

# Locals: Neo-Nazis cause of melee

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) - In the days leading up to a White supremacist march, ministers pleaded with residents to stay calm and community leaders organized peace rallies.

Authorities even delayed releasing the route so protesters wouldn't know where the group planned to march.

It wasn't enough to stop an angry mob that included gang members from looting and burning a neighborhood bar, smashing the windows of a gas station and hurling rocks and bottles at police on Saturday.

Twelve officers were injured, one suffering a concussion when a brick flew through her cruiser window.

In all, 114 people were arrested on charges including assault, vandalism, failure to disperse and overnight curfew violations.

"We knew during the preparation that it was going to be a tremendous challenge," Police Chief Mike Navarre said Sunday. "Anyone who would accuse us of being underprepared, I would take exception with that."

Much of the anger boiled over because people were



Residents protest on Stickney Avenue as they encounter National Socialist Movement members in Toledo, Ohio on Saturday. The presence of the racists sparked civil unrest.

upset that city leaders were willing to allow the supremacists to walk through the neighborhood and shout insults, residents and authorities said.

"You can't allow people to come challenge a whole city and not think they weren't going to strike back," said Kenneth Allen, 47, who watched the violence begin near his home.

Authorities said there was

little they could do to stop the group, because they did not apply for a parade permit and instead planned to walk along sidewalks.

"They do have a right to walk on the Toledo sidewalks," said Mayor Jack Ford, who at one point confronted leaders of the mob and tried to settle them down.

A gang member in a mask threatened to shoot him, and others cursed him for allow-

ing the march, the mayor said. He said he didn't know if the man who threatened him was actually armed, but he blamed gangs for much of the violence.

The march had been called off because of the crowds, and the White supremacists had left.

If the Nazi group tries to come back, Ford said he would seek a court order to  
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# Nonprofits team for technology camp

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Starting this weekend and running for four consecutive Saturdays, the Cultural Diversity Foundation and Omega Psi Phi Charities of Nevada will host a computer boot camp at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Titled "Technology Made Simple: Everything You Need to Know About Computers But Were Afraid to Ask," the four-week computer boot camp aims to equip attendants with basic skills to help them better navigate technology.

The workshops will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 240 of the Frank & Estella Beam Hall at UNLV. Beam Hall is located directly behind the Moyer Student Union.

The cost is \$5, but prospective participants won't be turned away if unable to pay the fee, according to event coordinators.

"One of the great benefits of our computer training workshop is that it provides you with the basic knowledge you need to enhance the computer skills needed in every aspect of your life," said Joni Flowers, a board member of the Cultural Diversity Foundation. "The workshop will also help people become more valuable in the workplace."

This Saturday's workshop will cover email (how to set up accounts and use it) and word processing (among other things, demystifying Microsoft Word).

On Oct. 29, the boot camp's focus shifts to enhancing Internet search skills by using search engines and subject directories.

On Nov. 5; it's all about PowerPoint, as participants will learn the ins and outs of the program, as well as how to create PowerPoint presentations with graphics.

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# Tucker

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C. DeLores Tucker," said Philadelphia Mayor John P. Street in a Phillynews.com article. "Whether it was marching arm-in-arm with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or advising presidents on race relations, she never gave up the struggle for justice. Her life was dedicated to equality for all."

Tucker was also heavily involved in politics. She honed her political skills at Philadelphia Girls High School, where she organized the school for elections. She graduated in 1946 and later obtained degrees at Temple University, Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Though she failed in bids for state lieutenant governor in 1978 and for the U.S. Senate in 1980, Tucker directed the campaigns of presidential candidates and other political aspirants.

In 1971, Pennsylvania Gov. Milton J. Shapp appointed Tucker as the secretary of the commonwealth, making her the first Black and first woman to assume the role.

Tucker used her position to lead Pennsylvania toward becoming one of the first states to enact the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. She also instituted the first Commission on the Status of Women and, as the Chief of Elections, she spearheaded a successful effort to institute voter registration by mail and to lower the voting age from 21 to 18.

As Pennsylvania's Secretary of State, Tucker "was responsible for the governor's appointment of more women and African-Americans to boards, commissions and judicial positions than at any prior time in Pennsylvania history," Street said.

Among many other distinctions, Tucker was:

- The first female vice president of the state NAACP
- First Black woman to be named vice chair of the state Democratic Party
- Convening founder and chairwoman of the National Congress of Black Women
- Chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee's Black Caucus
- First African-American to serve as president of the National Federation of Democratic Women
- Founder of the Bethune-DuBois Institute in Washington, D.C., which promotes the cultural development of Black youth through scholarships and educational programs
- Publisher of Vital Issues: The Journal of African-American Speeches

Though always controversial, Tucker ignited public attention when she launched a vociferous protest against obscene lyrics in rap music. She picketed in front of music stores and even picketed the NAACP in 1994 when it nominated rapper Tupac Shakur for one of its Image Awards. Shakur and other rappers retaliated by taunting and ridiculing Tucker in their songs, leading to a legal maelstrom involving Tucker, artists, song labels and news publications.

She is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, real estate agent William Tucker.

The services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Deliverance Evangelistic Church located at 2001 W. Lehigh Ave, in Philadelphia, Pa. Public viewing is today from noon until 8 p.m. and tomorrow morning from 8 a.m. until the service commences. The interment is at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

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