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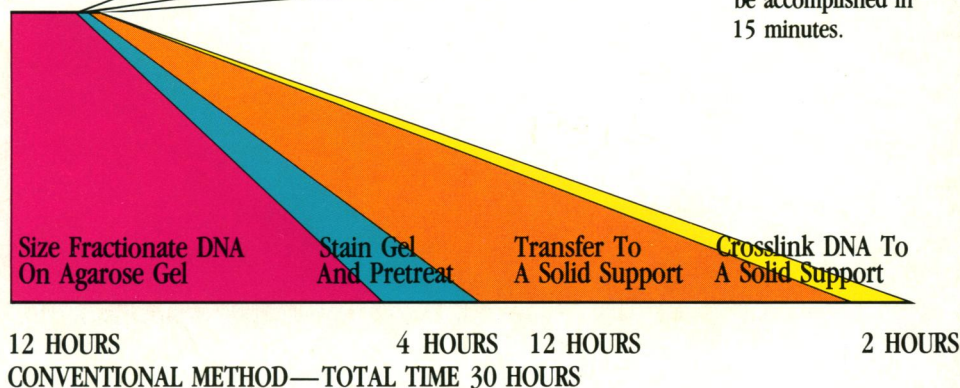
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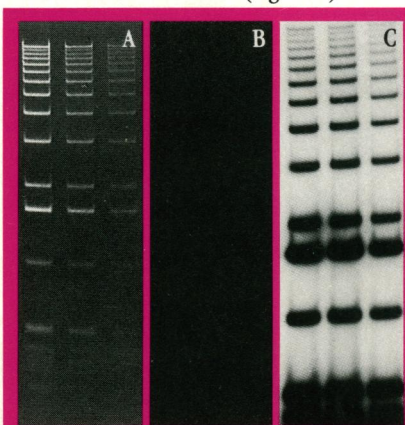


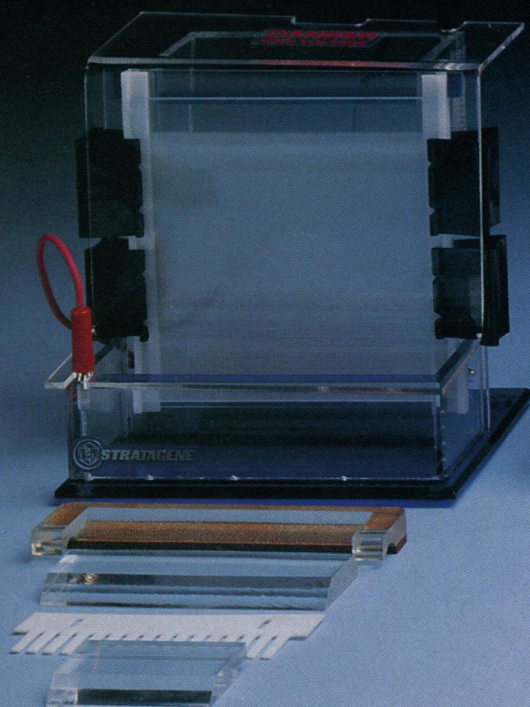
FIGURE 1:

Figure Legend: Fractionation of end labeled DNA markers on 3mm thick 0.8 % agarose by the VAGE apparatus and transfer to Duralon—UV™ membranes using the PosiBlot pressure blotter.

A. Ethidium stained gel showing high resolution.

B. Same gel after pressure blotting.

C. Autoradiogram of membrane after pressure transfer.



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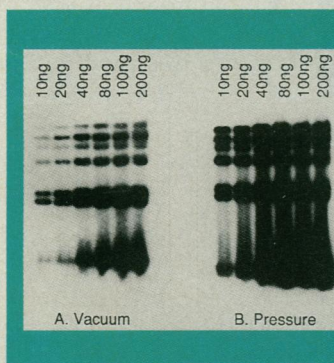


FIGURE 2:

Figure Legend: 32 P end-labeled lambda Hind III markers were electrophoresed in 0.8% agarose. The DNA was then transferred to a nylon membrane with a vacuum blotter at 30mm Hg below atmospheric or with the PosiBlot pressure blotter at 100mm Hg above atmospheric. Both transfers were carried out for 15 minutes. As can be seen, pressure blotting transferred significantly more DNA in the same period of time, especially in the higher molecular weight range (largest band is 23 kilobases).

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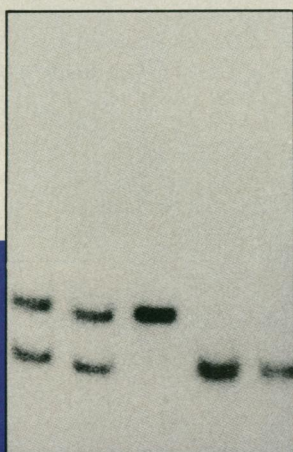


FIGURE 3:

Figure Legend: Autoradiogram showing the resolution of 2.8 and 1.3 Kb Msp I RFLP alleles revealed by a cystic fibrosis human DNA probe using the VAGE, PosiBlot and Stratalinker all in 2.5 hours.

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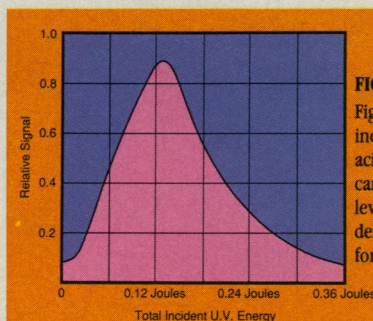


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Figure Legend: The effects of altering the incident energy for crosslinking nucleic acids to nylon membranes. The significant drop in signal intensity at energy levels below and above 0.12 Joules demonstrates the limited optimal range for UV treatment.

