

state news briefs

Philly exchange security tightened

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Three guards wearing holstered pistols and bullet belts were on duty yesterday at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange in the wake of the shootings of two brokers in Miami.

Robert Leavitt, captain in charge of the exchange's normal security force of 21 officers, said Monday's shootings, which left one broker dead, prompted the hiring of the additional armed guards.

"Everything is normal, and there really are no concerns, but we just want to be ready just in case," Leavitt said.

Joseph Rizzello, exchange vice president, said there had been no violent acts in Philadelphia.

"We have a good security system, but we just made it a little stiffer," he said.

Suit for strip-searched students filed

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The parents of 21 elementary students, who were ordered to partially disrobe during a search for a missing watch, have sued a Beaver County school district.

"They may not know how to spell 'Constitution,' but we're going to see to it that they at least understand part of it," said Rosa Petties, whose son, Marvin Wilson, 9, was among those searched on Oct. 7.

The suit was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh by the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the fourth-graders at Neel Elementary School in Midland.

According to the suit, the defendants subjected the children, ranging in age from 9 to 11, to "a senseless, degrading strip search for a watch which was not lost."

nation news briefs

Critics say drug war losing ground

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — A year after President Reagan signed legislation to wage a war on drugs, critics said yesterday the first battle has been lost and support has failed to reach the front lines: the streets of the nation's cities.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors released a study showing that fewer than half of 42 selected major cities surveyed have received commitments for money under the law for local drug education, treatment and enforcement programs.

Fewer still have actually received any of the \$700 million, the study said.

Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics, accused the administration of delaying distribution of the federal money through the states to the cities.

"Even though it was a tremendous legislative victory and even though the president signed the bill with all the fanfare before the elections, what he has effectively been able to do is to deter the flow of legislative monies into the state and local communities," Rangel said.

Deaver's influence questioned

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Michael K. Deaver turned his longtime association with President Reagan into a lucrative lobbying business and later lied when questioned under oath about his influence-peddling, the prosecutor charged yesterday at the former presidential aide's perjury trial.

Deaver, whose association with the president dates back to Reagan's days as governor of California "decided in 1985 to turn that relationship into personal gain," leaving the White House staff to form a public relations business, independent counsel Whitney North Seymour Jr. said in opening remarks to the jury.

But defense lawyer Herbert J. Miller Jr. said if Deaver "intended to use that kind of influence he would have called the president of the United States. But he's not that kind of man and he didn't."

The former deputy White House chief of staff is charged with five counts of lying to a House subcommittee and a federal grand jury.

world news briefs

S. Koreans approve constitution

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean voters overwhelmingly approved a new constitution yesterday, establishing direct presidential elections and other democratic reforms demanded in extensive anti-government riots last summer.

In downtown Seoul, riot police battled protesters who urged voters to boycott the referendum. Police said about 40 demonstrators were arrested.

Election officials declared the referendum approved early today.

The approval rate was 94 percent when 54 percent of the total ballots counted, but only a simple majority was needed. The final results were expected later today.

The constitution reduces the power of the presidency and increases the authority of the legislature and the judiciary.

President Chun Doo-hwan, who took power with military backing in 1980, bowed to opposition demands for reforms in July and announced that he would step down when his term ends Feb. 25.

Third radiation victim dies in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A junkyard worker who helped break open a capsule containing radioactive cesium 137 died yesterday, the third victim of the glowing substance he and friends admired but did not understand.

Israel Batista dos Santos, 22, died after three weeks in critical condition at a Rio hospital, the navy press office said.

Last Friday, a 6-year-old girl and her aunt died of infection caused by radiation.

The bodies of Maria Gabriela Ferreira, 37, and her niece, Leide Ferreira, were buried Monday in special lead coffins in Goiania, located 850 miles northwest of Rio, where they were exposed to the radiation.

A crowd of about 400 people, shouting "We don't want to be contaminated," threw rocks at the caskets and formed a human barrier to try to prevent the burial. State police were called in to keep protesters back and the burial was carried out.

The cesium 137 was in a protective lead casing found in September at a partly demolished cancer treatment center by junk scavengers. Friends and neighbors admired the substance as beautiful, rubbed it on their bodies and carried it in their pockets.

The cesium 137 contaminated 243 people. Doctors treated and released 200 people, but 39 remained hospitalized.

Tourists trapped in Tibet bus

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — About 150 tourists became snow-bound in buses en route from Tibet and urgently need help, a Canadian said today after he left the group and hiked for five days to reach Katmandu.

Fred Brooks said he and several other men who walked into Katmandu informed the Chinese Embassy about the tourists' plight and also sought help from the U.S. Embassy.

At least three Americans were on the buses, according to the mother of one of the travelers, who contacted The Associated Press.

Rebecca Valette said the U.S. State Department notified her that they believed her son, Pierre, was stranded.

Mrs. Valette said her son was traveling with his friend Chris Hill, and Hill's cousin, Emily Hill, Hill, of Boulder, Colo., and Valette, of Newton, Mass., recently graduated from Stanford University. They are 22. Ms. Hill is from Lawrence, Kan.

Brooks said three buses carrying about 150 tourists out of Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, to Nepal have been stalled in snow since Oct. 19 following a blizzard in the Tibetan plateau.

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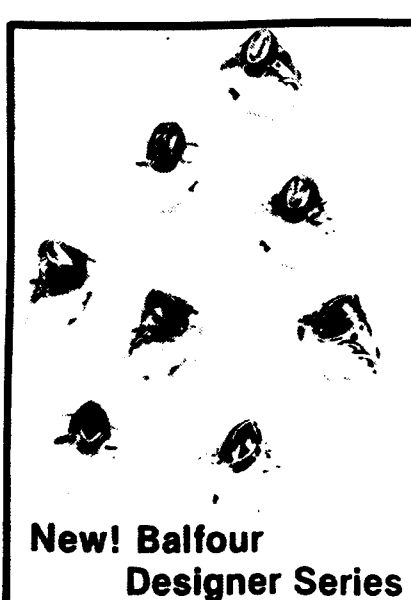
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