

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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► People in the news

Gumbel stays out of Today's decision

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryant Gumbel says he's staying out of the decision of who will replace him on the *Today* show. In case anyone's wondering, he's a "big supporter" of Matt Lauer, the show's news anchor.

"We are really best friends," he told the *Daily News*. "We go to lunch together. We go on golfing trips together. We golf here together. We talk in the evenings on the phone. We talk on computer by day. We're very, very close."



Gumbel

Gumbel is leaving the NBC morning show in January after 15 years and has "stayed out of the process" to find a new co-host for Katie Couric, he said. "It's not my playground."

Gumbel, who makes \$2.5 million a year, is the longest-running host in the show's 45-year history. He is considering offers from NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN and Fox, plus independent syndicators.

Day-Lewis manages to hide wedding

STRAFFORD, Vt. (AP) — Famous groom, famous in-laws, famous minister, famous guests and still Daniel Day-Lewis managed to keep his wedding a secret.

The Oscar-winning actor married Rebecca Miller, the 34-year-old daughter of playwright Arthur Miller, in a small ceremony last

week at the Stratford United Church of Christ.

The Rev. William Sloan Coffin, a friend of Arthur Miller's since their days as Vietnam War protesters, officiated. The 18 guests included Day-Lewis' mother, widow of the Irish poet Cecil Day-Lewis, and the Irish bagpiper Ronan Browne.

On the bride's side were Miller and his wife, photographer Ingebor Morath.

The couple met when Day-Lewis, 38, visited Arthur Miller while preparing for the filming of *The Crucible*, based on Miller's play.

"Lightning seemed to strike them rather rapidly," Coffin said.

They appear to have consulted the John Kennedy Jr. book of wedding advice: The party was so secret that a house cleaner for the Coffins didn't even tell her husband, a reporter for a weekly newspaper in nearby Randolph.

► State

Boy's death remains under investigation

DALLAS (AP) — The death of a 12-year-old Garland boy who collapsed during basketball practice at Dallas Christian School remains under investigation pending further testing, officials said Tuesday.

Aaryn Blackwell died less than an hour after complaining of chest pains and collapsing during basketball practice before a gymnasium filled with teammates, school officials said.

"It's a total shock," said athletic director Larry Crooks. "They're (the coaches) in pretty bad shape."

Officials canceled two basketball games scheduled for Monday night and prayers were said, Crooks said.

An autopsy was performed Tues-

day, but an exact cause of Blackwell's death was pending toxicology and microscopic tests, an official with the Dallas County medical examiner's office said. Results weren't expected for about two months.

According to Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price, a family friend, doctors said the youth's asthma may have contributed to his death.

The boy took medication for his asthma and it seemed to be under control, said Price, who was with Pamela Blackwell at Mesquite Community Hospital when her son died. The boy's father, Aloise Blackwell, lives in Houston.

"He was active in all sports," Price said. "He was a great kid. He never complained."

The boy was happy about being selected to play on the seventh-grade team, Luster said.

"He'd played sports before, and

they thought they had it under control," Luster said. "It is totally devastating for us."

Consumers seek

regulate pay phone rates

AUSTIN (AP) — Allow phone operators to set rates, prices will hurt poor. The FCC should be overruled, a consumer advocates' lawsuit Tuesday.

Consumers Union's Regional Office, Consumer Education and Information Office of Public Utility sued the Federal Communications Commission.

They want the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans to overturn the FCC's decision to deregulate pay phone service. FCC took the action earlier and reaffirmed it this month.

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, Nov. 20, the 325th day of 1996. There are 41 days left in the year.

On this date: In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the "Mayflower" in Massachusetts Bay — the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, revolution broke out in Mexico, led by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1945, 24 Nazi leaders went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh.

In 1967, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout.

Ten years ago: The director of the World Health Organization, Dr. Halfdan Maher, announced the first coordinated global effort to combat the deadly disease AIDS.

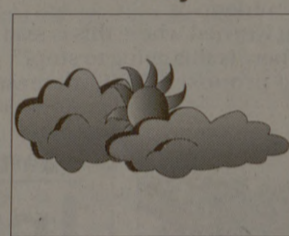
One year ago: Olympic figure skating champion Sergei Grinkov died of a heart attack in Lake Placid, N.Y.

► Today's birthdays

Actress Estelle Parsons is 69. Singer Kim Weston is 57. Actress Veronica Hamel is 53. Singer Joe Walsh is 49. Actress Bo Derek is 40. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 39. Actress Sean Young is 37. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie Boys) is 31. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 31.

► Weather

Today



Early morning fog. Partly sunny and unseasonably warm.

Tonight



Partly cloudy with late-night fog. Light and variable winds.

Tomorrow



Early morning fog. Partly sunny and warm in the afternoon.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected High	85°F
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Tomorrow's Expected High	85°F
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