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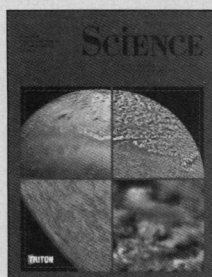
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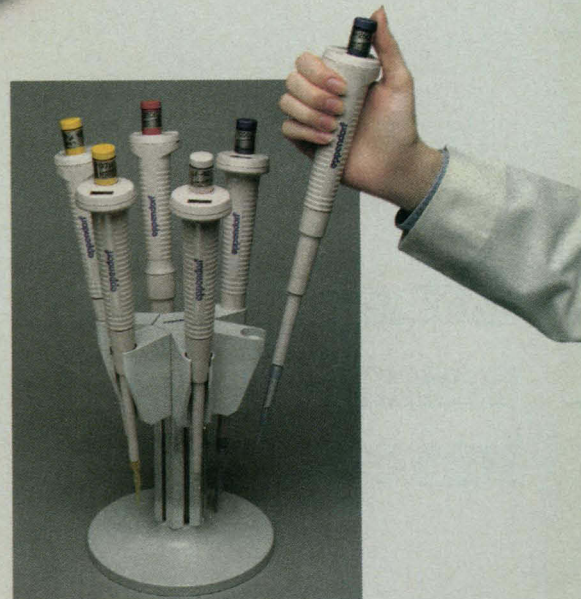
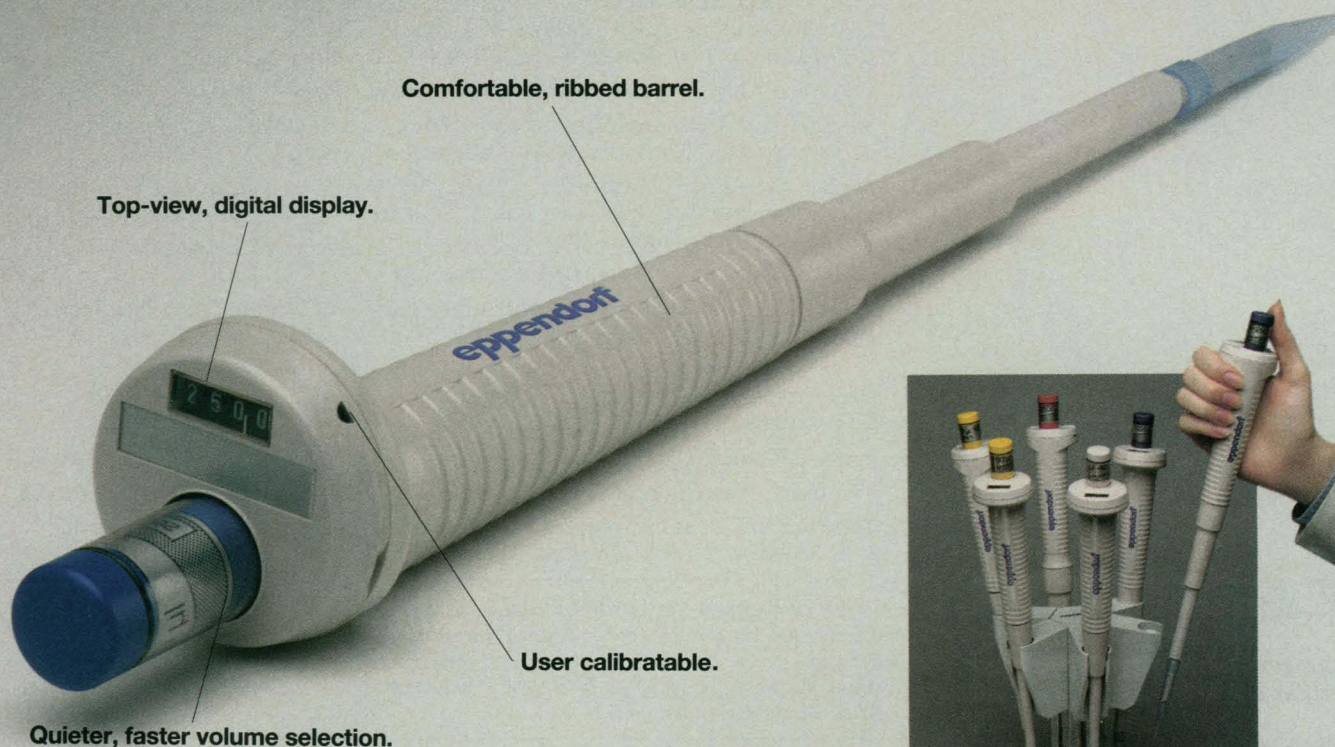
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Nuclear decay techniques

WHAT does a molecule look like after a radioactive ion in it has decayed? The remaining “decay ion” or “daughter ion” is usually charged, highly reactive, and unstable. Study of these species and of the end products of the reaction—which are neutral but from which the nature of precursor ions can be inferred—is helping to solve many of the puzzles of the structure, kinetics, and mechanisms of action of ions, especially in cases where ions are elusive reaction intermediates.

Cacace describes procedures for labeling starting materials and the steps that characterize their excitation and disruption; both chemical and spectral analyses contribute to the identification of the reaction products (page 392). Results of nuclear decay studies have led to new insights about ion structure and formation. This technology makes it possible to compare the reactions of a given ion in different types of media—low-pressure gases, liquids, and solids—because the same charged species can form in all kinds of reaction environments. In addition, nuclear decay studies have been useful in proving that certain elusive ionic species actually exist—such as the perbromate anion—and this has been followed by development of pathways for synthesizing previously evasive ions.

