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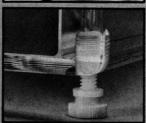
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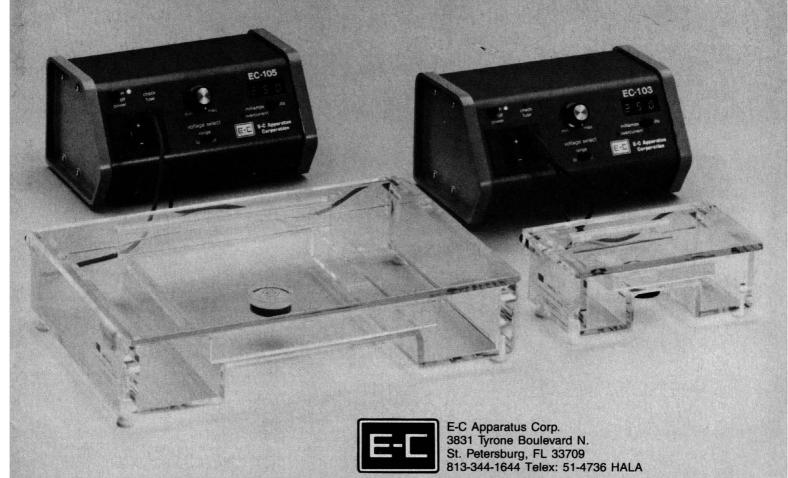


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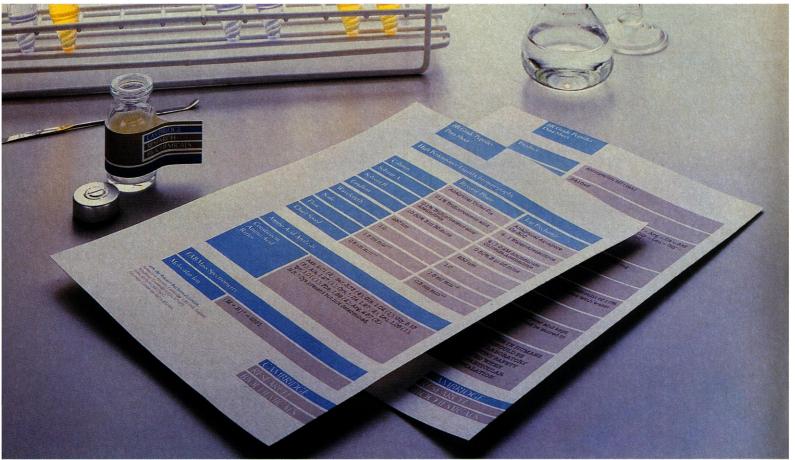
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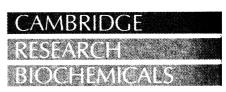
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This Week in SCIENCE

Plutonium recycling

IX European countries and Japan have made plans to recycle large J quantities of plutonium for use in breeder and light water reactors (page 1555). Plutonium is the "fissile" agent of nuclear weapons and is generated in commercial reactors. In their Perspective, Albright and Feiveson urge the international community to dissuade interested countries from their plans to recycle plutonium. It was once thought that reprocessing would help in the disposal of radioactive waste, but it now appears that it is no more difficult to dispose of spent fuel than reprocessed material. Some countries became interested in plutonium reprocessing in an effort to develop energy independence, but the energy savings from recycling in light water reactors are minimal. (Breeder programs have ground to a halt worldwide.) Recycling also produces no economic benefit. Current recycling plans call for transporting various grades of plutonium first from the site at which it is generated to a reprocessing center, then to a fuel fabrication facility, and eventually to a new reactor location: security measures of "nightmarish" complexity are needed to protect the traveling plutonium from falling into the hands of terrorists. Countries in which reprocessed plutonium is available would be able to develop nuclear weapons clandestinely up to the point at which fissile materials need to be added; without having to address directly whether they want a nuclear capability, such countries would be just weeks away from having a nuclear arsenal. Recycling of plutonium may be a process for which the risks greatly outweigh the benefits.

Lens tumors

N oncogene has been used to experimentally induce tumors in Lathe lens of the eye; the lens is a tissue in which malignant tumors are not known to arise naturally (page 1622). Mahon et al. attached the oncogene (the large-T antigen of SV40 vi-

rus) to the regulatory genes for aAcrystallin; this construct targets the expression of the oncogene to the lens. The T antigen was expressed when the crystallin genes were activated early in development. The lens was profoundly altered in animals that had received the construct: lens fiber cells did not differentiate normally although epithelial cells did; the lens, usually transparent, was white and opaque. Invasive tumor tissue and blood vessels ultimately replaced the lens, breaking through the back and the front of the eye. This system will be useful for studying how this and other oncogenes are activated; it may also provide insight into what features of the lens normally prevent tumors from growing there. The lens is in some way privileged because tumors develop in all other regions of the eye.

Predicting volcanic activity

T may be possible to forecast activity for some volcanoes that house crater lakes (cover) (page 1633). Takano used liquid chromatography techniques to monitor polythionate ions, sulfate ions, and other chemical species in the waters of a crater lake (Yugama) at the summit of Japan's Kusatsu-Shirane volcano. As volcanic activity increased, so did the ratio of sulfur dioxide to hydrogen sulfide; these gases seep up onto the lake floor, and, from them, new chemical species are generated in the water. As the chemical balance shifted, polythionates were degraded to elemental sulfur and sulfate ions; 2 months before Yugama erupted in 1982, polythionates had dropped to undetectable levels. Polythionate levels continued to fluctuate, reflecting the activities (eruptions and swarming earthquakes) occurring at the lake bottom. If eruptions can be predicted with sufficient lead time, precautionary measures could be taken; it might then be possible to minimize the disastrous consequences to property and life of the toxic gases released by the volcano and of the lava and mud streams that barrel over inhabited areas.

