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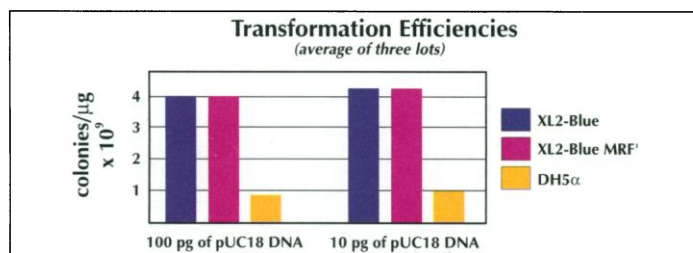
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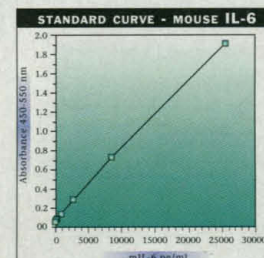
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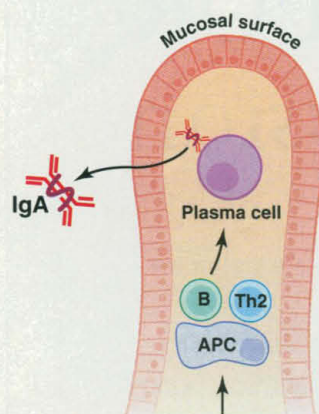
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Hominid hand bones from Swartkrans Cave, South Africa. Comparative anatomy of the thumb, from *Paranthropus robustus* (about 1.8 million years ago), shows that this hominid could use tools. Other hominids found along with tools in deposits younger than

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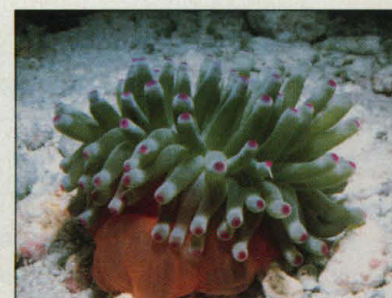
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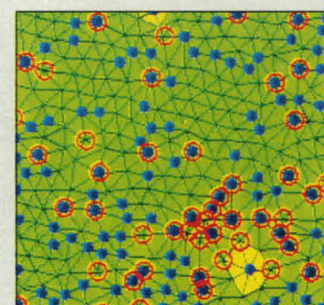
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Whale watching

Although whales continue to be hunted, only certain species can be taken legally. In a Policy Forum, Baker and Palumbi (p. 1538) present molecular genetics evidence that some of the commercially available whale products obtained from retail markets in Japan are from species whose hunting has been banned, such as fin and humpback whales. They argue that monitoring the products rather than just the catch is necessary to protect endangered whales.

Ravaged reefs

As recently as 1970, coral reefs nearly surrounded the island of Jamaica in the Caribbean Sea and served as a focus for the study of coral reef ecosystems and dynamics. In the past two decades, however, the reefs have degraded dramatically. In an Article, Hughes (p. 1547) describes the changes in the reefs and in the associated ecosystems and investigates the factors, including overfishing, pollution, and storms that led to the changes. Benthic algal communities rather than reefs now surround much of the island.

Back and forth

Bragg or coherent scattering in x-ray diffraction from a solid arises from a plane of atoms. If a crystal is aligned such that the scattered x-rays are reflected back along the path of the incident rays, then these two beams can interfere, and with careful alignment an x-ray standing wave can be set up. This standing wave propagates into the crystal, and atoms may absorb these x-rays and fluoresce. Qian *et al.* (p. 1555) used this standing wave technique to achieve

Defects and flux pinning

A superconductor can carry only so much current at a given temperature and remain a superconductor; the magnetic field caused by the flowing current disrupts the superconducting state. Also, in the high-temperature copper oxide superconductors, the magnetic flux lines resulting from flowing currents need to be pinned to defect sites; moving flux lines also lead to electrical resistance. Dai *et al.* (p. 1552) deliberately introduced columnar defects into $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_8$ superconductors by heavy-ion irradiation. They chemically etched these samples to identify the defect sites by scanning electron microscopy, and at the same time determined the structure of the flux line lattice by studying the distribution of magnetic iron clusters that were used to decorate the surface. They find that flux lines occupy only certain defect sites, suggesting that improvements in pinning may be possible.

