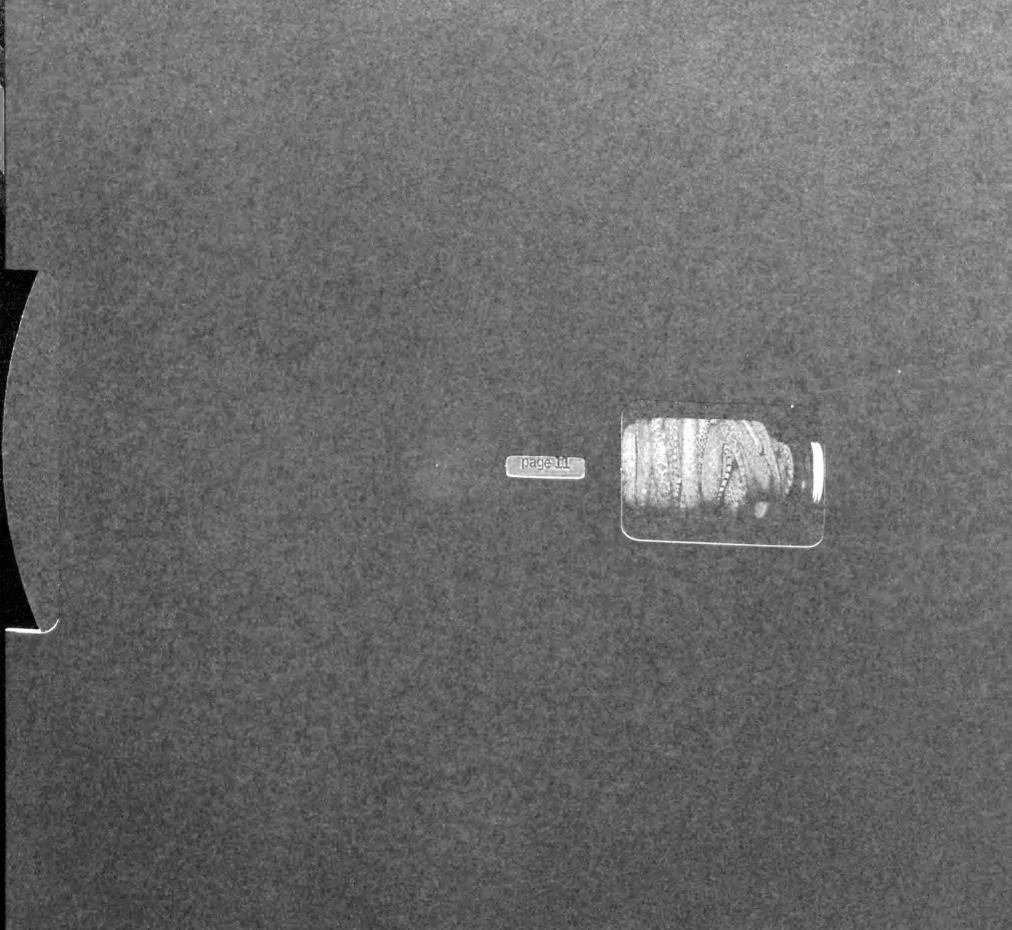
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For most of us, 2001 was anything but business as usual. The tragedy of September 11 sent a series of aftershocks

rippling around the world. Amid this great loss — and the solidarity with which Americans responded — institutions everywhere faced an array of challenges. Yet despite these challenges we at The Field Museum strove to make 2001, as much as possible, business as usual.

We are, however, in a rather unusual business.



In the past year, Field Museum anthropologists discovered the cradle of civilization for the Americas, Field Museum educators brought one third of a million schoolchildren through our doors, and Field Museum exhibitions staff helped hundreds of thousands of visitors explore the history and myth of Cleopatra.

And those are just three stories. For a sample of some sixty additional discoveries, events, achievements, publications, and breakthroughs big and small, look to the information "ticker" running across the bottom of each page.

While hardly comprehensive, we hope this report conveys the breadth and depth of the Museum's outstanding performance in 2001. Thank you for helping us make this an extraordinary year, and we look forward to your continued support.

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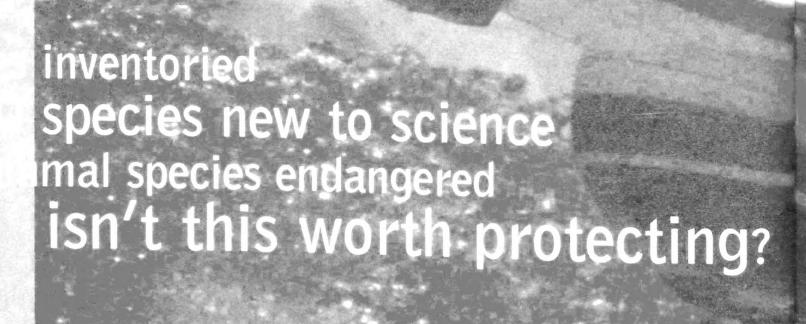
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That was the question The Field Museum's Environmental and Conservation Programs (ECP) staff and their colleagues at the Peruvian Association for the Conservation of Nature (APECO) asked as they finished field work in the Cordillera Azul mountains in September 2000.

