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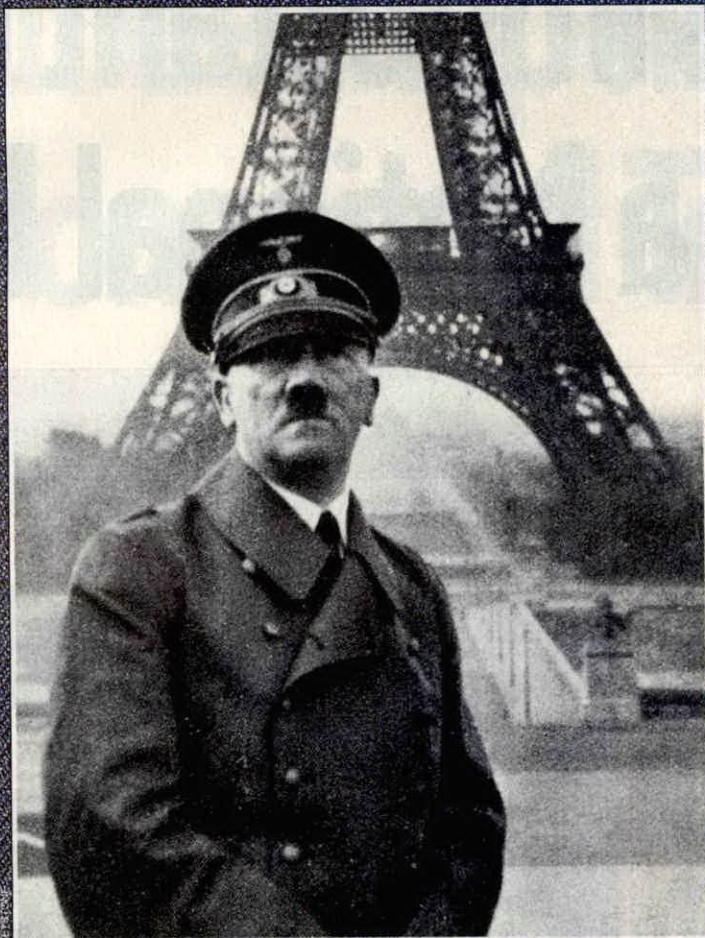
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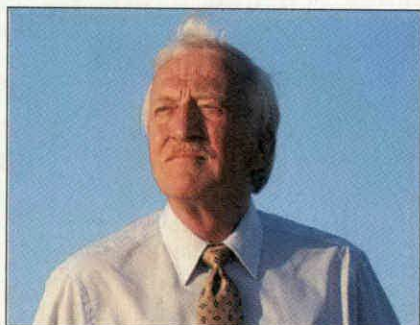
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THE GULF: More troops, more planes, more ships. Saddam plays the hostage card. As tensions continue to build, must it mean war?

Before the fighting starts, the U.S. should try to craft a diplomatic way out. ► In his **most ominous move** yet, the Iraqi leader vows to keep thousands of Americans and Britons captive until the U.S. withdraws. ► **Jordan's King struggles** to keep his balance.

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INTERVIEW: A former hostage recounts his harrowing years blindfolded and chained in Lebanon

Captured in Beirut in September 1986, Frank Reed spent the next 44 months cut off from the outside world. Regularly beaten by his keepers, who put arsenic in his food and even slipped a snake into his cell, he came close to losing all hope of survival.

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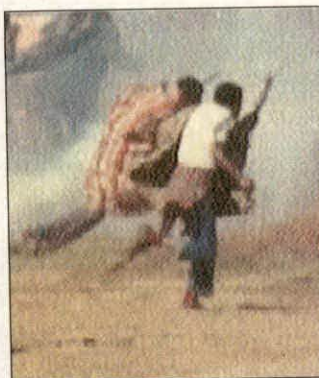
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NATION: Blazes sear many parts of the West

Yosemite is saved, but drought turns the region into kindling. ► Guilty verdicts in the Central Park jogger case. ► Texas invents "the ultimate hunt."

