

affinity ( $EA > 2.5$ ) (4), the negative ions observed in molybdenum carbide may be a result primarily of  $Mo_nO_{3n}^-$  ( $n = 1$  to 5) rather than  $Mo_nC_{4n}^-$ , even though molybdenum oxide is present in the sample in trace amounts. Indeed, laser ablation of pure molybdenum oxide exhibits a negative ion mass spectrum similar to the one observed for the laser photolysis of  $Mo(CO)_6$ .

We have now acquired mass spectra with enhanced resolution and mass accuracy (differences in mass between  $MoC_4$  and  $MoO_3$  is only 0.0153 daltons) which show that the masses observed in at least 95% of the laser photolysis samples correspond to  $Mo_n(O_3)_n^-$  instead of  $Mo_n(C_4)_n^-$ . For the remaining 5% of the samples, the masses appear to more closely match the molybdenum carbide clusters, although better mass calibration experiments are being done to verify this result. A complete study of the laser photolysis of  $Mo(CO)_6$  should resolve these issues.

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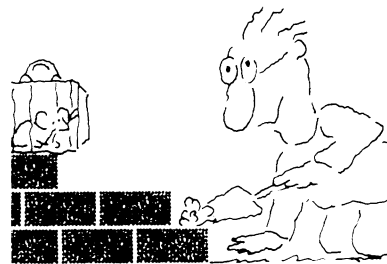
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#### Corrections and Clarifications

The Research News article, "Oncogenes reach a milestone" by Jean Marx (23 Dec., p. 1942), incorrectly said that Ray Erickson did his pioneering work on the *src* gene at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was instead at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

The photograph on page 1415 accompanying the book review of Luna B. Leopold's *A View of the River* by Vic Baker (25 Nov., p. 1414) showed meanders of the East Fork River near Boulder, Wyoming, not the Popo Agie River.

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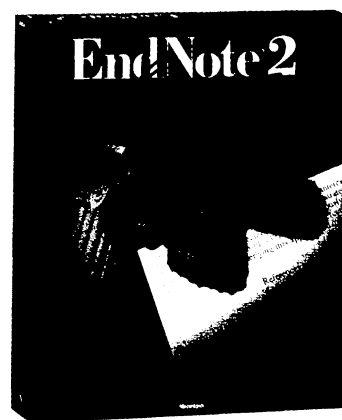
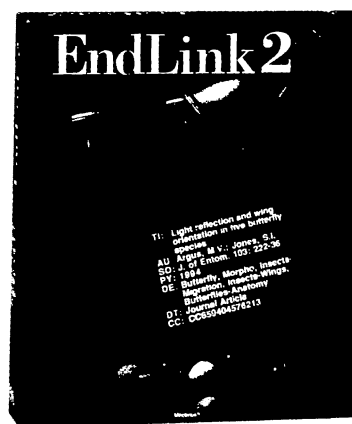
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