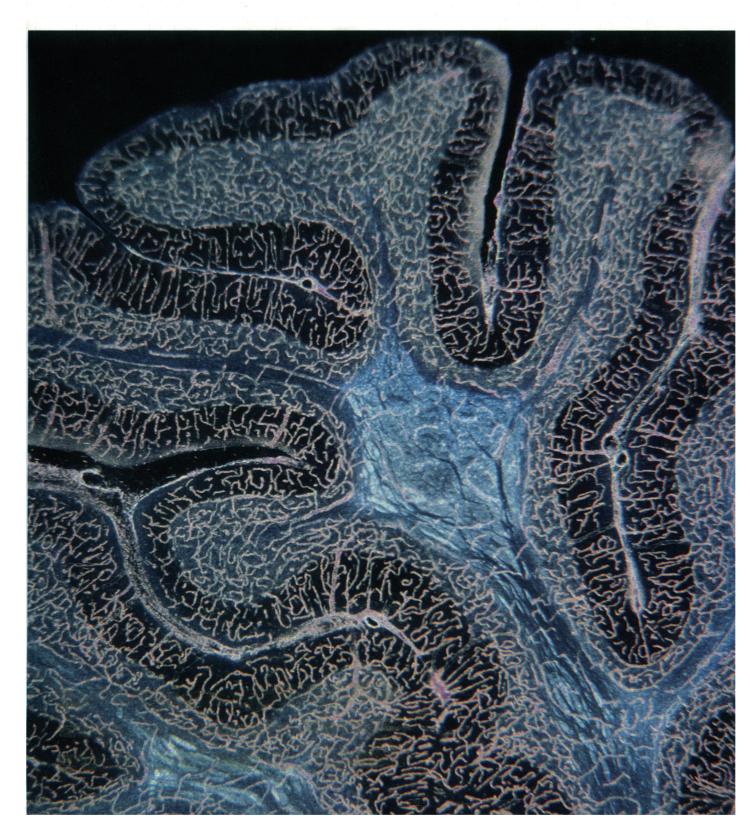
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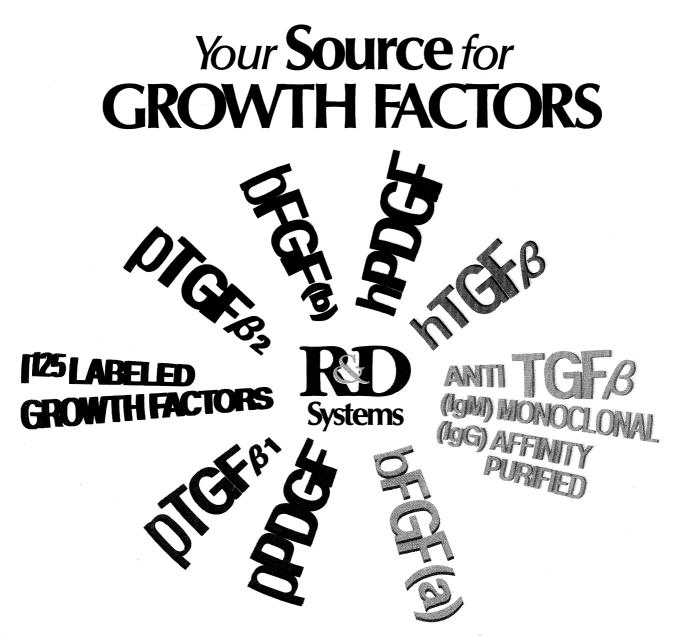
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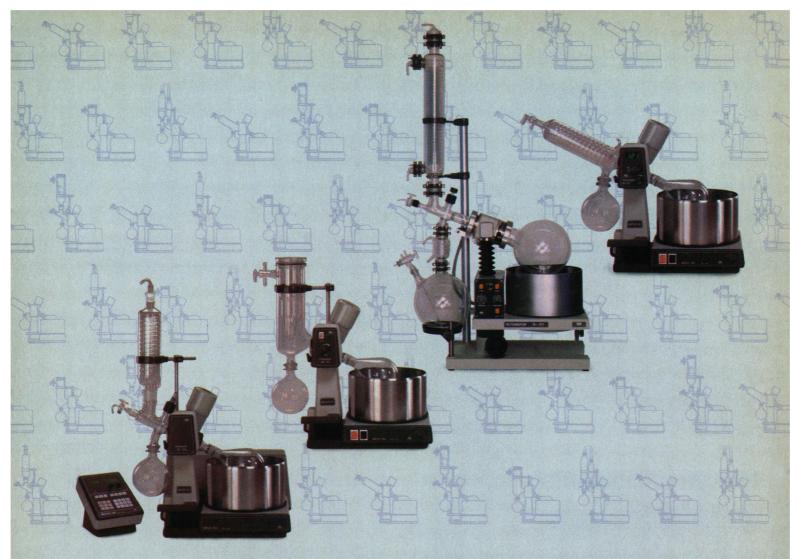


