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Frank H. Butt of North Warren, PA is writing his memoirs. He feels it is important for his children and grandchildren to give them a perspective of "how they relate to history." Dr. Butt notes that he has lived through six wars. He came to Warren General Hospital more than 40 years ago as an anesthesiologist and general practitioner.

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Revised Report for the 54th Annual Giving Campaign: **Alfred P. Spivack**'s generous gift brings the donor total to 80 and the percent of class participation to 70 percent.

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William V. Harrer was featured on the cover of *New Jersey Medicine*, October 2002, which contained a detailed interview with him. Dr. Harrer is currently President of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners.

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William Renzulli has left his medical practice in Elkton, MD to devote all of his time and energy to his art, which he has

been pursuing professionally on and off for the past 20 years. He and his wife are moving to Paducah, KY where he will relocate his studio and open his own gallery, becoming part of a growing artist's community in this quaint river town in western Kentucky.

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Bohdan Malyk is celebrating the third anniversary of his retirement and has moved to Wilmington, NC. He and wife Patricia are enjoying the free time to travel. Son **Tim '99** has just completed a family medicine residency and relocated to Fort Collins, CO to practice.

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Norman Loberant of Nahariya, Israel served as scientific committee chairman for the 20th annual Barry B. Goldberg Lecture and Convention of the Israel Society for Diagnostic Ultrasound in Medicine, which took place in Herzliya, Israel in June. Dr. Goldberg, Professor of Radiology at Jefferson, was instrumental in the creation of the Israel Society, and has been an active supporter these past

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Thursday-Saturday
A Gala Celebration That Will Include All Alumni, in Addition to the Reunion Class Years.
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CME Programs Are Being Considered.
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20 years. Dr. Ethan Halpern, Professor of Radiology and Urology at Jefferson, was the guest speaker, and delivered four lectures. At the meeting, Norman was elected Secretary of the Society and will be its official representative at the European Congress of Ultrasound in Copenhagen, April 2003.

Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Colorado and Executive Director of the Colorado Alliance for Bioengineering. He is the Editor-in-Chief of eMedicine.com (Otolaryngology) and was recently awarded the University of Colorado Department of Otolaryngology Teacher of the Year Award.

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Arlen Meyers of Denver has been appointed to the Colorado Governor's Commission on Science and Technology. Dr. Meyers is Professor of

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David Mayer of Closter, NJ completed a two-year program at the Harvard University School of Public Health in Boston and was granted an MS in health care management.



Doris Bartuska *END'58* (center) received the 2002 Strittmatter Award from the Philadelphia County Medical Society. She is the latest in a proud series of Jefferson alumni and faculty to receive the Strittmatter. Above, she is congratulated at the AMA meeting in June by AMA Trustees **Joseph Riggs** *OBG'64* (right) and **John Nelson** *MD* (left).

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Serving the Underserved through Telemedicine—and Dance

Everyone can and should dance. For Ana Maria Lopez MD'88, MPH, this positive outlook has proven one of the keys to her success—even in treating her patients.

Oncologist and Director of both the Arizona Telemedicine Program (ATP) and the Women's Health Initiative at the University of Arizona, Lopez uses dance and movement to reconnect patients with their bodies. "Cancer patients feel betrayed by their bodies," she says. "There is something joyful in movement—as witnessed by children who move naturally to music—and by dancing, or moving in any way, patients can begin to feel themselves in their bodies again."

Lopez has always viewed dance as a joyful celebration, but her clinical work with movement is part of a bigger picture: a desire to increase access to specialty care for patients from all socioeconomic backgrounds. And while she recognizes that some cancer patients do have access to specialists and innovative treatments, there are many more who don't.

It is this disparity that ultimately led Lopez to the field of telemedicine. As medical director of the ATP, Lopez coordinates medical services that reach more than 44 remote Arizona communities.

"I believe serendipity played a role in my telemedicine assignment," Lopez explained. "My expertise in oncology, experience in public health and interest in outreach to underserved populations ultimately made me a good candidate." She says she finds a perfect blend of these interests while providing colposcopy services to rural women via telemedicine.

"Telecolposcopy allows for the transmission of digital cervical images after an abnormal pap smear," she explained. "This technology may improve our ability to manage cervical disease at a stage where malignant transformation may still be preventable." Increased access to telecolposcopy services, she says, may improve overall mortality since cervical cancer is not easily curable.

