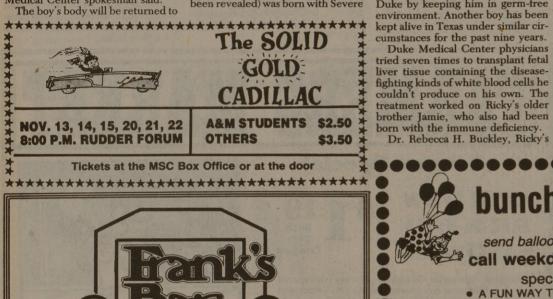
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# Boy in a bubble' dies of cancer

United Press International DURHAM, N.C. — Ricky, the 3year-old boy who spent his life in a germ-free isolation chamber because his body couldn't fight off disease, died of cancer Sunday, a Duke Medical Center spokesman said.

his parents in Ohio for burial. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at present, but a memorial service was scheduled today at the Duke Medic-

al Center chapel. Ricky (his last name has never been revealed) was born with Severe



Combined Immune Deficiency, a hereditary condition that left his body without any ability to combat the millons of disease organisms one

encounters daily So the youth was kept alive at Duke by keeping him in germ-free environment. Another boy has been kept alive in Texas under similar cir-cumstances for the past nine years. Duke Medical Center physicians tried seven times to transplant fetal liver tissue containing the disease-fighting kinds of white blood cells he couldn't produce on his own. The treatment worked on Ricky's older brother Jamie, who also had been born with the immune deficiency.

primary physician, said the boy died are over for at least 2 years blood cells.

"The illness from which he died is relatively common in patients with Severe Combined Immune Deficiency," she said, adding that persons with Ricky's condition are more than 10,000 times more likely to get cancer than are normal people.

"If his immunity system could have been corrected adequately, it is possible that he could have lived a relatively normal life.

Ricky's condition brought him widespread publicity, including cov-erage on network television news shows and his picture in National Geographic.

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FORT WORTH — The election is over and so are the radio commercials that infuriated liberals and eased conservatives.

The "I'm mad" commercials were sponsored by conservative oilman Eddie Chiles, who claims credit for helping defeat three of the nation's best known liberals in the United **States Senate** 

Chiles, the 70-year-old chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Western Co. of North America, says he has stopped his "I'm mad" radio campaign carried in 18 states because "it has served its

purpose now." In other words, the election is over. He left little doubt, however, that he will be back in two years. Chiles, who attacked big government and the liberal majority in Congress, said his radio campaign on 700 radio stations was a factor in the de-

feat of liberal Democrats George McGovern of South Dakota, Frank Church of Idaho and Birch Bayh of Indiana

Eddie's 'mad' commercials

Chiles began his "I'm mad" com-mercials in 1977 with test spots, increasing the frequency in 1978 to help elect Republican Gov. Bill Cle-ments and Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, and then stepped them up

again this election year. Bill Finn, a Tyler public relations man, helped Chiles create the "I'm mad" commercials to present his political views.

"He suggested I scream where someone could hear me—over radio so we bought a few test spots,' said Chiles.

Some Democrats threatened to complain to the Federal Communications Commission about a possible violation of the fairness doctrine this year, but Chiles said the threat "died a natural death.

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### United Press International HOLLYWOOD — The Mexican

doctor who treated Steve McQueen at a controversial cancer clinic near Tijuana claims he advised the actor against the surgery he underwent three hours before dying of a heart attack

McQueen, who starred in the "The Great Escape" and "Sand Peb-bles," died early Friday in a Juarez, Mexico, clinic following three hours of extensive surgery to remove mas-sive tumors extending from his intestines to his neck.

Dr. Rodrigo Rodriguez, director of Plaza Santa Maria Clinic south of Tijuana, who earlier announced that the growth of McQueen's tumors had been halted, told the San Diego Union Saturday:

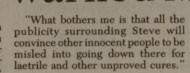
"We (the treatment doctors) all met to discuss the (possibility of surgery) situation (Oct. 30). We were with him about a couple of hours. Finally, he said 'OK, I'm going to think about it and I will let you

Rodriguez said he told McQueen, "It's up to you. I don't think you should do it."

Mrs. Neile Toffel, McQueen's first wife and the mother of his two grown children, has bitterly denounced Rodriguez and other doctors at the clinic who treated the 50-year-old actor with laetrile, intramuscular injections of animal cells, vitamins, an organic diet, coffee enemas and rubdowns with castor oil.

Toffel, who remarried after her divorce from McQueen, termed the doctors at the clinic "charlatans and exploiters," adding:

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Rodriguez said he opposed the surgery because he felt that McQueen's body had been making progress against the cancer.

I wanted to take advantage of that and keep going in that direction, he said. "He was in pain, but nothing that you could say was really killing

But Toffel said because McQueen receiving treatment.

# Baby girl killed Rodrigs, sional tes by family pythome

United Press International DALLAS — An 8-foot-long pet python crawled from a tem into an infant girl's crib, bit her face and head dozens of times and crushed the child to death.

Authorities said Sunday the 7-month-old girl, Toni Lynn De Var died a slow death and was unable to scream for help because the squeezed the breath from her lungs. The Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled "deat site traumatic asphyxiation" and said the child's body bore "countles" site

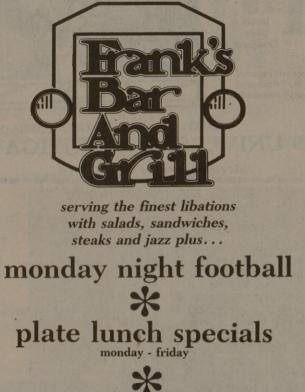
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it it wa who found the snake curled up on a wooden shelf above the babyschere was a

A trail of blood marked its path from the crib to the shell. ion equip Authorities said Duboe became hysterical, grabbed the por Lt. Cyn snake and wrestled it into his bedroom. He tried to kill it with a propellant then shot it with a .25-caliber pistol. When it still would not a nestigate partially severed the head with a kitchen knife and threw the so leak d with a kitchen knife a a the h back into the room with the dead child, where police found it Police described Duboe as "deeply grief-sticken" and said him was also hysterical. The child's 5-year-old sister, Jessie, was sleeping in a the same bedroom but was not harmed.



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The 7-pound snake apparently escaped from its living room to ium during the night by using its strength to nudge aside a covering the top of the glass cage. It then slithered into the bedr It is legal to keep a snake in a private residence in Dallas. Rose however, he intended to present the case to a grand jury, por recommending negligence charges.

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for about three months and also had a pet ferret.

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