Vitamin A

VITAMIN A in the proper doses is crucial for fetal development, for vision, and for cell proliferation and differentiation throughout life. People need only a small amount of it in their daily diets, but when they don't get it they can suffer from blindness or become especially susceptible to infections; a severe vitamin A deficiency can even lead to death. Vitamin A is a fat-soluble substance. How it and its derivatives are processed in the gut, transported through the intestinal lymph into the general circulation, stored in cells, and later mobilized for use are topics reviewed by Blomhoff *et al.* (page 399). Stellate cells of the liver (and many other tissues when vitamin A is plentiful) store vitamin A, and they appear to be key to keeping vitamin A at a constant level in plasma despite fluctuations in daily uptake. A likely scenario for how vitamin A affects cellular processes is the following: after vitamin A is taken into a cell, it is oxidized to retinoic acid and then diffuses into the nucleus; there it binds to a specific nuclear receptor, several of which have been identified; this complex interacts with a responsive element (a short DNA sequence) to regulate the actions

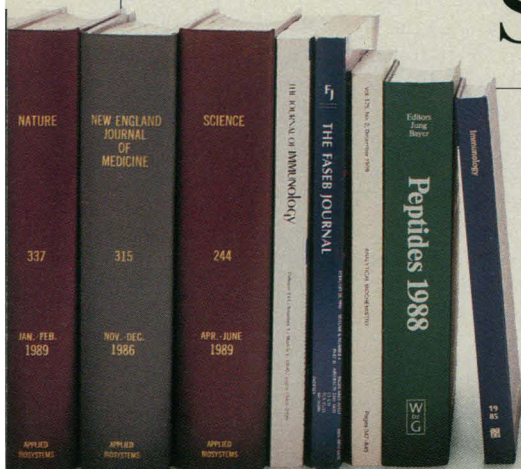
of nearby target genes. In a separate News article, Hoffman focuses on the role of vitamin A in vertebrate development: vitamin A is thought to act as a morphogen, a substance that spreads out over developing tissue and is instrumental in imprinting a pattern for development on undifferentiated embryonic tissue (page 372). What is still unclear (and what is the central question in developmental biology) is how this one substance can exert so many different effects at different times on so many different types of tissue.

Splicing RNA

In the nuclei of cells, precursor messenger RNA molecules are spliced together on a structure called the spliceosome. The RNA molecules contain messages assembled from noncontiguous pieces of chromosomal DNA and serve as templates from which, down the line, proteins are eventually produced. Spliceosomes are complex structures that have many components. Among them are five small nuclear RNA molecules that, working in conjunction with proteins, help to fold pieces of RNA into the right shapes and later splice them into the message. The most conserved of the small nuclear RNA molecules in both size and sequence is U6; its striking similarity in organisms as different as yeast and humans has led to the proposal that U6 is a central factor in the splicing process, perhaps serving as the splicing catalyst. Fabrizio and Abelson describe experiments in which U6 molecules with various point mutations were made (page 404). Two domains of U6—the central domain and the stem I region—were found to be important for proper splicing *in vitro*; some mutations prevented the proper formation of a spliceosome while others interfered with the completion of the two-step splicing process. These results are consistent with the proposal that precursor messenger RNA splicing may be catalyzed by RNA and that U6 may be one of the key RNA species involved.

