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Allan A. Filek, SB '28, MD '33, of Sun City, Ariz., celebrated his 95th birthday in May, which was attended by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren — numbering 35 people from six states, Michigan being the furthest. He writes, “Earlier, a niece and her husband visited from New Hampshire.”

William K. Kuhlman, MD '39, continues to be very grateful for his years at the University of Chicago. He thanks Dr. Harvey for his leadership and the university for introducing him to the world of scientific exactness and objectivity.

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Robert H. Palmer, MD '47, retired from GlaxoSmithKline and is now a medical director at Forest Laboratories Inc. He is proud to say his family is well.

Nancy E. Warner, SB '44, MD '49, is the Hastings Professor Emerita of Pathology at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine and the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital. She reports that she continues to teach and consult, “enough to keep my brain active.”

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Arnold L. Tanis, PhB '47, SB '49, MD '51, is now the director for the 13th Annual Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Continuing Medical Education Course.

John R. Benfield, MD '55, professor of surgery emeritus at the University of California-Los Angeles and UC-Davis, was elected president of the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education. The foundation was “established by the thoracic surgeons of today to enhance the education and capabilities of the thoracic surgeons of tomorrow.”

Erl Dordal, AB '52, MD '56, retired from his career of physician and professor. His wife, Mildred Renke Dordal, AM '53, died in April 2001, but he still lives in his house on Woodlawn Ave. near the university. In retirement, he has worked as a docent at the Oriental Institute and a literacy tutor at the Blue Gargoyle. He also has been active in a play-reading group, Thirty-Seven Players, where he has served as secretary for the past four years.

John A. Jane, AB '51, MD '56, PhD '67, received the Distinguished Service Award of the Senior Society of Neurosurgeons in May 2003. He is currently professor and chairman of the neurosurgery department at the University of Virginia, a position he has held since 1969. He has been editor of the *Journal of Neurosurgery* since 1992.

Norman Zinner, MD '58, was recognized in October for his vision and leadership in the founding of Affiliated Research Centers Inc., now known as AmericasDoctor Inc. An award established in his honor recognizes physicians who have brought honor and distinction to AmericasDoctor and their respective practice of medicine by demonstrating outstanding leadership in the conduct of high-quality clinical research. He established Affiliated Research

Centers in 1994 in an attempt to streamline clinical research. His efforts have had a global effect on the conduct of research and have made a significant contribution to the growth of AmericasDoctor. “This award sets the highest standard for the conduct of clinical research and is unprecedented in the industry. It represents the expectations of all AmericasDoctor physician partners to be the best of the best. [Dr. Zinner] established the founding principles of quality, leadership, commitment, integrity and teamwork,” said AmericasDoctor Chairman and CEO Lee Jones. “This award bearing Dr. Zinner's name is a fitting recognition of his career and leadership in clinical research and medicine and sets a high standard for others to follow.” AmericasDoctor provides pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and contract research organizations a single source for conducting phase II-IV clinical research.

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Thomas A. Borden, SM/MD '63, has continued his position as chairman of urology and professor of pediatrics at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He is also program director and specializes in pediatric urology.

William J. Riley, MD '65, was installed as president of the Texas Neurological Society in February 2002. He is a clinical associate professor of neurology and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and staff neurologist at Memorial-Hermann Hospital, the Methodist Hospital, Park Plaza Hospital, Plaza Specialty Hospital and St. Luke's

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Episcopal Hospital. Riley has served elected positions for a number of professional and medical organizations, including chairman of the Board of Ethics for the Harris County Medical Society. Currently, he is vice chairman of the Medical Advisory Council for the Harris County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority.

Daniel Rosenblum, SB '62, MD '66, is now at the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., and has written a book designed to help people get their physicians to listen to and communicate with them better.

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Kevin P. Foley, AB '67, MD '71, and Virginia Menzie Foley, AB '67, announced the marriage of their eldest child, Kathryn Foley Fair, on June 23, 2001. She is the first child in the family to get married.

