

## SCIENCE'S COMPASS

Thus, given what we are now learning, to avoid investigating and reassessing the assumption of high seismic hazard at the New Madrid seismic zone would seem a mistake.

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### Asking the Right Questions

Don C. Rockey, in a recent letter (*Science's Compass*, 7 May, p. 915), suggests that "professional scientists'...constitute a distinct minority of those performing disease-orientated research" and goes on to say that "without a sound understanding of clinical issues (that is, clinical training),

how does one ask the appropriate questions?" We suspect that more disease-orientated research is actually conducted by Ph.D. scientists than this statement would imply. However, do such scientists ask the appropriate questions? Clearly so, unless many of the most dramatic pharmacological and behavioral advances made over the last century were only made by clinicians, which is not the case.

Physicians, physician-scientists, and basic scientists all have contributed to biomedical research through questioning and formatting hypotheses and rigorous experimentation, and then re-questioning the original hypotheses.

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### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In the table of contents of 16 July, on page 293, the URL was incorrect for the technical comments "Functional approaches to gene isolation in mammalian cells" by A. V. Gudkov *et al.* and by A. Kimchi *et al.* The URL

should have read, [www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/285/5426/299a](http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/285/5426/299a)

In the report "Multilineage potential of adult human mesenchymal stem cells" by M. F. Pittenger *et al.* (2 Apr., p. 143), in the legend for figure 1 (p. 144), reference 12 should have been cited (not reference 11).

In the letter "Large animals in the fast lane" by R. Miller and S. Austad (*Science's Compass*, 9 July, p. 199), in the first column under item 1, the word "smaller" was omitted. That sentence should have read, in part, "1) Within species, superior longevity is associated with smaller body size...."

In the article "NIH urged to fund centers to merge computing and biology" by David Malakoff (*News of the Week*, 11 June, p. 1742), Larry Hunter should have been identified as "president of the International Society for Computational Biology ([www.iscb.org](http://www.iscb.org))."

The crystal structure coordinates for the report "Crystal structure of the human papillomavirus type 18 E2 activation domain" by S. F. Harris and M. R. Botchan (4 June, p. 1673) have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank (accession code 1QQH).

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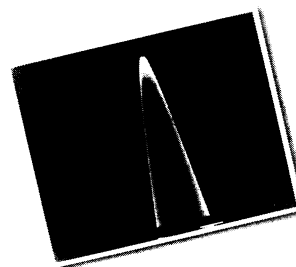
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