

Anti-riot strategy averts Miami riot

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 MIAMI — Authorities said Sunday a revised anti-riot strategy and efforts by the black community helped Miami avoid a repeat of serious racial rioting following the acquittal of a Hispanic policeman in the slaying of a black man.

past outbreaks caught authorities off guard. Blacks in the ghettos of Overtown, Liberty City and Coconut Grove tossed rocks and bottles and looted a dozen businesses Thursday night when patrolman Luis Alvarez, 24, was found innocent in the shooting death of Overtown resident Nevell Johnson Jr., 20.

"Basically we had a contingency plan we were able to implement prior to the outbreak occurring," said City Manager Howard Gary, adding that the

But police with riot gear moved into the slums in force as the verdict was announced and black leaders urged youths to go home.

Officials knew a verdict was near and were prepared. About 550 arrests were made and, despite scattered violence, no serious injuries or deaths were reported.

Police sent virtually all of the department's 180 black officers out with the field response teams. Officers had prepared in recent months by sending more police to walk ghetto beats with instructions to get to know area residents.

Another major factor, said Mayor Maurice Ferre, was black

activists' efforts to defuse tension before the verdict.

The Community Relations Board, a government-sponsored peace-keeping group, sent representatives into the community to talk to black youths and also sponsored a daily radio show on a black-oriented station explaining developments in the trial.

In addition, the CRB convinced several Miami Dolphins football players to make an appearance in Overton last week, calling for restraint.

Last week's disturbances did not approach the intensity of the outbreaks of racial violence that racked Miami in 1982 and in 1980 — the nation's worst race riot this decade.

Police were able to contain violence that threatened to break out after the all-white jury

acquitted Alvarez because the police organized phalanxes of well-equipped "field response teams" of up to 20 cars, police said.

Around town

Defensive Driving Course Offered

The Brazos Valley Safety Agency will conduct a defensive driving course today and Saturday at the Ramada Inn. The eight-hour course will be from 6 to 10 p.m. today and from a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Students must attend both sessions. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the Ramada Inn or students can pre-register by calling 693-8178. Cost for the course is \$20.

The course can be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed or to get a 10 percent reduction in automobile rates.

Agronomy Society to host Pageant

The Texas A&M chapter of the Agronomy Society is sponsoring the 50th Annual Cotton Pageant. The beauty contestants will be judged on the basis of beauty, poise and personality, and the winner will receive a \$500 scholarship. The year's theme for the pageant is "Cotton: Agriculture's Golden Thread." Applications are available in 217 Soil and Crop Sciences Building. The entry fee is \$40. Deadline for entering is March 23.

Entries accepted for poetry contest

Entries are now being accepted for the Texas A&M Poetry Contest. Entries can be turned in at the Student Lounge in the Kleberg Animal Science and Food Center, at the entrance of the library, in the English department faculty lounge in the Blocker Building and outside the Engineering department's office in the Zachry Engineering Center.

Entries now accepted for annual run

Epsilon Kappa Fraternity and the Department of Health and Physical Education will sponsor the Eighth Annual Texas A&M Quarter (6.55 miles), Half (13.1 miles) and Fun (3 miles) Runs March 24 at Texas A&M. All participants will receive a ribbon. For the three mile run, the first 20 finishers will receive race caps. Quarter and Half Marathon runners will receive decals and awards will be given to the top three runners in each age group. Trophies will be given to the group with the largest number of finishers. Categories are fraternities, sororities, corps units, dorms, independents and public schools.

Registration fees are \$1 for Fun Run participants and \$3 for Quarter and Half Marathon participants. Fees increase after March 18. Entry forms are available in the Health and Physical Education Department, 158 and 158k East Kyle. For more information, contact Dr. Emma Gibbons, 845-3730, or Dr. Carl Gabbard, 845-1277.

WICI luncheon to honor women

The Texas A&M's chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. will host the second annual luncheon March 21 at 12:15 in 225 Memorial Student Center observing National Women's History Week. The keynote speakers will be Dr. Bonnie Ledbetter and Dr. Sara Alpern, both who are assistant professors of history at Texas A&M. Ledbetter will discuss "Texas A&M Women: Past" and Alpern will discuss "Texas A&M Women: Future."

Deadline to register is March 19 and the fee is \$7 per person. Checks should be made payable to Women in Communications, Inc. and can be sent to WICI, Department of Communications, 230 Reed McDonald, Texas A&M University. For more information, Contact Sandy Utt, 845-4667.

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In-flight smoking verdict due today

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 WASHINGTON — The Civil Aeronautics Board meets today to decide whether to ban cigarette smoking on airplanes during short domestic flights, a prohibition opposed by the tobacco industry and the nation's airlines.

