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Fri., April 5, 2002

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know



April

7 Daylight Saving Time.
Spring forward 1 hour.

8 Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar Series, Dr. Xiaolian Gao, University of Houston, "Exploring the Sequence Space of DNA Recognition by Ligand Molecules - Microarray Based Binding Studies," noon, MSB 2.135.

Health Care and the Arts Lecture Series, Dr. John Lienhard, "In Memoriam: Sept. 11 and Other Calamities," noon, MSB 3.001.

9 Health Care and the Arts Lecture Series, Terrie Sultan, "The Visual Arts Respond to Social Chaos," noon, MSB 3.001.

11 Health Care and the Arts Lecture Series, Megan Cole, "Public Voices, Private Voices Speak of 9/11," noon, MSB 3.001.

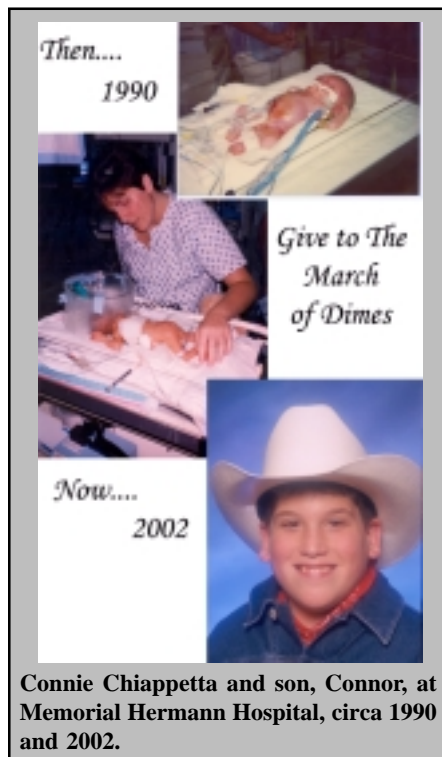
May

13 Spring Honors Convocation, Dr. James P. Turley, School of Public Health, recipient, 2001 President's Scholar Award for Teaching, 4 p.m., 1020 Holcombe Blvd., 17th floor.

23 Faculty Meeting, 11:45 a.m., MSB 3.001.

UTMost Interest

Dean Max Buja is attending the International Symposium on Nutritional Sciences in Shanghai, China, where he will address "Substrate Regulation of the Response of Cardiomyocytes to Stress: Deleterious Effects of Long-Chain Fatty Acids." He also will speak at the opening of the Ruijin Institute of Clinical Research in Shanghai, addressing "Clinical Investigation in the 21st Century – Challenges and Opportunities."



Connie Chiappetta and son, Connor, at Memorial Hermann Hospital, circa 1990 and 2002.

WALKAMERICA SAVES LIVES

Be a hero-ine for the tiniest babies when you sign up by April 18 for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

"Because of The March of Dimes' continuing contributions —the physicians, staff, and clinical departments at Memorial Hermann were endowed with the skill and technology that saved my son's life," said **Connie Chiappetta**, a March of Dimes team captain, and also a research assistant, Pediatrics.

The March of Dimes WalkAmerica starts at 9 a.m., Sunday, **April 28** at the University of Houston's Robertson Stadium. For more than 60 years, the March of Dimes has been improving the health of America's children —from the development of the polio vaccine and the first fetal surgery, to establishing a leading role in neonatal intensive care units across the country.

Individual walkers need to raise a minimum of \$15 to receive a specially designed UT orange T-shirt. A registration signup table will be available Wednesday, April 10, ground floor, in the Medical School. The deadline to sign up and turn sponsor money in is April 18. UT captains also are selling booties for \$1-2 donations and raffle tickets for a 2002 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck for \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Contact **Peggy Bleichroth**, 713-500-6998, <Peggy.L.Bleichroth@uth.tmc.edu>, **Connie Chiappetta**, 713-500-5591, <Constance.L.Chiappetta@uth.tmc.edu>, or **Diane Fitzgerald**, 713-500-5700, <Diane.Fitzgerald@uth.tmc.edu>, to donate funds, or – to join the team today!