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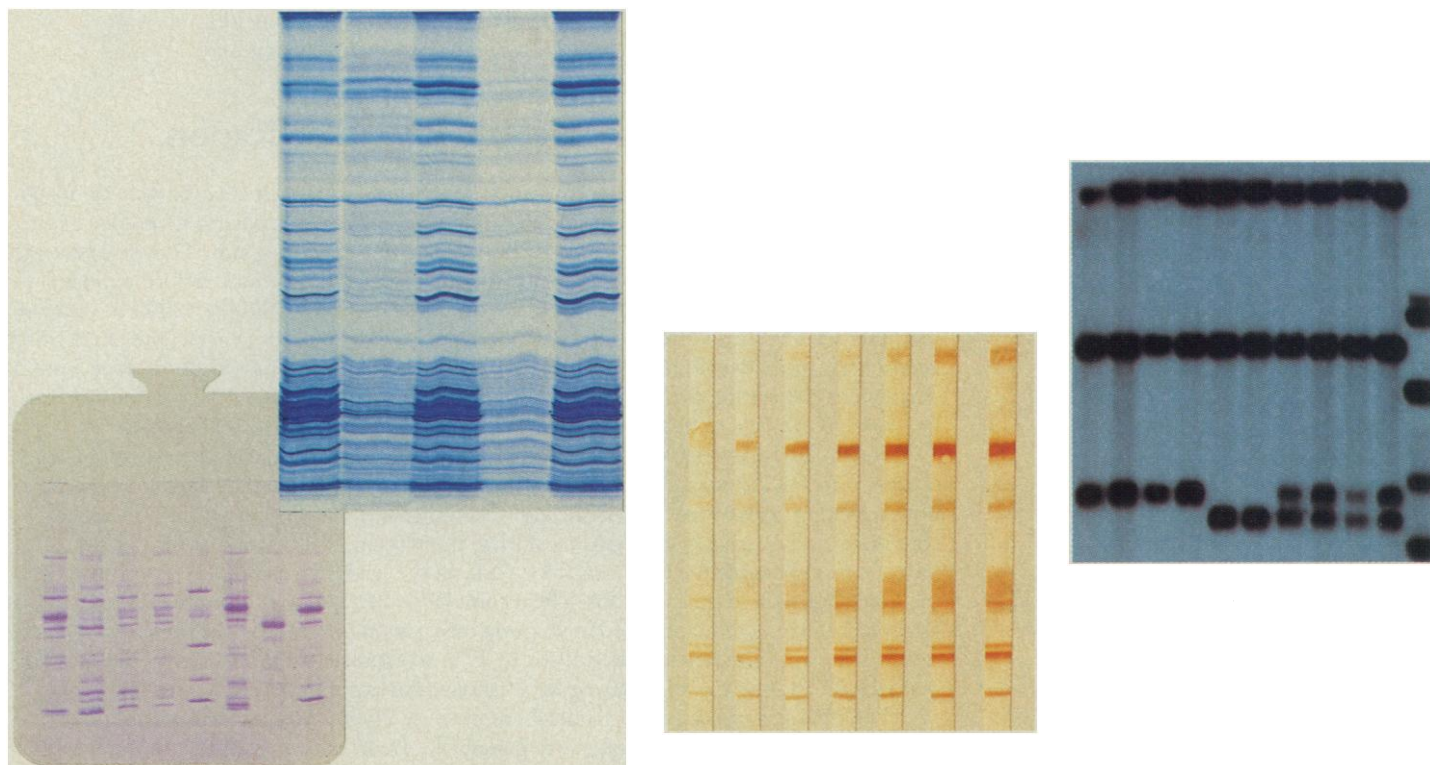
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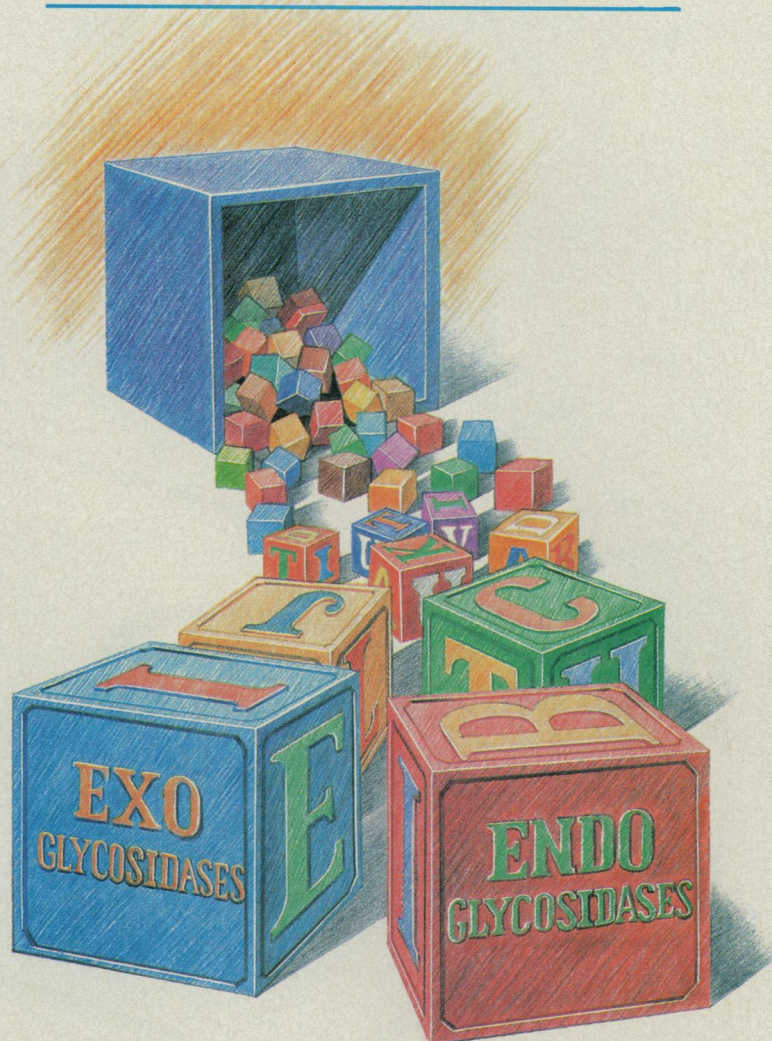
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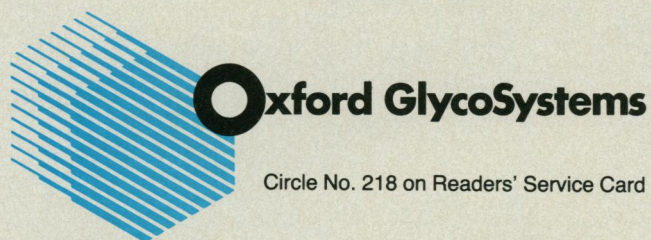
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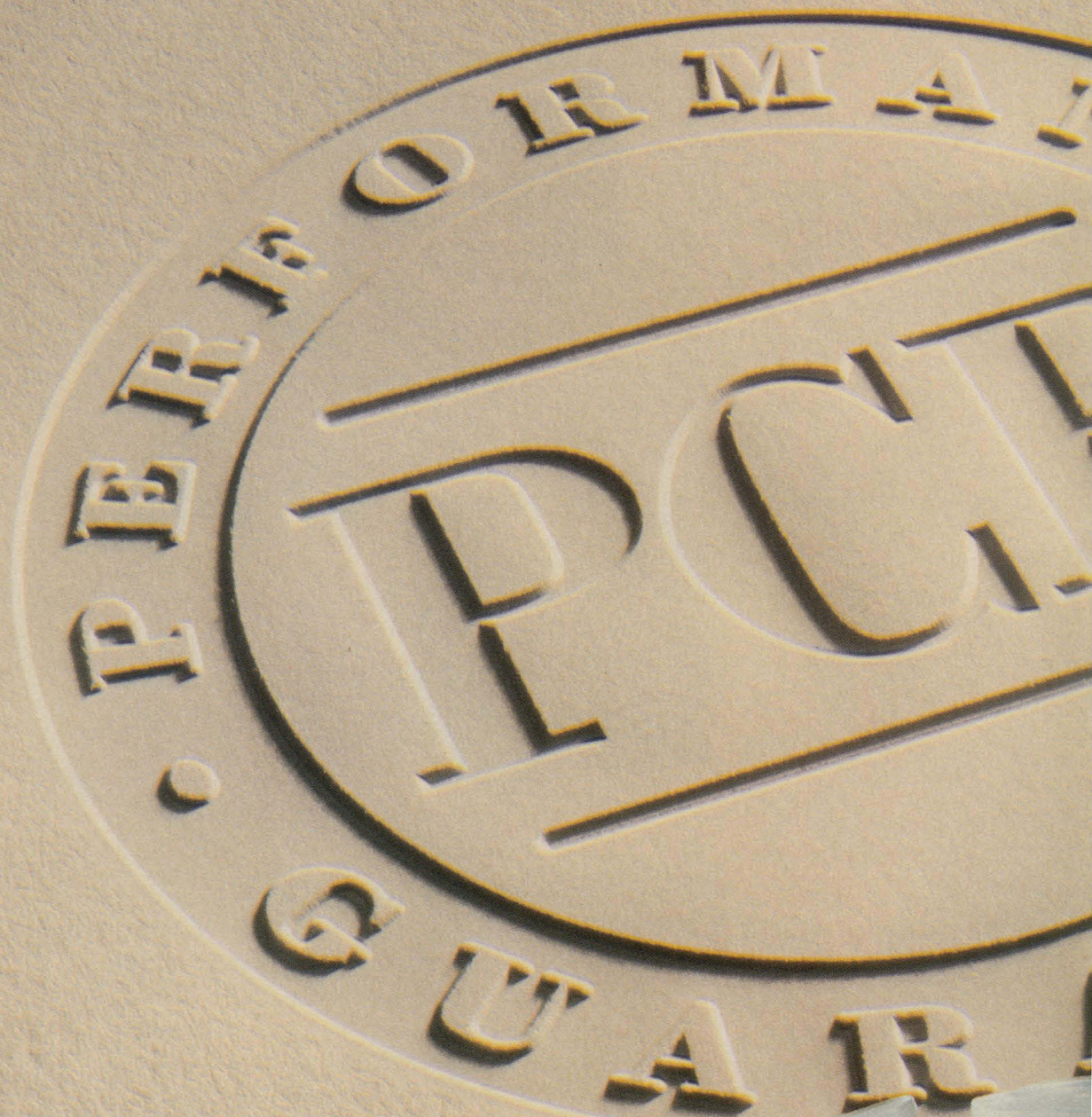
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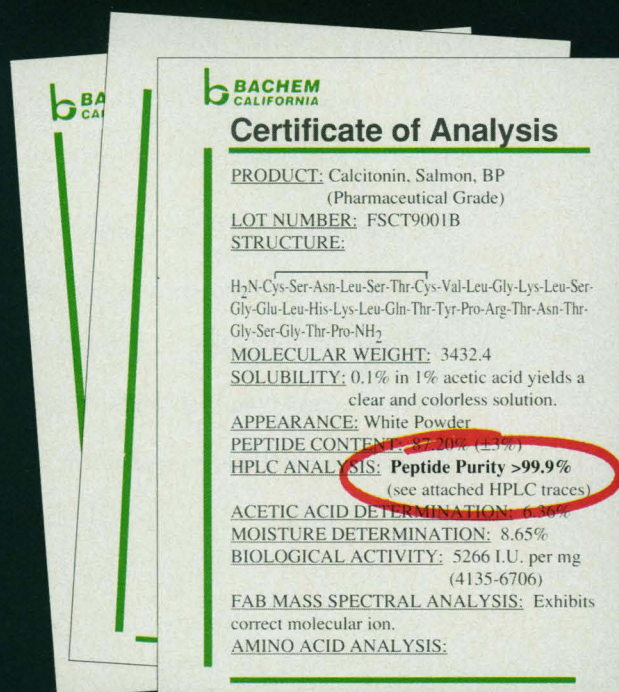
