

Immune-deficient toddler goes home after operation

United Press International

HOUSTON — An 11-month-old boy whose body lacked an immune system and was facing imminent death before undergoing a bone marrow transplant earlier this year left the hospital Monday with doctors optimistic of a complete recovery.

Terrance Allen "T.J." Davis Jr. was released from Texas Children's Hospital Monday afternoon. He was admitted to the hospital in February "on death's door," Dr. William T. Shearer said, and underwent a bone marrow transplant to treat his Severe Combined Immune Deficiency, a disorder which prevented his body from fighting disease.

"T.J. will have to remain indoors for a few months, but he will not be isolated in his house. We naturally don't want him unnecessarily exposed to infection but if we did not think he was out of the woods, we wouldn't be letting him go home," said Shearer, T.J.'s primary physician.

Shearer appeared at a news conference with T.J.'s parents, Terry and Linda Davis.

Marrow was removed from Davis' hip, treated to remove harmful cells and transplanted into T.J. Without the surgery last February, T.J. would likely have died within two weeks, Shearer said.

A similar process was used last fall in an attempt to free "bubble boy" David from the sterile isolators he had lived in since a few minutes old. David, 12, died in February a few weeks after doctors had to remove him from the isolator to treat an infection.

Shearer said that tests show that the disease-fighting blood cells from Davis' marrow are now spreading through T.J.'s system. The life-threatening infection that was around the boy's eye and in his jaw when he was admitted has cleared.

"Almost all the antibiotics he was on have been discontinued," Shearer said.

The most positive proof of T.J.'s recovery was a bout of an intestinal virus he suffered a few weeks ago which his body successfully combated.

The Davis', formerly of Caldwell, Idaho, have moved to Hous-

ton to be near the physicians who will continue to monitor T.J.'s progress weekly. Shearer said it would take about two years of regular check-ups before T.J. could be declared cured of the disease.

"We have cautious optimism for the future," he said. "There remains some risk of rejection to the transplant by T.J.'s body. But we feel very good about the progress he is making."

T.J. will also have to have some plastic surgery at some point later to repair damage to his jaw caused by the infection.

While she remains nervous infection could still attack her son, Mrs. Davis said she was looking forward to putting her family together again.

"I'm just glad he's getting out of the hospital and can come home. It's been a long time," she said.

"We're grateful for everything everyone has done for T.J.," Davis said. "We're very excited. Instead of seeing our son deteriorate, he is getting better and better."

Experts offer ideas to 'summerize' utilities

By RENEE HARRELL
Reporter

If your summer utility bills are skyrocketing, then you'll be interested in some of the money saving ideas available from the Public Utilities Commission and the local municipal utilities.

The Public Utilities Commission is sponsoring a state-wide public service campaign called Texas Tune-Up. The 90-day campaign, which kicked off this month, will help increase consumer awareness of cost-saving techniques.

"Texas Tune-Up will help consumers control energy costs by controlling energy use," Jane Anaejionu, a spokesman for the Public Utilities Commission, says.

A toll-free hotline to the Center for Energy and General Resources at Texas A&M can be called by anyone in Texas. Call 1-800-643-SAVE for general tips on how to conserve electricity and save money. Pamphlets on energy conservation also are available upon request.

"When people call in we tell them ways to reduce air conditioning costs," Nancy Hawkins, extension instructor for the Energy Resources Public Service Program, says. "We tell them to make sure it (the air con-

ditioner) is working properly and to check the compressor regularly. We also try to answer any questions they have."

Hawkins says they haven't had many calls because Texas Tune-Up is just beginning.

Bryan and College Station utility departments also are giving out "summerizing" tips for consumers.

Pamphlets such as "How to Conserve Energy at Home" and "Cooling Your Home" are available from Amy Godfrey, Bryan's citizen information coordinator.

"Keeping your air conditioner on 78 is good," Godfrey says. "Also, if you have any warm activities such as laundry, baking or ironing, do them in the early morning hours."

Godfrey says statement stuffers with more conservation tips also will be coming out in this month's bills.

