

Baby awaits transplant

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HOUSTON — A 6 1/2-month-old baby awaiting the second non-matched bone marrow transplant ever attempted was in stable but serious condition Thursday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Terrance J. Davis Jr., who suffers from a congenital medical problem that prohibits his body from fighting infections, was admitted to Texas Children's Hospital Wednesday night.

Doctors at Texas Children's Hospital have scheduled him for the transplant Monday and said a decision will be made Friday on whether his mother or father will serve as donor.

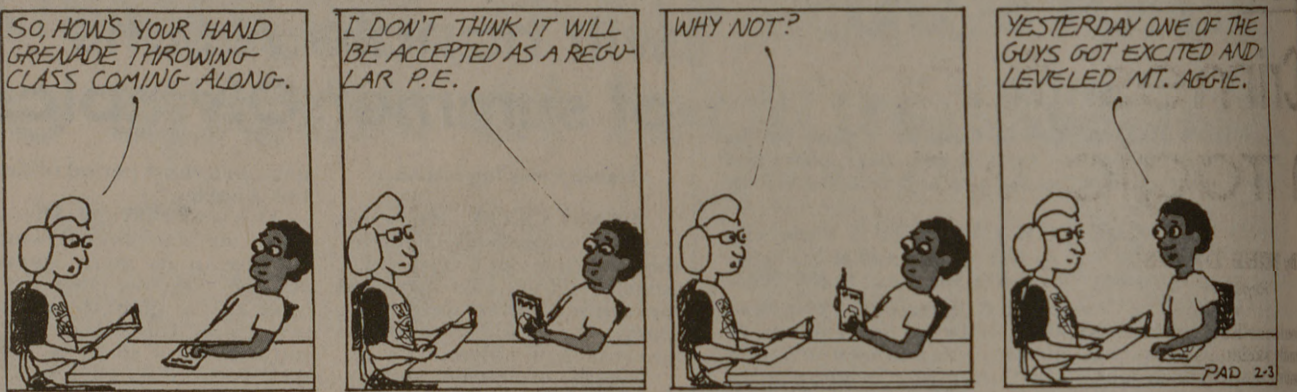
"He is in stable but serious condition. His vital signs are stable, and according to his doctor (William T. Shearer, chief of immunology and allergy), T.J. is a strong baby, but he has an infection which is far advanced," said hospital spokeswoman Joan London.

Because Terrance is the only child of Linda and Terry Davis of Caldwell, Idaho, the transplant will not be from a matched donor, such as a sister or brother, but from one of his parents, doctors said.

The only other non-matched bone marrow transplant for an immune deficiency patient was performed in October by Shearer on 12-year-old David, who has lived in a sterile bubble his whole life.

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Acid rain

Senators angry over Reagan's cleanup refusal

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WASHINGTON — EPA chief William Ruckelshaus ran into a barrage of criticism Thursday from Republican and Democratic senators who are angry and frustrated with President Reagan's refusal to call for an acid rain cleanup.

The Environmental Protection Agency administrator went before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to defend the policy. For the three years he has been in office, Reagan has opposed any new air pollution control plan to reduce acid rain damage to eastern North America.

Ruckelshaus told the committee Reagan's decision is "rational, not irresponsible," adding, "The problem is, these scientific studies take a frustratingly long time."

Reagan ended months of wrangling among officials at the EPA, White House and the budget office when he announced in his State of the Union address that the administration will double funding for acid rain research — but not establish a cleanup program.

Leading GOP members of the committee — John Chafee of Rhode Island and Chairman Robert Stafford of Vermont — blasted Reagan's decision.

"It seems to me that this (research) can go on forever — it can always be used as an excuse not to take any action," said Chafee.

Stafford — also a strong supporter of legislation to cut back on air pollution that causes acid rain — wanted to know what happened in the closed-door debate of the powerful Cabinet

Council on Natural Resources and the Environment.

EPA and congressional sources said Ruckelshaus advocated a limited program to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions, but that budget director David Stockman strongly and effectively opposed it.

Scientific reports identify sulfur dioxide emissions as the main source of acid rain. But Reagan objects to imposing multibillion-dollar pollution controls on industry until there is more scientific evidence about the precise causes and effects of the problem.

Despite prodding by Stafford and other senators, Ruckelshaus repeatedly declined to disclose details of the administration's internal debate.

The committee's ranking Democrat, Sen. Daniel Moynihan

of New York, angrily

accused Reagan of playing election-year politics with a serious issue, saying he believed administration "added up electoral votes of the pollies in industrial Midwest states 'added up the electoral vote of the polluted' in New York, New England.

Their conclusion was, "There are more electoral votes in Ohio Valley," charged Moynihan.

Ruckelshaus flatly denied the charge, but admitted the administration weighed the political implications of acid rain.

He was also pressed by his personal view of the acid problem by Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, who reminded him, "It was your independence your integrity that dominated your confirmations hearing last year.

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At the same time, White announced that Texas will participate in an economic development plan designed spur \$50 million in capital investment for small business in the Texas and to create 4,000 jobs one year.

The state-federal program referred to as the Small Business Revitalization, offers 15-year financing for small business expansion, particularly in cities and rural areas that assemble economic development loan packages.

White said his employees would act as loan officers and private sources by using money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Small Business Administration.

White said he hoped to \$300 million in capital investment and 20,000 new jobs through the program during four-year period.

In regard to the charitable collection program, White said special non-profit corporations headed by religious leaders would be set up to handle donations and distribute through existing local agencies.

None of the donations used for administration of program, he said.

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