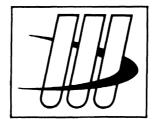
Acrosomal protein and fertilization

NE of the earliest responses of an egg of the marine worm Urechis to a sperm may be induced by acrosomal protein, a sperm surface component that comes into contact with the egg before the two gametes actually fuse (page 1654). The "signal" appears to initiate the fertilization potential, a change in electric potential in the egg's membrane; membrane channels open, and the egg is soon refractory to other sperm. Gould and Stephano isolated acrosomal protein from Urechis sperm. When Urechis eggs were exposed to acrosomal protein, sodium channels opened in the surface membrane. The electric responses to the protein were similar in form and amplitude to those induced by whole live sperm and were similarly dependent on calcium ions. Acrosomal protein may modify the egg's surface charge, change the egg's surface structure by entering its lipid bilayer, or in some other way induce the fertilization potential.

Epidemiology by satellite

ATELLITE data that show patterns of plant growth in sub-Saharan Africa appear to be useful for predicting when Rift Valley Fever (RVF) virus will be most active (page 1656). Both flourishing of vegetation and peak viral activity are directly dependent on rainfall; when mosquito breeding grounds flood, encysted eggs that carry the virus are stimulated to hatch into disease-transmitting mosquitoes. These bite sheep, cattle, and people, and many abortions and deaths may result. Linthicum et al. compared vegetation patterns (measured with advanced very high resolution radiometers on board meteorologic satellites) with prevalence patterns of RVF virusinfected mosquitões in Kenya. The rise in infected mosquitoes precedes the outbreak of RVF; therefore, it may be possible to scan the vast areas harboring this virus and to institute measures for controlling outbreaks of RVF.

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William D. Carey

am abdicating, not retiring," said William D. Carey, executive officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as he decided to step down from his post as the association's administrative head. That is appropriate phrasing after a reign that has been both regal and constitutional. A great deal of the shape of the current AAAS has been sculpted by William D. Carey.

The AAAS, founded in 1848, is one of the largest and most sprawling associations for science in the world. It has 133,000 direct members and 285 affiliated societies and academies of science. It was already a large organization when Carey took over in 1975, but new projects and significant new emphases have been created by his energy and enthusiasms. A Research & Development Colloquium in which leaders of the major funding agents for science, such as the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Defense, exchange views on their budgets with interested scientists and their representative organizations is now a major annual event in Washington. A new project in science and mathematics education, entitled Project 2061-Education for a Changing Future, has been launched to help provide knowledge that will lead to more and better scientists in the years ahead. A daring opening to scientists in China before normalization in relations between the U.S. and Chinese governments has led to a productive relation between the AAAS and the China Association for Science and Technology.

A Committee on Opportunities in Science has been effective in developing information for minorities, the handicapped, and women in science, great reservoirs of underutilized talent in our country. A Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, initiated by Carey, has been concerned with the flow of scientific information and the civil rights of scientists in countries where oppression is endemic. A Committee on Arms Control and National Security sponsors symposiums for experts in Washington and elsewhere.

Individuals are often tested more by battles lost than by battles won. Carey launched a new magazine, Science 80, to fill a void in science education for the layman. It was an editorial success and a financial failure, but there is little doubt that its initiation activated others and led to expanded coverage of science in the media. It was an honorable adventure and typical of Carey's willingness to take risks.

The new initiatives did not remove Carey from commitment to the important ongoing activities of the AAAS: the long-standing cooperation between the AAAS and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation in which awards are presented to outstanding science journalists, the extensive cooperation with the National Academy of Sciences, testimony at congressional committees, service on boards, and personal relationships that add to the presence of science in the seats of government. He was responsible for bringing in a new editor of Science with encouragement to expand the readership, scope, and influence of the magazine even beyond the excellent base established by Philip H. Abelson.

A recitation of detailed accomplishments and procedural initiatives is only part of any story in the achievements of an executive officer. A delocalized society of busy professionals can have three kinds of leaders: those who quietly go about the mundane work of their organizations, risking little and expanding little; those who in a dictatorial manner lead a large but naïve giant down paths it does not completely comprehend; and those who discern what the needs and desires of the giant are and become the pathfinders. Bill Carey was the latter. He was faithful to his beliefs in the integrity and importance of science and dedicated to increasing its scope and power. A great deal of his effectiveness was derived from his personal charm and his genuine concern for what he frequently called "the family of the AAAS." In that regard, one of his proudest accomplishments was the consolidation of the diverse activities of the AAAS in one building where "the family" could interact.

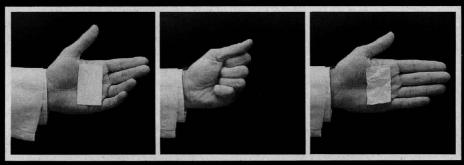
For his activities in behalf of science, he has received many awards—the National Civil Service League Award, the Rockefeller Public Service Award, the Public Welfare Medal of the National Academy of Sciences, the Distinguished Service Award of the National Science Foundation. Bill Carey is not retiring. He is stepping up his other activities as he turns over an enhanced directorship to an able successor. He leaves behind a landscape of good deeds for science further brightened by the legion of friends who wish him well.

