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REV. JOHN PROWETT
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PLEASE SEE PAGE TWO.
FAREWELL GOOD COMRADE.
REST IN PEACE, AMEN.

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PLEASE BE UNDERSTOOD, that Transsexuals IN Prison, Inc. has NO POLITICAL AGENDA, OUR ONLY AGENDA IS TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN PRISON AND AS BEST AS WE CAN FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT. Transsexuals In Prison, Inc is a NON-PROFIT organization and the Board Members of this Organization use their own personal financial means to publish this newsletter. Donation are accepted through the Distribution Directors Office or the Director of Counseling via the Distribution Director[some contributions may be tax-deductable], Transsexuals In Prison, Inc. is not a MAIL-FORWARDING service and if it does not relate to organizational business it will not be forwarded and returned to you.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Meriwether/C.E.O.
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" When I see nothing annihilated and not a drop of water wasted, I cannot suspect the annihilation of souls, or believe that GOD will suffer the daily waste of millions of minds that now exist, and put himself to the continual trouble of making new ones."

"Thus finding myself to exist in the world, I believe I shall, in some shape or other, always exist; and, with all the inconveniences human life is liable to, I shall not object to a new Edition of mine, hoping, however, that the mistakes of the past may be corrected"

T R A N S S E X U A L S I N P R I S O N , Inc.

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On June 23rd, 1995 Transsexuals In Prison Tennessee Regional Director was shot during an apparent robbery, Rev. John Prowett passed away on July 12th, 1995.

We here at T.I.P. send our heart felt condonances to his dear family and cherished friends for whom he devoted years and years of un-conditional love and support to throughout the Memphis, Los Angles, and San Francisco Gay and Lesbian communities.

Rev. Prowett was with T.I.P. from it's inception in 1984 and stayed with our organization until this un-fortunate incident.

Rev. Prowett never waivered in his opionions, or views and beleived that all transgender person(s) should unite as one and become the family that we should be to fight the homophobia, and unite the less fortunate of our community with the political and intellectual people of our community so that we stood as one.

Rev. Prowett will be saddly missed by the staff of T.I.P. for whom we sought out for his advise and decisions on majors issues that very much concerned the incarcerated transsexual both m/f and f/m.

We here at T.I.P. ask that all donations be made in luie of flowers to the MEMPHIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE, P.O. Box 11232 Memphis, Tn. 38111-0232 to continue the work of Rev. Prowett and the transgender community of greater Memphis.

God Bless you, and may whom ever created this incident be caught and justice be served, so many times our brothers and sisters are taken from us and the police do nothing because of who we are, Rev Prowett would not rest if he knew that one of his had been taken from the community , and I pray that we are a people will not rest either until justice is served.

Sincerely,


Vanessa Meriwether

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By G. Patricia Fisher "IN MEMORIAM REVEREND JOHN PROWETT"

Rev. John Prowett, our past Memphis, Tennessee, Pastor and the T.I.P. Tennessee Director was an Honourable Military Veteran of the United States of America Army. He served on active duty in the Vietnam theatre of action. He was I am pleased to say my Comrade and Friend having worked with him in the T.I.P. He was one of the pioneers in the T.I.P., and Rev. John Prowett also received in 1991 the "HUMANITARIAN AWARD" for outstanding service within the Community rendered to the Trans Gender Community, from the Minorities Trust and Transcare of New Zeland for the, Australalasian Trans-Gender Archive on the 25th day of December. a special award of merit. He was sincerely dedicated to serving "God" and the less fortunate in the community. He gave of all his possessions in this world for helping the poor and the Street people and the people in the prisons. I feel deeply sadness on hearing of his death. He also had a serious disability from the service and before June of 1995 was in the Veterans Hospital for Treatment and care. In his last letter to me he said that when he returned to his last apartment his landlord had placed all of his personal possesions outside on the sidewalk in the rain. His papers were almost all damaged or destroyed as also must have been his other possessions. He was then left alone and almost destitute when the welfare managed to get him some help into another apartment. He then moved into the last listed address in the T.I.P. He was not a rich man in material possessions but he was very rich when it came to serving and following his Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ. He was a good Christian Minister. It is sad and unfortunatate that some person unknown to us killed him. It is my sincere wish that he be inscribed in the good book of life.

