

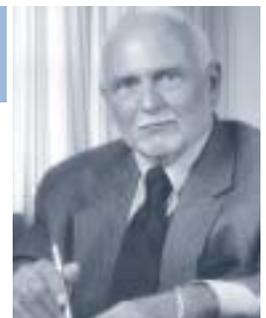
To: Community Representatives

From: Thomas Gallagher, Ph.D., Director  
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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

Construction projects at NIH are moving ahead rapidly now that the rains have to some degree diminished. The Metro Escalator Canopy, a project undertaken by the Metro Board to protect Metro escalators from the elements, is rapidly being installed at the Medical Center Metro and should be completed by mid-August. This canopy will serve as a prototype for Metro canopies that will be installed throughout the Metro system in Washington, Maryland and Virginia.



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The NIH fence is more than halfway constructed, but gates still need to be installed, and the fence will not be operational until after the first of the year. However, the pedestrian/bicycle path along the southern boundary of the campus will be completed within weeks. There was a glitch in the path lighting (test lights were too bright), but thanks to the cooperation of the Edgewood-Glenwood community and the NIH Division of Facilities Planning, alternative lighting is now in the process of being installed. Also, a few last-minute bends and twists were necessary in the path (to minimize grade), but all is indeed well that ends well and the project is shaping up nicely. This fall the neighbors along the path will help NIH choose appropriate spots to plant pine trees between the path and the community, and the final product should be both functional and attractive.

In the Northeast corner of the campus, the construction of an underground storm water management facility will have begun by the time you read this. The eastern part of the surface parking lot between Building 31 and West Cedar Lane will be removed and the storm water facility will be installed. This facility is part of the campus-wide storm water management plan and will slow run-off water from the new Clinical Research Center and the northern part of the campus.

Once the storm water project is under way, construction is planned for a parking garage immediately south of the storm water management facility. This will be a seven-story, partially underground parking facility (designated MLP-10) that will hold 1,230 cars and will ultimately take the place of all the surface parking lots in the Northeast part of the campus along West Cedar Lane. Completion of this project is anticipated for October of 2004.

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The Community Liaison Council will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, September 18, at 4 p.m.**, in Conference Room D, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45 on the NIH Campus.

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Construction on another parking garage (designated MLP-9) and located internally and directly west of the Clinical Center will also begin this fall with a scheduled completion date of December, 2004. MLP-9 will hold 940 cars.

As anyone who lives in the adjacent neighborhoods knows, parking is a serious and ongoing problem at NIH. Currently, NIH has a little less than one parking space for every two employees. Transshare, vanpools, walking, biking and anything-other-than-driving-alone-to-work is actively encouraged at NIH. One out of four NIH employees currently uses public transportation and one out of 20 walk or bike to work, but parking (rather, lack of parking) is still an issue. The planned parking garages will help immensely, but campus parking during the year of construction will be a challenge.

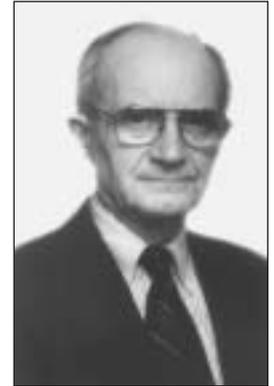
At our July meeting, the CLC once again addressed the problem of NIH-related parking in nearby neighborhoods. NIH can't stop this from happening (NIH has no enforcement authority on public roads), but the public is not without recourse. Jean Gries of the Traffic Safety, Investigations and Planning Unit of Montgomery County offered the ultimate solution—residential parking permits. Designated parking permits limit parking in neighborhoods to permit holders only. Households can obtain extra permits for guests, but non-permit holders are ticketed. Find out more about this program by calling Ms. Gries at 240-777-2183 or Tim Briscoe at 240-277-2185. Internet users can visit the Residential Parking Permit Program's Web site at: <http://dpwt.com/TraffPkgDiv/parkingfaq.htm>.

Ms. Gries also addressed the safety issue involved with pedestrians crossing West Cedar Lane between Locust Avenue and Rockville Pike. She suggested that safety might be increased by constructing a raised safety island in the center of West Cedar just north of Cedarcrest Drive. I'm sure she would appreciate comment about this proposal.

## NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### NHLBI Director Dr. Claude Lenfant To Retire

Claude Lenfant, M.D., who served as director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at NIH for more than 20 years, announced that he will retire on August 30, 2003. As NHLBI's longest serving director, Dr. Lenfant's achievements reflect his belief that the goal of scientific research—



improved health for the public— should always be paramount. His tenure has included overseeing major clinical trials, producing landmark basic science initiatives and developing national health education campaigns.

Dr. Claude Lenfant

"Claude Lenfant has made a lasting impact on his institute and on the health of Americans and people all over the world," said Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson. "He has steered research that has vastly increased our understanding of some of the most important health conditions."

Dr. Lenfant assumed his directorship at NHLBI in July of 1982. Previously, he was director of the NIH Fogarty International Center (1981–1982) and director of the NHLBI Division of Lung Diseases (1971–1980). Dr. Lenfant came to the NIH from the University of Washington, Seattle, where he served as professor of medicine, and of physiology and biophysics.

During his tenure at the NHLBI, Dr. Lenfant oversaw the development and completion of major clinical trials that have had widespread impact on the ways in which disease is treated and prevented, including preventing heart attacks, reducing blood pressure, surgery to improve lung function in severe emphysema and strategies to alleviate the recurrent pain of sickle cell disease. He also led the NHLBI into the modern era with landmark initiatives such as the Programs of Excellence

in Molecular Biology, the Programs of Genomic Applications and the Proteomics Initiative—all of which brought cutting-edge, multidisciplinary resources to bear on complex problems.

Among Dr. Lenfant's most tangible legacies have been programs of professional, public and patient education that have had national visibility and impact. Under his stewardship, the NHLBI launched its National Cholesterol Education Program, National Asthma Education and Prevention Program and National Heart Attack Alert Program, as well as special initiatives focused on obesity, sleep disorders and women's heart health.

Dr. Lenfant has been recognized nationally and internationally for his exceptional leadership and achievements. His honors include the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, the American Heart Association's Gold Heart Award, the Association of Black Cardiologists' Legends of Cardiology Award, the American Society of Hematology's Outstanding Service Award and the National Sleep Foundation's Person of the Year Award. He holds a variety of honorary degrees and is widely published. In his retirement, Dr. Lenfant intends to expand his efforts to address the growing problem of chronic diseases in the developing world.

## Comcast Outdoor Film Festival Benefits NIH Charities

Summer has arrived and with it comes the annual Comcast Outdoor Film Festival, offering 10 nights of free movies, August 15–24, 2003. Come early to enjoy a variety of good food, as these sales benefit NIH charities including The Children's Inn at NIH, Special Love/Camp Fantastic and the Friends of the Clinical Center. Food vendors include Baja Fresh, Hard Times Café, Potomac Pizza, Cameron's Seafood and many more. The film festival takes place on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, in N. Bethesda. Movies are preceded by live concerts by some of the area's finest performers. Concerts and food sales begin at 7 p.m., and movies start at 8:35 p.m. Metro use is encouraged as parking is limited. The festival is located on the Metro Red Line at Grovesnor–Strathmore. A schedule of movies and concerts are listed below:

- August 15** *The Sound of Music* (174 minutes, rated G)  
Concert: Alte Kameraden, *Austrian Folk Music*
- August 16** *Lord of the Rings, The Fellowship of the Ring* (178 minutes, rated PG-13)  
Concert: Young and Rollins, *Salsa Flamenca*
- August 17** *E.T.* (115 minutes, rated PG)  
Concert: Last Train Home, *Americana/Roots*

- August 18** *Jurassic Park* (127 minutes, rated PG-13)  
Concert: Robert Jospé's Inner Rhythm, *World-Beat Jazz*
- August 19** *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (100 minutes, rated G)  
Concert: Bob Perilla's Big Hillbilly Bluegrass, *Bluegrass*
- August 20** *Vertigo* (128 minutes, rated PG)  
Concert: Mahala, *South-African*
- August 21** *Spider-Man* (121 minutes, rated PG-13)  
Concert: Ruthie & the Wranglers, *Country Swing*
- August 22** *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (96 minutes, rated PG)  
Concert: Havana Son, *Cuban*
- August 23** *Titanic* (194 minutes, rated PG-13)  
Concert: Jeff Ball Band, *Native American*
- August 24** *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (161 minutes, rated PG)  
Concert: The English Channel, *Rock 'n' Roll*

For more information about this free outdoor film festival, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org/>.

## NIH Clinical Center Celebrates 50 Years

NIH officials, patients, and staff celebrated 50 years of research at the NIH Clinical Center in a ceremony last month to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Center's opening in 1953.

