

LETTERS

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Strangelovian Concepts

Richard A. Kerr's article "A Strangelove ocean comes back to life" (Research News, 1 Dec., p. 1442) attributes the doomsday machine to Dr. Strangelove. I must strongly object! Strangelove was the originator of the "mine shaft" concept, in which extant shafts would be inhabited by *Homo sapiens* of a controversial gender ratio. The "mind shaft" strategy was developed as a countermeasure to assure homonid survival in case of inadvertent detonation of a doomsday machine.

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Note from the Editor-in-Chief

During our consideration of the report "Identification of a dual specificity kinase that activates the Jun kinases and p38-Mpk2" by A. Lin *et al.*, which was published in our issue of 14 April 1995 (p. 286), a name was removed by the corresponding author from the report's list of authors. A subsequent disagreement between some of the report's authors and the person whose name was omitted brought to light the fact that we had not obtained a signed statement from the report's corresponding author and the person whose name was omitted saying that they agreed to the authorship changes. We were remiss in not obtaining these statements and will do so in the future as a matter of policy.

—FLOYD E. BLOOM

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