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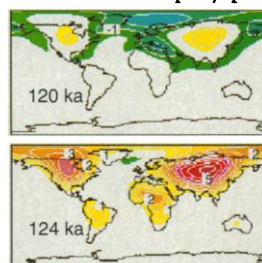
Put in its place

Ophiolites are presumed pieces of oceanic crust and mantle that have been emplaced onto continents. Although studied for clues to the nature of mid-ocean ridges, their exact origins and evolution have been uncertain. By comparing dates from the Samail ophiolite in Oman and the metamorphic rocks underneath it, Hacker (p. 1563) suggests that this well-studied ophiolite was emplaced and cooled rapidly, within about 1 million years of its crystallization. The short time span implies that the ophiolite formed close to cold continental or oceanic crust, not in the middle of an ocean basin.

High seas

A key problem for understanding the effects of Earth's orbital variations on climate is the timing of high stands of sea level during the last interglacial period. Some recent studies seem to suggest that sea level crested

several thousand years before the peak in solar insolation in the Northern Hemisphere approximately 126,000 years ago. The peak is complicated, however, because variations in insolation due to obliquity peaked



before those due to precession, rather than together as in the Holocene. Crowley and Kim (p. 1566) used a climate model to show that this complicated pattern of forcing can account for the early high sea-level stands.

Lost their lines

The diversity of mature blood cells has its origins in stem cells, which progress through a hierarchy of developmental intermediates. Scott *et al.* (p. 1573) found that mouse embryos that were homozygous for a mutation in the gene locus of the transcription factor PU.1, which was targeted to stem cells, died at a late gestational stage. Develop-

ment of megakaryocytes and erythroid progenitors was normal, but progenitors of B and T cells, monocytes, and granulocytes were missing. These results suggest the existence of a lymphoid-myeloid multilineage progenitor that depends on PU.1 expression.

p53 at the switch

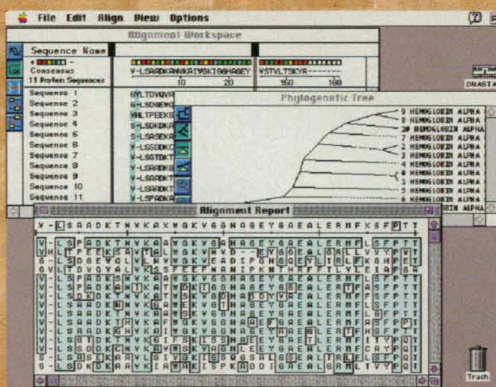
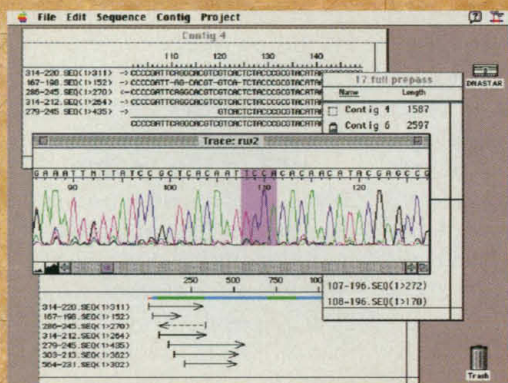
Tumor cells must stimulate angiogenesis (the formation of new blood vessels) in order to grow and metastasize efficiently. Dameron *et al.* (p. 1582) show that in human fibroblasts, the switch from a nonangiogenic to an angiogenic phenotype coincides with loss of the tumor suppressor gene p53. This switch appears to be mediated through reduced production of thrombospondin-1, an inhibitor of angiogenesis whose expression is positively regulated by p53.

Less virulent

The two types of human immunodeficiency viruses, HIV-1 and HIV-2, differ in their geographic distributions; HIV-1 usually predominates, but in some areas, such as West Africa, HIV-2 is more prevalent. Fewer AIDS cases have been reported in West Africa than in Central and East Africa. Marlink *et al.* (p. 1587) surveyed HIV-1 and HIV-2 infection and disease in female sex workers in Senegal from 1985 to 1993. They found that HIV-2 is less virulent: 5 years after seroconversion, one-third of the women infected with HIV-1 had developed AIDS symptoms, whereas none of the women infected with HIV-2 were symptomatic. The rate of developing abnormal CD4⁺ cell counts was also less for HIV-2 infection.

