

state news briefs

Bill would keep ethics commission

HARRISBURG (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee yesterday approved legislation that would reestablish the state Ethics Commission for five years.

Movement of the bill through the committee puts it in place for a floor vote in the near future.

The legislation previously became bogged down in the House Judiciary Committee, where lawmakers attempted to compromise on changes to the commission.

Raid planners' wings clipped

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A fire chief who helped plan a beer raid at two college fraternity houses was stripped of some of his authority by a city official who questioned the vigor with which 135 students were arrested.

Public Safety Director Glenn Cannon said he reduced the responsibilities of Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Mellott, who coordinated the city's involvement in the raids at Carnegie Mellon University early Saturday.

The city's new inspection team assisted 40 state and local officers in raiding the Delta Tau Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha houses, where a \$2 cover charge was being collected and beer was being served in a fund-raiser for the National Society for Multiple Sclerosis. The students were taken by bus to the Public Safety Building.

Black driver citation hearings set

HARRISBURG (AP) — The state Human Relations Commission yesterday scheduled two more days of hearings into allegations a Montgomery County police department has singled out black drivers for citations.

Commission spokesman Chris Johnson said the hearings will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 3 and 4 at Norristown Borough Hall.

The commission held three days of hearings last week into the allegations against Lower Providence Police Department, which also faces two related lawsuits in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia.

Timothy D. Michener, one of six former officers who filed one federal suit, has said one four-man platoon of the 24-member department had issued 74 percent of all tickets to blacks. The other federal suit was filed by black motorists.

Tabatha's liver worries doctors

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Quintuple organ transplant patient Tabatha Foster was back on a breathing machine yesterday and under sedation and additional medication over concerns about her new liver.

The 3-year-old Madisonville, Ky., girl was receiving a third anti-rejection medication, known as OKT3, to prevent her body's natural defenses from attacking the liver. The drug requires that she be sedated, and she was connected to the respirator as a precaution.

Tabatha, a victim of congenitally twisted bowels, received a liver, pancreas and small intestines and parts of a stomach and colon Nov. 1. She is the nation's longest survivor out of three patients who have undergone the operation.



War games

Three Jerusalem school boys attend to a classmate in a simulation of a chemical weapons attack. Civil defense exercises were held in schools throughout Israel yesterday.

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Miss America's CEO leaves after 35 years

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The man who fired Bert Parks and weathered the scandal of a nude Miss America said yesterday he has ended his 35-year "reign" as head of the Miss America Pageant.

Albert A. Marks Jr. handed over his duties and title as chief executive officer to the pageant's legal counsel, Leonard C. Horn, who is also a former pageant president and has been associated with the show for 25 years.

Horn assumes the chief executive office and becomes the pageant's board chairman and executive producer for the Miss America telecast. More significant to the public, Horn

will become the pageant's official spokesman.

Over the years, it was Marks out in front, defending the pageant when it was a target of the women's liberation movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, labor organizations and a segment of the public that considers Miss America to be a symbol no longer relevant in today's society. He also was the man who fired Bert Parks.

Marks also handled reporters when nude photos of Miss America Vanessa Williams appeared in a men's magazine.

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