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THE SDN COLUMN
By
Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Big city folks have a hard time understanding relationships enjoyed in a real community."

It's now the law, and things are gonna change with regard to keeping up with the comin's and goin's of your friends and neighbors.

For years, Snyder residents have known when a friend or neighbor was in the hospital or when someone had a new grandbaby because we got the information and published it in the Snyder Daily News.

A federal law, commonly known as HIPAA, and a state law known as SB 11 – both dealing with patient privacy – is changing all that.

Effective immediately, we will no longer be able to publish hospital admissions and dismissals. In the past the hospital has asked patients for permission to do so. Now, the hospital can't even ask.

And the privacy affects everyone. There will no longer be a list of patients made public in the hospital. A visitor, even the clergy, must know the patient's name before being given the room number. Same goes for such things as floral deliveries.

And if a patient doesn't want anybody to know they're in the hospital - not the preacher, not even a spouse - can find out.

It's all about trying to protect the individual patient from the unscrupulous.

If you don't like the new rules, don't blame the folks at the hospital. The regs are all new to them as well.

In fact Cogdell CEO George Parsley said there's considerable confusion and lots of policies that must still be developed and implemented by hospital staff.

We guess some of those big-city lawmakers just can't understand the sense of community that folks in towns like Snyder enjoy. But it's the law.

And concerning the patient privacy act, lawmakers still didn't do anything about that split-back hospital gown.

Last weekend's rains were some of the best news we've had in a long time. Winter wheat should be looking good in the next few days, and somebody said they even saw some cattle with a smile.

According to our records, Snyder still needs 2.73 inches in 2001 for this period of drought not to exceed the 1950s.

Snyder plays host to a second playoff game tonight. Meeting at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium is Wink and Petersburg.

Meanwhile, those high-riding Ira Bulldogs are way down in Rankin tonight to face another undefeated team, the Sanderson Eagles.

Hope you're enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday!

Shopping off to good start

Snyder residents were greeted by sunny skies and warmer than expected temperatures this morning, the busiest shopping day of the year.

Shoppers were lined up early at Wal-Mart this morning, according to store manager R.J. Youngclaus.

"We had people lined up halfway out into the parking lot when we arrived before 6 this morning," he said. "It's been real steady all morning. We're doing really well."

Youngclaus said the hottest items this year include DVD players and digital cameras and of course, "anything Harry Potter."

"Those toys are flying out of here," he said. "Anything with Harry Potter on it is going to be a big item."

Other items kids are eyeballing, according to Youngclaus, are toys with Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch* and characters from recent movies like *Monsters, Inc.* and *Shrek*.

Kids aren't the only ones wanting new toys this Christmas season, according to Youngclaus, who reported the electronics department is almost always the favorite of holiday shoppers.

"TVs and VCRs and DVDs and CDs... they're all going fast," he said.

Hackfeld's owner Keith Hackfeld said the store did not open early this morning as it did last year, but sales were good nonetheless.

"We're staying busy this morning," he said. "It was a little slow starting out, but it's picking up fast and will turn out good."

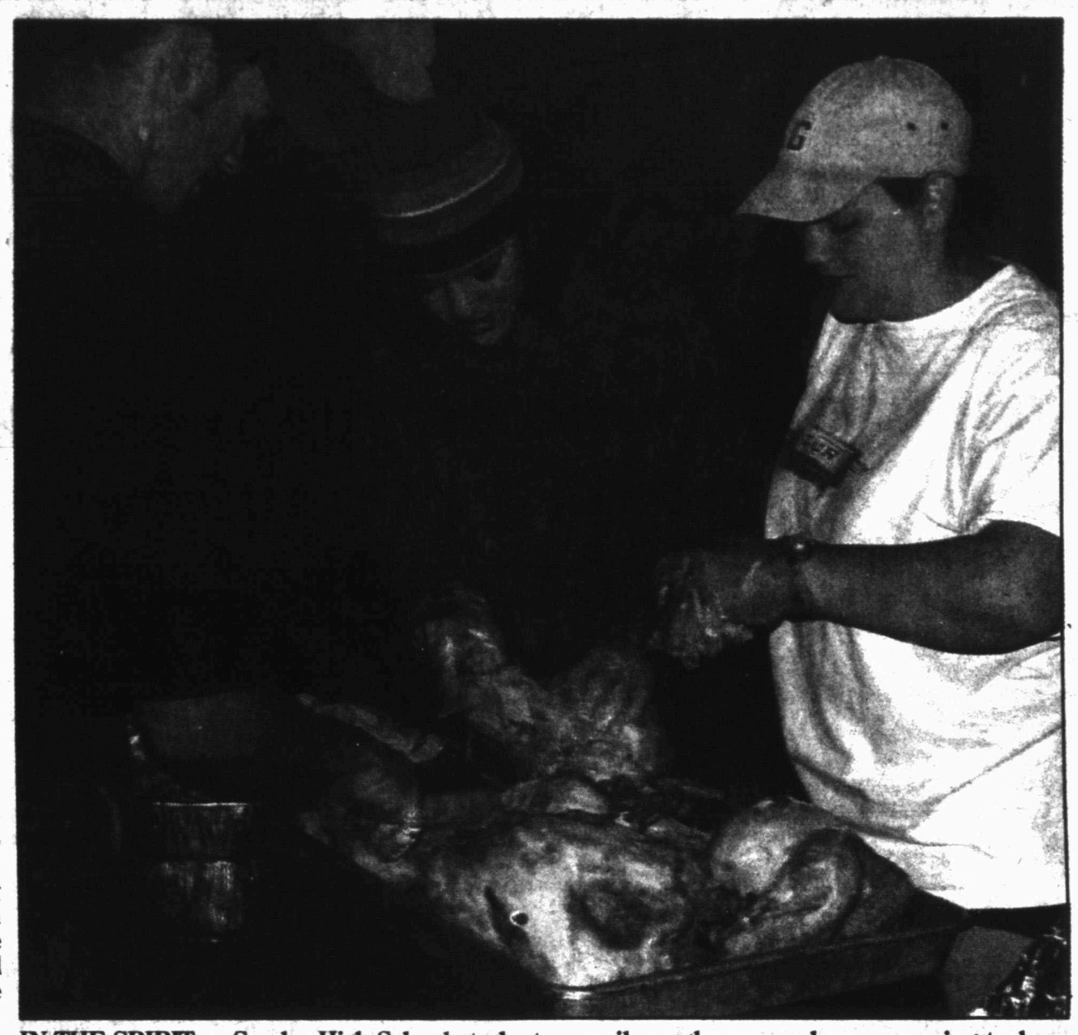
Hackfeld said the big sellers at the store were ladies' jewelry and other accessories. Men's hats also are selling well, he said.

Hackfeld said the store would adopt new hours for the holiday season, opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

Bealls manager Kathleen Huddleston said it has already surpassed last year's sales totals.

"We opened at 8 this morning and there were people waiting in line to get in," she said. "We were busy from the get-go and we'll probably stay busy until we close at 8 tonight."

Huddleston said no particular item was selling faster than usual.



IN THE SPIRIT — Snyder High School student council members were busy preparing turkeys for the annual Rotary Club Community Thanksgiving dinner at The Shack Thursday. Pictured working on the holiday meal are, from left, Zach Starnes, Sarah Crawford and Roc Ann Rogers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lighting of star in Gail set for tonight

The lighting of the star on Gail Mountain will be held at 7 p.m. today.

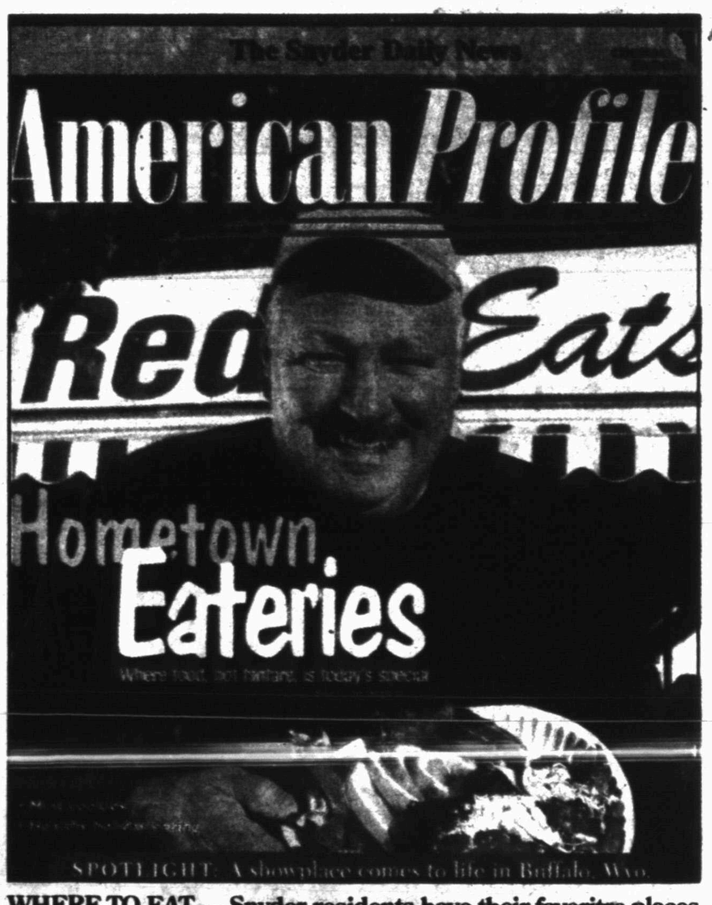
The event can be viewed from the Borden County Courthouse where other events will also be taking place.

The courthouse will be open at 5 p.m. as refreshments will be served and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand for pictures.

There will be Christmas music and hayrides for everyone throughout the evening.

The courthouse will again serve as the drop-off site for Toys for Tots for Buckner's Children's Home. Toys and gifts must be dropped off by Friday, Dec. 14 in order to be delivered.

Toys and gifts are needed for children toddler size through age 18.



WHERE TO EAT — Snyder residents have their favoritre places to eat and so do people throughout the Midwest. Read about those places in Sunday's American Profile in The Snyder Daily News.

