

# Boy's recovery from cancer 'miraculous'

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ABILENE — A 5-year-old boy who only a few weeks ago lay dying in a Dallas hospital has returned home after radiation, chemotherapy and other treatment seemed to begin curing his cancer, doctors said.

Brody Kerby's illness has been short but painful since cancer was discovered Dec. 3, two days before his birthday. His spine was wrapped in life-sapping tumors.

The boy's 70-pound body shrank to 45 pounds, and he began to cough up blood.

But last week, the doctors sent him home because the impossible seems to have happened.

Doctors said evidence of Brody's tumors disappeared from the screens of the machines that reliably spot cancer masses.

A pump inside his head kept fluid from

pressing his brain, from which the first tumor was removed three months ago.

His mouth, throat and head were burned from weeks of radiation and chemotherapy.

James and Cecile Kerby said their son was suspicious of everybody because even people who were nice to him at first would stick him with needles later.

Today, Brody's appetite is increasing. He watches television and asks his 18-year-old brother, Russell, to toss him a baseball.

"The only thing it can be is a miracle," his father told the Abilene Reporter-News. "We questioned his treatment. We didn't want him poked with any more needles. And the day the doctor told us the good news, I asked him, 'If this mass of tumor has disappeared in 12 weeks, was it actually there?'"

"He said yes, positively, and he said the drug (methotrexate), acting like a vitamin B-

cause he gave it in particularly small doses, might have fooled the tumor into absorbing all the medicine."

Dr. Barton A. Kamen, associate professor of pediatrics and pharmacology at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said Kerby may yet face a struggle before complete recovery.

"I like to think it's a miracle, but it's too soon," Kamen said. "If it stays away and doesn't come back in a long time, then I'd consider it a cure."

He called the boy's treatment "a newer method - using a very old drug in a new way, in conjunction with radiotherapy."

What was used was standard radiation with repetitive low doses of methotrexate, rather than the more commonly used high doses of

the drug. Some people have used a thousand times the dosage, Kamen said.

Brody's special treatment was adopted, he said, because the tumors were "so bad we felt it would be appropriate to discuss newer methods of therapy with the family."

Kamen explained, "We felt it would be less toxic than the old drug, but it might not have worked at all."

"If anybody comes to me with a brain tumor like Brody's, and spread like this down the spine, the likelihood of survival is very, very poor."

Kerby said Brody will continue taking the drug every other week while he's at home, and will go back to Dallas May 1 to see the team of doctors. The boy will have another test, he said, "and if nothing shows up, they'll check again later."

## Restaurant report

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tracted in the report for garbage that needed to be placed in garbage sacks before being placed in the dumpster. The report showed another two-point violation for uncovered ice cream in a freezer and food stored in an employee break room. A point in the report was subtracted for some boards needing a paint job.

• Flying Tomato at 303 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 90. A four-point violation in the report was given because a hand sink was inaccessible. The report said another four-point violation was given because a rear door needed weatherstripping. A two-point violation in the report was given because there was no soap at a hand sink.

• Dairy Queen at 2323 Texas Ave. S. in College Station was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 90. The report said a four-point violation was given because a rear door needed to be properly sealed and self closing. Two points in the report were subtracted for an uncovered wastebasket in a bathroom. Four one-point violations in the report were given because some freezers needed thermometers, some single service items were stored improperly, a ceiling in a storage area needed repairing, floors in a storage area needed cleaning and a wall-floor union needed sealing.

• Chanello's Pizza at 2404 Texas Ave. S. in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 90. A four-point violation in the report was given because a rear door threshold needed to be repaired. The report said a two-point violation was given because a pizza oven needed cleaning. Another two-point violation was given in the report because hand sink valves needed repairing, and there was no soap at a hand sink. Two one-point violations in the report were given because pizza boxes were stored on a floor and some floor tiles needed repairing.

