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MEDICINE PRIZE -- Rita Levi-Montalcini (left) and Stanley Cohen share the 1986 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Levi-Montalcini, a 77-year-old Italian-American is director of the cellular biology laboratory at the National Council of Scientific Research in Rome. Cohen, 63, is a researcher at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The two did research together at Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri) in the 1950's which has led to more recent discoveries of numerous cellular growth factors that affect all manner of growth processes within the body. The Nobel Assembly of Sweden's Karolinska Institute cited them for opening "new fields of widespread importance to basic science."

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