The Basics of Telemedicine

Radiographs, echocardiograms and other images taken by a health care professional at the patient's home clinic are electronically transferred via high-speed network cable—a T1 line—to consulting physicians at ATP hub sites in Tucson, Phoenix and Flagstaff.

Lopez is responsible for daily operations of the ATP, reviewing all medical cases, as well as coordinating the practitioners and



Director of the Arizona Telemedicine Program, Ana Maria Lopez '88 consults with telemedicine coordinator Dr. Phyllis Webster via remote videoconference. Such technology has allowed Lopez to assist other physicians with patient biopsies and exams nearly 300 miles away from her Tucson, Arizona-based office.

consulting physicians who will work with patients. She also conducts weekly meetings to determine which educational courses will be transmitted to physicians in remote areas, and works with the technical staff on new technology development.

Lopez says that the clinical rotations she completed at Jefferson Medical College fueled her interest in public health issues. "Rotations in Center City exposed me to a wide diversity of people with equally diverse needs," she says. "I just knew—if I could get the resources and medical services to some of these underserved communities—that I could really make a difference."

Telemedicine is allowing Lopez to achieve that goal, where since 1997, the ATP has provided close to 24,000 clinical telemedicine sessions to remote communities—in more than 70 specialty areas including dermatology, radiology, pathology, rheumatology and psychiatry.

After completing undergraduate and medical studies in Pennsylvania, Lopez matched in internal medicine at the University of Arizona, where she was named chief resident and concurrently completed a general medicine fellowship as well as a master's degree in public health. At the completion of two medical oncology fellowships, she was offered a position on the University of Arizona faculty, where she continues to teach clinical medicine.

A Glimpse into the Future

What does the future hold for Lopez—physician, researcher, wife and mother of two?

Aside from completing an American Cancer Society-funded study on the barriers preventing Latinos from participating in clinical cancer trials, she'll continue to prescribe dance and movement therapy to her patients.

The multi-grant funded research measures the emotional and physical impact of movement on breast and colon cancer patients at the conclusion of chemotherapy. "In one program, patients exercise to music, choosing the type of movement that

feels right for them," explained Lopez. In another, patients participate in walking exercises. "Patients keep a diary, indicating perceived exertion, how they feel physically and any improvements over time," said Lopez. "These exercises have improved anxiety and depression in breast cancer patients, but we are still measuring the impact on quality of life, long-term effects on recurrence and overall impact in combating cancer."

Despite this busy schedule, Lopez still finds time to volunteer on the local PTA and attend her children's sporting events and music recitals. She also finds time to dance. On her own. And with patients.

— Melissa Crytzer Fry

Attention Student Borrowers: Federal Stafford Loan and Federal Consolidation Interest Rates Are at an All Time Low

Holders of student loans, consider this: for the second straight year, Federal Stafford Loan rates and related federal consolidation rates dropped to an all time low.

The formula for Federal Stafford Loans disbursed after July 1, 1998 is based on the 91-day T-Bill plus 1.7% while in school, grace or deferment and 2.3% while in repayment or forbearance. A similar formula exists for loans disbursed between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1998 with the corresponding rates of T-Bill plus 2.5% while in school, grace or deferment and T-Bill plus 3.1% while in repayment or forbearance.

Applicable Federal Stafford Loan rates for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 are as follows:

Federal Stafford Loan Disbursement Date	In-School, Grace, and Deferment Rate	Forbearance and Active Repayment Rate
7/1/1998-6/30/2003	3.46%	4.06%
7/1/1995-6/30/1998	4.26%	4.86%
7/1/1994-6/30/1995	4.86%	4.86%

Considering Federal Stafford Loan interest rates are so low, now is a great time to think about 'consolidating.' Federal consolidation is the process by which borrowers may combine all of their federal debt into one 'refinanced' loan. Federal loans eligible for consolidation include:

- Federal Stafford Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized)
- Federal Direct Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized)
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL)
- Nursing Student Loan (NSL)
- Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL)
- Auxiliary Loan to Assist Students (ALAS)
- Federal Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS)
- National Direct Student Loan (NDSL)
- Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL)

- Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Loan for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)

Consolidation is extremely helpful if the borrower has many federal loans with different lenders. However, consolidation may be done even if the borrower only has federal loans with one lender.