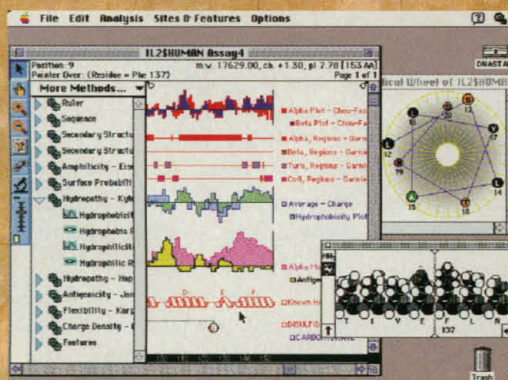
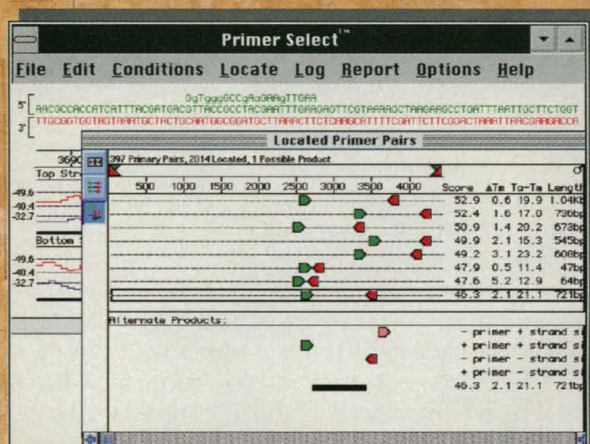
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- Gerald Holton said so in *Science and Anti-Science*
- Richard S. Nicholson said so in *Science* (vol. 261)
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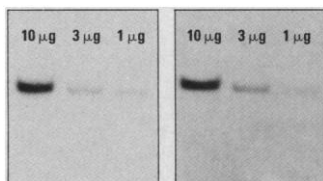
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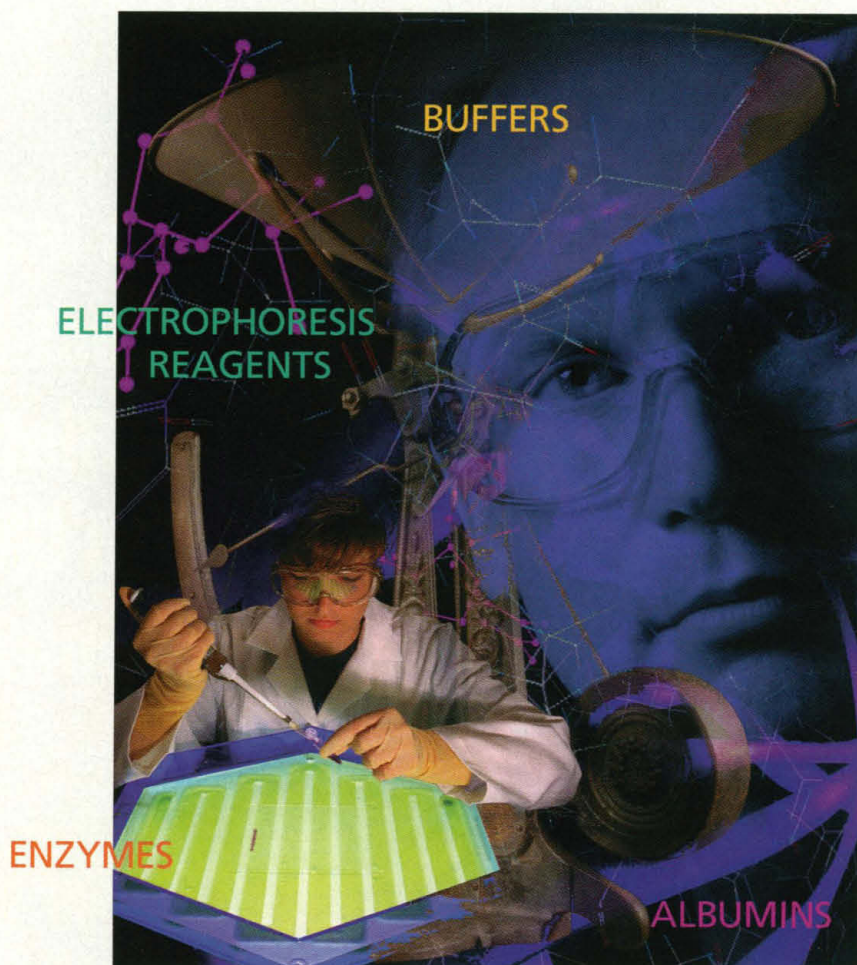


