

News... in a Minute

Baboon bone marrow used to fight AIDS

ATLANTA — In a sign of doctors' growing desperation in the fight against AIDS, a patient with the disease will soon receive a bone marrow transplant from a baboon to rebuild his ravaged immune system.

The transplant, described Tuesday at a conference sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is meant to resupply the human bloodstream with baboon blood cells, which do not get infected with the AIDS virus.

One earlier attempt at the procedure has failed, but animal experiments suggest that this time, the transplant might work, thanks to a new discovery in immunology.

Many questions remain, however, including whether baboon blood cells can carry out the same jobs inside a person as human cells do.

The experiment will take place sometime in the next few months and a terminally ill AIDS patient has already been picked to receive the therapy.

Nicole was attacked first

LOS ANGELES — Nicole Brown Simpson's killer probably attacked her first, then jumped Ronald Goldman, a detective testified Tuesday, citing the lack of blood on the bottom of Ms. Simpson's bare feet.

Detective Tom Lange, in his second day of testimony at O.J. Simpson's murder trial, depicted a ferocious struggle between Goldman and his killer outside Ms. Simpson's condominium on June 12.

Lange said there was blood on the soles of Goldman's white shoes and blood soaked through one toe, indicating he had struggled with his assailant.

U.S., Mexico sign aid plan

WASHINGTON — The United States and Mexico signed an agreement Tuesday that will unlock \$20 billion in U.S. support to stabilize the Mexican peso.

But the tough terms of the agreement could cause severe economic and political distress in Mexico.

Officials in the Clinton administration and the government of Mexico under President Ernesto Zedillo acknowledged that hard times lie ahead for Mexico. But they stressed the situation would have been much worse without the support package.

"Under these agreements, Mexico should be able to take the steps necessary to end its liquidity crisis and in time the Mexican economy, which is fundamentally sound, should stabilize," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said at a signing ceremony.

Rubin said the agreement had taken political courage by the Mexicans in agreeing to the "kind of stringent economic medicine this program requires."

In order to receive the U.S. support, Mexico pledged to continue a tight-money policy that has already seen interest rates soar to nearly 50 percent, to run a budget surplus of 0.5 percent this year and to move more quickly toward privatizing state-run enterprises.

Already, Mexican businesses and consumers are complaining loudly about the surge in interest rates and private economists are predicting a Mexican recession, at least a short run, is all but inevitable.

Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz said negotiators had met virtually around the clock since Thursday to hammer out final details of the agreement. Also signing the agreement for Mexico in addition to Ortiz was Miguel Mancera, head of the Bank of Mexico.

"This program will only work,

you know, if Mexicans put all their efforts to overcome this very difficult situation," Mancera said. "We have a strong program and we are committed to its full implementation."

Private economists called the plan bitter but necessary medicine.

The slower growth will have an impact in the United States as well since Mexico is America's third largest export market. Wyss said DRI was forecasting U.S. exports to Mexico would drop by \$10 billion this year, translating into a loss of 350,000 U.S. jobs.

The \$20 billion in U.S. loans and loan guarantees is part of a \$52 billion international package that includes \$17.8 billion in commitments from the International Monetary Fund and \$10 billion in funds from several European countries.

The \$20 billion in U.S. assistance is coming from a fund that was established to support the U.S. dollar. President Clinton tapped these resources after his original proposal to get congressional approval for \$40 billion in loan guarantees ran into heavy opposition.

Opponents, however, continued to charge that Clinton was acting beyond his authority and putting U.S. taxpayers at risk in a huge bailout of international investors who were caught facing losses when the peso began to plummet last year.

The administration, however, has insisted that U.S. funds will be fully protected by the agreement, which requires Mexico to divert earnings from oil sales through an account at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. Those funds then would simply pass through to the government of Mexico unless there was a default. In that case, the money would go instead to the U.S. Treasury.

Mexico plan approved

The U.S. and Mexico Tuesday signed a \$20 billion rescue package to boost the Mexican economy. A look at the deal:

The goal: Let Mexico pay off short-term debt and restructure what it owes. As a result, restore investor confidence in Mexico.

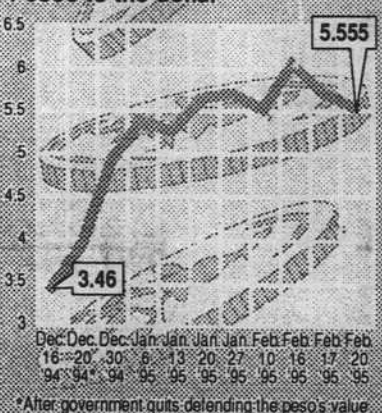
The aid: \$3 billion in U.S. loans and loan guarantees available immediately. \$7 billion in U.S. loans and loan guarantees over the next four months.

\$10 billion more provided in stages, beginning in July.

The conditions: Mexico will launch economic reforms, including tighter credit. Should Mexico default on the loans, repayment will come from oil revenues.

News of the economic plan and tighter credit controls slightly strengthened the peso.

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Supreme Court agrees to decide Colorado gays' civil rights case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court set the stage for its most significant gay-rights ruling in a decade, agreeing Tuesday to decide whether states can forbid laws designed to protect homosexuals from discrimination.

The court said it will review a Colorado constitutional amendment that would cancel local laws protecting gays from bias in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The amendment, approved by Colorado voters in 1992, was struck down by state courts for denying homosexuals an equal voice in government.

State officials say voters have the right to prevent homosexuals from being given "preferred legal

status." Gay-rights advocates say local anti-discrimination ordinances extend civil rights protection to homosexuals but grant them no special privileges.

"The rights of any minority should not be swept away by popular vote," said Kevin Cathcart of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Will Perkins, whose Colorado for Family Values wrote and campaigned for the amendment, said homosexuals are not entitled to the same civil rights protection as ethnic minorities or the disabled.

Voters in Oregon and Idaho defeated anti-gay-rights amendments last November. Eight states

provide some sort of civil rights protection for homosexuals: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Vermont and Wisconsin.

The Colorado gay-rights case does not address homosexual conduct. But the high court's ruling, expected by July 1996, could provide insight to the justices' views on the continuing validity of a 1986 Supreme Court ruling that let states outlaw consensual homosexual conduct.

The Colorado amendment, which has never been enforced, would cancel ordinances in Denver, Boulder, Aspen and other cities that ban discrimination against homosexuals.

Athletics

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Peterson, who earns an annual salary of \$57,769, was hired in April 1992 as the director of athletic development. During Peterson's three years the department's fund-raising revenues have doubled, according to the 1994 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the university turned itself into the NCAA for "minor" violations. Funds were possibly misused last year during a social golfing event, the sources said, which could have included a few football players or their families.

Sources told the Daily Nebraskan "a few thousand dollars" were involved in the athletic department probe.

Michael Mulnix, executive director of university relations, said the athletic department operated on its own income — not tax dollars. He declined to comment on the amount of money in question.

David Burst of the NCAA said Tuesday he could not say if Nebraska had turned itself in to the association.

"We can't ever respond to those questions regarding any school," Burst said in a telephone interview from Kansas City, Mo. "We notify the involved institution in writing."

Al Papik, senior associate athletic director and compliance coordinator, said he didn't know of any violations reported to the NCAA.

"I would be aware of any type of self-reporting to the NCAA, and I can assure you that there was not," Papik said.

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