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GORBACHEV'S CRACKDOWN

Civil War in Azerbaijan

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Washington's
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Faces Cocaine
Charges





Mayor Marion Barry with police after his arrest on drug charges

■ Drugs, Lies and Videotape

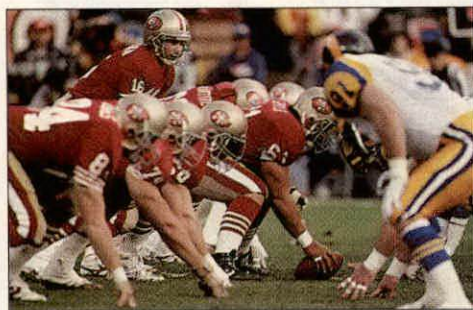
After years of rumors and investigations, Washington Mayor Marion Barry was caught buying and smoking crack in a hotel room last week. In a city afflicted by drug wars and the nation's highest murder rate, Barry's arrest stunned voters—and raised new questions about the District's political future. **National Affairs: Page 24**

■ Gorbachev's Crackdown

An undeclared ethnic civil war broke out in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, providing yet another test of Mikhail Gorbachev's nerve and political skill. When patience and persuasion failed, the Soviet leader used force—taking control of the local capital at a cost that is yet to be reckoned. **International: Page 38**



High cost: A death in Azerbaijan



49ers face L.A. Rams in this year's playoffs

■ A Foregone Conclusion

Millions of Americans consider this Sunday a national holy day, and Super Bowl XXIV promises little suspense to distract from the sacred ritual. If all goes according to plan, the San Francisco 49ers will trounce the Denver Broncos—and Joe Montana will be assumed into heaven. **Sports: Page 58**

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NATION: The N.R.A. is a powerhouse lobbying group, but it shows some signs of losing steam

One year after the schoolyard massacre in Stockton, Calif., gave gun control a new impetus, the N.R.A. looks for a way to maintain its clout. ► A TIME poll describes a nation where many share a devotion to guns—and a willingness to accept regulations. ► For and Against: leaders of the N.R.A. and Handgun Control speak about firearms. ► **Washington Mayor Marion Barry** may finally have run out of luck. ► **The McMartin sex case** abused children, defendants, judge and jurors for six exhausting years.

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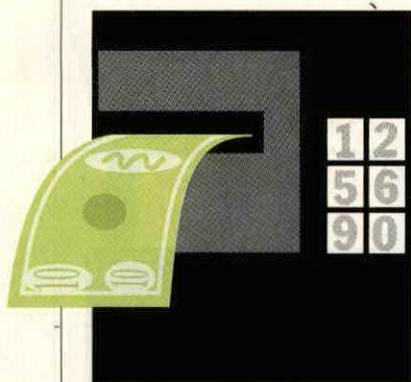


WORLD: With ethnic fighting rampant in the south, Moscow moves to crush the militants

But the war between Azerbaijanis and Armenians threatens to tie down the Soviet army as well as Gorbachev. ► Historic hatreds increasingly haunt Eastern Europe. ► The strange case of "Top Hat."

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Frustrated by the slow pace of civil rights and the relentless spread of AIDS, activists adopt a fierce tactic to expose closeted gay politicians and clergy who obstruct the movement.

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The singer, actor and politico has a knack for being different things to different people, and yet he's always true to himself.

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MUSIC: A master at mixing old and new

"Omnivore" William Bolcom likes ragtime and reggae just as much as classical music, so he writes symphonies and operas that can include just about anything.

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VIDEO: A racy new sitcom from Cosby's creators

TV's hottest producing team tries for another hit with *Grand*. But this small-town version of *Upstairs, Downstairs* proves that Carsey and Werner don't have a magic touch.

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HEALTH: What to believe at the supermarket?

In an effort to assess proliferating nutritional claims, the American Heart Association introduces a controversial seal of approval.

▶ Naysaying on oat bran.

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ART: Two centuries of black stereotypes

An exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington demonstrates that the images of blacks in American painting and sculpture have been mostly servile and degrading, with a few notable exceptions ranging from John Singleton Copley to Winslow Homer and Thomas Eakins. Bigotry had much to do with it, but so did history and artists' working conditions. The show offers too little aesthetic pleasure but plenty of social significance and maybe a bit too much prosecutorial zeal.