Bringing new meaning to the term "rapid," the team completed its bilingual Rapid Biological Inventory report in four months, and—with tremendous support from government and nongovernmental organizations—prepared the technical documents for a proposed park in two months.

The result: on May 21, 2001 Peru's acting president Valentin Paniagua signed a law creating the new Parque Nacional Cordillera Azul.





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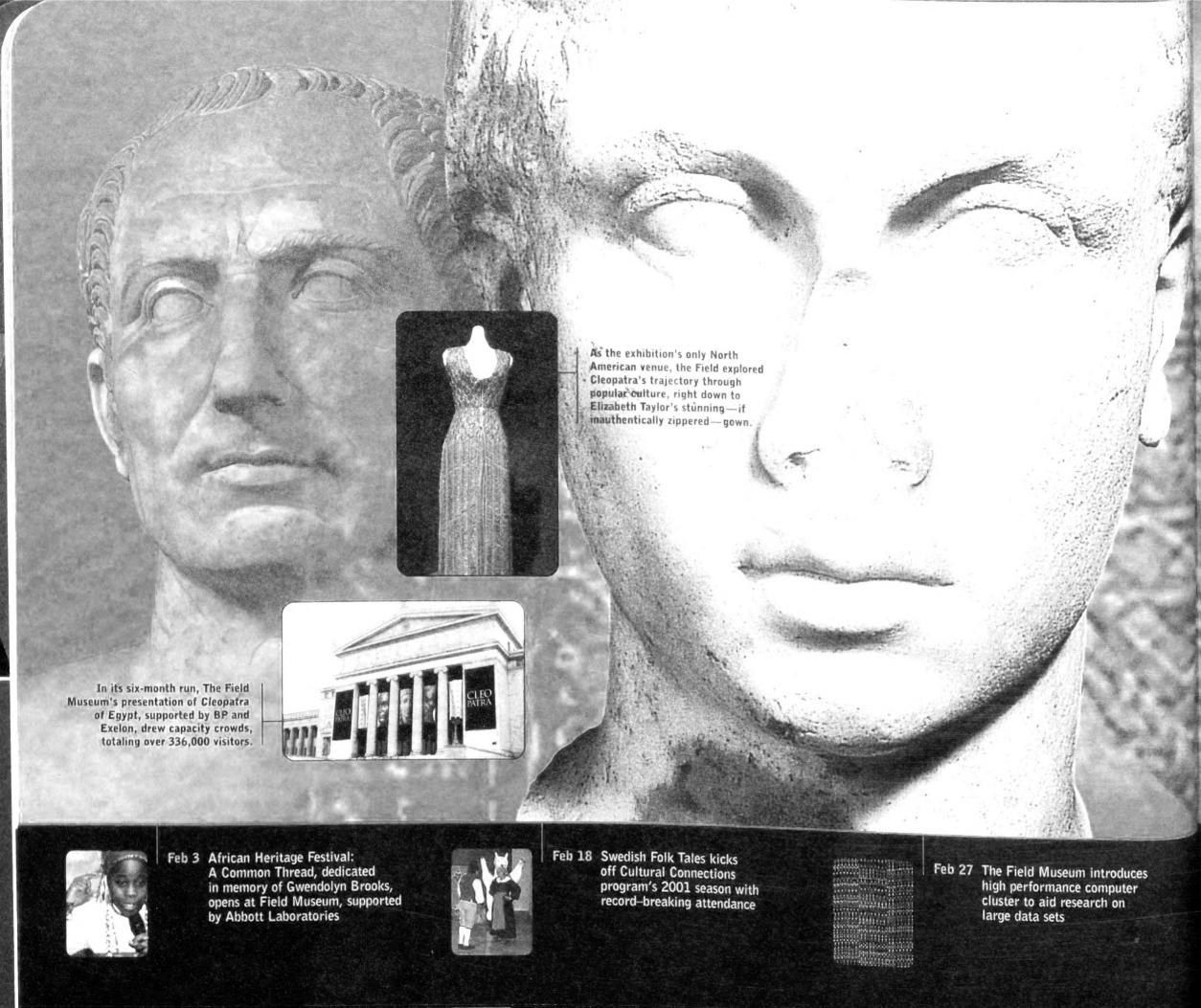


