



# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**JONES, Cordie Farris** — 10 a.m., Second Baptist Church, Amarillo.  
**KYSAR, Gladys Laverne** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

## Obituaries

**CORDE FARRIS JONES**  
**AMARILLO** — Cordie Farris Jones, 81, sister of a Wheeler resident, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Second Baptist Church with Dr. Charles Jones, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones had been an Amarillo resident for 39 years, moving from Dumas. She married James Jones in 1941 at Oklahoma City, Okla.; he died in 1992. She was a homemaker and a teacher's aide with the Amarillo Independent School District.

She had belonged to Second Baptist Church since 1960 and taught Sunday school for 30 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Dora Miller and Bonnie Grant, both of Amarillo, and Jimmie Nelson of Concordia, Mo.; a son, Dan Jones of Dripping Springs; a brother, Earl Farris of Wheeler; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Second Baptist Church, T.V. Ministry; or to BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

**GLADYS LAVERNE KYSAR**  
**WHEELER** — Gladys Laverne Kysar, 67, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Mobeetie Cemetery at Mobeetie with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Miss Kysar was born Dec. 22, 1931, at Woodward, Okla., to Loyd and Bert Kysar. She had lived in the Mobeetie and Pampa area most of her life and belonged to First Baptist Church of Pampa.

She participated in Special Olympics and attended Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by a brother, Richard Leroy Kysar, in 1983.

Survivors include two brothers, Edwin Harold Kysar of Friendswood and Garland Dewey Kysar of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Special Olympics.

**BILLIE VIRGINIA MAE OSBORNE**  
**Billie Virginia Mae Osborne**, 81, of Pampa, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999, at Austin. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Todd Dyess officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Osborne was born Sept. 26, 1918, at Metcalfe, Ariz. She graduated from high school at Anson in 1936 and attended McMurry College in Abilene. She married Emmett Mobley Osborne in 1937 at Pampa; he died in 1980.

She belonged to First United Methodist Church and Clara Hill Sunday School Class for many years and had completed the Stephen Ministry series. She was secretary of the church for several years during the 1950s. She also belonged to Home Demonstration Club and to Pampa Fine Arts Association and was a life member of Federated Women's Club. In addition, she was active in Pampa Community Concert Association and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was named Artist of the Year in 1977 and served as a Girl Scout and 4-H leader.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Guena LiMarr Osborne in 1939.

Survivors include two daughters, Billie Mae Dixon of Austin and Sibyl Allenson of Splendor; a son, E. Lyman Osborne of Baton Rouge, La.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Pampa or to Pampa Fine Arts Association.

**WILLIE 'MIMI' RICKETTS**  
**CANYON** — Willie "Mimi" Ricketts, 94, sister of a Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Dreamland Cemetery with the Rev. Claud Tugwell officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Ricketts was born in Comanche County. She married Pat Ricketts in 1929 at Dodson; he preceded her in death. She had been a Canyon resident since 1951, moving from Turkey. She was a retired seamstress.

She belonged to First Baptist Church and Canyon Senior Citizens, where she worked for the Green Thumb Program.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Blume of Amarillo; a sister, Karo Beth Wells of Shamrock; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

## Emergency numbers

- Ambulance.....911
- Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
- Energas.....665-5777
- Fire.....911
- Police (emergency).....911
- Police (non-emergency).....669-5700
- SPS.....1-800-750-2520
- Water.....669-5830

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, October 15**  
 Assault was reported in the 1100 block of N. Frost.

**Saturday, October 16**  
 Matthew Benton, 22, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest and a Randall County warrant for issuance of a bad check.

**Sunday, October 17**  
 Josefina Gonzales, 37, 1025 Fisher, was arrested on charges of expired license plate, failure to appear, no seat belt, no insurance and unrestrained child.

James Ketchum, 29, 609 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of simple assault.

Selling alcohol to a minor was reported in the 1300 block of S. Hobart.

Theft of a dog was reported in the 1000 block of S. Farley.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, October 16**  
 Terry L. Kretchman, 28, Phoenix, was arrested on charges of displaying license not belonging to vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft and possession of an illegal knife.

John Trujillo, 35, Portales, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Nicole Q. Terry, 18, 317 Buckler, was arrested on charges of making a terroristic threat.

James Middleton, 45, 738 S. Barnes, was arrested on charges of theft.

Johnathon Munn, 17, was arrested on charges of failure to attend school.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, Oct. 16**  
 11:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded south on Highway 70 and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

5:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of East Harvester and transported one to PRMC.

8:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

**Sunday, Oct. 17**  
 2:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported one to PRMC.

7:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Nelson and transported one to PRMC.

8:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nadia and transported one to PRMC.

**Monday, Oct. 18**  
 3:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee; no transport.  
 5:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Sunday, October 17**  
 11:46 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Hobart and Randy Matson on an automobile accident.

2:04 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of S. Nelson on a good intent call.

## Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Sunday, October 17**  
 Debra Bowers, 18, Midland College, was cited for disregarding a red light when the 1998 Ford Contour she was driving when she was went through the light at Hobart and Randy Matson and struck a 1996 Escort driven by Richard E. Irvine, 36, White Deer. No injuries were reported.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.00
Milo	2.70
Corn	3.20
Soybeans	4.27

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	22 9/16	up 1/16
Magellan	118.82	up 1/2
Puritan	18.07	up 1/16

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Ammo	55 9/16	up 9/16
Arco	89 1/8	up 11/16
Cabot	20 15/16	NC
Cabot O&G	16 15/16	up 1/16
Chevron	88 1/16	dn 1/4
Coca-Cola	50	up 1/16
Columbia/HCA	20 9/16	up 1/8
Enron	38	dn 1/4
Halliburton	34 3/8	dn 1/4
IRI	4 3/8	dn 1/16
KMI	22 13/16	dn 3/16
SLB	55 7/16	up 1/16
Kerr McGee	56	dn 3/16
Limited	41 5/8	dn 3/16
McDonald's	41 9/16	NC
Mobil	94 15/16	NC
New Amos	23 7/8	up 1/16
NCE	31 7/8	up 3/16
Phillips	46 13/16	up 1/2
Pioneer Nat.	10 7/8	NC
Ultrasar	25 1/4	dn 1/16
Temoco	14 15/16	dn 1/4
Tenaco	60 1/16	up 1/8
Williams	25 1/4	dn 3/8
Will-Mart	50 3/4	dn 1/16
Williams	35 1/8	up 11/16
New York Gold	315.15	
Silver	5.32	
West Texas Crude	22.82	



A sellout crowd got some good bargains on merchandise and services provided to help raise funds for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Saturday night.

