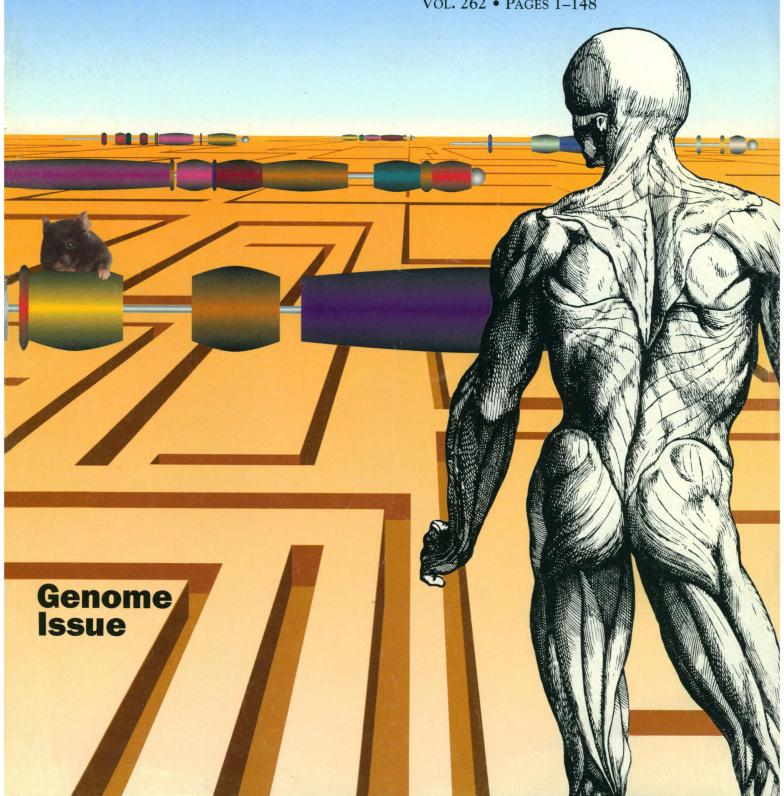
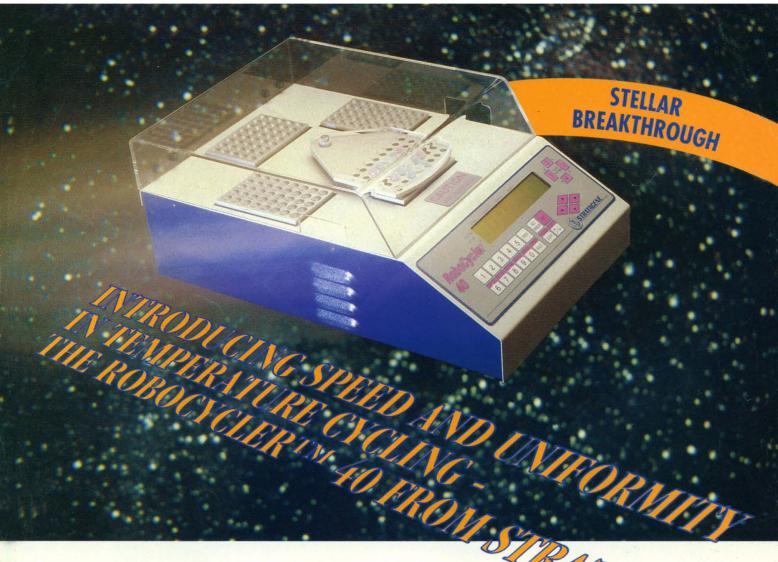
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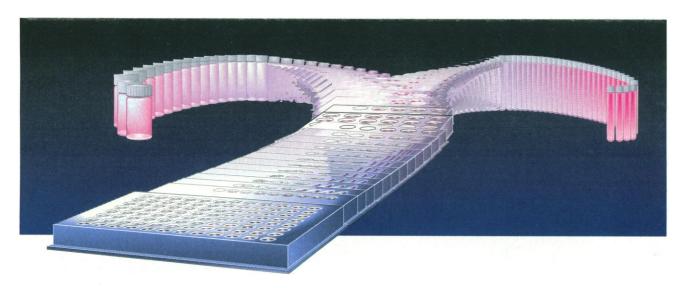
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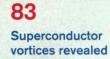
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Superconductor vortices and twins

Neutron scattering can provide a sensitive measure of the vortex structure of a superconductor throughout its bulk structure. Keimer et al. (p. 83) studied a single crystal of YBa2Cu3O7 in a 0.5-tesla magnetic field that was varied over angles of 0° to 80° with respect to the crystal's caxis. They find that twin planes lock in the vortex lattice orientation up to a surprisingly high inclination angle of 70°; for larger angles, a chain state is observed. Such strong flux pinning by twin planes should prove useful for maintaining high critical currents in applications.