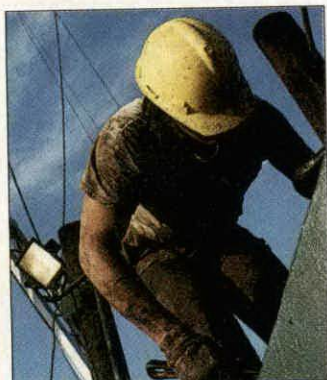
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WORLD: Bloody tribal violence racks South Africa

Six days of factional fighting leaves 200 people dead and threatens to destroy Nelson Mandela's authority. ► Pakistan's caretaker government begins to investigate Benazir Bhutto.

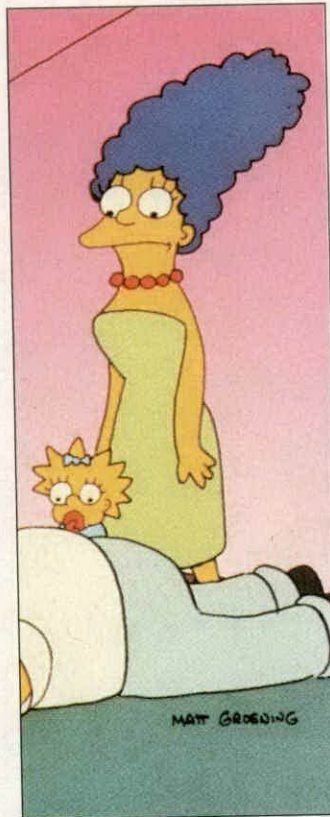
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U.S. firms are eager to sink more wells, but the industry is unlikely to rev up a new drilling boom. ► The drinking trial of three Northwest pilots raises safety fears.

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VIDEO: The fourth network comes of age

It is the most anticipated TV face-off in years: Fox's cartoon clan, *The Simpsons*, goes head to head with NBC's powerhouse, *The Cosby Show*. With one bold programming stroke, a feisty upstart has served notice on the Big Three that it has arrived as a full-fledged competitor on the network battlefield.

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CINEMA: They're all berating the movie ratings

In Hollywood, X is the scarlet letter. It can keep a good film from being made or played. Now critics are demanding a change in the movie-rating system—and they may soon get one.

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MUSIC: The Neville Brothers' voodoo dreams

The veteran purveyors of New Orleans rhythm and blues are back in the spotlight again, and they just let the good times roll around to them.

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BOOKS: Donald Trump comes up with a sequel

He calls his new volume *Surviving at the Top*, but coming at a time of marital and financial meltdown, that's questionable. There are more boasts than survival strategies in these pages.