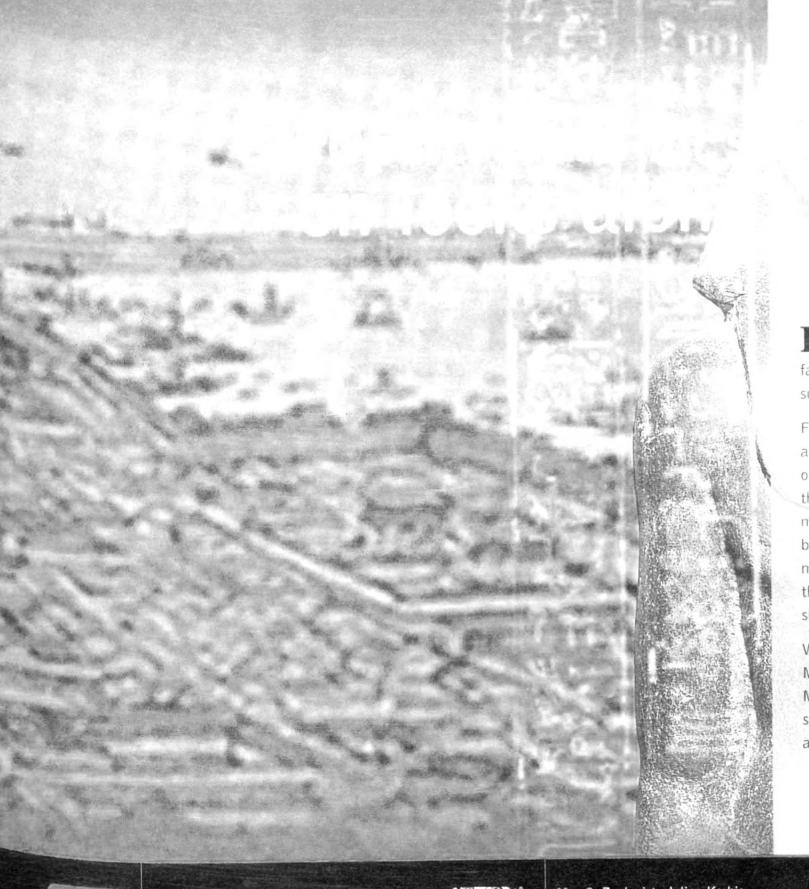






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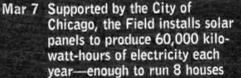




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For although Cleopatra of Egypt assembled 300 dazzling artifacts from thirty institutions—treasures that otherwise would require trips to The British Museum, the Hermitage, the Louvre, and twenty-seven other museums—the exhibition went deeper than surface beauty. Our presentation took visitors beyond Cleopatra's mythical allure to an understanding of the person behind the myth: where she came from, whom she loved, how she rose to power, and how she died.

Working with the exhibition's organizers—The British Museum and the Fondazione Memmo, Rome—The Field Museum balanced the romance of Cleopatra's personal story with her even more stunning history: a set of achievements based on brains, not beauty.





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the cradle of civilization in the Americas—was it too boring to explore?

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In Peru, ceramics are particularly important: they're time markers—and hallmarks of civilization. So Caral was an enigma: how could a city with such magnificent architecture have no ceramics? The answer came when the Museum's Jonathan Haas and colleagues radiocarbon dated the site . . . to 2627 B.C., centuries before ceramics first appeared in Peru. Caral turns out to be the oldest urban center in the Americas.

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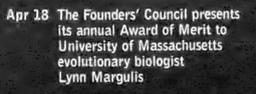


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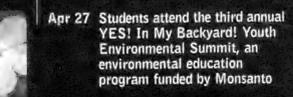


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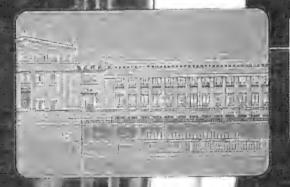
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Anthropological artifacts—
from a pair of tiny Sioux
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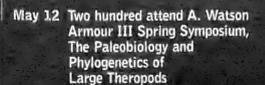
specimens shown actual size

To some, it's a jar of dead snakes. To our zoologists, however, specimens like these bull snakes represent a treasury of scientific data.

That's why we'll be putting them in a safe place: underground, in our planned state-of-the-art Collections Resource Center. Part of the largest expansion in the Museum's history, the 182,000 square-foot Center will contain laboratories, seminar spaces, work rooms, and a facility that will initially hold two million zoology, geology, and anthropology collections items—with room for more as the collections grow.

But the new Center isn't just about research. By consolidating the collections, it frees up almost 50,000 square feet for exhibitions and public programs and makes room for a much needed accessible east entrance to the Museum.

When complete, the only change outside the building will be the newly landscaped terrace. Two floors below, however, will be the bull snakes: think of them as buried treasure.



