

signature (1). Although there is still uncertainty, age assignment of the section shown in figure 3 of my report still appears reasonable. Secular change in carbon-13 values of the section looks unavailable at present because (i) the primary depth of chert sedimentation below carbonate compensation depth (usually more than 3000 meters) ousted carbonates from the section (2), and (ii) preliminary measurements of organic carbon show highly variable (thus, controversial) carbon-13 values through the section.

With regard to the comment by Retalack and Holser about the subtle timing between the onset of "superanoxia" and the real boundary, I will refrain from being too specific about whether oceanic anoxia or an apparently stratified ocean was the real culprit of the global mass extinction until more precise geochronologic data are available for the section. The apparent oceanic stratification may have been a consequence, rather than a cause, of all the unique changes across the boundary. The deposition of organic claystone around the boundary, however, was probably a result of transient blooming of anaerobic biota during the "superanoxia," not of the one-time mass dying at the end-Changxingian, because the Lower Triassic siliceous claystone also interca-

lates many organic claystone layers up to the Spathian horizons (1, 3). Likewise, the end-Guadalupian extinction alone may not have been responsible for the whole Late Permian anoxia of nearly 8 million years duration.

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Corrections and Clarifications

In figure 1 (p. 1249) of the article "Pathways to macroscale order in nanostructured block copolymers" by Zhong-Ren Chen *et al.* (29 Aug., p. 1248), the lower labels for the perpendicular and the transverse alignments were incorrect. They should have been " $\Delta n_{13} = >0$ " and " $\Delta n_{13} = <0$," respectively.

In the report "Protein transport by purified yeast Sec complex and Kar2p without membranes" by K. E. S. Matlack *et al.* (15 Aug., p. 938),

panels B and C of figure 1 (p. 939) were inadvertently interchanged during editing.

In the Research News article "Archaeologists rediscover cannibals" by Ann Gibbons (1 Aug., p. 635), the credit for the three photographs on page 635 should have read, "C. G. Turner, Arizona State University."

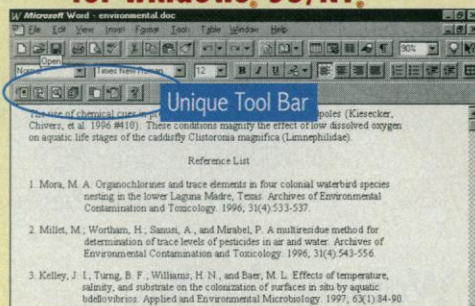
Robert F. Service's Research News article on combinatorial materials synthesis, "High-speed materials design" (25 July, p. 474), should have stated that the first materials library was created by Xiao-Dong Xiang of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and Peter Schultz of LBNL and the University of California, Berkeley, and their colleagues.

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