Slow search for anthrax letters angers Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following the discovery of an anthrax-laden letter to the Senate majority leader, FBI agents waited nearly a month to search congressional mail for another letter because they needed to minimize health hazards to investigators.

The discovery last week of the second anthrax-contaminated letter — to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. — offers a new source of potential clues to the mystery that has baffled the FBI since early October. The Leahy letter sat in a plastic trash bag while investigators painstakingly devised a strategy to protect themselves and the public from potentially deadly anthrax spores.

An FBI microbiologist who spoke to reporters earlier this week on the condition he not be identified explained that the bureau moved as quickly as it could under the circumstances.

The delay angered key members of Congress who were getting little information from the FBI about when or how the search for other anthrax letters would be conducted.

It also slowed investigators searching for the person who mailed the letters, which offer the best clues to unraveling the deadly puzzle. The week before the Leahy letter was found, FBI behavioral scientist Jim Fitzgerald said the FBI still had only 39 handwritten words from the anthrax killer.

"We wish we had more," Fitzgerald said.

Once they were assigned the task of going through 630 trash bags full of quarantined congressional mail, it took investigators a week to find a suitable warehouse to facilitate the search of potentially dangerous material, he said. And it took another two weeks to build a containment area inside the suburban Washington facility where investigators could test the mail.

During that time, new cases of anthrax were being discovered, two Washington postal workers and a New York hospital worker were dying of anthrax poisoning, and congressional leaders were demanding to know why the FBI wasn't going through the mail looking for more anthrax.

Two experts have differing assessments of the FBI's timetable.

"I don't think I could have done it quicker," said Bill Patrick, the retired chief of the product development division in the former U.S. biological warfare program.

"What the FBI has done here is perfectly reasonable because there are certain things you just can't push up and accelerate," said Patrick. "All those" precautionary "steps had to be established before you could look" for more anthrax.

Another expert took a different view.

C.J. Peters, director of the Center for Biodefense at the University of Texas medical branch in Galveston, said the FBI's "overall plan was well-conceived" but "there are flexible plastic enclosures that could be set up within two or three days and used to open these bags."

"We've gotten so wrapped around the axle with concern over anthrax that we may be ignoring the basic principles of biosafety and making all of our movements so excessively cumbersome by over-containment," said Peters.

On Oct. 30, the chairman and ranking Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee said it was "very disturbing" that the FBI was not yet sorting through quarantined congressional mail more than two weeks after the discovery of an anthrax-laden letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

Amid the complaints, a construction project was under way at the warehouse as engineers monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency put up walls, sealed the area with plastic and created a "negative pressure room." High-efficiency machines were used to vacuum all particulates from the air inside the room.

The room was engineered to always have low air pressure so that any anthrax particles would stay inside the trash bags.

Investigators poked the first trash bag with a swab on Nov. 10, a Saturday. Five teams of workers completed the swabs on more than 600 bags. Results from the Naval Medical Research Center showed some 50 bags contained anthrax. So investigators used another test to find the "hot" bags that might reveal an anthrax-laden letter.

One test showed 100 spores of anthrax, one showed 300 spores and another had 20,000 to 23,000 spores. Authorities believe that 8,000 to 10,000 spores are enough to cause inhalation anthrax, the most deadly form of the disease.

ASK US

Q—I noticed Littlefield is building a new gym, how much was their bond issue?

A—The district is using $3.2 million of their $6.2 million they had in reserves. School officials said it took 11 years to save for the gym.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 64; low, 36; high Thursday, 73; low, 42; 7 a.m. Friday, 50; no precipitation; total for 2001, 18.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, decreasing cloudiness, windy early, low near 40. NW winds 20-30 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny, cooler, high 60-65, W winds 10-20 mph.



Chad Pechcek
Sunny

Sunset:
5:43 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:19 a.m.
Of 326 days in 2001, the sun has shone 314 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We are drowning in information but starved for knowledge.
—John Naisbitt

Time to write to Santa Claus

Santa Claus has again instructed The Snyder Daily News to place a mailbox in its lobby for boys and girls to place their letters in to be forwarded to the North Pole.

They will be sent to Santa Claus as soon as a copy is made for the annual Christmas edition on Dec. 24.

The deadline for taking the letters to the newspaper is Dec. 14.

Patriotism abounds at Thanksgiving parade

NEW YORK (AP) — The Statue of Liberty replaced Tom Turkey as leader of the 75th annual Macy's Thanksgiving parade, one of many holiday events across the country where patriotism ruled the day.

"There's always been a lot of patriotism in this parade, but there's even more this year," said David Rivkin, 46, who has been attending the procession in New York his whole life.

Tribute to America, the lead float, featured a giant Statue of Liberty surrounded by midshipmen from the Merchant Marine Academy of New York. They waved 50 state flags and 50 American flags to the tune of "America the Beautiful," sung by Broadway star Betty Buckley.

The crowd chanted "Rudy! Rudy! Rudy!" as Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and other city leaders boarded a float featuring a 13-foot-tall Big Apple and replicas of the Empire State and Chrysler buildings.

Gripping a handful of small American flags, Randy Schiefer grinned with joy as he, his wife and three daughters watched the parade for the first time.

"It's very appropriate considering everything going on here in recent months," he said. The family from Centerville, Ohio, spent a year planning their Thanksgiving trip to the city.

Five giant helium balloons made their debut at the parade, including Curious George and a bright yellow Pokemon character named Pikachu.

Security was tight, as it has been throughout the city since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Shelley Veigh, a Macy's employee in Short Hills, N.J., who was dressed as a bowling pin, said some of the other people in costume were actually law enforcement officers.

One parade float was escorted by the Police Department marching band performing "New York, New York." Firefighters, police and other emergency workers on the float held two 54-foot banners with a flag theme, meant to represent the World Trade Center towers when seen from the air.

At the trade center site, Thanksgiving provided no respite from the recovery and cleanup effort, which continued during the holiday. Families of missing firefighters had criticized the city when crews stopped working for Veterans Day.

"We're hoping that maybe the towers will give somebody up for us today," firefighter Michael Crowell said. "There are families sitting out there, and there's not too much for them to be thankful for. Today's the day you really hope you can find someone, to find a way to give back to the families."

A nearby hotel provided turkey and salmon dinners, and Mayor Giuliani stopped by to thank workers.

Elsewhere, Boston Market served up free Thanksgiving meals to National Guard troops assigned at California airports. The meals were a show of thanks for the lengthy shifts the troops have worked as part of beefed-up security efforts after the terrorist attacks.

A Thanksgiving meal in Virginia drew a diverse crowd, including homeless people, elderly residents of local retirement homes, widows and widowers and even college students who couldn't get home for the holiday.

Richmond's Family of Friends Thanksgiving Dinner served about 3,000 people, event organizer Jay White said. Cooks from local restaurants and hotels roasted 375 turkeys and made stuffing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.

In Wisconsin, services that provide food for the needy said more people were turning to them for Thanksgiving meals this year because of the sluggish economy.

Atwood Community Center in Madison nearly ran out of food for its holiday baskets because of increased demand, said Margo Teidt, the center's adult program director. The center had made more than 660 baskets before today.

The Salvation Army in Milwaukee served 500 people today at four sites, spokesman Ken Shiels said.

"We've taken care of Thanksgiving. Now we're moving on to Christmas," he said.

California power officials will not play 'Grinch' with holiday lights this season

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Last holiday season, Californians were asked to conserve power by forgoing festive light displays, or at least turning them on later in the evening. This year's holidays should be a little brighter.

The conservation effort last fall helped stave off blackouts when the state's power reserves dropped to about 1 percent in December. But those measures won't be necessary this year.

"We understand it's going to be a very special holiday season and we're not asking people to do without holiday lights," said Stephanie McCorkle, spokeswoman for the Independent System Operator, which manages the state's power grid.

"We don't want to put a damper on everyone's spirits" following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, she said. Power operators would not, however, discourage Californians from dimming the lights during periods of peak demand.

Holiday lighting displays in the state add approximately 1,000 megawatts of consumption — about equal to the production of a nuclear power plant. Last year, that alarmed grid managers who were scouring the West to find enough energy to keep the lights on.

Gov. Gray Davis presided over the state's official Christmas tree-lighting ceremony last year — only to immediately switch off the lights to save power. Throughout the holiday season, tree lights were turned on after 7 p.m., when power needs typically drop.

State officials haven't decided if the 50-foot Christmas tree at the state Capitol will be on a more traditional schedule this year, with the lights turned on at dusk, said David Osborne, spokesman for the State and Consumer Services Agency.

Though the Independent System Operator says about 11,000 megawatts are unavailable due to power plant maintenance, grid managers are meeting the demand for electricity. One megawatt is roughly enough power for 750 homes.

Last year's power problems were complicated by financial issues, with generators fearing that they wouldn't be paid if they sold power to California utilities that were on the brink of bankruptcy. Since then, the state has stepped in to buy power for customers of three utilities and federal regulators have implemented an order that requires generators to bid into the California market.

State officials also say long-term energy contracts have stabilized the volatile energy market and conservation efforts have reduce demand for power.

"If conservation continues at the same clip, we'll manage," McCorkle said. "We do have a dependence on the curtailed load. Now we're counting on consumers conserving, so we do hope they'll keep it up."

Darla Davis, spokeswoman for Sea World, said the San Diego theme park would light its Christmas tree next week. Last year, the tree was lit on a limited schedule, but the hours will be expanded this year, she said.

"We are still very conscious of our energy use," Davis said. "If we need to, if they put out a warning, we'll cut back."