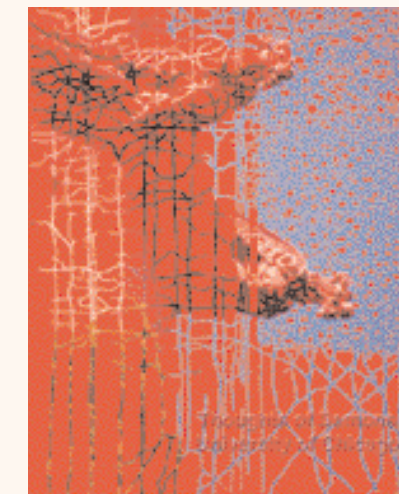
Nathan M. Szajnberg, AB/MD '74, is a visiting professor at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and this past summer was a volunteer teacher at Hadassah Hospital in Israel. His lectures on Jacob and Joseph as father and son and as architects of Judaism will become a book. His ongoing research is the

subject of another book, *Paths to Adulthood*, to be published by Indiana University Press this year. His previous book, *Educating the Emotions: Bruno Bettelheim and Psychoanalytic Development*, is available from Nathan at nmoshe@earthlink.net. He practices psychoanalysis in San Francisco.

Dennis J. Slamon, PhD '74, MD '75, the director of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center in Los Angeles, Calif., has been awarded the Dorothy P. Landon-AACR Prize for Translational Cancer Research. Slamon's landmark discoveries in cancer research are leading to fundamentally new ways for molecularly targeting and attacking tumor growth. He is one of two scientists to be honored this year with the prestigious international prize. Offered by the Kirk A. and Dorothy P. Landon Foundation and the American Association for Cancer Research, it is the largest prize offered to cancer researchers from a professional society of their peers. Each recipient receives an unrestricted cash award of \$200,000 and presents a scientific lecture at the AACR annual meeting, which was scheduled this past April in Toronto but was canceled because of the SARS outbreak.

Audrius Plioplys, MD '75, works as a child neurologist and a research neuroscientist trying to find causes and cures for learning disorders and autism in children and for Alzheimer's disease in the elderly. When not spending time with his wife, Sigita, and two daughters, ages 10 and 17, he works on his art. Earlier this year, he exhibited

a series of neurotheology works at the International Museum of Surgical Sciences in Chicago. The series will be on exhibit again at the Absolut Vision Chicago this July.



Thoughts of Demons, University of Chicago is a 4x5 acrylic on canvas, one of many neurotheology works of art by alumnus Audrius Plioplys.

Gerald L. Truesdale, MD '75, has been practicing plastic and reconstructive surgery in Greensboro, N.C., since 1983 and was named a 2002 Lewis Sullivan Medallion Award winner for the Morehouse School of Medicine. In addition, he is chairman elect for the board of trustees at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Wai-Kwan Alfred Yung, MD '75, was named chairman of the neuro-oncology department in the Division of Cancer Medicine at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. A neurology professor and the Florence M. Thomas Professor of Cancer Research at M.D. Anderson, he has been a member of the faculty for more than 20 years.

Juan R. Sanchez-Ramos, SB '67, PhD '76, professor of neurology at the University of South Florida, has returned from China where he was a visiting professor at Jiao Tong University in Xi'an, China. He recently edited the book *Neural Stem Cells: Methods and Protocols*, published by Humana Press, and says his group's work on multipotent progenitor cells derived from adult tissue is receiving a lot of attention. He can be reached at jsramos@hsc.usf.edu.

Mark L. Friedman, AB '73, MD '77, has been appointed regional sales manager of Global MED-NET in Naperville, Ill. An assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago, he is the author of *Everyday Crisis Management*. He lives in Naperville with his wife, Mary, and children, Adam, John, Laura and Glen.

Michael F. Press, PhD '75, MD '77, was named to the scientific advisory board of CeMines Inc. this past January. CeMines is a privately held company that is developing proprietary molecular fingerprinting technology for early detection and treatment of cancer. Press has held a variety of teaching and medical positions at the University of Chicago and the University of Southern California, including the Harold E. Lee Chair for Cancer Research at USC. He served as the clinical laboratory director and consultant for the Laboratory for Breast Cancer Analyses at the University of Chicago and currently holds the same position at USC. In addition, he is serving as coordinator for the USC breast cancer research program.

