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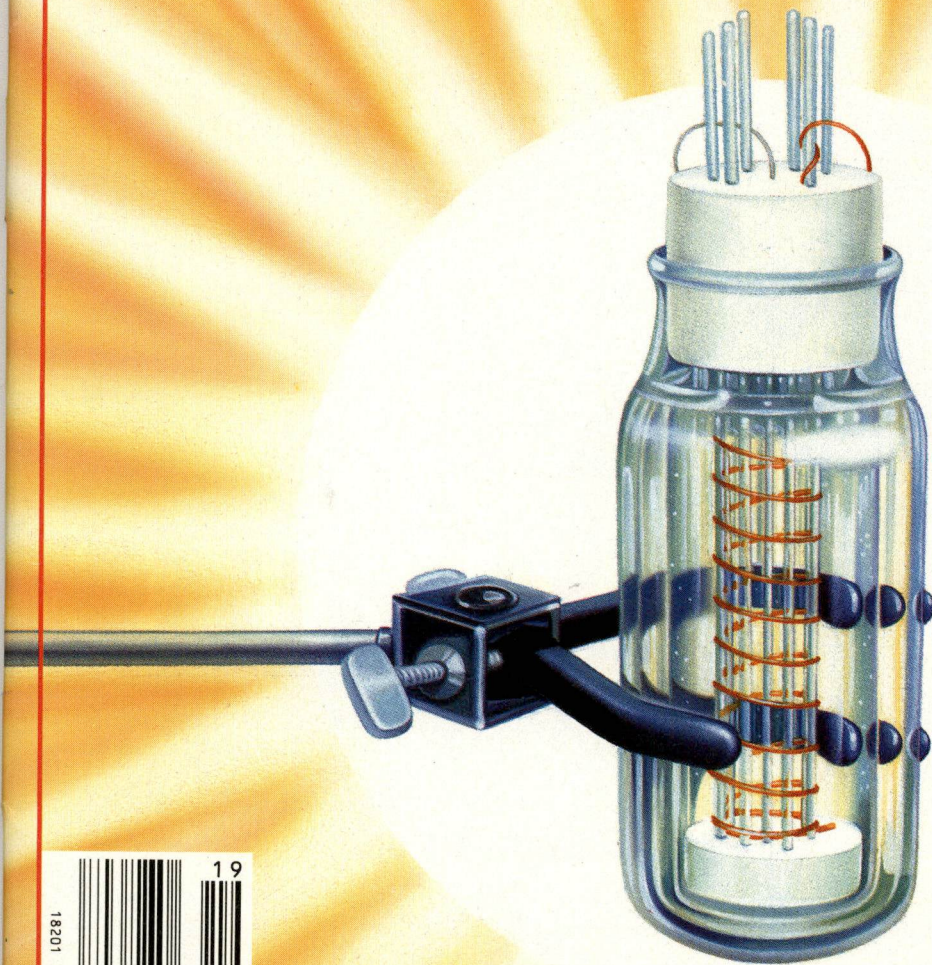
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**CHINA'S DEFIANT STUDENTS**  
On the March for 'Freedom'

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## The Race for **Fusion**



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Martin Fleischmann and B. Stanley Pons at congressional hearing

## A Frenzied Race for Fusion

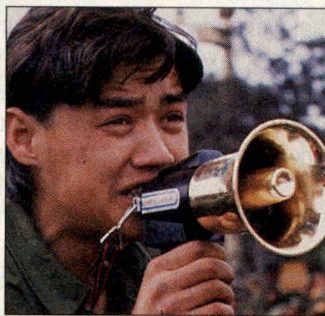
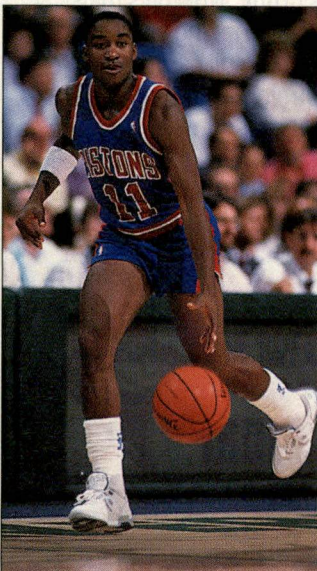
It is the ultimate in scientific hubris: to create the energy of the sun and stars in a mere machine. For almost 40 years physicists have made only slow progress toward the goal of harnessing the power of nuclear fusion to produce electricity on earth. But six weeks ago, two chemists made a stunning