On the Net:
California Independent System Operator:
http://www.caiso.com

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Pick 3
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-4-0

Cash Five
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
12-13-15-17-21

Pick 3
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-3-2

Lotto Texas
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:
3-6-28-33-41-51
(three, six, twenty-eight, thirty-three, forty-one, fifty-one)
Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $6 million

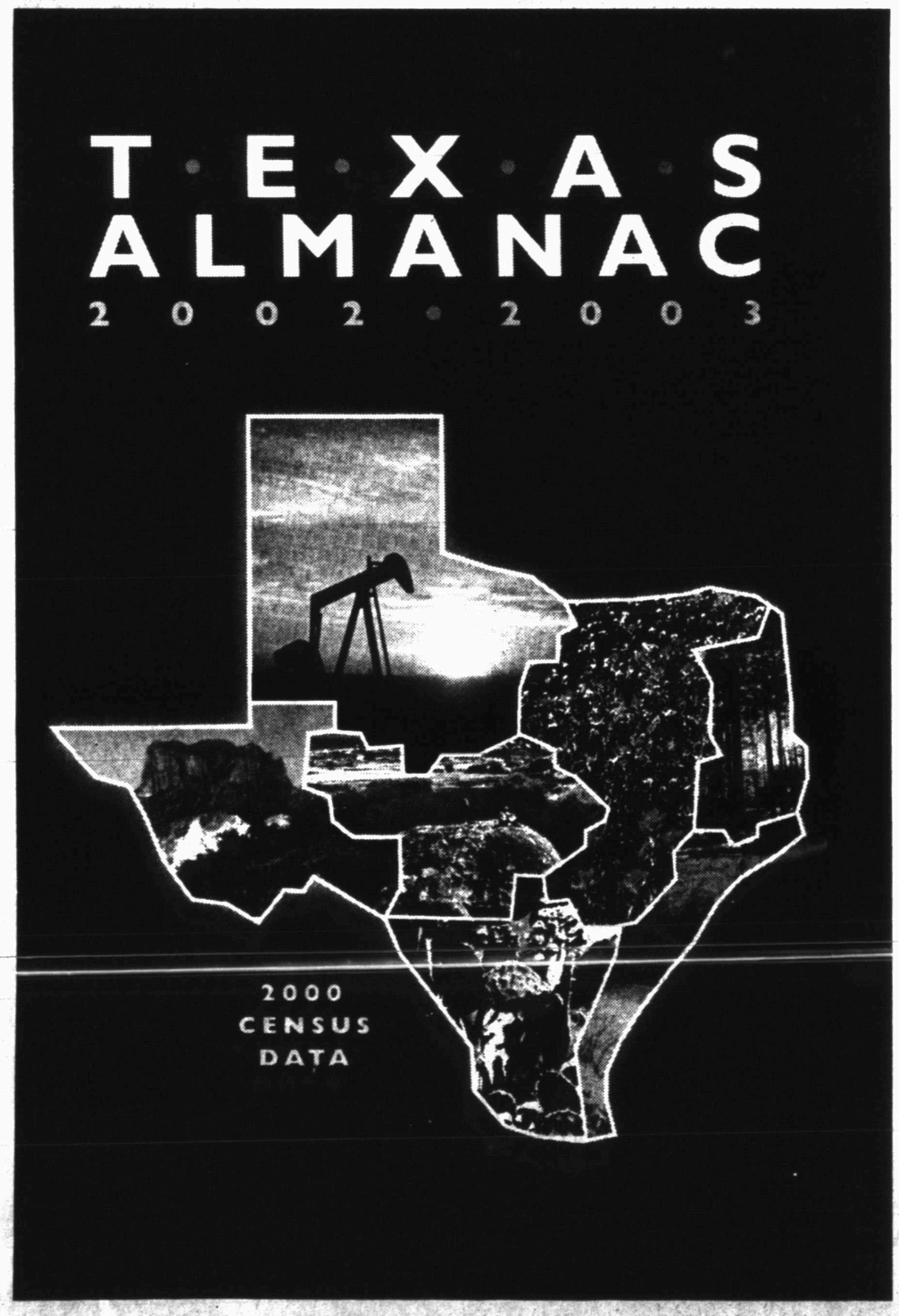
Kiwanis/Goodfellows



Scurry County families may apply for Kiwanis/Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is November 30th. Applications should be mailed to Kiwanis/Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 112, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

Home's Monthly Income $
Do You Receive Food Stamps AFDC SS/SSI
Father of Home
Age
Last or Present Employer
Work Phone
Mother of Home
Age
Last or Present Employer
Work Phone
Home Address
Mailing Address
Another Telephone Where You Can Be Reached
List Ages of Children at Home
Boys:
Girls:
Total Number of People at Home

Acceptance Cards will be mailed to only qualified applicants at their address.



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Berry's World



Date Book

Friday, Nov. 23, 2001
Today is the 327th day of 2001 and the 63rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, Vice President Elbridge Gerry died at his boardinghouse in Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1899, the first juke box in the United States was installed at the Palais Royal Hotel in San Francisco.

On this day in 1973, Rep. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, D-Calif., became the first member of Congress to give birth while in office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Pierce (1804-1869), U.S. president; Billy the Kid (William H. Bonney), 1859-1881), outlaw; Boris Karloff (1887-1969), actor; Harpo Marx (1888-1964), comedian; Jerry Bock (1928-), composer, is 73.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, in college football, the Houston Cougars defeated the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes 100-6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I find that remark 'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view' is no less true of the political than of the natural world." — Franklin Pierce

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Nov. 22).

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Founder of cosmetics empire dies at 83

DALLAS (AP) — As she built her cosmetics empire, Mary Kay Ash made millions of dollars and became one of the most famous women in American business.

None of that, Ash would later say, was part of her plan.

"I wasn't that interested in the dollars-and-cents part of business," she said. "My interest in starting Mary Kay Inc. was to offer women opportunities that didn't exist anywhere else."

The cosmetics magnate, whose eponymous company made her name one of the most recognized in the country, died at her home in Dallas on Thursday. She was 83.

Ash died of natural causes after spending several years in fragile health, Mary Kay Inc. said in a news release.

"The world has lost one of its greatest champions of women and one of the most loving and inspirational business leaders," said Ash's son Richard Rogers, who is also co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer at Mary Kay.

The company grew from a sales force of 11 in 1963 to more than 850,000 in 37 countries as of last year, when wholesale revenue reached $1.3 billion.

Ash's fans said she enriched women's lives at a time when it was difficult for them to succeed in the corporate world. Each year the convention she held in Dallas attracted thousands of saleswomen who gathered to hear, cheer and revere their founder.

With hard work, the saleswomen — and occasionally a salesman — could move through the ranks of the company to earn the prized position of national sales director. The woman holding that position now makes more than $800,000 a year.

"I want you to become the highest-paid women in America," Ash said in her motivational speeches.

Mary Kay claims to have produced more wealthy women than any other company. Spokesman Randall Oxford said more than 150 women have made more than $1 million with the company.

Mary Kay also created an award system for employees that was specifically designed for women, offering mink coats, diamond rings and, most famously, pink Cadillacs.

Compacts and makeup boxes sold by the Mary Kay were also pink, and Ash once owned a 19,000-square-foot pink mansion with a gigantic pink marble bathtub.

Ash was born Mary Kathlyn Wagner in Houston on May 12, 1918. By age 6, she was caring for her seriously ill father while her mother worked 14 hours a day at a restaurant.

Ash said her mother encouraged her to excel in everything from school work to selling Girl Scout cookies, telling her almost daily, "You can do it."

Ash married at 17 and had three children but the marriage dissolved after her husband entered the Army.

Moving to Dallas, she took a part-time job for Stanley Home Products, selling household goods at parties in women's homes in 1938. She studied to become a doctor, but focused on sales full-time as her success grew. She used to write weekly sales goals in soap on her bathroom mirror.

She later joined another direct-sales company, World Gifts, as national sales director. According to a biography on her company's Web site, Ash quit in 1963 when a male colleague hired as her assistant was promoted over her at twice her salary.

"I couldn't believe God meant a woman's brain to bring 50 cents on the dollar," she told The Dallas Morning News in 1974. "Before I started my company in 1963, I had worked for 25 years in sales, and nothing would make me angrier than training some man only to have him become my superior."

Out of work, Ash began to collect her thoughts for a how-to career book for women. The musings turned into her idea for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

"I began asking myself, 'Why are you theorizing about a dream company? Why don't you just start one?'" Ash said.

Ash bought a formulation for a skin-care cream developed by an Arkansas tanner. She promoted it as a beauty product, recruiting friends to sell "Beauty by Mary Kay." Her sons worked for her.

Ash frequently told employees to put God first, family second and career third.

"We must figure out how to remain good wives and good mothers while triumphing in the workplace," she once wrote. "This is no easy task for the woman who works full-time."

Ashcroft urged to free writer

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee is calling on Attorney General John Ashcroft to free a Houston writer jailed for refusing to give a grand jury her research notes on a local society killing.

Vanessa Leggett, 33, has been jailed in a federal detention center since July 20, when a federal judge found her in contempt of court for refusing to turn over her notes related to the 1997 shooting death of Doris Angleton.

In her letter Wednesday to Ashcroft, Jackson Lee said Leggett should be released on bail for humanitarian reasons.

"Ms. Leggett presents no risk of flight, nor does she pose any threat to society or herself. Her only 'crime' was to protect her confidential sources in keeping with the traditional constitutional notions of a free press," Jackson Lee wrote. "If ever there was a case in which the crime simply didn't fit the punishment, this most surely is the case."

Greg Serres, interim U.S. attorney for South Texas, said prosecutors will continue to oppose bail for Leggett.

"Our position remains unchanged on Ms. Leggett. We're going to oppose any release of her until she complies with the grand jury subpoena," Serres told the Houston Chronicle for Thursday's editions.

Doris Angleton's husband, Robert Angleton, was acquitted in 1998 of state charges of hiring his brother Roger Angleton to kill his wife. .

Serres said that under Department of Justice policy, he could not confirm or nor deny whether a federal grand jury is now looking into the case.

But Leggett's attorney, Mike DeGeurin, has said a federal grand jury subpoenaed Leggett's notes and taped interviews for a book she planned to write about the killing.

Leggett spent her 125th day in detention on Wednesday, a period longer than any other journalist for refusing to comply with a subpoena.

DeGeurin said Leggett's spirits remain high.