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## Lefors

their use but do recommend they not be used "for safety concerns." It was noted that several school districts in the area still use the larger vans but Law warned there are lawsuits pending against school districts that have had wrecks with them. Those vans can't be used to run a bus route, he said.

It was suggested the superintendent check on prices for another Suburban either new or used and to look into the cost of an eight-passenger van. Those vans don't have the restrictions the larger vans do. The cost of a van would probably be less, several board members agreed.

Law also said the school will host an open house Tuesday, Oct. 19 starting at 6 p.m.

## Vargus sentenced to prison

After refusing one plea bargain and nearly stopping another a Pampa man is heading to prison for two years minus time served on charges of robbery.

Josue Ramon Vargus of Pampa was answering a series of routine questions from 31st District Judge Steve Emmert and when the judge asked if Vargus was mentally competent now and on the day of the offense Vargus answered no.

"So you are saying that you are not mentally competent now?" Emmert asked.

"No sir," Vargus replied.

"Well that's it then, this hearing is over," Emmert said and told the court reporter stop recording.

At that point defense attorney Ronald T. Spriggs, of Amarillo spoke to his client quickly and asked the judge to go back on the record and said Vargus had misunderstood the question.

Vargus said he had been told he had the mind of

a fourth grader but upon further questioning it was discovered that was an expressed opinion not a medical diagnosis.

When Vargus testified he told the court that he had been offered an earlier plea bargain that had not included jail time but had refused it. He said that he did not think he could comply with the terms of probation that were offered, and chose instead to do time in jail with no probation.

After Emmert read the pre-sentencing report he told Vargus, "According to the psychological tests, there is nothing wrong with your intellect. Whoever told you that was wrong. You should not beat yourself up over that use that as an excuse."

Vargus agreed he was sane and Emmert agreed to the plea bargain on the 1998 charge and gave Vargus credit for the 217 days already served.

## Bartenders battle for bragging rights

PLANO, Texas (AP)—The bartender known as Wonder Boy, a flashy young man in a black hat, was mighty fast on the draw, twirl and pour.

But not fast enough.

Guy Minshall of Cheshire, England, earned the most points with his impressive bottle manipulation, winning the annual T.G.I. Friday's World Bartender Championships with "minimal spillage," the judges said.

Ronald Valencia, alias Wonder Boy, a sheriff's badge on his vest and chaps flapping on his legs, wielded his bartenders' tools like weapons.

Valencia tossed glasses, bottles of liquor and shakers around willy-nilly as he danced to techno-Western tunes. The young Filipino bartender teased the crowd, feigning surprise when he caught bottles behind his back, over his head or under his leg.

Although his flashy moves and flirty smiles weren't enough to win him the \$3,000 top prize, Valencia's routine earned him second place honors in the so-called "Shake, Rattle and Pour" competition.

Eight finalists worked their way through local, regional, divisional and national competitions to earn their places behind the championship bar. They also endured written tests over the past three days on menu-item ingredients, alcohol-service guidelines and current events.

Roughly 300 customers and employees of the Dallas-based chain crowded into a Friday's in Plano Sunday to see the finale of the competition and hopefully a little of the finesse made famous by Tom Cruise in the movie,

"Cocktail."

The finalists' tossing routines — or "bar-obics" — were choreographed to music and ranged from conservative flips of well bottles to mesmerizing "rolls" of the odd-shaped Chambord bottle down an arm.

Friday's officials say the competition, held for at least a decade, encourages their bartenders to come up with creative, flashy ways to entertain customers and serve tasty drinks — even if it means a few broken bottles behind the bar. It also benefits the Children's Miracle Network.

The company has raised more than \$500,000 over the past two years for the charity through auctions held between bartender performances, said spokesman Stewart Slocum.

The bartenders say the competition boosts morale because it

gives them a chance to be recognized for their skills.

"I enjoy doing it because not a lot of people can do this," said finalist Fred Potenza of Tarrytown, N.Y. "It's a lot of studying and preparation."

He and the other finalists showed up at the restaurant a little early Sunday to study the bar's schematic.

"You need to know how big the bar is, how it's laid out, where the ice cream and other ingredients are kept," said Potenza as he prepped for the timed competition.

Meanwhile, finalist Janene Stephan of Milwaukee — who was voted crowd favorite — said she just enjoyed the camaraderie.

"I really didn't prepare very well at all compared to the others," she said, laughing. "At this point I'm just happy to be here. We're having a real good time."

## City Briefs

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — High today 59 under partly cloudy skies and low tonight, 34 with northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, sunny with a high in the mid 60s and southwest winds at 10-20 mph.

**STATEWIDE** — The cold front that gripped Texas today brought freezing temperatures to the Panhandle and far western mountains, with rainfall in central sections and the south.

The front, which stretched

from New Orleans to near Tampico, Mexico, was accompanied by an upper-level low pressure system that was triggering precipitation.

Winds were mostly southwesterly in the eastern two-thirds of Texas, bringing warm moist air in contact with cool surface air. That helped produce rain in the eastern half of the state.

Rain and showers fell along a line from Wichita Falls to Del Rio, with isolated thunderstorms between San Antonio and Brownsville and in the north.

Winds in the Panhandle, South Plains and far west were

northerly at 5 to 10 mph, with gusty conditions in South Texas and along the coast.

Lows ranged from 31 degrees at Guadalupe Pass to 67 at Galveston. It was 32 at Dalhart, 46 at San Angelo and Dryden and 67 at Galveston.

A chance of continued rain was forecast through Tuesday, mixed with snow in the Panhandle.

Overnight lows should range from around 40 in the northwest to 50 in the southeast.

Highs should be in the 50s to 60s, with 70s along the Rio Grande.

# Outdoor group vocal about rulings

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

CANADIAN RIVER — Hunters, fishermen, cycle riders, and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts made no bones Sunday about their feelings surrounding a court ruling that returns Canadian River land to landowners.

From throughout the Texas Panhandle they gathered near a tank battery in the midst of Mesquite trees to voice their displeasure over the unanimous ruling by the nine-member Texas Supreme Court. The judges awarded what those present had always considered public land to adjoining landowners and the recreationists feel their land has been taken away from them.

