

but did ask to be reimbursed for the difference between the market price for enrichment and the higher price USEC was paying to Russia."

Readers of *Science* will doubtless know how to make the distinction between subsidy and reimbursement in that assertion. It seems that I was wrong to argue that national security objectives are incompatible with return on investment in a privatized USEC. They aren't, as long as the government guarantees the investors their right to "restored profitability." What business wouldn't want that deal?

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Aristotle's View of a Creator

IN HIS ESSAY ON GALEN ("LOGIC, LEARNING, and Experimental Medicine," *Science's* Compass, 1 Feb., p. 800), Vivian Nutton writes that "[Galen] was convinced, like Aristotle, that the body had been carefully designed by a provident and purposeful creator." I find this statement misleading. Regardless of what Galen's views were, Aristotle did not believe in a provident and purposeful creator. Because for him the world

had existed from eternity in the same basic form, there was no role for a creator. The God depicted in Book 12 of the *Metaphysics* spends his time happily thinking his own thoughts with no concern for the sublunary realm. Aristotle did believe that the body was organized to achieve certain functional goals, but for him this was a matter of the course of nature and not of conscious design.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

SPECIAL ISSUE ON BODYBUILDING: The Bionic Human: "If I only had a..." (8 Feb., p. 995). The credit for the illustration in the bottom left-hand corner was incomplete; it should have read "Boing-Boing the Bionic Cat™. Illustrated by Ruth Denise Lear. Copyright the American Ceramic Society. All rights reserved."

PERSPECTIVES: "Mediator meets morpheus" by M. Meisterernst (8 Feb., p. 984). Unpublished information regarding the configuration of CRSP induced by the COOH-terminal domain of RNA poly-

merase II was inadvertently included as a result of an editorial oversight. Citation of reference (12) for this unpublished result is also in error. The remaining reference to (12) in the Perspective is correct.

NEWS FOCUS: "Fast technology drives new world of newborn screening" by E. Marshall (14 Dec., p. 2272). On the map on page 2274, the number of disorders in newborns that are screened for in Wisconsin is 21, not 9, as was indicated, and Wisconsin should have been colored red to indicate that it has mandatory screening for medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) deficiency.

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