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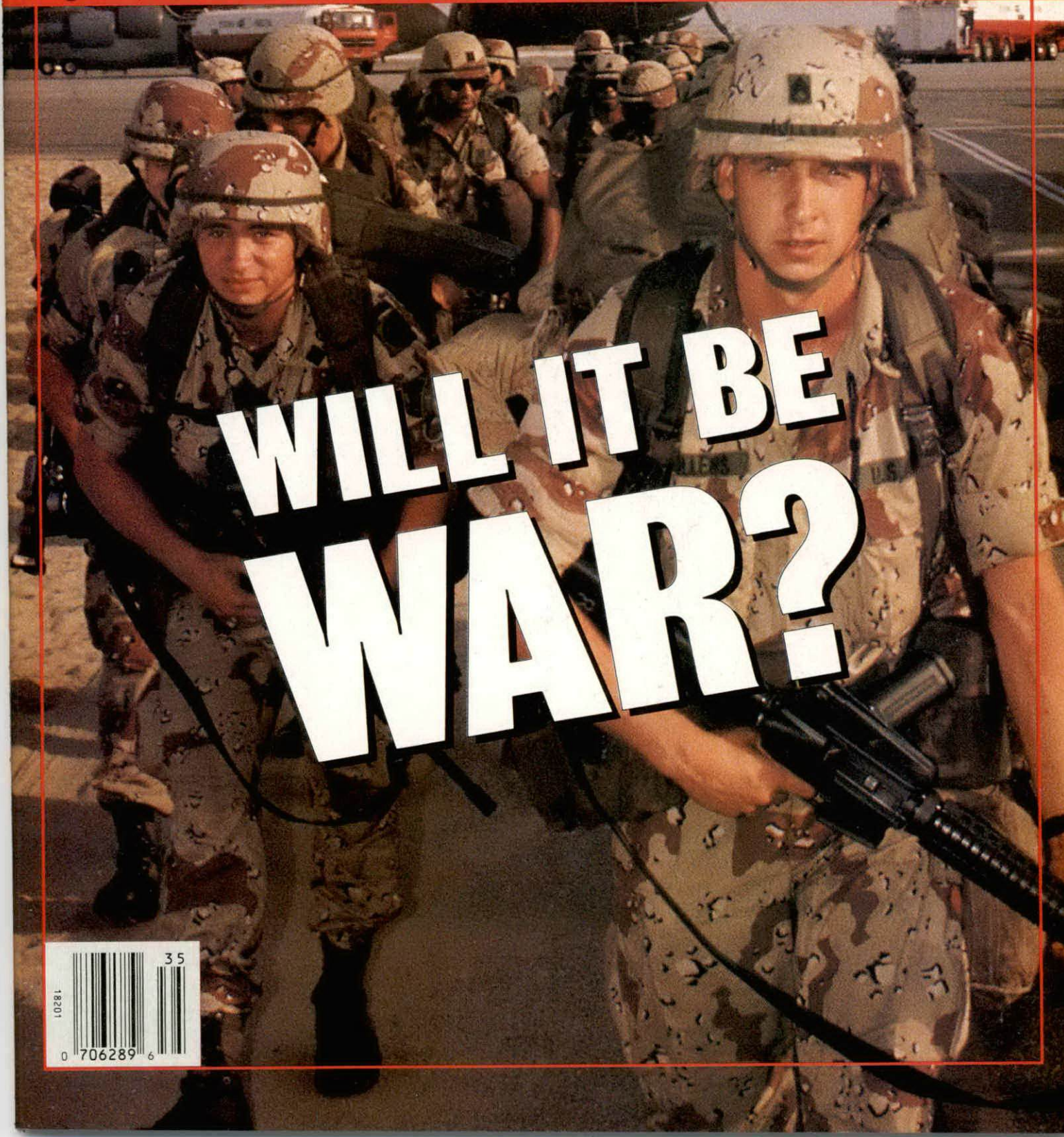


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**WILL IT BE
WAR?**





Two of the newly arrived U.S. soldiers clean their guns at a base in Saudi Arabia

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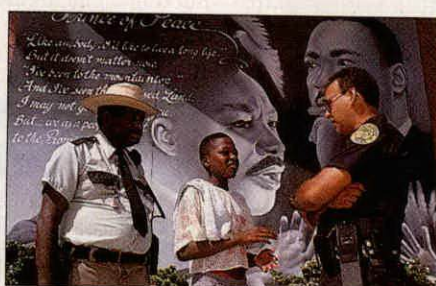
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Will It Be War in the Middle East?

Both Saddam Hussein and George Bush raised the stakes last week in a confrontation that seemed to be moving closer by the day to war. As Iraq's threats to round up American citizens raised the specter of a new hostage crisis, U.S. forces continued to mass in Saudi Arabia and to lay plans for rescue missions. The danger of massive civilian casualties, the hardships of fighting in the desert and the potential for igniting Arab anti-Americanism all made Washington hope that diplomacy and an economic blockade could still make Saddam back down. But if they don't, America was getting poised to strike. **Special Report: Page 18**

A New Line Against Crime

Cops want to be the good guys on the block again. Across the country, police are fighting crime by bonding with the community: they drive old ladies to the grocery store, go into homes to teach security measures—and even walk foot beats. "Instead of issuing summonses," says a New York cop, "we look for solutions." **National Affairs: Page 36**



An officer reaches out to the community

A Generation of Couch Potatoes

Their parents may be aerobicized to the gills, but an alarming number of today's grade-school kids are obese or inactive and showing signs of high blood pressure or elevated cholesterol levels. The Bush administration's response to the problem can be summed up in two words: Arnold Schwarzenegger. **Lifestyle: Page 62**

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