Neal Farmer of Borger, who was one of the organizers of the River Rally, told the group at the onset there was no intention to have any trouble. He said there had been rumors that some of the group was going to burn landowners property and cut cattlemen's fences.

"We're not here for that. We're here to try to save this land, not destroy it," he said.

No landowners were on hand for the rally, but several Hutchinson County Sheriff Deputies and DPS troopers were present.

Many of those gathered were dressed in their camouflage hunting clothing.

Not optimistic about having the decision reversed, Farmer said he had contacted Governor George Bush's office for assistance, but said the issue is of no concern to the governor. He urged the group to flood Austin offices and agencies by phone and handwritten letters voicing their objections to the court decision.

As people from the 500-plus crowd stepped to the microphone to speak on the issue, a white flag with the words, "Come and take," under a black cannon and black star was in the background. According to the Texas handbook, the flag was flown in 1835 during the battle of Gonzales.

A Texas flag hanging upside down was also flanking the speakers.

Larry Hilton of Borger voiced his displeasure with the ruling as his grandson sat on his shoulders. He said he had used the land for many years and is disappointed future generations are not going to be able to enjoy it. He suggested to the crowd that when they went to vote to list the names of the current elected officials, including the nine Texas Supreme Court justices, and to mark an X next to their opponent's name.

Greg Poole of Pampa said he had been frequenting the area for about six years. He said if the flood gates were turned open we'll see who gets out of here. Poole had his son, Dallan, 4, with him at the rally.

G.T. Curlin of Fritch said he is a transplanted Kentuckian who has been in the area about 20 years. He suggested there had been a "pay-off" to judges to obtain the ruling favorable to the landowners. He alleged the hunters had been "screwed, blued and tattooed." He also said the landowners could afford to pay off officials, and said the group needs money. He urged the outdoorsmen and women to "stick to their guns."

"It stinks," said Billy Aranda of Borger, in referring to the court decision.

Kevin Anderson of Borger proposed that hunters and fishermen and women not buy licenses from the state. "Enough is enough," he said. "We need to get together and stay together."

David Shelton from Stinnett said he had hunted the area all his life. He said artists, horseback riders, bird watchers and picnickers have all used the area for many years. "The land commission and Supreme Court have fallen in with the people with the money and taken the land away from the little guy," he said.

Winifred Bethel of Fritch said he had hunted the area since 1928. "It's bad. The state government sucks. That's why I have a Clinton/Gore sticker on my vehicle," he said. He referred to the landowners as land grabbers.

Bruce Baker said he hunts the river area annually to put food on the table. He said he has been getting a deer each year. He was riding his motorcycle with the slogan, "Come and take it" printed on a placard. "Now we know how the Indians felt," was also on a sign on the motorcycle.

Gale Murphy of Borger urged those at the rally to put pressure on the government. He said the land commissioner gave the land away. "Our founding fathers never intended for this to happen," he said.

"If the land belongs to the land owners, let them pay the taxes and the back taxes," said Todd Wilson. "The lake area is now going to be overrun with hunters."

Jeremy Zollars told they group he grew up on a hill overlooking the river breaks and can't go to the area anymore. "We went to 42 steps and Turtle Rock all our life, and now we're locked out," said Zollars of favorite recreation areas which are located on private lands. "This is where I grew up, and now I can't come back."

Kenny Livingston, who said he is a teacher in the Gruver ISD predicted Texas will now have a personal property tax along with income tax due to the ruling. He said the ruling is a "crook of bull...."

Livingston also told the crowd while the "little people" wouldn't be able to hunt that law enforcement officers would get to hunt on private lands and said it wasn't fair. He yelled at two of the DPS troopers present asking them where they were going to hunt. One answered, "East Texas."

When a member of the crowd asked him if he couldn't hunt near Gruver in Hansford County on farm land, he said those people didn't steal the land and continued saying the land had been in their families for hundreds of years. "Let's kick some ...," he concluded.

Michael Long of Pampa urged residents not to "let it ride." "I've hunted here for about 30 years," he said. He urged everyone to email their elected officials.

A woman from Amarillo urged the protesters to write the National Rifle Association.

Buck Phelps of Claude said he lived in the Sunset Heights area north of the Phillips Petroleum Company plants until he had to move. A retired Phillips employee, he said he had used the area for years before his retirement.

David Hensley suggested that the landowners could still graze the land if it was public owned. "We know the difference between a cow and a deer," he said.

Also drawing the ire of the River Rally group was the game warden. Several complained of harassment by them.

Shelly Tracy suggested to the group that they organize and become non-profit. She also proposed trying to secure a lawyer for the group who is interested in hunting.

A collection was taken during the two hour rally which netted over \$1,100 for the group. Neal Farmer was selected as president, Steve Kossey are vice-president and Tom Berini as secretary-treasurer.



Over 500 men, women and children attended the River Rally Sunday afternoon to voice their protest about the recent court decision awarding land to area landowners. The peaceful protesters crowded into an area surrounded by Mesquite trees and near a tank battery to gather one last time on the property before the landowners are awarded the property on Friday. At right, Motorcyclist Bruce Baker was taking what might be his last ride through the area Sunday afternoon prior to the River Rally. He said he has been riding a 22-mile loop in the area for four years. He displayed several slogans on the motorcycle as he circulated in the area.



(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

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## RALLY

community was headquarters for the 300 county residents as it was the only town in Hutchinson County until the oil boom began in 1926.

When an election was held to move the county seat to Stinnett, the town withered away. No structures remain where the community once had a school, several businesses, a bank and a courthouse. The only visible reminders of the times gone by is a cemetery where many early day settlers are buried. The area is still known as the Plemons area and has been home to many area residents seeking outdoor recreation activities for over 70 years. The Plemons Bridge which crosses the former Canadian River is the only means travelers from the south can obtain access to the area.

Two Borger men are traveling to Austin Wednesday to ask state officials to reconsider the decision and keep the area open to recreationists.

Neal Farmer, owner of Bob's Western Wear in Borger and Steve Kossey, a local contract welder, are seeking meetings with several state agencies to hand-deliver letters and petitions from local people who are seeking to retain the land for recreational use.

Farmer said his wife, Karen, has searched extensively to find any deeds regarding the land in question. He said she has not been able to locate documentation of any recorded transactions identifying the land as ever being owned by private land owners.

"I'm not asking for anyone to give me land I've never owned," he said. "We just feel this is public land and has always been."

"I don't want people to think we're a bunch of white supremacists. We just wanted to gather to get signatures on the petition we're taking to Austin and let people know what's going on," he said. "This isn't an optimistic situation. The way it looks now, we only have until Friday for the area to be public land."

