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Officials blame doctors, nurses for baby's death

**Associated Press**  
HOUSTON — Doctors and nurses with dirty hands are being blamed by officials at a Houston hospital for spreading a bacterial infection that has killed one child and infected 25 others in the hospital's newborn intensive care unit.

Ten babies were moved to other hospitals to avoid the infection, Dr. Joseph Garcia-Prats, deputy director of the nurseries at Jefferson Davis Hospital, said Wednesday.

The bacterial infections were first noticed in mid-November when many infants became ill. Garcia-Prats said most of the ailing infants are taking antibiotics and the initial dangers of the infection have passed.

"There are hard-working doctors and hard-working nurses who have to take care of a lot of sick people," he said. Although staff members are expected to wash their hands after treating each patient, when an emergency comes in "they don't always wash their hands. They opt to treat the sick patient," he said.

"That's probably the most logical (explanation) of what happened," Garcia-Prats said.

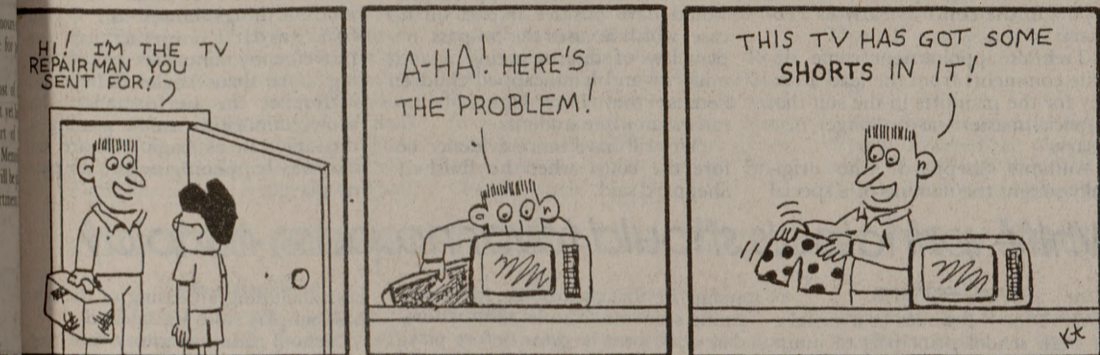
Garcia-Prats said there were types of bacteria found among the 26 infants either in stool, skin or throat specimens. Of the 26, 12 became sick enough to require treatment.

The infant who died was "a very small" premature boy 3 or 4 weeks old who was one of the first newborns to get the infection, he said.

The hospital staff now is trying to keep babies in one area of the unit nursery, instead of moving them around, he said.

The intensive care unit handles children weighing three pounds or less, and such tiny children cannot cope with infections because their immune systems are not mature, said Garcia-Prats, who also is an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

Waldo



by Kevin Thomas

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by Jeff MacNelly

Local group to present 'Lion in Winter'

By KRIS SHEELEY  
Reporter

Richard the Lionhearted is played by Steve Young.

Alais, Henry's concubine, is played by Kathy Schultz.

Young has performed in StageCenter's "Stingiest Man in Town" and "The Fantastiks." Richard the Lionhearted is Henry's oldest son and thus named because he has a heart of stone.

Imagine towering, gray stone walls and medieval knights clad in armor and silk, parading about in front of imposing arches, saluting their king.

Donnie Wilson, who has appeared in StageCenter productions such as "Little Foxes" and "Bus Stop," is starring as the blustery Henry II, the first Plantagenet king of England.

Winnie Nelson portrays Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Williams was formerly a set designer for the Alley Theater in Houston. He is now a graphic artist at A&M.

Today and Saturday at 8 p.m., these visions will come to life in StageCenter Theater Production's performance of "The Lion in Winter."

Charles Hill portrays John, Henry's weak son.

Nelson last appeared in StageCenter's "Present Laughter." She performed for seven years with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for students and \$2.50 for children under 12.

The play focuses on the love-hate relationship between King Henry II of England and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Hill, who recently moved from England, is a visiting assistant professor of management at Texas A&M.

Price has appeared in StageCenter productions of "The Fantastiks" and "Present Laughter."

While Henry favors John, the weak and ineffectual son, as his suc-

cessor Eleanor favors the stronger and more cunning Richard.

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