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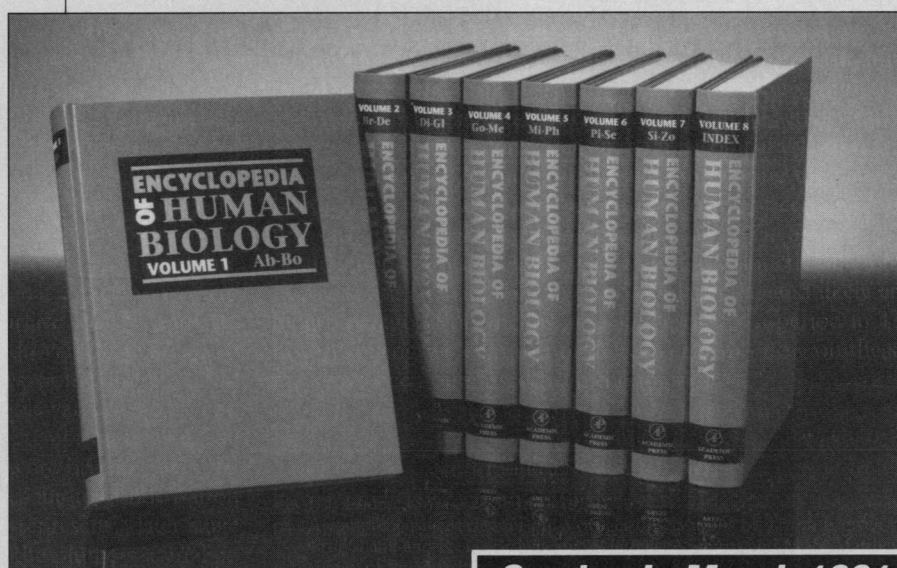
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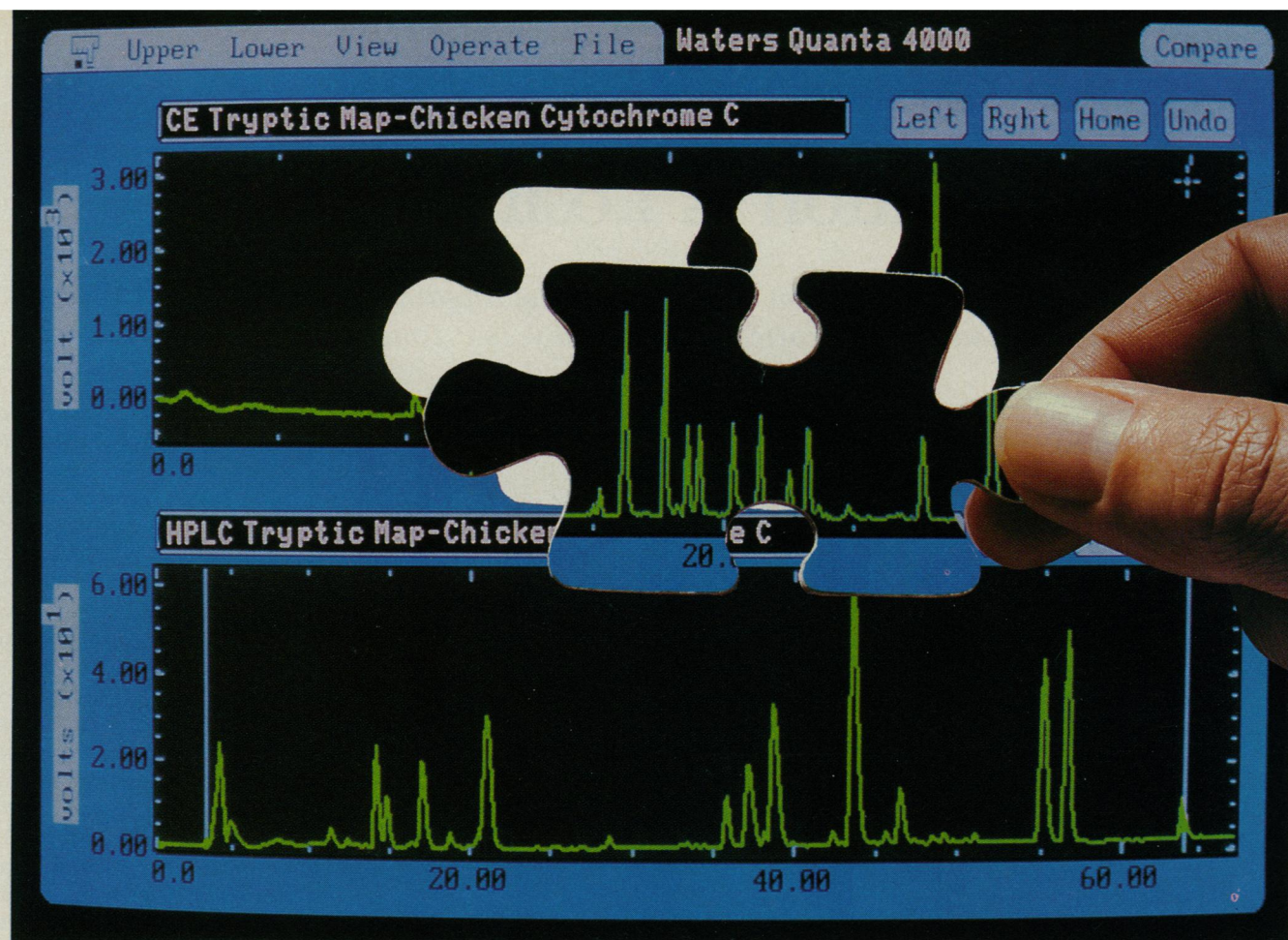
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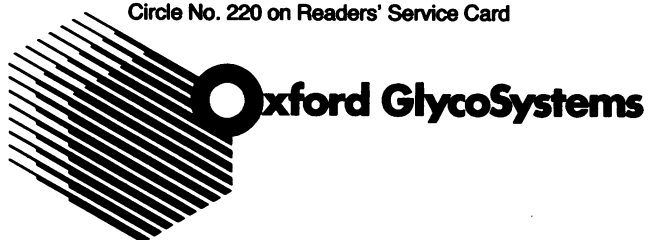
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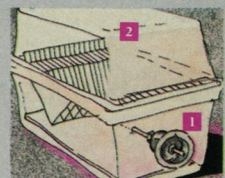
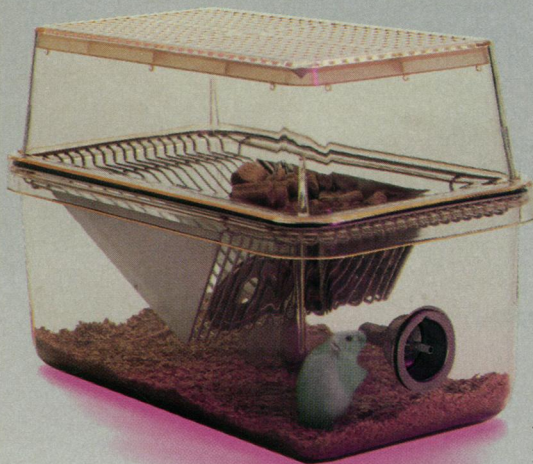
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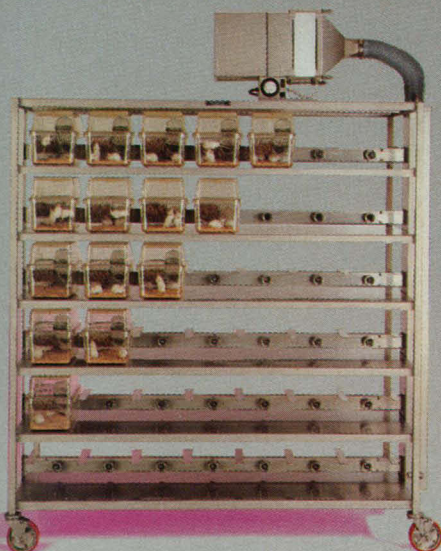