Farmer said at one time Sen. Teel Bivins suggested the state purchase the Coldwater Ranch for the hunters and recreationists. "If he wanted to do that it seems to me that indicates he thought the Canadian River land is public property," said Farmer. "It's really strange."

He said the land which was awarded to the land owners is a 35-mile stretch which begins two miles south of the Plemons Bridge and winds east down the Canadian River to two miles south of Highway 70 near Price Road which is also known as the Pampa to Perryton highway.

Farmer said he was very confused by the ruling because the river area from two miles south of the Plemons Bridge back to the Sanford Dam was not affected in the ruling. "I'm trying to find out the answers as to why," he said. "I don't think this ruling is about land or oil-it's about water."

He said Southwestern Public Service purchased water rights from landowners several years ago along the river area. Farmer said he understood the royalty payments would be based on how much land they own.

Farmer said he has not been able to obtain any figures from the state on the amount of oil and gas royalties.

He said the recreationists have sought assistance from State Representative Warren Chisum and U. S. Congressman Mac Thornberry. Farmer said Chisum told him "It's out of my hands. I can't do anything." Farmer said his wife attended a Town Hall meeting Saturday night in Booker at which Thornberry was present. He said when she asked Thornberry about the land dispute he said he didn't know much about the issue. "Later during the meeting when asked what committees he was on he said he was on the public lands committee. Now that's just ironic," said Farmer.

The Pampa News talked with Lou Zicker in Thornberry's Washington office Monday morning seeking the committees Thornberry serves on. He said the congressman is on the house armed services, budget and resources committees. He said the resources committee deals with federal land issues, not states.

"I don't think the elected officials realize how many voters we have who use this area. People come from all over the Panhandle to this area," Farmer said. "We've gotten the feeling officials have just given up and want this issue to just be over."

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Week**

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 Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week**

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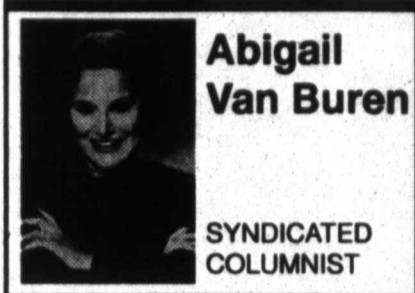
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# Boys Who Like to Dance Have a Leg Up on Life

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing to reassure the mother of "Trevor," who fears that her son is gay because he prefers dancing and cooking to baseball cards and talking about girls. Twenty years ago, that could have described my brother, although you'd never guess it to see him today — happily married to a lady who's happy to let him do the cooking in their home.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

My brother was always small and shy, and although he had a number of female and male friends, he didn't date until college. While in junior high school and high school, a knee injury left him with only swimming and dance for gym class choices. He endured a lot of razzing about his sexuality when he dressed to go to a dance class with the girls while all the other guys were preparing to do "manly" activities such as wrestling.

of male chefs on TV and running restaurants shows there is nothing effeminate about cooking. Someday, the other boys will realize that Trevor actually has a lot of advantages they missed out on — and they'll be envious instead of harassing.

PROUD SISTER, PLANO, TEXAS

Finally, my brother lost his tolerance and pointed out, "You are going into a class of sweaty, smelly guys in shorts and sweatshirts. I'm going into a class with girls in skintight leotards and tights. Who do you think is having a problem?" And that ended the discussion!

**DEAR PROUD SISTER:** Your brother handled the teasing with humor and confidence. However, not all children have the confidence to deal with it in such a sophisticated manner. A survey funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that one in 13 students has been attacked or harassed because he or she was suspected of being gay. Four out of five of those individuals were actually heterosexual. Weapons have been banned from our school ground — and words that are used as weapons don't belong there, either.

As for cooking, my brother has always been the better cook in our family, and he loved it at an early age. To this day, he takes cooking classes and cooks up gourmet feasts out of nothing.

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The mother is correct to encourage her son's interests. Dancers are often in better shape than other athletes, and certainly the number

**DEAR ABBY:** We're having a discussion in our office about dating. A co-worker is going out with her husband tonight. She considers it a date, but another co-worker and I disagree. Of course, if you are married, you're allowed to go out with each other, but it's not considered a "date," is it? Abby, what do you think?

CYNTHIA IN EL PASO

**DEAR CYNTHIA:** My trusty Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (10th Edition) defines "date" as "an appointment to meet at a specified time; esp. a social engagement between two persons that often has a romantic character." That definition describes the engagement your co-worker has with her husband, so she does indeed have a "date." Dating while married is a terrific way to keep romance alive — don't you agree?

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## Zits



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## Horoscope

TUESDAY, OCT. 19, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* Plans quickly run amok, as misunderstandings run riot. What you thought with a sure thing now becomes problematic. Money agreements might require further negotiation, both sides need to toe the line. Tonight: Stay easy-going with friends — they, too, had a hard day.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\* You could spend a good part of your day shaking your head and feeling misunderstood. Others question your ideas and decisions. You might be making a bigger deal out of a problem than need be. Take a walk at lunch or nibble on a favorite snack to chill out. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Take an overview; turn chaos to your favor. When everyone else is scattering and trying to regroup, you can rush in and make sense for others. You have the choice to look at the cup as half-full, rather than half-empty. Tonight: Once again, you pull a rabbit out of a hat!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\* Buckle down; refuse to be intimidated by another's irritation or point of view. A lot goes on around you. A friend

might disappoint you. A child amuses you to no end with his unusual ideas and solutions. Perhaps you need to return to a more childlike mind-set. Tonight: Let another blow off steam.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Unexpected developments shed a new light on a difficult situation. Keep on trucking, as they say! Stay aware, in conversations. Know what you want from others. Confusion runs amok; gather feedback and put plans together again. Tonight: Say yes to a partner's plans.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\* You could easily be frayed by recent pressures and decide to go in another direction. Somehow, you gain a perspective, despite a problem that's pulling you away from the situation at hand. You feel undone by what is happening, and you need time to regroup. Tonight: Whatever will soothe your nerves.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Use care when dealing with a partner. You might not be hearing the whole story. Others could be a bit uptight, as you find out by falling into a hornet's nest. Defer judgment until you figure out what needs to happen here. Money issues surface. Tonight: Don't spend to escape.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\* Pressure is intense. Others easily misunderstand your intentions. Family matters sizzle; problems build. Step away, rather than getting embroiled in even worse messes. Your sense of humor goes a long way. Tonight: Race home, lock your doors, screen calls and escape.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* You are sure that another is out of control and is saying things he would