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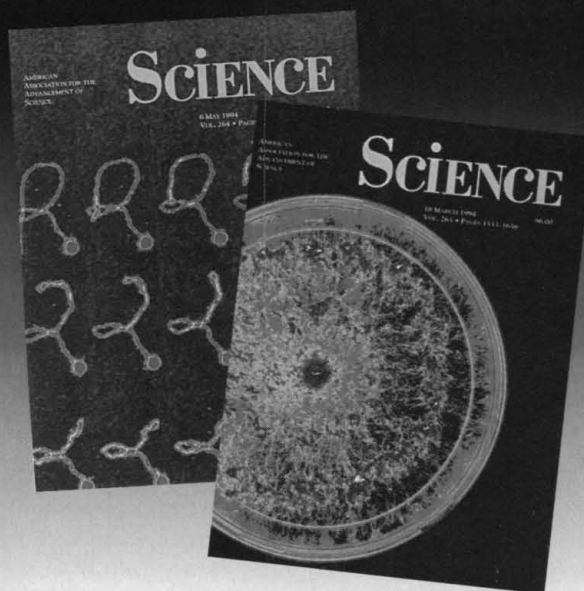
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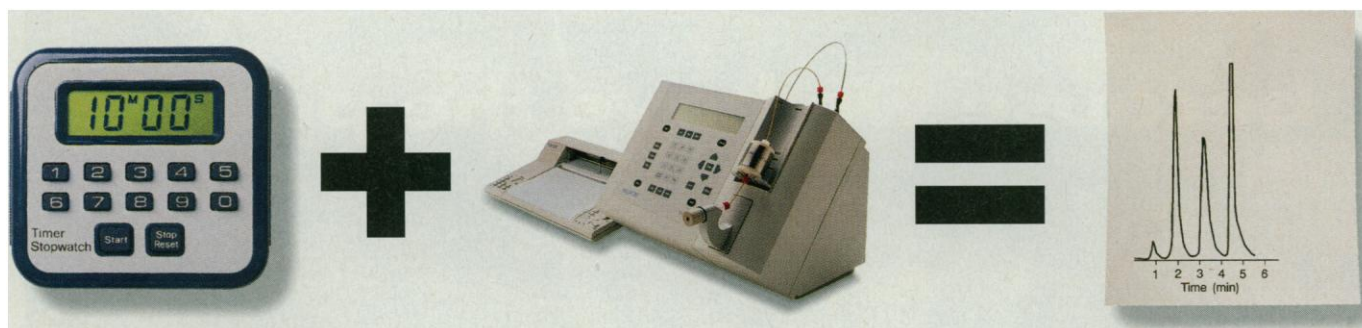
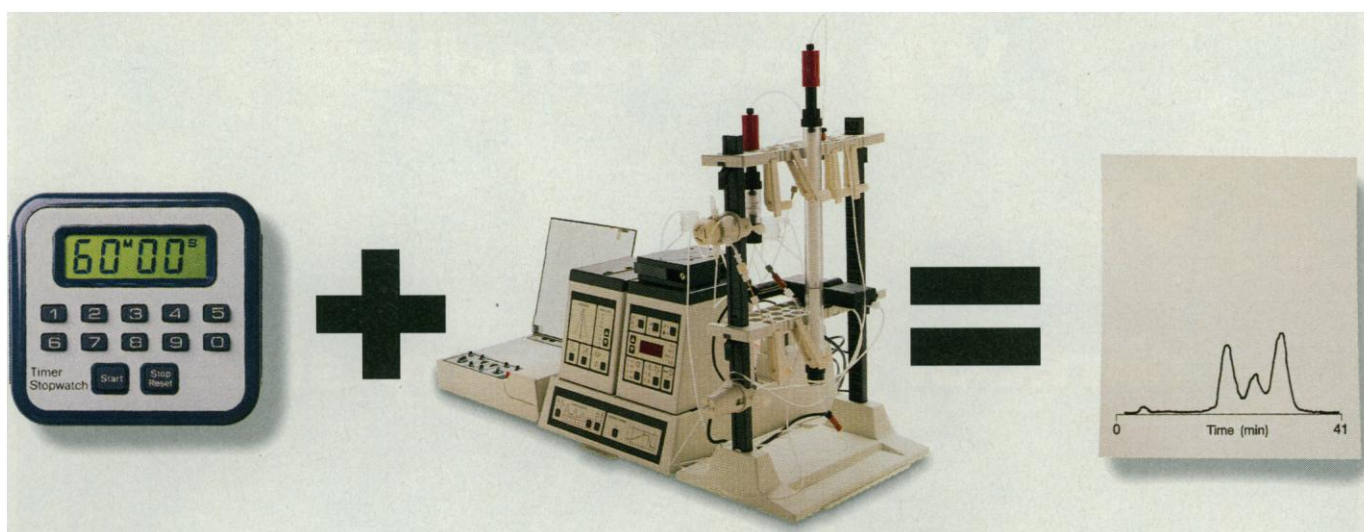