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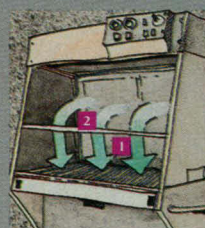
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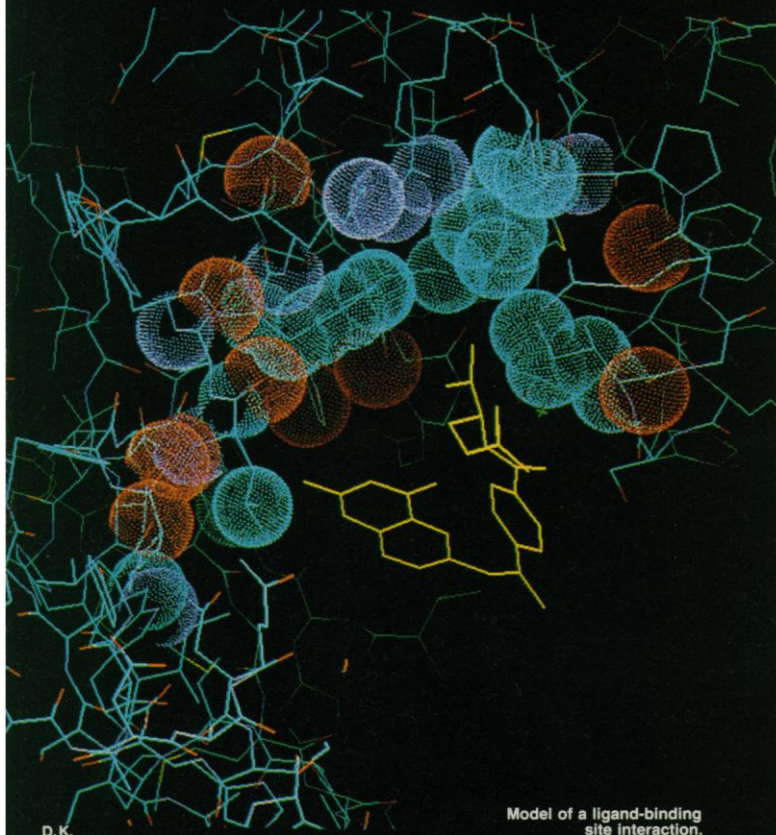
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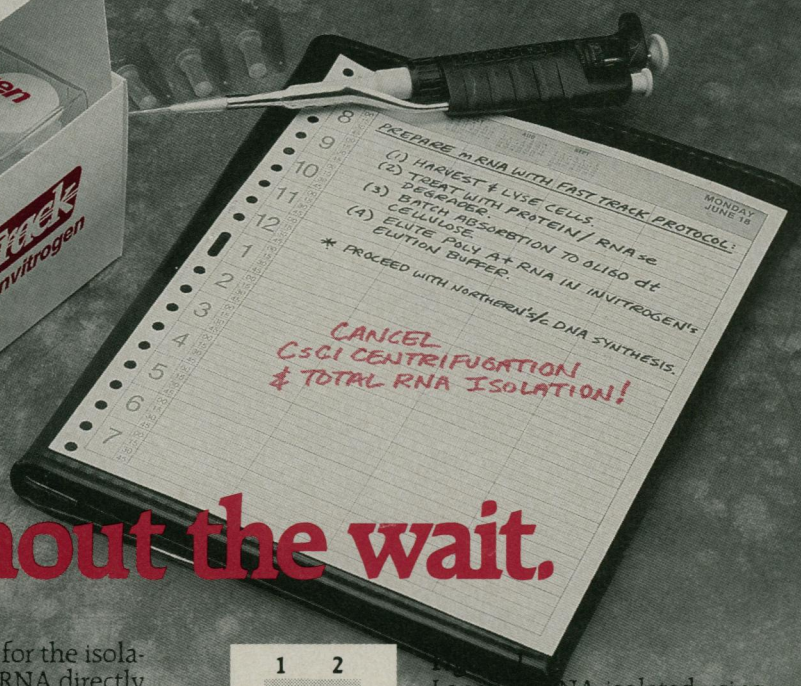
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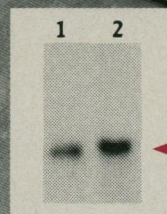
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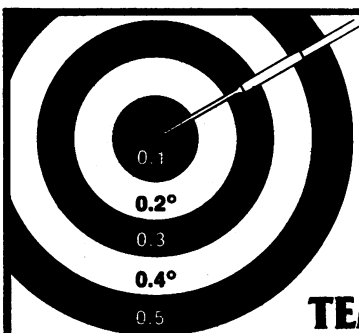
