



Volunteers train

staff photo by Eric Evan Lee

Junior members of the Ross Volunteers are coached by seniors twice weekly to

improve their marching. The junior RV's train all year long.

Bank's owner reviewing loans

United Press International
MIDLAND — About \$400 million worth of energy loans made by the failed First National Bank of Midland are in limbo until the bank's new owner, RepublicBank Corp., completes a review to decide which additional loans it is willing to assume, according to bank officials.

RepublicBank has so far committed itself to taking less than half of the \$1.3 billion in First National's loan portfolio. Meanwhile, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. has already started collection efforts against some of the problem loans which total more than \$300 million.

About \$400 million in loans, mainly to energy companies,

have been left hanging. RepublicBank is reviewing these loans over a 30-day period.

Critics say First National's Oct. 14 collapse was only caused in part by the bank's heavy involvement with energy loans. Bank managers may have exacerbated First National's problems by loaning money to borrowers who were not credit-worthy.

Tony Martin, chairman of rival First City National Bank of Midland, says the failed bank made poor choices in its borrowers. "Loans were made to people who were not deserving of credit in any kind of times — good times, boom times, normal times or bad times," Martin said.

MSC Free U Registration

Oct. 25, 26 9am-6pm
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Bone marrow transplant attempted

Doctors hopeful for 'bubble boy'

United Press International
HOUSTON — This week would be crucial in determining an experimental bone marrow transplant will free David, the 2-year-old "bubble boy," from the plastic cocoon where he has spent all but five seconds of his life, hospital spokesmen said Sunday.

"His condition remains excellent," said Gayle McNutt, a spokesman for Baylor College of Medicine. "He's in high spirits, joking with his nurses and as normal as he can be."

"The first hurdle, which was the first few hours immediately after the infusion, has already passed, and he has had no reaction to it," McNutt said. "It was just as everyone had expected and hoped it would be." David, who suffers a rare disease that prevents his body from

fighting infections, Friday received a 10-minute experimental bone marrow transfusion from his 15-year-old sister that doctors hope will treat his severe combined immune deficiency.

Doctors said this week would be a crucial time in determining if the transplant was accepted.

Dr. William T. Shearer said David could suffer a dangerous reaction if certain white blood cells were not removed from his sister's marrow during a 12-hour treatment designed to minimize the chances of rejection by David's marrow.

Shearer said Friday that David's minimal immune system could reject his sister's marrow or that the transplant could have no effect at all.

Shearer said he was "moderately optimistic" about the success of the treatment, but

cautioned it would be at least three months before doctors could determine whether the treatment helped David build an immune system to live in a germ-filled world.

David, whose last name is kept confidential at the request of his family, was reported in good spirits Saturday. Susannah Moore Griffin, a Baylor College of Medicine spokeswoman, said.

"The period of time that they look at in these cases is five to seven days after the transplant," Griffin said. "But each day that he goes along without changes is good."

Griffin said David was eager to resume his sixth-grade school work Monday with a home-bound teacher who will visit him at Texas Children's Hospital. Since five seconds after birth,

David has lived in specially-designed plastic "bubble" isolation units set up at his home and the hospital.

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MSC Council to meet, review '83-'84 budget

The Memorial Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in the MSC Conference Room.

The meeting's agenda includes a review of the 1983-1984 budget. MSC programs committees presented budget requests to the Budget Review Committee last week, and the council will review those requests and vote on proposed budget changes.

The council also plans to discuss proposed changes in the MSC Constitution and Bylaws. Proposed changes include: adding all directors and committee chairmen as student officers of the MSC; outlining the duties of voting and non-voting council members; and clarifying selection processes for committee advisors and committee members.

Pictures of the council will be taken for the Aggield at 8.

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