"Today is no different than yesterday or any other day she's been in custody. She's the property of the government," DeGeurin said. "She's lonely. "

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Paper cuts and sword slashes

	North	11-23-01
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	♦ K J 9 6	
	♣ A Q J 8	
West		**East**
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♥ 5		♥ J 10 9 4 2
♦ A 8 3 2		♦ Q
♣ 7 6 5 4		♣ 9 3
	South	
	♠ K J 3	
	♥ A K Q	
	♦ 10 7 5 4	
	♣ K 10 2	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

By Phillip Alder

If you would like to learn something about Japan and get bridge deals thrown in, buy "Samurai Bridge" by Robert F. MacKinnon (Master Point Press). It contains some interesting perspectives, but be warned that there is sex and violence, the bridge analysis is occasionally imperfect, and there are several typos.

In this deal, how would you plan the play in three no-trump after West leads either a fourth-highest spade five to your jack or a high club seven?

After the spade lead, South had eight tricks: one spade, three hearts and four clubs. But if East got on play, clearly a spade return would be fatal. So, declarer immediately played a diamond to dummy's king. When that dropped the queen, South continued diamonds to win 11 tricks.

That was the correct play in diamonds, but the wrong play on the deal! MacKinnon should have made declarer try for a 3-3 heart split first. However, when West discards on the second round, then South plays a diamond to the king.

At the other table, West led the club seven, giving nothing away. Now it was natural to play a diamond to dummy's nine. However, East won with the queen and, knowing his partner had four spades, shifted to the spade 10. West won the trick and cleared the spades. Declarer could have cashed out for one down, but immediately played another diamond, so West went in with the ace and continued with his last spade for two down. Unlucky.

The book is $19.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies. Call (800) 274-2221 to order.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Thoughtful gifts for seniors are those that last all year

DEAR ABBY: It's the time of year to consider what to buy people for Christmas gifts. As a senior who is also handicapped, I would like you to know about one of the nicest gifts I ever received.

Last year, my neighbors presented me with a calendar. They told me to circle one day each month when they could take me out to dinner. I selected the 15th. They pick me up and take me to a nice restaurant I could never afford. I greatly enjoy their company.

Each time I get into their car — even in July — I wish them a Merry Christmas. **— SENIOR IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO**

DEAR SENIOR: What a terrific idea. It seems no sooner are the dishes put away from Thanksgiving dinner than it's time to start Christmas and Hanukkah shopping. And that means it's time to publish my list of gift ideas for senior citizens.

Readers, if you plan on sending holiday gifts, first let me tell you what NOT to send. Forget the cologne, aftershave and dusting powders unless you have first checked to see if they are welcome. Scents are highly distinctive (no pun intended), and not every perfume works on every person.

Never give a pet to anyone unless you are absolutely certain the person wants one and is able to properly care for it.

Do not give wine or liquor to people unless you're sure they imbibe.

Candy, nuts, confections and fruitcakes make beautiful gifts for folks who aren't counting calories, but have compassion for those who are, and don't lead them into temptation.

With the price of groceries going through the roof, many people on fixed incomes would appreciate a gift basket of goodies. How about small cans of tuna and chicken? Also include crackers, assorted flavored instant coffees, herbal teas, soup mixes and cookies.

Gift certificates are always welcome: for groceries, haircuts, manicures, dry cleaning, restaurant meals, theater tickets, videos and department stores. And don't forget prepaid long-distance calling cards.

Not all seniors drive, so bus passes and coupons for senior transportation or taxis are always welcome.

Large-print calendars with family birthdays, anniversaries, etc., marked and personalized with family photos make useful gifts, as do large-print address books with information transferred from the recipient's records.

Payment of utilities for a month or two can be sent directly to the utility — then let the recipients know they have "extra" money to spend as they wish.

A cordless phone or answering machine is a handy gift.

Membership in a gym if the person wants to exercise.

A magnifying glass.

A cuddly robe and slippers with non-skid soles.

Sweatpants, sweatshirts and jogging shoes.

For someone who has a pet, send it a treat — a can of dog or cat food, or a rawhide chewstick or catnip toy.

A subscription to a magazine or newspaper you know the person will enjoy is a thoughful gift.

Because medications are expensive, a gift certificate to the neighborhood pharmacy would be much appreciated. (Trust me.)

Stationery and stamps come in handy year-round. If you send them, be sure to include felt-tipped pens, too.

Loneliness is the ultimate poverty. Holidays can be depressing for people who are alone. So, if you know someone who could use an outing, give him or her the best gift of all — an invitation to have a meal with you and your family.

If you ain't givin', you ain't livin'!

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Hundreds attended rosary for slain preschooler on Thursday

EL PASO (AP) — About 400 people spent Thanksgiving evening visiting the small, closed coffin of a San Elizario preschooler whose nude body was found this week in an area frequented by vagrants.

The rosary for 5-year-old Alexandra Flores drew family, friends and strangers to a crowded funeral home in the Lower Valley.

"God is love and justice. Through justice, this will pass, this pain that won't let us breathe," San Elizario seminarian Fabian Marquez told the crowd in Spanish.

Police believe a man lured the girl away from a Wal-Mart Supercenter where her family shopped Sunday night. She was stripped, killed and left nude in a carport behind a doctor's office.

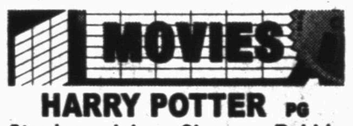
She will be buried Saturday, The El Paso Times reported in today's editions.

Police did not release new information Thursday about their investigation.

Two women, including the girl's aunt Dora Rubio, fainted during the emotional service. They were carried out by male relatives.

Local television stations have been broadcasting blurry videotaped images of a man who may have abducted the girl. Police are hoping the broadcasts will generate leads in the case.

FBI spokesman Al Cruz has said the agency may try to enhance the videos and provide evidence processing, profiling and other assistance.



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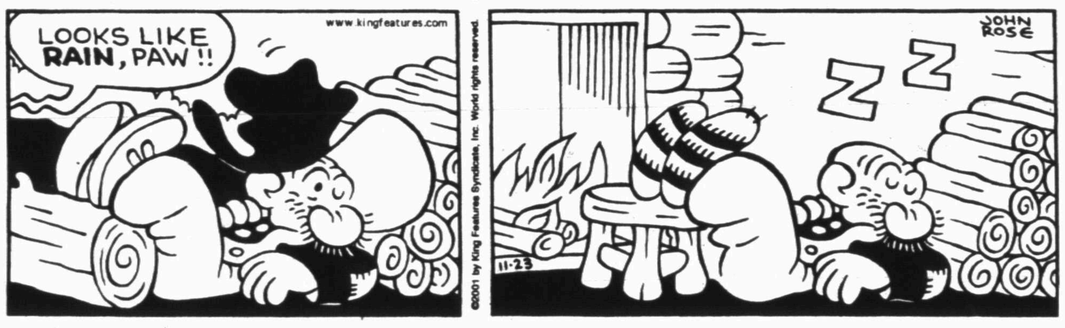
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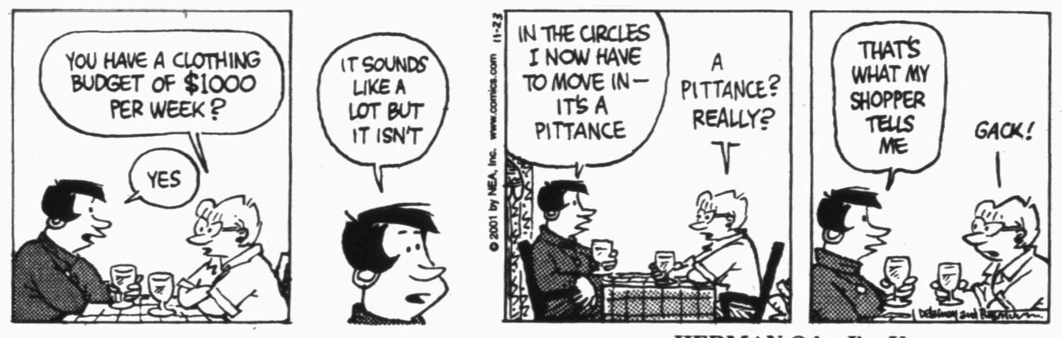
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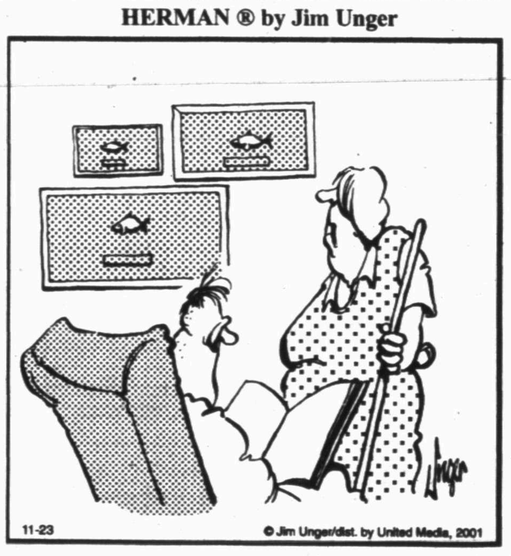
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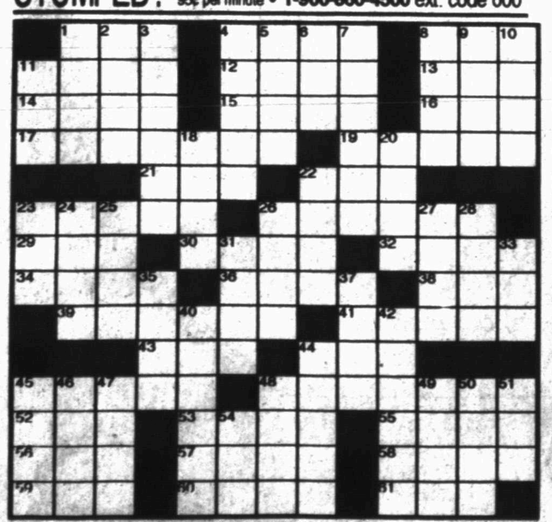
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SPORTS

Denver 26, Dallas 24...

