could see the resulting changes in footprint size, thereby increasing motivation for ecologically positive choices and directing one's activity to the changes with greatest potential for beneficial effect.

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Global Mean Sea Level Change: Correction

An error was recently discovered in the computer software that processes data from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration altimeter on the TOPEX/POSEIDON satellite (*1*). The error caused a small measurement drift of less than 1 centimeter per year. Its effect is negligible for most oceanographic studies using the data, except for the computation of changes in global mean sea level. Correction of this error (*2*) changes our previously published results (Reports, 5 May 1995, p. 708) (*3*), as well as those in other papers (*4*). The corrected value of global mean sea level rise observed since the launch of TOPEX/POSEIDON in 1992 is close to 0 millimeters per year, although there is evidence of additional instrument drift (*5*), suggesting a preferred value of roughly +2 millimeters per year. The corrected TOPEX/POSEIDON observations for 1993–1996 are in statistical agreement with the historical tide gauge record, which shows mean sea level rising at a rate of approximately 1.8 millimeters per year over the last 50 years (*6*). Further improvements of these results await a longer time series of measurements and improved methods for externally monitoring the overall system performance.

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Corrections and Clarifications

The table of contents in the issue of 7 February 1997 (p. 727) should have listed the report "Numerical simulation of the Cretaceous Tethys circumglobal current" by Andrew B. G. Bush, which begins on page 807.

In figures 1 and 3C (p. 229) of the report "Mechanism of suppression of cell-mediated immunity by measles virus" by C. L. Karp *et al.* (12 July, p. 228), "IFN-α" should have read, "IFN-γ" in all occurrences. In the second line of note 11 (p. 230), the phrase "(American Type Culture Collection)" should have read, "(courtesy of P. Rota)."

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