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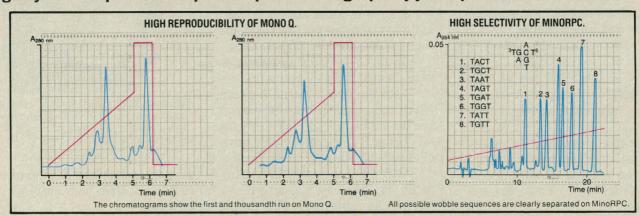


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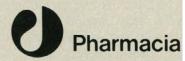
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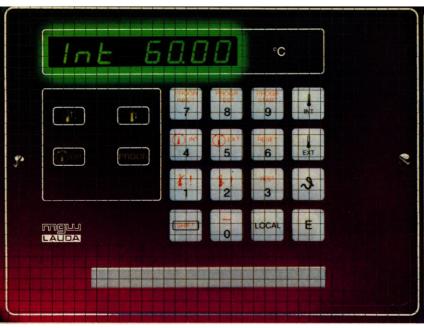
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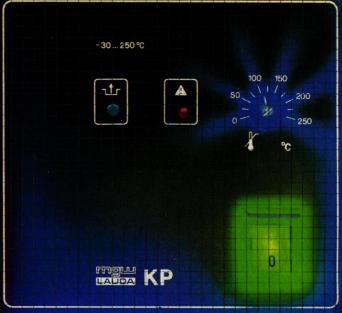


