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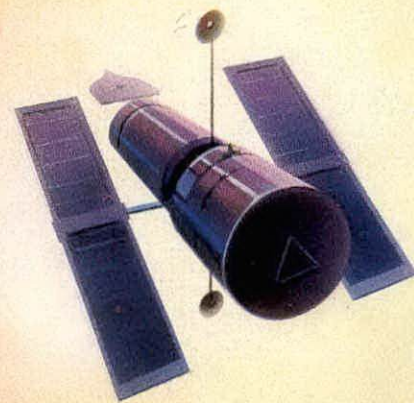
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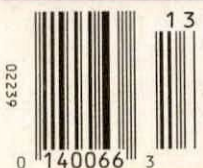
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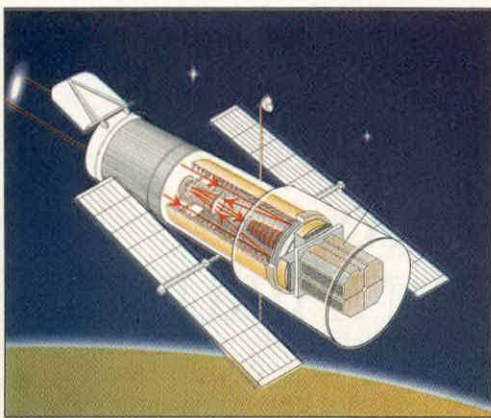
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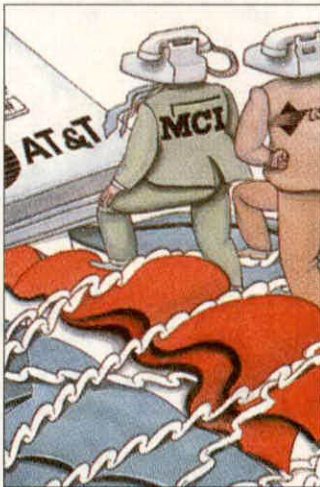
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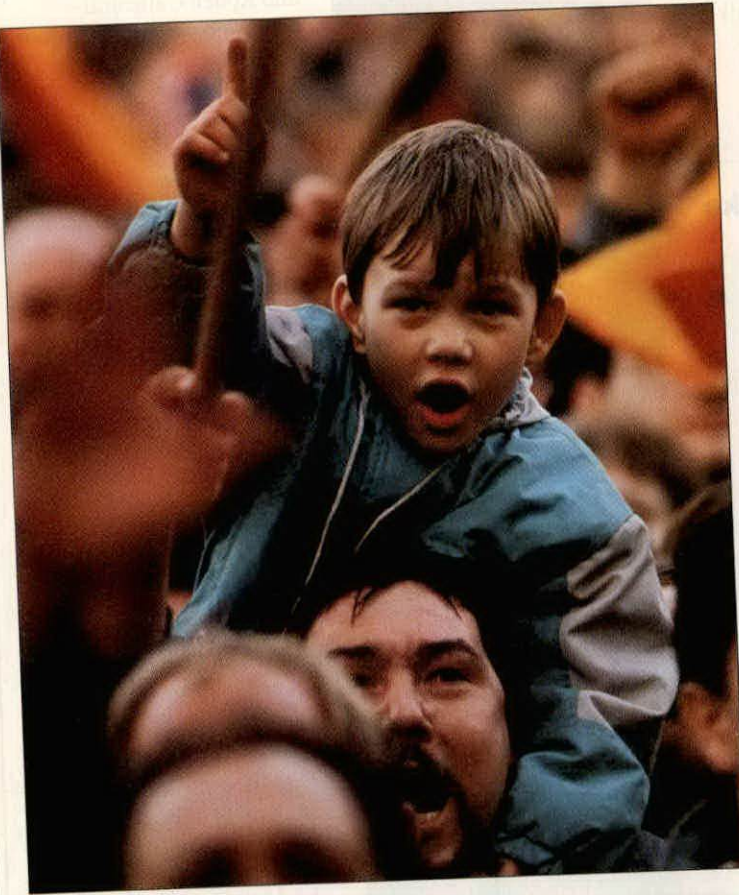
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WORLD: Germany's imminent unification revives old myths, stirs new concerns and demands clarity on which is which

Many Europeans see a nation that is no longer there. But the emergence of a mightier Germany means it will have to be reassuring to its neighbors while the Atlantic partners try to redesign the alliance. ► **Mikhail Gorbachev** takes on more powers—and more problems. ► **Israel's government** stumbles and falls over the peace process.

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A surge in deaths during early testing of the medication DDI raises questions about relaxed FDA regulations. ▶ Nuns and priests are sought for Salk's anti-AIDS tests.

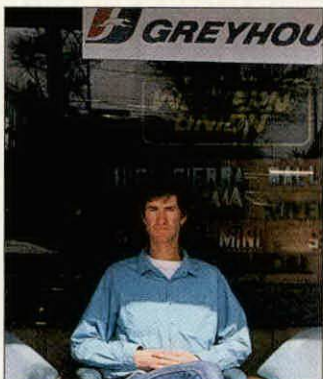
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ART: With Monet's later paintings, ripeness is all

A superb show of the artist's serial works of the 1890s—depicting, among other things, grainstacks, poplars and Rouen Cathedral—proves how much more than “only an eye” he was.

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BUSINESS: Strike at your own risk

At Greyhound and elsewhere, workers who walk out learn they might not be welcome back. ▶ Investigators complain that they lack the man power to nab crooked savings and loan executives.

