

## SCIENCE'S COMPASS

In a letter we sent to the administrator of USDA-APHIS, we raised concerns about the issue of the reclassification of the animal welfare definition for and reporting on pain and distress in research animals. We requested that prior to implementing proposed policy changes, the USDA-APHIS employ a scientific advisory committee composed of members of the academic/industrial community to review the interpretation and other USDA guidelines regarding animal research in a manner similar to the procedures used by NIH. The USDA-APHIS administrator turned down our request, stating that Congress would need to authorize such a committee. We believe that Congress should establish such an oversight committee, but in the meantime, we are contacting our legislative representatives, urging them to influence the USDA-APHIS to seek advice from the academic/industrial community about new policy interpretations regarding pain and distress and all further decisions as they relate to animal research before new policy is finalized. We encourage other institutions to do the same.

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### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

**NEWS FOCUS:** "Gulf War illness: the battle continues" by M. Enserink (2 Feb., p. 812). Beatrice Golomb's last name was misspelled in the caption of the photograph in which she appeared.

**REPORTS:** "Synchronous tropical South China Sea SST change and Greenland warming during deglaciation" by M. Kienast *et al.* (16 Mar., p. 2132). The final sentence of the report should have read

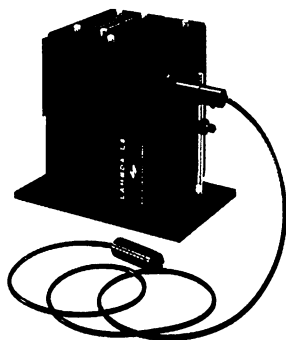
"...implies a weaker [not "stronger," as originally published] latitudinal SST contrast...."

**NEWS:** "Pre-Clovis sites fight for acceptance" by E. Marshall (2 Mar., p. 1730). In the caption on p. 1730, the identification of the photos from the Meadowcroft and Topper sites was mistakenly reversed; the photos are shown here, at left and right, respectively; and the second sentence in paragraph 2 of the third column should have read "...Bluefish Caves in the Yukon...." In the photo credits on the same page, Joseph McAvoy's last name was misspelled.



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