Respectfully and Sincerely,

G. Patricia Fisher
Legion Past Post Commander, 1995.
Canadian Regional Director and
Distribution Director, T.I.P.Inc.

"Following is a short update of my summer Activities."

I was in the United States of America, and tried to get a job but the truth is that it was not there for me at this time. I still have a few more years to work on my minimal social security untill I am old enough to go onto old age security. I came back to Montreal where we still have our residence, and went back to work on my regular job. We are having a refferandum vote to seperate quebec from Canada now. The outcome of that will determine part of my future. I do have a good education, work experience record, and will go back in America and try again when it comes up in my future. I truely hope to keep up with my work in free contribution to the T.I.P. and thank you.

Acquittal triggers day of anger, joy

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By Richard Price and Sally Ann Stewart
USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson, acquitted of double-murder charges, celebrated his freedom with a party at his estate Tuesday while outside several hundred people chanted "Guilty, guilty, guilty."

The contrast of emotions spread from the courtroom across the nation when the "not guilty" verdicts were read by Judge Lance Ito's clerk after a marathon nine-month trial.

Simpson mouthed the words "thank you" to the jury. His family members rejoiced, while the families of victims Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were in tears.

Afterward, Simpson's mother, Eunice, told the media: "I was always in prayer. I knew that my son was innocent."

Separately, an agonized Fred Goldman, father of Ron Goldman, said, "The prosecution team didn't lose today. I deeply believe that this country lost today."

One prosecutor, Christopher Darden, burst into tears as he spoke to the media.

Simpson's lawyers may have been victorious, but defense lawyer Robert Shapiro provided

insights about disagreements on the team.

He told ABC he fought lead lawyer Johnnie Cochran's decision to use race as an issue. "Not only did we play the race card, we dealt it from the bottom of the deck."

Shapiro said he would not work on another case with Cochran and never even "talk to F. Lee Bailey again."

A key unanswered question concerns the future of the Simpson children, Justin, 7, and Sydney, 9.

Nicole Simpson's family likely will have to give up custody because Simpson agreed to it only until he was able to resume custody.

They told ABC late Tuesday that the children have been told that "Daddy's free."

Nicole's father, Lou Brown, said, "We're still in a wonderment area. . . . We gain nothing in fighting" for custody.

Simpson also faces three lawsuits from the victims' families seeking millions of dollars in damages.

The jury of nine blacks, two whites and one Hispanic reached their verdict Monday in less than four hours. Said juror Brenda Moran: "I think we did the right thing. As a matter of fact, I know we did."

In a scene reminiscent of the slow-speed Bronco chase last year, Simpson was taken to his estate Tuesday in a white van while news helicopters tracked him overhead.

Los Angeles Police Chief Willie Williams said he had no plans to reopen the probe.

But Simpson, in a statement read by son Jason, vowed to track down the killers who are "out there somewhere."



By Sam Mircovich, Reuters
HOME: O.J. Simpson walks with friend Al Cowlings, left, and another man after reaching his Brentwood mansion.



Pool photo by Myung J. Chun
THANKFUL: Eunice Simpson, mother of O.J. Simpson, clasps her hands as verdict is read.

Prosecutors 'ran from their evidence'



What would the verdict have been if Simpson were ...

White	
Guilty	41%
Not guilty	45%
Not rich	
Guilty	73%
Not guilty	19%

By Sam Ward, USA TODAY

NEWS ANALYSIS

By Tony Mauro
Legal Affairs Correspondent
USA TODAY

The defense never rested. And the prosecution never woke up.

In the search to explain Tuesday's verdict in the trial of the century, what emerges is that in the O.J. Simpson trial the traditional roles of prosecution and defense were reversed.

