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An unusually well-preserved tomb made for a Celtic woman (perhaps from the Heuneburg aristocracy?) has been discovered near prehistoric Heuneburg hill fort near the town of Herbertingen in south-western Germany. The subterranean tomb features a 4 x 5 meter chamber that is floored with oak, which will allow a more precise dating of the tomb. Also found were elaborate examples of jewelry made of gold and amber. The area is believed to be a major trading center among Celtic settlements that flourished between 620 and 480 B.C.E. In a dramatic research precaution, the entire chamber (weighing 80 tons) was lifted out by two cranes and trucked to a research facility in Ludwigsburg on Tuesday. The results of the analysis will be presented in June 2011, researchers said, and the tomb and its objects are scheduled to be exhibited in Stuttgart in 2012.



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