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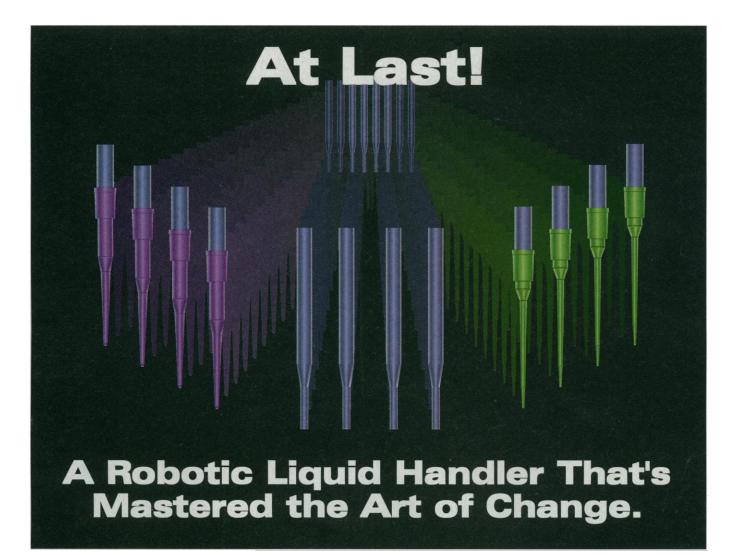


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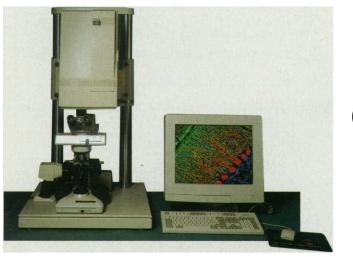
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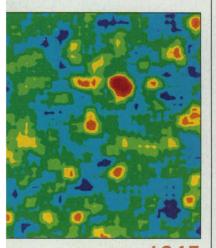
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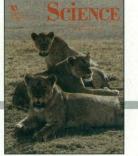
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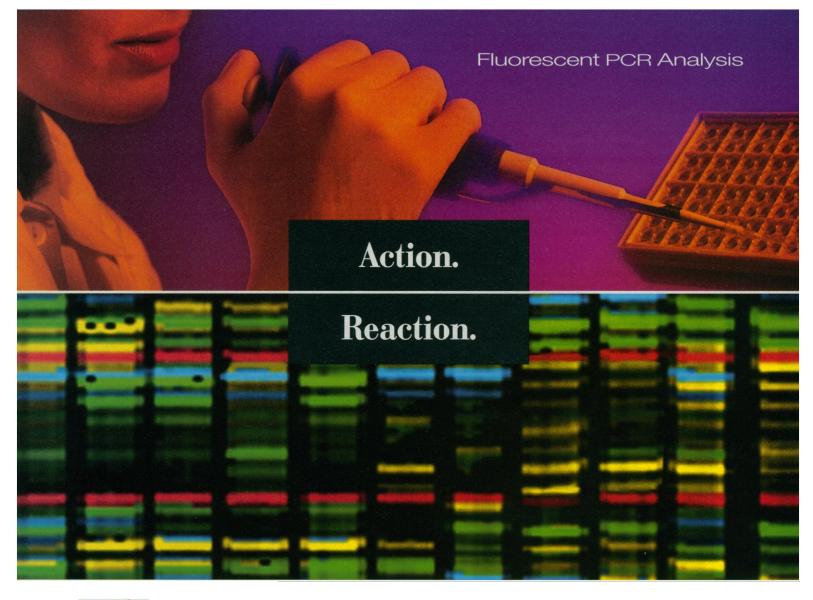
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This Week in Science

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The ends to growth

Telomerase is an RNA-protein complex that adds small repetitive sequences to the ends of chromosomes, called telomeres, to preserve the integrity of the genome. Feng et al. (p. 1236) have now cloned the RNA component of the human telomerase and Blasco et al. (p. 1267) have cloned the mouse version. Blocking the human telomerase RNA in an immortal human cell line caused the cells to lose telomeric DNA and begin to die after about 25 population doublings. Telomerase seems critical, therefore, for maintaining unbridled growth.

