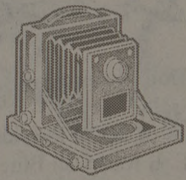


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**Police prepared for violence strategy may have backfired**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — For two weeks, members of a black separatist group called for the "execution" of a white policeman for the fatal shooting of a black motorist, threatening to "burn this city down" unless the officer was charged and fired.

The shooting itself had touched off rioting Oct. 24, so police took the threats seriously. They scoured the streets for days, clearing trash bins and alleys of six tons of rocks and bottles they believe the group stashed as ammunition to use against them.

And on Wednesday, the day a grand jury cleared the officer, police prepared to arrest leaders of the group so they would spend the night in jail.

But the strategy may have backfired: The group leaders were arrested in front of their headquarters, in full view of already seething protesters.

Within hours, two police officers were wounded by gunfire and seven other people were injured Wednesday when people angrily took to the same streets where they rioted after Officer Jim Knight shot 18-year-old Ty-Ron Lewis through his windshield last month.

On Thursday, Police Chief Darrel Stephens faced angry questions

from City Council members who wanted to know why the group wasn't brought under control before the looting, arson and shooting broke out.

"I'm furious. I am sorry, but I am furious," council member Connie Kane told Chief Darrel Stephens. "Why have we waited so long to say that law and order is going to prevail?"

Stephens defended the police. "Our effort was not aimed at provoking violence," he said. "Our effort was aimed at doing whatever we could to prevent violence."

This time, the violence was less widespread, but more intense. Police responding to reports of trouble were met with bullets, rocks and bottles. Passers-by were attacked with concrete and bottles. Police used tear gas and barricades to break up the groups, only to have them reform in new areas.

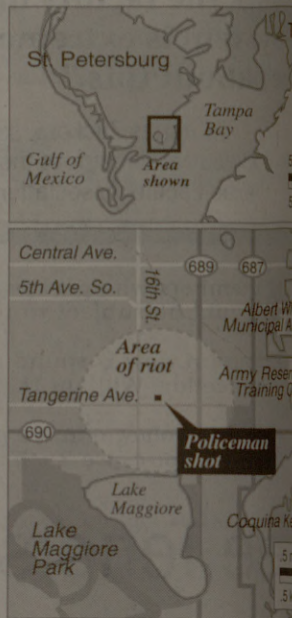
Stephens blamed the violence largely on the small black separatist group, the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement.

"I don't believe that this was a spontaneous event," he said.

By early Thursday morning, the streets were quiet, and calm prevailed into the afternoon. The main activity was from city workers, who removed debris and rocks. Extra police were out

**Race riot**

Rioting occurred again in the same area as the Oct. 24 riot in southern St. Petersburg.



on the streets. The threat of violence hung over the city since after the first night of rioting which caused upwards of \$1 million in damage.

**Biosphere 2 teaches lessons to scientists**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Biosphere 2, the costly experiment in creating a closed, self-sustaining ecosystem in Arizona, failed in early 1993 because the concrete walls ate up oxygen and left humans inside with barely enough to breathe.

What was supposed to be a glass-enclosed copy of a pristine and smoothly functioning Earth evolved into a place choked with carbon dioxide and nitrogen, replete with uncontrollable weedy vines, cockroaches, ants and katydids thrived.

"It was the boldest attempt ever" to create a closed ecosystem, said David Tilman, a University of Minnesota scientist, but it failed miserably. "This suggests that there are areas of nature that are sufficiently great mysteries — that we don't know how to manage them or make them better."

"This is very humbling," he said. Tilman and Joel E. Cohen of Rockefeller University and Columbia University in New York, wrote an analysis of the Biosphere 2 experiment for the journal Science, to be published Friday.

Biosphere 2, built in Oracle, Ariz., at a cost of \$200 million, was designed to contain all of the soil, water, air, animals and plants. It was to be a self-contained living system capable of supporting eight humans without help from the outside.