Distinguished

guests and invited

speakers included NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D.; Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Claude Allen, J.D., L.L.M.; Steven Katz, M.D., Ph.D., director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; and Clinical Center Director John Gallin, M.D., who discussed some of the Clinical Center's research advances over the last 50 years. Former patients, staff and a long-time blood donor also shared their experiences at the Clinical Center. The formal celebration was followed by a special anniversary video presentation. Posters depicting the Center's history were also on display. This ceremony marked the start of a series of commemorative events culminating with the opening of the new Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center next summer. For more information, visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/50th>.



NIH Clinical Center Director Dr. John Gallin and NIH Director Dr. Elias Zerhouni celebrate the Clinical Center's 50th Anniversary.

## NIH Receives Champion Tree Designation; Plants New Trees

NIH received top honors from the Montgomery County Forestry Board (MCFB) for another of its champion trees located on the Bethesda NIH campus. This year's winner is a 35-year-old weeping willow that lives along the creek-bed near the corner of Cedar Lane and Rockville Pike. MCFB designated the tree as the largest tree of its species (*Salix babylonica*) in the county, earning it the Champion Tree designation. The willow, #2330 on NIH's tree survey, is NIH's sixth winning tree and second champion willow species since 1999. The distinction is the result of the MCFB's biannual Big Tree contest held throughout the county to identify new tree species and new champions of established species.

NIH is also planting more trees in the largest wooded area of campus between the Children's Inn and the new NIH firehouse at Old Georgetown Road. Lynn Mueller, chief of the NIH grounds maintenance and landscaping section, said that NIH is trying to repopulate that area to earn a forest designation. According to Mueller, there must be 100 trees per acre for a piece of land to earn this distinction from the Maryland Department of Forestry.

## NIH Medicine for the Public Lecture Series To Begin Next Month

Next month marks the start of the NIH Clinical Center's Medicine for the Public lecture series. The series, which features physician-researchers working in the frontiers of medical discovery, helps people understand the latest developments in medicine with an emphasis on topics of current relevance. All lectures are free and open to the public and are presented by NIH experts able to relate scientific information in a non-technical way to the general public. The lectures are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Masur Auditorium, Building 10, on the NIH campus. A tentative schedule is listed below. For more information, visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/ccc/mfp/past/2003.html> or call 301-496-2563.

### September 16 Alzheimer's Disease

*by Dr. Trey Sutherland, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH*

### September 23 Smallpox Vaccine Risk

*by Dr. David Henderson, NIH Clinical Center*

### September 30 Sickle Cell Disease

*by Dr. Mark Gladwin, NIH Clinical Center*

### October 7 Bone Marrow Transplantation

*by Dr. Michael Bishop, National Cancer Institute, NIH*

### October 21 Blood Diseases

*by Dr. Susan Leitman, NIH Clinical Center*

### October 28 Alternative Medicine

*by Dr. Stephen Straus, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NIH*

## International Database Provides Web Access to Ongoing Cancer Research

Cancer researchers around the world now have a powerful new tool at their fingertips—instant access to information on current cancer research supported by cancer funding organizations in the United States and United Kingdom.

The new on-line database, called the International Cancer Research Portfolio (ICRP), allows users to search, browse and sort cancer research by type of cancer, area of research or funding organization. Scientists can identify potential collaborators and facilitate dialogue among international cancer researchers. Based on a unified classification system, the ICRP holds nearly 13,000 records, providing information on the funding organization, awardee institution, principal investigator and a detailed abstract of the research.

The ICRP Web-based database, located at <http://www.cancerportfolio.org>, contains details of the current cancer research funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) and the U.K. National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) member organizations.

For the first time, information on ongoing research funded by the leading cancer research bodies is available at a single international Web site. Those browsing for information on cancer research can also be assured that all the listed research meets an accepted quality standard by competing for funding through peer-reviewed systems. The database is designed to be user-friendly, and is searchable by a wide variety of criteria.

“Cancer knows no borders and with our international partnerships, neither does our research effort,” said Andrew von Eschenbach, M.D., director of the NCI. “The ICRP will greatly facilitate international research, encourage complementary and collaborative research partnerships and move us closer to our common goal of eliminating many cancers and controlling others so that people can live with—not die from—cancer.”