A galactic scale

Distributions of galaxies and galaxy clusters may reveal clues as to how they formed. Twopoint correlation functions are often used to describe such distributions, but the power-law shapes of these functions, which describe features such as x-ray clusters and radio galaxies well, do not work as well for optical galaxies. For example, optical galaxies are less correlated than the larger scale galaxy clusters. Martinez et al. (p. 1245) found that correlation integrals can be used to describe these distributions in terms of multiscaling, in which the characteristic exponent of the distribution is allowed to slowly change as the overall scale increases.

Neutral patterning I

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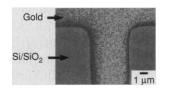
Hearing hydrogen

The interior of Jupiter is primarily hydrogen at extreme pressure and temperature. As for the case of seismic waves on Earth, measurements of the global oscillations of Jupiter—reflecting the speed of sound through the planet—provide a clue as to the nature of hydrogen in the interior, but must be compared with experimental measurements. Nellis *et al.* (p. 1249) obtained shock temperature data to derive the equation of the state of hydrogen to 87 gigapascals, and thereby infer the speed of sound through hydrogen plasma. Alavi *et al.* (p. 1252) obtain an independent estimate of sound speed from ab initio calculations. The experimental and theoretical results essentially agree, but yield values considerably less than that predicted from the oscillation data. In a Perspective, Hemley (p. 1233) highlights some of the implications for Jupiter's interior.

pounds that are usually costly and toxic. Bagshaw *et al.* (p. 1242) show that nonionic (neutrally charged) polyethylene oxide surfactants, which are inexpensive and nontoxic, can be used as templates for the synthesis of both silica and alumina mesoporous materials.

Neutral patterning II

Microlithography is used to create the circuitry of electronic chips. New methods are being explored to help shrink devices further. Berggren *et al.* (p. 1255) describe a form of lithography



in which neutral atoms, rather than ultraviolet or x-ray photons, are used to pattern a device. Beams of argon atoms were used to create damage patterns on self-assembled monolayers of dodecanethiolate on gold with an edge resolution of <100 nanometers. Ferricyanide etching removed gold from the damaged regions so that further etching could transfer the patterns to an underlying silicon layer.

Getting into the web

Ecological communities can be described in terms of food webs. which model the interrelationships of all of the food chains. Determining the direction and strength of interactions among populations or groups of species is approached differently by theorists and experimentalists: Theorists have often assumed these values, whereas experimentalists have determined them by manipulating species density. De Ruiter et al. (p. 1257) have linked these approaches by deriving interaction strengths based on measurements on seven soil food webs from native and farm soils. They find that certain links are more important in stabilizing the food web and also that the amount of energy flowing through a link can be unrelated to its importance in keeping the food web stable.

A developing front

The central nervous system of *Drosophila* begins to develop from neuroectodermal and midline cells shortly after gastrulation. Udolph*etal.* (p. 1278) examined the fate of cells after transplantation along the dor-

sal ventral axis during early gastrulation to discern when they are determined to form central nervous system (CNS) lineages. When ventral neuroectodermal cells and midline cells were transplanted dorsally, the transplanted cells migrated ventrally and produced CNS lineages consistent with their site of origin. Dorsal neuroectodermal cells transplanted ventrally however, produced lineages consistent with their new ventral location. These data suggest that the ventral midline and adjacent neuroectoderm may produce signals that provide ventral identities to the ventral CNS precursors.

Telltale target

Tumor-specific antigens (TSAs) are molecules that are produced exclusively in tumors and therefore constitute ideal targets for an immunologic response. Wölfel et al. (p. 1281) have identified a TSA in a human melanoma as a mutated version of cyclin-dependent kinase 4 (CDK4), a key regulator of cell cycle progression. The altered CDK4 contained a single amino acid change that rendered it insensitive to the CDK inhibitor, p16. Thus, the mutant CDK is not only antigenic but is likely to play a contributory role in tumorigenesis.

