Jack Goldman 1921-2011

Jacob "Jack" Goldman, a founder of Cauzin SoftStrip and the former head of research at Xerox and the founder of the company's Palo Alto Research Center, died on December 20 at the age of 90 of congestive heart failure. When Goldman joined Xerox in 1969, he pushed the company to invest in long-term research, proposing the creation of PARC (partly as a way to capitalize on Xerox's purchase of the computer company Scientific Data Systems).

Goldman's leadership in forming PARC—and his hiring of George Pake to head the center— led to the development of a number of technologies later exploited by Apple, Microsoft and others, including the laser printer. object-oriented programming, Ethernet, the mouse pointing device,

and the graphical user interface. While Xerox never effectively capitalized on developments like the Alto PC—the first networked personal computer—PARC's work inspired the development of the Macintosh and the Windows operating systems.

As former colleagues of Jack, we deeply mourn his loss but cherish the many years of his friendship!