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# This Week in SCIENCE

### **Paleolithic fireworks**

аммотн hunters living in Czechoslovakia some 26,000 years ago fashioned ceramic figurines but then blew them up in kilns, perhaps for ritualistic purposes (page 1002). Ceramics from Dolni Věstonice are the oldest known fired objects in the world; since the 1920s, more than 10,000 ceramic pieces (of which a Venus figurine is the most famous) have been recovered there and at five other Moravian sites. Vandiver et al. describe the compositions, forms, and microstructures of recovered fragments and figurines and propose and test a method for their production; they conclude from their studies that the ceramic objects were shaped from local soil (they have the same mineralogy as the local wind-deposited silt-sized material called loess) and that their destruction on firing was intentional. That the firing occurred in kilns that were not especially close to the hunters' settlements is also consistent with the proposed nonutilitarian function of the objects; in fact, utilitarian pottery production on the earth is only documented for peoples who lived some 14,000 years later.

### **Parasites**

UMAN diseases caused by protozoa and helminths account for tremendous mortality and morbidity worldwide. Yet there is a notable discrepancy between the amount of information that is available about these diseases and the organisms that cause them and about human viral and bacterial diseases. One source of this disparity may be that helminths and protozoa are extraordinarily complex physically and physiologically and can interact with human and intermediate hosts in a number of ways. Another factor may be that most research is done in developed countries where diseases caused by protozoa and helminths are not significant health problems. Mahmoud reviews recent research on protozoa and helminths and the diseases they cause, focusing especially on malaria (a

disease caused by a protozoan parasite) and schistosomiasis (a disease caused by a helminth) (page 1015). Vaccine development and control of parasitic diseases require a fuller understanding of the nature of these organisms, their life cycles, and their complex interactions with hosts.

### **Allende organics**

**TVE** tons of meteorite fell and ✓ shattered over Mexico in 1969, and today this Allende meteorite is the best studied of the carbon-rich carbonaceous chondritic meteorites. Nevertheless, two decades of research and ample amounts of sample have produced little information regarding the meteorite's organic constituents, which extremely heterogeneous and are present in only trace amounts. Zenobi et al. now present a profile of the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the Allende meteorite (page 1026); these compounds are considered important relics of the events that occurred in the early period of solar system formation billions of years ago. The analysis was carried out with two-step laser desorption/laser multiphoton ionization mass spectrometry of freshly fractured chunks of the material. This procedure does not require extractions, purifications, homogenizations, or pulverizations; it provides direct information about the composition and spatial distribution, with sub-millimeter resolution, of PAHs. The PAHs were found to be heterogeneously distributed in the sample's matrix, were absent from the chondrules (millimeter-sized spheres that characterize chondrites), and were heavily substituted with a variety of side chains.

### **Self tolerance**

HE immune system of an animal does not, under normal circumstances, react against the animal's own tissues; this phenomenon, called self tolerance, is not an innate condition in the animal but develops along with the immune system itself. A perspective and three reports in this issue discuss some of the factors that bring about self tolerance (pages 982, 1038, 1041, and 1044). Normally, cells of the immune system pass through the thymus during development, and clones of cells with the potential to react against self are eliminated. It has now been conclusively established that, if animals lack a thymus, some self-reactive clones of cells do not get eliminated and are found in the adult animal. Yet, surprisingly, not all animals harboring these cells routinely develop autoimmune discases (although some do). For those that do not, alternative mechanisms are operating to render unresponsive or "anergic" those self-reactive cells that escaped thymic scrutiny.

# Colon cancer chemotherapy

**TOUR** percent of Americans develop colon cancer. Often the disease is quite advanced at the time of detection; then the prognosis is generally poor because only marginally effective chemotherapy is currently available. In a study described by Giovanella et al., the possibility has been raised that analogs of the drug camptothecin would be effective chemotherapeutic agents against colon cancer (page 1046). Human colon tumors were grafted into immunodeficient mice; the tumors disappeared completely in animals treated with camptothecin analogs, and negative side effects from the drug were minimal. The only known target of camptothecin is DNA topoisomerase I, an enzyme that has been shown to be elevated in advanced colon cancer. The enzyme normally facilitates the breaking and rejoining of molecules of DNA; it is thus instrumental in maintaining normal DNA conformations. Thus, if camptothecin analogs interact with DNA topoisomerase I in vivo, the blocked enzyme activities could disrupt normal processes in cells, reducing tumor (as well as normal) cell viability; these actions and their sequelae could account for the drug's apparent tumor-suppressing effects.

**RUTH LEVY GUYER** 



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### The Choosing of the NIH Director

the appointment of a new director of the National Institutes of Health has been in limbo for some time, held up by the inappropriate politicization of the position. Recent news indicates that the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Louis Sullivan, and the President's science adviser, D. Allan Bromley, personally intervened with the President to keep the appointment from being based on a political litmus test, specifically the candidate's position on abortion.

Requiring these candidates to respond to questions on such controversial subjects as abortion should never have been considered, because using such an issue instead of actual qualifications for selection could only hurt both the director of NIH and the President. Then, if the candidate agreed with the political viewpoints of the President, he or she would be viewed in the scientific community as having been appointed because of sycophancy, rather than because of professional ability. If, on the other hand, the candidate disagreed with the President, his or her positions on topics in which scientific expertise was essential might be compromised. It was crucial for the President to affirm that the NIH director will be chosen solely on the basis of scientific competence.

The director must make some policy decisions, and there are those who will argue that any limitation on the scope of those decisions would be a detriment to biological science. Policy decisions, such as the distribution of contracts and grants, the objectivity and the operation of study sections, the need to fund young investigators and so forth, are so vital to the successful pursuit of research that the director should be unincumbered with extraneous political baggage while taking leadership in those areas that allow science to function efficiently. Some issues would more appropriately be decided at other levels, keeping the NIH director, the National Science Foundation director, and other technical policy-makers apart from the political spoils system. The trade-off may be less scope in a general area for more power within the defined area.

