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Ethics Wars in Congress

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Bloodbath





Protesters grapple with soldiers marching toward Tiananmen Square

■ Bloodbath in Beijing

With plumes of tear gas and arcs of tracer bullets, the long-awaited crackdown on protesters in Tiananmen Square got underway Saturday night. Armored personnel carriers breached human barricades, and Chinese soldiers opened fire on the crowds. As day broke on Sunday, hundreds of protesters lay dead; countless more were injured. The suppression may have shown the resolve of a leadership crippled for weeks by a power struggle and humiliated by inability to control its own capital city. But in the processs Beijing jeopardized a decade of reforms and squandered a global fund of good will. **International: Page 24**

■ Ethics Wars in Congress

Last week Jim Wright became the first speaker of the House ever to resign his office for alleged misconduct. In a wordy and bathetic speech, he urged his colleagues in Congress to end "this period of mindless cannibalism." But as members of both parties prepare for the next round in the ethics war, partisan rancor is sure to grow. **National Affairs: Page 14**



Speaker Jim Wright's historic resignation



Learning science from Spider-Man

■ Playgrounds for the Mind

Tired of theme parks? Want to amuse the mind instead? This summer children and their parents can learn how spiders trap insects in their webs, test their peripheral vision and discover how movies create special effects like the monster shark in "Jaws." NEWSWEEK describes special exhibits at six science and technology museums around the United States which provide anything but boredom. **Society: Page 50**

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MASSACRE IN BEIJING



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COVER: China teeters on the brink of civil war as soldiers massacre student protesters in the streets of Beijing

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Hundreds—perhaps 1,000 or more—are killed and additional thousands wounded as the military acts to quash the democracy movement.

► Jeers turn to cheers as President Bush seizes the initiative in the East-West dialogue by proposing sweeping conventional-arms cuts in Europe. ► In the U.S.S.R., parliamentary passions erupt in the Congress of People's Deputies. ► Iran's Ayatullah Khomeini dies at 89. See WORLD.



NATION: Wright hits "cannibalism" over ethics, but the real scandal in Congress is the legal grab for cash

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Despite the poisonous atmosphere on Capitol Hill as House Democrats lose their Speaker, the new attention to speaking fees, lobbyist-paid vacations and PAC money is long overdue.

► Republican pit bull Newt Gingrich, whose accusations scuttled Wright, thirsts for more blood. Some Democrats hope it will be his.

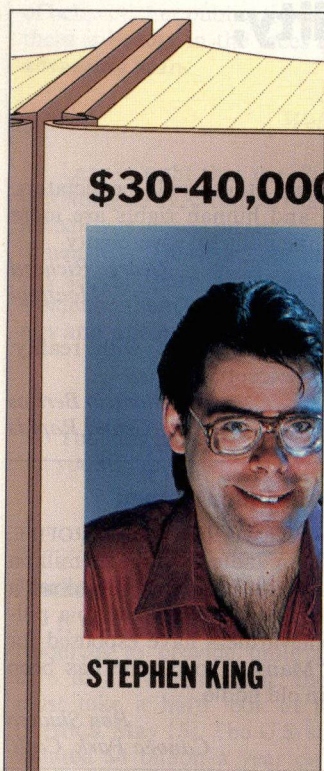


BEHAVIOR: A rise in violent crime by the young sends Americans searching for explanations and solutions

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Teenagers are committing more assaults, rapes and murders. And the aggression cuts across racial and class lines. Experts blame everything from physiological abnormalities to movies, rock music and TV cartoons glorifying brutality. Curbing the violence depends not on tougher punishment but on better treatment programs and restoring values that stress human worth.

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BUSINESS: Book publishers go on a bidding binge

Even though they call the huge payouts "hysterical" and "desperate," editors are frantically putting bets on potential best sellers with the hope of scoring big. As half a dozen cash-laden conglomerates battle for profits and prestige, rising prices for manuscripts are making some authors richer than they ever imagined.

► A look at agent Andrew Wylie, publishing's "naughty schoolboy." ► Amid hyperinflation and hunger, Argentina drifts into chaos.

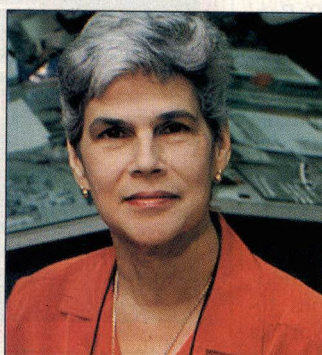
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RELIGION: The new Methodist hymnal scores sexism

God may still be King, but "sons of men" no longer hail Easter, nor do Christmas angels promise peace to "men on earth." And you can forget *God of our Fathers*.

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PROFILE: The battling grande dame of Nicaragua

Violeta Chamorro, the publisher of Managua's opposition newspaper *La Prensa*, has defied by word and deed the Sandinistas she once supported.

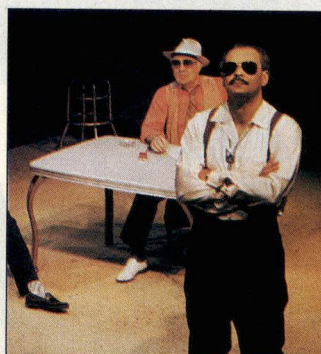
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What does America think of Jim Wright? Dan Quayle? The Exxon oil spill? Find out by turning to the comedy monologues of Carson, Leno, Letterman and Sajak.

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THEATER: Now plays premiere almost anywhere

Once they surely would have been limited to New York City, but today established playwrights launch shows in Miami, Denver, Seattle—even Costa Mesa, Calif.

