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'Boy in a bubble' dies of cancer

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DURHAM, N.C. — Ricky, the 3-year-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.
The boy's body will be returned to

his parents in Ohio for burial. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at present, but a memorial service was scheduled today at the Duke Medical 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 millions 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 circumstances 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.
Dr. Rebecca H. Buckley, Ricky's

primary physician, said the boy died of lymphoma — cancer of the white 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 coverage on network television news shows and his picture in National Geographic.

Eddie's 'mad' commercials are over for at least 2 years

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

Chiles began his "I'm mad" commercials in 1977 with test spots, increasing the frequency in 1978 to help elect Republican Gov. Bill Clements 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."


One of the Democrats, Fort Worth attorney Don Gladwin, few stations did "back off" at the by taking off the commercials.


The majority owner of the Rangers baseball team battling for the franchise, bought 600 in his election year campaign but lost some contests in his own backyard. One of them was a national importance.


House Majority Leader Wright, a Fort Worth Democrat, was strongly opposed by the lionaire oilman, but the congressman easily defeated Wright in a city councilman.

Chiles has vowed to continue campaign against Wright. He is "philosophically a liberal and a socialist."

"I'll keep my mad for what I'm doing," the Fort Worth oilman said.


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Former wife assails doctors

Doctor warned McQueen

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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 Pebbles," died early Friday in a Juarez, Mexico, clinic following three hours of extensive surgery to remove massive 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 know.'"

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 rub-downs with castor oil.

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

"What bothers me is that all the publicity surrounding Steve will convince other innocent people to be misled into going down there for laetrile and other unproved cures."

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 him."

But Toffel said because McQueen

died of heart failure after his operation. "They (the doctors) had

diagnosed a heart attack before the cancer."

Rodriguez said Dr. William

Kelley, the former Texas state legislator who designed McQueen's conventional treatment, had

mended Dr. Cesar Santos, a

geon at the Santa Rosa Clinic in

Juarez who operated on the

before he died.

The Santa Rosa Clinic is

located in the Plaza Santa

Maric of Tijuana where he had

receiving treatment.

Baby girl killed by family python

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DALLAS — An 8-foot-long pet python crawled from a terrarium 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 Dyer, died a slow death and was unable to scream for help because the snake squeezed the breath from her lungs.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled "death by traumatic asphyxiation" and said the child's body bore "countless" and head bite marks.

"The smothering aspect answered my questions about why the parents didn't hear the child cry," said a spokesman for the medical examiner's office. "She couldn't. As the victim tries to breathe, the snake squeezes tighter and tighter around the body."

The child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eugene Duboe, was pronounced dead at 8 a.m. Saturday, about two hours after her death. Authorities said the child died a slow death and the asphyxiation process may have taken five minutes or longer.

After finding the child's body, Mrs. Duboe awakened her husband who found the snake curled up on a wooden shelf above the baby's crib. A trail of blood marked its path from the crib to the shelf.

Authorities said Duboe became hysterical, grabbed the python and wrestled it into his bedroom. He tried to kill it with a hatchet, then shot it with a .25-caliber pistol. When it still would not die, he partially severed the head with a kitchen knife and threw the snake back into the room with the dead child, where police found it.

Police described Duboe as "deeply grief-stricken" and said his wife was also hysterical.

The child's 5-year-old sister, Jessie, was sleeping in another bedroom the same bedroom but was not harmed.

The 7-pound snake apparently escaped from its living room terrarium during the night by using its strength to nudge aside a cover over the top of the glass cage. It then slithered into the bedroom.

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, possibly recommending negligence charges.

A neighbor said the Duboe family had been living in the apartment for about three months and also had a pet ferret.

"I remember when my daughter told me, 'I was shocked they would have a large snake with the baby around,'" said neighbor Betty Hogan.



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