

## Letters

**Superior and Convenient Periodic Table**

The periodic table format by Hoffman and Lee (*J. Chem. Educ.* **1999**, *76*, 331) solves a problem. The chemistry of the inner transition elements shows that the "actinides" do not begin with thorium nor the "lanthanides" with cerium. I have tried a number of formats to show them correctly without making the table unduly complex or making too much of a triviality. The format used by Hoffman and Lee shows the gradation of properties through the inner transition in a way that is correct, clear, and easily printable. Writers of introductory and inorganic texts should use it.

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**Correction**

Pushing the Rainbow: Frontiers in Color Chemistry; Light and Color in Chemistry, Report on Two Presidential Events, (*J. Chem. Educ.* **1999**, *76*, 737–746) contains an error. In the section Color and Light in the Movies, a presentation by Kathleen Gisser of Eastman Kodak Company, we incorrectly reported that Kodak received a technical Academy Award for a new motion picture film (Vision Color Print Film) they developed. Vision Color Print Film is a new product that has not yet had an opportunity to be nominated for an award. Kodak did win several technical Academy Awards this year including one for their Lightning Laser Film Recorder. The *Journal* regrets this error.