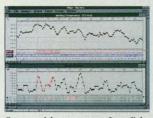
Endangered act

The Endangered Species Act has come under close scrutiny recently as it is up for reauthorization. In a policy forum, Eisner *et al.* (p. 1231) overview the scientific basis for the act and suggest several ways it could be improved. A news story by Stone (p. 1212) scopes out the upcoming congressional debate.

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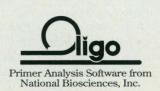
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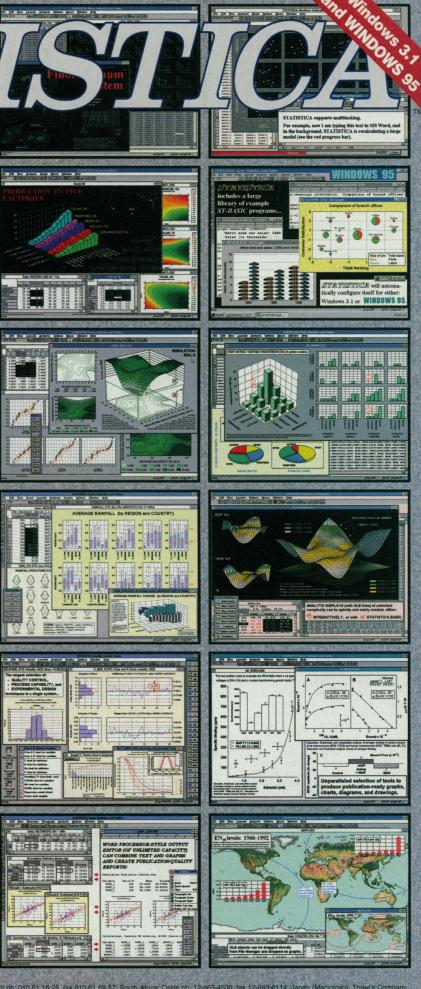
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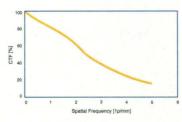


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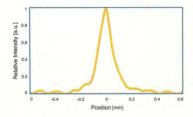


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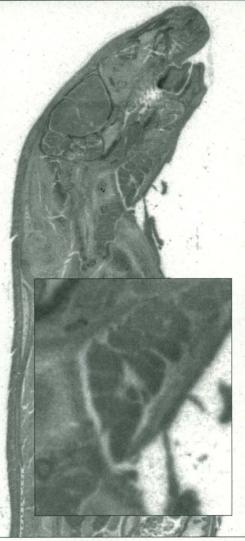
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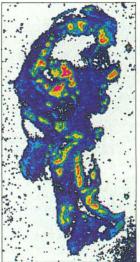
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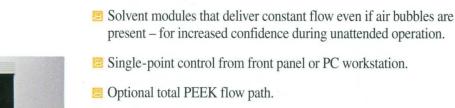
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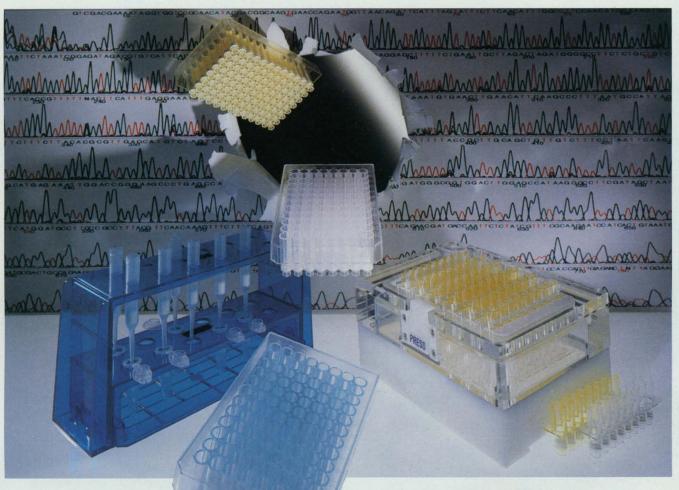
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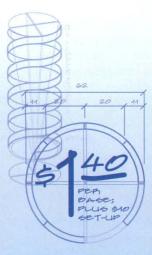
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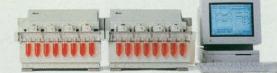
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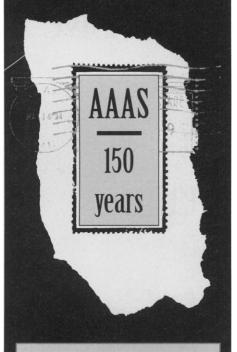
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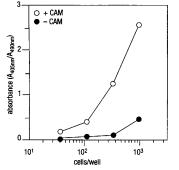


