

entists in any endeavors that are proposed to protest the actions of the Israeli government.

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DONALD KENNEDY ("When Science and politics don't mix," Editorial, 7 June, p. 1765) is right to criticize efforts by some scientists to boycott collaborations with their Israeli counterparts in the face of the current crisis in the Middle East. However, I interpret the promotion of free flow of scientific interaction not as science steering clear of politics, but as science acting as an antidote for shortsighted political calculations. Along these lines, if we are right in thinking that Israeli scientists should not pay

the price for the actions of their government, should that same courtesy not be extended to Iraq, Cuba, and other countries currently reeling under sanctions of various sorts? Is the international scientific community making attempts in this direction? Scientific collaboration can be a great means to promote development as well as mutual understanding between countries. But "free" exchange of ideas under the restrictions imposed by our own government should not be mistaken for genuine freedom. It seems the "we don't like your government" excuse, as Kennedy calls it, works in some cases. Who gets to decide when it works and when it doesn't?

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

REPORTS: "Tumor regression by targeted gene delivery to the neovasculature" by J. D. Hood *et al.* (28 June, p. 2404). The following text should have appeared in the acknowledgments in reference (24). "We would like to thank S. Narasimhan Danthi at Targesome for his contribution to synthesis of the targeting lipid used in

the construction of the nanoparticle described in these studies. In addition, we want to thank Targesome for providing the trivalent lipid-integrin antagonist 1 described in Fig. 1 and used in these studies."

NEWS FOCUS: "Winning streak brought awe, and then doubt" by R. F. Service (5 July, p. 34). Credit for the picture entitled "Crystal Balls," on p. 36, was incorrectly cited. The credit should be Joseph W. Lauher of SUNY-Stony Brook.

BOOKS ET AL.: "Making sense of changing animal embryos" by B. J. Swalla (21 June, p. 2147). In the second paragraph, the phrase "a martial breakup" was written to describe the split between the fields of evolution and development. The word "martial" should have appeared as "marital."

REPORTS: "A LAT mutation that inhibits T cell development yet induces lymphoproliferation" by C. L. Sommers *et al.* (14 June, p. 2040). The first sentence of the last paragraph on p. 2042, "The phenotype of LATY136^{Fm/m} mice bears a striking resemblance to that of mice lacking NF-ATc1 and NF-ATc2...", should instead read "The phenotype of LATY136^{Fm/m} mice bears a striking resemblance to that of mice lacking NF-ATc2 and NF-ATc3..."

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