

Not So Great Lake?

I HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN TO READ THE News Focus article about U.S. research capacity ("A controversial IDEa to shrink the biomedical gap" by J. Mervis, 21 Sept., p. 2195) when I saw the accompanying map of the United States. Having grown up in the upper Midwest, I was shocked—shocked, I tell you—to find a major new lake portrayed in the diagram extending from southeastern Minnesota through western Wisconsin. Realizing that *Science* is never wrong on such matters, I immediately contacted my relatives in Madison to make sure that none of my immediate family had been injured (or worse) as the lake suddenly had formed. My second desire was to get in on the ground floor in buying lakefront property along the new shoreline, preferably in the "upper peninsula" of Wisconsin.

When my family members reconnoitered and found, in fact, no evidence for a new Great Lake in the diagrammed position, I was forced (reluctantly) to conclude that: (i) *Science* made a mistake in its map and (ii) the illustrators and editors of the journal who prepared the article might be unfamiliar with the geography of the great U.S. heartland. I might humbly suggest

that the staff of *Science* get away from Washington, DC, once in a while and check out the prairies, forests, rivers, and, yes, lakes that make up the area outside the beltway.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

NETWATCH: (5 Oct., p. 19). Two items listed incorrect URLs. The correct URL for the University of Illinois weather site described in the item "Weather report" is [w2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/\(Gh\)/guides/mtr/cld/home.xml](http://w2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/(Gh)/guides/mtr/cld/home.xml). In "Nobel classroom," the correct URL for the Nobel Prize site is www.nobel.se/about/nem_info/index.html

POLICY FORUM: "Can we defy nature's end?" by S. L. Pimm *et al.* (21 Sept., p. 2207). Several corrections have been made to the online supplemental data for this article. The corrected version, and a list of the corrections made, can be seen at <http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/293/5538/2207/DC1>

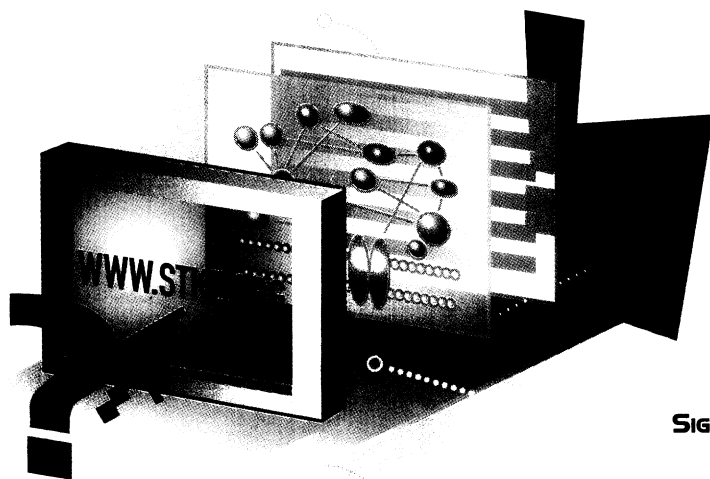
LETTERS: "The two faces of vitamin C" by B. Sardi *et al.* (14 Sept., p. 1993). In three instances, this discussion of vitamin C as a potential producer of genotoxins referred to intracellular concentrations of vitamin C erroneously expressed in units of "mm" instead of "mM."

REPORTS: "Guanine nucleotide associated with the protein of the outer fibers of flagella and cilia" by R. E. Stevens, F. L. Renaud, I. R. Gibbons (23 Jun. 1967, p. 1606). The first author's name was misspelled in this report published in vol. 156, no. 3782. The correct spelling is R. E. Stephens.

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