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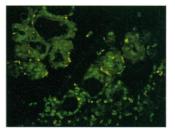
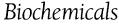


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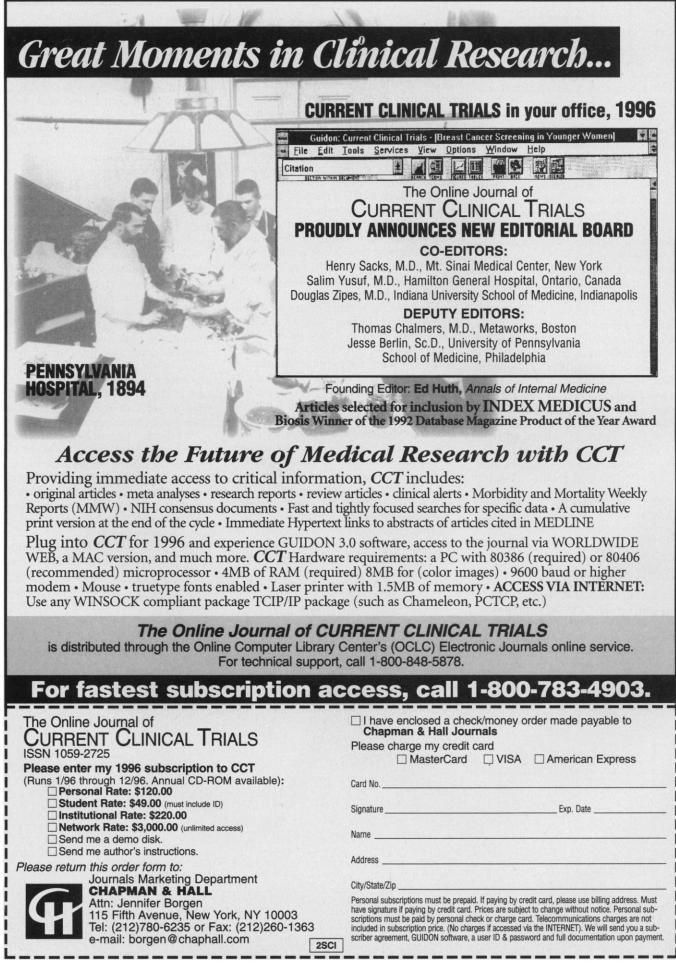
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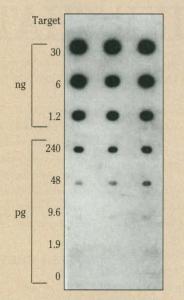
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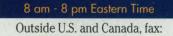
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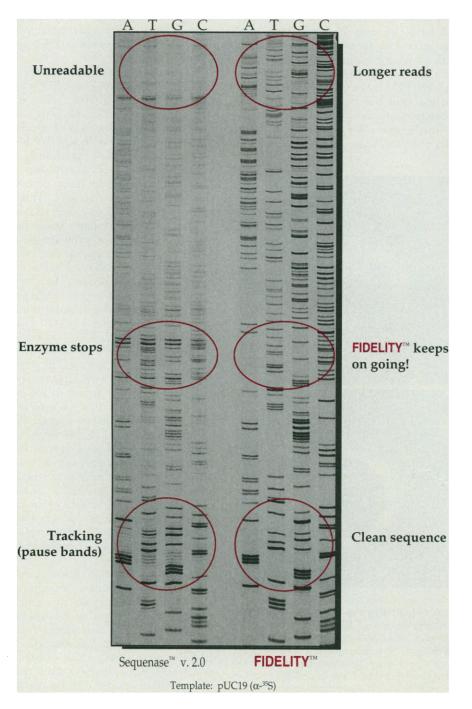
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