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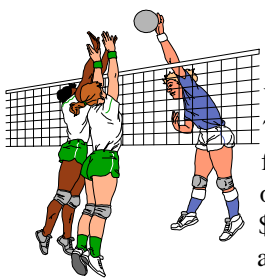
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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Neuroscience Lecture**, Fri., May 15, **Dr. Ralph Nixon**, "The Role of Proteases in the Pathogenesis of Alzheimer's Disease, noon, 3.001.
- **Revenue Process Redesign-IDX Update**, Wed., May 20, 8-9 a.m. & noon-1 p.m., 2.103.
- **31st Annual Hermann Ophthalmology Alumni Conference**, Fri., Sat., May 29-30, 3.001.
- **Graduation: Awards Ceremony**, Sat., June 6, 11:30 a.m., TMC Conf. Center. **Commencement**, Sun., June 7, 4 p.m. at George R. Brown Convention Center.
- **Take Your Child to Work Day**, Wed., June 17, for registration, information, and to volunteer, call **Araceli Alvarez**, 500-3868.

## June 24 - July 29 UTMS Fitness Center



Summer Co-ed Volleyball League forming. Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-7:40 p.m. Teams play for 1 hour. Minimum of 6 players per team. \$15 forfeit fee required at registration. Pick up team registration forms

at the Fitness Center. Maximum of 6 teams allowed in the league. Registration deadline June 12. Fitness Center membership or guest pass required. Call 500-5042 for information.

**FYI - Dr. Judah Folkman**, Harvard Medical School, delivered two standing-room only lectures at the Medical School May 12 and 13 and is featured in the cover story of *Time* magazine and in *Newsweek* this week.

## Lupus, Sjogren's Series

**Dr. Red Duke's** Health Report will feature Lupus Symptoms and Sjogren's Syndrome. He can be seen on Channel 13 on Sundays, between 7 - 9 a.m. For information, call **Tamara Nesser**, 500-8403.



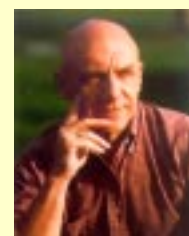
## DR. MAZUR TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO SESAME STREET

**Dr. Lynette J. Mazur**, Pediatrics, was one of four physician/technical advisors contributing to the medical content of the *Sesame Street* "A is for Asthma" project, an educational kit for pre-schoolers, 3 - 6 years of age. "Asthma is the leading serious chronic illness among all children," Mazur says. "There is a real need for education." In the last 20 years, asthma cases have doubled, from 6.8 million cases in 1980 to more than 15 million in 1998. Researchers told an American Medical Association briefing on May 7 that they suspect environmental changes are behind the increase. Children between the ages of five and fourteen are the largest percentage of asthma sufferers. To provide her expertise for the show, Mazur met in New York City with fellow pediatricians from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Columbia University and private practice. The doctors discussed treatments used on patients and how they educate patients and families. Through the combined efforts of the American Lung Association, the Children's Television Workshop and the Prudential Foundation, "A is for Asthma" will provide caregivers and others the information and materials needed to offer effective asthma awareness education to pre-schoolers. Potential triggers are air pollution, cigarette smoke, furry and feathered animals, household insects, dust, molds, and mildew.

## Commencement Activities

**Honors** - The Graduation Awards Luncheon will be held on a Saturday this year in a different format. The event will be reservation only and includes a sit-down luncheon at the TMC Hornberger Conference Center on Saturday, June 6 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact **Pat Caver**, 500-5170.

**Commencement** - On Sunday, June 7, at 4 p.m., commencement will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center. **Bernie Siegel**, a surgical oncologist and author of best-sellers, *Love, Medicine & Miracles* and *Peace, Love & Healing*, will be the commencement speaker. As a physician who has cared for and counseled thousands with life-threatening illnesses, Dr. Siegel (who prefers Bernie), is involved in humanizing medical education and making the medical profession aware of the mindbody connection.