Leaf, Cowboys come up short

IRVING (AP) — Ryan Leaf nearly earned a place in Dallas Cowboys' lore alongside Thanksgiving Day heroes Clint Longley and Jason Garrett.

Coach Dave Campo might have cost him the chance.

Leaf's bid at the biggest comeback in team history fell short in the Cowboys' 26-24 loss to the Denver Broncos on Thursday, in part because Campo decided not to go for a 2-point conversion midway through the rally.

Jason Elam's fourth field goal gave Denver a 26-3 lead early in the fourth quarter, and the Broncos were on the verge of their largest blowout of the season.

Instead, Denver nearly squandered a second straight fourth-quarter lead. The Broncos led Washington 10-3 on Sunday and lost 17-10.

Leaf started the comeback by directing a 71-yard scoring drive, Dallas's first touchdown drive in nine quarters. Leaf threw for 59 yards and Troy Hambrick scored on a 1-yard run.

Just 43 seconds later, Reggie Swinton returned a punt 65 yards for another score as Dallas closed within 26-16 with 7:29 left.

Campo initially called for a 2-point conversion, even sending the play to Leaf. He changed his mind during a delay and Jon Hilbert kicked the PAT.

Dallas could have closed within eight points with a successful 2-point conversion. Instead, the Cowboys trailed by nine and needed two scores to beat the Broncos.

Dallas wound up scoring only one more time, getting another 1-yard touchdown from Hambrick with 1:10 left. Hilbert kicked again, then tried an onside kick.

Denver's Detron Smith held on and the Cowboys went away losers for the fourth straight game, the last three with Leaf.

"To make two 2-pointers, back-to-back, the percentages were not with us," Campo said. "I thought it was a better chance to take the point and get the onside kick. No, it wasn't a bad decision."

Leaf had seven completions worth 109 yards in the fourth quarter, and completed 16 of 32 passes for 193 yards.

Leaf might be headed back to the bench. Quincy Carter has recovered from a hamstring injury and could return against Washington a week from Sunday.

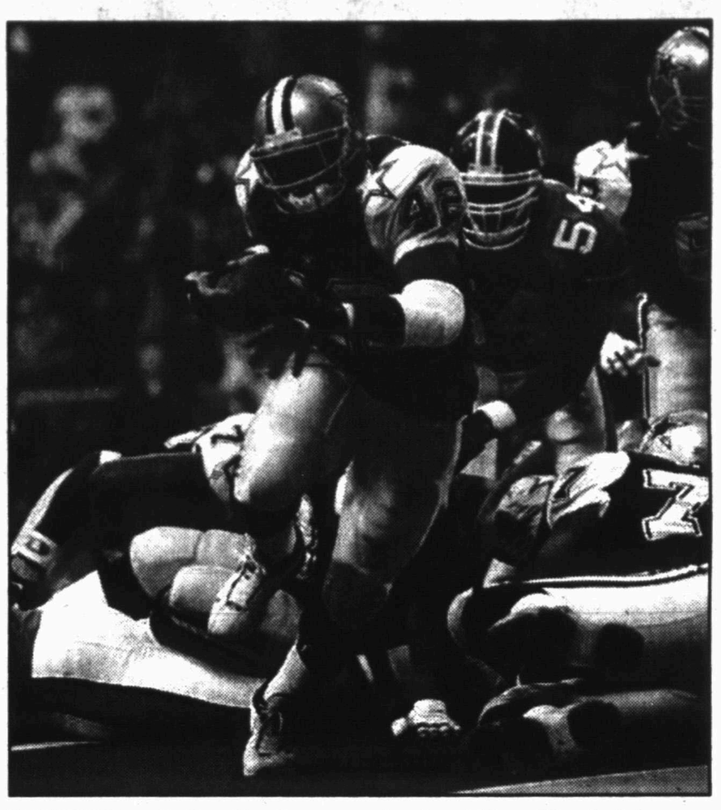
"He showed that when things are clicking he can make some nice throws," Hambrick said. "I'm happy that he didn't get down and show the side that everybody wants to see."

The Broncos, winners for only the third time since starting 3-1, went away with another injury to a key offensive player.

Running back Olandis Gary broke a bone in his left leg on the second drive and likely is out for the rest of the season. However, Terrell Davis could be back next week at Miami.

"It's always nice to find a way to win," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "We had a chance to put it away a number of times. We struggled a little bit. We have to execute better offensively so we can put people away. It's a credit to win that game with as many missed opportunities."

Mike Anderson, who gained 1,487 yards last season in place of Davis and Gary, ran 33 times for 118 yards and a touchdown. Brian Griese was 17-of-29 passing for 171 yards with a touchdown and an interception.



PAYDIRT — Dallas Cowboy running back Troy Hambrick runs for a 1-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter of a losing effort against Denver on Thanksgiving Day. The Broncos won, 26-24. (AP Photo)

Illinois proves worthy of No. 2 hoops ranking

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Illinois misfired with regularity and played like anything but a ranked team in the second round of the Las Vegas Invitational.

By the time their game against Pennsylvania was over Thursday night, the Illini had justified their No. 2 rating.

Frank Williams scored 22 points and second-ranked Illinois shot 70 percent in the second half en route to a 78-71 victory over Pennsylvania.

The Illini (3-0) trailed 45-34 at the half and didn't take the lead until midway through the second half.

Damir Krupalija scored to give the Illini a 61-60 lead with 10:23 remaining. The teams traded baskets until Illinois took the lead for good with 7:06 left.

Nick Smith and Robert Archibald each added 11 points, and Brian Cook had 10 for Illinois, which shot 71 percent from the floor in the second half. Krupalija had 11 rebounds as the Illini outrebounded the Quakers 34-26.

"We dodged a bullet," Illinois coach Bill Self said. "We were not a very good team in the first half. We were slow and we got into foul trouble."

In other second round games, it was Georgia Tech 70, E. Illinois 65; Southern Illinois 66, Iowa St. 57; Saint Louis 85, Hartford 52.

In the first round of the Great Alaska Shootout, Gonzaga beat St. John's 65-58, and Texas defeated Oregon State 78-68.

Illinois shot 32 percent (8-for-25) in the first half and trailed by as many as 12 points.

"We played better defense in the second half," Williams said.

The Illini limited the Quakers to 33 percent (9-for-27) shooting in the second half after allowing 57.1 percent in the first half.

Ugonna Onyekwe led Penn (1-1) with 28 points, including four 3-pointers. Koko Archibong added 12 points.

Onyekwe had 19 points on 7-of-10 shooting in the first half, while Illinois was 8-of-25. Archibald was particularly cold, missing three shots under the basket.

Penn also made 7-of-13 3-pointers in the first half, led by Onyekwe and Jeff Schiffner with three apiece.

The Illini stayed in the game by shooting 15-for-20 from the line.

The Quakers led 12-10 with 13:27 remaining and scored 10 unanswered points for a 22-10 lead. Archibong scored the first two baskets and Onyewke and David Klatsky hit 3-pointers. Illinois missed four straight shots and turned the ball over once.

Buffs want to end losing streak to Huskers

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Colorado is ready to end a decade of exasperating losses to Nebraska.

"The time has come," safety Robbie Robinson said. "Ever since I have been at CU, we have just barely missed beating these guys. There is no reason why we can't win this year."

Not only are the Buffaloes out to stop a 10-game winless streak against the Cornhuskers on Friday, they're aching to spoil the Huskers' run at a national championship. The winner takes the Big 12 North title and advances to the league's title game Dec. 1.

"These past few games have been very tough," offensive lineman Victor Rogers said of last year's final play, 34-32 loss to the Huskers that came on the heels of 1999's 33-30 overtime loss in Boulder.

"But this team is much different than those past teams and we really believe in one another. We have unbelievable chemistry right now and really have ever since that last loss in 2000."

The last five games have been decided by a total of 15 points.

No. 2 Nebraska (11-0, 7-0), led by Heisman Trophy contender Eric Crouch, is favored by 10 points. No. 14 Colorado (8-2, 6-1) has won eight of nine after a season-opening loss to Fresno State. Quarterback Bobby Pesavento starts again in place of the injured Craig Ochs.

In 2000, Josh Brown kicked a 29-yard field goal as time expired to give the Huskers their 34-32 win in Lincoln.

Two years ago, the Buffs rallied from 24 points down, had a chance to win, but Jeremy Aldrich missed a 34-yard field goal as time expired. In OT, Aldrich hit a 33-yard field goal, but Crouch scored from a yard out for the 33-30 win.

In other Top 25 games Friday, it's No. 5 Texas at Texas A&M, No. 17 Louisville at TCU, San Jose State at No. 23 Fresno State and No. 24 Arkansas at LSU.

On Saturday, it's No. 12 Washington at No. 1 Miami, Oklahoma State at No. 4 Oklahoma, Vanderbilt at No. 7 Tennessee, Ohio State at No. 11 Michigan, Notre Dame at No. 13 Stanford, No. 19 Georgia at No. 21 Georgia Tech, Youngstown State at No. 20 Marshall, and No. 25 Boston College at No. 22 Syracuse.

The Hurricanes (9-0), second in the BCS standings behind the Huskers, are out to avenge past losses against the Huskies (8-2).

In other key games:

—Michigan (8-2, 6-1) gets the Big Ten's automatic BCS bowl berth by defeating Ohio State (6-4, 4-3). If the Wolverines and Illinois tie for the title, Michigan wins the head-to-head tiebreaker. Illinois beat Northwestern 34-28 on Thursday.

—LSU (6-3, 3-3) can win the SEC West and move to the SEC title game on Dec. 8 by beating Arkansas (7-3, 4-3) and then defeating Auburn (7-3, 5-2) on Dec. 1.

Region I High School Football Playoff Pairings

CLASS 5A

DIVISION I
Regionals
Region I

EP Franklin (10-0) vs. Midland Lee (7-4), 2 p.m. Friday at Sun Bowl in El Paso.

Keller Fossil Ridge (9-2) vs. Arlington (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.

DIVISION II
Area
Region I

EP Andress (8-2) vs. Lubbock Monterey (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at EP Andress.