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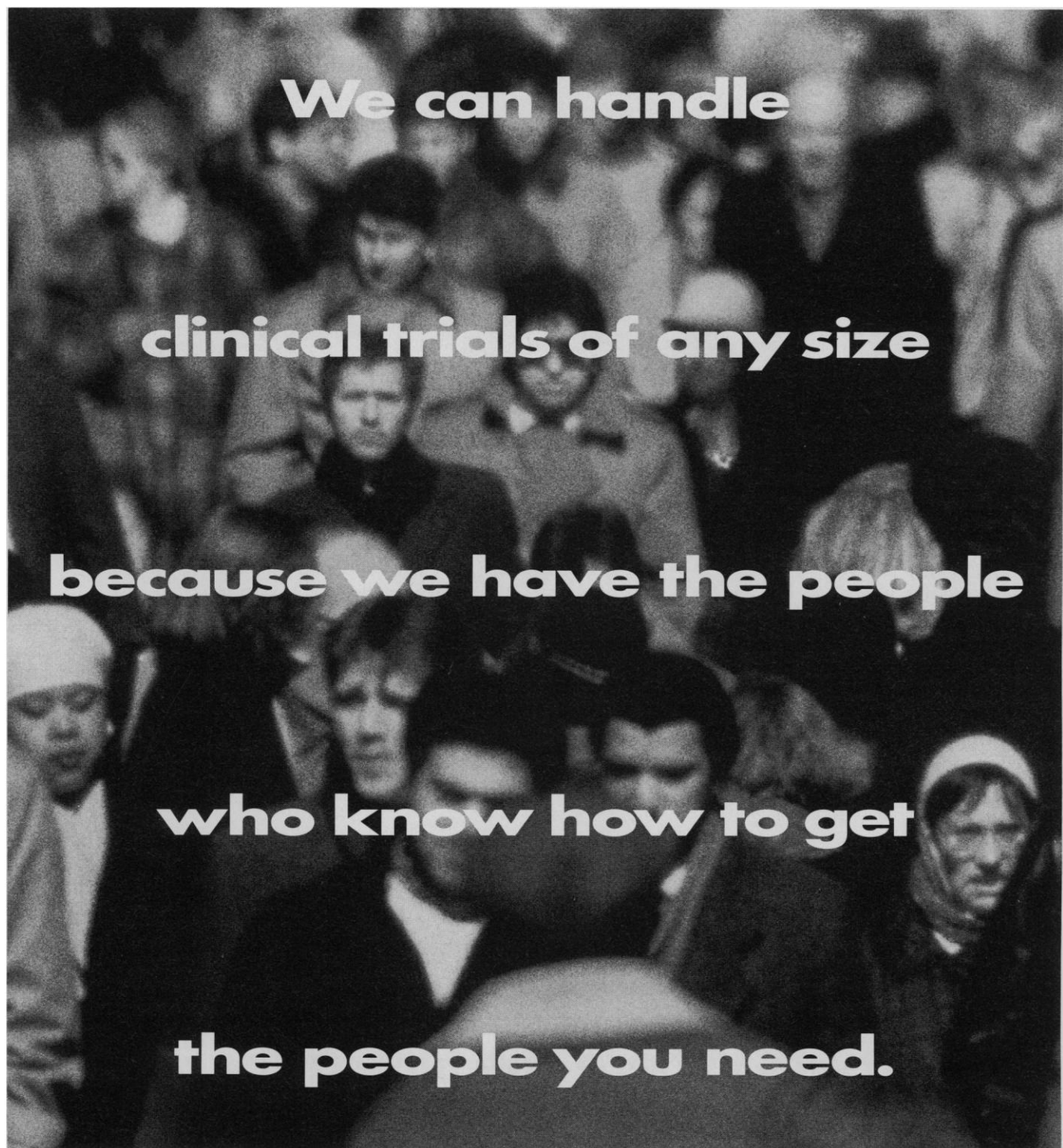
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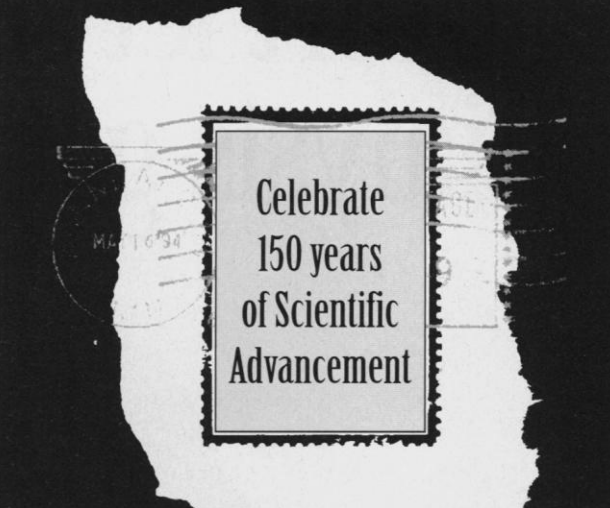
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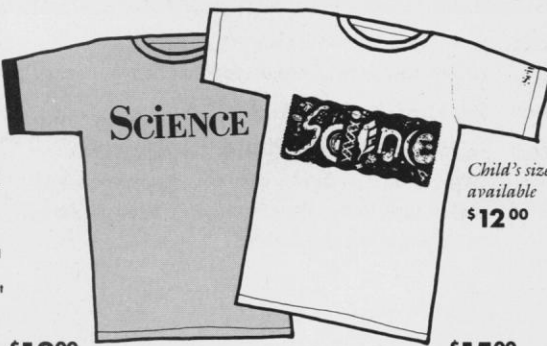
