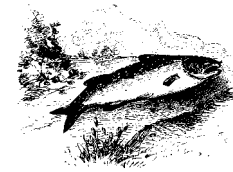




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Friday, June 5, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

➤ **Graduation Awards Luncheon**, Sat. June 6 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact **Pat Caver**, 500-5170.



➤ **Commencement**, Sun., June 7, 4 p.m., George R. Brown Convention Center. **Dr. Bernie Siegel**, commencement speaker.

UTmost Interest

Dr. George Stancel, Division of Pharmacology, recently attended a meeting entitled "Characterizing the Effects of Endocrine Disruptors on Human Health at Environmental Exposure Levels," which included members from the NIH, EPA, and FDA, and the Chemical Manufacturer's Association,

in Raleigh, NC...**Dr. Barbara Murray**, Professor and Director, Division of Infectious

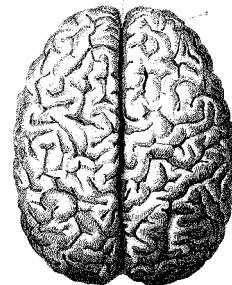
Diseases, Dept. of Internal Medicine, has been selected for the 1999 Marion Spencer Fay National Board Award of the Medical College of Pennsylvania, which includes a \$10,000 grant to support the work of a distinguished woman physician/scientist, and will be presented the award in the Spring of 1999 in Philadelphia...**Dr. Anne Dougherty**, Division of Cardiology, has received the Paul Dudley White Award from the American Heart Association Houston Division; she is a past president...**Dr. Caroline Fife** was inducted recently as President of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society in Seattle; she is the first woman to be elected president in the UHMS's 31-year history...**Dr. Joann Moulds**, Internal Medicine/Rheumatology, recently met with her collaborators at Oxford University where she presented a lecture "CR1 polymorphisms and disease: from HIV to SLE;" in addition, she was a co-director for the C4 and CR1 study sections at the VIIth Complement Genetics Workshop in Mainz, Germany...**Dr. John Ribble**, UT-H Medical School, and **Dr. Luisa Franzini**, School of Public Health, presented "Income Inequality and Mortality in Texas Counties" at the "Economic Equity and the Health of Populations: The Cost of Inequality" conference at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor.



Hot News

NEW STROKE UNIT AT HERMANN DEBUTED MAY 28

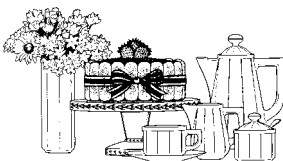
"It all starts with dialing 911. Then the EMS unit sweeps into action," declared **Dr. David Persse**, Emergency Medical Services Director. At a press conference held in the Birch Room of Hermann Hospital on May 28, aired on both Channels 2 and 26 that day, **Dr. James Grotta**, Dept. of Neurology professor and Director of the Stroke Program, announced the grand opening of a new Stroke Unit for brain attack patients, as part of the Hermann Stroke Treatment Center. Grotta emphasized the collaborative effort and team approach that went into creating a crack stroke program here, thanking especially the behind-the-scenes stroke nursing staff. Persse emphasized that due to Grotta's efforts, "Now we have a way to treat acute strokes."



Lester Tyra, Houston Fire Chief, added that the new Stroke Unit is the "only stroke unit in the city of Houston and one of few acute care centers in the country." In answering his own question, "Why do we need a stroke unit?," Grotta acknowledged that only 1% of stroke patients get adequate and timely treatment and that even at Hermann, only 10% get to the hospital in time. "Just as heart patients get better treatment in cardiovascular units, mortality rates are lower and the likelihood of patients recovering is greater, in stroke units," he said. "People don't know that the first three hours after a stroke is a critical window in terms of getting treatment. We need to get that message out - not only to the public, but to practicing physicians and nurses in other areas of medicine as well," he accentuated. **Dr. Joanne Hickey**, Professor, Acute and Continuing Care, UT-Houston School of Nursing, added, "It's remarkable. Thirty years ago, news of a loved one's stroke was devastating. In the last two years especially, with the use of thrombolytics, remarkable turnarounds have occurred in many stroke cases."

DAVID PAGE FAREWELL RECEPTION SCHEDULED JUNE 11

Faculty are invited. **Dean Max Buja** will be hosting a reception on Thursday, June 11, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Gallery to say good-bye and good luck to **David Page**, Chief Operating Officer of the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System. Mr. Page



will be leaving Houston shortly to become president and CEO of Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis.

HONORING FATHERS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes awarded to the most original Father's Day poem, one page, double-spaced, 12 font, Ariel or Times New Roman. Submission deadline: Tuesday, June 9, to **Anne Starr**, MSB 5.020, FAX 500-6201; **Dubelza Garcia**, MSB 5.020, FAX 500-6201; **Alma Leal**, LBJ 1EC 73 029, FAX 500-4655, or call 636-4659. Sponsored by UT-Medical School Employee Relations Committee. Father's Day is Sun., June 14.