A difference approach to protein sequencing

Protein sequencing is almost synonymous with the Edman degradation, in which the sequence is determined by removing one residue at a time. Chait et al. (p. 89) have developed a method that has the promise of high sample throughput and low cost. The protein is subjected to numerous cycles of a rapid Edman degradation in which a terminating agent is used. This process generates a series of peptide fragments that differ from the next by one residue. The mass spectrum of this mixture reveals parent peaks whose mass differences yield the protein sequence. Posttranslationally modified and nonnatural amino acids are readily determined.

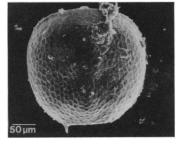
Ostracode ontogeny

Most extant and fossil ostracodes, which are small crustaceans, are bivalved and have bivalved instars. Zhang and Pratt (p. 93), however, describe fossils from Lower Cambrian

Lighting up the bar

Neutral atomic and molecular gas is one of the major components of the galactic interstellar medium but has been difficult to study because the neutral gas clouds have low surface brightness and emit and absorb primarily at infrared wavelengths. Tielens *et al.* (p. 86) conducted high-sensitivity, high-resolution observations of the Orion Bar, a prominent front of emission associated with nearby ionized gas features. By separately mapping emission from hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, they could track the penetration of ionizing ultraviolet radiation into the neutral gas and show that the emission is due to external ionization and not, as had been proposed, a shock wave.

rocks in China indicating that some of the earliest ostracodes had univalved instars that later developed into bivalved instars and adults. The recognition of this transition during ontogeny



implies that a bivalved capacity evolved before the appearance of mineralized skeletons in the Cambrian.

Higher temperature superconductors

One way to increase the transition temperature (T_c) of copper oxide superconductors is to squeeze them. Nuñez-Reguerio et al. (p. 97) found that the T_c of the homologous series $HgBa_2Ca_{n-1}Cu_nO_{2n+2+\delta}$ increased continuously with applied pressure. At atmospheric pressure, T_c is 133 kelvin; it increased to 157 kelvin, the highest-yet observed for any material, at an applied pressure of 23.5 gigapascals. No saturation effects were observed; thus, modifying the solid in a way that mimics the effects of compression might result yield higher T_c 's at ambient pressure. See also a News story by Amato (p. 31).

More rapid ribozymes

To increase the specificity of ribozyme function, a long recognition sequence is required. Although they increase the binding of the substrate, paradoxically such long recognition sequences reduce the rate of product release and also reduce the specificity of the ribozyme. Tsuchihashi et al. (p. 99) report on the use of a derivative of the p7 nucleocapsid (NC) protein of HIV-1, a nonspecific RNA binding protein, in ribozyme reactions. The NC protein enhanced both the cleavage rate and the specificity of a hammerhead ribozyme possibly as a result of the strand exchange activity of NC.

Joining splicing

Although yeasts utilize fewer proteins in their splicing machinery than mammals, multiple approaches have shown that elements of the splicing machinery have been conserved through evolution. The assembly of the prespliceosome in mammals requires the splicing

factor, SF3a. Brosi *et al.* (p. 102) show that SF3a is composed of three proteins, one is homologous to yeast PRP9, and all three are part of the U2 snRNP. Bennett and Reed (p. 105) isolated a mammalian spliceosome component (another of the SF3a proteins) and found that it is homologous to yeast PRP11 splicing factor. Legrain and Chapon (p. 108) show that PRP9 and PRP11 are also complexed in yeast.

Restriction maps under the microscope

A direct optical approach has been developed for determining the physical map of restriction enzyme cutting sites from small amounts of genomic DNA. Schwartz et al. (p. 110) imaged large fluorescently stained DNA molecules (0.2 to 1.0 megabases) that were elongated under flow conditions and then fixed in agarose gel. Restriction enzyme cutting releases the flow-induced tension along the molecule. The tips of nascent ends curl up to form bright balls that are easily observed under the microscope. The fragments can then be sized by length or overall intensity. Maps for several yeast chromosomes were in good agreement with those determined from pulsedfield gel electrophoresis.

Mouse map

The focus of this year's special genome issue is the mouse, one of the classic biological model systems (see Editorial, p. 11, for a synopsis). As for earlier issues on the human and *Drosophila* genomes and the X chromosome, a chart highlights areas of recent progress, intense scrutiny, and remaining gaps.