Carrollton Turner (7-4) vs. Euless Trinity (10-1), 2:30 p.m. Friday at Pennington Field in Bedford.

EP Del Valle (9-1) vs. Abilene High (6-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at EP Del Valle.

Colleyville Heritage (10-1) vs. DeSoto (8-3), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Pennington Field in Bedford.

CLASS 4A

DIVISION I
Regionals
Region I

EP Ysleta (7-2) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (10-1), noon Saturday at Amarillo Palo Duro.

Grapevine (7-4) vs. Burleson (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Maverick Stadium in Arlington.

DIVISION II
Area
Region I

El Paso Riverside (8-2) vs. Andrews (6-5), noon Saturday at Andrews.

Southlake Carroll (7-4) vs. FW Dunbar (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Birdville ISD Complex in North Richland Hills.

EP Parkland (6-4) vs. Frenship (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Monahans.

FW Boswell (10-1) vs. Crowley (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dragon Stadium in Southlake.

CLASS 3A

DIVISION I
Regionals
Region I

Perryton (9-2) vs. Lamesa (8-3), 5 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Vernon (9-2) vs. Aledo (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Fouts Field in Denton.

DIVISION II
Area
Region I

Muleshoe (10-1) vs. Crane (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday at Seminole.

Bridgeport (6-5) vs. Hillsboro (7-4), 1 p.m. Friday at Waxahachie.

Shallowater (6-5) vs. Alpine (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Andrews.

Sweetwater (9-2) vs. Kennedale (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

CLASS 2A

DIVISION I
Regionals
Region I

Wall (8-3) vs. Post (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Colorado City.

West Texas High (7-4) vs. Holliday (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Childress.

DIVISION II
Area
Region I

Mason (4-7) vs. Coahoma (10-1), 2 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Stadium.

Sunray (9-2) vs. Quanah (8-3), 8 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Sonora (9-2) vs. Tahoka (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday at Monahans.

Spearman (10-1) vs. Hamlin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Childress.

CLASS A

Area
Region I

Nazareth (10-1) vs. Springlake-Earth (6-4), 4:30 p.m. Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Petersburg (10-1) vs. Wink (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Snyder.

Stratford (11-0) vs. Anton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

O'Donnell (8-3) vs. Iraan (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Big Spring.

Region II

Roscoe (11-0) vs. Cross Plains (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Windthorst (10-1) vs. Celeste (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Pennington Field in Bedford.

Menard (10-1) vs. Baird (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood.

Petrolia (10-1) vs. Fannindel (8-2), 5 p.m. Saturday at Fouts Field in Denton.

SIX-MAN

Regional I/II

Follett (9-2) vs. Whitharral (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Turkey Valley.

New Home (10-1) vs. Sands (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wellman.

Groom (11-0) vs. Patton Springs (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Turkey Valley.

Ira (11-0) vs. Sanderson (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Rankin.

Region III/IV

Gordon (10-1) vs. Richland Springs (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at May.

Blanket (7-4) vs. Jonesboro (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Hico.

Woodson (10-1) vs. Panther Creek (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Tuscola Jim Ned.

Zephyr (8-3) vs. Calvert (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Jarrell.

Sports Briefs

Baseball meeting

The Snyder Tiger Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS athletic film room. Parents of varsity, JV and freshmen players are urged to attend.

Packers edge Lions

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers don't feel sorry for the winless Detroit Lions.

They're just happy to escape Detroit.

The Lions made up all but two points of a 16-point deficit in the final seven minutes with two touchdowns and a 2-point conversion, before Green Bay survived with a 29-27 win.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
Miami	6	3	0	.667	180	185
New England	5	5	0	.500	223	195
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	244	258
Buffalo	1	8	0	.111	153	239
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	155	97
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	174	166
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	171	150
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	140	186
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	159	203
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	151	148
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	250	191
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	175	205
Denver	6	5	0	.545	254	239
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	246	206
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222	171	199

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	229	118
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	181	178
Washington	4	5	0	.444	128	203
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	154	221
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	156	229
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	7	2	0	.778	201	139
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	237	167
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	183	229
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	183	163
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	192	291
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
St. Louis	8	1	0	.889	279	146
San Francisco	7	2	0	.778	227	204
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	178	184
New Orleans	5	4	0	.556	209	182
Carolina	1	9	0	.100	154	242

Thursday's Games

Green Bay 29, Detroit 27
Denver 26, Dallas 24

Sunday's Games

Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Jets

Monday's Game

Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Philadelphia at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
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San Diego at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Giants

Monday, Dec. 3

Green Bay at Jacksonville, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	9	3	.750	—
Boston	5	4	.556	2½
Philadelphia	6	5	.545	2½
Orlando	6	6	.500	3
New York	5	8	.385	4½
Miami	2	8	.200	6
Washington	2	9	.182	6½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	8	1	.889	—
Detroit	7	3	.700	1½
Indiana	8	6	.571	2½
Toronto	7	6	.539	3
Charlotte	5	6	.454	4
Atlanta	4	8	.333	5½
Cleveland	3	9	.250	6½
Chicago	1	10	.091	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	9	2	.818	—
San Antonio	8	2	.800	½
Dallas	7	5	.583	2½
Houston	7	5	.583	2½
Denver	6	6	.500	3½
Utah	4	8	.333	5½
Memphis	1	9	.100	7½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	10	1	.909	—
Sacramento	9	3	.750	1½
Golden State	6	6	.500	4½
Phoenix	6	6	.500	4½
Portland	6	7	.461	5
L.A. Clippers	5	7	.417	5½
Seattle	5	8	.385	6

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 92, Boston 85
Cleveland 101, Memphis 94
Dallas 89, Charlotte 78
Philadelphia 94, Detroit 89
Orlando 117, Minnesota 106
Milwaukee 96, Chicago 92
San Antonio 110, Seattle 93
New Jersey 90, Utah 89, OT
L.A. Lakers 89, Denver 68
Phoenix 96, New York 72
Sacramento 95, Portland 83

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 78, Toronto 75
Indiana 110, Washington 103
New Jersey 95, L.A. Clippers 90

Friday's Games

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago at New York, 1 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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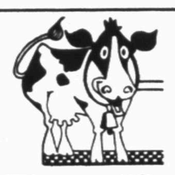
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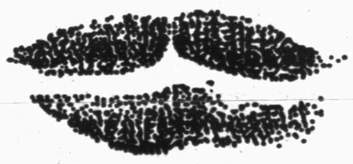
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Necessary Coumadin therapy has its risks

DEAR DR. GOTT: Ever since having an artificial heart valve surgically implanted, I have been prescribed Coumadin as an anti-coagulant. Recently, I had a hemorrhagic stroke and the medicine may have caused it. Now I'm between a rock and a hard place. Please advise.

DEAR READER: Indeed, you must make some difficult decisions. Let's back up a moment for some background.

Not all patients with prosthetic valves need anti-coagulation drugs, such as Coumadin, to prevent blood clots that can form on artificial valves and cause stroke. (The primary consideration here is antibiotic coverage for dental work to prevent valvular infection.) So, I first urge you to check with your surgeon or cardiologist for specific advice that relates to your particular problem.

Strokes come in two forms.

The most common is thrombotic, meaning that a blood clot may form in an artery feeding the brain, break off and cause neurological damage.

An equally damaging, but less common, type of stroke is hemorrhagic. In this instance, a blood vessel (in the brain) ruptures, leading to neurological symptoms identical to those caused by a thrombotic stroke. This problem is much more common in patients taking anti-coagulant medication.

To return to your problem, you and your doctor must review the benefit/risk ratio of therapy. In short, do the risks of Coumadin outweigh the potential benefits?

To begin with, you could continue the Coumadin and never have another stroke. Unfortunately, there is no way to test for this. This is the best scenario, however.

Option #2: Stop the Coumadin to prevent further hemorrhagic strokes. This choice rests on the likelihood that Coumadin is, in your case, doing more harm than good.

Option #3: Change to a less powerful, clot-reducing medication, such as aspirin or Plavix.

In your position, I'd probably consider this last choice. However, this is a decision best reserved for your cardiologist and neurologist. Here are your most reliable resources. Ask for a complete and honest evaluation by those physicians who are most familiar with your medical conditions.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My heart went out to the woman who wrote to you complaining that her life had been made pure hell because of a chronic yeast infection. I, too, used to suffer from this, which made normal relations impossible — and did not respond to the usual therapies.

Then I read that a peeled, raw garlic clove inserted into the vagina can clear up some vaginal infections in a few days.

I tried this approach and had almost instant relief from itching, burning, swelling and discharge. (I should mention that retrieving the clove isn't that easy, but by then I had so much relief that I didn't mind the trouble.) This unorthodox approach may not be best for all women with yeast infections, but it certainly helped me. Please print this suggestion as a cure for yeast vaginitis.

DEAR READER: Done. I was not aware that garlic had anti-yeast capabilities, but I print your letter because the garlic therapy is harmless and may help some women with chronic or recurring yeast vaginitis that does not respond to traditional therapy. Please, you ladies who try this, give me some feedback so that I can update my readers.

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Small airlines can adapt faster than larger ones can

DENVER (AP) — A handful of smaller, scrappier airlines are emerging battered but not beaten in the worst downturn in the history of the airline industry.

While the nation's largest airlines posted $2.4 billion in losses and laid off more than 100,000 employees in the third quarter, three small airlines — AirTran, Frontier and jetBlue — are adding more routes.

"We're basically just going about our business," said David Neeleman, chief executive of New York-based jetBlue.

Though all airlines have reported steep drops in air traffic, and several small airlines have failed or are teetering near bankruptcy, a few of the independent carriers have managed to absorb the damage caused by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Frontier, jetBlue and AirTran have distinguished themselves as leaders of the pack. Their simple route plans have made it easier to handle increased security, delays and schedule changes without disrupting their entire networks.

Frontier and jetBlue both reported profits in the third quarter. AirTran reported a loss of $10.6 million, including charges directly related to the Sept. 11 attacks, after 11 straight profitable quarters.