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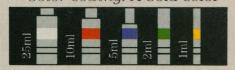
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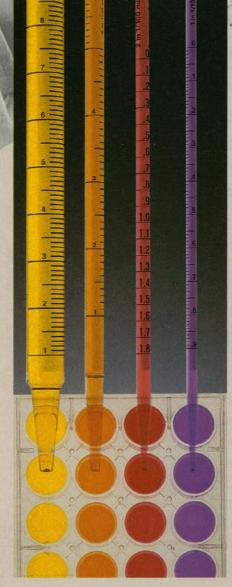
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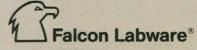
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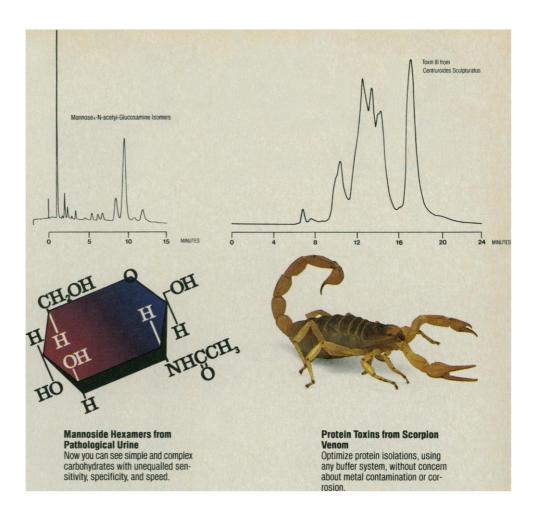
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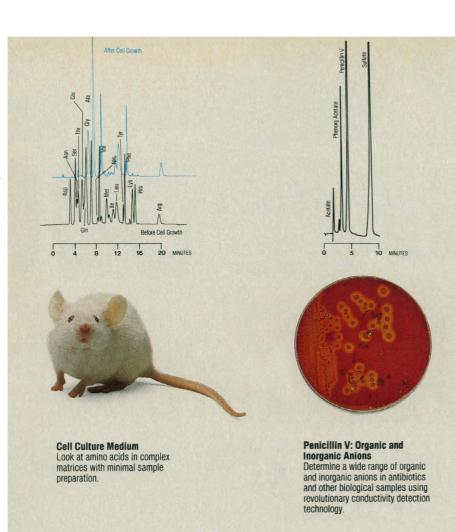
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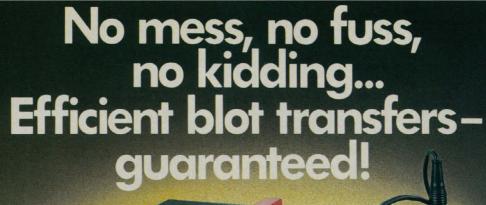
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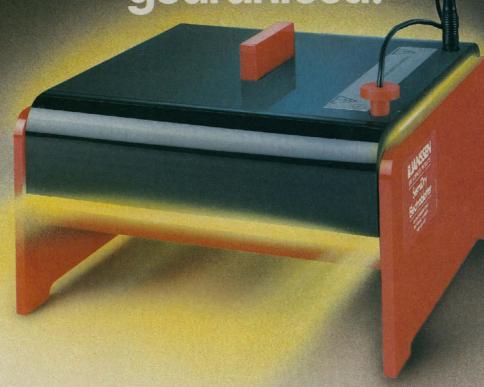
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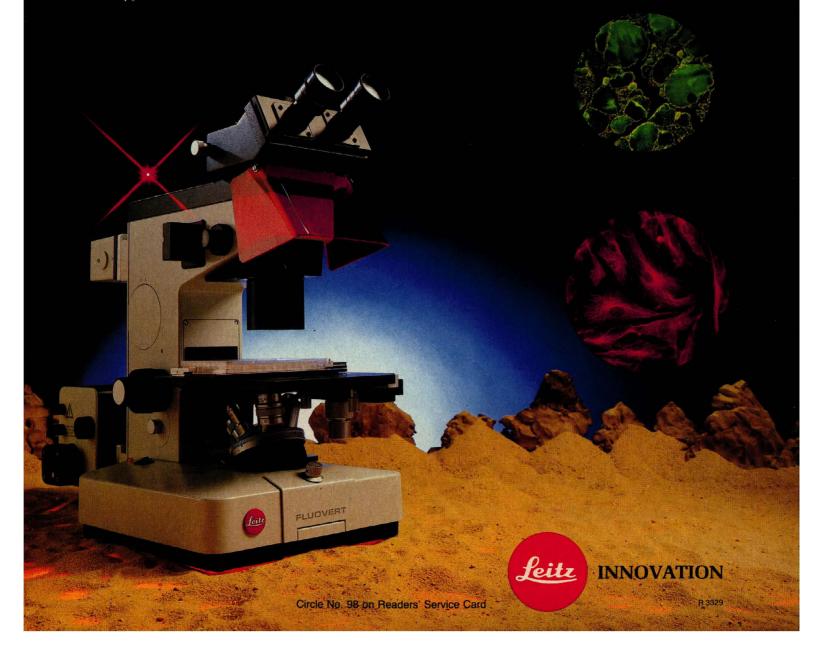
