



# Scoop



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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

May 12, 13

## DR. JUDAH FOLKMAN

As the upcoming James T. Willerson, M.D. Visiting Professor, **Dr. Judah Folkman** will address "Angiogenic Therapy of the Heart?" on Tues., May 12, 1 p.m., 3.001. He will also be the Dean's lecturer and will speak on "New Directions in Angiogenic Research" on Wed., May 13, 4 p.m., 3.001. Folkman is the Andrus Professor of Pediatric Surgery and Professor of Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School. His early studies in the 1960s led directly to the development of Norplant. His many scientific contributions have brought him international recognition. Mark your calendars.

## UTmost Interest

**Dr. Ronald Portman**, director of Pediatric Nephrology Division, recently presented "Proteinuria as a Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Disease in Children" at the National Kidney Foundation Conference in Nashville...**Dr. Lamk Lamki**, Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, has recently become the new President of the Southwestern Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and is President-elect of the American College of Nuclear Medicine...**Drs.**

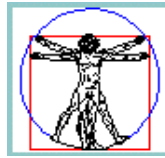


Hot News

**Lyska Emerson, Octavio Trejo and Ben Warner**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, received Young Investigator Awards from the Academy of Clinical Pathology Physicians and Scientists. They will present their research in clinical chemistry at the Academy June 11-13 in Boston...**David Buler**, MS III, and **Nicole Gonzales**, MS II, have been awarded \$6,000 each for a fellowship program sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb and administered by National Medical Fellowships, Inc. Through this program, minority students spend 8-12 weeks with a research faculty mentor. There were only 33 medical students in the nation selected for this award...**Dr. Michael D. Mauk**, Neurobiology and Anatomy presented a talk on "Mouse Mutants as a Tool in Studies of Cerebellar Motor Control" at the Neural Control of Movement meeting in Key West.

## COLLOQUIUM WINNERS ANNOUNCED

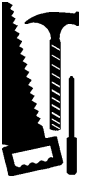
"What motivated you to write about this subject?" **Dr. Stanley Reiser** asked the three winners of the essay contest on "What is Health?" on April 17. The \$1,000 grand prize went to **Dr. Tin**



**Chi Chan**, a resident in the dental/public health residency program. Two \$500 prizes were awarded to: **Jennifer Le**, an M.P.H. student at the School of Public Health, and **Dr. Nilesh Chatterjee**, also in the School of Public Health. In addition to a lively discussion by the student winners of the contest, a panel discussion was held featuring the deans of UT-Houston schools on the topic. Sponsored by the UT-Houston Medicine/Public Health Task Force, the event is part of a national initiative developed by UT-Houston to build an interdisciplinary team of students from across the UT-Houston schools.

## HOUSE MEDICS UNDERWAY

More than 150 UT-Houston employees (family and friends) began work on eight different houses April 18 as part of this year's House Medic's project (see *Scoop* 2/13/98). Despite rainy weather, progress is under way to complete home repairs as part of this community service project for the elderly. This Sat., April 25, UT-Houston crews will return to finish their work. "It's more critical to come out this Saturday. If you weren't able to make it this past weekend and want to participate this Saturday, contact your team leader. Even if you haven't volunteered before and would like to do so now, there's still time," says **Che Kelly**. Call either **Dennie Clemons**, 500-2235, or **Carolyn Ardoin**, 500-5300. Congratulations to all participants for making a difference for our community.



## BRIDGING GRANTS DUE BY MAY 15

Investigators (full-time Medical School faculty) with a renewal grant application (an ROI or the equivalent) that has not been funded in the past nine months by a Federal agency and is clearly within the top 35<sup>th</sup> percentile may submit a proposal **by May 15** for up to \$30,000 to maintain their program for a maximum of one year. These funds are for interim support for an ongoing research program. Highest priority will be given to those requests for which there are matching funds. However, full consideration will be given to requests where no non-Federal matching funds are available. The principal investigator's chair should send a letter stating either the amount and nature of the matching fund support or verifying the unavailability of matching funds. Requests should be submitted to **Dr. John Byrne**, chair of the Medical School Research Committee (MSB 7.046). Submissions should include information on other available Federal and non-Federal, national and local research support and the dates covered by such support. The investigator should also provide the Summary Statement of the original proposal, the Summary Budget describing the last year of the previous grant, the reviewers' comments, the aspects of the research to be continued, and any new results (one page) to help the Committee in its deliberations.

