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A Thanksgiving Blessing

He Made Set of Oklahoma 6-Year-Olds Twins Again

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A set of 6-year-old Oklahoma twins has something to be thankful for on Thursday. They match.

It's another holiday success story for Du Quoin resident Bob Barron of Custom Prosthetic Designs of Ashburn, Va.

Barron's work as a prosthetic specialist created two new ears for one of the twins, born without them.

To the eye, you can't tell the artificial prosthetic ears from real ears. That story will be told on a January 6, 2006 edition of The Montel Williams Show.

Between now and then, Barron's work will again be featured on national television—a four-minute segment on a two-hour "Good Morning America" special on the CIA.

Barron was chief technical specialist for the CIA for 24 years between 1968 and 1993 and was known as the master of disguise for American agents who worked as spies.

"We designed the things you see on '007' and Mission Impossible," he said. "We didn't learn from

them (Hollywood). "They learned from us," said Barron.

"I spent countless hours on design and development and created the technique that made silicone masks look real," he said. "Our agents depended upon the realism of my work," he said.

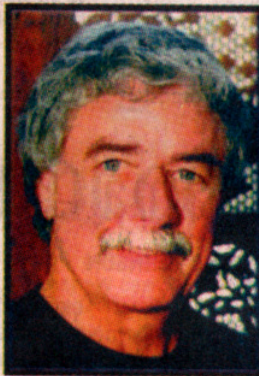
"If it wasn't right an agent could be shot on the spot," he said.

The "Good Morning America" special with Charles Gibson and Diane Sawyer will air between 6 and 8 a.m. central time on Tuesday, November 29th. Check your local listings.

Barron has been working with prosthetics for three decades. Blending this unique background with extensive education and research in the private sector, his design, development and creation of state-of-the-art prosthetic devices consistently challenge the status quo.

His career has centered on sophisticated laboratory procedures together with improvement and implementation of reconstructive design. Working closely with physicians and their patients while focusing on the patient's hopes and expectations, his goal is to provide an exquisitely personalized, realistic and functional prostheses. The basis for his reputation for creative reality can clearly be seen in his finished products.

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