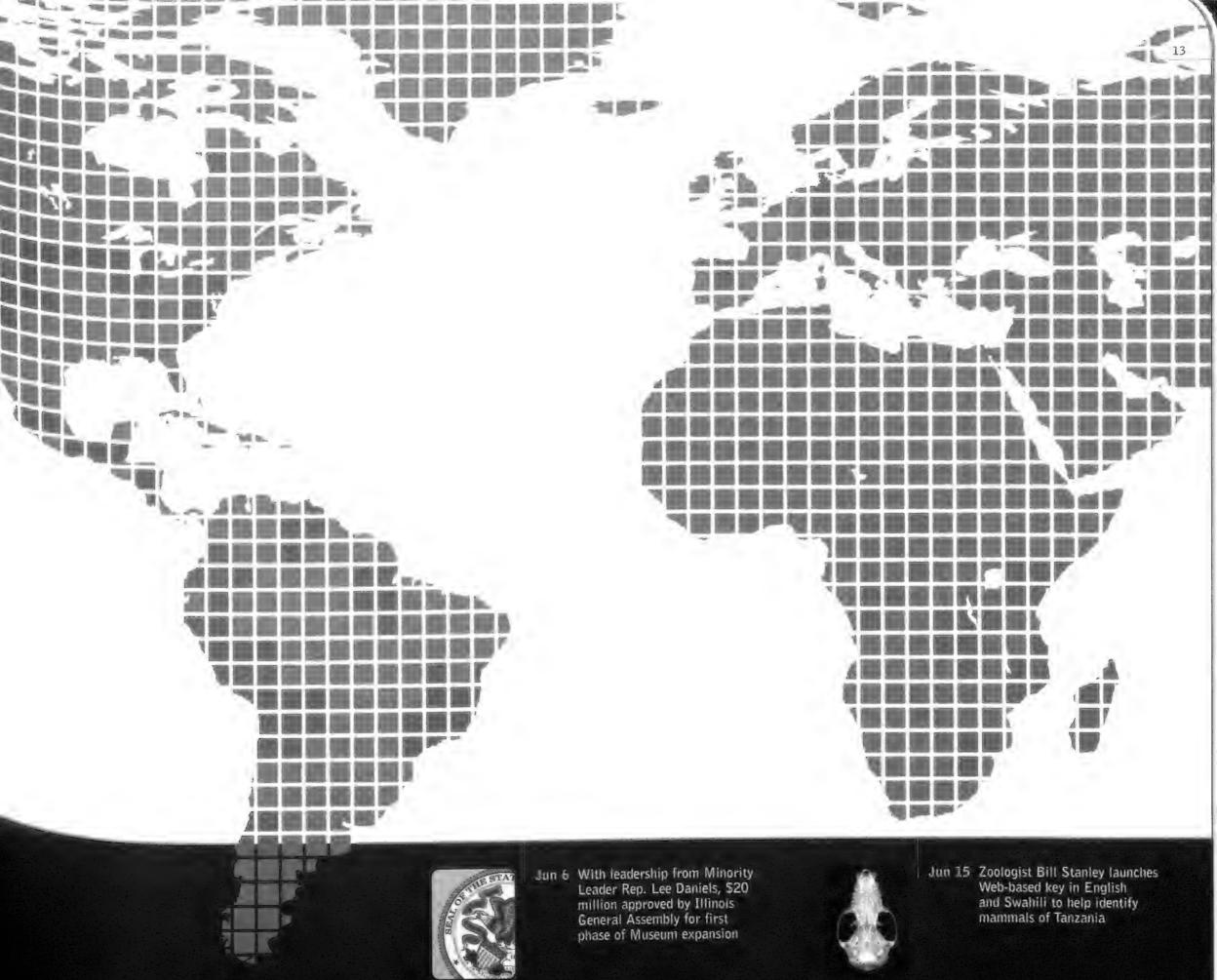


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Field Ambassadors are Chicago-area educators, such as Aurelia Spann (right), who come to the Museum to learn how to make it more accessible and rewarding for their students. When they return to their schools, they bring Museum resources back to their fellow teachers. (Although in Ms. Spann's case, she brought her fellow teachers to the Museum.)

Since 1998, the Field Ambassadors program has grown from 28 teachers to 122, with visits from Field Ambassador schools jumping by 155%.

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What would happen if, like Ms. Spann, all 122
Field Ambassadors brought in thirty-five teachers from their schools, each of whom brought thirty students?

