions for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of the crime of a year and a half ago.

Some jurors took notes as Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki explained in his instructions that Simpson is not being subjected to double jeopardy: "Even though the defendant Simpson was acquitted in the criminal case, you can still find him liable."

"Mr. Simpson, here's \$200. Give ... my client back his son!"

Simpson's lawyer, Robert Baker, rose from his seat and yelled back: "Give it up! Give it up!"

"Give my client back his son and we will march out of here in a heartbeat!"

Petrocelli raged. Simpson showed no reaction.

Petrocelli's stirring end to the five-month case came after nearly five days of closing arguments.



Simpson

continued. "Two people lost their lives. ... They deserve their final peace. Their lives mattered ... and that man who took their lives should be held accountable."

Petrocelli urged jurors to discount Simpson's easy demeanor and winning smile, quoting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" — "One may smile and smile and be a villain."

Petrocelli again attacked Simpson's alibi and his contention the 31 photos of him wearing Bruno Magli shoes are fake. He also noted Simpson has never given a clear explanation for cuts on his hand.

At one point, he showed a picture of Simpson's cut ring finger on his left hand and clawed at it with his own fingernails as if to show that's how the victims injured Simpson.

"These are the marks of a killer," he declared.

More than once, Baker objected that Petrocelli was not rebutting the defense argument but launching an entirely new line of attack. The judge overruled the objections.

He referred to Baker's argument that Simpson would never go out to kill in a "big, white elephant" of a Ford Bronco.

"You know what Mr. Simpson's other choices were? A Bentley and a Ferrari," Petrocelli said.

Relatives cried but there were some giggles from spectators as Petrocelli grimly derided Simpson's defense. Jurors stared back at him stonewalled, the same expression they have given throughout the days of summations by seven lawyers.

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Thompson, along with champions from other Texas public and private colleges, is requesting \$92 million to increase the number of college graduates in Texas.

The Texas Higher Education Coalition promotes partnerships with public high schools and community colleges and increasing college enrollment. The coalition's goal is to increase the number of college graduates in Texas by 15,200 more per year by 2005.

The Texas legislative session which began Jan. 14, ends in June. Bowen said testimony before the legislature is just the first step in a long process of getting the bill proposal approved by the governor.

CHALLENGER

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The clouds of smoke lingered in the sky for several minutes.

Cuellar said last year's 10th anniversary was viewed as especially significant only by tradition, as each year has equal impact on the state.

"It still brings a tear to my eye," he said. "It does not matter if it is the 10th, 11th or 12th year."

DROWNING

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Landry said at the time of the incident, he did not realize how fortunate he and his mother were.

"My mom and I started hearing everybody tell us how lucky we were and we started thinking about how lucky we were and that's when it hit us," he said. "I'd like to thank God that I was able to save my mom."

CLASSES

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"One of the things we'd like to improve is our ability to reach people on computers," he said.

Chip Schaeffer, who teaches country and western dance at University Plus, said he gets a lot of feedback from his students.

"You can see a light bulb go on and they have a new play toy," Schaeffer said.

Because classes are held on campus, parking has become a problem. Capehart tells students to use the University parking garages.

Those interested in classes should pick up the University Plus brochure or stop by their office at the lower level of the MSC. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from noon to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Their office phone number is 845-1631.

As the court day began, the case was further delayed by an hour because of an undisclosed jury problem.

Sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said some jurors had been contacted by a person or agency offering to represent them after the trial for media deals. Jurors brought the matter to the judge's attention, and the judge interviewed all the panelists without dismissing any of them.

Once jurors returned to their seats, the plaintiffs unleashed a final volley of invective against Simpson. Petrocelli berated both Simpson and Baker for "denying the undeniable" and for underestimating the victims' lives.

"We heard Mr. Baker say Mr. Simpson is the victim in all of this — not two precious human beings that are dead," Petrocelli said.

"Enough is enough," the lawyer

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