Useful Web sites: <<http://ped1.med.uth.tmc.edu/neo/clinical.html>>; <<http://www.neonatology.org/neo.links.html>>; and <<http://www.modimes.org/>>.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL DAY 2002 TODAY

International Festival Day 2002 will feature cultural exhibits, live entertainment, and a wide variety of international cuisine from six participating restaurants. The event is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. today, **April 5**, on the grounds behind the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's Faculty Center, 1400 Holcombe Blvd. The rain location is the University Center Tower (UCT) mall level at 7000 Fannin. Organized by the Office of International Affairs, the festival is sponsored by UT-Houston and M. D. Anderson. The International Festival helps introduce the diversity of international people and cultures on campus. Approximately 16 nations are represented at today's festival and include China, India, Iran, Korea, Nigeria, Peru, Spain, France, South Africa, Taiwan, and Turkey.



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30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS CONTINUE AT CENTRAL MARKET

A series of public education and service events will begin at Central Market, 3815 Westheimer Rd., 9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, **April 6**. UT Police will provide free fingerprinting and photo identification services for children.

During each of three speaker presentations in Central Market's upstairs Community Room, representatives of UT Physicians will be on hand to answer questions about UT-Houston specialists and primary care physicians at locations throughout Houston.

On Thursday, **April 11**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., **Dr. Grant Fowler**, Family Practice and Community Medicine, will present "Updates in the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease."

On Thursday, **April 18**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., **Dr. Deepa Vasudevan**, Family Practice and Community Medicine, will present "Healthy Eating for Every Day."

And on Thursday, **April 25**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., **Dr. Michele Curtis**, OB-GYN, will present "Current Issues in Women's Health."



HONOR OUR PAST



CHALLENGE OUR FUTURE

CPHS REVIEWS RESEARCH PROTOCOLS FOR A FEE

The Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) has begun to charge fees, as of March 1, to review research protocols for clinical studies of drugs and devices that are sponsored by pharmaceutical companies or other for-profit companies. The new policy will not apply to research sponsored by governmental agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, non-profit foundations, or investigator-funded studies. Fees will not be collected up front, but will be assessed after a research project is funded.

CPHS chairperson **Anne Dougherty**, professor of cardiology, and **Paula Knudson**, executive coordinator of UT-Houston's Office of Research Support Committees, outlined the fee policy. On contracts greater than \$50,000, the fee will be \$1,200. It will be \$750 for contracts of less than \$50,000. On contracts under \$5,000, it may be possible to waive the fee. Investigators are urged to contact the committee office. For more information, call the committee office at 713-500-5827.



FASTLANE GRANTS WORKSHOP APRIL 8

The Office of Sponsored Projects will offer a workshop on procuring National Science Foundation (NSF) grants, Monday, **April 8**, in two sessions: 9 a.m. - noon, or 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., UCT, Room 1155.

The hands-on workshop will introduce the FastLane system, a Web site currently used by the NSF, and will cover a wide range of grant-getting tips. Topics to be covered include: proposal preparation, including the budget and how to upload a file; post-award notification and requests; project reporting; and finding available programs. All recent updates to FastLane also will be discussed. To register for the workshop, e-mail osp@admin4.hsc.uth.tmc.edu. Seating for the workshop is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 713-500-5847. Light refreshments will be provided.



2001-2002 FAST FACTS FOR UT-HOUSTON

- ⇒ 3,287 students are enrolled in 16 degree and certificate programs at six UT-Houston schools located within the Texas Medical Center and at four satellite campuses
- ⇒ 1,100 faculty members
- ⇒ \$503 million operating budget in FY2002

- ⇒ 24,914 graduates since 1972
- ⇒ \$116 million in unreimbursed patient care to indigent residents of Harris County in 2001
- ⇒ \$126 million in sponsored research dollars in 2001
- ⇒ \$67 million endowment
- ⇒ \$1.5 billion annual indirect economic impact on the Houston metro area

OF MERIT

- √ UT-Houston has the only Nobel Prize winner in the Texas Medical Center – Dr. Ferid Murad
- √ Among all public health universities in Texas, UT-Houston is **No. 1** in research in three of the six major health care categories: 1st in child health and human development research; 1st in mental sciences research; and 1st in mental health research.