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Community Mental Health Center. Naturally it interested me very much; I am the director of the program.

I would like to congratulate you on an excellent job of reporting. Ours is not the easiest program to comprehend, and it is difficult for me to understand how your reporter was so well able to grasp it in so short a time.

Frederick B. Glaser, M.D. Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Dynamic scattering

The article "Chameleon Compounds" (SN: 9/28, p. 321) is well written and comprehensive. The Liquid Crystal Conference was not the first opportunity for scientists to learn of the details of our recent work on dynamic scattering. This material was presented at the Solid State Device Research Conference (Boulder, Colo.) in June. You did state that the substance anisylidene paraaminophenylacetate is nematic from below freezing to the boiling point of water. While this material does exhibit dynamic scattering, its liquid crystalline range is 83 degrees C. to 110 degrees C. The specific material which we used to obtain dynamic scattering from below freezing to above 100 degrees C. is proprietary.

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No landlubber he

Sir:

Engineer Charles T. Hoard has lumped Juan Ponce de León, first governor of Puerto Rico and Florida, together with Benjamin Franklin, first president of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as a landlubber (SN: 9/7, p. 247). Ponce de León was a land and sea captain, who besides discovering and plotting the Gulf Stream, which should in historic justice be named after him, was the discoverer not only of Florida but of México at San Juan de Ulúa, near Vera Cruz in 1516, one year before the still officially recognized socalled discovery by Francisco Hernández de Córdoba in 1517. Ample documentary proof in "Nuevas Fuentes para la Historia de Puerto Rico" by Aurelio Tió, Barcelona, 1961.

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