All three airlines are doing well enough to proceed with plans for expansion — an idea that is far from the minds of those who run the major airlines.

American Airlines' parent company, AMR, recently eliminated about 20,000 jobs at American, TWA and American Eagle, and it posted a $414 million third-quarter loss, the largest in its 75-year history.

At the same time, Frontier rehired 70 of the 440 employees it laid off after the attacks. It also is planning flights to Alexandria, Va., and recently opened a route to Reno, Nev., while other airlines cut flights to that city.

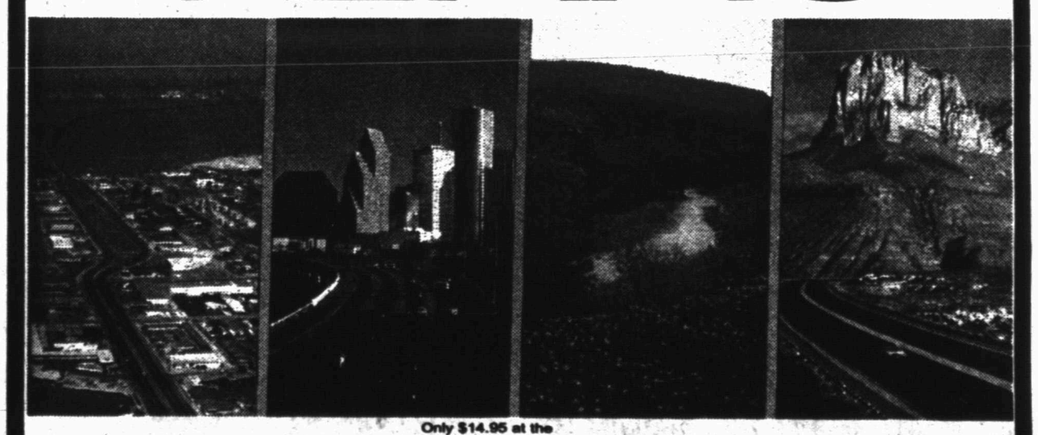
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Children's deaths hamper peace effort

KHAN YOUNIS REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops dispersing stone-throwers fatally shot a Palestinian teenager today, Palestinians said. The death further inflamed anger in a refugee camp where five boys were killed a day earlier by a bomb Palestinian police say was planted by Israeli forces.

Israel's defense minister said the blast that killed the boys was being investigated and expressed regret over their deaths. Two Israeli newspapers quoted Israeli army officials as saying that Israeli troops trying to thwart Palestinian sniper squads had recently operated in the area of the explosion.

The victims, ranging in age from seven to 14 and all members of the same extended family, were buried today. The bodies, wrapped in Palestinian flags and strapped to stretchers, were carried side-by-side today in a procession of thousands of mourners.

Gunmen fired into the air and children carried pictures of their classmates, who were walking to school in the Khan Younis refugee camp when they were killed by the explosion.

About 200 Palestinians marched toward the nearby Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim after the funeral, throwing stones at its fence. Israeli troops fired stun grenades and live rounds, killing a 15-year-old boy, Palestinian doctors said. The army said it only fired warning shots in the air and did not see anyone hit.

Palestinians fired a mortar shell at Neve Dekalim, causing damage to a house.

Near the West Bank town of Nablus, two Palestinians were killed today when a bomb they were handling exploded prematurely, Palestinian security officials said. They said the men, cousins and members of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, had been trying to plant the device along a road used by Israeli motorists. The Israeli military said it was checking the report.

Palestinian security officials initially said Thursday that the five children in Khan Younis were fatally wounded when one of them kicked what was apparently an unexploded tank shell, setting it off.

Anthrax case in Chile now confirmed

OXFORD, Conn. (AP) — While federal investigators searched for clues to how an elderly woman came in contact with the anthrax that killed her, Chilean and U.S. officials confirmed the first reported case of a deadly strain of the bacteria in mail outside the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta confirmed on Thursday that a letter sent from Switzerland to Chile was tainted with anthrax. The letter had been sent to Dr. Antonio Banfi, a pediatrician at a children's hospital in Santiago.

Banfi, who opened the envelope, and 12 others nearby have not tested positive for exposure to anthrax spores but were being treated for the disease as a precaution, according to the Chilean Health Ministry.

Banfi became suspicious because the letter was postmarked in Zurich but marked with a Florida return address, Chilean officials said. No other details were made available.

In Connecticut, authorities investigating a 94-year-old woman's death Wednesday from inhalation anthrax are trying to piece together a picture of the last weeks of her life.

Law enforcement and health officials are speaking to Ottilie Lundgren's friends to determine what she did, where she went and who she saw before Nov. 16, when she was admitted to a hospital with flu-like symptoms.

Investigators are sifting through Lundgren's trash and examining her mail as they try to solve the mystery of how a woman who rarely ventured far from home contracted the bacteria.

"We're not focused on any one thing, although the mail is certainly an obvious issue," said FBI spokeswoman Lisa Bull. "But we're really trying to keep an open mind about any possibility."

Agents wearing biohazard suits were planning to search "every square inch" of Lundgren's property, state police spokesman J. Paul Vance said.

Nicole Coffin, a spokeswoman for the CDC, said testing so far has shown that the strain of anthrax that killed Lundgren was similar to anthrax found in other recent cases.

A post office in Seymour and a larger mail distribution center in Wallingford — two Connecticut sites where mail to Oxford is processed — were tested for anthrax Wednesday. Results were expected within two days.

Family disturbances pick up on holiday

•Family disturbances

Snyder officers answered several disturbance calls Thursday as families came together for the holiday.

A woman requested officers at her residence at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in reference to an altercation between two family members.

Officers responded and contacted both women, who did not wish to file charges. An offense report for family violence was submitted.

Officers were requested on Ave. W just before 8 p.m. Thursday in reference to a disturbance between a man and wife. The officers were advised no assault had occurred and everything appeared in order.

A family disturbance was reported on 25th Street early this morning. A woman told police she learned of a fight between her sister and brother-in-law.

Officers responded and advised a verbal disagreement had occurred, but no assault.

At 1:10 a.m. today officers were called to a home on 20th Place in reference to a family disturbance.

Officers were dispatched and advised a man and wife were involved in an argument, but no assault had occurred. However, a 46-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication.

•Arrests

Just after midnight Thursday, law officers arrested a 21-year-old man on U.S. 180 west of Snyder on charges of evading arrest. The man's vehicle was towed and he was transported to jail.

A DPS trooper arrested a 23-year-old man for driving while intoxicated just south of Snyder on U.S. 350 Wednesday night.

Another trooper arrested a 23-year-old woman on Brick Plant Road Thursday on two outstanding warrants.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody on U.S. 350 early this morning on outstanding warrants for speeding, failure to appear before a judge and driving while intoxicated.

•Burglary

Bill Baldwin requested an officer at 3 p.m. Wednesday in reference the burglary of his vehicle at Bill's Wrecker Service. An officer responded and advised a close patrol would be initiated.

•Criminal trespass

A man requested a deputy at his residence Wednesday afternoon where he reported that his daughter and son being assaulted by a man Tuesday. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

•Fire

Dispatchers were alerted of several juveniles starting a fire in an alley near Hackfeld's Family Outfitters Wednesday. The fire department was dispatched, but no fire was found.

An officer contacted several juveniles nearby, but they denied trying to start a fire.

•Harassment

A woman requested an officer concerning to a man calling her and using profanities. An officer contacted the man and advised him of the complaint.

A man requested to speak with an officer Thursday morning in reference to him calling his father's house and being threatened by his sister and her husband. An officer contacted the couple and advised them of the complaint.

•Close patrol

Katrina Wemken requested a close patrol of her residence on Hwy. 208 in reference to the theft of some of her chickens and feed. A close patrol was initiated.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country on Coliseum Drive Thursday afternoon reported a gas drive off worth $3.02. The driver of a blue four-door car left without paying for the fuel.

Obituaries

D.C. Worley

1915-2001

WICHITA FALLS – D.C. Worley, a native of Snyder and former owner of the bowling alley in Snyder, died Friday, Nov. 16, in Waycross, Ga.

Funeral service for Mr. Worley, 86, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Mitchell Chapel at Baptist Village in Waycross. Burial will follow in Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Music Funeral Home in Waycross and Lunns Colonial Funeral Home in Wichita Falls.

Born April 26, 1915 in Snyder, he was reared in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School in 1933. He married Melba Clark of Snyder while attending Texas Tech.

Mr. Worley, a resident of Wichita Falls, was a business owner in Brunswick, Ga., and in Wichita Falls. He was a Rotarian and a deacon in the Baptist Church. He was also active in Boy Scouts of America, serving in council leadership positions in both Texas and Georgia.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Worley of Waycross; three sons, Gary Worley of Brunswick, Ken Worley of Wichita Falls and Randy Worley of Asheville, N.C.; a sister, Evelyn Duff of Dallas and formerly of Snyder; two brothers, Cecil Worley of Beaumont and L.B. Worley of Carlsbad, N.M.; and four grandchildren, Chris Worley of Wichita Falls, Mikael and Samuel Worley of Asheville and Belinda Brown of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry Mason

1955-2001

BIG SPRING – Jerry Mason, the brother of Rick Mason of Snyder, died Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Funeral service for Mr. Mason, 46, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. The Rev. Bobby Webb was to officiate and interment was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Sept. 20, 1955 in Colorado City, he married Debora Sodan on Jan. 13, 1976 in Big Spring.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City, he had lived in Big Spring for the past 25 years.

Survivors also include his wife, Debora Mason of Big Spring; a daughter, Mindy Sedberry of Big Spring; a son, Christopher Mason of Big Spring; his father, B.D. Mason of Big Spring; and his grandmother, Lee Roy Day of Big Spring.

Hazel Evans

1913-2001

MIDLAND – Hazel Ardell Evans, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, in Johnson City.

Funeral service for Mrs. Evans, 88, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Greenwood Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayman Swopes officiating. A nephew, Charles Chesshir, will assist. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 29, 1913 in Nashville, Ark., she moved with her family to Turkey when she was six years old. She married Newt Evans on Dec. 9, 1933 in Harmon County, Okla. He died in 1966.