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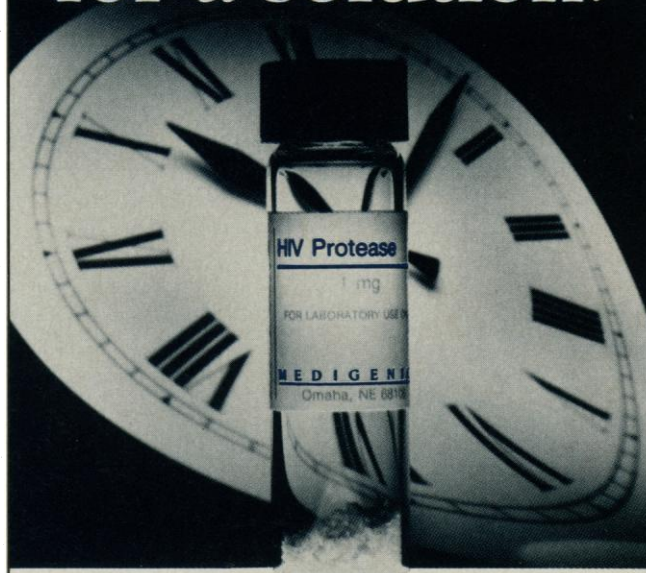
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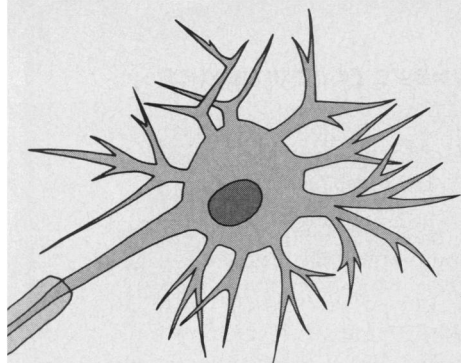
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To further promote the exchange of ideas and information, we have scheduled a poster session for all seminar registrants. You are invited to submit an abstract for a poster presentation to share your own research with the speakers and attendees. (See "Call for Neuroscience Poster Papers" on page 447.)

