



# Scoop



Safety Month

Friday, June 4, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

## EVENTS TO KNOW:



► **Senior Awards Ceremony & Dean's Reception TODAY** - 6 p.m., Friday, **June 4**, Hornberger Conference Center.

► **Commencement, TOMORROW** - 10 a.m., Saturday, **June 5**, Speaker, **Dr. Phil H. Berry Jr.**, past TMA president, organ donor recipient, George R. Brown Convention Center.

► **Modern Science and Ancient Wisdom: A Complementary and Alternative Medicine Conference, June 17-18**, Marriott Hotel. Contact **Beverly Osterloh**, 713-500-5249, <bosterlo@dean.med.uth.tmc.edu>.

## UTmost Interest

**Drs. John Byrne, Pramod Dash, Neal Waxham and Jack Waymire**, Neurobiology and Anatomy, were awarded an NIH Research Infrastructure grant for \$175,000 to establish an Imaging Core Facility...**Dr. Carlos Moreno**, chair, the Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine, announced that his department was recently awarded a Bronze Award by the American Academy of Family Practice at a recent annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Practice...**Dr. Pedro Ruiz**, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, received a "Special Presidential Commendation Award" and a "Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education" at an American Psychiatric Association (APA) meeting in Washington, D.C. He was also appointed Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the Year 2000 Annual Meeting of the APA...**Dr. Jerry Wolinsky**, Neurology, discussed "New Therapies for Multiple Sclerosis" in Hobart, Tasmania.



Hot News

by the American Academy of Family Practice at a recent annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Practice...**Dr. Pedro Ruiz**, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, received a "Special Presidential Commendation Award" and a "Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education" at an American Psychiatric Association (APA) meeting in Washington, D.C. He was also appointed Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the Year 2000 Annual Meeting of the APA...**Dr. Jerry Wolinsky**, Neurology, discussed "New Therapies for Multiple Sclerosis" in Hobart, Tasmania.

## MEMORIAL HERMANN UPDATE

Memorial Hermann Healthcare System announced on Tues., June 1, it is buying three Columbia/HCA hospitals: Rosewood Medical Center, Fort Bend Medical Center, and Katy Medical Center. Columbia/HCA noted it is acquiring Memorial Hospital Pasadena. (Source: *Houston Chronicle* 6/2/99).

## RENOWNED SURGEON JOINS UT-H AND HERMANN HOSPITAL



Dr. Hazim Safi

Dr. Hazim J. Safi has been appointed chairman designate of the new Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery being created at the Medical School. Safi was recruited from Baylor College of Medicine to enhance research programs and to develop a significant teaching effort for medical students, residents and fellows while serving as chief of the Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery Service at Hermann Hospital. "Both institutions are deeply committed to working with Dr. Safi to develop a cardiothoracic center of excellence," said **Dean Max Buja**. "With his experience at the helm of the cardiothoracic and vascular surgery program and with our existing strengths in cardiology, I am certain our endeavor to create a cohesive cardiovascular disease program will be a success."

## SANBORN RECEIVES '99 MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Dean Max Buja** presented **Dr. Barbara M. Sanborn**, UT-H Director, NIH Training Program in Mammalian Reproduction, co-director, Office of Women's Health, with the Medical School's *1999 Mentor of the Year Award* at this year's Annual Faculty Meeting. She was recognized for her impact on the professional development of junior faculty, fellows and students. Sanborn is also Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences (Ob/Gyn) and is on the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences faculty. She was nominated by **Dr. Manju Monga**, Assistant Professor in Og/Gyn.



Dr. Barbara Sanborn

## TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY JUNE 16



Take Our Children to Work is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 16**, 9 - 11:25 a.m., for children ages 9 to 16. Ten tours are available in the Medical School, the Dental School, the School of Nursing, Hermann Hospital and the Mental Sciences Institute. On Thursday, **June 10**, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., employees can contact Research & Academic Affairs, 713-500-3066 to make reservations for the children's tours, and the continental breakfast reception for parents, sponsors and children.

## THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET

"Before they're launched onto the waters of life as physicians, a time of reflection is important for students." Says the voice of **Dr. Henry Strobel**, Biochemistry, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs. It's heard both at the beginning of a medical student's life here, at the wrap-up service at the annual "Incoming Class Retreat," and once again, at an ancillary service off-campus the day before students graduate, at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Main at McGregor. The Medical School's baccalaureate service is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year here. Its purpose, said Strobel, is to challenge, stretch, and re-orient the emerging physician. Open to everyone, the voluntary event is in the Episcopal tradition and occurs **today**, Friday, **June 4** at 2 p.m. Students who so desire may wear caps and gowns.