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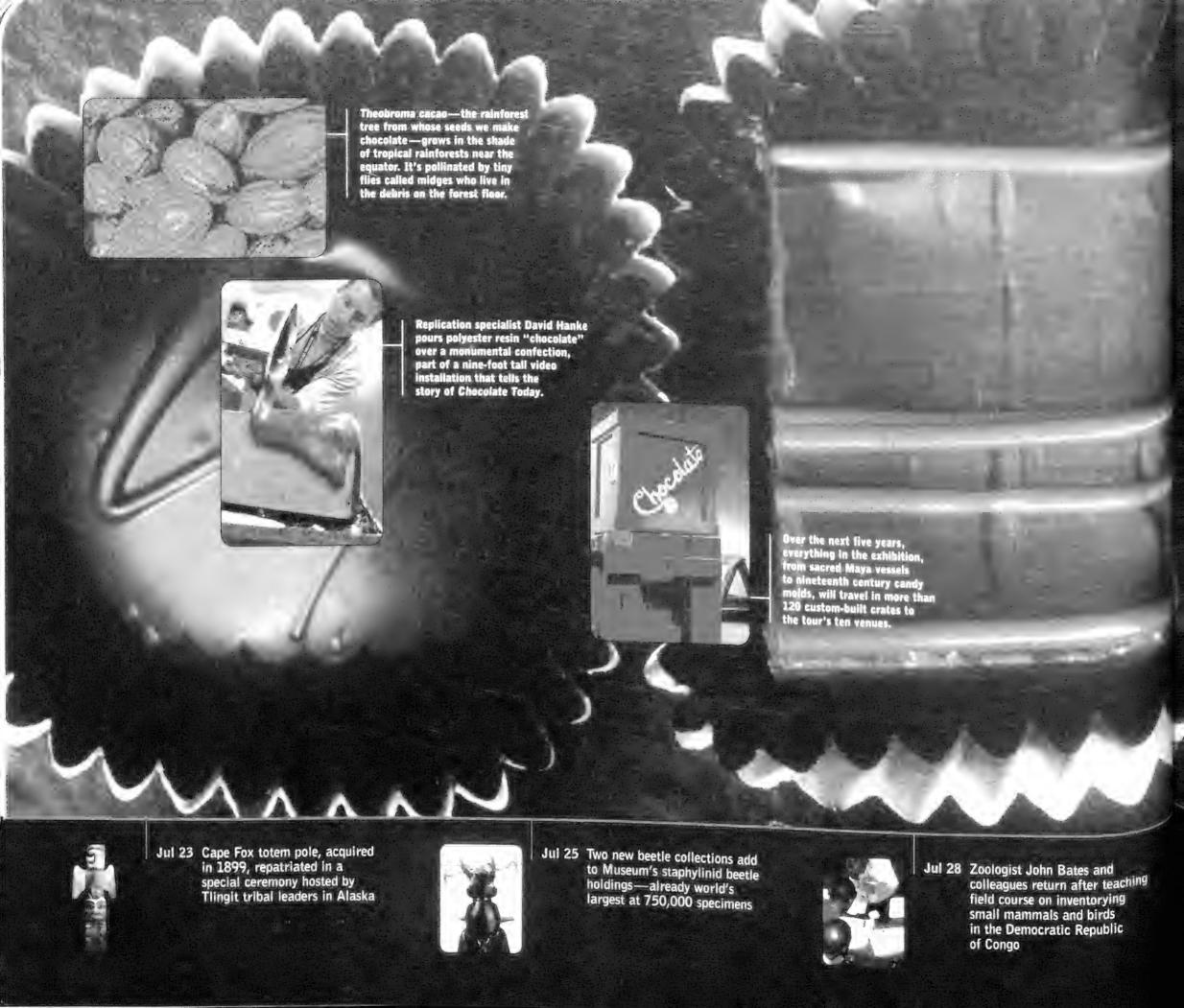


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Jun 28 Summer sound and light show, Chicago — a New Canvas, debuts, conceived by civic leader Francie Comer





this story starts out bitter and ends up SWeet

The "food of the gods" has a bitter beginning—as the seed of the cacao tree. It wasn't until the nineteenth century—and the addition of sugar, milk, and the grinding power of the steam engine—that the first chocolate bar appeared.

With development and design completed late in 2001, the Museum's Chocolate exhibition opened on Valentine's Day 2002. Supported by the National Science Foundation, Chocolate traces cacao's journey from rainforest product, to Aztec empire trade item, to global commodity.

To tell this story, we've selected artifacts from around the world, and replicated everything from the 2,000+ leaves of a cacao tree to a nine-foot tall box of chocolates.

Finally, through its five-year, ten-museum tour, Chocolate will build on The Field Museum's reputation as a provider of first-class traveling exhibitions.

And that will really be sweet.

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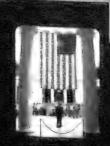
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The team's only biologist, Voight collected the worms and mollusks that thrive in the hot, mineral-laden, hydrothermal fluid. Even in this dark, toxic, oxygen-deprived environment—which ranges from a balmy sixty-eight degrees to a searing 700 degrees—diverse organisms thrive.

During the expedition Voight emailed reports to hundreds of subscribers. Her notes opened a window onto the work of a marine biologist, revealing the hazards (and, sometimes, boredom) of life at sea—and the excitement of scientific discovery.



