The Bioethics of Biobanks:

Privacy, Property, Persons, and Progress

George J. Annas, JD, MPH
Professor and Chair
Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights
Boston University School of Public Health
School of Medicine, & School of Law

February 2, 2012
San Francisco
“Exceptionally private”??
Information

Decision-Making

Relational
FUTURE DIARY

By Marcia Stamer, USA TODAY
US v. Jones
Property
“Biobanks”

COLLECTION
ANALYSIS
STORAGE
DISCLOSURE

[discrimination/GINA]
Chasing Bad Genes to the Ends of the Earth

The high-tech future of medicine is encrypted in the blood of remote peoples. For the new, intrepid gene hunters, there is treasure buried in those veins. 

By Lisa Belkin

PLUS: THE POPE'S JEWISH DILEMMA. BY PAUL ELIY

Who Were the First Americans?

A New Scientific War Over a 10,000-Year-Old Puzzle

Reconstruction of Spirit Cave man who lived in Nevada 9,000 years ago
THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF
HENRIETTA LACKS

Doctors took her cells without asking.
Those cells never died.
They launched a medical revolution
and a multimillion-dollar industry.
More than twenty years later, her children found out.
Their lives would never be the same.

REBECCA SKLOOT
“Exceptional People”
personalized medicine