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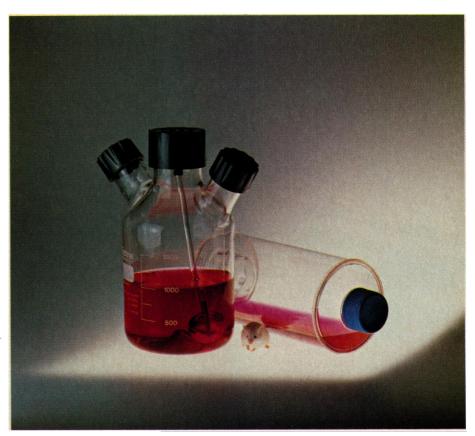
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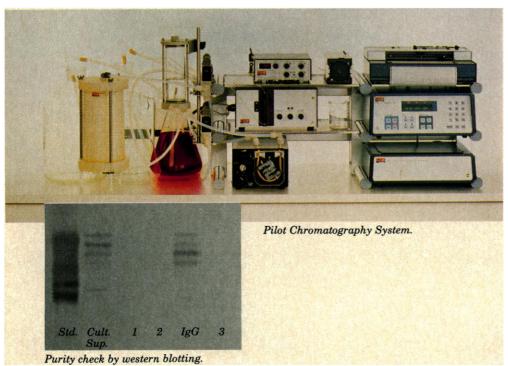
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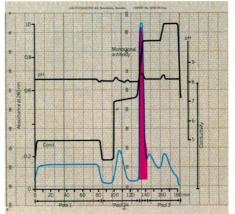
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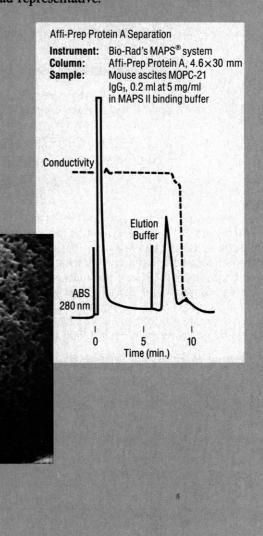
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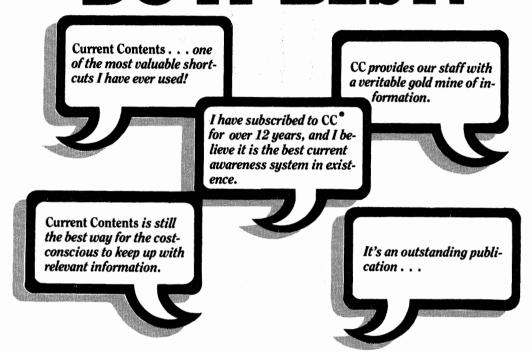
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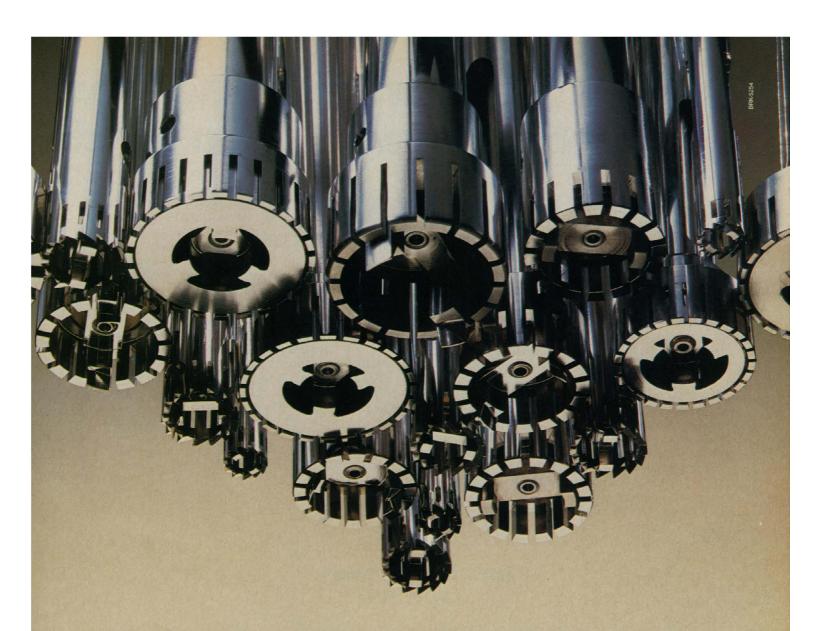
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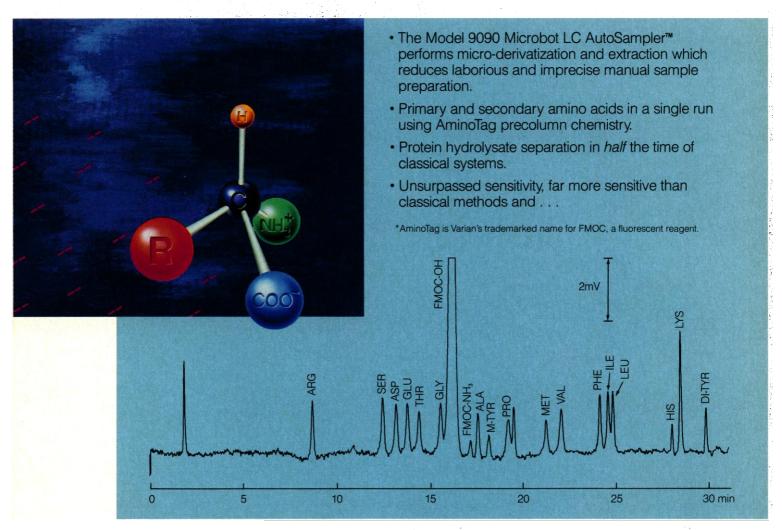
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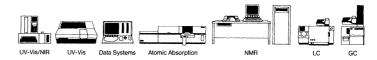


