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WRINKLE REMOVER -- A dramatic reduction in the number of wrinkles and skin blemishes is visible in comparing the before (top) and after views of a test subject using the skin cream, Retin-A. The prescription cream, which contains a chemical (retinoic acid) related to vitamin A, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration as an acne treatment in 1971. Doctors soon observed that on certain older patients who used it, wrinkling and blotchiness faded. Recent research by dermatologist John Voorhees and co-workers at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor confirms the drug's ability to remove wrinkles and also reveals that treated skin grows new tissue to replace dead or sun damaged cells. While much additional testing must be done to determine the long-term effects of usage, Retin-A is being hailed as the beginning of a new age in skin care. (88-7-C)

