



# Scoop

Oct. 11, 2002

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### October

**14 Bioterrorism Series, Dr. Karl Klose**, "Francisella-the Tularemia Microbe," noon, MSB 3.001.

### November

**1 UT-Houston Research Day**, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Hornberger.

**4 Bioterrorism Series, Dr. Robert Couch**, "Small Pox and Small Pox Vaccine," noon, MSB 3.001.

## UTMost Interest

**Dr. Barbara E. Murray**, Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, chaired the Program Committee for the 42nd Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), Sept. 27-30, in San Diego. Internal Medicine resident **Cesar Arias** received one of two Sigal awards, at the event. The ICAAC is the world's premier meeting on infectious diseases and antimicrobial agents...**Dr. Barbara Foorman**, Pediatrics, Center for Academic and Reading Skills (CARS), was quoted concerning parental responsibility throughout children's educational experience, including spending time with them on their homework and organizational skills (*Houston Chronicle*, 10/2/02)...**Dr. Hazim J. Safi**, chairman, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, and **Dr. Charles C. Miller**, director, Research, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, recently were guest speakers at the 16th Annual Meeting of the European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Monaco. The paper titled, "Cardiac Function Predicts Mortality Following Thoracoabdominal and Descending Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Repair" was well received.

## NEW MEMORIAL HERMANN CEO STEPS UP TO THE PLATE NOV. 1

**Daniel J. Wolterman** will assume the position of CEO, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, Nov. 1. He succeeds **Dan Wilford**. Wolterman is a senior vice president with Memorial Hermann and currently is responsible for seven community hospitals and two long-term acute care facilities.



**Daniel J. Wolterman**

Wolterman has 22 years of experience in the health-care industry and will step into the role of leader of a five-year \$400M capital expansion program begun in 2000 that encompasses all nine of the system's acute-care hospitals.

Wilford had been instrumental in expanding the Memorial Healthcare System that he guided since 1984, from three hospitals to the largest nonprofit health-care system in Texas. He was a major player in overseeing the merger of the system with Hermann Hospital.

"After conducting an extensive nationwide search and interviewing a number of highly qualified candidates, we determined that the best person for the job was already here at Memorial Hermann," **A.T. Blackshear Jr.**, chairman of the system, said.

## DR. SEALE CHOSEN FOR INFLUENTIAL SPOT ON JAIL COMMISSION

**Gov. Rick Perry** has appointed **Dr. Michael Seale**, assistant dean, Correctional Medicine, to serve on the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Those serving on the commission establish minimum standards for the construction, maintenance, and operation of county jails, and standards for the custody and treatment of prisoners.

Seale also is the medical director for the Harris County Sheriff's Department. He is a member of the American Correctional Association and formerly served on the board of directors of the American Correctional Health Services Association. Seale has earned correctional health professional certification from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. He is a graduate of Baylor University and received his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.



**Dr. Michael Seale**

Seale's term on the commission will expire Jan. 31, 2005. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate. - S. Rasp

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE EMPLOYEE REVEALED IN WORKSHOP

Find out how to motivate your employees in a two-hour workshop, "Motivating Employees," part of Practical Skills for Leaders Series, 9 - 11 a.m., Wed., **Oct. 16**, UT-Houston Harris County Psychiatric Center, Room 3A-01. See <[www.uth.tmc.edu/training/calendar.html](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/training/calendar.html)>.



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## WEALTH 101 FOR WOMEN STARTS 11/12



The road to riches may or may not be paved with good intentions, but for those willing to do some homework, reward beckons. Check out these upcoming classes. For more information, or to register, call **Robin Howard** at 713-500-3279.