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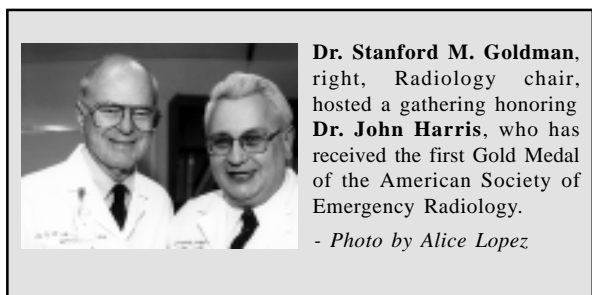
**Editor's Note:** *Dr. John Harris* has blazed many trails in emergency radiology, from writing the first comprehensive textbook that established its concept to being a founding member of the American Society of Emergency Radiology.

## **DR. JOHN HARRIS IS CONSIDERED THE 'FATHER' OF EMERGENCY RADIOLOGY**

**Dr. John H. Harris Jr.**, chief of Emergency Radiology at Hermann Hospital, a professor of Radiology at the Medical School and holder of the John S. Dunn Distinguished Chair in Radiology, is truly a pioneer in this area of medicine. For his lifetime contribution to Emergency Radiology, Harris recently received the first Gold Medal of the American Society of Emergency Radiology (ASER). (See *Scoop*, 3/19/99).

In addition to being a founding member of ASER, Harris was its first president, first program committee chair, constructed the society by-laws and remains its by-law committee chair, is Associate Editor of "Emergency Radiology," the society's official journal, and was the second Alan Klein Memorial lecturer.

Since its inception in 1988, the society has grown to over 450 radiologists. These professionals are either devoted to the clinical, teaching and research aspects of this specialty, or they have a primary clinical interest in the imaging aspects of the initial evaluation of acutely ill or injured patients seen in emergency centers.



**Dr. Stanford M. Goldman**, right, Radiology chair, hosted a gathering honoring **Dr. John Harris**, who has received the first Gold Medal of the American Society of Emergency Radiology.

- Photo by Alice Lopez

The founding members of ASER, including Harris, recognized from their personal experience that the imaging aspects of the initial assessment of patients produce a unique body of radiologic knowledge that required teaching and experience not available in most radiology residency training programs. "This realization was directly analogous to that which led to the creation of the specialty of Emergency Medicine," explains Harris. ASER members are recognized as radiologic subspecialists by the American College of Radiology.

Before joining the faculty of the Medical School's Department of Radiology, Harris spent 20 years in the private practice of radiology in Carlisle, PA. During that time, he developed a keen interest in the radiologic features of acute illness and trauma. This interest, and the realization that there was no textbook devoted to this aspect of radiology, motivated Harris to write the first text on this subject, *The Radiology of Emergency Medicine*, published by Williams & Wilkins in 1975. That text, now in its fourth edition and considered to be the genesis of Emergency Radiology, coupled with Harris' international reputation in emergency radiology, has led him to be considered the "father" of emergency radiology.

Harris was elected the 32nd honorary member of the American College of Emergency Physicians (1991), an associate member of the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons (1989), was the Baker Lecturer of the Royal Australasian College of Radiologists in 1996, and was awarded honorary fellowship in that College. He was chairman of the Board of Chancellors of the American College of Radiology from 1980 to 1982, and president in 1982.

Since coming to Houston in 1980 as the first emergency radiologist in town, Harris has been chief of Emergency Radiology at Hermann Hospital and a professor of Radiology at the Medical School. He was chairman of the Department of Radiology from 1982 to 1990, and from 1998 to 1999 he served as interim chair of Emergency Medicine.

## **UTH-HSC SHOWS WELL AT MATRIX AWARDS EVENT**

In the company of the *Houston Chronicle*, Reliant Energy, and the top advertisers in Houston, UTH-HSC had a good showing at the Houston Chapter, Women in Communications Competition Awards banquet last week. **Sandra Henry** won first place in Writing - Feature Article, single category, with "Nobel Moments," *Monday Morning*. The Office of Public Affairs won third place for "Campaign - Public Relations for the Nobel Campaign," *Scoop* won Honorable Mention in the Most Improved Newsletter category, and **Linda Barth** of *Lifetime Health Letter* won second place in Writing - Feature Article, single category.

**FYI** - The Dean's Annual Faculty Meeting address is now online under Dean's Documents on the Medical School homepage <<http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu/>>.



## **KLINGENSTEIN FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR 2000**

Applications for the Klingenstein Fellowship Awards in the Neurosciences for 2000, \$120,000 over a three-year period, is now in progress. To qualify, investigators must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degrees, and have completed all research training, including post-doctoral training. Established in 1981, these annual awards support investigators in the early stages of their careers, researching epilepsy. Of particular interest is: cellular and molecular neuroscience, neural systems, and clinical epilepsy research. Applications, available from departmental chairs, must be received by **December 7, 1999**.