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society. But merely wishing it to be so does not automatically make it so. Our point is that it takes time and major effort to reach that desirable state of educated individual decision. In the interim, restrictive regulations can complement educational efforts in changing social consensus. In moving toward the ultimate goal, it is necessary to proceed cautiously and pragmatically, to avoid making things worse than they now are.

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## Alzheimer's Disease Cell Bank

The News briefing "Cell bank for mental illnesses" (11 Jan., p. 159) may have led some readers to mistakenly conclude that the National Institute of Mental Health's National Cell Repository is "the first nationally coordinated initiative to aid researchers in defining the genetic basis for Alzheimer's disease...."

In fact, the National Institute on Agingsupported Alzheimer's Disease Research Center National Cell Bank has been in operation since September 1989 at Indiana University, in collaboration with Duke University. It is devoted to providing lymphoblast cultures from patients and family members with clinically diagnosed and pathologically confirmed Alzheimer's disease to investigators nationwide in an effort to speed the determination of the genetic defect that is associated with Alzheimer's disease.

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Erratum: The seventh sentence of the first paragraph of the letter from P. W. Anderson, E. Abrahams, and R. Laughlin that appeared in the issue of 1 March (pp. 1005–1006) was printed incorrectly. It should have read, "Others, such as the 'anyon' proponents, a group at Bell laboratories and Rutgers, and another at Princeton, are sure that this system is not a Fermi liquid."