normally regret. The problem is, you are too bogged down and tired to provide any constructive influence to the situation. Think through your options carefully, then sleep on it. This, too, will pass. Tonight: Join friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* Curb any unnecessary cash expenditures, as you could presently be an emotional spender. Attempt to gain control. Listen to a friend, but be aware that he isn't always grounded, either. A child or loved one acts up. Take a deep breath and consider alternatives. Tonight: Pay bills.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\* Though you're normally gregarious, personal matters seem to weigh on you right now. You are tired and need to take a break from the grind. A boss isn't sending clear signals. You need to understand what is happening, but unfortunately you might not possess all the information until later. Tonight: Do for yourself!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* You could easily spend a large part of the day shaking your head. Realize your limits and what is necessary. Build on existing security, but also be prepared to change your plans or approach if necessary. Take some time to yourself to think and regroup. Tonight: Take a deep breath.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor John Lithgow (1945), designer Peter Max (1937), author John LeCarre (1931)

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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 47 Singer
  - 48 Barter
- DOWN**
- 1 Zeus or Jupiter
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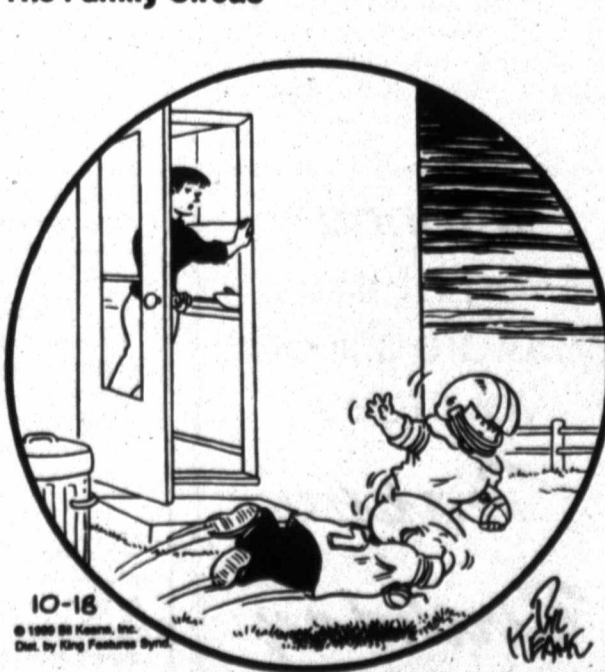
Saturday's answer

## Marmaduke



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## The Family Circus



"That's enough, Billy. Time to tackle your homework."

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# SPORTS

## Mets stay alive after 15-inning classic

### Notebook

#### FOOTBALL

**LEFORS** — Lucio Moreno scored on runs of 25 and 5 yards, while Ryan Manley had touchdown runs of 4, 12 and 19 yards as Miami came from behind to defeat Lefors 44-18 in a District 1 Six-Man football game Friday night.

Miami was trailing 18-12 before they busted through Lefors' defense to gain 32 unanswered points in the second half.

Michael Steel scored all three Lefors touchdowns, including one on an 80-yard kickoff return.

Miami finished with 411 yards of total offense while Lefors had 169. The Pirates were hurt by three turnovers.

The victory left Miami 5-1 overall and 2-0 in district play. Lefors fell to 3-4 and 0-2.

#### AUTO RACING

**TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)** — Working together for just over a year, Dale Earnhardt and crew chief Kevin Hamlin think they've finally figured out how to compete on a consistent basis.

Earnhardt came from 27th place Sunday to outfox the field at Talladega Superspeedway and hold off Dale Jarrett to win the Winston 500.

The seven-time Winston Cup champion needed just five laps to get into the top five, and remained a contender the rest of the day.

"I think we've got it where we should be able to run in the top five every week," Earnhardt said. "It goes to show that you never give up on your race car and you never give up on your race team."

Hamlin was the crew chief for Mike Skinner, Earnhardt's teammate, until he switched in the middle of last season.

Under Hamlin, Earnhardt has either placed first or second in all four of the year's restrictor plate races. He's won three times this season — sweeping the Talladega races and winning at Bristol.

The seven-time Winston Cup Champion is so content, he's in the process of signing a new contract extension with owner Richard Childress. The current contract expires at the end of next season, but Childress said the team had a lifetime agreement.

"We're gonna win that eighth championship, that's the goal here," Childress said. "Dale Earnhardt can still do it and anyone who doubted him was crazy."

On Sunday, Earnhardt came from farther back than any previous winner at Talladega. The previous record was 18th by Mark Martin in 1997.

Earnhardt led only 18 of the 188 laps, but got in front for the final time on lap 185 and was able to stay ahead of a ferocious 20-car lead draft to the checkered flag.

He beat Jarrett by .114 seconds — about 2 car-lengths.

"I was really amazed that I held Jarrett off," Earnhardt said. "I thought he would make a run at me, or muster a run at me, but he couldn't."

Ricky Rudd finished third, followed by Ward Burton, Kenny Wallace, rookie Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte.

Burton was the finest finisher among the five drivers eligible for a \$1 million bonus had they won on Sunday.

Earnhardt's key moment came on lap 140 when he drove into the pits with a group of leaders for a regularly scheduled stop. Just as they reached pit road, Terry Labonte's car began leaking and smoking from a punctured oil reservoir, bringing out the last of three caution flags.

All the drivers but Earnhardt, Bobby Labonte and Ward Burton kept going through the pits and back onto the track. But those three stopped and wound up finishing in the top seven.

"I just played my cards right," Earnhardt said.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — After 5 hours, 46 minutes of incredible twists and overwhelming drama, no one could figure out the score. Was it 4-3? 5-3? 7-3?

It didn't matter. The New York Mets, once again salvaging their season with an improbable comeback, lived to play another day in the NL championship series.

Robin Ventura's grand slam single drove home the winning run in the 15th inning Sunday, giving the Mets a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves in Game 5 of a series that is rapidly becoming one for the ages.

The game that cut Atlanta's lead in the best-of-7 series to 3-2 will be remembered as one of the greatest in postseason history, "one of the ones they show on the

sports classic channel," in the words of Orel Hershiser.

