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Company: TGH 'unable to cope' with crisis

A letter from the company that insures TGH's bonds prompts a call from president Bruce Siegel's resignation.

By WATNE WASHINGTON
Times Staff Writer

TAMPA — Senior management of Tampa General Hospital is "unresponsive and unable to cope" with a spiraling financial crisis, according to a letter from the company that insures the hospital's bonds.

The company "expects" the hospital's board to "act quickly and decisively to remedy this situation," said the letter from New York-based Financial Security Assurance.

Hospital board member Jeremy Ross insisted Wednesday the concerns raised by the bonding company have been addressed but refused to cite specifics.

"This letter was not intended to be a public letter," Ross said. "It was intended to be a private letter to the board of directors."

People need to bury their egos and relinquish the reins," that said. "They need to acknowledge that the experiment has failed before it is too late."

Tampa General spokesman John Dunn said hospital officials were surprised by the letter, dated Nov. 12. "We had been in contact with the bonding company on a number of occasions and not once did they place the concerns outlined in the letter."

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Security found wanting at many major airports

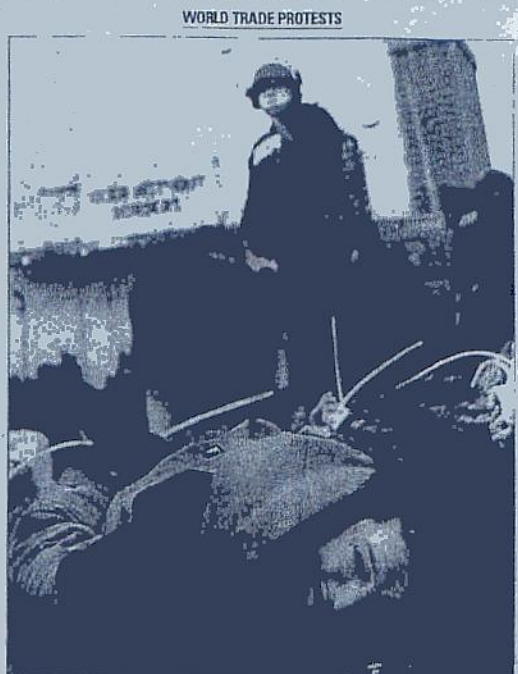
With no one challenging them, federal investigators managed to board planes and enter secure areas.

WASHINGTON — Transportation Department investigators penetrated secure areas easily at major U.S. airports that some were rated creditably sound at times of departure time and could have taken a free trip.

The Federal Aviation Administration's review of the airports and a review of the report this Wednesday, The FBI, citing unnamed sources, reported that out of the airports was Miami International. The others were in Atlanta, Chicago (O'Hare), New York (John F. Kennedy), Washington (Reagan National), Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Honolulu.

A statement from Inspector General Kenneth Mead, whose office conducted the investigations, said that control of access to airports is a continuing problem but that the FAA "has been slow to take actions necessary to strengthen access control requirements and adequately oversee the implementation of existing controls."

The FAA replied in a statement that it was already vigorously addressing the problem.



A police officer stands guard over some of the more than 250 protesters arrested in downtown Seattle. About 300 National Guard troops helped patrol the area Wednesday where the WTO is meeting.

Who's to blame for chaos?

Some say anarchists, not police, were organized



The latest from Seattle

Seattle estimates a 50 block no-protest zone downtown.

Meyer bans the purchase, sale and carrying of gas masks in city limits.

200 National Guard troops and 300 state police help Seattle police maintain calm.

Despite police crackdown, 400 people are taken into custody.

President Clinton gets a cool reception from World Trade delegates.

SEATTLE — It took only a few minutes for the people in the search for better costumes and some protesters to realize that what was planned as the biggest U.S. demonstration yet in Seattle against global trade trade Tuesday had turned into a burst of window-breaking and looting in the late afternoon light.

A surge of violence that ended in a civil emergency began when a mob of people clad in black broke away from the main demonstration and started overturning trash bins, smashing fires and smashing windows of stores and restaurants. It did not let the incongruous image of a growing young man in a Gas Watcher trying to cut off a small fire from a Radio Shack store.

How the then Eric was crossed from non-violent protest into chaos was being extensively discussed here Wednesday, as the World Trade Organization got down to business, the conclusion itself was something of an oxymoron. The anarchists were organized.

One person clad in black who refused to identify himself, told the Star-Tribune that the anarchist group had planned all along to incite the crowd.

People also blamed the police for an initial show of force with rubber bullets and tear gas against largely non-violent protesters, and their backing off to create a breathing zone within the city's most gilded retail corridors. At first, the protesters tried to police themselves — something they said they were incapable of doing once the more militant element took hold.

People say PROTEST 21A

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Tech Data readies for tough stretch

Tech Data is what the leadership at President Anthony Harpaz plans to leave. The change comes as the area's largest public company faces a tough quarter. 1E

Postal Service goes to war

It will use customer centers, temporary employees and extra planes to move an expected 20 billion pieces of holiday mail. 1E

Cruise line fleet to grow?