SCORED BETWEEN 85 AND 89:

• Chanello's Pizza at 301 Patricia in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 89. The report showed a four-point violation because a front door needed weatherstripping. Three two-point violations in the report were given because food items were stored on a floor, a worn-out gasket was on an ice machine, a lid and gasket on a cooler needed replacing and no soap or toilet paper was in an employee rest room. One point in the report was subtracted for walls around a pizza oven that needed repairing, wall insulation that needed covering and dirt on a ceiling in a store room.

• The Cow Hop at 317 Uni-

versity Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 88. Four points in the report were subtracted for a rear screen door that needed replacing, weatherstripping and closing. The report said a two-point violation was given for food and dirt in an ice bin. Another two-point violation in the report was given because a condiment area needed cleaning and for food splatter and dust on walls and a ceiling in a walk-in refrigerator. Four one-point violations in the report were given because a handle of a scoop in an ice bin was touching the ice, food splatter was found on a soft drink dispenser and an ice machine lid, some floor tiles needed repairing and some food splatter was found on walls at an ice tea dispenser.

• Duddleys Draw at 311 University Drive in College Station was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 86. A four-point violation in the report was given for a door which was propped open and for the lack of proper ventilation. Three two-point violations in the report were given because a keg beer box was beyond repair, a refrigerator box needed cleaning and repairing, a hole was in a bathroom door. Four one-point violations in the report were given because some non-contact food surfaces needed cleaning, some cups were stored on a floor, some floors needed cleaning and painting and some holes in ceiling tiles in the kitchen area needed repairing.

SCORED BETWEEN 80 AND 84:

• Wehrman's Cafe at 1009 W. 25th in Bryan was inspected by David Pickens. Score — 84. The report said a four-point violation was given because a hand sink was inaccessible. The report showed another four-point violation for some doors that needed repairing. A two-point violation in the report was given because fungus was found in some ice bins. The report said another two-point violation was given because utensils were not being washed properly. Four one-point violations in the report were given because some counters needed painting, utensils were not being handled properly, vent hoods in the kitchen needed cleaning and flooring under a counter needed repairing.

• Hilton Hotel restaurant and bar at 801 University Drive E. in College Station was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 83. The report said a five-point violation was given because someone was smoking in the kitchen area. Three two-point violations were given because some soda dispensers needed cleaning, uncovered food items were in walk-in coolers, food items were stored on a floor, bulk containers were uncovered, no towels or soap were

at two handsinks, a handsink needed repair and employee restrooms needed cleaning. Six one-point violations were given because thermometers were needed in a cooler, the handle of an ice scoop in a bin was touching ice, a wall-floor union needed sealing, a floor under a bar needed cleaning and repairing, a floor tile needed repairing, wiping cloths were used improperly, a ceiling tile needed repairing, and a milk dispenser, a coffee dispenser area and a steam table area needed cleaning.

SCORED BETWEEN 75 AND 79:

• Emilio's Sandwich City at the Post Oak Mall in College Station was inspected by Mike Lester. Score — 79. The report showed a five-point violation for utensils stored in an area with exposed insecticides. The report said a four-point violation was given for the presence of insects and holes in a cabinet area that needed sealing. Three two-point violations in the report were given because a counter needed cleaning, a dough machine needed cleaning and a restroom needed paper towels. Six one-point violations in the report were given because a reach-in cooler, oven, range and vent hood needed cleaning, some floors were "filthy," some cabinets needed cleaning, some holes in walls needed sealing, a light needed repairing and some equipment needed to be removed. The report said a follow-up inspection will be made in 20 days. The report also noted that if there is no progress shown in reducing the number of violations, the food service permit might be suspended.

SCORED BETWEEN 70 AND 74:

• Casa Chapultepec at 1315 S. College in Bryan was inspected by David Plett. Score — 70. The report said a five-point violation was given for beef, chili, beans and uncovered chicken stored at 70 F. Another five-point violation in the report was given because the personnel had poor hygienic practices. A four-point violation in the report was given because of improper food storage. The report showed another four-point violation for windows and a back door that needed better sealing. A third four-point violation in the report was given because a hand sink was inaccessible. Eight one-point violations were given because a thermometer was needed in a reach-in cooler, some workers needed hair restraints, some coolers had standing water in them, some plumbing at a sink was leaking, some non-contact surfaces and utensils needed cleaning, some walls and ceilings in kitchen area needed cleaning, some lighting fixtures needed shielding and some trash outside in the back of the restaurant needed removing.

