

### Tubularman

By Boomer Cardinale

### Adolescents face morbid events daily, journal says

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NEW YORK — Memo to moody adolescents: If you think everything has been going wrong lately, you may be on to something. Researchers have found new evidence that one reason life is so unhappy for many young adolescents is that they face a bumper crop of distressing events.

What's more, adolescents seem to be thrown more by a pileup of bad events than younger kids are. Evidence for this double-whammy in early adolescence is presented in January's issue of the journal *Developmental Psychology* by Reed Larson of the University of Illinois in Urbana and Mark Ham of the Human Development Center in Duluth, Minn.

The work supports earlier studies, commented child development expert Jeanne Brooks-Gunn of Columbia University in New York, adding that even positive events may contribute to an adolescent's emotional turmoil.

Puberty and the transition to junior high also generally contribute, noted Dr. Daniel Offer, director of adolescent research at Northwestern Medical School.

He and Ham studied 483 students in fifth through ninth grades. They were drawn from four predominantly white neighborhoods in two Chicago suburbs that Larson declined to identify. The students wore a beeper for a week. When it beeped at random times, they recorded their moods on scales ranging from happy to unhappy, friendly to angry and cheerful to irritable.

Negative events included things like worsening relationships with parents and siblings, being disciplined in school, changing schools, breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend and falling out with a close friend or group of friends.



### Kozy "k"

By Clay Welch



### Texan sells steer for \$30,500, will use money to attend Texas A&M

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DENVER — Randy Rash's steer, Flipper, won the grand champion award at the National Western Stock Show and became the Texas youth's ticket to college.

Lombardi Bros., a meatpacker, and Paul's Place, a restaurant, on Monday paid \$30,500 for Flipper, a 234-pound Maine Anjou steer, raised by Rash, an 18-year-old from Crockett, Texas.

"I've raised market steers for eight years, but it's going to be hard to let go of Flipper, because he's the best I ever had," Rash said.

The \$30,500 sale price is the second highest ever paid for a grand champion steer at the Junior Livestock Auction of Champions, one of the highlights of the stock show.

The normal price would be about \$1,027.

Rash donated \$1,000 to the National Western Scholarship Fund and plans to use the rest to go to Texas A&M to study law and become a politician.

It marked the second straight year Lombardi Bros., and Paul's Place made the high bid for the grand

champion steer.

Joaquin Crego of Fort Collins sold the grand champion lamb for \$5,500 to Gasamat, a perennial buyer at the grand champion sale.

Jennifer Holt, owner of the Rattlesnake Ranch in Wyoming, paid \$5,300 for the grand champion hog, owned by 17-year-old Jennifer Bullard of Elmore City, Okla.

The auction is a popular way for businesses and individuals to encourage and reward the efforts of the next generation of stock raisers, and many buyers traditionally donate the animals back to the National Western Scholarship Fund.

"It is the kind of charity where you see where the dollars are going," said Holt.

Results of the auctioning of reserve grand champions:

— The reserve grand champion steer, owned by Jon Wosje of Milford, Mich., sold for \$7,000 to Colorado Rockies baseball club.

— The reserve grand champion hog, owned by Eric Bright of Le Grande, Calif., sold for \$3,400 to Super Value Stores Inc.

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### URINARY TRACT INFECTION

Do you experience painful, burning, stinging, frequent or difficult urination? Females age 18 and older with uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections needed for an investigational research study using medications in powder and tablet form. Six weeks, 5 visits. \$100 for those who complete the study.

### CHILDREN'S SKIN INFECTION STUDY

Children, age six months to 12 years, wanted to participate in a research study for bacterial skin infections such as: infected wounds, bug bites, earlobes, burns, boils, hair follicles, ingrown toenails, impetigo and others. Investigational oral antibiotic in liquid form. \$150 incentive for those chosen who complete the study.

### Asthma Study

Individuals, age 12-65, with mild to moderate asthma to participate in a clinical research study for 6 weeks with an investigational medication in inhaler form. Individuals must be using inhaled steroids and bronchodilators daily to qualify. Up to \$300 paid to those participating in the study.

### SINUS INFECTION STUDY

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