claim: they had achieved fusion, they said, in a bottle of water. The report set off a frenzied race among thousands of scientists to verify the claim—so far with little success. But they keep trying, for the payoff would be tremendous: cheap, clean and virtually limitless energy. **Society: Page 48**

## Having a Ball

Suddenly, lots of NBA teams are having postseason fun. For the first time since Larry Bird and Magic Johnson arrived in 1979, a Boston Celtics-L.A. Lakers showdown is by no means assured. In a playoff marked by suspenseful matchups, eight teams have a real shot at the title. **Lifestyle: Page 62**

Detroit Piston Isiah Thomas



A leader at the long march

## Wagner Mania

Despite its length (about 15 hours) and complexity, Richard Wagner's epic cycle of operas, "Der Ring des Nibelungen," is more popular than ever, on

## Bush's First Foreign Crisis

A heated dispute with West Germany over arms-control policy brought George Bush his first foreign crisis. The issue was short-range nuclear weapons, but the problem arose because the postwar order in Europe is beginning to break down. **National Affairs: Page 16**



An arms issue: Lance missile

## China's Fire

Student protest in Beijing swelled into the most massive show of defiance in 40 years, tapping deep resentment over inflation, corruption and economic chaos. For the aging Deng Xiaoping, it posed an awkward puzzle: how to avoid violence without conceding too much? **International: Page 30**

stage and in the recording studio. The Metropolitan Opera in New York City has used every weapon in its formidable arsenal to produce a dazzling new "Ring," full of galvanic special effects and thrilling moments of musical drama—and it's coming to TV. **The Arts: Page 68**

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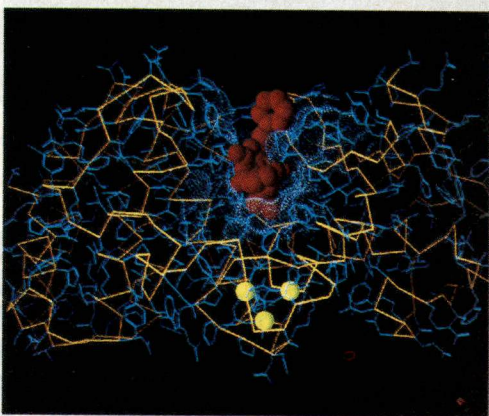
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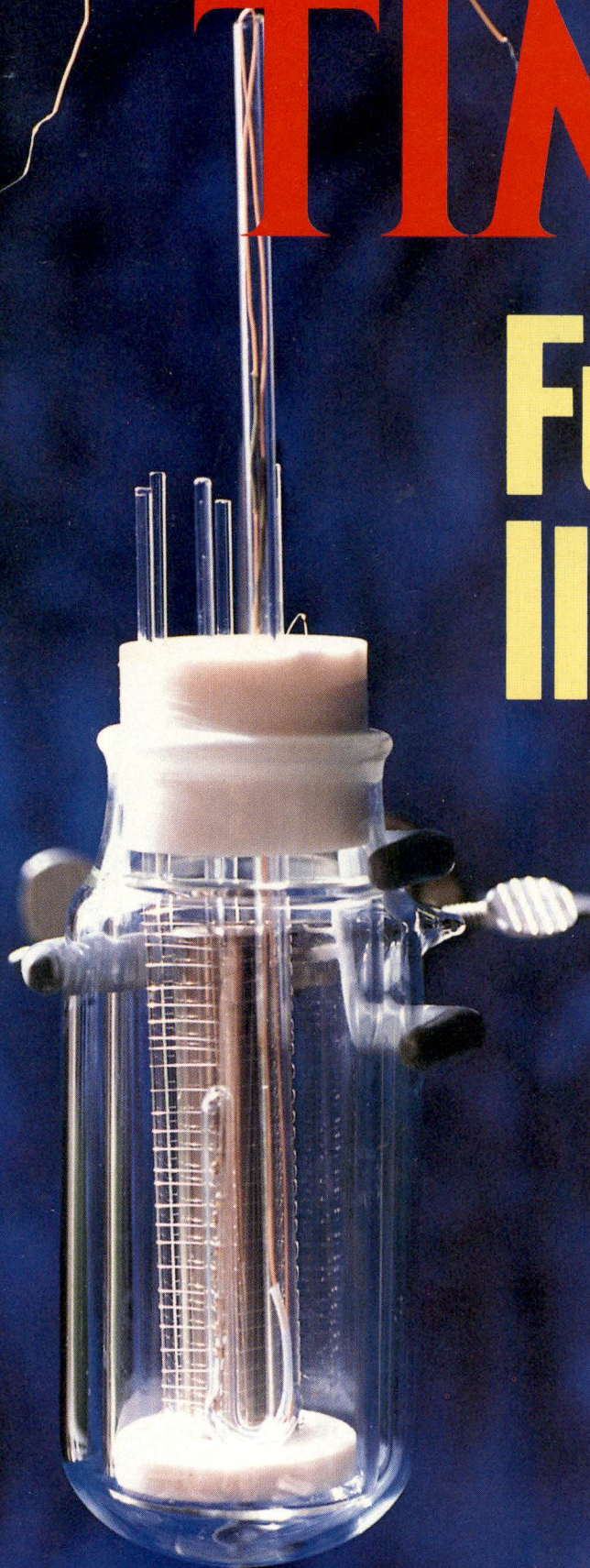