The prosecution, which is supposed to bear the burden of proof, to lay out the evidence in an orderly and logical way to a receptive jury, instead collapsed under the burden of missing evidence, lost opportunities and a defense assault that seized the momentum from day one of the trial.

The defense, for its part, relentlessly struck the theme of Los Angeles police incompetence and racism — a ploy that apparently resonated with the mostly black jury. The defense never let an unrefuted piece of evidence gather dust, ramming the prosecution daily with charges and new revelations that always demanded a response.

Add to that a jury that seemed ready, even eager, to reject the prosecution's theory for racial or evidentiary reasons, and the not guilty verdicts — at least in retrospect —

Defense message: We're in charge

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seem obvious.

"I don't think that Clarence Darrow in his best days could have gotten a conviction," says former prosecutor Henry Hudson. "The prosecution had to defend itself constantly, and the defense was successful in creating the illusion of innocence":

- ▶ The gloves didn't fit.
- ▶ Mark Fuhrman, a witness the prosecution embraced, turned out to be a racist — and a liar.
- ▶ Simpson's blood may have been planted on the sock — and the prosecution never rebutted that suspicion successfully.
- ▶ The prosecution's timeline did not fit — and even the re-read testimony of limousine driver Allan Park did not make it hang together.

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Prosecutors, pegging the time of death to the wailing bark of Nicole Simpson's dog, said Simpson had at least 30 minutes to murder before he returned to catch an airport limousine. But defense witnesses — ordinary citizens who had volunteered their services but were disdained by the prosecution — pushed the dog's barking back 15 minutes, cutting the timeline close.

Then defense expert Michael Baden, one of the nation's leading pathologists, testified the murders were preceded by a vicious death struggle lasting up to 15 minutes. Prosecutors scrambled to draw a new timeline, but it was too late.

► Police and prosecution practices that would not have raised a ripple in most cases were nitpicked by the defense. Police threw a hair-strewn blanket over Nicole Simpson's body, casting doubt on the trace evidence. The coroner wasn't called in for 10 hours, making the time of death suspect. Deputy Irwin Golden failed to perform routine autopsy procedures.

"The prosecution ran from their evidence and went down every blind alley the defense took them down," says prominent defense lawyer William Moffitt. "They lost the one thing you need to go to the jury with — their belief in you."

None of the prosecution's evidence — not even the supposedly ironclad DNA evidence — was allowed to linger unchallenged in the minds of the jurors. Barry Scheck, possibly the brightest star of the defense team, hammered away at the sloppy work of the police labs, aided by star witness Dr. John Gerdes. The doubts he raised were never effectively rebutted.

"If you take the DNA evidence away, all the jury was left with was two gruesomely murdered bodies and a barking dog," says Southwestern University law professor Myrna Raeder. When all was said and done, the Simpson murder trial was a circumstantial evidence case — the murder weapon was never found, and no human witnesses ever came forward.

Even during the closing arguments of prosecutor Marcia Clark, the defense did not let up, objecting nearly 60 times.

The objections were dismissed, but they continued to telegraph the message to the jury: The defense is in charge here.

To hear defense lawyer Robert Shapiro tell it, that strategy of questioning all the evidence was conceived hours after Simpson was arrested.

"The single best move I made was making that call to Dr. Henry Lee on June 13, 1994," says Shapiro. "And we didn't just benefit from his testimony. That was a small part. It was for everything he told us to do the whole way through."

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In the end, the prosecution's diversionary tactic proved to be a blunder, and prosecutors jettisoned it as the trial wore on. A videotape of a smiling Simpson embracing Nicole's family the evening of the murders undercut the angry picture prosecutors tried to paint of the defendant.

"The prosecution started this case with evidence of domestic violence to prove motive, before presenting the evidence" of the murder, says UCLA law professor Peter Arenella. "That might have created the impression in jurors' minds that the prosecution was trying to assassinate Simpson's character."