The independent government agency is expected to instruct its staff to draft a final smoking rule, a CAB spokesman said. When the regulations are worked out, probably by the middle of next month, the board will take a formal vote on them, the spokesman said.

The CAB voted tentatively last year to prohibit smoking on flights lasting either one or two hours or less.

It also acted provisionally to ban smoking on aircraft with 60 to 30 seats or less.

During a public meeting today, the board will tell the staff whether it still wants the ban. If the answer is yes — and there have been no public indications that the board is ready to reverse itself — the panel will spell out the prohibition, setting the exact flight duration and aircraft size.

Congress has voted to deregulate the airline industry and the CAB will go out of business Dec. 31. All federal rules governing smoking on domestic flights will die with the agency unless Congress acts to maintain them.

John Banzhaf, executive director of Action on Smoking and Health, said in an interview on the eve of the CAB meeting his organization favors banning smoking on flights lasting up to two hours.

During public hearings last month, the Tobacco Institute testified that present rules requiring airlines to provide "no smoking" sections are fair and reasonable. The industry group argued the stiffer anti-smoking proposals would effectively ban smoking on most commercial flights in the United States.

Airline industry representatives also testified the proposed ban was not needed because current rules stipulate that smokers and non-smokers be segregated.

Cigarette smoking is permitted in smoking areas on most flights. Some smaller airlines, such as Muse Air, have banned smoking on all flights.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Orders for A&M class rings will be taken from March 21* until April 30 at Room 119 of the Pavilion (Registration Center). To qualify for a ring, an undergraduate student must have a minimum of 92 semester credit hours passed with 30 hour in residence at Texas A&M. The person must not be on suspension, dismissal or expulsion from the University nor have any outstanding financial debts to the University. (A 2.0 GPR is not required.)

To use mid-semester grades to fulfill the above hour requirements please do the following:

1. Come by the Ring Office in the Pavilion between March 21-April 20 and leave your full name, major and identification number at least one week before ordering a ring for eligibility to be verified. (This information must be left (in person) whether 92 hours were completed before this semester or not.)
2. Bring your mid-semester grade report.

The full cost of the ring is due when ordering the ring. Prices will be available March 20.

Office hours are 8-11:30 AM and 1-4 PM, Monday-Friday. All ring business will be conducted at Room 119 of the Pavilion. The office in Heaton Hall will be closed beginning March 21 until further notice.

* Only those who left information for a ring verification in January of February may order beginning March 21. Names left between March 1-13 will be ready on March 26. If you have any questions please call 845-1050 or 845-1095.

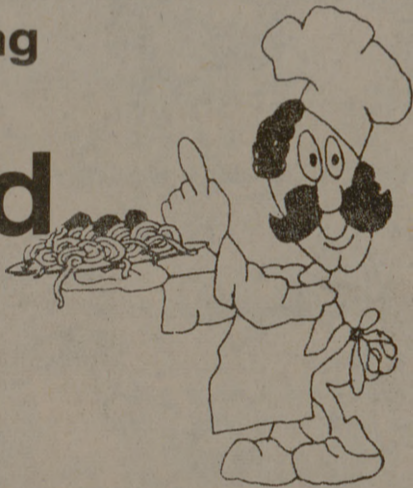
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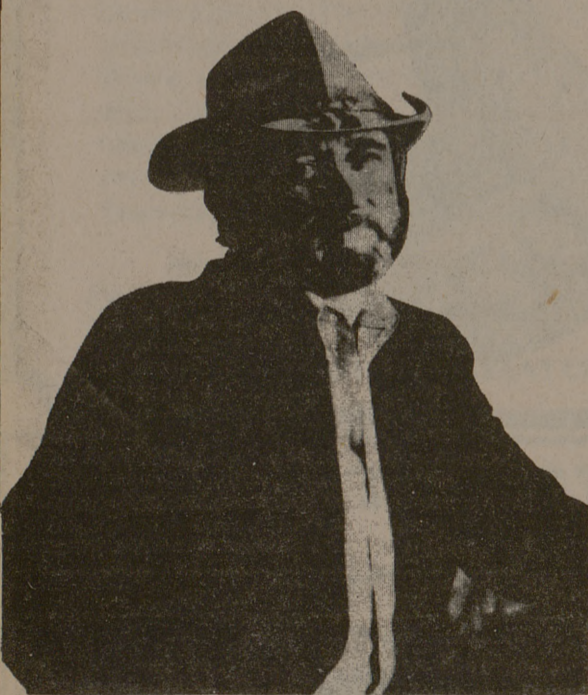
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