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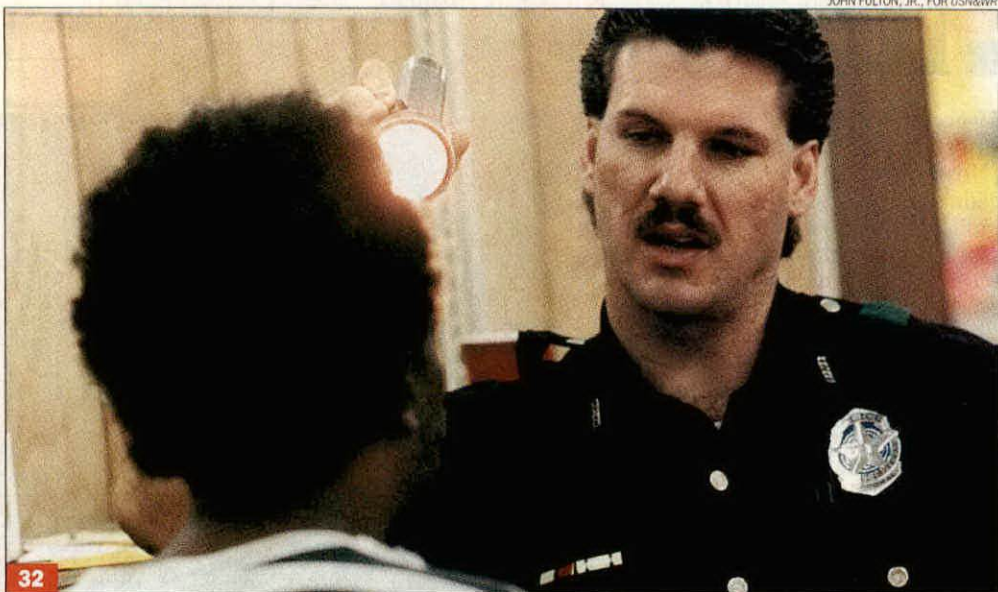
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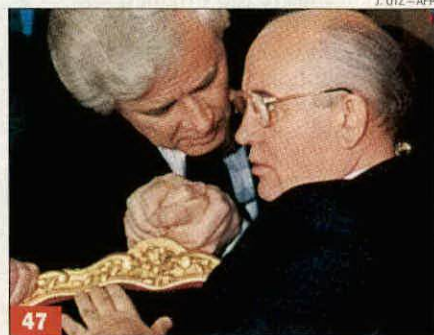
Vigilant eyes. Dallas officer Kelly Foster, here observing the pupils of a shoplifting suspect, gives voice to the deep frustration of America's cops: "If you're in the uniform, you're a target"

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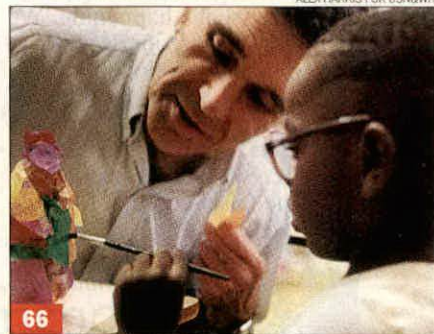
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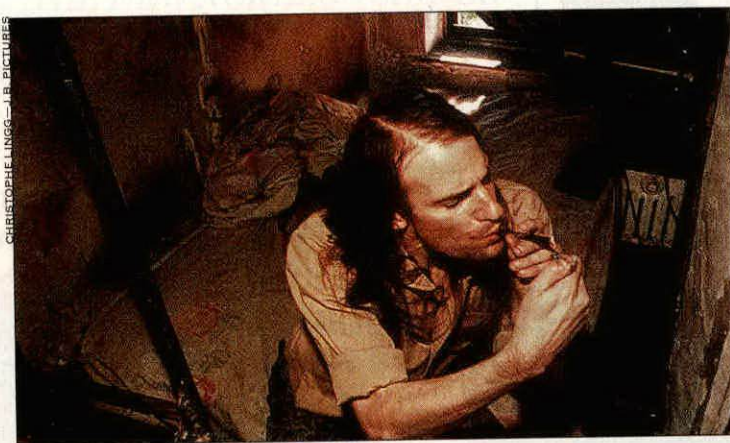


