A hot spring in Bali, Indonesia. The discovery of thriving microbial communities in such unexpected places has motivated investigation into the diversity and distribution of microbial life. The special issue beginning on page 1027 explores the microbial world.

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