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David J. Palmer, MD '80, lectured on "Glaucoma Therapies and Current Studies on Ocular Hypertension," in Chicago and Rockford, Ill. During the 2002 American Academy of Ophthalmology in Orlando, he served on the Eye Care America Senior Eye Care Project subcommittee. He recently joined Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Glenbrook Hospital staff in Glenview, Division of Ophthalmology, and is in private practice in Chicago and Des Plaines, Ill.

Margaret S. Dordal, PhD '82, MD '83, is currently director of pharmacovigilance for TAP Pharmaceutical Products.

Todd R. Golub, MD '89, was appointed to Ardais Corporation's scientific advisory board in February. He is currently director for cancer genomics at the Whitehead/MIT Center for Genome Research and pediatric oncologist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He is recognized for numerous contributions to cancer research, including the discovery of the most common genetic aberration in childhood leukemia and the development of genomics-based approaches to cancer diagnosis. His work as director of the cancer genomics program at the Center for Genome Research focuses on discovering genomic and computational solutions to problems in cancer biology and cancer medicine. He recently was appointed as an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He also has received several awards, most notably the *Discover Magazine*

Inventor of the Year Award — Health Category in 2000, as well as the Judson Daland Prize of the American Philosophical Society for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Investigation in 2001.

1990s

Vincent S. DeGeare, MD '92, is a major in the U.S. Air Force and is chief of cardiology at Keesler Air Force Medical Center in Biloxi, Miss.

Julius Few, MD '92, is assistant professor of surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He also was listed among the "Forty Under 40" successful Chicago professionals, published each year by *Crain's Chicago Business*.

Raghavendra G. Mirmira, AB '86, PhD '91, MD '93, is currently assistant professor in medicine and pharmacology at the University of Virginia. He and his wife, Veena, have two daughters, Anjali and Priya.

Nader I. Salti, AB '89, MD '93, is a surgeon in Racine, Wisc. He also is part owner of a new French-American restaurant in New York's East Village called *industry* (food).

Tej M. Singh, AB '89, MD '93, finished his vascular surgery fellowship at Stanford University and accepted the position of chief of vascular surgery at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, Calif. He is also a faculty member at Stanford University Medical Center. He spent two weeks in Salt Lake City as a medical doctor with the U.S. Olympic hockey team and plans to work as a medical consultant for future Olympics events.

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Nejd F. Alsikafi, AB '93, MD '97, and wife, Fauzia, announce the birth of a baby girl, Salma, their third child. He is in the last year of his residency and ran in the Chicago marathon. She is doing great, taking care of three children and looking forward to moving to San Francisco for a year.

Mary M. Finegan, MD '97, lives in Sacramento, Calif., where she is advancing the cause for minimally invasive gynecological surgery. Her children are Sean, 11, and Morgan, 8.

Valerie B. Lyon, AB '93, MD '97, has moved back to Chicago after living in Wisconsin and San Diego. She is a pediatric dermatologist with Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and lives in Lincoln Park.

Christian C. Thurstone, MD '98, will finish his fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Chicago in June.

Steven S. Bin, AB '93, MD '99, moved back home to Miami for his residency after his years in Chicago. He now lives in Boston and is doing a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Children's Hospital Boston.

Steven M. Minaglia, AB '95, MD '99, and wife Madeleine welcomed baby girl Isabel Noemi Mei Yu Minaglia last July. Steve is a chief resident in the obstetrics and gynecology department at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Women and Children's hospitals.

Vandana B. Sharma, AB '89, SM '95, MD '99, and his wife moved to Palo Alto, Calif., where he completed a residency in internal medicine. He then moved to Stanford University for a fellowship in oncology. He now works in internal medicine with other Pritzker graduates, including **Brett Fenster, MD '99, Helke Farin, MD '99, Marcia Peck, MD '00, David Soran, MD '00, Marc McClelland, MD '00, and Ron Witteles, MD '00.**

Santosh V. Yajnik, AB '93, MD '99, is doing a radiation/oncology residency at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He married Cara on May 26, 2002, and they had "an awesome time" honeymooning in St. Barth's in the French West Indies.