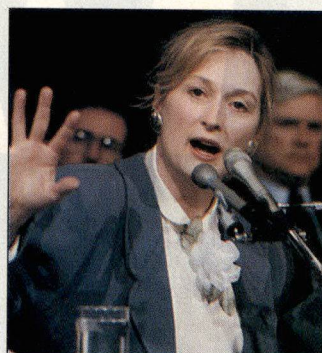
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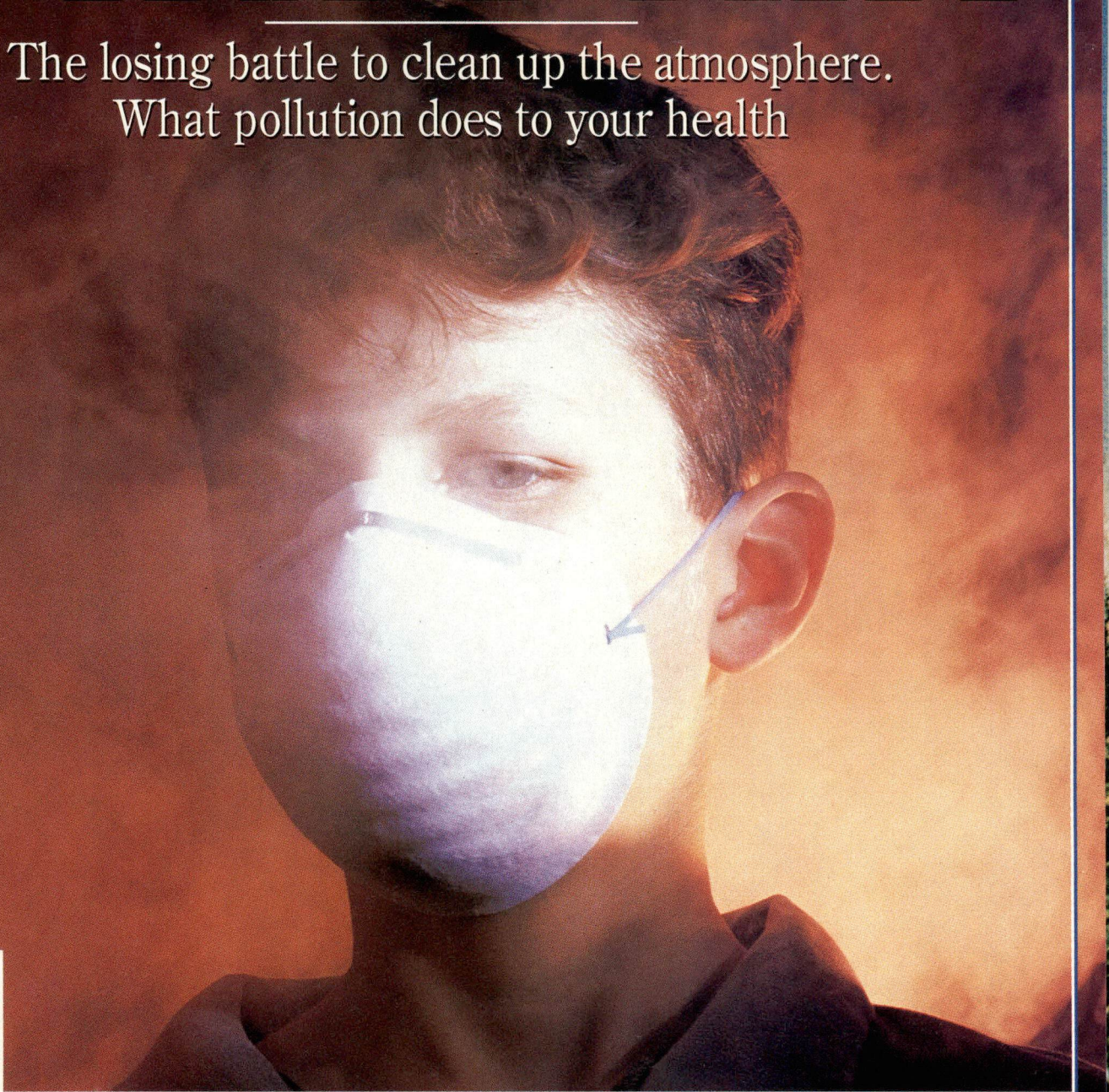
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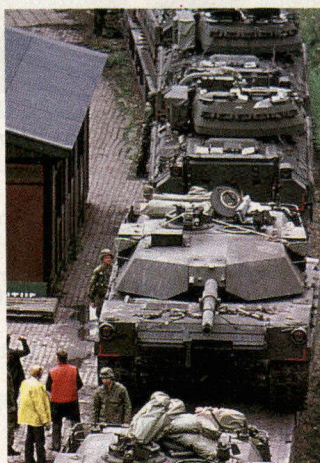
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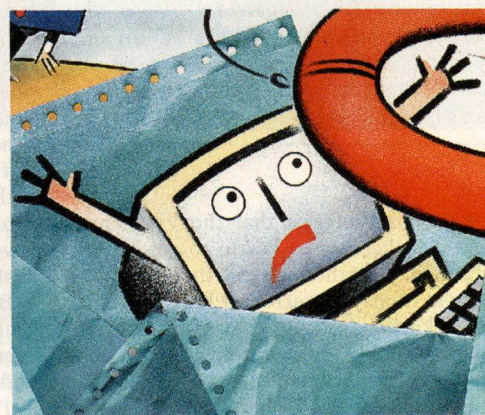
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