Advantages of Consolidation

- Lock in your interest rate. A consolidation loan will have a fixed interest rate associated the new loan. The interest rate for the Federal Consolidation Loan is fixed and is equal to the weighted average of the interest rates of the loans being consolidated, rounded up to the nearest 1/8th of one percent, not to exceed 8.25%.
- Monthly payment is reduced. As a repayment period of up to 30 years may be granted based on loan size, monthly payments will be much lower than an original payment based on a 10-year repayment period.
- Save money on payment incentives. Some lenders are offering payment incentives in the form of interest rate reductions.
- Make one monthly payment to one lender for all of your federal loans.

Disadvantages of Consolidation

- More interest may be paid on the borrowed funds if you extend payment based on options offered under federal consolidation.
- Eligible deferment options may change.
- Payment incentives you currently are receiving on the loans you want to consolidate may be forfeited.
- Only federal loans may be included in the Federal Consolidation Loan. Institutional loans and private loans may not be included.

If you have any questions regarding the Federal Stafford Loan or the Federal Consolidation Loan, please contact your Federal Stafford Loan lender(s) or contact the University Office of Student Financial Aid at (215) 955-2867 or financial.aid@jefferson.edu 

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Philip Dzwonczyk was recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY where he serves as a member of the faculty for the geriatric medicine clerkship. He is the Medical Director of the New York State Veterans Home at Oxford. Philip and wife Andrea live in Norwich, NY.

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Stanton Miller of Lafayette Hill, PA received the Master of Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health this May. He is currently a medical director at Independence Blue Cross of Philadelphia.

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Alex Levin is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics, Genetics, and Ophthalmology at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto. He is the Co-Director of the Ocular Genetics Program and the Director of the Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship Program, as well as the University of Toronto Director of Postgraduate Bioethics Education.

'83

Don Zeller and his family have moved back to Berwyn, PA "to be closer to family and great schools" after spending 16 years in private family practice in Raleigh, NC. Don accepted a position in July at PennCare's Chesterbrook Family Medicine in Wayne. He remains active in music, having played guitar and "blues harmonica" in several bands in recent years. He'll miss North Carolina's beaches, mountains, and \$1,800 annual malpractice premiums!

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Scott Olitsky has moved to Kansas City, MO where he is the Section Chief of Ophthalmology at The Children's Mercy Hospital.

'89

Douglas Field of Hummelstown, PA was awarded the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the pediatric residents at Penn State Children's Hospital, Hershey Medical Center. His second child, William, was born November 19, 2001.

Andrew Sirotnak of Denver was honored by a chapter of Colorado Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children in October. Andrew is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and directs the Kempe Child Protection Team of The Children's Hospital in Denver.

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Andrew Feng received the 2001-02 Teaching Award from the Pediatric Residents at The Floating Hospital for Children. Wife **Diane Ching '92** joined Mansfield-Westwood Pediatrics in September. They reside in Walpole, MA.

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Hermann Moreno and wife **Mary Donovan P'95** are two of the four psychiatrists in the town of Laramie, WY. They have two children, Madeline and Alexander.

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David Lipson has been appointed an Assistant

Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. David completed his internship and residency in medicine followed by a three-year fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at HUP. His interests include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, adult cystic fibrosis and lung transplantation. His research activities focus on the development of noninvasive imaging techniques to study gas and blood flow in the lung. In 2001, David received the Will Rogers Institute Research Fellowship Award.

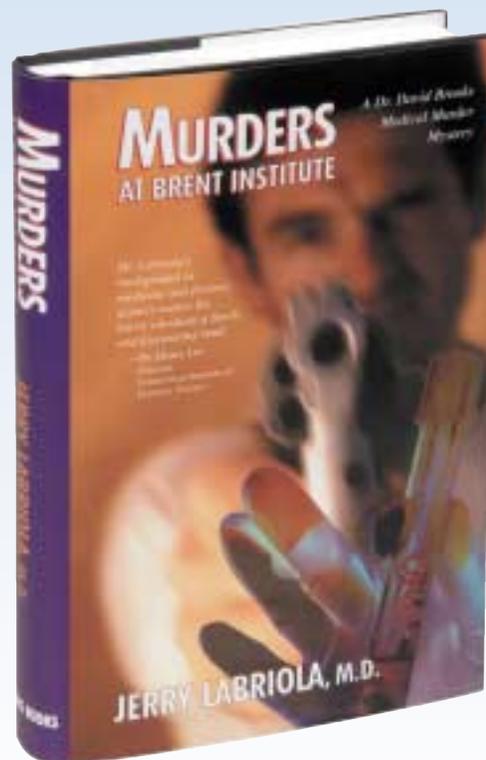
Rodolfo Pascual of Mount Laurel, NJ has joined the Division of Critical Care, Pulmonary, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases at TJUH. He has also been appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College. He completed his residency and a fellowship in critical care and pulmonary medicine at TJUH and served as Chief Resident in 1997-98.

