

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, together with the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and academic collaborators, have been instrumental in development of the database. ITIS illustrates a success of the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, and Vice President Al Gore's reinventing government in action. An ongoing goal of the ITIS effort is to involve the global bioscience community in building an infrastructure that results in improved access to credible, continuously improving biosystematics information.

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### Rules of the Game?

I found David Satcher's "Advice from the top" (Women & Minorities '96, 29 Mar., p. 1910) head and shoulders above both Anne C. Petersen's (p. 1904) and Lydia Villa-

Komaroff's (p. 1905). The last sentence in Satcher's piece says it all: "I assume that you can change people and change situations. You just need to find a way to do it." How different in attitude from Petersen's "women who understand the informal rules of the game are more likely to succeed." Succeed in what? A "game"? I don't consider science and the issues we face today in this society a game. It is deadly serious, as many who have tried to change the rules have found out. We are finally beginning the discussions necessary to achieve respect for the differences throughout our society, including among those who wish to pursue scientific careers. When will the day come when a woman is a success on her own terms instead of "making it" because she learned someone else's rules. When will we, as women in science, acknowledge our capacity to contribute in unique and productive ways to the scientific endeavor?

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### Corrections and Clarifications

Throughout the 3 May letters by Jerome S. Puskin and Neal S. Nelson (p. 631) and Donald A. Pierce and Dale L. Preston (p. 632), under the heading "Risks from low doses

of radiation," the unit "Selvin" should have been "sievert." The error, which *Science* regrets, was introduced during editing. Also, in the letter by Puskin and Nelson, the word "generation" in line 9 of the next-to-last paragraph should have been "general."

The issue date on pages 342 through 349 of the 19 April 1996 issue incorrectly gave the year as 1995.

The Research News article "New role for HIV: A vehicle for moving genes into cells" by Jon Cohen (12 Apr., p. 195) should have noted that the lab of Mario Stevenson is now at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and that it also was instrumental in first showing that HIV can infect nondividing cells.

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