But the prosecution carried on, backing up its DNA tests with more traditional circumstantial evidence, including shoeprints Simpson's size, carpet fibers resembling the floor of his Bronco and hairs consistent with his type. The prosecutors' argument: No combination of corruption and contamination could have produced such overwhelming evidence, all pointing toward O.J. Simpson.

The tape of Nicole Brown Simpson's anguished 1993 call to police after her ex-husband broke down her door let the murder victim speak directly to the jury from the grave, analysts say. Also powerful: the photographs of her bruised face and arm and the will she left in a safety deposit box, they add.

That evidence crumbled nonetheless, perhaps most of all because of the credibility and race problems Fuhrman caused. Just how important Fuhrman and the race issue were to the case will be debated long and hard — even after the jurors speak out. The prosecution's defenders say the race issue blinded the jurors to the evidence.

"I've never seen a more obvious case of guilt," says Vincent Bugliosi, who prosecuted Charles Manson. "Yet this jury apparently gave no weight to the mountain of incriminating evidence and instead bought into the defense argument this was a case about race. And it was their opportunity to rectify and put an end to centuries of racism by the white community."

Fuhrman posed the biggest dilemma for the prosecution. After relying heavily on him in the beginning of the trial, it would have been awkward to completely repudiate him once he was discredited. Prosecutors distanced themselves from Fuhrman, but may not have made it clear enough that their case was still strong without him. Fuhrman's damage was irreversible.

"If the jury doesn't like the main character, they're not going to like the play," says jury consultant Robert Hirschhorn.

"This was a total repudiation of the LAPD and the prosecution for wrapping itself in the LAPD," says Harland Braun, one of the defense lawyers for police charged in the Rodney King beating case.

The other defense advantage — shared by few others accused of murder — was money. The defense team doesn't deny it. Their strategy might have been brilliant, but it would have remained on the drawing board without Simpson's millions to bring it to life.

"What this verdict tells you," says Arenella, "is that the quality of justice depends on how much money you spend to hire the best lawyers, and how much you can match the power of the state by sewing up the best experts to fight."

Contributing: Gale Holland, Richard Price and Sally Ann Stewart.

"NEWS UPDATE"

On October 30, 1995 the Canadian Citizens are forced to vote, No as to seperation of the Province of Quebec from Canada or to vote Yes, for Non-seperation of Quebec from Canada. Presently at this time the French, majority party is in complete control of our Province of Quebec Gouvernement, and is forcing this issue on us here. I do not know what the outcome of it will be in the future, as the voters of Quebec are very unperdictable.

The worthy organizations of Fact Quebec International, and also the worthy orgionization of T.I.P., is still here with us and if I were to move out of Quebec for the United States of America as a good American Citizen or into another Province of Canada, we are still going to exist in the future hopefully as long as other people will help us and stay with us.

The good organization of "National Gender Dysphoria Organization, is still offering their newsletter to inmate transsexuals in prison FREE. I will always share with each of you that in what I am able to accompolish. They say they have referrals to compassionate psychiatric social workers, psychologists, and endocrine management management physicians and competient gender reassignment surgeons. Their membership form is here enclosed.

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Yuri Kumivof, since the desolve of the U.S.S.R. over in the Socialist Republics, has been discharged from the Army, and all of the people there are now suffering great economic and and readjustment to the non-gouvernement subsidized service previously received.

I would like to take this time to wish all of our Hebrew Friends, on past September 25, 1995-5756 my best wishes for a good new year in 5756. I also wish for each of you in this comming December of 1995 Monday, the 25th., my most sincere "Wishes for a good Christmas" the Holliday Seasons Greetings, and a most progressive good year in 1996.



ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF T.I.P., & FROM MYSELF, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA, WE WISH FOR YOU GOOD HEALTH, PEACE AND A GOOD CHRISTMAS SEASON THIS DECEMBER.



Very sincerely, Patricia Fisher .

Patricia S. Fisher