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John Masonis has joined Miller Orthopaedic Clinic as a physician in the clinic's Joint Replacement and Arthritis Center. John is looking forward to returning to Charlotte, NC. He specializes in hip and knee replacement surgery for arthritis.

BOOKSHELF

Jerry Labriola '57 has penned *Murders at Brent Institute*, the latest in his Dr. David Brooks Medical Murder Mystery series (published by Strong Books). Dr. Labriola also recently co-wrote a nonfiction title, *Famous Crimes Revisited*. In addition to being the author of many books, Dr. Labriola is a former State Senator from Connecticut. Recently he visited the island of Malta where he and his wife collected material for his next novel, tentatively titled *The Maltese Murders*.



Alumni Spotlight: Monica Morrow

Monica Morrow '76 was a member of the Penn State Five Year Cooperative Program, 1971-1976. During that period she also was a National Merit Scholar and Magna Cum Laude at Penn State University. She took a surgical residency at the Medical Center Hospital, Burlington, VT, 1976-81, followed by a 1981-83 fellowship in surgical oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Board certified in surgery in 1983, she began her academic clinical career in 1983 as Assistant Professor of Surgery, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, also serving as Director, Surgical Oncology Service, Kings County Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. She was recruited to the University of Chicago in 1988 as Associate Professor of Surgery and Director, Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Team, and won the Alpha Omega Alpha Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award in 1991. She was recruited to Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, IL in 1993 as Associate Professor of Surgery and Director, Clinical Breast Program, Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Since 1997, she has been Professor of Surgery with tenure, Northwestern University Medical School, and Director, Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Program at Northwestern.



As part of her recruitment, Northwestern Memorial Hospital custom built a 20,000 square foot breast cancer center where, she reports, they currently perform 40,000 imaging studies and treat about 650 new patients annually. Her present responsibilities are divided equally between patient care and research. In 1996 she was awarded one of three Breast Cancer Grants (\$4.3 million) from the Department of Defense. As a result, Avon Products Foundation in 2000 identified her program as a Center of Excellence for breast cancer research and health care delivery to the underserved, and selected the Lynn Sage Breast Program at Northwestern as a Flagship center for breast cancer funding. The Avon Products Foundation now provides one to two million dollars annually for research, for career development of junior faculty, and for training young investigators. Dr. Morrow presently is Principal Investigator of a study correlating breast tissue density, menstrual cycle function of steroid hormones, and the effect of Tamoxifen.

To date, Dr. Morrow has been Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator of 11 funded research projects dealing with breast cancer. She is the editor of 3 books, is or has been, a

member of 16 editorial boards, has written 48 book chapters and has published over 100 journal articles. Between 1995 and 2001 she presented 15 named lectures, including the William Erb Sr. Lecture at the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery in 2001. She is a member of the Clinical Oncology Special Emphasis Panel, the Breast Cancer Program Review Group, and is Co-Chair, Access and Cancer Control Subcommittee of the National Cancer Institute. She holds membership in numerous professional organizations including the American College of Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, and the Society of University Surgeons.