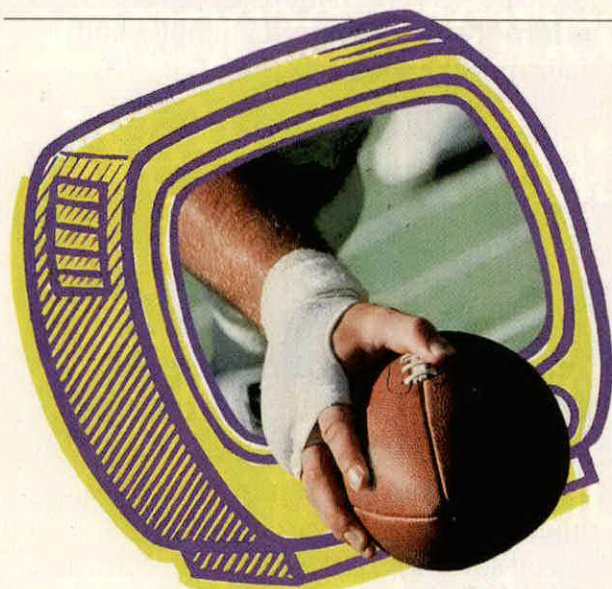
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Exxon bashing is popular these days, but Lawrence Rawl is mad as hell and doesn't think his company should have to take abuse anymore.

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VIDEO: In sports, TV is calling the shots

Time-outs for commercials have slowed football games to a crawl. World Series contests are played on frigid October nights so home viewers can watch them in prime time. And the networks are spending billions in an escalating battle to win the rights to major events. Television, the medium that once merely covered America's favorite sports, has virtually taken them over.

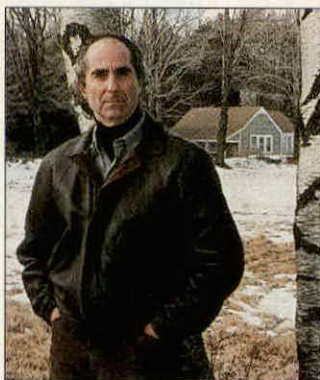
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Chicago's bold experiment in school decentralization has critics up in arms as a rash of principal firings prompts bitter clashes and ignites racial tensions.

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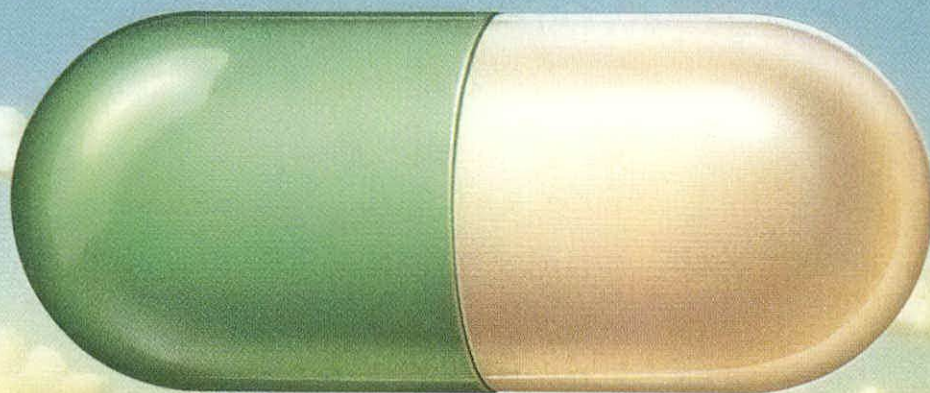
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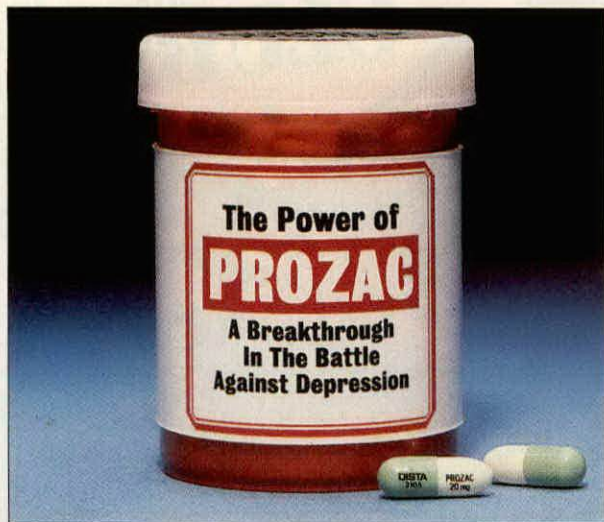
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A Breakthrough Drug
for Depression



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Doctors are writing 650,000 prescriptions a month

■ A Promising New Weapon Against Depression

Prozac has become the nation's top-selling antidepressant since manufacturer Eli Lilly introduced it just over two years ago. Many doctors say it can improve the lives of millions of people who have been suffering from debilitating mental illness. But is it really a wonder drug? Prozac can have serious side effects, but in most cases they are fewer and less troublesome than those of older antidepressants. And that makes doctors and their patients happy. **Lifestyle: Page 38**



Lithuanians rally for independence

■ A New Test for Gorbachev

The Soviet Parliament granted new powers to Mikhail Gorbachev, leading to predictions of rapid reform. But the narrow victory was a gauge of popular discontent. So was the declared secession of Lithuania. Unless Gorbachev solves that question gracefully, other republics could soon break away. **International: Page 22**

■ The Post-Pauley Meltdown

The best soap opera on NBC? Try the "Today" show. Former sports honcho Dick Ebersol arrived, enshrined Deborah Norville as a star—and ended up losing Jane Pauley. The ratings plummeted, especially among women. Now, as "Today" gropes for a new identity, Pauley is popping up on prime time, while Bryant Gumbel seems to be distancing himself from the wreckage. **Society: Page 58**



Jane's more popular than ever

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