I hope that you will not only participate in this stimulating program but also encourage your students and colleagues to do the same. Space is limited, so register now. I look forward to seeing you in Washington.

— **Katrina L. Kelner**

Senior Editor, *Science Magazine*
and organizer of *The Neurosciences seminar*

Program

SATURDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

8:30 am: **Stimulus-Transcription Coupling in Neuronal Cells**

Presiding: **James I. Morgan** (*Roche Institute of Molecular Biology*)

Inducible Proto-Oncogenes in the Nervous System
—**James I. Morgan**

Regulation of Neuronal Gene Expression by Depolarization
—**Michael Greenberg** (*Harvard Medical School*)

Pleasure, Pain, and Proto-Oncogenes
—**Michael J. Iadarola** (*NIDR, NIH*)

NGF Induces Transcription of Genes Encoding Zinc-Finger Proteins
—**Jeffrey Milbrandt** (*Washington Univ. School of Medicine, St. Louis*)

2:30 pm: **Structure and Function of Potassium Channels**

Presiding: **Arthur M. Brown** (*Baylor College of Medicine*)

A Minimalist Potassium Channel
—**Arthur M. Brown**

Molecular Studies of Voltage-Gated Potassium Channels

—**Lily Y. Jan** (*Univ. of California at San Francisco*)

Structure-Function Correlations in a Family of Rat Brain Potassium Channels

—**Walter Stuhmer** (*Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany*)

Biophysical and Molecular Mechanisms of Potassium Channel Gating

—**Richard W. Aldrich** (*Stanford Univ. School of Medicine*)

SUNDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

8:30 am: **Olfaction and Taste**

Presiding: **Gordon M. Shepherd** (*Yale Univ. School of Medicine*)

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Plenary Lecture

Shosaku Numa (*Medical Chemistry and Molecular Genetics, Kyoto University Faculty of Medicine, Japan*)

Topic: "Molecular Insights into the Function of Neurotransmitter Receptors and Ionic Channels" (date/time TBA)

From Ions and Molecules to Perception and Cognition
—**Gordon M. Shepherd**

Molecular Mechanisms of Transduction in Olfaction:
A Model for Receptor-Ligand Signaling Systems
—**Stuart Firestein** (*Yale Univ. School of Medicine*)

Long-Term Potentiation and Serial Memory Processing
in the Olfactory Hippocampal Circuit
—**Gary S. Lynch** (*Center for Neurobiology of Learning, Univ. of California, Irvine*)

The Initial Events in Taste Transduction
—**Stephen D. Roper** (*Colorado State Univ.*)

Sensory Coding of Gustatory Information
—**David V. Smith** (*Univ. of Cincinnati*)

2:30 pm: **Activity Dependent Plasticity in Development and Learning**

Presiding: **Carla J. Shatz** (*Stanford Univ. School of Medicine*)

Long-Term Potentiation: A Cellular Model for Learning
—**Roger A. Nicoll** (*Univ. of California School of Medicine, San Francisco*)

Mechanisms for Use-Dependent Synaptic Plasticity in
the Developing and Mature Visual Cortex
—**Wolf Singer** (*Max Planck Inst., Frankfurt, Germany*)

Regulation of Synapse Stabilization by Regulation of
a Receptor System
—**Martha Constantine-Paton** (*Yale Univ.*)

Spontaneous Activity and the Patterning of Connections
in Fetal Development
—**Carla J. Shatz**

MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

8:30 am: **Cognitive Processes**

Presiding: **Larry Squire** (*Veterans Administration Medical Center, San Diego*)

Memory: Brain Systems and Cognition
—**Larry Squire**

Attentional Control of Visual Perception: Cortical and
Subcortical Mechanisms
—**Robert Desimone** (*Laboratory of Neuropsychology, NIMH, NIH*)

Components of High-Level Vision: A Cognitive
Neuroscience Analysis
—**Stephen Kosslyn** (*Harvard Univ.*)

Neural Circuits That Mediate Perceptual Judgments of
Motion Direction
—**William T. Newsome III** (*Stanford Univ. School of Medicine*)

2:30 pm: **Molecular Basis of Neurological Disease**

Presiding: **Joseph B. Martin** (*Univ. of California School of Medicine, San Francisco*)

Molecular Genetic Approaches to Identification of
Mutant Genes in Neurological Disorders
—**Joseph B. Martin**

Molecular Genetics of Retinoblastoma
—**Thaddeus P. Dryja** (*Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary*)

Role of the Amyloid Precursor Protein in the Molecular
Pathogenesis of Alzheimer's Disease
—**Dennis J. Selkoe** (*Center for Neurologic Diseases, Brigham and Women's Hospital*)

Molecular Biology and Genetics of Prions Causing
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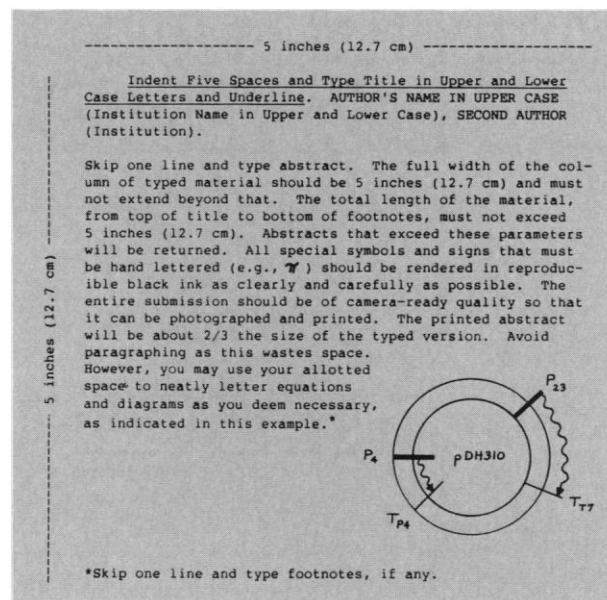
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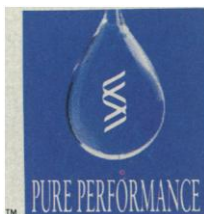
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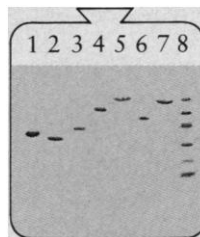


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