PETER JORDAN FOR TIME

WORLD: Facing a Tory revolt, Britain's Margaret Thatcher gracefully steps aside as Prime Minister

The end of an era comes with stunning speed, but can her challengers fill her shoes at home and abroad? ► **The U.S. cajoles its allies** to support a U.N. resolution permitting military action against Iraq. ► **Eastern Europe's fledgling democracies** find that freedom is not cheap.

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NATION: Despite a massive crackdown, the U.S. is losing the war on drugs

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Consumers worried about recession and war are shopping for bargains this year. ▶Junk-bond king Michael Milken pulls a stiff ten-year prison term.

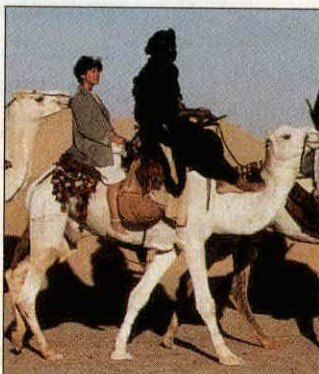
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The Pope assigns them a strategic task and signals his renewed confidence in the church's biggest and most influential men's order.

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CINEMA: Under The Sheltering Sky with Bertolucci

The director makes a bleak, beautiful film of Paul Bowles' celebrated novel. Debra Winger and John Malkovich powerfully portray a pair of existential tourists in North Africa.

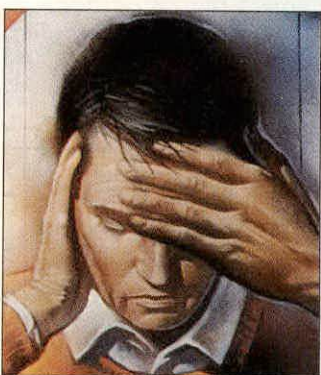
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SPORT: Forget the Super Bowl this year

The upcoming game between the San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants, two contrasting powerhouses, is shaping up as the contest of the season.

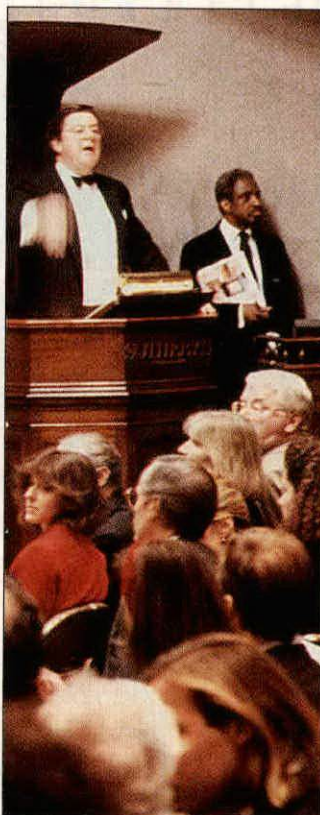
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Unemployment is climbing and inflation rising, but sales of Halcion (for insomnia) and Prozac (depression) are brisk. When the economy slumps, so does the national psyche.

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ART: The auction boom of the '80s, especially for contemporary works, goes pffft!

With the oxygen going out of the U.S. economy and Japanese collectors scared by the descent of their stock index, the fall sales at Sotheby's and Christie's are jolted by a major shake-out in the art market. Top-quality works still command good prices, but the overhyped contemporary field suffers a massacre, with many offerings going unsold. Moreover, the decline casts new doubts on the competitive tactics of the auction houses.

