

Puppy love



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Woman gets 2nd transplant

DALLAS (AP) — When she learned her mother desperately needed a kidney transplant, Cheryl Austin did not hesitate.

"Tell me where to go and what to do," the 28-year-old said. Such sacrifice is a tradition in her family.

"My kidneys were stunted in growth. They didn't grow as I grew."

— Kay Burt
Kidney transplant recipient

Kay Burt will receive her daughter's kidney next week, three decades after her father gave her a kidney in an era when transplants were far more mysterious and far less common.

Today, Burt, 48, is one of the longest-surviving kidney recipients in the United States, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

In 1966, her name was Kay Kilgore, and she was a teen-ager who loved Elvis Presley, The Monkees, cheerleading and modeling. She was also wasting away — at one time down to 57 pounds — after three years at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Her days revolved around six hours of dialysis.

"My kidneys were stunted in growth," she said. "They didn't grow as I grew. I was so sick. My kidneys were the size of a 3- or 4-year-old's."

Her last chance at survival was something newspapers described then as the new "medical miracle" of kidney transplantation.

"It was a miracle," Dr. Bruce Wall of the Dallas Transplant Institute, said. Wall is one of Burt's physicians.

"Back in the '50s, when the first ones were done, they were only done for identical twins because we had no anti-rejection drugs," he said.

That had changed by the time Burt's father was found to be an eligible donor. He seized the opportunity.

"Anything to save my daughter," she said of his attitude at the time, which was before the days of organ waiting lists.

It was not even the first time he had come to her rescue, she said. Charles Kilgore gave his daughter a life-saving emergency blood transfusion when she was a newborn.

Today, Burt is eager to show visitors a photo of the beloved man, smiling, cowboy hat perched atop his head.

"Daddy and I were very close," she said. "There's nothing we didn't do together."

But in April 1998, the retired telephone company switchman died of lung cancer. Within weeks, Burt's kidney — his gift of life — began to fail, too.

Cities chosen for HUD test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chicago, Louisville and Houston are among the 14 cities selected as test communities by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a home building program designed to create 1 million new dwellings over the next 10 years.

Under the pilot program, each of the cities selected will receive technical assistance in the form of trained staff from HUD to help mayors and home builders develop approaches to reduce barriers to new construction, HUD secretary Andrew Cuomo said yesterday.

"New homes transform neighborhoods and transform lives by attracting residents, businesses and jobs that cities need to reverse decades of decline," Cuomo said.

Each of the cities submitted a plan to HUD officials describing how it intends to stream line the home building process in its own community.

For example, in the Louisville proposal, city officials said they plan to consolidate all its inspections, permitting, licensing and code enforcement functions into one agency and assist developers in reducing the cost and time of construction by waiving certain impact fees.

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