The 139,935-square-foot facility had miniature forests, lakes, streams and an ocean that imitated the natural systems sustaining the Earth.

Eight people were sealed into the Biosphere in September, 1991, expecting to be isolated for two years and to raise their own food, breathe air recirculated by plants living with them, and drink water cleaned by natural processes.

In less than 18 months, it was clear the system was terribly out of balance, said Tilman. Oxygen concentration dropped from 21 percent to 14 percent, about the same level present at 17,500 feet and barely enough to keep the crew functioning.

It was learned later, said Tilman, that the humans were being suffocated by the Biosphere's cement walls.

"To grow food, they put in very rich soils, which contained a great amount of organic material that bacteria consumed," said Tilman. "The bacteria used a lot of oxygen, dropping the oxygen levels. The bacteria released carbon dioxide, which became chemically bound up in the cement. That broke the cycle."

To enable the eight crew members to complete their stay, the Biosphere was opened and oxygen pumped in. The crew remained for the project's full two years and emerged relatively healthy despite the problems that continued to the end. The project also was marred by disputes among the crew and with sponsors over pay and other matters.

**Long-term patients lose priority**

BOSTON (AP) — People suffering from long-term liver failure the sort often seen in alcohol and drug addicts will no longer be first in line for new organs.

The shift, approved Thursday by the agency that sets national transplant policy, is at giving top priority to patients with the best chance of surviving the operation, rather than those who are the sickest.

In recent years, some have questioned whether patients who ruined their livers through drugs or drink denew organs — a debate that renewed when Mickey Hatcher and "Dallas" star Larry Hagman received transplants.

Supporters of the new policy adopted by the United Network for Organ Sharing said they were passing moral judgment on alcoholics or intravenous drug users who often get hepatitis from needles. Rather, they said, the goal is to make the most out of a limited number of donated livers.

"The criteria that you give the liver to the sickest person was always a suspect criteria," said George Annas, professor of health law at the Boston University School of Public Health. "The real criteria is give the liver to the person who can benefit the most from it."

Some warned that the change will mean alcoholics and long-term liver patients will have to wait longer for a new liver, more of them will die waiting.

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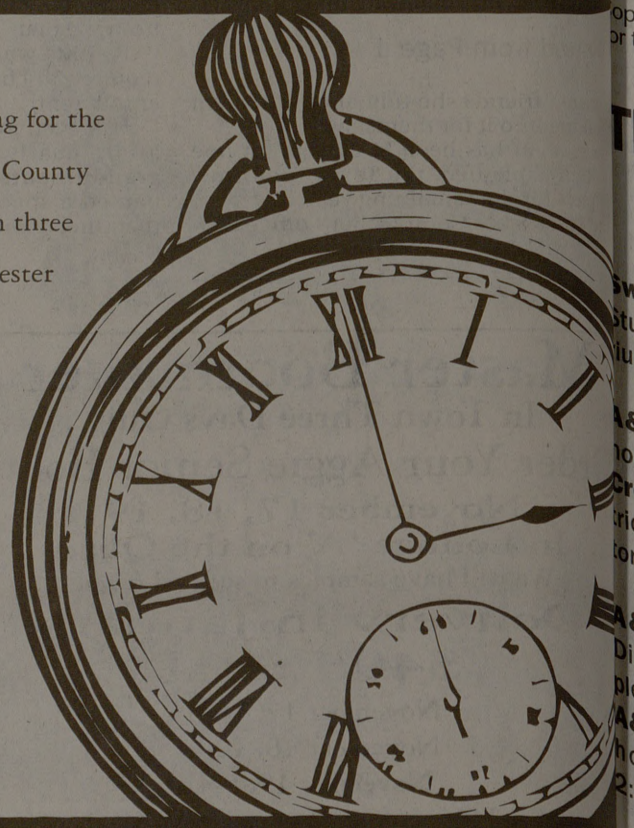
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