She served as Director of the Cancer Department of the American College of Surgeons and as Executive Director of the American Joint Committee on Cancer. While working with the American College of Surgeons she was responsible for the National Cancer Data Base, the largest repository of clinical treatment data in the U.S., and for the Approvals Program which certifies the quality of hospital based cancer care in over 1600

hospitals. As Executive Director of the American Joint Committee on Cancer, Dr. Morrow supervised the TNM cancer staging system used throughout the country, and currently is an editor of the most recent edition of the TNM staging text. In addition, she is the first surgeon member of the National Cancer Policy Board of the Institute of Medicine. She has held memberships on the Executive Committee of the Society of Surgical Oncology, on the Board of Directors of the Society of Surgical Oncology, and on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Morrow was named an Alumni Fellow of the College of Science of Penn State University in October 2001, the highest honor of the Penn State Alumni Association. She recalls that the strong foundation in clinical medicine that she received at Jefferson stimulated her interest in clinical care excellence and, ultimately, resulted in her development of one of the leading breast cancer programs in the country. Dr. Morrow also credits her Jefferson experience with her efforts to improve the national quality of cancer care through the programs of the Cancer Department of the American College of Surgeons. Jefferson congratulates Dr. Monica Morrow '76 on her distinguished career and thanks her for bringing distinction and honor to Jefferson Medical College. 🌟

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Amanda Smith has finished a fellowship in geriatric psychiatry. She is now a staff physician at the Suncoast Gerontology Center in Tampa, FL, a facility that focuses on Alzheimer's disease research and caregiver support. She has also been appointed to the faculty of the University of South Florida Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

Rachel Wagman has completed her fellowship training in endocrinology and metabolism at Stanford University Medical Center and has moved to Indianapolis to join Eli Lilly and Company as Clinical Research Physician, where her area of focus is osteoporosis and skeletal disease.

'99

Meg Franger is in her first year of a nephrology fellowship at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Camden/Cooper Hospital. Husband **Frank Urbano IM'98** is practicing with Mount Laurel Primary Care Physicians. They live in Riverton, NJ with daughter Madison Rose, who just turned two.

Ben Hoch of Arlington, MA has completed an anatomic pathology residency at Washington University, Saint Louis, MO, where he was Chief Resident at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He has accepted an appointment in surgical pathology at Harvard University and on staff at Massachusetts General Hospital. His diagnostic and research interests are in musculoskeletal and molecular pathology.

Gregory Shangold of Storrs, CT recently finished his residency in emergency medicine at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA and has joined Windham Community Memorial Hospital's emergency services department.

Postgraduate Alumni

Revised Report for the 54th Annual Giving Campaign: the generous gift by **Herbert Kean OTO'60** brings the donor total to 11 and the percent of class participation to 14 percent.

Vasantha Orocofsky P'80 of Rusk, TX spends 20 hours a week doing telepsychiatry and is "getting used to electronic medical records."

Thomas Connelly D'85 formed CSRC, Incorporated this year. "The objective of this company is to immunologically and genetically evaluate patients who experience complete spontaneous regression of cancer. The results of these studies will assist in the development of cancer therapies." He is the Director of the Connelly Skin Cancer Surgery Center in Stuart, FL.

Ashwini Sharan NS'01 has recently been presented the William H. Sweet Young Investigator Award by Medtronic, Incorporated for his study entitled "MRI and Spinal Cord Stimulation: An Experimental Safe Study." He began his neurosurgical training at the University of Connecticut and finished at TJU. He plans to complete a fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Barbara Atkinson Named Executive Dean of KU School of Medicine

Barbara Atkinson '74, previously Professor and Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center, has been named Executive Dean and Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs of the KU School of Medicine.



"Dr. Atkinson has a superb background—as a researcher, department chair and dean—and is eminently qualified to serve as Executive Dean of the School of Medicine," announced the University of Kansas. "She is highly regarded within the profession and within the medical center and is committed to making the school a strong partner in KU's overall mission of research, teaching and service to the region."

Atkinson came to the KU Medical Center in January 2000 from the MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, where she was Dean for three years (1996-99). Before that, she was Professor and Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (1987-94) and at Hahnemann (1994-96).

"I'm honored to have this opportunity to help lead the school during the challenging times that lie ahead," said Atkinson. "I will do everything possible to attract the state and federal funding we need to maintain a vital research program and educate the next generation of physicians for Kansas."

Atkinson began her career at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where she was director of the hospital's cytopathology laboratory from 1978 to 1987. She has edited several books on cytopathology and gynecologic pathology, including *Atlas of Cytopathology* (1992), a revised edition to be published in 2003, and *Atlas of Difficult Diagnosis in Cytopathology* (1998).

Atkinson is a Trustee and past President of the American Board of Pathology and a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Committee on Increasing Women's Leadership in Academic Medicine. In 1996, she received the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Achievement Award. In 1997, she was elected to membership in the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. 🌐

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