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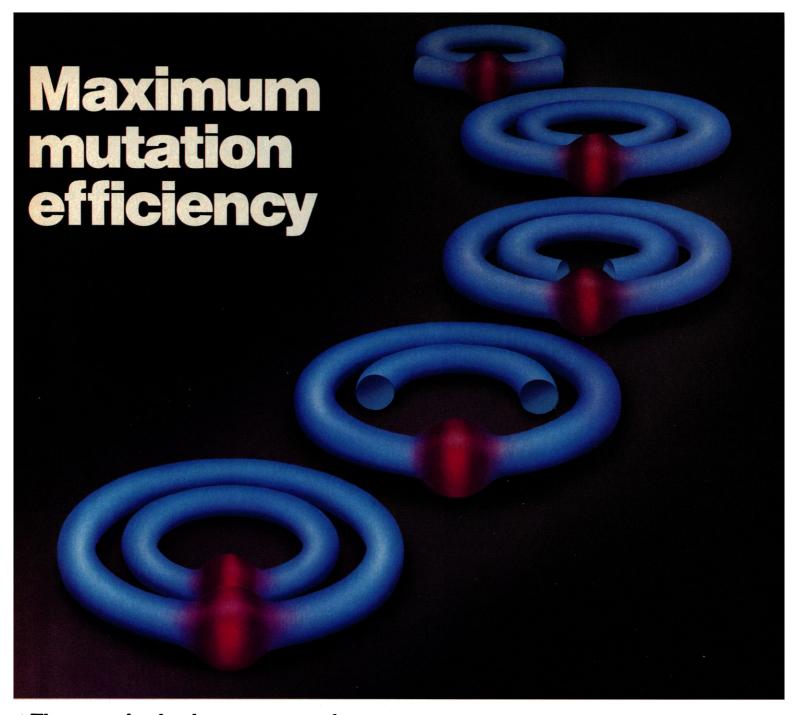
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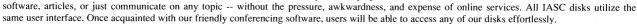
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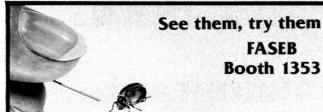
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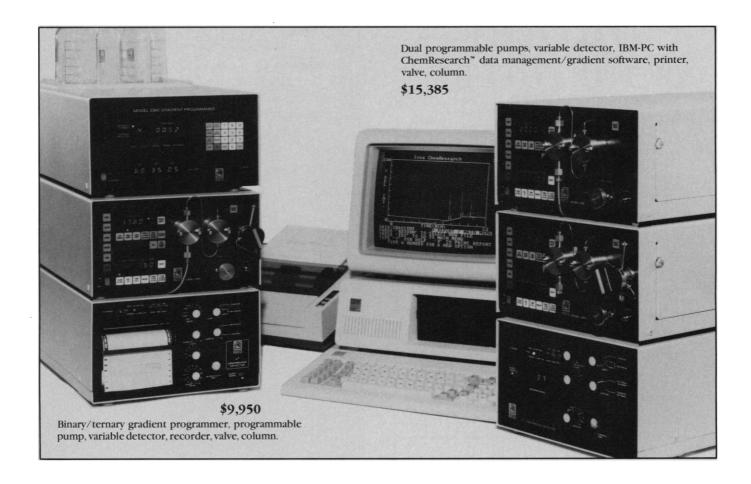
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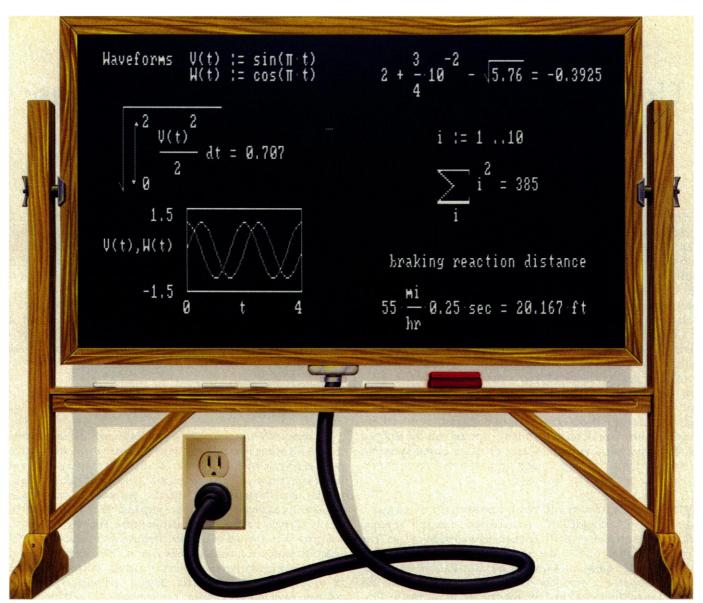
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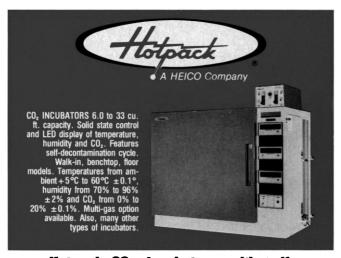
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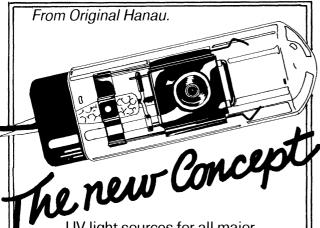
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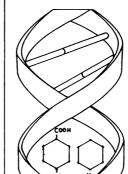




