



Scoop Labor Day

Holiday,
Monday, Sept. 7

Friday, September 4, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

Calendar Week of September 4 - 11

7 Labor Day Holiday.

8 Medical Record Class for Physicians, Hermann, 12-1 p.m., Contact **Marsha Glickman**, 704-6323.

8 Blood Drive, Leather Lounge, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

9 Grants Forum, guidance for upcoming October NIH deadline, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., MSB 2.024.

10 Employee Relations Committee Meeting, 2-3 p.m., Microbiology Library, JFB 1.707. All are welcome.

11 Last Day to sign up for free asthma treatment. Call **Gloria Morris**, 500-6542.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Henry Strobel, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, chaired at the Twelfth International Symposium on Microsomes and Drug Oxidations, Montpellier, France...**David Butler**, MS IV, president of the fourth-year class, received a National Medical Association Merit Award.

 Hot News

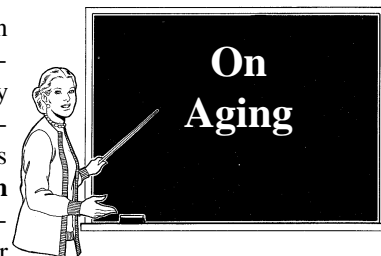
FYI - Dr. Dennis J. Selkoe, Harvard, will present the Distinguished Lecture in the Neurosciences, "Cell Biology of b-Amyloid Precursor Protein and the Genesis of Alzheimer's Disease," on Thursday, **Sept. 17**, 4 p.m., MSB 3.001.

MSRDP BOARD MEETINGS

The MSRDP Board of Directors meetings for FY '98-99 will be held in MSB 7.037 from 4-6 p.m. on the following dates: **Sept. 23**, **Nov. 18**, **Feb. 24**, **April 28**, **June 23**, and **August 25**. Board meetings are open to board directors, ex-officio members and committee coordinators. DMOs and CBO directors are also invited. The Annual Meeting of the MSRDP, set for **Jan. 27**, MSB 3.001, is open to the entire MSRDP membership. For more information, contact **Ann Candea**, 500-5040.

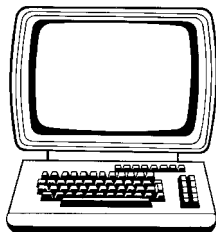
UT-CENTER ON AGING CO-SPONSORS CONFERENCE

On Friday, **Sept. 11** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Medical Center, 6701 S. Main Street, the 12th Annual Valley Conference will kick off, focusing on "Good Long-Term Care: Step Up and Speak Out!" The conference is sponsored by the Center On Aging at the School of Nursing and supported by the **Selenia E. and Joseph C. Valley, Sr.** Memorial Trust Fund for Gerontological Nursing. Says **Dr. Sharon Ostwald**, center director and the Isla Carroll Turner Chair in Gerontological Nursing, "Over the past 11 years, the Valley Conference has served to educate both community professionals and family caregivers on long-term care issues as well as to improve the care of elderly individuals within Houston and Harris County." The speaker, **Sarah Greene Burger**, is executive director of the National Citizens' Coalition on Nursing Home Reform and co-author of *Nursing Homes: Getting Good Care There*. The conference is designed for multidisciplinary caregivers, practitioners, educators, administrators, and others who work with long-term care clients. To register, contact **Dr. Jeffrey Toward**, 500-3779.



ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD TRAINING EXPANDED

The new Electronic Medical Record (EMR) program is rolling out at Hermann Hospital. Medical students and research nurses who do not have Windows '95 and mouse skills need to take classes connected to this program. Mainframe terminals are being replaced by new personal computers, which will allow healthcare providers access to patient records. Rollout will start at the Cullen Pavilion, then Jones, followed by Robertson. The new computer substations can be tapped for charting, order entry and accessing patient medical records online. There will be six one-hour Windows '95 training classes each weekday (three for the night shift and three for the day shift) for staff and other healthcare providers. Weekly Question and Practice sessions will be available for those who desire further clarification or more advanced learning. Stated **Brigid Latner, R.N.**, a clinical systems analyst, "We are encouraging the clinical staff to take the EMR class and start accessing lab results, radiology reports, patient lists, dictated reports and entering clinical notes as well." To register, contact a unit director or call **Kim Munsinger**, 704-3394.



ROUTE CHANGES FOR UT-H SHUTTLE

The UT-H Shuttle has some route changes effective Sept. 1: an Express Bus with only three stops (UT-Housing's Main stop, the MS and UCT) has been added for four morning hours from 6 - 10 a.m.; the MS breezeway stop on Ross Sterling has been replaced with a stop on M. D. Anderson Blvd. near TWU and the Metro stop; and with the closing of the Fannin/Braeswood Parking Lot, the buses will drive straight on Fannin and make a new stop at the corner of Fannin and Galen. Copies of the new schedule are available at the MS Guards' Desk.