Central Corp. plans an initial round-trip offer of \$1.7 billion for NCA Holding ASA to add Norwegian Cruise Line to its fleet. 1E

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The Justin and Juli show is the sign of new elections. K. Peters, Oscar partners Justin Loveland and Juli Roberts pulled off two of 19's biggest political wins. 1C

A Viking chemistry lesson

Get George and Cici Carr have scored a bond that is shattering stereotypes. And Minnesota's new weapon? You. Multiple. 2001. 1C

Good news, hockey fans

WTAE AM 120, the Lightning's flagship station, plans to move its programming and call letters to the more powerful 620 signal. 1C

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New charge in FAMU case

Federal hate-crime charges are added to the indictment against Lawrence Lombard, the alleged man charged for the bombings. 1D

Teacher borrows bring suit

Florida teachers union sues to stop the business for teachers under the Bush profit plan, which other countries proved, too. 1D

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A new stage for Bush

The Texas governor faces an important test tonight in the first debate of his campaign for the GOP presidential nomination. 2A

More remains uncovered

Authorities have discovered remains of five people, suspected victims of a Mexican drug gang, at a site on the U.S. border. 2A

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Holiday meal planning? With the holiday here, it's time to plan the menu. Hamakill makes the menu. (or even a fondle me?) And the Nibbler says that new seafood restaurants are on the way. 2001. 1D

Corrections, Section A

University of South Florida director of undergraduate admissions Carl E. Lewis's name was misspelled in a story Wednesday. ■ Mr. Anderson, called on the phone on July 20, 1999. We acknowledge a primary correction gave an incorrect date.



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Hearing from 1A

... will be among the biggest of them all," Miranda said.

Why has the ordinance stirred such passion? Money, morality and the specter of Big Brother.

The law would forbid nude lap dancing, which gives Tampa strip clubs their raucous reputation and is the primary source of income for dancers. Women usually make \$30 or more for rubbing against a customer's body during a three-minute song, and they can earn \$400 a night.

Dozens of dancers told council members at a Nov. 18 hearing that the jobs allowed them to buy homes, put their kids through school and provide for sick and elderly relatives.

The city has produced an explicit videotape from police undercover arrests. The tape showed a gathering of local clerical workers, as well as council members who received private videotapes Tuesday and Wednesday.

The tape shows repeated close-ups of female genitalia, and appears to show women engaging in oral sex on stage. Nude dancers wrap their legs around customers' heads. In one scene, a race-coordinated truck with a sex toy attached to the front is directed between a performer's legs.

The tape will be played at the hearing this afternoon.

Monaghan Lawrence Higgins of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Tampa said most people who attend the clubs assume there is nothing worse than go-go dancing inside.

"I think it's about time people saw what's going on," said Higgins, a cofounder of Moral Check and numerous other Tampa area groups. "We've been harassed, put to sleep."

But the issue also has drawn the ire of people who think government is out of control.

Andrew Harrow, a real estate investor and former owner of a strip club, is so outraged by the proposed ban on lap dancing that he printed handbills for a moon day today on Franklin Street in downtown Tampa and distributed them to male clubs.

"The risk of government telling people what to do," he said, "is never to make a statement to the public and not just take this type of action."

The battle could start before the 1 p.m. hearing.

Club attorneys may go to court this morning in an effort to prevent city officials from showing the video, said Luis Lirio, who represents strip club owner Joe DiStefano and other club owners.

One clip comes from a pending criminal case, he said. Showing the tape in public could keep his clients, a night manager at Deja Vu Showgirls on Adams Drive, from receiving a life bid, Lirio said.

Council member Linda Smith said showing the video at a public meeting makes her uneasy. But city attorneys told her the tape needs to be part of the record, should club owners file a lawsuit.

The city's cable television station will broadcast the meeting but only show views of council members and the audience during the video.

Keeping sexual content from children at the hearing while observing public meeting requirements posed a tricky problem, city attorney James Palermo said.

The city is expected to set up monitors at the hearing room so city council members can watch, he said. Members of the public can watch on televisions in the other ballrooms, which will be closed to minors, Palermo said.

Redner predicts as many as 12,000 dancers, relatives and consumers will pack the convention center.

Randy White, senior pastor of Without Walls International Church, said members of his congregation made nearly 40,000 phone calls urging people to attend the hearing or contact council members.

"I'd be very lucky to see 50 people in line at the entrance from all the churches," he said.

Today's hearing will start with two-hour testimony by the city, followed by an attorney and experts for the clubs.

Then, members of the public will get three minutes each to speak. About 100 people spoke at the six-hour hearing Nov. 18.

"I'm prepared to order dinner and stay in," said Miranda.

The council voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance at the hearing. It would need the mayor's signature to become law.



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