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Solar neutrino puzzle

OST products of the thermonuclear reactions that occur in Let the sun's interior remain there, according to the "standard solar model," but some of the energy generated is released as neutrinos (pages 755 and 760). These subatomic, almost massless, neutral particles travel close to the speed of light and are capable of passing through matter, including the earth and the sun. The first experiment to try to "catch" neutrinos was set up 20 years ago: deep in a South Dakota gold mine (shielded from cosmic rays), chlorine-37 in a tank filled with dry cleaning solution (C_2Cl_4) would be changed to a detectable radioactive substance, argon-37, if bombarded by neutrinos. Although neutrino bombardment and capture did occur, only a third the number of neutrinos expected was detected. The "solar neutrino puzzle," the discrepancy between prediction and findings, is the subject of two articles by Friedlander and Weneser. First, the theoretical efforts to account for the discrepancy are reviewed; these involve reappraisals of basic assumptions about the interior, dynamics, and evolution of the sun or reevaluations of neutrino properties. Second, new experimental approaches in progress and under consideration for solving the puzzle are described.

Trypanosome antigen

RYPANOSOMIASIS of cattle is a devastating infection that has caused problematic economic losses in Africa, South America, and the Caribbean region (page 774). The agent, Trypanosoma vivax, is less well studied than other trypanosomes: it is fragile, difficult to grow in laboratory hosts, and frequently switches its surface antigens. Parasites spend part of their lives in the proboscis of tsetse flies and part in cattle; they are passed along or picked up when flies bite cows. Gardiner et al. have characterized a surface component of T. vivax, the variant surface glycoprotein (VSG), and compared its features to those of VSGs of T.

brucei, a related organism. The VSG of *T. vivax*, though smaller and more hydrophobic, contains constituents similar to those of other VSGs and may be anchored in the membrane by a similar fatty acid. These characterizations make possible the analyses of underlying genetic mechanisms that account for molecular variations in the VSG, variations that allow the organism to elude host defenses.

Epitope mapping

¬ PITOPES, structures on the surface of complex antigenic molecules, are being studied with a new modification technique (page 780). The strategy helps define what amino acids are present in difficult-tostudy discontiguous conformational epitopes that form when the protein folds and distant amino acids are brought close together. Burnens et al. chemically modified lysines and threonines of the protein cytochrome c. The modification was carried out both when the protein was complexed with a monoclonal antibody that reacts with one of its epitopes and when the protein was uncomplexed. Only two lysines and no threonines were modified more slowly when the antibody was bound, thereby identifying which amino acids participated in the epitope. Although the two involved lysines are 38 residues apart in the amino acid chain, crystallographic studies have shown that they are brought to within 7 angstroms of each other when the molecule folds. This method complements others already in use for mapping epitopes; mapping is crucial for fundamental studies and practical pursuits such as vaccine development.

Oncogene deregulation and tumor induction

PLASMACYTOMA cells (tumors of antibody-producing plasma cells) of mice and Burkitt lymphoma cells of humans are among the tumor cells that characteristically show two anomalies—chromosomal translocations and deregulation of the myc oncogene; a causal relation between the anomalies and tumor development has remained difficult to establish (page 787). Now it has been shown that plasmacytomas can be induced in mice in the absence of a chromosomal translocation as long as an active myc oncogene is present. This more closely ties the activation of the oncogene to tumor formation. Tumors were induced with pristane and a viral construct, called J-3, that carries an active avian myc oncogene. Plasmacytomas formed more rapidly than when induced by pristane alone, and most had no chromosomal rearrangements; they did have an integrated J-3 virus, and they actively expressed myc. Potter et al. speculate that, although deregulation of *myc* expression is apparently necessary for plasmacytoma induction, it may not be sufficient; other alterations of normal gene functions may be needed to complete the transformation of normal cells to tumor cells. This system is suitable for testing the oncogenic potential of other new viral constructs.

Viral disease in cats

THE well-being of cats in an established cattery deteriorated after a cat developed diarrhea, anemia, neurologic abnormalities, and rhinitis and other infections, aborted a litter, and died; during the next 4 years, nine other cats in the same pen developed similar disease and died (page 790). The virus responsible for the disease was isolated by Pedersen et al. and compared with the human AIDS virus; disease was transmitted experimentally to pathogen-free kittens. The new virus, called feline T-lymphotropic lentivirus (FTLV), is antigenically distinct from other cat viruses and from the AIDS virus. However, FTLV resembles the AIDS virus in morphology, in having a strong tropism for T cells, in metal requirements for the functioning of its reverse transcriptase, and in its ability to cause a disease similar to AIDS. Although this virus poses a threat to cat populations, it and the cats that harbor it may help in the study of AIDS.