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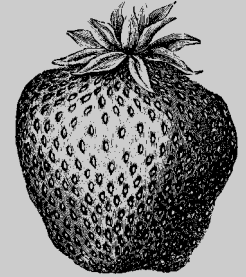


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Employee of the Month

JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

“You could have knocked me over with a feather,” exclaimed **Lynne Medeiors**, Senior Staff Assistant in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, when she read the announcement that she had been nominated for Employee of the Month.



Lynne, who likes to frequent “the strawberry capital of Arkansas,” Bald Knob, near Little Rock, every other month, is a firm believer in perfectionism on the job. “If I see something that needs attention, whether it be straightening up the bulletin board, the lab coats, or mailroom labels that are out of sync, I’m there.” The owner of two parrots, Larri Bird and Cotton, Lynne confided an inside movie tip. It took 14 trained Conures (parrots) to master the remarkable stunts seen in the movie *Pauli*, including using a bank card in an ATM machine. On clinic matters, Lynne said she’s not shy and has “pretty persistent” phone manners, when it comes to finding a patient and tracking down medical record report details. Lynne has worked with **Drs. Richard Smalling, Oscar Rosales, and Chik-Fong Wei** for the last three and a half years. She is proud of the work being done in her area with abdominal aortic stents, she said. Lynne started out at the Medical School in 1994 working with **Dr. Valerie Parisi**, who is now in OB/GYN, SUNY at Stonybrook, and has also worked with **Dr. Patricia Butler** - “Oh, I love her; she’s wonderful.” The busy mother of 19-year old, **Stephen** can always be counted on for comic relief, commented co-workers. In addition, volunteerism is as much a part of Lynne’s make-up as a strong work ethic. Two years ago when Channel 13 carried a heart-rendering story of a mother of four young children in a crisis without clothes and furniture, Lynne took it upon herself to gather money, clothes, and furniture, for the young mother. Staying in touch with the family over the years has its rewards. “She has four of the most beautiful children I’ve ever seen. The little one, handicapped at birth and four months old when I came into the family’s life, can now walk,” Lynne said proudly.

HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK DESERVES ATTENTION

The absence of El Nino, a pool of warm water in the Pacific Ocean, normally indicates a more active hurricane season, meteorologists warn. Hurricane Awareness Week kicked off last week with tours of a hurricane hunters’ plane at Ellington Field and an annual Houston/Galveston hurricane workshop at the Pasadena Convention Center. One spokesman predicted that three hurricanes, two intense enough to cause major damage, will form in the Atlantic basin this year. The UT-Houston phone number for severe weather and emergency information is **500-7999**. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also has a new Tropical Storm Watch page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fema.gov>. The site, updated daily and sometimes hourly, with state-by-state rundowns, offers hurricane preparedness information, fact sheets, maps and links to other key sites with weather satellite images and forecasts. “We want to help Internet users to work within their community to become disaster resistant,” said FEMA Director **James Lee Witt** of this week’s national initiative, called *Project Impact: Building a Disaster Resistant Community*. Here’s some helpful hurricane preparation hints from a fact sheet available in Community Affairs, G.004:



Emergency Food List Includes:

- Peanut butter
- Crackers, assorted
- Fruit juice
- Cheese & crackers in individual packages
- Fruits
- Applesauce
- Dried fruits (raisins, apples & apricots)
- Apple & banana chips
- Pudding cups/pop tops
- Peanuts & mixed nuts
- Soups

Recommended Dietary Needs:

- Fluids:** Eight 8-ounce glasses (1/2 gallon) of water, juice or soda per day, per person.
- Protein:** 6 to 8 ounces per day, per person.
- Fruits & Vegetables:** 4 servings per day, per person.
- Breads & Cereals:** 4 servings of chips, crackers, cookies or pretzels per day, per person.



Helpful Hints:

Keep water in a clean bathtub or containers purchased in camping stores. Well-washed plastic milk cartons can be filled and frozen to keep the freezer cold longer as melting occurs. Have a three- to four-day supply of drinking water available.

Boiling or cooking up to one pound of food or liquid can be done with a Heatab-Cook Kit. Compact (1 x 4 x 3 inches) for easy storage, the Heatab-Cook Kit is available at the Boy Scout Shop, (713-655-1060).

If storing emergency items, use a metal trash can. Foods should be changed every six months.

Do Not Forget:

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| -Hand-crank can opener | -Hammer/nails | -Needle/thread | -Masking tape |
| -Portable radio | -Humidity matches | -Gasoline/fuel can | -Soap |
| -Paper/pencils | -First-aid kit | -Measuring spoons | -Toilet paper |
| -Non-electric clock | -Aspirin-type pain reliever | -Deodorant, toothbrush | -Candles/Batteries |
| -Flashlight | -Toothpicks, towelettes | -Feminine napkins | -Plastic spoons, knives, forks |
| -Toothpaste | -Plastic sheeting | -Scissors | |