In Memoriam

1920s

Esther Somerfeld, SB '23, MD '25, a neurologist and psychiatrist who was an early proponent of group therapy, died Nov. 13, 2002. She was 101. She spent seven decades at the University of Southern California doing research in child psychiatry, group therapy and psychopathology. She also chaired the psychiatry department at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital and until a few months before her death, she continued to attend grand rounds, review books for the American Psychiatric Association, play classical piano and treat the occasional elderly patient at her Silver Lake, Calif., home. She and her late husband received numerous awards for their research, including work on tuberculosis meningitis and a study of phenobarbital's effects on epilepsy. In 1987, the Southern California

Psychiatric Society honored their work in neuropsychiatry. She is survived by a daughter and two grandchildren.

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Elaine M. Thomas, SB '32, SM/MD '37, passed away in November 2002 in Wisconsin.

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Paul Gray, SB '39, MD '42, a psychoanalyst, died July 26, 2002, at the age of 84. A World War II veteran, Gray had maintained a private psychoanalysis practice in Washington, D.C., since the early 1950s. Joining the Baltimore-Washington Psychoanalytic Institute in 1953, he was named training analyst emeritus in 1986. A life member of the American Psychiatric Association, a counselor-at-large for the American Analytic Association, he received the American Psychoanalytic Association's award for contributions to psychoanalytic education. He also wrote *The Ego and Analysis of Defense* in 1994 and more than a dozen articles. Survivors include his wife, Gerda, and three children.

Lawrence B. Hobson, MD '43, passed away in November 2002 in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of 87. In the pharmaceutical industry, Hobson worked in various national and international capacities, culminating in the positions of medical researcher for ER Squibb & Sons Ltd. and director of corporate medical research for Schering-Plough Corporation. He was an associate professor of medicine at Cornell University Medical College and George Washington University. He is preceded in death by his

wife, Shirley Davidson Hobson, and is survived by a brother, John M. Hobson, sons Lawrence B. Hobson Jr. and Bartholomew D. Hobson, daughter Katherine H. Schneider, four grandsons and a great-grandson.

Riley D. Housewright, PhD '44, passed away in January 2003. He was a microbiologist who helped direct U.S. research in biological warfare from World War II until 1970. He was scientific director of the U.S. Army Biological Laboratories at Fort Detrick, Md., from 1956 to 1970.

Robert W. Jamplis, SB '41, MD '44, considered the father of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, passed away Feb. 3, 2003, at the age of 82. He lobbied to change state law and enabled the formation of not-for-profit foundations to support medicine. The Palo Alto Medical Clinic was among the first to create such a foundation in California. He first joined the Palo Alto Medical Clinic in 1954 as a general and thoracic surgeon and became executive director in 1966. After retiring as president and CEO in 1999, he served on the medical foundation's board of trustees. An energetic advocate for the practice of group medicine, he led numerous associations and won many awards for his leadership. His survivors include his wife, Cynthia Jamplis, a son, a daughter, three stepsons and five grandchildren.

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Norman B. Sher, MD '56, passed away in August 2002. He was a psychiatrist associated with Maimonides Medical Center in New York for more than 35 years. His career included directing the Psychiatric Residency Training Program from 1974 through 1981. He served as president of the medical staff from 1978 through 1979 and remained involved in hospital affairs for many years afterward.

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Donald E. Irish, PhD '62, died Oct. 16, 2002, in Waterloo, Ontario. He was 70. He retired from the University of Waterloo in 1996 after three decades in the chemistry department. An accomplished researcher, he also received local and national teaching awards. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, a daughter and three sons.

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Thomas H. Park, MD '89, a doctor in LaGrange, Ill., died Sept. 12, 2002, of a viral heart infection. He was 39. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Case Western Reserve University and fellowships in cardiovascular disease, and cardiac electrophysiology and pacing at Barnes Hospital and Washington University. He worked with the DuPage Medical Group and was affiliated with area hospitals, including Central DuPage Hospital, where he was medical director of the cardiac electrophysiology laboratory. Survivors include his wife, **Rahmawati Sih, MD '89**, a daughter, two sons, his parents, a brother and a sister.