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Epidemics and Civil Rights

n epidemic involving a lingering fatal disease is difficult to handle under the best conditions. An individual who knows death is certain is naturally reluctant to spend the twilight hours isolated and feared by friends; yet the picture of an individual who knowingly spreads a fatal infection and also refuses to help in its containment is equally unpleasant. Reluctance to provide information to authorities is compounded if there is fear of exposure of a sexual preference that is still not accepted by a sizable fraction of the population. Clearly this is a matter that must be handled with great delicacy and restraint, but it cannot be swept under the rug while the epidemic grows.

It is a tragedy of history that, at a time when a more enlightened attitude toward homosexual preferences is emerging in our society, we are also confronted with an epidemic of AIDS. Increased scientific understanding and public education had begun to convince society that homosexuality is a statistical fact and a natural event of the human condition, neither to be praised nor condemned. The epidemic of AIDS, identified here with parts of the homosexual population, has interrupted that educational process and produced an unfortunate confrontation between civil rights and public health.

The latest medical evidence indicates that the incubation period of the AIDS virus may be much longer than originally thought, and therefore many people who were thought only to have a latent virus are now considered likely to be able to infect others and to die. A recent National Academy of Sciences committee emphasized the importance of this evidence and urged a massive educational campaign.* The containment effort will certainly not be helped if it is clouded by two emotionally charged issues.

The first of these concerns civil rights: the concept that those with a minority behavioral pattern should not be asked to accede to public health restrictions that might expose them to ridicule. Ironically, the spread of AIDS into the heterosexual population may soon make that issue moot, but those who delay intelligent and balanced attempts to control the epidemic will only add more acrimony and emotionalism to an already complex problem. The freedom of consenting adults in private to practice their own sexual preferences should be a civil right. The freedom to infect others is a civil wrong. The homosexual community has a right to demand that whatever restraints are deemed in the public interest must be applied equally to all individuals. The public has a right to say, "Let us not confuse a civil right with a civil wrong.'

The second concerns the right to privacy: the concept that society may not use coercion to obtain information from a carrier of a disease. Coercion should be-and is-limited, but public emotionalism on this issue may become more severe as the epidemic spreads. It would be far better to devise now humane and intelligent procedures to limit the spread of AIDS. Other countries, such as Scandinavian nations, have imposed demands to reveal private information, such as the paternity of a child, but have also provided excellent safeguards to keep that information confidential. Society does not compel individuals to take sobriety tests ad libitum, but willingness to undergo a breath test is an appropriate requirement for obtaining a driver's license. In a similar exchange, society could say to a potential AIDS victim, "You must help us by giving information in return for the medical and financial assistance that we are providing you."

Solutions to the problem must be practical and civilized, but they should not be clouded by an inappropriate assessment of "rights." The clean water issue illustrates that past history cannot always be a guide to present problems: in the 1800s when the country had a much smaller population, the dumping practices of chemical plants could be tolerated to a degree impossible today with our concentrated population and highly chemical society. The nature of the epidemics that threaten us today has also changed, and the mobility and anonymity of the population require new approaches to epidemiology. Individuals personally threatened by AIDS should be treated with humanity and dignity; they, in turn, should be willing to provide the information which will enable society to protect others and attempt to control this terrible scourge.-DANIEL E. KOSHLAND, JR.

*National Academy of Sciences, Confronting AIDS (National Academy Press, Washington, DC, 1986).

