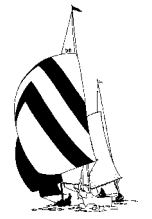




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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

- **Graduation Awards Luncheon**, Sat. June 6 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact **Pat Caver**, 500-5170.
- **Commencement**, Sun., June 7, 4 p.m., George R. Brown Convention Center. **Dr. Bernie Siegel**, commencement speaker.

UTmost Interest

Dr. James Kvale, Family Practice and Community Medicine, lectured in three geriatric hospitals in Hong Kong recently. Topics included "Pain Management in the Elderly" and "Functional Assessment of the Elderly;" he also presented seminars at Shanghai Medical University on "Family Medicine in the U.S." and "Care of the Elderly in the U.S."...**Liliana**



Rodriguez, Microbiology Course Director, recently attended the Seventh Educational



Hot News

Strategies Workshop sponsored by the Association of Medical School Microbiology and Immunology Chairs at Myrtle Beach, S.C., and presented the poster "A Practical Microbiology Laboratory Course for Medical Students" at the American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA...**Dr. Daniel Creson**, Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, will be consulting with Humanitarian AID and Medical Development officials this coming week on developing a rehabilitation program to augment their mine clearing project in Angola.

UTMS FITNESS CENTER

June 17 - Free Line Dancing Class, 1-2 p.m., Fitness Center Aerobics Room. Learn 4 Corners, Blue Velvet, Cotton-Eye Joe, and the Waltz. Fitness Center membership not required to attend. Maximum of 25 people, first-come, first-served basis.

Ongoing - Aerobics Classes, 6:45 - 7:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays; also noon and 5:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; for information, stop by 8th floor penthouse or call 500-5044.

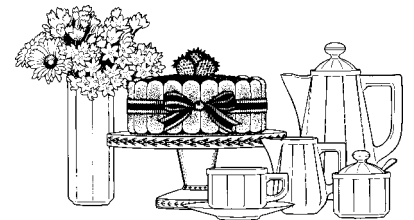


ENRON, UT-HOUSTON TEAMING UP ON LITERACY

At a press conference held at the University Center Tower on May 26, UT-Houston and Enron announced the launching of "Prescription for Reading," a *Reach Out & Read* program designed to provide books to children ages six months through five years and their parents during routine well-child exams at UT-Houston's six pediatric clinics. **Laura Bush**, First Lady of Texas, joined Enron CEO **Kenneth L. Lay** and UT-H President **M. David Low** to discuss the importance of reading and this new initiative to make literacy a public health priority. "Reading is the most important skill we can teach our children," noted **Mrs. Bush**, who echoed her husband's commitment to literacy as a statewide and national priority. Just last October, **Gov. George W. Bush** dedicated the UT-Houston Center for Academic and Reading Skills at UT-Houston (*Scoop*, Oct. 10, 1997). Enron is providing \$400,000 in support over the next three years to this initiative.

DAVID PAGE FAREWELL RECEPTION SCHEDULED JUNE 11

Dean Max Buja will be hosting a reception on Thursday, June 11, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Gallery to say good-bye and good luck to **David Page**, Chief Operating Officer of the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System. Mr. Page will be leaving Houston shortly to become president and CEO of Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis (*Scoop*, 5/22/98).



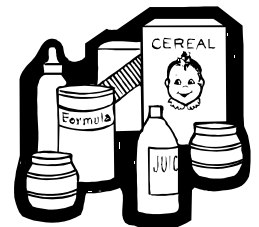
HEAT EXHAUSTION SERIES

Dr. Red Duke's Health Report will feature Our Bodies and Heat; Heat Exhaustion, and Overdoin' It. He can be seen on Channel 13 on Sundays, between 7 - 9 a.m. For information, call **Tamara Nesser**, 500-8403.

May 29-July 16

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER FOOD DRIVE

Get your cans together and come on by. The Texas Medical Center's Food Drive, in cooperation with Channel 11's Spirit of Texas Food Drive, officially kicks off today through July 16. Boxes to deposit food in saying "11 KHOU Spirit of Texas Food Drive" have been placed in convenient areas near elevators around the Medical School. Remember, items most needed include: baby food/formula, powdered milk, cereal, canned meats, pinto beans, nutritional drinks, canned fruits and vegetables, canned fish, single serving snacks, and jelly/honey. See display case in Leather Lounge for food items most needed.