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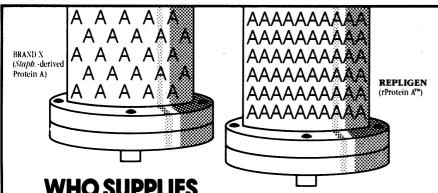
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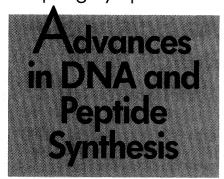
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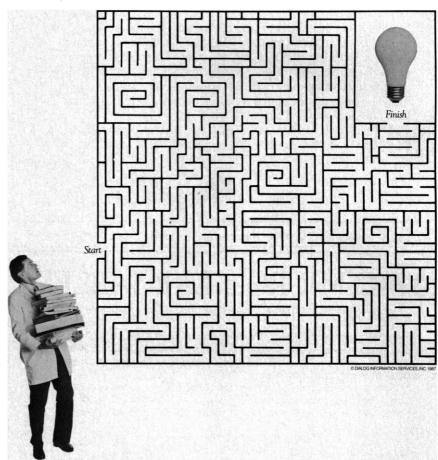
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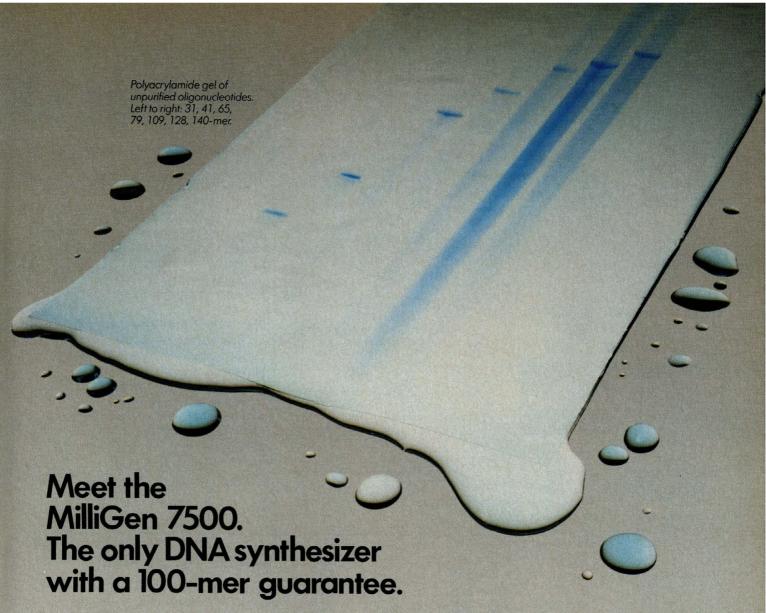
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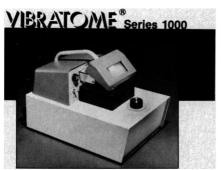
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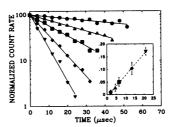
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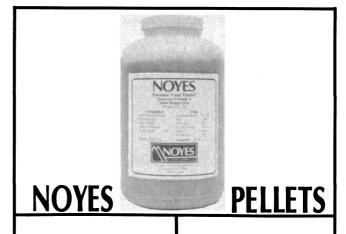
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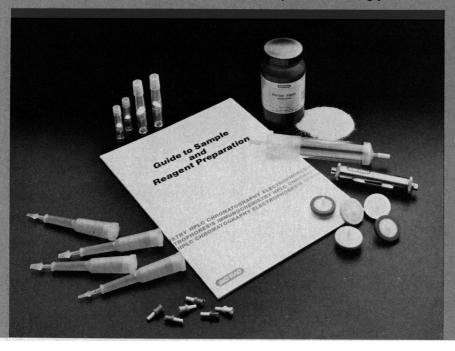
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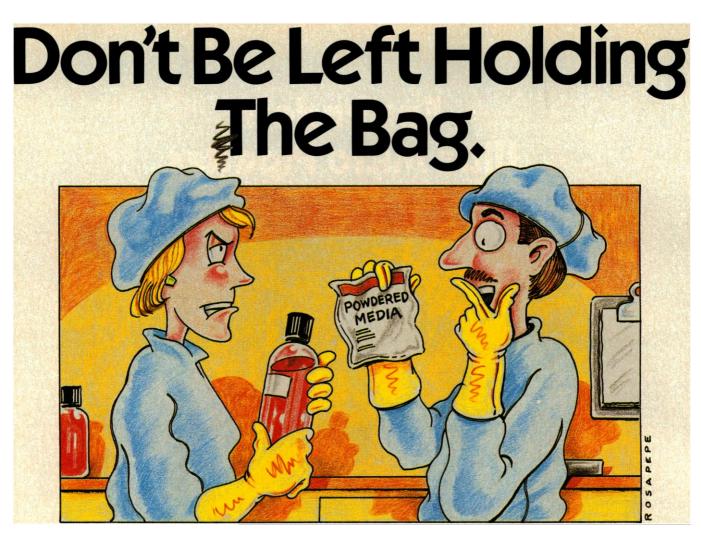
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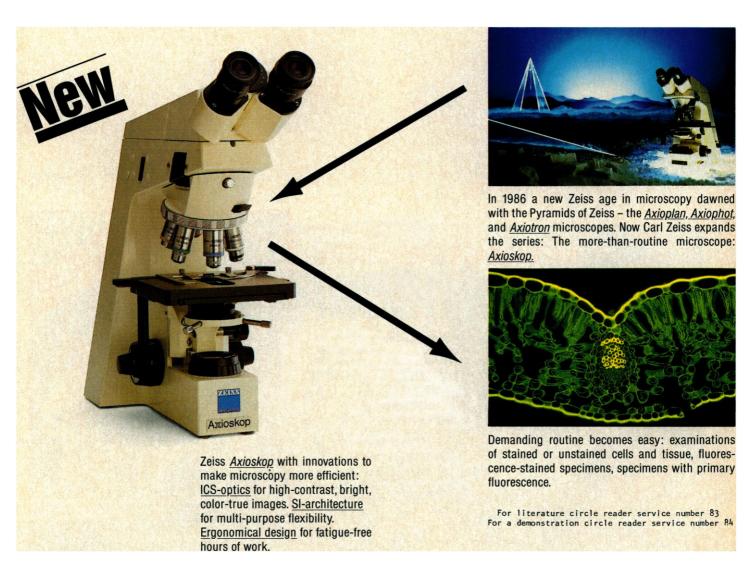
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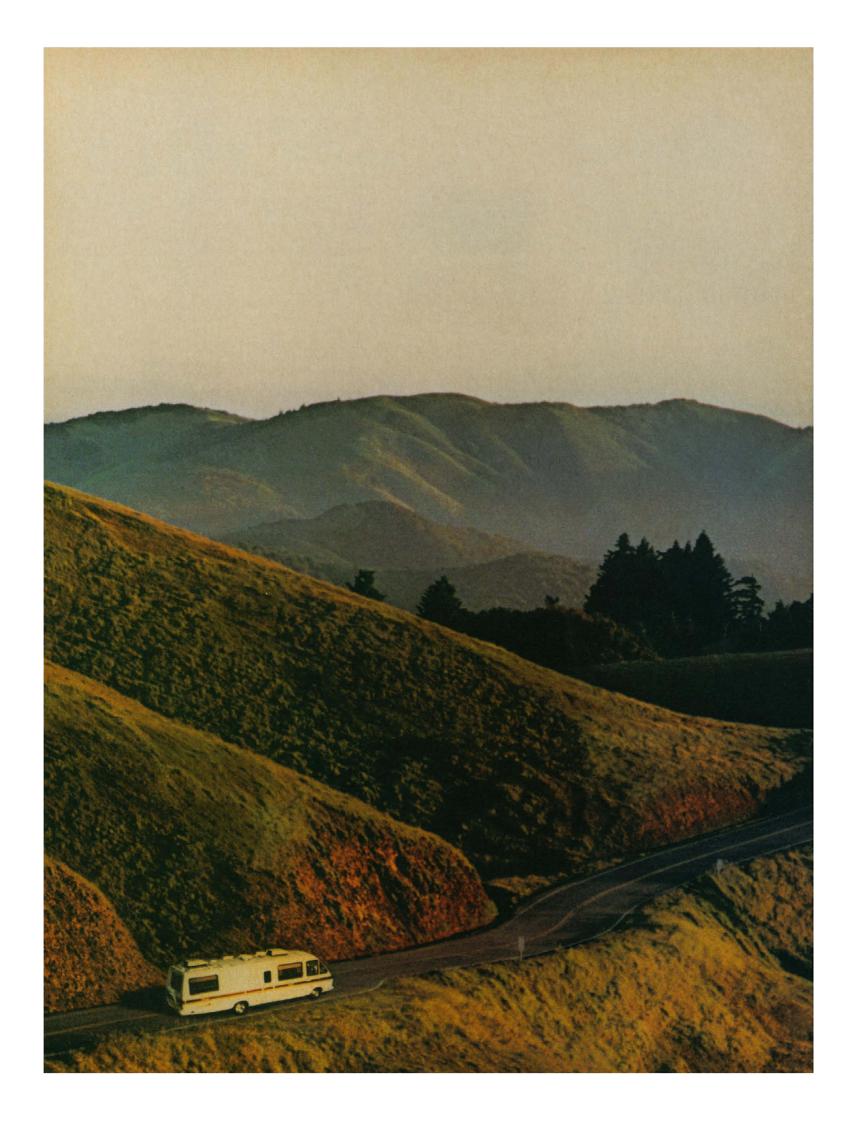