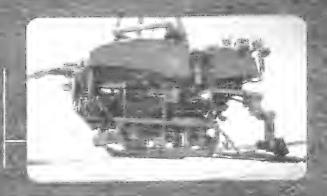
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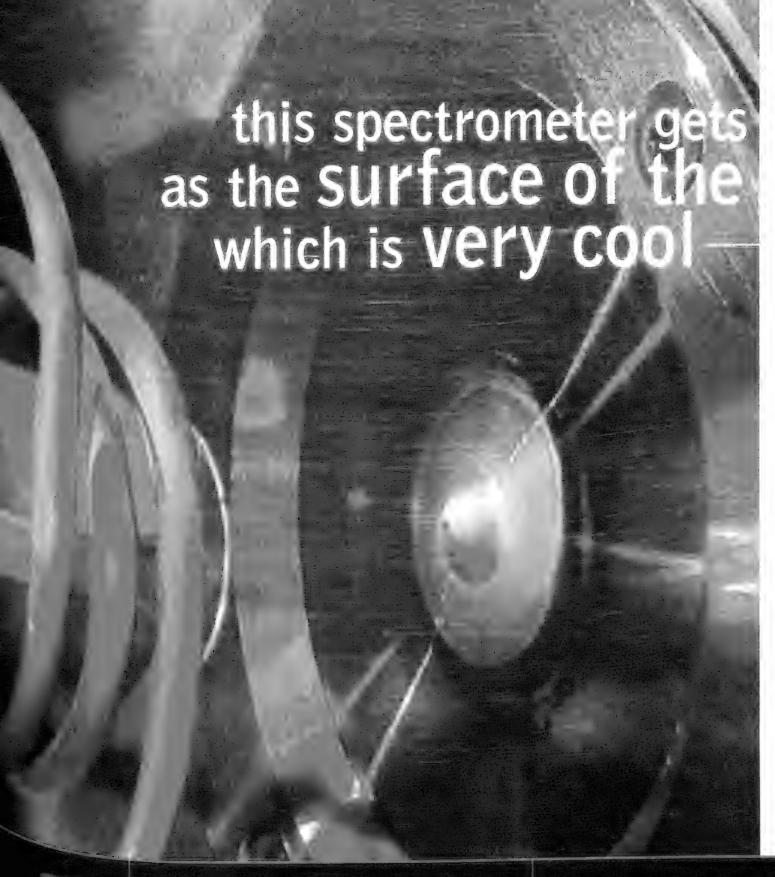


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The Museum's curator of meteoritics, Meenakshi Wadhwa, thinks that's pretty cool. In so many words.

Completed in September of 2001, the new facility, funded in part by NASA and the National Science Foundation, is the first of its kind in a North American museum. Wadhwa will use the lab to precisely date the formation of ancient meteorites. Her future projects include studying the chemical composition of Mars rocks and solar particles.

Other scientists will use the laboratory to determine the age of rock samples, chart environmental pollution from heavy metals, and even investigate the diet of our hominid ancestors—by analyzing elements left in their teeth.

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Some of the species he reported would wait six centuries—until the Victorian era—to be confirmed by scientific reports.

Now, in the twenty-first century, Field Museum zoologists Thomas Gnoske and Julian Kerbis Peterhans have opened a new era of research in the Himalayas. In 2001 Gnoske and Kerbis Peterhans, with funding from the World Wildlife Fund and Field Museum research

endowments, collaborated with Bhutan's Nature Conservation Division to begin documenting the region's highly diverse yet poorly known—birds and mammals.

As this report went to press, The Field Museum, WWF, and The Royal Government of Bhutan signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct biodiversity research through 2004. The team's findings will help The Royal Government of Bhutan make sound ecological management decisions—and initial Bhutan's first natural history museum.



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Pearls: are they tears of the gods?

Since ancient times, human beings have coveted—and conjectured about—pearls. On June 28, 2002 a gorgeous exhibition, supported by Tasaki Shinju Co. Ltd., will bring to light the true nature of these lustrous gemstones: how they're created in nature and encouraged by humankind; the biology and ecology of the creatures that make them; the roles pearls have played in history; and the lengths—or depths—to which we have gone to obtain them.

Pearls—created in collaboration with The American Museum of Natural History, New York—is the largest exhibition ever put together on the subject, with more than 600 objects and nearly half a million individual pearls. Featured are 40-million-year-old fossil pearls that still hold their luster; the largest giant clam ever collected; and of course, fabulous jewelry and fashions that have adorned the likes of Queen Victoria, Marie Antoinette, and Marilyn Monroe.