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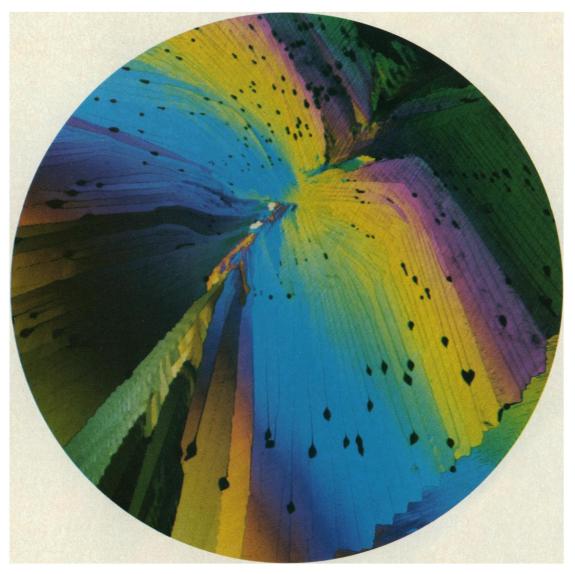
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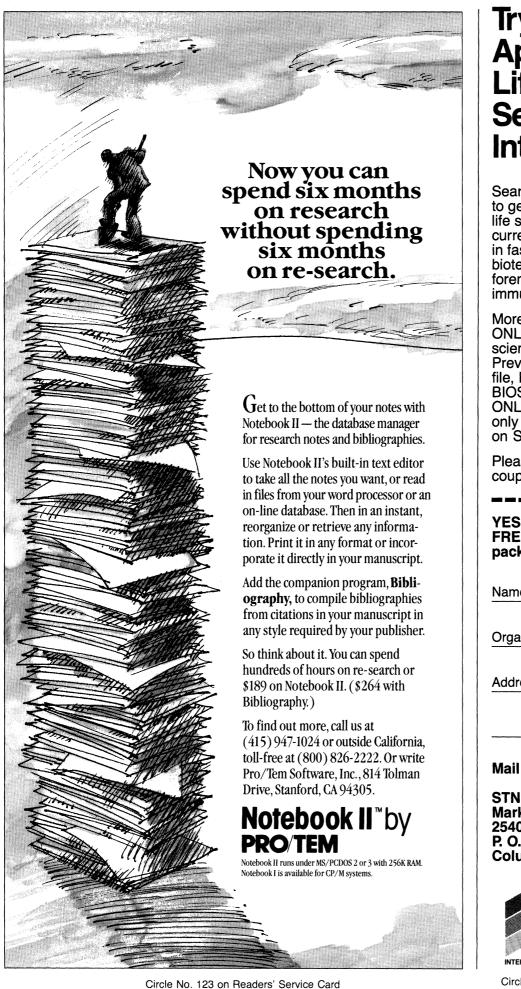


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 KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Sunday P.M.) Genetics and Biochemistry of Retroviral Replication Stephen Goff, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons Left-Handed and Right-Handed DNA in Genetic Recombination Alexander Rich, Massachusetts Institute of Technology ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) (Monday A.M P.M.) Chairman: Erling Norrby, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden Speakers: Luc Montagnier, Paris William Haseltine, Boston Robert C. Gallo, Bethesda Myron Essex, Boston Jay A. Levy, San Francisco Robin Weiss, London Simon Wain-Hobson, Paris Dani P. Bolognesi, Durham Flossie Wong-Staal, Bethesda Bernard Moss, Bethesda TRANSGENIC MICE AS TOOL IN IMMUNOLOGY (Tuesday A.M.) Chairman: Davor Solter, The Wistar Institute Speakers: Rudolf Grosschedl, U.C.S.F. Ken-Ichi Yamamura, Kumamoto Univ. Medical School Jean-Claude Weill, Institute Jacques-Monod Barbara A. Knowles, The Wistar Institute WORKING GROUP MEETINGS This year we are planning two Working Groups: A. IMMUNOTHERAPY – Chairman, Michael Mastrangelo Thomas Jefferson University Hospital B. IMMUNODIAGNOSIS – Chairman, Edgar Haber Massachusetts General Hospital Working groups will meet in closed sessions. It is our intent to select participants ac recently. The consensus reached by working groups will be presented to the whole 	 ANTI-IDIOTYPE VACCINES (Tuesday P.M.) Chairman: J. Donald Capra, University of Texas Speakers: Katheryn Meek, Univ. of Texas Health Science Center At Dallas Ronald C. Kennedy, Southwestern Foundation for Biomedical Research Dorothee Herlyn, The Wistar Institute Karl Erik Hellström, Oncogen Inc. David Sacks, N.I.H. THE USE OF HYBRIDOMAS IN DETERMINING CYTOKINE STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS (Wednesday A.M.) Chairman: Robert Schreiber, Washington University Speakers: Robert Coffman, DNAX Research Institute Frank Fitch, Pritzler School of Medicine Carl Pierce, Washington University School of Medicine Robert Schreiber, Washington University ANTI-CARBOHYDRATE MAB'S IN THE STUDY OF GLYCOLI- PID-MEDIATED CELLULAR EFFECTS (Wednesday a.m.) Chairman: Jan Thurin, The Wistar Institute Speakers: David A. Cheresh, Scripps Clinic & Research Foundation Tomas Brodin, The Wallenberg Laboratory Bruce Fenderson, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Nobuo Hanai, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center SUMMARY (Wednesday P.M.) Chairman: Joseph Davie, Washington University School of Medicine tively involved in the above listed research for in-depth discussion of progress made Congress and results of these discussions will be published in Hybridoma. 				
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