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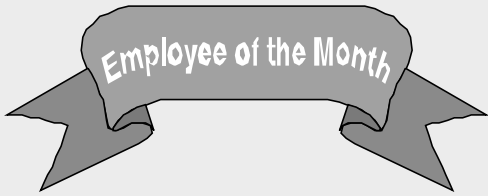
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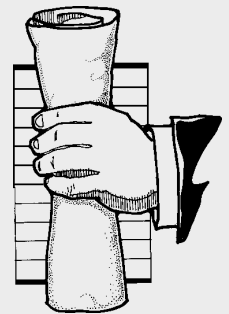
September Employee of the Month - Anthony Garcia

When asked how our Employee of the Month, **Anthony Garcia**, could end up with the surname Garcia if he's from the Phillipines, Anthony laughed easily and said, "Simple. Magellan was a Spanish explorer who discovered the Phillipines, and it was colonized by the Spanish for 400 years." Presently an Administrative Assistant II in the Department of Pediatrics, Anthony has recently returned from a two-week paternity leave. "Yes and even at home, I was taking calls constantly and checking my e-mail all the time; my wife said 'I thought you were here for me,'" he grinned. "Our Administrative Services Officer, **Amy Zoldak**, had also just delivered a baby, so I just had to get back. I just can't leave the work at the office I guess. I'm the guy that finds a way to get things done, when others are stuck. I've become the informal LAN Manager for our department. If there's a problem with travel reimbursements, if there's purchasing problems with closing out SRs, starting new SRs, people needing TUFIMS advice, such as accessing open tables and making sure they close dangling incumbrances, or renovating departmental rooms, I'm the man. I've been in Pediatrics a year this October," said Anthony.



Actually, Anthony has been at the Medical School since May of 1991, when he joined Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology where he says he really enjoyed his work with **Dr. David Loose-Mitchell** and his co-collaborator, **Dr. Merrill Overturf**, Cardiology. As a research assistant, he helped keep a population of rabbits whose baseline cholesterol was very low, under 200, feeding them the equivalent of eight eggs a day and studying how they still managed to keep a low cholesterol level, hoping to transfer that knowledge to humans.

Anthony emigrated to Manhattan with his parents when he was two and says he "was blessed in that I grew up in two different cultures; I got to pick the best of both worlds." Anthony finished his **M.B.A.** two years ago from Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio, which has a satellite program here in Houston, by sacrificing every Saturday for two years. He cites **Olivia Dennison**, his former DMO, as a guide and mentor to reach that goal. "She too started in the lab as a technician, then went to Texas Woman's and got a master's in health care administration." Today Anthony has a wife, **Clarrisa**, an R.N., and two boys, **Aaron**, age two, and **Adam**, seven weeks old. "The whole of Pediatrics turned out last year at the ChiliFest for **Governor George Bush's** dedication of the UT-H Center for Academic and Reading Skills, supporting **Dr. Jack Fletcher's** and **Dr. Barbara Foorman's** efforts. Eleven million dollars over a five-year period has started fueling reading assessments. It's wonderful, wonderful work. It will help the playing field of children for generations to come. And because I have children, I picked Dr. Foorman's brain, asking her how I could help them learn better. She suggested word games, among other hints. So at home we do a lot of *Barney* and *Sesame Street* watching right now," he confided.



Pew Scholars Program Nominations Being Sought

The Pew Memorial Trust has issued an invitation to **Dr. Thomas F. Burks**, Executive Vice President for Research and Academic Affairs, to nominate one candidate for support under the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences for 1998. The UT-Houston program is intended to support young investigators of outstanding promise in basic and clinical sciences relevant to the advancement of human health. Each scholar will receive \$50,000 in support each year for four years. Pew anticipates receiving one-hundred applications on the basis of which 20 scholars will be chosen for awards beginning July, 1998. Candidates should hold a doctorate in medicine, other health related professions or biomedical sciences. Candidates must, as of November 1, 1998, hold full time appointments at the rank of assistant professor or independent researcher on the faculty of the sponsoring institution. On July 1, 1999 they would not have been full-time faculty members of that or any other institution for more than three years, whether or not such appointments were on a tenure track. The nominee will be chosen by a scientific review group composed of appointed UT Houston faculty. Those interested in competing for the opportunity to be nominated need to contact the Office of Research Services (ORS) at 500-3075 or by email (research@admin4.hsc.uth.tmc.edu) by **September 8, 1998**. Deadline for receipt of the formal application at Pew Memorial Trust is **October 31, 1998**.

Kids, School Lunches and the A-B-C Rule Plus Calcium

If the kids are old enough, get them involved with healthy lunch-packing suggestions. It could lead to a lifetime of healthy eating. A good nutrient-rich lunches is the A-B-C vitamin rule. For vitamin A, pack baby carrots, plus a favorite yogurt dip, cubed antalupe, or dried apricots. For vitamin B, pack whole grains, meat, nuts and seeds. Providing meat, cheese, or peanut butter sandwiches on whole grain breads, or low-fat cheese with whole wheat crackers, or pasta salad with cheese and kidney beans, or even lunch-box treats of graham crackers, oatmeal cookies studded with raisins and sunflower seeds, will cover the B vitamins, protein, carbohydrates and iron. Vitamin C and calcium are both found in calcium-fortified orange juice. Fresh strawberries, cubed pineapple, citrus fruits, or citrus juice have vitamin C, and one cup of low-fat milk or yogurt is a good source of calcium.