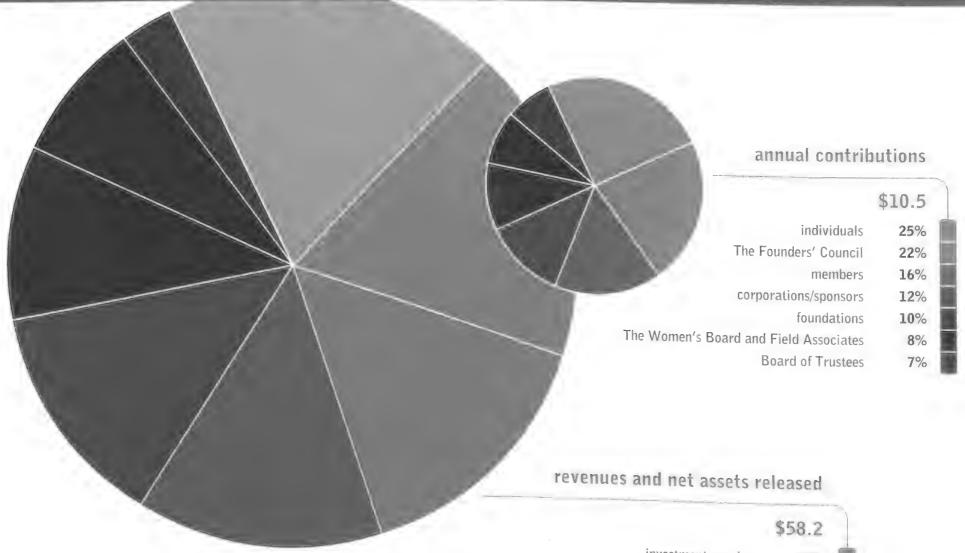


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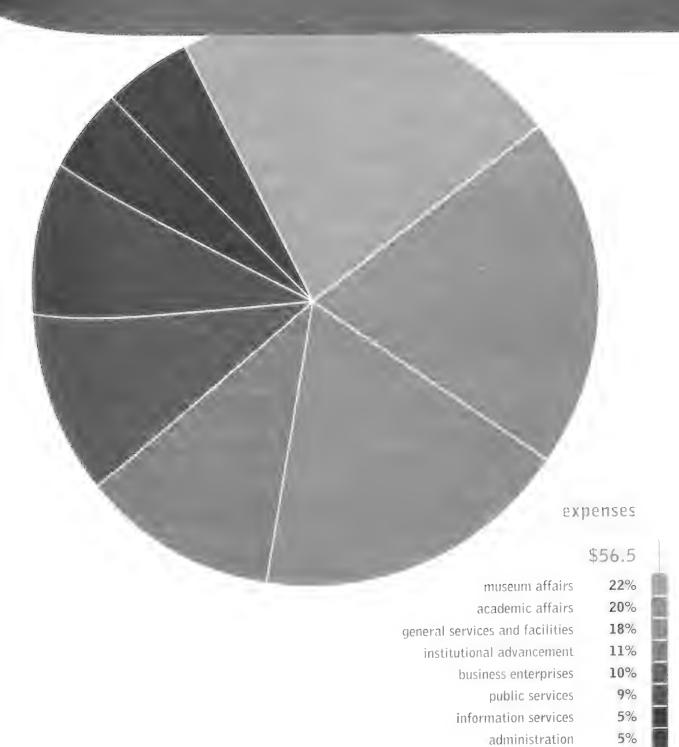
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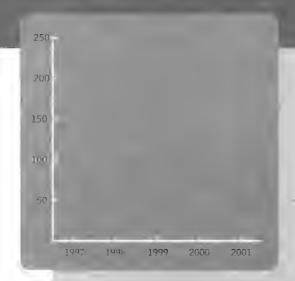
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other income	3%
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The Field Museum is changing the role of museums, from storing and displaying the world's wonders, into actively exploring and protecting them.