The 482-pitch epic ended in confusion, with two runners crossing the plate while Ventura was mobbed by his teammates before he could get to second base after hitting an apparent grand slam. Workers pulled up the bases, the umpires left the field and everyone in the press box desperately sought out the actual score.

About 10 minutes after the game ended, official scorer Red Foley said Ventura was credited not with a grand slam but with a run-scoring single, and the final was 4-3. The umpires insisted the score was 5-3, counting both runners who came home before the celebration. The NL eventually

ruled it 4-3, saying Foley and the Elias Sports Bureau were responsible for the final decision.

In Boston, where the New York Yankees were playing the Red Sox in Game 4 of the ALCS, they put up the 4-3 score on the manual scoreboard, drawing cheers. Then it changed to 7-3, and the reaction turned to confusion. Finally, the electronic scoreboard reported the Mets won 4-3 on Ventura's grand slam.

Officially, it was a single that went over the right-field fence. The result: Game 6 will be played Tuesday night at Turner Field.

It was the longest LCS game by innings since the Mets needed 16 to beat Houston in the deciding game of the 1986 NL series. It was the longest postseason game by

time ever, surpassing the 5-hour, 13-minute marathon between the New York Yankees and Seattle Mariners in Game 2 of a 1995 division series.

Atlanta, which won the first three games in the series, has suffered two straight devastating losses. John Olerud's two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning Saturday gave the Mets a 3-2 victory.

The Braves were three outs from reaching the World Series for the first time since 1996 after Keith Lockhart's two-out, run-scoring triple in the top of the 15th broke a 2-2 tie — the first run scored in the game since the third inning.

The Mets, who had to win their final four games of the regular

season just to make the playoffs, would not die.

After fouling off pitch after pitch, Shawon Dunston led off the home half of the 15th with a single to center against 22-year-old rookie Kevin McGlinchy, who then walked pinch-hitter Matt Franco.

Edgardo Alfonzo bunted the runners to second and third before McGlinchy walked Olerud intentionally to load the bases. Todd Pratt, who entered the game in the 14th after Mike Piazza suffered a strained right forearm, walked on five pitches to force in the tying run. With the Shea Stadium crowd roaring, McGlinchy knew he had to throw strikes. Ventura, who was 1-for-18 in the series, drove a fat, 1-1 fastball over the right-field wall.

## Lady Harvesters win Lake Meredith Invite

**FRITCH** — The No. 2-ranked Pampa girls cross country team tuned up for the District 3-4A meet by winning the Lake Meredith Invitational last weekend.

"The girls had 20 points and ran very well," said Pampa High coach Mark Elms.

Beth Lee and Rebecca Fatheree finished 1-2 with respective times of 11:51 and 11:53 for the Lady Harvesters. Their teammates weren't far behind.

Samantha Hurst was fourth (12:15), T'Andrea Holmes sixth (12:46), Amanda White seventh (12:50), Vanessa Orr eighth (12:56) and Anna Resendiz ninth (13:03).

Pampa finished with 20 points while Borger was a distant second with 45. Tascosa was third with 110 points, followed by Dumas fourth, 117; Plainview fifth 121 and Randall sixth 138.

Other individuals who competed for Pampa were Andrea Lee 10th (13:07) and Marci Hansen 14th (13:19).

The Pampa girls have won six of seven meets this season.

Pampa's Gonzo Salazar in the boys division won the individual title with a time of 16:13. Coby Brown of Dumas was second with a time of 16:47.40.

Jay Gerber was fifth (17:46) while Chad Platt was 17th (18:49) and Matthew Crow was 22nd (19:24) for Pampa.

Dumas scored 38 points to win the team title.

"The boys ran awesome and are looking forward to district," Elms added.

In the girls junior varsity division, Jamie Clay was 24th (16:19) and Kimberly Porter placed 26th (16:33) for Pampa.

The district meet is Oct. 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Horse Center near West Texas State A&M in Canyon.



The second-ranked Pampa High girls cross country team won the Lake Meredith Invitational in Fritch last weekend. Team members are (front row, l-r) T'Andrea Holmes, Amanda White and Rebecca Fatheree; (back row, l-r) Andrea Lee, Samantha Hurst, Anna Resendiz, Beth Lee, Marci Hansen and Vanessa Orr.

## Aikman doesn't care about Giants' woes

By TOM CANAVAN  
AP Sports Writer

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — Troy Aikman didn't want to hear anything about the New York Giants being in turmoil.

The Dallas Cowboys quarterback had heard it all.

The Giants' offense is struggling, quarterbacks are playing musical chairs this week, their defense is miffed that it worked so hard for nothing and the team is heading toward a second straight disappointing season.

Put it all together and the Cowboys (3-1) should have no problem handing the Giants (2-3) another Monday night mauling.

"I would be willing to bet Philadelphia was a little divided last week, too," Aikman said sarcastically as he reminded everyone that the then-winless Eagles overcame their problems to beat Dallas 13-10.

"Obviously you don't like to see any team divided," Aikman said. "I have been in those situations earlier in my career, and it is very frustrating. But I don't think that that necessarily means that they are not going to go out and play well."

The Cowboys have their own problems to worry about. They will be without receiver Michael Irvin for an undetermined period because of a neck and spine injury sustained in last week's game.

Ernie Mills and Wane McGarrity will replace him.

"I have confidence in the guys that are going in and playing, but at the same time,

anytime you lose a player of Michael's stature, you lose something off your football team," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "It will have an impact. How much of an impact remains to be seen."

The Giants are a troubled team coming into the game. The offense has struggled since opening weekend and that's taking a toll on the defense, which has played well enough to win four games.

After last week's 14-3 loss at Arizona, the defenders were so angry that coach Jim Fassel came close to having a civil war in his locker room.

Cooler heads prevailed.

"I feel great about the team," said center Brian Williams, who is expected to return to the lineup after missing the Cardinals' game with a hand injury. "We got a lot of things out in the open earlier on. We know what we have to do, but obviously we have to go out and execute."

Quarterback Kent Graham, who missed the Arizona game with a concussion, will return to the starting lineup. Kerry Collins struggled in his start

last week.

Giants linebacker Jessie Armstead hasn't noticed any outward changes in the offense this week. It has always been an emotionless group, and the rift with the defense didn't change that.

"We've all got to wait and see," Armstead said. "I don't know what will happen. I don't know if the gun is going to shoot forward or shoot back. Too much attention can help you or hurt you. It might make a guy realize that the spotlight is on, and if it's on you, you can't hide."

