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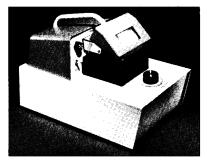
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Plasma Wave Accelerators

The long-term future of high-energy physics surely depends on innovation in charged-particle acceleration like the use of relativistic plasma waves reported recently (Ivan Amato, "Catching the wave of a new accelerator," Research News, 5 Feb., p. 765). Still, it is a bit early to dream "of doing the SSC's [Superconducting Super Collider's] job in a setup only a few city blocks long." Chris Clayton et al. reported in Physical Review Letters (1) that up to 7 million electron volts of energy were added to electrons by the plasma waves in a distance of about 1 centimeter. To reach the 20-trillion-electron-volt level of the SSC would still require about 3×10^6 centimeters, even if one assumed this gradient could be maintained for such a distance. The two hypothesized colliding linear accelerators would evidently stretch some 60 kilometers. This is rather more than a few city blocks, even in Texas.

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Correction: Omitted Author

Through an inadvertent error on my part, I neglected to include the name of one author—Giovina Ruberti—of the report "Requirement for CD8+ cells in T cell receptor peptide–induced clonal unresponsiveness" (1 Jan., p. 91). The correct order of the authors is as follows: Amitabh Gaur, Giovina Ruberti, Richard Haspel, John P. Mayer, and myself.

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The illustrations on page 763 accompanying Marcia Barinaga's Research News article "Death gives birth to the nervous system. But how?" (5 Feb., p. 762) should have been credited to Michael Hengartner and Robert Horvitz.

In the article "Light emission from silicon" by S. S. Iyer and Y.-H. Xie (2 Apr., p. 40), the title in reference 33 on page 46 should have read, "Extended Abstracts of the 1992 Solid-State Devices and Materials Conference."