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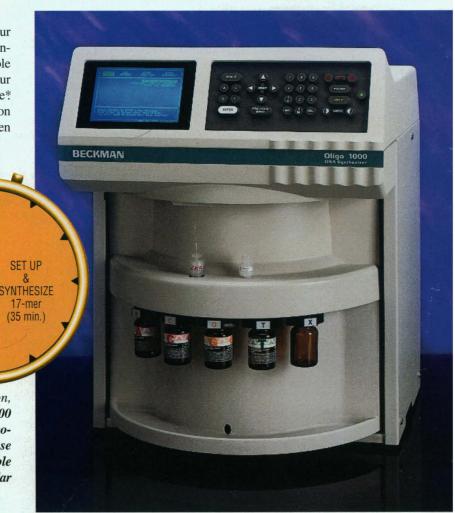
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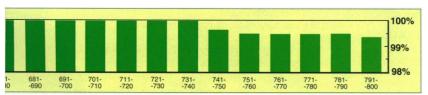
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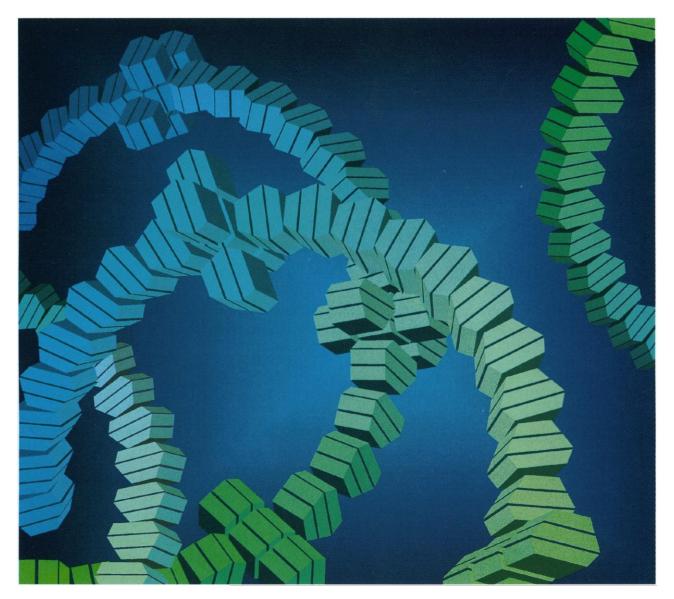
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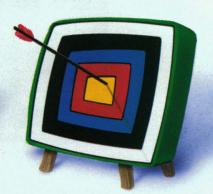




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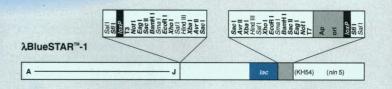
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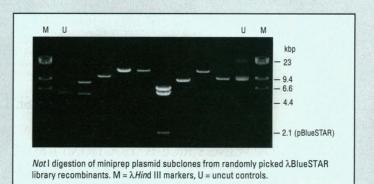
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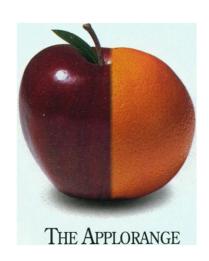
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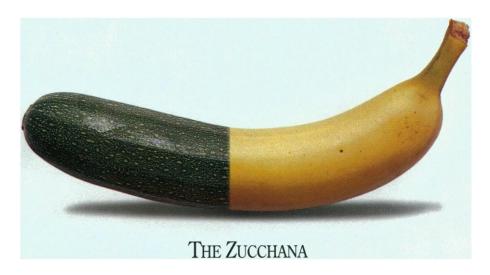
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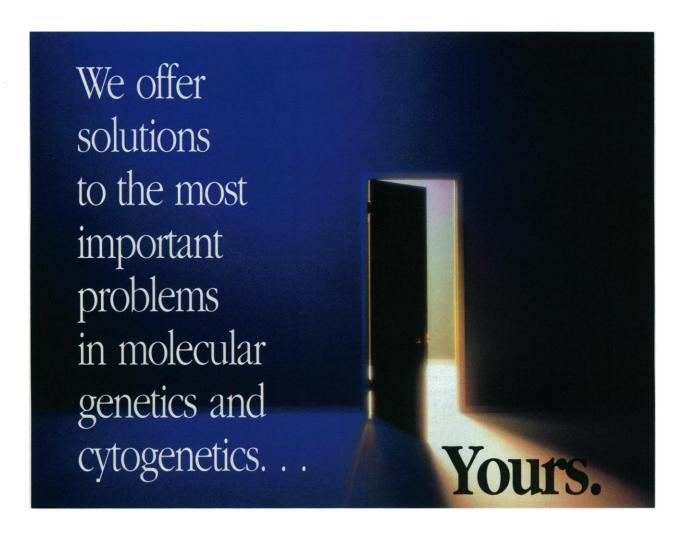
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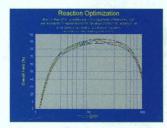
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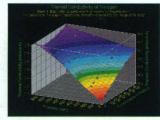
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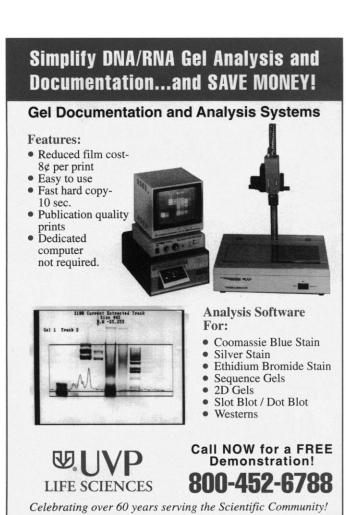
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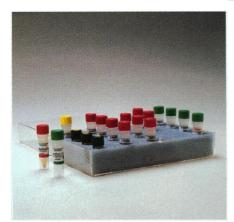


