

Dear Academicians:

The Black family has continued to flourish in 2000 despite the Balanced Budget Act and the complexities of family life.

Katharine is the interim priest in Melrose, Massachusetts and continues to find this work challenging and enjoyable. Dia is working with a security firm in Washington (keeping a building safe, not investment securities). Katy is entering her third year of medical school and loving it. Libby has just taken the law school application exams. Peter Thomas graduated from Yale in June and is getting ready to go to China to pursue a career there. Christopher enters Harvard in the fall and is looking forward to it.

The neurosurgical service at the Children's and Brigham & Women's Hospitals continues to thrive. We were delighted to become a department at Brigham and Women's Hospital this fall. Our Service now has thirteen clinical neurosurgeons and five full-time investigators and is a wonderful place to work. We had four papers in Nature this last year and continue to push forward in image-guided therapies and molecular neuroscience including stem cell therapy. We now have strong programs in brain tumors and spinal cord regeneration. We also continue with a heavy clinical, teaching and research program.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Colorado Springs.

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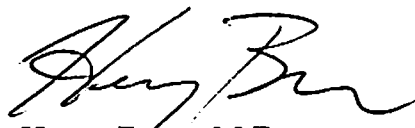
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Dear David:

I am delighted to share with you the good news that I have been appointed the Harvey Cushing Professor and the Director of Neurosurgery here at Hopkins. I welcome the opportunity to continue to build on the extremely strong foundation that Don Long has built over the past 27 years as chairman.

Rachel has accepted the position as Director of Breast Imaging at George Washington University Medical Center. Our three daughters will all be in high school together this year, as Andrea begins searching the country for her ideal college. We are looking forward to a wonderful meeting in Colorado.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Brem, M.D.

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August 30, 2000

Dear Academicians,

After a very benign beginning; without warning at age 87, my appendix ruptured, going on to peritonitis, surgery and a very rough go. With the help of my daughter, Heather and son-in-law, Bill, I am slowly recovering and am able to amble about. A reminder that the "golden years" are not for the timid.

Regards,  
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