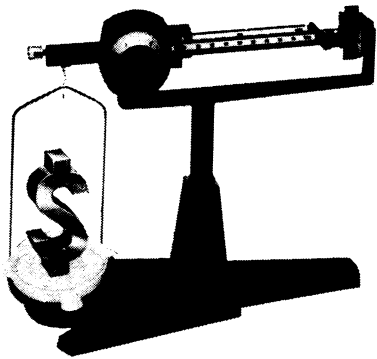


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## to the editor

### Not deciduous

Your article, "Ecology, the biome approach" (SN: 9/5, p. 204) has one error. At the top of page 205 is a lovely picture of a California redwood forest, probably *Sequoia sempervirens*. The caption on the picture says, "Deciduous forest: A typical biome." It is obvious that the *Sequoia sempervirens* is not a deciduous tree. And certainly, it is not a part of deciduous biome.

I do follow your articles with great interest and appreciate your broad spectrum of coverage. Generally, accuracy is quite high and this is appreciated.

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### Refreshing treatment

Regarding "Building mountain ranges: A plate tectonics model," by Kendrick Frazier in the Aug. 15, issue of SCIENCE NEWS: Of course, I am biased in my comments because the article concerns work that John Dewey and I have done, and we are most appreciative of your interest. I find the

article to be entirely factual and am impressed that Frazier went to considerable effort to read and understand the rather complicated articles he discusses. The accurate, straightforward style and complete absence of "hoopla" are most refreshing.

I would say that my most significant reaction for you is that of confidence in the accuracy of articles on other subjects in SCIENCE NEWS, after finding this article done so well.

Frazier has conveyed the excitement of this field of geology with good judgment and taste. John Dewey and I thank you for a fine job.

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