## FAES Graduate School Begins This Fall

The Foundation for the Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) recently announced its fall schedule of graduate and undergraduate courses for the 2003–2004 school year. Classes begin on September 15, 2003 and continue through January 16, 2004. Courses, which are offered in the evening on the NIH campus, are open to NIH staff as well as the general public. A wide variety of topics is covered, including biochemistry and biophysics, biology and genetics, biotechnology, chemistry and physics, computer science, imaging sciences, immunology and microbiology, languages, medicine and physiology, pharmacology and toxicology, psychiatry and psychology, statistics and general interest courses.

August 29, 2003 is the last day for mail-in registration, and walk-in registration is available between September 3 and 9. Tuition is \$100 per credit hour. Students 65 years of age and older are eligible for a 50 percent discount in tuition. Visit <http://www.faes.org/gradsch.htm> or call 301-496-7976 to receive a current class schedule or to obtain more information.

## NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

**August 5** .....  
**NIH Summer Lecture Series for Students:** *Imaging the Addictive Brain* by Nora D. Volkow, M.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus. For more information, call the NIH Office of Education at 301-496-2427.

**August 7** .....  
**2003 Summer Poster Day: Presentation by Students,** 10 a.m.–1 p.m., B-1 Exhibit Area and First Floor, Building 10, NIH campus. For more information, call the Office of Education at 301-496-2427.

**August 7** .....  
**NIH Science in the Cinema Film/Lecture Series:** *free movie screening of The Hours* followed by a discussion of depression by Kay Redfield Jamison, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 7 p.m., Main Auditorium, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Films will be shown with captions and interpreters will be available for the discussion. For more information, call the NIH Office of Science Education at 301-496-0609 or visit <http://science.education.nih.gov/cinema>.

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**NIH Science in the Cinema Film/Lecture Series:** free movie screening of *First Do No Harm* followed by a discussion of *epilepsy* by Carolyn A. Bondy, M.D., National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, and George F. Cahill, Jr., M.D., Harvard Medical School, 7 p.m., Main Auditorium, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Films will be shown with captions and interpreters will be available for the discussion. For more information, call the NIH Office of Science Education at 301-496-0609 or visit <http://science.education.nih.gov/cinema>.

\*Calendar items subject to change. Call to confirm your event.

## OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

### Montgomery County Agriculture Fair To Begin This Month

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair offers activities and entertainment for the entire family August 8–16, 2003 at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Visitors to this year's event can enjoy live entertainment, fact-filled exhibits, demonstrations, animals, carnival rides, games, arts & crafts, food, and more. A variety of grand-stand shows are also featured, including horse shows, demolition derbies, tractor pulls and extreme motorcross biking. Fair hours are from 3 p.m. to midnight on August 8 and from 8 a.m. to midnight each day thereafter, with the carnival beginning at 10 a.m. Fair admission is \$6 for adults and free for children aged 7 and under. On August 8 and 9, admission is \$3 for adults. Parking is \$2. For more information or directions, visit <http://www.mcagfair.com>.

### Bethesda Farmers Market Offers Fresh Produce in the Heart of Bethesda

Fresh fruit and produce are bountiful once again in downtown Bethesda. The Bethesda Farmers Market offers a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and baked goods from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays through October. The market is located at the corner of Auburn and Norfolk Avenues in downtown Bethesda. For more information or a map of the location, visit <http://www.bethesda.org> or call the Bethesda Urban Partnership at 301-215-6660.

## Round House Theatre Bethesda Announces 2003–2004 Season

The Round House Theatre in Bethesda has announced its 2003–2004 line up of entertainment. An exciting schedule of performances is listed below. The Round House Theatre is located on East-West Highway, one block east of Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda. For ticket information, visit <http://www.round-house.org> or call the box office at 240-644-1100.

**Sept. 10–Oct. 12** *The Drawer Boy*—A story of two Canadian farmers who are boyhood friends and World War II veterans. After a wartime accident leaves one of the pair with memory problems, the other takes charge of their collective past for 30 years. Their lives become comically disrupted when a young actor researching farm life for a play shows up at their door.

**Nov. 12–Dec. 14** *Heartbreak House*—A classic Western drama by George Bernard Shaw. Both funny and profound, the play speaks to issues of contemporary concern.

**Dec. 17–28** *A Broadway Christmas Carol*—A Washington area holiday favorite with Ebenezer Scrooge and the gang performing parodies of your favorite show tunes while telling the classic Dickens tale.

**Jan. 28–Feb. 28** *Wintertime*—A romantic comedy about two young lovers trying to get away from it all whose plan is foiled by the arrival of a variety of unexpected house guests.

