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Friday, October 2, 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

Calendar Week of October 2-9

2 • Houston International Health Summit, 7 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., MSB 3.001.

• **UT-Houston Research Day**, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe.

6 Dr. Charles E. Glassick lecture, Carnegie Foundation Author, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., 3.001.

7 Live & Then Give lecture, Dr. Phil Berry, Jr., surgeon and transplant survivor, **Dean Buja** introducing, 6 p.m., 3.001.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Robert M. Feldman, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, will speak on Oct. 13 at the Charleston County Ophthalmology Society, in Charleston, SC...**Dr. S. Ward Casscells**, Cardiology Division Director, was a panelist discussing Automated External Defibrillators recently at an American Heart Association "When Every Second Counts" workshop at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, aimed at companies and corporations...**Dr. Pedro Ruiz**, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, was elected President Elect of the American Association of Social Psychiatry; and the Houston Psychiatric Society, and appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Practical Psychiatry and Behavioral Health* and the *Journal of Clinical Neuropsychiatry of Argentina*...**Dr. Theresa Koehler**, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, spoke at the International Conference on Anthrax in Plymouth, England.



UT WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RESEARCH CENTER INITIATIVE

Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences has been designated by the NICHD (National Institute of Children's Health and Human Development) to establish a Women's Reproductive Health Research Career Development Center. The Program Director is **Dr. Firyal Khan**, OB-GYN. The five-year grant is for \$1,726,664. "This program is a 'giant step' in the direction of training future researchers and scientists for women's health," says **Dr. Larry C. Gilstrap**, department chair and primary investigator for the grant, which focuses on junior faculty development.



Dr. Larry C. Gilstrap

DR. ERNST KNOBIL HONORED IN PITTSBURGH

The University of Pittsburgh honored **Dr. Ernst Knobil** by establishing a lectureship in his name. The Inaugural Ernst Knobil Lecture was delivered on Sept 16. Knobil, the Medical School's third dean and Ashbel Smith Professor and H. Wayne Hightower Professor in the Medical Sciences, was recruited from the University of Pittsburgh in 1981. Over the years he has established an international reputation for many signal advances in the field of endocrinology and continues his work at the Medical School. In 1994 the Ernst Knobil Symposium was held in Pittsburgh with his former students and an international assembly of colleagues honoring his distinguished life and career during an entire weekend of scientific presentations. **Dr. Martin M. Matzuk** of Baylor College of Medicine delivered the Inaugural Ernst Knobil Lecture on the topic, "Transgenic Models to Study Reproduction and Oncogenesis."



Dr. Ernst Knobil

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY WORKSHOP FOR DOCTORS OCT. 19

Mark your calendars. "Here Comes the Judge: A Mock Trial," will be held Monday, **Oct. 19**, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 2.006. The program is sponsored by the Office of Risk Management and the Medical School's Office of Continuing Medical Education. Physicians relicensing in Feb. 1999 are required by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners to have one hour of ethics and/or professional responsibility. UT faculty are required to have 15 hours of risk management credits every three years. Thus, this program, offering two hours of risk management credit and two hours of professional responsibility credit is a convenient and informative way to meet requirements. For more information, call **500-5249**.

HEALTH MUSEUM FOCUSES ON WOMEN'S AGING WELL

The University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center is a participant in **today's** free seminar, "Women Aging Well: Maintaining Lifetime Fitness and Managing Your Health Care in the 21st Century," being presented at the Museum of Health and Medical Science, 1515 Hermann Drive, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It's the "first ever" consortium of health institutions coming together on this issue, explained **Linda May**, executive director, Greater Houston Women's Foundation, underwriter for the event. Women 55 and older will have a half day to explore fun ways of staying limber as well as some sound advice on their financial and physical health.



EVENTS TO KNOW:

➔ **20th Annual ChiliFest**, Friday, **Oct. 16**, 2 - 6 p.m., HMB Park.

➔ **Dr. Gunter Blobel**, Rockefeller University, Dean's Lecturer, "Nucleo-Cytoplasmic Transport," Wed., **Oct. 28**, 3.001.

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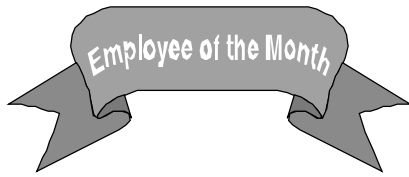
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October Employee of the Month - Jon White

Jon White is as American as apple pie. Our October Employee of the Month is a Network Support specialist at Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) General Hospital and was nominated to that position because his peers felt that he was "a model UT employee, very patient" with those who are not computer savants, very quick-to-learn, a ready smile, and a positive attitude that is catching.