The abortion question would be irrelevant to NIH were it not for fetal research. The use of fetal tissue has great promise not only in brain research, in AIDS research, and in the understanding of development in general, but also in the very survival of fetuses (see J. T. Hanzen and J. R. Sladek, Jr., Science, 10 Nov., p. 775). Some argue that research using aborted fetuses encourages abortions. Others argue that the ethical concerns about the use of aborted fetuses are the same as those debated about the use of organs for transplant. The NIH director must obey the law of the land and the policy set by the government; his private opinions need not enter into the abortion debate. The director of NIH, however, can and should be asked to evaluate professionally what the advantages and limitations of fetal research are and the ethical ways in which such research can be performed. A scientifically objective analysis may be important to reveal to other policy-makers what benefits would be abandoned by a ban on fetal research.

That the abortion issue has become so visible in our pluralistic society is perhaps inevitable. To some, life begins at fertilization and therefore abortion is immoral. Others are opposed to the birth of a child destined for a life of pain and misery. In a more homogeneous society, a mutually agreed upon moral code might be possible. In a melting pot society, a restrictive code can only be divisive. Some question who should bear financial responsibility for infants whose future was destined to be bleak. Others clamor to make abortion illegal under all circumstances. A compromise in which each group can follow its own moral code seems most appropriate, but the argument that fetal research should be held hostage to the debate about abortion makes little sense. The development of organ transplants does not mean that scientists are in favor of motor accidents. The same argument is true in the case of fetal research.

The important feature of the present situation is that a director for NIH will be chosen on the basis of scientific competence. Because of the publicity surrounding this appointment, the individual chosen will be scrutinized from all sides for his or her professionalism. It will serve everyone well to be able to say that the President never asked the candidates political questions, but only questions dealing with scientific competence and judgment. By stating those conditions well in advance, a great deal of difficulty and embarrassment will be averted, and this major research post can be filled by an individual whom all can respect.

—DANIEL E. KOSHLAND, JR.

mistakable in proton-antiproton collisions.

In short, I agree with Cherfas that physicists of Fermilab know where to look for the top quark-in proton-antiproton collisions at the Tevatron!

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### **RU 486 Development**

I read with great interest the series of articles related to the "contragestive pill" RU 486 (News & Comment, 22 Sept., p. 1319). It is not my intention to minimize the leading role of Etienne-Emile Baulieu in the clinical development and promotion in the media of this compound, as RU 486 would probably never have reached its present status without the stern determination of the INSERM biologist. However, I feel it my duty, on the grounds of simple scientific ethics, to add the following comments to the report by Jeremy Cherfas (p. 1323).

1) I was not the "chief chemist at Roussel"---this would be unfair to my colleagues; nor was I the chief of chemists, being in charge of only a small group of co-workers.

2) RU 486 was synthesized in April

1980, so it could not have been tested in 1978.

3) The story of "how" RU 486 was designed does not fit the facts as I recall them as a member of the Roussel research team, which was fully responsible for this discovery.

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I congratulate Jeremy Cherfas on his excellent article about the important work of Emile-Etienne Baulieu, who has been duly recognized for his efforts by being awarded the Lasker Prize for 1989. Baulieu points out appropriately the importance of the discovery of monohydroxytamoxifen's high binding affinity for the estrogen receptor in his own work. However, in the article that discovery is attributed to Robert Sutherland, who was a postdoctoral student in Baulieu's laboratory.

It should be noted out that the relevant papers from Baulieu's lab (1) both refer to earlier studies done by V. Craig Jordan (2).

This in no way detracts from Baulieu's efforts in capitalizing on this fact to develop RU 486 and from appropriate recognition of his accomplishment.

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#### UCLA and Precollege Science

Bassam Shakashiri, head of the National Science Foundation's education program, appears to be saying (News & Comment, 20 Oct., p. 317) that the faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) are not concerned with improving precollege science. He is misinformed; the UCLA faculty have been involved with this endeavor for almost a decade. For example, Doing Chemistry (1), a multiyear project funded by the NSF Education Directorate, began at



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### Correction

After our characterization of cDNA encoding a 47-kD neutrophil cytosol oxidase factor was published (1), a second group published characterizations of similar cDNA clones (2). On the basis of an exchange of primary sequence data and resequencing, we have identified minor errors in both published sequences and have agreed on a corrected sequence. In the original numbering of our published sequence (1), an extra "C" should be added after base pair 900, a "GCC" should be inserted after base pair 1008, and base pairs 1013 and 1014 should be "GC." These changes alter the carboxyl terminus of the predicted protein beginning at amino acid 301 and ending at 390: RRS-SIRNAHS IHQRSRKRLS QDAYRRNS-FLQQRRRQAR PGPQSPGSPL VR EEERQTQRSK PQPAVPPRPS AD-LILNRCSE STKRKLASAV. The new predicted protein sequence is 17 amino acids longer. The region of similarity to p21-ras-GAP is unaffected, and the carboxyl terminus remains very arginine- and serine-rich with several potential sites of phosphorylation by protein kinase C. Thus, all of the general statements made about the protein in our original paper still apply.

In addition to the three polymorphic base pair variants we reported in our original paper, four additional base pair polymorphisms have been identified, none of which affects encoded amino acids. In the original numbering (1), these are base pair 387 "G" or "A," base pair 825 "C" or "T," base pair 849 "A" or "G," and base pair 935 "C" or "T." These changes have been sent to Gen-Bank and entered under accession number M25665. Readers may also request from us the complete corrected sequence.

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