**Master Class 1** - "The Way to Savvy Town." Test your investment savvy; set your financial goals; and learn the ABCs of investing:

**Nov. 12** 10 - 11:30 a.m., Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, or

**Nov. 14** 5:30 - 7 p.m., M. D. Anderson Conference Center, 1515 Holcombe.

**Master Class 2** - "The Road to Secure Shores." Stay secure through life's unpredictable events like career change, divorce, unexpected illness, or death of a spouse:

**Jan. 14** 10 - 11:30 a.m., Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, or

**Jan. 16** 5:30-7 p.m., M. D. Anderson Conference Center, 1515 Holcombe.

**Master Class 3** - "The Path to Nurturville." Explore the many ways to save and invest for your children's education:

**Feb. 11** 10 - 11:30 a.m., Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, or

**Feb. 13** 5:30 - 7 p.m., M. D. Anderson Conference Center, 1515 Holcombe.

## ANSWERS TO MEDICINE'S PAST CONTINUE

When did surgery start in earnest in medicine's history? What were some of the early surgical innovations and how did they effect patients? How were early surgeons affected by the treatments they carried out? Find out by dropping in on the History of Medicine – Surgery series. The remaining lectures fall on a Monday, noon - 1 p.m., MSB Room 2.006:

**Oct. 21: Maximilian Buja, M.D.**, dean, UT-H Medical School, "Operating on a Moving Organ: Dilemmas of Surgery on the Heart"

**Nov. 4: Megan Cole**, actor, and visiting professor of society and health; and **John Lienhard, Ph.D.** — M.D. Anderson Professor of Mechanical Engineering and History Emeritus, University of Houston, and creator of the public radio series, "The Engines of Our Ingenuity," "Keeping Burning Oil from Wounds: Ambroise Paré and Medieval Surgery"

**Nov. 11: Stanley J. Reiser, M.D., M.P.A., Ph.D.**, Griff T. Ross Professor of Humanities and Technology in Health Care, UTHSC-H, "Creating a Home for Surgery: The Rise of the Modern Hospital"

**Nov. 18: John Lienhard, PhD** — M.D. Anderson Professor of Mechanical Engineering and History Emeritus, University of Houston, and Creator of the Public Radio Series, "The Engines of Our Ingenuity," "Back to the Beginning: Starting in the Stone Age."

Blue Book credit for attending four of five sessions.

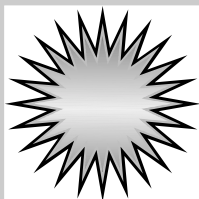
## OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - DARLA BROWN

As director of the Office of Community Affairs and Public Education, **Darla Brown** knows the UT-Houston Medical School. Her job entails all aspects of internal communication from supervising the weekly publishing of *Scoop*, to updating the School's catalog and numerous other publications, to writing materials to directly support the Dean's Office, including *UT-Houston Medicine*, a biannual magazine. "I didn't really come to the Medical School with a medical background. That's what makes my job in publications so interesting. For me, every interview I do is a learning experience. I get to learn something new every day. Additionally, I just enjoy working with the Medical School community. Everyone is accessible and a pleasure to work with," she said.

Darla joined the Office of Community Affairs and Pubic Education in October 2000. At the time she was directing external relations for the UH College of Pharmacy. Prior to that she worked on the UH main campus in the Office of Internal Communications. Since high school, Darla has been involved in writing and publications work. At Tulane she was a reporter and editor of the weekly Tulane student newspaper, *The Hullabaloo*. Graduating from Tulane, she held newspaper jobs in Montana and New Mexico before returning to Texas.

When not on the job, Darla is busy with a variety of other interests including travel and her two cats, Ginger and Isis. Her husband, Troy, is employed in corporate communications with contracts that include Hewlett Packard, ExxonMobil, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System to name a few. A self-professed sports fanatic, Darla's office colleagues have come to know that if there's a sports trivia question, call Troy.

On the job, Darla is known for her hard work and dedication to meeting deadlines and getting the story right. Her nominator for the award noted, "Darla lost her office due to Tropical Storm Allison yet she never missed a beat supporting administration and meeting deadlines while working out of temporary space and boxes. She always willing to help others and is a role model for patience and good work."



**Darla Brown**