

democratic; equal time has no part in science, nor does the emotional rhetoric of debate; science is based on the weight of evidence. Besides, there is no scientific controversy regarding the reality of biological evolution, only about some of the mechanism details. The so-called controversy claimed by anti-evolution promoters is, upon inspection, clearly contrived, and misrepresents both science and evolution.

### On "Human Genealogy"

Dear Editor,

The guest editorial by Bhattacharjee, et al. contains an error. They confused two articles by Asfaw, et al. The referenced article placed *Homo erectus* in the Middle Awash at **1 million** years. The following article placed early *Homo sapiens* in the Middle Awash at 160,000 PB: White, T.D., Asfaw, B., DeGusta, D., Gilbert, H., Richards, G.D., Suwa, G. & Howell, F.C. (2003). Pleistocene *Homo sapiens* from Middle Awash, Ethiopia. *Nature*, 423(6941), 742-7.

Thanks,

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*—The Editor*

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Dear Editor,

The guest editorial by Bhattacharjee, Janssen and Gregg (*ABT*, 68(2), 69-72, February 2006) rightly points out that the similarity of molecules, processes, and structures among all organisms is the best evidence we have for the evolutionary concept of descent from a common ancestor. Almost all biologists accept this view. However, biology teachers and others should be aware that creationists generally do not accept it. Instead, these similarities are interpreted to be a result of the rationali-