Faculty

Malcolm Cooper, associate professor and research director in the radiology department and the Franklin McLean Memorial Research Institute died March 20, 2003, at Rush-St. Luke's-Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago from complications following surgery. He was 66. A pioneer in using positron emission tomography (PET) to study brain functions, Cooper developed the PET research group at University of Chicago. He was among the first to use PET scans to study which areas of the brain are involved in performing specific tasks, as well as to study the effects of various drugs on brain function. He founded MIICRO Inc., a biotechnology company devoted to understanding how drugs alter brain metabolism and affect mood and behavior. He was the founding member of the Maryland Society of Nuclear Medicine, a trustee and member of the academic council for the Society of Nuclear Medicine and a member of the mental health policy advisory group for Illinois Governor James Thompson. He is survived by his wife, Joanie, four sons and two grandchildren.

Lester S. King, a former senior lecturer in the BSD, died Oct. 6, 2002, in Chicago. He was 94. A pathologist in Michigan during World War II, he later became a staff pathologist at the University of Illinois Medical School. In the 1950s he wrote a history of 18th century medicine. Joining the staff of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* as a senior

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editor in 1963, he remained there until his 1991 retirement. Frustrated by the quality of submissions, in 1978 he wrote *Why Not Say It Clearly: A Guide to Scientific Writing*. In the early 1970s King began to lecture on medical history at the University of Chicago. He is survived by a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

Ruth Rhines, a former associate professor in organismal biology and anatomy, died July 17, 2002. She was 92. After medical school at Northwestern University and a residency at the VA Hospital in Milwaukee, she taught at the University of Pennsylvania, the VA Hospital in Milwaukee and the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. Joining the University of Chicago faculty in 1955, she taught neuroanatomy. After her 1975 retirement, she moved to Eagle Harbor, Mich., and served as a trustee on the township board.

David B. Skinner, who presided over the 1997 merger of New York and Presbyterian hospitals and who then served as its new president until he retired in 1999, died Jan. 24, 2003, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 67. Before the merger, he oversaw construction of New York Hospital's 850,000-square-foot Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Pavilion and later he directed the building of the New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System, a network of primary, specialty and long-term care centers. In 1987, Skinner became president and chief executive of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, when the hospital was reeling from several highly

publicized deaths that called into question its quality of care. When Skinner signed on, he estimated the hospital was losing \$1 million a week. Through reduced patient stays and other cost-cutting measures, he was able to help improve the center's financial health. He also taught at the University of Texas Medical School, San Antonio, at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and, for 15 years, at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine before joining New York Hospital. Throughout his career, he continued to perform esophageal surgery. A former Skinner patient, the composer John Barry thanked Skinner in his 1991 Oscar acceptance speech for Best Original Score for "Dances With Wolves." Skinner is survived by his wife of 46 years, May Elinor, known as Ellie, and their four daughters.

Composer John Barry thanked Skinner in his 1991 Oscar acceptance speech for Best Original Score for "Dances With Wolves." Skinner performed esophageal surgery on Barry.

Anthony L. Turkevich, a professor emeritus of chemistry, died Sept. 7, 2002, in Lexington, Va. He was 86. He studied the physical and chemical composition of the universe, specifically meteorites, the lunar surface and Mars. A member of the Manhattan Project, in 1950 he worked with Enrico Fermi to calculate the elements produced in the Big Bang. He identified what the moon is made of in 1967, before astronauts brought back samples. A delegate to the Geneva Conference on Nuclear Test Suspension in 1958 and 1959, he received the 1962 E. O. Lawrence Memorial Award from the Atomic Energy Commission, the 1972 Award for Nuclear Applications from the American Chemical Society and the 1988 Boris Pregel Award from the New York Academy of Sciences. He was also elected to the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Survivors include his wife, Irene, a daughter, **Darya Turkevich Carney, MD '78**, a son, a brother and three grandchildren.