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## April's Employee of the Month - Lynne Aldrich

Employee of the Month

"I am an avid bird watcher," says **Lynne Aldrich**, past President of the Houston Audubon Society, when asked what she likes to do in her spare time. Lynne, presently Chairman of the Board of Texas Audubon, likes to document the sounds of rare warblers and shore birds. And her husband, Peter, a chemist, is a professional photographer whose most recent work can be seen in both *Sierra* magazine and *Texas Parks & Wildlife*. Lynne and her husband like to frequent both Boliver Flats and High Island, a coastal town in Texas, to catch the "fallout," i.e., the spring migration of thousands of birds from South America flying across the Gulf. "The Houston Audubon Society," she said, "has purchased shoreland expressly for the purpose of providing Oakmotte trees and other suitable habitat, for these incredibly exhausted migratory creatures. Texas coastlines provide the necessary resting places as they wind their way north."

Lynne is presently Administrative Service Officer in the Divisions of General Medicine and Infectious Diseases. "A job done well takes tremendous effort, concentration, and a lot of teamwork, really," commented Lynne. Her colleagues also say that Lynne has provided valuable rewriting and budgetary recalculating under an extreme two-day grant application deadline. In that short period, Lynne also mastered the art of providing the necessary supporting documentation and implementing the sometimes arduous task of walking the documents through the various departments at the Medical School for sign off authority in a timely manner.

Lynne grew up in Washington State and graduated as a history/journalism major at Washington State University. "I spent many good years working at Stanford University in their House Staff Training Program. That is what I missed working at M. D. Anderson and why I moved over to the Medical School last April 1<sup>st</sup>. I really enjoy working in a teaching and research institute. 'Course starting on April Fool's Day here, now everyone kids me about that," Lynne commented with a wry smile.



## Organ Donation Rally Held at Hornberger Conference Center

At an April 17 rally to kick off National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, much emotional testimony was heard. Said **Dr. R. Patrick Wood**, Professor of Surgery at the UT-Houston Medical School and Regional Medical Director of LifeGift Organ Donation Center, "Forty-one days from today is the date Secretary of Health **Donna Shalala's** federal dictum about organ donating goes into effect. Organ procurement and allocation issues are important," he emphasized, "but the true reality is that there are more people than organs to be transplanted." Dr. Wood, who is Chief of the Liver Transplant Service at the Texas Liver Center, talked about his 12 years doing liver transplants and about the miracle of organ donation. "A person dies; their liver removed and placed in a special solution and packed in ice. In less than 12 hours, it's inside a living person, the incision is sewn up, and it works!" Wood added, "The true heroes in this country are the families that donate their loved ones' tissues and organs. We need a Vietnam War-type Memorial Wall to families of organ donors!" A press conference to continue the discussion and address new federal policies that could result in fewer donor livers available in the Texas Medical Center is tentatively scheduled at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center on Friday, April 24 at 11 a.m.

## Dr. Katherine Loveland Chosen for ELAM Program

**Dr. Katherine Loveland**, Professor and Director, Center for Human Development Research, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has been accepted into the 1998-99 Class of Fellows in the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women. "This is wonderful news. I am confident Dr. Loveland will benefit from the program and be well received as a fellow. The experience she will gain will benefit the university as well," **Dean Max Buja** commented. Loveland was one of only 30 women accepted out of the hundreds of candidates during this "very competitive" year, a spokesman said. Participants are chosen from almost 50 respected academic institutions, more than 12 specialties, in mid-to senior level faculty positions. ELAM fellows this year will work together on innovative ways to diversify academic health centers for a successful 21st century.

## Savings Bond Campaign

**John Porretto**, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, has designated April 27-May 8 for a UT-Houston Savings Bond Drive. U.S. Savings Bonds programs often provide tax savings on interest if used for education for any member of your family during the year of redemption. Information: <<http://www.savingsbonds.gov>>, or call **Harlan Severson**, 500-3957, or **Sheila Lau**, 500-3956.



## Events To Know

**Medical School Town Hall Meeting** with President **David Low**, **Dr. Tom Burks** and Mr. **John Porretto**, Wed., April 29, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 2.103. Lunch for first 50.

**Annual Faculty Meeting**, Thurs., May 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 3.001 and LBJ Annex, Auditorium, Room 217. Lunch first 200 at MSB, first 40 at LBJ.

**Welch Foundation Visit**-Interested faculty can meet with leaders of the Welch Foundation on Tues., April 28, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in 2.103 (new room location) for funding updates and opportunities.

**Neuroscience Lecture**-**Dr. Ralph Nixon**, Friday, May 15, noon, 3.001

## Don't Forget - University Classified Staff Council Elections

Seven new UCSC representatives are being sought. Nominations will be taken starting the week of April 27, with a mid-May deadline. New UCSC reps will be notified after June 15<sup>th</sup>. Questions, call **Jonetha Davidson**, 500-6271.