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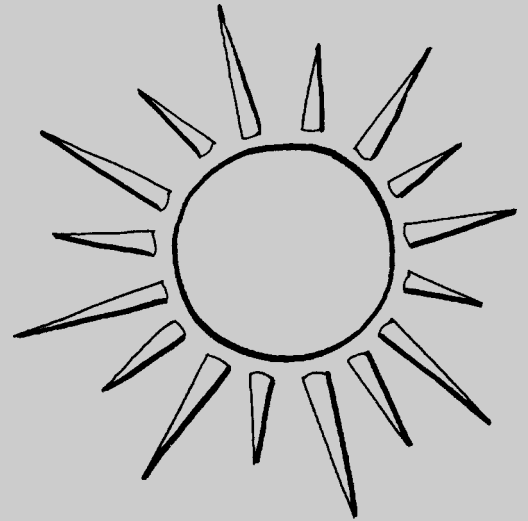


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Skin Cancer Prevention for Children Starts Now

Memorial Day symbolizes the coming of summer and outdoor activities – and that can mean sunburn. Take time to review a few sun safe tips that can reduce you and your family's risk for skin cancer. "Since common skin cancers (squamous and basal cell carcinoma) are primarily linked to cumulative ultraviolet light exposure during one's lifetime, parents should be especially attuned to their role in teaching children good sense in the sun," says **Dr. Robert Jordon**, chairman of the Department of Dermatology and a board member of the American Academy of Dermatology. The following sun safe tips for parents is provided by the Academy.

- Keep small infants and tots under one year old out of direct sunlight. Newborns should be protected from the sun at all times. Youngsters who are fair-skinned, with blue eyes and blond or red hair need extra protection and are at highest risk.
- Apply a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 on all exposed areas at least 20 minutes before going outdoors - not just before going to the beach. Apply liberally and re-apply frequently, paying special attention to the face, neck, ears, upper chest, arms and legs. Consider using a sunblock such as zinc ointment on the nose if your child's nose tends to burn easily. Use a waterproof or water-resistant sunscreen on youngsters who swim.
- Limit sun exposure during peak hours, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Teach the "Shadow Test" to your children. If your shadow is shorter than you are, get out of the sun.
- Cover up your child with a sun hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants for better protection.
- Remember that about 80 percent of the sun's rays penetrate the clouds. Sunscreen is needed even on cloudy or hazy days.
- A tan doesn't mean that your child is protected. Keep using a sunscreen even on a tanned child.
- If your child is taking medication, check with your doctor before allowing him/her out in the sun as certain medications can react to sunlight, causing an itchy rash, redness or swelling.
- Examine your child's skin regularly. Watch for any new raised growths, sores that don't heal, changes in moles or any new moles or itchy patches. While skin cancer is rare in youngsters, it is not unheard of in teenagers.
- Set a good example for your children by using sunscreens yourself.



Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine and Care Summer Research Training Courses

- INTRODUCTION TO LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE - June 8, also June 9
- PRACTICAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY – RODENTS - June 10, also June 11
- PRACTICAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY – RABBITS - June 16
- ASEPTIC SURGICAL TECHNIQUES – RODENTS - June 12
- NON-HUMAN PRIMATE TRAINING - June 10

Registration required before attending classes. Forms are available in Room B.236.
For more information, contact **Danny Sampay**, 500-7542.



Home Alone

Some tips for parents and kids-at-home this summer from the UT-Houston Police: keep a list of numbers near the phones for your office, a neighbor's, a relative's, the police and fire departments, discuss what you would like your children to do at home until you return, including rules for TV watching, using various appliances, and talking on the phone. For more information or questions, call UT Police Crime Prevention, 792-7268.

Closing of Ross Sterling

Ross Sterling Breezeway is scheduled to be repaved and restriped, starting Fri., May 29, 6 p.m., through Sun., May 31.