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## Fusion or Illusion?



How two obscure chemists stirred excitement – and outrage – in the scientific world



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**COVER: The chemists who claim they created fusion in a jar have either revamped physics or made a big mistake**

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Researchers around the world dropped everything when they heard the startling announcement that the nuclear process at the heart of both the sun and the H-bomb could be duplicated in a test tube. But after more than a month of trying to reproduce the original experiment, most laboratories have nothing to show. ▶ Fusion fiascoes through the years. See SCIENCE.



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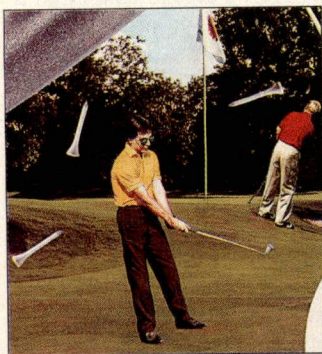


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Americans now spend \$15 billion on the sport, and analysts predict revenues will double by the end of the '90s.  
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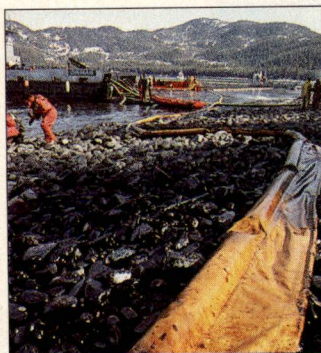
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There are no tears, but no comfort either, in the poems of Larkin, an Englishman who died in 1985. His *Collected Poems* is an event.  
► George Kennan's diverting *Sketches from a Life*.

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### **VIDEO: Lucy, TV's zany redheaded Everywoman, dies**

Lucille Ball was as deft and daring as Harold Lloyd, as rubber-faced as Bert Lahr, as touching as Chaplin—and more ladylike than Milton Berle. In reruns, she is eternal.

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### **TRAVEL: With gobs of charm, sly wit and good cheer, the new Disney-MGM theme park brings alive the magic of make-believe**

With a lavishness that the Sultan of Brunei might envy, Disney threw a premiere party last week in Orlando to introduce its lavish movie theme park. It was a way of telling Hollywood, "Hey, guys, the magic is back. And we brought it. To Florida." The new attraction at Disney World is the golden Mouseketeer cap on the head of Chairman Michael Eisner.

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