From the Editor

Though it may seem as if the silicone gel implant crisis has been with us for a painfully long time, it is only two years since the Connie Cheung show precipitated unnecessary panic in the hearts and minds of thousands of patients, and chaos in the practices of thousands of plastic surgeons. The media, government agencies, politicians, activist groups, lawyers and even some of our fellow physicians have eagerly heightened the panic and chaos. In this issue Mark Gorney (page 70) and John Taylor (page 74) offer a few words of reason on this ongoing problem.

Harrassment of one form or another has become a popular subject today. With his usual wit and candor, Robert Goldwyn (page 65) expounds on one form that is usually overlooked by the media, that of physician harassment.

Each year the world of plastic surgery is enriched by the new young enthusiastic surgeons joining our ranks, but it is simultaneously robbed of the wonderful talents and personalities of the senior surgeons who have contributed so much to our specialty. Fortunately their innovative minds, surgical skills and stimulating relationships leave legacies that go on forever. In this issue we pay tribute to some of these departed colleagues — gone but not forgotten.

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