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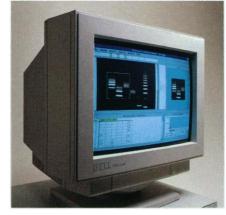
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Contact: Registry of Experimental Cancers

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■ NCI's Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System (CCRIS) is available online through the National Library of Medicine's Toxicology Data Network (ŤOXNET) system. Through an interagency agreement between NCI and NLM, the CCRIS database has been built and will be maintained and updated as one of TOXNET's sponsored databases in the broad areas of chemistry, toxicology, and hazardous waste information. The CCRIS database contains evaluated data and information on carcinogens, mutagens, tumor promotors, cocarcinogens, metabolites of carcinogens, and carcinogen inhibitors derived from published review articles, ongoing current awareness survey of primary literature, NCI/NTP's shortand long-term bioassay studies, the IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Man, and special studies and reports

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■ The Special Assistant for Environmental Cancer, Office of the Director, announces the availability of a limited number of copies of the following publications, which have been prepared under contract to NCI:

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■The National Cancer Institute, along with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Food and Drug Administration, has, for many years, supported a study by the Michigan Department of Public Health dealing with an accidental exposure to polybrominated biphenyls.

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■ The National Cancer Institute has available the Animal Morbidity/Mortality Survey of Colleges of Veterinary Medicine in North America (also known as the Veterinary Medical Data Program) This registry of veterinary medical information represents patient data on animals seen at collaborating veterinary teaching facilities; 3 million hospital episodes have been abstracted and computerized in a standardized record format. Disease informa-tion is coded using the scheme of the Standard Nomenclature of Veterinary Disease and Operations. The computer tapes will be made available upon request.

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Cost: Inquire

■ Human fibroblast cultures from individuals at high risk of cancer, selected members of cancerprone families, and some normal family members are available. The collection is historical with unknown viability and contamination status. Catalog of cell lines unavailable and followup on many individuals is unavailable. Information requests should include potential use of cultures

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Cost: Free to collaborating investigators.

Others: \$70/cell line

■ The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Cancer Institute have developed a repository of biological specimens from homosexual men. The specimens were collected through cooperative agreements with five major U.S. universities for studies of the natural history of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Information about applying for collaborative use of these specimens is available from the NIAID Project Officer or the NCI Co-Project Officer.

Contact: Chief, Epidemiology Branch, AIDS Program, NIAID CDC Bldg., Room 240 National Institutes of Health Bethesda, MD 20892

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■ The Epidemiology and Biostatistics Program of the National Cancer Institute has developed the Observed versus Expected (O/E) software system which calculates: (1) the number of observed events (e.g. cancer cases or deaths) in a study group at risk; (2) the number of expected events in a study group based on the rate of occurrence in some standard or referent population; (3) the ratio of observed to expected events; and (4) the significance of this ratio. The system is user friendly and canable of executing a series of calculations by different variables such as age, time group, date of exposure, age at date of exposure, duration of exposure, year relative to entry and cause of event. The O/E System provides tables by race, sex and user definéd variables, allows user defined latency intervals and accepts standard or user prepared rates. O/E is written in COBOL and is exportable to most mainframes

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Jeff Maurer, M.S. Mortality Statistics Branch Division of Vital Statistics, NCHS 6525 Belcrest Rd., Room 840 Hyattsville, MD 20782 Phone: (301) 436-8884 Fax. (301) 436-7066

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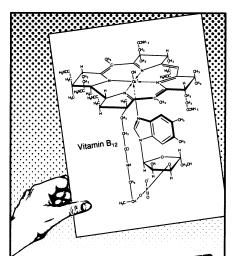
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