## WEBBER PLAZA CANOPY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Ernest Walkup**, Medical School's Facilities Maintenance Partner, notes that the nice metal roof outside at Webber Plaza is not a take-off on a famous fast-food chain's golden arches. Instead Walkup says it is an oriental-style permanent-temporary structure designed to be aesthetically pleasing as well as a protective covering for the large semi-circular gathering area. The canopy, adds **Gerard Marchand**, Project Manager, will have a stained wood ceiling that will follow the curved shape of the canopy. Architects **Ambrose and McEnany's** rendering of the structure can be seen in the Leather Lounge.

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# UT HOUSE MEDICS AT WORK

Dean's Team House Medics participants from the Medical School take a break to admire their work on Sat., April 25. UT-Houston employees applied their home improvement skills to eight Houston-area houses on two Saturdays during April. The house shown is located east of Highway 288 near Scott Street. Congratulations to all who gave of their time to help elderly Houstonians in need. At left, **Rick Gaines**, Associate Dean for Management prepares for a rooftop assault as **Bassel Choucair**, LAN Manager for Management Information Services at the Medical School, provides his suggestions for reaching that last piece of trim.



## Promoting a Healthy Workplace



Good Health

If your work environment is sapping your strength, apply principles of good health. That's what a father-son team, **Peter McLaughlin** and his son, **Peter Jr.**, suggest in their new book, *CatchFire: A 7-Step Program to Ignite Energy, Defuse Stress and Power Boost Your Career*. Taking the principles of winning at sports (son Peter Jr. is a former tennis pro), and applying them to winning at the workplace, the

McLaughlins launched a series of hints. These include: mastering

your mind by developing the skill of self-awareness; eating for performance by upgrading your eating habits; working out to work better; breaking up stress and fatigue by respecting your deep need to relax occasionally; and learning to love the problems by reframing them as challenges to overcome.

## And the Winners Are...

Alma Leal, Admin. Assistant in the Chief-of-Staff's office at LBJ, has announced the Mother's Day Poetry Contest Winners. They are: 1st Place, "Perfect Example," **Marcia Waldbillig**, Integrative Biology; 2nd Place, "My Mother's Love," **Tiffany Mitra** for her mother, Carmelita, Pathology; 3rd Place, "My Angel!," **Sonya Emmert**, Dean's Office. Congratulations!

### 7th Annual

## Liver Transplant Reunion Held

**Dr. R. Patrick Wood** at the 7th annual Texas Medical Center's Liver Transplant Reunion at the Texas Medical Center's Hornberger Conference Center on Sat., April 25, has his shirt autographed by two small liver transplant recipients. Dr. Wood, a Medical School professor and chief of the Liver Transplant Service at the Texas Liver Center, has been instrumental in addressing national organ transplant issues. In recently approved Supplemental Appropriations legislation, new federal regulations regarding organ transplant donation will not go into effect until Oct. 1, 1998.



## UTmost Interest

**Dr. Barry Kahan**, Director of the Division of Immunology and Organ Transplantation, recently chaired two sessions at the 17th annual Scientific meeting of the American Society of Transplant Physicians (ASTP) in Chicago...**Dr. Stanislaw Stepkowski**, Division of Immunology and Organ Transplantation, also presented "the newest research being done in the field of immunosuppression and organ transplantation, at the meeting...**Dr. Scott Gruber**,

Division of Immunology and Organ Transplantation, spoke at the 24th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) in Chicago...**Dr. George Weinstock**, co-director of the Center for the Study of Emerging and Re-emerging Pathogens and Professor, Dept. of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, recently gave a talk on "Transposon Scanning and Phage Display: Extracting Function from Genomics" in Vichy, France...**Dean Buja** was recently acknowledged in *Texas Medicine* for his new role as the 1998-99 President of the Texas Society of Pathologists...**Gaurav Aggarwal** and **Sue-Mi Cha**, MSIs, were awarded a Jeanne Spurlock Clinical Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).



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