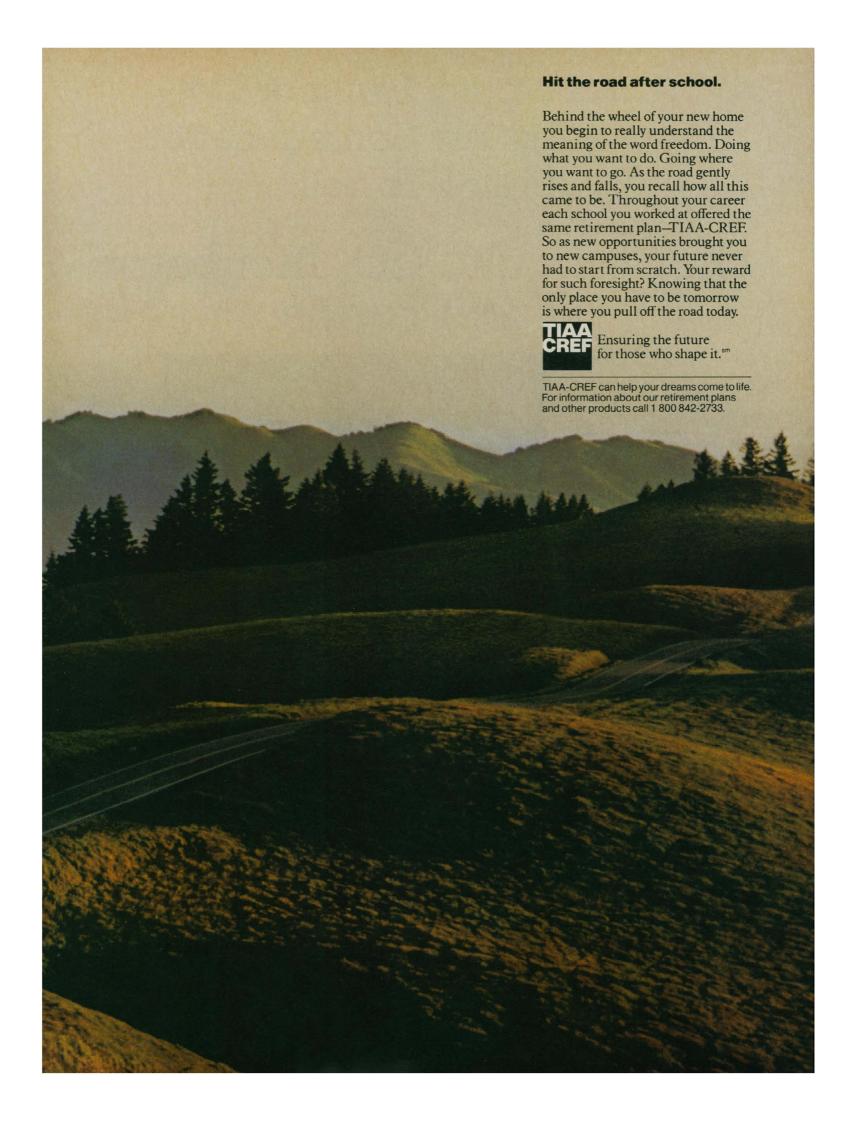
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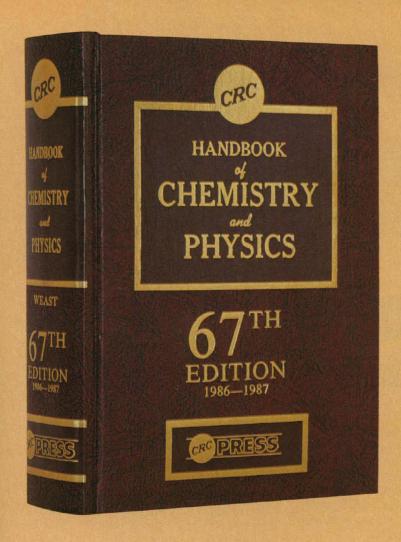
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NEW [125] Human Complement C3a des Arg

NEW [125 I] Human Complement C4a des Arg

NEW [125] Human Complement C5a des Arg

Testosterone

[3H] Testosterone/Dihydrotesterone

Catecholamines

[3H] CAT-A-KITTM

Vitamin D

[³H] 1a, 25-Dihydroxy vitamin D [³H] 25-Hydroxy vitamin D

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