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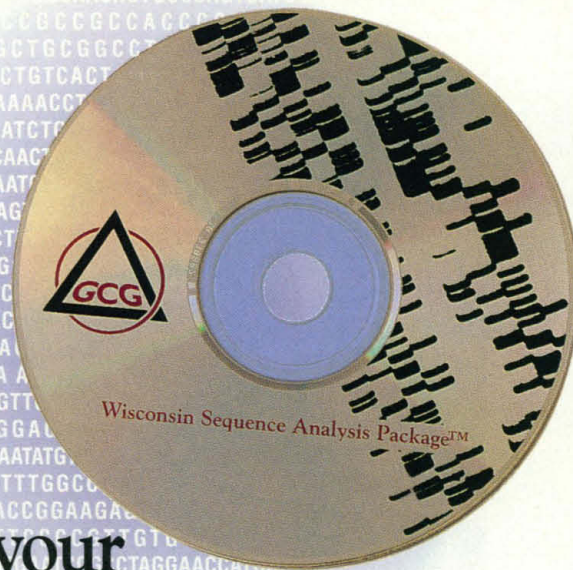
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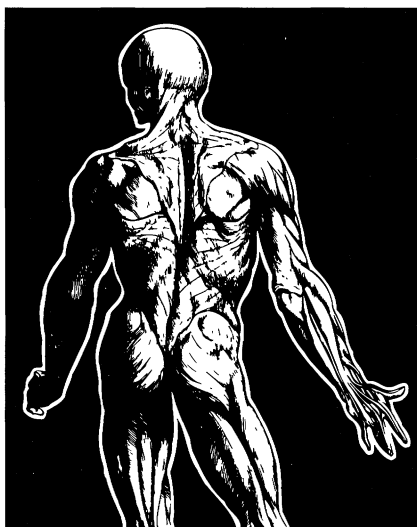
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