in I Field Museum scientists and staff welcome the new year at the Museum and at field sites around the world. Jan 7 Star Wars: The Magic of Myth closes after drawing 344,000 visitors. Jan 7 Museum announces Give Sue a Voice in Springfield funding initiative for new collections center and east entrance. Jan 10 Museum receives grant from nstitute of Museum and Library Services to develop virtual herbarium with Chicago Botanic Garden and Morton Arboretum Jan 15 Feinman in China-part of E-mails from the field in which students virtually join an archaeological expedition—concludes. Jan 21 Chicago Chamber Musicians perform Tyrannosaurus Sue: A Cretaceous Concerto. Jan 23 Museum experiments with a hand-held computer guide to exhibitions and science. Jan 24 Arrival of specimens collected during an Aquatic Rapid Assessment of the pristine Caura River Basin, Venezuela, led by zoologist Barry Chernoff. Feb 3 African Heritage Festival: A Common Thread, dedicated in memory of Gwendolyn Brooks, opens at Field Museum supported by Abbott Laboratories Feb 18 Swedish Folk Tales kicks off Cultural Connections program's 2001 season with record-breaking attendance. Feb 27 The Field Museum ntroduces high performance computer cluster to aid research on large data sets. Mar 7 Supported by the City of Chicago, the Field installs solar panels to produce 60,000 kilowatt nours of electricity each year—enough to run 8 houses. Mar 8 Zoologists Julian Kerbis Peterhans and Tom Gnoske travel to Bhutan to inventory birds and mammals in partnership with World Wildlife Fund Mar 24 Librarian of Congress James H. Billington presents "The Face of Russia: Anguish, Aspiration, and Achievement in Russian Culture" Mar 30 Nev DNA sequencer arrives in the Pritzker Laboratory thanks to a gift from The Negaunee Foundation. Apr 1 Kremlin Gold: 1000 Years of Russian Gems and Jewels closes after a total attendance of 221,000 visitors. Apr 13 Ghanaian tribal elders perform blessing to open exhibition. Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Apr 18 The Founders' Council presents its annual Award of Merit to University of Massachusetts evolutionary biologist Lynn Margulis Apr 21 Dr. Richard Boyum donates a copy of second Dutch edition of Johannes de Laet's Beschrijvinghe van West-Indien, published in 1630, to Field Museum Library Apr 23 Geologist John Flynn awarded Guggenheim Fellowship to support a year of paleontological research in Chile Apr 27 Students attend the third annual YES! In My Backyard! Youth Environmental Summit in environmental education program funded by Monsanto May 1 Friends of The Field Museum Library celebrate tenth anniversary and debut facsimile reproductions from John James audubon's Birds of America. May 10 Guest speaker paleoanthropologist Richard Leakey speaks to standing-room-only audience in James Simpson Theatre. May 12 Two hundred ttend A. Watson Armour III Spring Symposium, The Paleobiology and Phylogenetics of Large Theropods May 16 The New York Times reports study by zoologists Doug Stotz, Dave Villard, and Mary Hennen which concludes that dimming Chicago skyscrapers can reduce bird deaths by 80% May 22 Reaching 41 states, Project E.R. (Environmental Rescue) upported by NASA, virtually transports students to research sites in Illinois, Kenya, and Ecuador May 25-26 A Trex Named Sue, supported by McDonald's, travels to museums in columbus, OH and Indianapolis, IN Jun 4 Zoologists Dave Willard and Steve Goodman complete MacArthur Foundation-supported inventory of birds and mammals in the Centra African Republic Jun 6 With leadership from Minority Leader Rep. Lee Daniels, \$20 million approved by Illinois General Assembly for first phase of Museum expansion Jun 15 cologist Bill Stanley launches Web-based key in English and Swahili to help identify mammals of Tanzania. Jun 18 A nineteen-month ethnographic research project to map socia ssets in Chicago's Lake Calumet region begins. Jun 22 Botanist Sabine Huhndorf receives prestigious National Science Foundation PEET grant for taxonomical research, emarkable fifth such grant for the Museum Jun 28 Summer sound and light show, Chicago - a New Canvas, debuts, conceived by civic leader Francie Comer Jun 30 By the year's nidpoint, 719 volunteers have contributed half of the 75,000 hours they will give by year's end Jul 4 Smithsonian scientists honor botanist Michael Dillon with new plant genus Dillandia, for his contributions to botany of the Peruvian Andes. Jul 14 Field Museum sends cast of Ice Age skeleton, Magdalenian Girl, to museum at site in France where she was iscovered Jul 23 Cape Fox totem pole, acquired in 1899, repatriated in a special ceremony hosted by Tiingit tribal leaders in Alaska Jul 25 Two new beetle collections add to Auseum's staphylinid beetle holdings—already world's largest at 750,000 specimens. Jul 28 Zoologist John Bates and colleagues return after teaching field course on inventorying mall mammals and birds in the Democratic Republic of Congo Aug 8 NASA's Genesis spacecraft is launched to collect samples of solar particles, a portion of which will be analyzed in the Museum's labs. Aug 10 Cheyenne Visions exhibition, celebrating the Museum's long relationship with the Cheyenne, opens with ceremonial blessing. Aug 17 The Evolution of Plants, a textbook for students in paleobotany co-authored by geologist Jennifer McElwain, goes to press. Aug 29 Geologist Peter Makovicky announces discover f well-preserved, 70-million-year-old dinosaur Gallimimus bullatus in Mongolian Gobi Desert Sep 1 Dr. Robert Martin, one of the world's foremost primatologists, becomes Vice resident for Academic Affairs Sep 11 In response to the attacks on the United States, The Field Museum closes, and plans town half meetings and other educational programs with upport from Boeing and Nuveen corporations. Sep 19 In a radio interview, botanist William Burger discusses formation of sand dunes and reemergence of plants near Chicago's Montrose Harbor Sep 23 Excavation underway for \$23 million replacement of Museum's heating and cooling systems—most of which date to the Woodrow Wilson administration Sep 26 Botanist Jun Wen discovers two new species in the ginseng plant family in southeast Asia while collecting 1,200 herbarium specimens. Oct 3 Anthropology conservator Ruth lorton conducts preservation assessment at National Library of Cambodia. Oct 4 Guest speaker Meave Leakey describes discovery of a 3.5 million-year-old skull in Kenya

