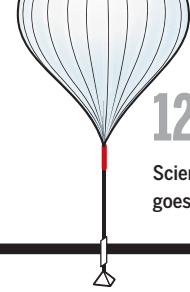


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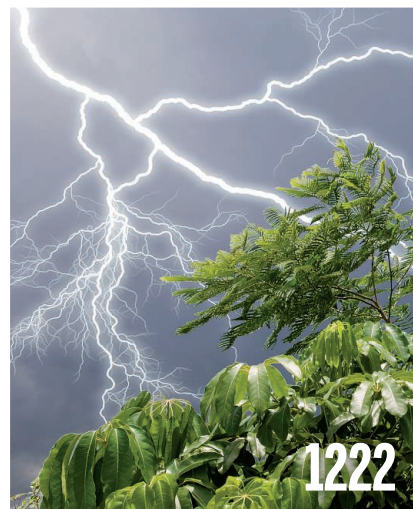
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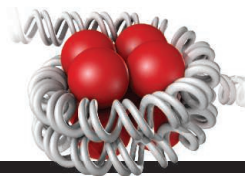
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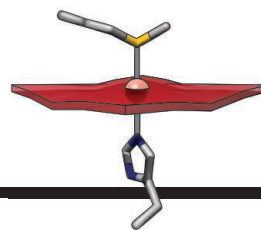
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reveals that egg shape is related to flight ability in birds, overturning classic theories. Additionally, the egg's flexible membrane—not the shell—might

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