**Plenary Session I: Genome Analysis –
The New Frontier**

*"Human Gene Identification by Positional
Cloning"*

Dr. Francis Collins, National Center for
Human Genome Research

*"Genetic Basis of Human Colorectal
Cancer"*

Dr. Bert Vogelstein, Johns Hopkins
Oncology Center

*"Mapping Genes and Genomes: Genetic
Dissection of Complex Traits"*

Dr. Eric Lander, Whitehead Institute/
MIT

"Human Genome Diversity"

Dr. Mary Claire King, University of
California, School of Public Health

"Manipulating Cancer Genes in the Mouse"

Dr. Harold Varmus, National Institutes
of Health

*"Intellectual Property: DNA and its
Offspring"*

Dr. Kate Murashige, Morrison &
Foerster

*"Presymptomatic Diagnosis of Self and
Progeny"*

Dr. C. Thomas Caskey, HUGO

Concurrent Sessions

M1 *"New Methods of DNA-Based
Diagnosis"*

Dr. Stephen P.A. Fodor,
Affymetrix, Inc.

M2 *"Human Gene Identification"*

Dr. Kay E. Davies, Institute of
Molecular Medicine, University
of Oxford

M3 *"Social and Scientific Issues in
Genetic Testing"*

Dr. Nancy Wexler, Hereditary
Disease Foundation

M4 *"Gene Therapy"*

Dr. Inder M. Verma, The Salk
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Plenary Session II: Development and
Signal Transduction**

**Special Guest: Donna Shalala, U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services**

"MYOD & Myogenesis"

Dr. Harold Weintraub, Fred
Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

"Genome Analysis in the Mouse"

Dr. Shirley M. Tilghman, Princeton
University

"Pax: Genes for Mice and Men"

Dr. Peter Gruss, Max Planck Institute
of Biophysical Chemistry, Germany

*"From an Interferon Clone to the
Regulation of Oncogenesis"*

Dr. Tadatsugu Taniguchi, Institute for
Molecular and Cellular Biology,
Osaka University

"C. elegans Genome Project"

Dr. Richard Wilson, Washington
University Medical School

*"Small GTPases – Switching on Biological
Responses"*

Dr. Alan Hall, MRC Laboratory for
Molecular Cell Biology, U.K.

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T1 *"Gene Targeting"*

Dr. Elizabeth Robertson, Harvard
University

T2 *"Sequence to Function"*

Dr. Temple F. Smith, Biomolecular
Engineering Research Center,
Boston University

T3 *"Education and the Human Genome
Project"*

Dr. Paula Gregory, National Center
for Human Genome Research, NIH

T4 *"Chromatin Structure and the
Regulation of Gene Expression"*

Dr. Gary Felsenfeld, Laboratory of
Molecular Biology, NIH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Plenary Session III: Mapping

*"Toward the Ultimate Generation of an
Integrated Map of the Human Genome"*

Dr. Daniel Cohen, C.E.P.H., France

*"Application of High Resolution Genetic
Maps to Studies of Common Disorders"*

Dr. Jeffrey C. Murray, University of
Iowa

"Yeast Genome Project"

Dr. André Goffeau, Université
Catholique de Louvain, Unité de
Biochimie Physiologique

*"The Drosophila Genome Project – a
Progress Report"*

Dr. Gerald M. Rubin, University of
California

*"Status and Prospects for the Complete
Human Genome Sequence"*

Dr. Richard A. Gibbs, Baylor College
of Medicine

*"High Speed DNA Sequencing: Present and
Future Technologies"*

Dr. Lloyd M. Smith, University of
Wisconsin

"Towards a Complete Set of Human Genes"

Dr. J. Craig Venter, The Institute for
Genomic Research

**Plenary Session IV: Mapping and
Applications**

*"Vertically Integrated Mapping and
Sequencing of Human DNA"*

Dr. Maynard Olson, University of
Washington School of Medicine

"Interpreting Genes and Genomes"

Dr. David J. Lipman, NIH, National
Library of Medicine

"Some Applications of a Genome Library"

Dr. Melvin Simon, California Institute
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