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Probing the IOWA tragedy

After Navy officials blamed a suicidal crewman for an explosion killing 47 sailors, congressmen tapped Sandia Labs, a weapons research center, to investigate.

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Showdown for Saturn

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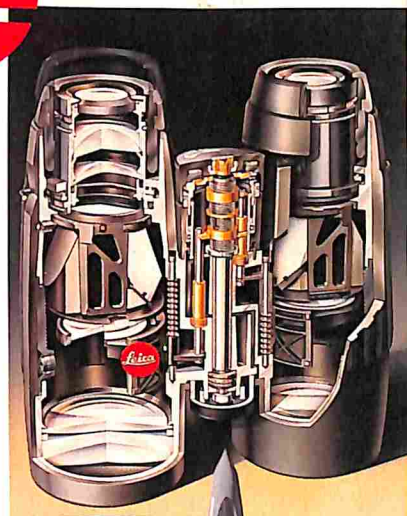
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