**Mar. 31–May 2** *Fences*—A play featuring the life of a former Negro League baseball player who settles for work as a garbage man before the Major League color barrier was broken.

**Jun. 2–Jul. 3** *The World Goes 'Round*—This musical review celebrates the songs of John Kander and Fred Ebb, including *Chicago*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Cabaret*.

## Montgomery County Offers Free Bus Rides on Code Red Days

As the summer heat continues, the air quality can quickly become unhealthy, indicating a “Code Red” day. On these unhealthy air days, Montgomery County residents can use the Ride On bus system for free. The Code Red–Ride Free Program is part of the local Ozone Action Days program under which the County takes voluntary actions to reduce the emissions of smog-forming chemicals. Ground-level ozone is an air pollutant and a key ingredient in smog. Repeated exposure can cause permanent damage to the lungs and cause unhealthy symptoms in those at risk, including asthmatics, the elderly and children. These people should limit their outdoor exposure on unhealthy air days. For more information on this free program or on air quality, visit <http://www.RideOnBus.com> or call the Transit Information Center at 240-777-7433.



The Code Red–Ride Free Program

## Glen Echo Park Plans Labor Day Art Show

Beginning Saturday, August 30, Glen Echo Park is featuring a three-day art show with more than 150 artists working in a variety of media. Visitors to the show can peruse and purchase hand-made sculptures, pottery, glass work, paintings, drawings and more. Admission is free. The show takes place from noon to 6 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard in Glen Echo. For more information, call 301-492-6229.

## Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District Selects Semi-finalists for Art Contest

Twenty-six local area artists—including three Bethesda artists—were selected as semi-finalists in a juried art competition produced by the Bethesda Arts and Entertainment District. Competing for the *Trawick Prize: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards*, nearly 500 artists from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area took part in the competition. Bethesda semi-finalists include Phyllis Plattner, Jeff Spaulding and Yumiko Yoshida. Fifteen artists will

be selected to display their work at the Creative Partners Gallery in Bethesda from September 12 to October 4, 2003. The top four winners will receive \$14,000 in prize money. For more information about the contest, call the Bethesda Urban Partnership at 301-215-6660.

## Cash Keys Now Available for Area Parking

Have you ever wanted to use metered parking, but discovered you didn't have any change? Now, there is an easier way to pay for metered parking—CashKeys. The CashKey, which looks like a key, adds time to parking meters without the need for spare change. It works much like a pre-paid phone card or Metro card. You simply purchase the key, adding the amount of money that you desire for parking, and then insert the key into the meter instead of change. The meter automatically deducts the amount required for the time that you want. CashKeys can be used at most of the County's parking facilities and may be purchased at the Bethesda–Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane, in Bethesda, or the N. Bethesda Transportation Management Office, 5640 Nicholson Lane, Suite 224, in Rockville. For more information, visit <http://www.dpwt.com/parking/cashkey.htm> or call the Parking Operations Office at 240-777-8740.

## TRY THIS WEB SITE

<http://www.9aday.cancer.gov>

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) at NIH has developed a new Web site as part of a national campaign to reduce the risk of chronic diseases among men. “Men Shoot for 9” encourages men to eat nine servings of fruit and vegetables a day. The Web site shows them what nine servings of fruits and vegetables look like, provides tips on how to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their diet and explains the health benefits associated with making this dietary change. The site also explains why this is particularly important for black men since they have a disproportionately high rate of diet-related diseases. The site is easy to navigate and filled with easy-to-follow graphics.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Healthy Women Needed

Healthy women are needed for a study of ovarian function. Study participants will be compensated. To participate or for more information, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010 and refer to study number 00-CH-0189.

### Follicular Lymphoma?

Follicular lymphoma patients who have not had chemotherapy can call NIH to participate in a study for combination chemotherapy and a vaccine. To participate, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

### Leg Weakness After Stroke?

NIH is conducting a balance study for those experiencing leg weakness after stroke. Only one visit is required. For information, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

### Pelvic Pain Study

NIH is inviting women with endometriosis to take part in a pain relief study of the drug raloxifene (Evista™). Call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010 for more information.

### NIH Calcium Study

NIH is seeking healthy adult volunteers to study the health effects of calcium supplementation over two years. Compensation is provided. To participate, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

*The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931. If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or send her an e-mail at [tlamotte@palladianpartners.com](mailto:tlamotte@palladianpartners.com).*

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