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Events to Know

February

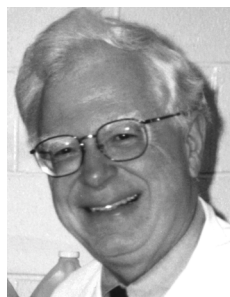
- 23 Doctors Orchestra** performs. 7 p.m., Moores Opera House, UH campus. Info: 713-842-1520.
 - 25 Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar Series, Dr. Mike Kiledjian**, noon, MSB 2.135.
 - 26 10th Annual Health Care Team Competition**. 5:30 p.m., MSB 3.001.
 - 27 Psychiatry Lecture Series. Dr. Camille Lloyd**, "Managing Traumatic Stress: Challenges in the New Era of Terrorism, 11 a.m., MSI 110. **Clinical Research Curriculum, Dr. Jack Sinclair** presenter, 5 - 6:30 p.m., MSB 2.135.
 - 28 Alpha Omega Alpha Lecture, Dr. O. Howard Frazier**, noon, MSB 3.001.
- Statewide Conference: Reach Out & Read**, Info: **Dr. Susan Cooley**, 713-500-3034.

March

- 8 Institute of Molecular Medicine Seminar Series, Dr. Eric Boerwinkle**, "Genetic Dissection of Common Diseases." 11 a.m., IBT Boardroom, 2121 W. Holcombe.

DR. TAEGTMEYER AWARDED TROPICAL STORM ALLISON FUNDS

Dr. Heinrich Taegtmeier, professor, Internal Medicine/Cardiology, recently was awarded \$693,111 in supplemental funds by the Department of Health & Human Services for two current projects due to damage caused by Tropical Storm Allison. The administrative supplements were awarded in response to a request from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) to report the loss of valuable biological samples and the labor costs to recreate those samples. "All we did was document the losses, provide a narrative and fill out forms. We are very grateful to the NHLBI, because we lost a large amount of precious materials that can only be replaced over time. We are also grateful to FEMA for the replacement of damaged equipment and reagents," Dr. Taegtmeier said.



Dr. Heinrich Taegtmeier grant from Glaxo SmithKline for a study on "The effects of PPAR Ligands on Cardiac Energy Metabolism and the Consequences of Alterations in Substrate Utilization on Contractile Function." His research interests include molecular mechanisms of heart failure, metabolic control of cardiac gene expression, and the effects of diabetes on the heart.

DR. BURKS MEMORIAL LECTURE MARCH 12

Dr. Thomas F. Burks II, former executive vice president, Research and Academic Affairs, died March 2, 2001, while attending an annual meeting of the Higher Education Coordinating Board of Research Executives. Known to many for his caring, personal approach and selfless dedication to helping others, he is still greatly missed. In his honor, *The New England Journal of Medicine* editor in chief emeritus **Dr. Arnold S. Relman** will speak at the first Dr. Burks Memorial Lecture on "How Commercialism Threatens our Profession," noon, Tues., **March 12**, MSB 3.001.



Dr. Thomas F. Burks II

BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK FOCUSES ON GENES

Free public forums on "Genes and the Brain," sponsored by the Neuroscience Research Center, will take place at the Medical School, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Tues., **March 19** and 10:30 a.m. - noon, Sat., **March 23**. UT-Houston faculty, including **Drs. John H. Byrne, James A. Ferrendelli, and Dianna M. Milewicz**, will present the latest research. Questions will be taken from the audience. Advocacy groups, such as the Alzheimer's Association, will sponsor information booths. Refreshments and promotional items will be distributed.



Brain Night at the Museum of Health and Medical Sciences will take place 6 - 8 p.m., Thurs., **March 21**. It's free and open to the public. Presentations geared toward elementary school children will be conducted by UT-Houston faculty and students. Demonstrations and hands-on science will be part of the evening's activities.

UTMost Interest

Dr. William McGarvey, assistant professor, Orthopedic Surgery, was recently named Physician of the Year at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

CALLING ALL NOMINATIONS

Are you a top-knotch employee? Does your workplace sizzle because of you or someone you know? Does someone you know achieve the team's goals, outperform everyone else, and attain guaranteed results? Then nominate that person for Medical School Employee of the Month. Send the name and reasons for your nomination to <SherryP.Dunn@uth.tmc.edu>. A Web site describing the Employee Award process is at <www.uth.tmc.edu/ms_erc/omcampaign.html>.



