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COVER Bioengineer seated at apparatus for making microelectrodes. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Since its inception, NIH's mission has been to improve the health of the American people. To attain this goal, NIH conducts and supports biomedical research into the causes, prevention, and cure of diseases; supports research training and the development of research resources; and makes use of modern methods to communicate biomedical information. This issue contains articles on NIH's approach to that goal: research, training, and communication. See page 861. [Photo courtesy of National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20205]

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