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Large Hadron Collider will open this year

We at CERN enjoyed your special issue in October 2006 dedicated to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which is on schedule to start up this November. It therefore came as a surprise to read in your news story about the search for the Higgs boson that "the LHC is not set to start for another two years" (January p6).

The Tevatron at Fermilab is indeed running extremely well, and the experiments there are demonstrating on a regular basis that precision physics of the highest standard can be done with a hadron collider – all of which is good news for Fermilab, for particle physics and for the LHC. As you reported me saying in your article, there is a real race for the Higgs between the two laboratories, and the continuing good news from Fermilab keeps us on our toes. But the LHC joins the race this year, not in 2009 as your article implies.

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