The Giants have never beaten Dallas on a Monday night. The Cowboys posted a 31-7 win last year to keep the record perfect.

"If I start worrying about that stuff, it will make me nervous," Fassel said. "The bottom line is it's prime time, and we have to step up."

Emmitt Smith of Dallas comes into the game leading the NFC in rushing with 409 yards. Giants receiver Amani Toomer is tied for the conference lead with 29 receptions.

Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m., CDT.

## Hereford turns back Pampa in volleyball

**PAMPA** — The match ended after the first two games, but Pampa gave powerful Hereford a good battle before succumbing 15-6, 18-16 in District 3-4A volleyball action Saturday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

"We had our chances to win. We just couldn't quite pull it off. We did some good things, so maybe that's a sign we're coming around," said Pampa coach Carmen Pennick.

Tandi Morton, Anne Gaddis, Destiny Engel led Pampa with 6 kills each while Lindsey Hampton and Chasity Nachtigall had 3 each.

Gaddis also had 3 solo blocks and 3 assists while Morton had 2 solo blocks, 2 assists and 6 digs.

Lindsey Earl had 17 set assists, a service ace and 7 digs while Destiny Engel had 7 solo blocks and 3 assisted blocks.

Nachtigall also had 5 digs.

The Lady Harvesters host Palo Duro at 7 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse in the final home match of the season.

Seniors on the team will be recognized Tuesday night.

Pampa is 4-4 in district and still holds down the third-place playoff spot in the standings.

"We're not out of the woods yet as far as the playoffs. Palo Duro is an important match and so is the one with Borger coming up," added Pennick.

Hereford, a two-time defending state champion, remains unbeaten in district play at 8-0.

In other district matches Saturday, Palo Duro beat Caprock 15-6, 12-15 and 15-5 and Dumas downed Borger 15-9, 15-13.

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# MEDICAL

## Strategy starves rather than poisons cancer

By DANIEL Q. HANEY  
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON (AP) — The biggest thing in cancer is this little four-word sentence: Tumors make blood vessels.

It is not as obvious as it sounds. For a long time, doctors assumed that spreading cancer makes do with the blood supply already in place. But no. Now they know that cancer grows its own.

This biologic insight has turned out to be among the precious few that opens an entirely new strategy for controlling a human ill. In the past two or three years, the discovery has become the starting point for the most studied, the most tested, and absolutely the most talked about endeavor in all of cancer research.

If it leads where scientists hope — and where drug companies are placing big research bets — then it should be possible to stop cancerous tumors by blocking their ability to launch the fresh blood vessels needed for survival. To kill a cancer, the thinking goes, starve it.

At this point, no one knows if it will work. But cancer experts say they cannot remember a time when there has been so much enthusiasm for a new approach to treatment.

The idea has taken more than 30 years to evolve from the universally scoffed-at brainstorm of Harvard surgeon Judah Folkman. Now it is an enterprise being chased by dozens of companies, ranging from the biggest pharmaceutical makers to one-idea startups.

At least 20 drugs that block the growth of blood vessels are in various stages of testing on people with cancer. More are nearly ready for testing. At the National Cancer Institute, Dr. James Pluda guesses that literally hundreds of other potential ones are in development.

"It's considered one of the hottest areas in all of medicine, not just cancer," he says. "I'm not aware of any drug company, big or small, that is not working in this field."

Cancerous tumors rely on the construction of new blood vessels — a process scientists call angiogenesis — to bring in oxygen and nutrients. Without this blood supply, they never grow larger than a pinhead. The question is whether any of the drugs in the works can thwart this basic biological process and thereby cure cancer, or at least stop it from spreading.

"The reason so many companies are interested in this is the possibility — and I emphasize possibility — that it will be broadly applicable to all tumor types," says Dr. Susan Hellmann, development director at Genentech.

In other words, if all kinds of cancer need new blood vessels, then one drug that interrupts this process might be good against all of them. With this in mind, drugs such as Sugen's experimental blood vessel blocker, SU5416, are being tested against cancers all over the body, including the colon, lung, kidney, ovaries, breast and skin.

Forty-four separate studies are under way with this one drug alone. It's even being tested against cancers of the blood, on the theory that even this malignancy requires the growth of fresh blood vessels in the bone marrow, where the cancer starts.

"These could be huge drugs, almost like the Holy Grail," says Peter Hirth, Sugen's president.

Doctors explaining their enthusiasm for this approach usually start by rhapsodizing over its elegant scientific underpinnings, worked out by Folkman and others who joined the field later. Then they mention the exceptionally promising experiments on rats and mice, in which tumors stop growing, shrivel up, even disappear. Finally, they get around to the miracles.

These amazing stories, the against-all-odds recoveries of people at death's door, are the most gripping and yet ephemeral of all the evidence in this young field. Most of the new compounds are in such early stages of testing, and their study subjects are so riddled with cancer, that no one can say with confidence whether the drugs do any good at all.

But a few of the terminally ill volunteers in these last-ditch experiments have suddenly gotten better. Even skeptics who have watched cancer breakthroughs come and go cannot help being intrigued.

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Like most of those who have tried the new drugs, Clayton Twigg had failed all standard treatments and was dying. He had a rare and extremely aggressive form of thyroid cancer that had spread into his chest. At one point, his neck grew so big there was no indentation between chin and chest.

Unwilling to give up, Twigg volunteered for an experimental blood vessel blocker at University Hospitals of Cleveland. In February, he became the eighth patient in a study of the safety of combretastatin, made by Oxigene.

"By the second treatment, bingo! The tumor had started to shrink," said Twigg, 56, an engineer from Westlake, Ohio.

By the end of six treatments, doctors could no longer see the growth on scans. In August, they decided to operate. But when they looked around his thyroid for remaining traces of cancer, there were none.

The news, though obviously good, does not mean Twigg has been cured. Undetectable cancer may lurk somewhere in his body. Still, his doctors say they have never heard of such a dramatic remission at Twigg's stage of this particular cancer.

Nevertheless, those who follow drug testing are reluctant to make too much of stories like this. Cancer is not an entirely predictable disease; people sometimes get better for no apparent reason. Furthermore, despite being terminally ill, those admitted to drug studies are often healthier than run-of-the-mill cancer patients, so they respond better to novel therapies.

"I don't want to give the impression this is a cure-all, the silver bullet for cancer," says Dr. Scott Kemnick, who heads Twigg's study. "But there's no doubt this patient has had a very significant response."