Jon's generous and tenacious spirit in the workforce extends to the community as well. He's involved in Adopt-a-Family, a charity program, and has spent numerous hours staffing fund-raising events and food distribution activities. It's no surprise then that when Jon says as far as his job is concerned, "It feels like you're helping people, which is one of my main loves. I like the people, the people contact." Jon likes the fact that on the job things don't stand still long and there's always something different

going on. The youngest of three children, he holds a B. A. in Management Information Systems from the University of Houston and completed an M.S. in Management Computing Systems at Houston Baptist University last May. Jon started off at LBJ as a work-study student in October 1995 and was hired full-time in January 1996. With his supervisor, **Daryl Williams**, he basically does all the computer support work for the doctors, nurses, and staff, in all about 200 people. "Daryl's a good guy; he's real supportive and he tries to keep me on my toes," he commented about his supervisor.

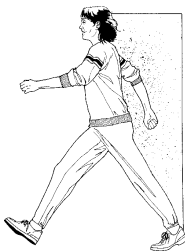
"Since there's only two of us; we trouble-shoot problems as they come up." Jon and Daryl take work orders and try to solve the problems accordingly. People have internet access and e-mail of course, added Jon, although an electronic medical records system isn't in place yet, and the paper system of medical record tracking is still the method of choice. The Year 2000 problem with LBJ's computers, as far as Jon is concerned, "is not an issue." Most of LBJ's computers have either been replaced or will be replaced by the year 2000, and a new server is on board.

The young man from Austin with the bright smile, likes to play basketball, enjoys the variety of activities that Houston has to offer, and wants to see if **Sammy Sosa** will garnish as much of a record-breaking history and attention this baseball season as **Mark McGwire**. He also confessed, "I love the outdoors," when asked how he ended up in Port Aransas fishing to celebrate his 28th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 27. "My mother, **Tanu'e**, my dad, **John**, my girlfriend, **Ketrese**, and I caught mostly hardhead catfish; any salt water fish is an acceptable catch to me, as long as it's borderline edible," he smiled roguishly. Jon's folks still live in Austin where his mother is an editor and his father just sold a business. His brother, **Todd**, age 30, now living in Georgia, spent eight years in the Army as a tank technician, also seeing time with Desert Storm. His sister, **Delecia**, 31, is a Fort Worth resident, and sells websites. The guy who confided that **Jackie Chan** didn't lipsink his lines this time in the movie "Rush Hour," is a genuine article himself.



Third Annual Heart Walk At Sam Houston Park October 10

Did you know that a burning sensation or pain anywhere in the chest, neck, arms, between the shoulder blades, or jaw, as well as nausea, vomiting, lightheadedness, sweating or shortness of breath, can be a symptom of a heart attack? The leading cause of death for American women age 35 and older is coronary heart disease. That's why the American Heart Association (AHA), Houston Division, is sponsoring their Third Annual Heart Walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Sam Houston Park downtown, corner of Bagby and McKinney, on Saturday, **October 10**. The Women's Heart Disease and Stroke Campaign is a primary focus of the walk. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Parking is free at the Metropolitan Raquet Club Garage, 340 W. Dallas and at Lamar and W. Dallas. A disc jockey from 104 KRBE, children's area, food, drinks, even oxygen tanks, will be available.



There will be tents on the grounds for free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and stroke. A computerized health risk assessment will provide participants with results on a disc to take with them. Each walker will receive a checklist to help her take advantage of the screening stations. All participants will receive free gifts.

Dr. James Grotta, Neurology, and the UT-Houston Stroke Team will conduct stroke screenings again this year.

Materials on the new AHA national "Cholesterol Low Down" program will be given out. This educational program encourages women to get their cholesterol checked because a high-level of cholesterol in the blood increases the risk of coronary heart disease. Lowering the LDL (the bad cholesterol) levels will improve overall heart health. National spokespeople for the six-month campaign are **Regis Philbin**, TV host, and **Debbie Allen**, dancer/actress.

The AHA is encouraging all people and especially women to know their blood pressure reading and the signs and symptoms of stroke or "brain attack". For more information call the Heart Walk Hotline, (713) 610-5063.