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# Gene therapy studied as potential cancer weapon

**□ Doctors inject patient tumors directly with a gene that produces the protein interleukin-2.**

AUSTIN (AP) — Gene therapy is being studied at a Central Texas hospital for possible use as a weapon against various forms of cancer.

Twenty-five patients with a variety of cancers that have not responded to conventional treatments with surgery, medication or radiation are participating in the experiment at Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

Debra Pinsoneault, who is battling melanoma, is one patient counting on the experimental treatment to help her fight against the deadly skin cancer.

Six injections transferring genes to her solid-cancer tumor to stimulate the attraction of cancer-killing cells seem to be working.

"It has gotten better," said Ms. Pinsoneault, 44, of Harker Heights, about 60 miles northwest of Austin. "The size of the

tumor has gone down."

Dr. John Rinehart, the clinic's director of hematology-oncology and the study's principal investigator, is injecting patient tumors directly with a gene that produces the protein interleukin-2.

Approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treatment of kidney cancers and melanomas, interleukin-2 normally is given intravenously to activate cancer-killing cells throughout the body, inducing general inflammation and prolonging survival if not curing the cancer.

The objective now is to induce malignant cells to produce the protein themselves in the hope of attracting cancer-killing cells of the immune system to eradicate the tumor.

"If among the 25 patients we've treated are certain cancers that appear to benefit, we'd want to study those more extensively," Rinehart said.

"But we don't expect this kind of treatment to be effective in every cancer. There are lots of potential problems with gene therapy, and whether it will ultimately be effective, we don't know."

# Gov. Bush travels to Washington to discuss Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush will be in the nation's capital this week to discuss Medicaid funding and other Texas issues.

The trip marks Bush's second official visit to Washington since taking office last January.

The Republican scheduled a breakfast Wednesday with the Texas congressional delegation and a series of private meetings with officials who weren't identified by the governor's press office.

"He's going to be meeting with members of the delegation to discuss Texas projects, especially those dealing with block grants and making sure Texas is treated fairly in the process," said gubernatorial spokesman Ray Sullivan.

Congress has adopted a GOP balanced-budget blueprint that includes \$182 billion in reduced spending over the next seven years for Medicaid, the program that provides health care for the poor.

The sticking point remains how to achieve those reductions.

# HANDGUN: Class discusses use of legal force

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license and liability, and the final exam and certification.

Beavers said the most important part of the class is the discussion on lethal force.

"One of the things we focus on is that while you may be justified, under the law, in using lethal force, you may not want to," he said.

"You've got to question whether your VCR is worth killing someone and think about the psychological effect it will have."

"The bottom line is they're all human beings, and I hope that nobody in the class

wants to shoot somebody."

Lt. Scott McCollum of the College Station Police Department said the fact that some citizens could be legally carrying concealed weapons makes police officers' jobs harder.

"I think that kind of goes without saying," McCollum said. "We've got even more things to think about when going into a situation."

"For example, what is the typical traffic stop going to look like?"

Burdett said there is no indication that the new licenses will mean more confrontations between gun-carrying citizens

and police.

"All I can do is look to the results in other states that have passed similar laws," he said. "This talk about traffic encounters that are going to turn into shootouts is ridiculous."

McCollum said a problem with the law is it assumes that anyone who has not been convicted of a crime is law-abiding.

"[The license] is not a card saying, 'I'm a wonderful human being,'" he said. "I'm sure there are a lot of people who are capable of committing a crime who have not been caught before."

# PROTEST: Film society tries to cooperate with students

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King said the film society wants to hold an open forum sometime in the next couple of weeks to discuss the situation and will survey the audience at Friday's show. The group has already made plans to include a notice of content on the program's advertisements and at the MSC box office.

At a special meeting of the MSC Executive Committee today, Below and other concerned students are continuing their ef-

orts to block the screening.

"I'm still hopeful that the film will be prevented from being shown," she said.

Priest was directed by Antonia Bird and stars Linus Roache as Father Greg Pilkington, the film's main character. The story starts with Pilkington being transferred to a new parish where a fellow clergyman is having an affair with a woman. Greg's loneliness escalates, and he gets involved in an affair with a young man he meets at a gay bar.

When the priest's sexuality

comes to light, only two people support him — a fellow priest and a girl who tells Greg in confession about being trapped in an incestuous relationship with her father.

Below said Bird's intentions in making the film were to antagonize members of the Catholic Church.

"She attacks the very core of our beliefs — the sacrament of the Eucharist and the sanctity of the seal of confession," Below said. "She portrays these as being un-Christian."

Although she opposes the film society's decision, she said her concerns have been met with professionalism and respect and that she expects that to continue through today's meeting.

King said he has never encountered a similar situation, but that the film society is trying to cooperate with the concerned students.

"We are reacting to the concerns brought forward by the students," he said. "We want to be open, and we want to work with people."

**Scene #1: "Rock" meets Mr. Bill**

A good of Ag, "Rock", saw Mr. Bill, the Chemistry Tutor, and they had the following conversation:

Rock: "Mr. Bill, is A+ the best tutoring available at Texas A&M University?"

Mr. Bill: "Yes Rock it is. In fact, we only have instructors who are experts in their field."

Rock: "What do you mean?"

Mr. Bill: "For instance, the Science and Engineering instructors have degrees in Chemical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Physics and Mathematics and have actual experience in industry. The Business guy has an Accounting degree and is a former Merrill Lynch Financial consultant."

Rock: "How does that help?"

Mr. Bill: "It's like this Rock, for your accounting class, would you rather be tutored by someone who has experience in the financial industry and a Business degree or someone who has say, just a math degree?"

Rock: "I see. Definitely the business guy. Say Bill, what's your schedule like?"

Mr. Bill: "I'm glad you asked. Here it is..."

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