College Station's energy specialist, Valerie Bauer, also has energy conservation brochures and money-saving tips.


Bauer says it costs about \$1.68 to run a 3000 watt air conditioner for eight hours and only 5.6 cents to run a 100 watt fan for the same length of time.

"We are also offering free home energy audits for single family dwellings this summer," Bauer says.

NOW LEASING!

Aurora Gardens

3 Bdrm. Duplexes \$515



- Only 1/2 mi. from campus
- 24-Hr. Emergency Maintenance
- Covered Parking
- W/D Connections
- On Shuttle Bus Route

Aurora Court
College Station
693-6505

METRO PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT INC.

PLITT THEATRES

\$2.25

THE 1st Feature starts on each screen except "Indiana Jones"

POST OAK MALL CINEMAS

264-0616

SUMMER KID SHOWS
SEASON TICKETS NOW ON SALE - STARTS JUNE 13TH

1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
"ONCE UPON A TIME IN AMERICA" (R)

12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30
Bill Murray Dan Aykroyd
Sigourney Weaver
"GHOST BUSTERS" PG
NO PASSES NO DISCOUNTS

CINEMA 3
315 COLLEGE NORTH
PAR F 114

12:45 3:00 5:15 7:40 10:05
"INDIANA JONES" (PG)
NO PASSES NO DISCOUNTS

2:00 4:00 6:00 8:00 10:00
"BREAKIN'" (PG)

12:00 2:30 5:00 7:25 9:45
ROMANCING THE STONE (PG)

SCHULMAN THEATRES

\$1.00 OFF Adult
Ticket 1st
Show Each Day

SCHULMAN 6
2002 E. 29th
775-2463 775-2468

2:45 5:05 7:25 9:45
GREMLINS

2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50
POLICE ACADEMY

2:40 5:00 7:20 9:40
BEAT STREET

2:40 5:05 7:40 10:00
STREETS OF FIRE

2:10 4:40 7:15 9:55
THE NATURAL

2:55 5:10 7:35 9:50
SIXTEEN CANDLES

MANOR EAST III
Manor East Mall
823-8300

2:30 4:55 7:30 9:55
STAR TREK III

2:35 4:55 7:15 9:35
FOOT LOOSE

2:40 5:00 7:25 9:45
SPLASH

SKYWAY TWIN DRIVE-IN
2000 E. 29th 827-3300

EAST: BAD MANNERS AND FEMALE FEVER
WEST: FIRESTARTER AND BEYOND THE FOG

APARTMENTS • APARTMENTS • APARTMENTS

Select From The Best Available

Sycon Management offers you the widest variety of apartment locations, amenities, and floor plans available in College Station and Bryan. Stop by today and see for yourself why Aggies choose Sycon apartments.

Sycon Management has an apartment to suit your needs...and your budget.

BROOKWOOD

1601 Valley View
College Station
696-2465

- Two Bedroom/Two Bath
- Washer-Dryer Connections
- Frost-Free Refrigerator
- Shuttle Bus Route
- Security Guard



GARDENA

1903 Dartmouth
College Station
693-5201

- One And Two Bedroom Studios
- Cable TV & Water Furnished
- Swimming Pool
- Security Guard
- Shuttle Bus Route
- Walking Distance To Post Oak Mall



HUNTINGTON

1907 Dartmouth
College Station
693-8922

- Spacious One, Two And Three Bedrooms
- Private Patios And Balconies
- Outside Storage
- Some With Washer-Dryer Connections
- Satellite Dish And Water Furnished
- Swimming Pool, Hot Tub
- Laundry Rooms
- Security Guard/ Shuttle Bus Route
- Walking Distance To Post Oak Mall



FOREST CREEK

Verde Drive
Bryan
779-3637

- Two Bedroom Units
- Flats And Studios
- Washer-Dryer Connections
- Security Guard
- Walk-in Closets
- Large Bath And Vanity



NOW LEASING FOR FALL

Developed by  Sycon Corp.

Get ACTION with WANT ADS

Advertise an item in the Battalion.
Call 845-2611