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clear power should have taught us, as Harold Davis politely suggests, to "reasonably hope that these efforts on the part of the scientific community will help ensure that reason prevails."...

Instead, I recommend that the scientific community employ all means, from a task force to dedicated funds to lobbies to countersuits at every occasion (with careful attention towards the news media) to get this "previously controlled disease" back in Pandora's box and to screw the lid on good.

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Physicist identified

In April, on page 43, is a picture of Hideki Yukawa and Richard Feynman with several other physicists. The unidentified individual is Koichi Mano, a colleague of mine. For many years he has been at Hanscom Air Force Base, first with the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, and now the Electromagnetic Sciences Division of the Rome Air Development Center. Mano did his doctorate with Feynman at the California Institute of Technology. The picture itself was taken, according to Mano, in the summer of 1955, not 1954.

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Extraterrestrial embarrassment

What will those extraterrestrial members of the AIP think about earthling chemical knowledge when they receive the March issue? I refer to the figure on page 32: an atom of H_2 ??

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Nobel-prize women

I have just been reading your February issue and noticed the article about Maria Goeppert Mayer by Robert G. Sachs (page 46). Your readers might be interested to know that Mayer was the fourth woman to win a Nobel Prize in science, not the third as Sachs has suggested. She was preceded in that honor by Marie Curie (physics, 1903, and chemistry, 1911), Irene Joliot-Curie (chemistry, 1935), and Gerty Cori (physiology/medicine, 1947).

This, of course, doesn't change the fact that she was one of very few women to win a Nobel Prize.

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