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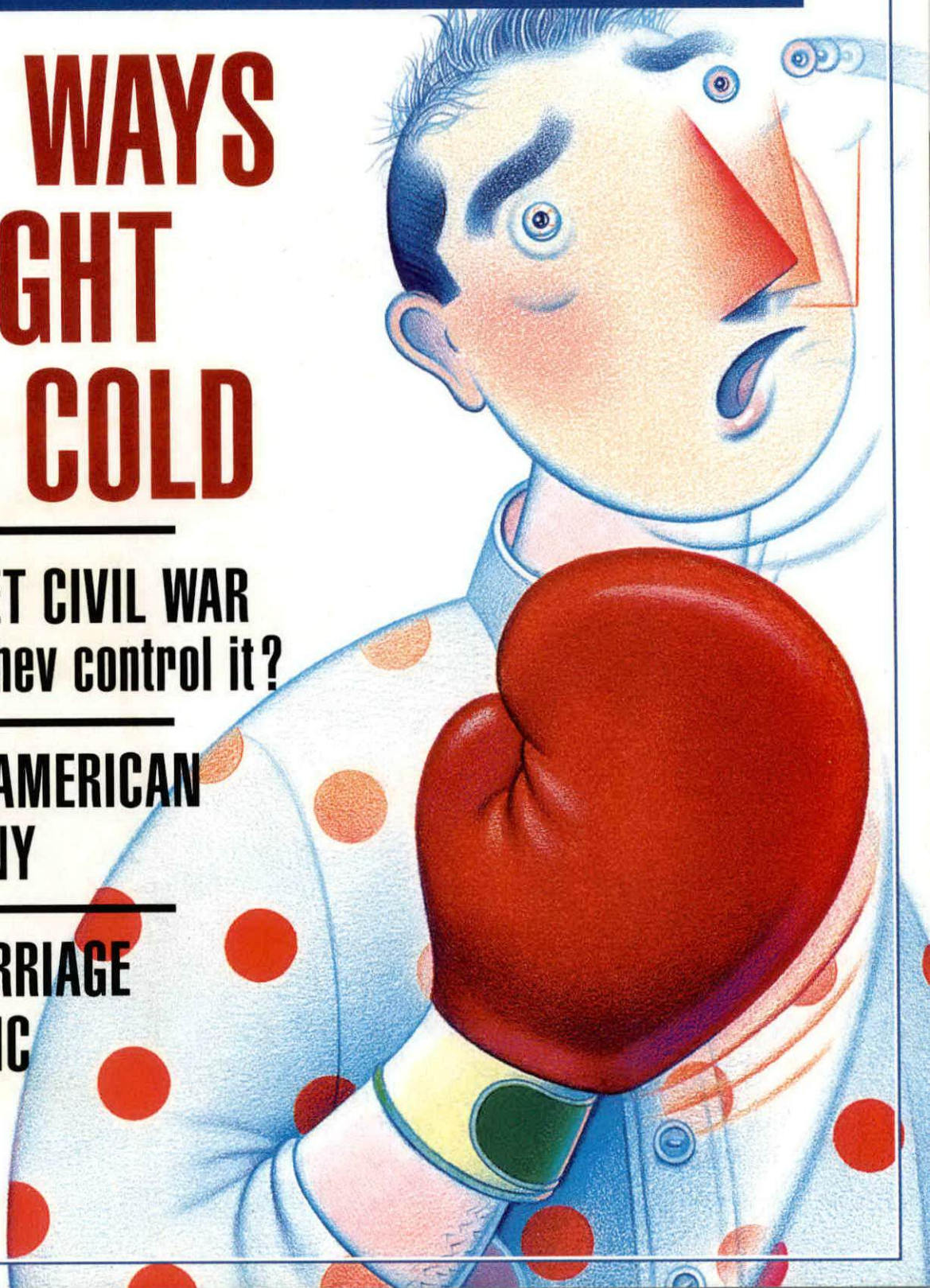
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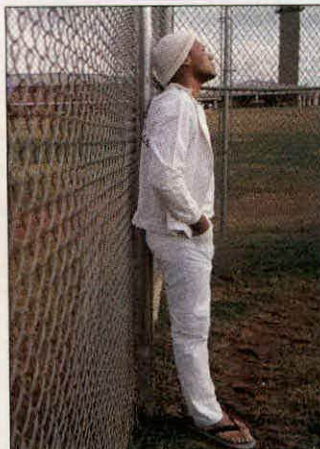
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