achievable objective, one that is not largely self-serving but can be judged in some greater context. Without a clear-cut objective there is the danger that the participants in an endeavor will substitute techniques and means in its place. The second is the recognition that a government's participation in such endeavors carries with it a natural conflict of interest. The organization charged with carrying the endeavor through to the end is often the very same organization charged with formulating the rules by which the success or failure of the endeavor is to be judged. It seems to us from the lessons of the R101 and the Challenger that a highly technical or innovative endeavor initiated without proper regard to these factors has a rather high probability for catastrophic (as opposed to graceful) failure.

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Coinage of the (Subatomic) Realm

Ah, the vagaries of trying to cope with the complexity of paleonumismatics without a thorough grounding in ancient Greek! Had Jonathan Kern advertised his wares correctly, selling *lepta*—which is the correct plural form of *lepto*, the ancient Greek one-hundredth of a drachma—rather than the grammatically incorrect *leptons*, Kenneth Jesse (October 1987, page 168) would not have despaired at the price of "leptons," a derivative of the Greek word meaning "thin and frail," and by extension "weak." The only solution is to reintroduce compulsory ancient Greek into the high schools.

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Corrections

March, pages 5 and 82—The item in the table of contents and the headline should have said that Robert A. Mendelson is the new vice president of the Society of Rheology.

September 1985, page 19—In the news story on chaotic orbits and spins in the Solar System, Douglas ReVelle's name was misspelled. ■