## Sesquicentennial ceremony honors massacre victims

Associated Press

GOLIAD — One hundred fifty years after Texas soldiers surrendered and were massacred by Mexican troops, historians are still debating actions taken by the Texas contingent's commander.

Col. James W. Fannin and about 400 of his men were killed on Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, on orders of Mexican Gen. Lopez de Santa Anna. The Texans had surrendered after a bloody battle with the forces of Gen. Jose Urrea near Goliad Creek, about 10 miles from Colieto, on March 19.

Only about 28 Texans escaped and 16 others were spared.

The remains of the massacre victims were buried in a mass grave June 3, 1836, by Texans under the command of Gen. Thomas J. Rusk, several weeks after the victory at San Jacinto won Texas independence.

A Sesquicentennial ceremony on Goliad Sunday commemorated those men who died in the single largest loss of life by Texans in the 1836 war for independence.

But some Texas historians do not look too kindly on Fannin because he left the fort on Feb. 29, 1836, with intentions of taking his men to fight at the Alamo, but turned around after a couple of oxcarts carrying supplies broke down only a few miles out of Goliad.

Goliad historian Kevin Young,

speaking to about 1,500 people at Fort La Bahia Sunday in a ceremony attended by Gov. Mark White, said Fannin made the right decision in turning back.

But military history buff Gary Foreman of San Antonio said, "Fannin blew it. He waited too long. That's why they were all massacred here at Goliad."

Had Fannin and his 400 men been able to join up with the Texans already at the Alamo, Foreman said, "anything could have happened. It's impossible to say how it would have turned out."

But Young defended Fannin, saying, "In his position, he didn't have anything else to do."

Young, who is chief of historical interpretation at the fort, also told the crowd that "a terrible shadow hangs over this fort and the nearby grave of Colonel James Fannin and his men — a shadow of neglect."

He implored Texans to "always remember those who fought and died at the Alamo . . . but let them remember well that there were two battle cries at San Jacinto:

"One to remember those 186 men who gave their lives in glorious defeat at the Alamo," he said. "And one for those 400 men who were executed by order of a dictator and who gave their lives for a free Texas. . . Remember Goliad."

## Three sentenced in plot to counterfeit credit cards

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AMARILLO — Three people who pleaded guilty to taking carbon copies of credit card sales slips in a counterfeiting ring that stretched from Amarillo to Arkansas were sentenced to prison terms Monday ranging from one to three years.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson sentenced Joe Douglas Mercer, 35, Eva Joyce Latham, 31, and her husband, James Leonard Latham Sr., 27, to three years, two years and one year and one day, respectively.

According to David Frieriks, U.S. Secret Service special agent from Lubbock and chief investigator in the case, the trio of Amarillo residents was charged Jan. 8 in a nine-count federal indictment with taking the carbon copies and sending them to Dallas, where another person manufactured fake cards based on the sales slips.

The counterfeit cards were returned for use in Amarillo, Frieriks said, and investigation showed other

ring members operated in Houston and Little Rock, Ark.

Charges exceeding \$8,000 were run up by using the bogus plastic cards, with purchases at local department stores and restaurants from Oct. 12, 1984, to Feb. 9, Frieriks said.

All three were ordered to pay restitution to three Amarillo stores. They were permitted to remain free on \$5,000 bail each until April 7, when they must turn themselves in at a federal correctional institution.

The trio faced maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 each, as well as being ordered to pay restitution for the goods they bought by use of phony credit cards.

According to Police Sgt. Detective Horace "Buddy" Wolf, the probe began Feb. 9 when Amarillo police officers stopping Latham on a routine traffic violation found counterfeit credit cards and at least one counterfeit driver's license with a name matching that on a credit card.

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