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HATS OFF TO ALL OUR MEDICAL SCHOOL STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

30 years of service

Crawford, Morris L.
Dafny, Nachum
Dowhan, William
Duke, Jr., James H.
MacFadyen, Jr., Bruce V.
Overturf, Merrill
Ruiz, Richard S.
Sanborn, Barbara M.
Smythe, Cheves Mcc
Strobel, Henry W.
Tcholakian, Robert K.
Weisbrodt, Norman W.
Wright, Anthony A.

25 years of service

Banda, Rebecca
Emanuel, Annette M.
Fitzgerald, Diane
Frazier, Jr., O. Howard
Garcia, Dubelza C.
Hernandez, Rodolfo
Kahan, Barry D.
Kapadia, Asha S.
Lavis, Victor R.
Leblanc, Susan
Lichtenberger, Lenard M.
Lington, Patsy A.
Love, Phyllis J.

Over 300 Medical School employees, spanning 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service, received STAR award recognition on Jan. 30. For event photos and more information, see <http://www.uthouston.edu/community/star_awards/2002/recipients.htm>. Congratulations all.



20 years of service

Akkaya, Inci
Alvarez, Rosario L.
Butler, Rose M.
Chamberlain, Clara
Cook, Nancy A.
Davidson, Jonetha A.
Dockery, Marlyn P.
Dominguez, Barbara W.
Dougherty, Anne H.
Doyle, Marilyn M.
Dugas, Betty

Edens, Ro A.
Foreman, Shirley J.
Franz, Kathy S.
Gerz, Walburge S.
Gray, Daun
Henderson, Mary A.
Joseph, Mary Theresa
Kahn, Andrew M.
Kirkeeide, Richard L.
Krajewski, Kenneth J.
Martin-Jones, Patricia A.

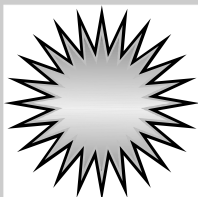
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Morris, Jr., Robert K.
Ochoa, Sylvia Joyce
Porter, Erma D.
Prager, Thomas C.
Rivera, Jacquelyne J.
Shelat, Harnath S.
Spates, Debra A.
Sutton, Ky T.
Warner, Caroline S.
Warner, Noranna B.
Wells-Horn, Elfredia

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - ROSALINDA DEAVER

Rosalinda Deaver, senior support specialist in the Office of Associate Dean for Management, is our February Employee of the Month. She will have been with the UT-Houston System 10 years in December. She works with, and backs up, **Linda Utterback**, senior executive assistant to **Rick Gaines**, associate dean for management III. She also works with **Claire Brunson**, administrative assistant II, and was interviewed by **Pat Caver**, director, in Student Affairs, when she first came to the Medical School. She is known for her friendliness and humor, for her concern for the medical students she has worked with over the years, and for her bilingual assistance when security calls her to assist with Memorial Hermann patients who need directions to physician offices or Metro bus schedules. "The patients still call me and keep in touch."

Rosalinda also is known for her tireless work with employees as they coped with moving back into the Medical School post Tropical Storm Allison. She said there were many nervous moments during those hot and dark days, with employees armed with flashlights, boots, hard hats, and goggles, alongside emergency contract workers from out of town. Luckily, Rosalinda added, the Medical School's holiday tree and wreaths were salvaged. "You can walk into the lobby of Methodist and see a gorgeous five-star hotel inspired Christmas tree around the holidays. But I know for a fact that for homesick medical students, when they see our Medical School Holiday Tree with a look that says 'Just Like Home,' it means something."

That special kind of kindness is rooted in deep family connections with her relatives here in Houston. She will proudly tell you about her husband, **Marvin**, her almost 2 year old son **Marvin Jr.**, and her 6 year old daughter **Juanita**. She's an active PTO mom, and occasionally can be found working leather with her dad, gardening, fishing, or enjoying recreational cycling.



Rosalinda Deaver