They lived in Turkey, Colorado City, Snyder and Andrews before moving to Midland in 1996 where she worked with the elderly. After retirement, she returned to Andrews and was a member of the Andrews Church of Christ. She then moved to Austin to be near her daughter.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, John and Gene Chesshir; a son, Larry Evans; a daughter, Billie Jo Holman; a sister, Kathleen Irby; a brother, James Chesshir; and two grandsons.

Survivors include a son, Richard Evans of San Angelo; three daughters, Lujuan Womack of Midland, Tommie Jean Boswell of Austin and Mable Kay Rodabaugh of Plattsmouth, Neb.; a daughter-in-law, Norman Evans of Portland, Ore.; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Head Start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start continues from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays during November. Children must be three years old and meet income guidelines or have a disability. Bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security card and proof of income.

Holy Ghost Revival

The Lord's Supper Organization will hold a Holy Ghost Revival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Union community center on the Lamesa Highway. Speakers will be Manuel Granado and Randy Asebedo. For more information, call 574-2672.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Respecting the Things of God," followed by "What is a Miracle?"

American Cancer Society

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will have a board meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Robert Adams, WTC professor, will present a program on the French Indian War as a root cause of the American Revolution. The public is invited.

SHS Madrigal Dinners

SHS' annual Madrigal Dinners are set at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3-4 at the high school student center. Tickets are $15 per person per performance and are available at the high school office. No refunds will be given for unused tickets. Reserve tickets will be held until the day of the performance. Wednesday is the deadline to purchase tickets.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County Home for the Holidays, sponsored by the Scurry County extension service, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. Theme is Tex-Mex, featuring food, decorations, entertainment and door prizes. Admission is $5.

His Joy Ministries

His Joy Ministries, 904 26th, will host the 8th annual conference next Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1. Speakers will be Keith Miller from Amarillo and Moses Akitwine from Uganda. Music will be provided by Mercy and Truth from Dallas. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabilia through Dec. 4.

"Married for Life" information

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at The Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Home Bible study groups will soon start. For information, call Doug or Donna Nehring at 573-7471.

Head Start fundraiser

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Dec. 13. There will be a drawing for $100 worth of groceries from Davidson's Supermarket and another drawing for a $50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for students. Come by 2800 2nd St. or call 573-7403. Last ticket sales day is Monday, Dec. 3.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 5-9 p.m.; next Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 4, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Red Cross volunteers are needed for Snyder and Scurry County. Contact Sherry Faulkenbery at 573-1974 after 5 p.m.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

Senior yearbook dedications

Senior dedications for the Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Dec. 1. Cost is $45 for message and color photo. Orders are still being taken for the yearbook. Cost is $45 for which a deposit of $20 is required. Balance is due Feb. 1. If additional options are purchased, the deposit is $30. For information call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather.* The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

Senior water aerobics

Water aerobics for senior citizens is held from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

WTC adult basic education

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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New federal program seeks to stamp out sheep sickness

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A new program designed to eliminate an illness related to mad cow disease is forcing farmers, herders and ranchers to register their sheep and goats with the federal government.

Under rules that took effect this week, the animals cannot be moved across state lines until they are registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The move is part of an effort to eradicate scrapie, a fatal livestock disease that is in a family of ailments that includes mad cow disease. Mad cow has been linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a fatal ailment that occurs in humans.

Although scrapie has not been linked to any human disease, its stigma as a cousin of mad cow is hurting the sheep industry, said Diane Sutton of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Australia and New Zealand, both scrapie-free, refuse to import live American sheep and goats. China is considering a similar ban.

Sheep that come down with scrapie wobble and incessantly bite and scratch themselves. Like mad cow, scrapie can take years for symptoms to appear. Until that happens, or until the animal dies and its brain is studied, analyzing a tissue sample is the only way the disease can be detected.

Nationwide, 57 scrapie cases were recorded in October, with the largest number in Ohio, Missouri, Colorado and Wyoming.

Because there is no vaccine for scrapie, killing entire flocks wherever the disease appears is the only way the USDA can attack the disease. The department hopes to eliminate scrapie by 2010.

Despite the financial hit sustained by farmers who lose their flocks, the sheep industry backs the effort.

"With the media attention that mad cow got, we decided it is imperative that we rid this country of scrapie," said Frank Moore, a Wyoming sheep rancher and president of the American Sheep Industry Association.

Last month, a North Dakota rancher agreed to kill his flock after one sheep came down with scrapie. In March, 260 Vermont sheep were killed because they may have been exposed to the disease.

Under the USDA's rules, sheep older than 18 months must come from herds enrolled in the scrapie program to be shipped across state lines. They must wear ear tags or have identifying tattoos.

Sutton said the monitoring program has now includes 837 producers nationwide. To date, 59 of those flocks have been cleared of scrapie.

"The idea is that once a herd is determined to be scrapie-free, they will have certification to that effect," Moore said.

Although scrapie is most commonly associated with sheep, goats can also get the disease. As with sheep, goats older than 18 months must be enrolled in the USDA program before they can cross state lines.

"Goats are actually highly susceptible," Sutton said. "But because the majority of the disease is in the sheep population it doesn't spill over to goats."

On the Net:
USDA Veterinary Services Scrapie Program:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.htm

Consumers expected to trim holiday spending this season

DALLAS (AP) — The trunk of Diana Flores' car could be a roadmap to this year's holiday shopping season.

Flores is a dedicated shopper who has been on the lookout for holiday gifts since July. But she doesn't throw her money around.

"I never pay full price for anything. You have to be selective, that's why I'm out every day," the Dallas woman said this week while rummaging through her trunk, which was stuffed with Wal-Mart shopping bags.

Discount stores such as Wal-Mart, Target and Costco are expected to be among the season's strongest retailers, while department stores are expected to compete for shoppers by slashing prices.

The National Retail Federation predicts holiday sales will rise 2.5 percent to 3 percent, to $206 billion, the smallest increase since 1990. But some analysts consider the trade group's forecast too rosy considering the weak economy and a reluctance by Americans to celebrate while the country is worried about terrorism and war.

Patrick Dunne, a marketing and retailing professor at Texas Tech University, predicts flat sales. He said by the first week in December, retailers will acknowledge their predicament and cut prices again and use all the other tricks of the trade.

"In Lubbock, we had Santa come to the mall before Thanksgiving," he said. "It's panic."

Retailers might find reason to panic in the recent unemployment reports. Last week, state officials reported that 27,800 Texans lost jobs in October, the worst month in more than a decade, and the jobless rate has risen by more than one-fourth in the past year.

Dunne predicted that upscale stores will hang on by offering better service to affluent customers, and so will discounters that offer lower prices.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001

There's a good chance that many new acquaintances will be made in your social zones in the year ahead. They can influence you to travel in new circles where you may realize greater stature.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Much to your surprise, you might discover today that someone you thought didn't give a hoot about you is, in reality, quite anxious to become your pal. **Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.** Be sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is much to gain today by getting involved in in-depth conversations with pals. They could have knowledge to share with you, while there will be things you'll be able tell them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You possess a knack today for doing and saying all the right things to the right people at the right time. A few persons might be those with whom you have commercial involvements.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Any activity that reinforces your faith and basic philosophies will have a positive impact on you today. The wisdom and strength you'll gain will be effectively used in time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Lady Luck might place you in the exact spot you need to be in today in order to get involved in a money making proposition. Use your head as to just how much you want to get involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There may be a lot more to gain today if you work in tandem with others rather than on your own. Unions offer your greatest possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you want to find yourself a few strides ahead of those who try to outdo you, simply follow your ambitious instincts today. They'll guide you right to the victory circle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Play life like a game today by philosophically treating all events and happenings as being opportune, instead of something serious with which you have to contend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A secret for gaining something for yourself today is to be sure others with whom you're involved with do equally as well. They'll back you all the way and hope you win so that they can win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What makes you such a good conversationalist today is that the topics you choose will be about things involving others, leaving them believing you're truly interested in them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is a lot of material opportunity around you today, so keep your eyes peeled for a situation from which you could either make or save money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today's aspects indicate important uses for your two best assets, which are your leadership qualities and organizational abilities. Put them to good uses.

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Lawsuit claims Enron lead workers astray, funds hurt

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Enron Corp. workers are suing the company, claiming it endangered their retirement funds.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Houston under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, asserts that Enron encouraged the employees to invest more heavily in company stock just before the stock tanked. The lawsuit was filed by Portland, Ore., utility lineman Roy Rinard and co-worker, Steve Lacey.

Enron shares have plunged more than 90 percent over the past several months after the departure of the company's chief executive and an accounting controversy that eventually caused it to restate its earnings since 1997, eliminating more than $580 million of reported income.

Steve Berman, managing partner for the law firm of Hagens Berman in Seattle, said Enron touted the value of its stock and encouraged employees to put their entire portfolio into Enron stock.

Enron officials didn't emphasize the risk and instead painted the situation as positive, especially when the company's stock began to slide, said Berman, who is hoping to get the suit certified as a class-action case.

Berman wants to prove that the 401(k) plan executives failed to act responsibly when they knew about serious business problems. He's also hoping to break new legal ground with his case.

The lawsuit is patterned after a case against Lucent Technologies in which Lucent employees sued their employer this summer for matching their 401(k) contributions with company stock that later tanked. That case is still in litigation.

Earlier this year 54-year-old Rinard had $472,000 in his 401(k) plan, which had been growing for 21 years. Today, the plan is worth about $40,000. Enron gives its employees their 401(k) match in company stock.

In January, Enron was trading for $84.87. Wednesday it closed at $5.01 a share.

The problem was compounded when many employees, including Rinard, saw Enron's stock doing so well that they decided to put their entire account into Enron stock.

Enron executives were talking about how the stock price was poised to climb above $100 a share, he told the Houston Chronicle for Thursday's editions.

Another troubling feature of the Enron 401(k) plan was that employees were not allowed to make trades for about a month. The lockdown began Oct. 17.

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