Twigg takes part in what's called a Phase One study. It is limited to a few patients and is intended to see how much of the drug can be given safely. The next stage often includes more patients and tests whether the drug has any effect on the tumor. But true proof of combretastatin's value must await Phase Three, the large, costly comparison study in which hundreds of patients are randomly assigned to get the drug or dummy shots, then followed for a year or two to see if the treatment makes them live longer.

Because of the time it takes to carry drugs through these levels of testing, many believe it will be four or five years before the value of the blood vessel stoppers becomes clear.

The two highest profile candidates in this field are drugs called endostatin and angiostatin that have not even entered Phase One. Last year, an optimistically worded article in The New York Times (delete article) quoted scientists predicting that these drugs, discovered by Harvard's Folkman, could become a cure for cancer within two years. As cancer fighters, they appear to be especially powerful, at least in mice and rats, the only test subjects so far.

Folkman and others pointed out that cancer is infinitely harder to cure in people than it is in the inbred strains of rodents that serve as scientists' drug proving ground. Nevertheless, the stock of Entremed, the small biotech firm developing Folkman's drugs, shot from \$12 a share to \$85 the day after the story ran. (It since settled back into the 20s.)

Endostatin testing will start this fall on 45 to 90 terminally ill volunteers in Boston, Houston and Madison, Wis. Because of the publicity,

the experiment will be subjected to a level of kibitzing rare in early stage drug testing, which usually succeeds or fails in anonymity.

Folkman, for one, doubts this first human test will show much benefit, and disappointment is inevitable. "People two weeks into this will write newspaper articles saying it doesn't work," he says. "They will get safety data in Phase One, but efficacy will take a long time, if it comes."

The reason: Blood vessel blockers are nothing like traditional cancer treatment. Mainstream chemotherapy drugs are poisons that work by harming cancer cells more than they do normal ones. Often they shrink cancers fast, even though they may fail to destroy every last bit of the disease, leaving some to grow back and kill.

The experimental drugs are unlikely to make cancer wither and vanish — at least, not quickly and predictably. Some may make tumors recede; others may only prevent them from getting any larger or spreading further.

If so, this will mean cancer patients may need to take the drugs for months, years, even for life. "Maybe these drugs won't make the disease disappear," says Dr. Lee Rosen of UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. "But if we can stop it from growing and make it a chronic disease, that's an OK thing."

Most of the drugs in the pipeline were designed from scratch to target the body's normal blood vessel construction machinery, which is hardly ever turned on in healthy adults. Some target messenger proteins, such as vascular endothelial growth factor, that activate this process. Some block the enzymes that are necessary for new blood vessels to burrow through surrounding tissue. Others, like endostatin, seem to inhibit the entire process.

Some older drugs are being looked at afresh, as well. For instance, thalidomide, the disgraced sleeping pill, is being tested for its newly recognized effects on blood vessels in people with a variety of cancers. So are taxol and interferon-alpha, standard cancer medicines that may work in low doses as angiogenesis blockers.

While it is possible these medicines will turn out to be effective alone, many researchers expect they will work best when combined with standard chemotherapy, surgery and radiation. Lab experiments suggest that tumors may be far more sensitive to the killing effects of chemotherapy after they have been weakened with blood vessel inhibitors.

"We hope that a dual therapy, one designed to go after the blood vessel and one to go after the cancer cell itself, will lead to a super-additive effect," says UCLA's Dr. Fairooz Kabbinavar.

If these drugs pan out, doctors envision a time when patients will get a blood test to see which chemical triggers their tumor to make new blood vessels. Then they will take a cocktail of blockers tailored to their disease, wait a few weeks for their cancer's blood supply to shut down and come back for a knockout punch of chemo or radiation.

"It's been one foot in front of another in cancer medicine for the past 50 years," says Dr. Stephen Sallan of Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "New concepts, and anti-angiogenesis is just one of them, certainly make me feel we will accelerate the pace."

For some, such as Clayton Twigg, who were present in the first moments of this new attack on cancer, the future may have arrived just in time. Once given six months to live, he is planning a fishing trip to Canada and thinking about returning to work.

"I'm not out of the woods yet, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed," he says. "Hopefully we have found something, if not for all of cancer, then at least for those with the kind I have. It's a terrific time for science."

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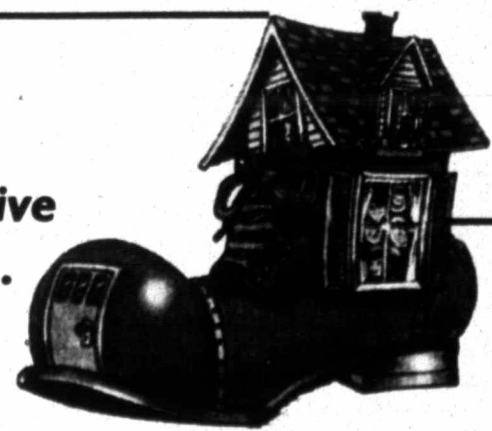
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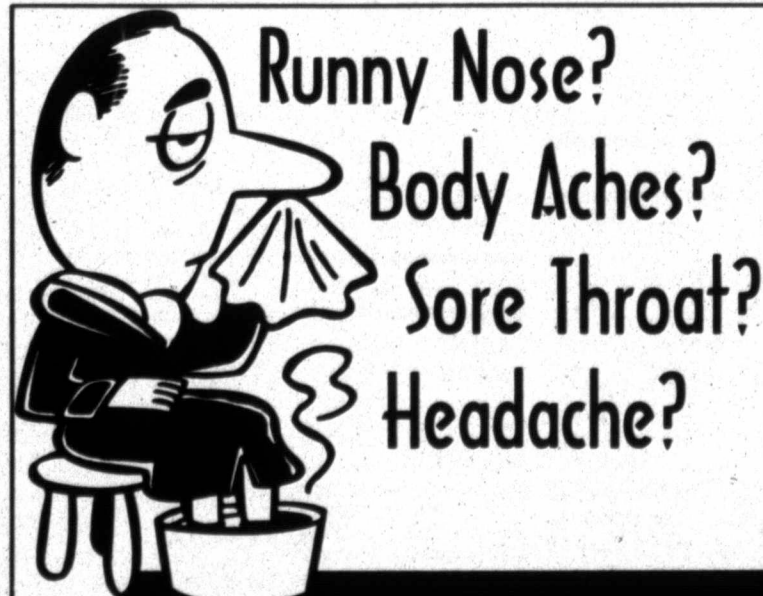
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