

the concept. We regret that some social scientists see the term as a simile for the undeserving poor and especially as a racist codeword. Making such a charge is a good way to stifle open discussion. We have been personally involved in a search for policies that would stem growth of the underclass, something we wouldn't do if we thought they were "undeserving" of assistance. Our point is that lack of income isn't their only problem. We also note that many of those most centrally involved in research on the underclass, including William Wilson, Erol Ricketts, and Ronald Mincy, are black social scientists who do *not* find the term objectionable. There will, of course, be misuse of the word and of our research. However, in the interest of raising some important questions and establishing some useful facts, social scientists should be willing to take that risk.

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Cynomolgus Monkeys

In her article "Imported monkey puzzle" (News & Comment, 30 Mar., p. 1538), Marjorie Sun incorrectly states that there are no U.S. breeding colonies for cynomolgus monkeys. There are a number of small U.S. breeding colonies, both commercial and government-sponsored. Examples include the colonies at several of the regional primate centers funded by the National Institutes of Health and large private facilities in Texas and other states. However, their production is not sufficient to meet the demands of the research community, and we definitely need to continue importation.

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Erratum: In the report "Tick anticoagulant peptide (TAP) is a novel inhibitor of blood coagulation factor Xa" by L. Waxman *et al.* (4 May, p. 593), the second sentence of the caption of figure 2 was printed incorrectly. It should have read, "Determination of the intrinsic K_i was done by fitting the observed data (\bullet) with nonlinear regression analysis to the ratio of inhibited velocity (V_i) to uninhibited velocity (V_o) described by the equation

$$V_i/V_o =$$

$$\frac{[E_t - I_t - K_i^*] + [(I_t + K_i^* - E_t)^2 + 4K_i E_t]^{1/2}}{2E_t}$$

derived by Morrison for tight-binding inhibition (7) (solid line), where E_t and I_t are the total amount of enzyme and inhibitor, respectively, included in the assay."

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