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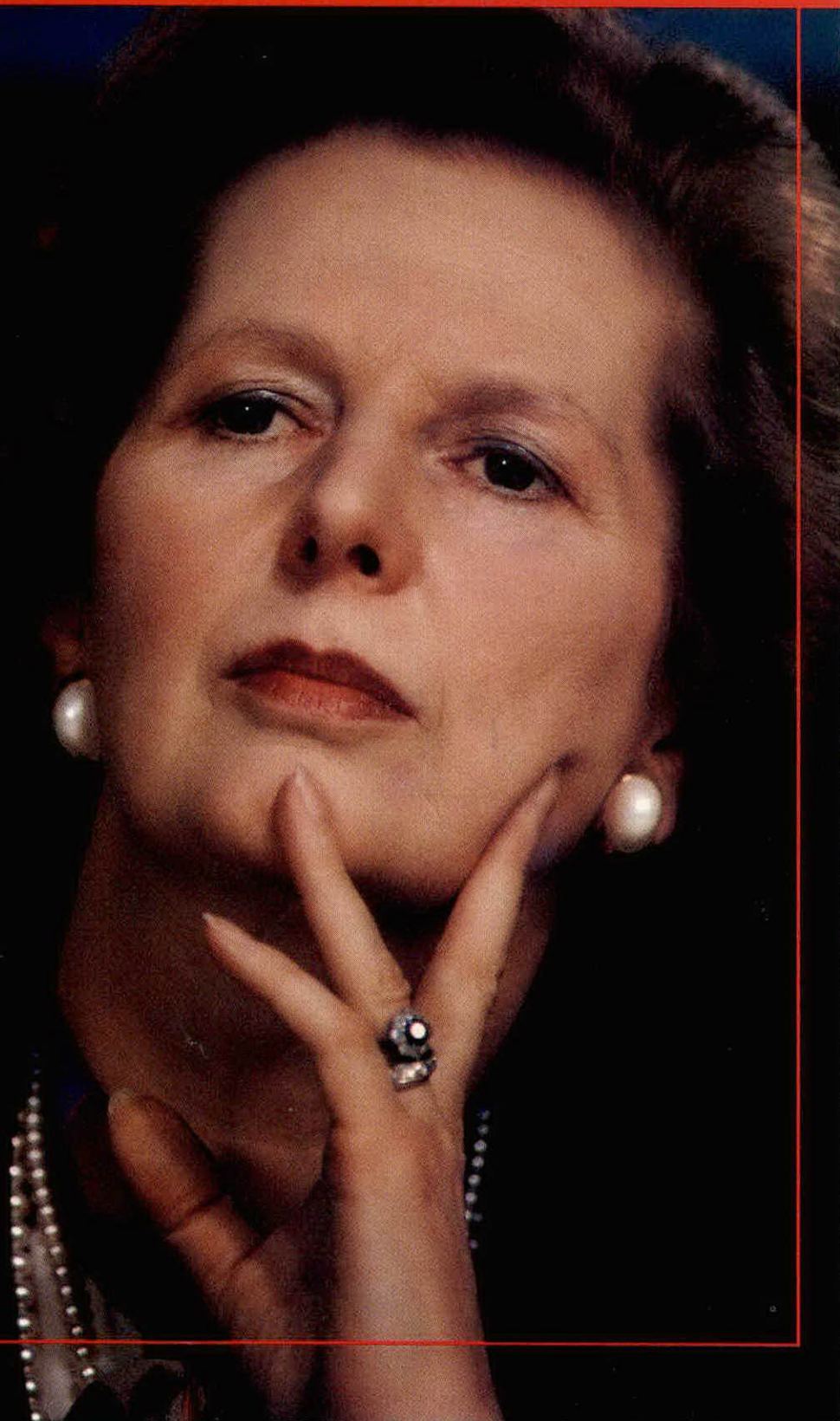
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The Iron Lady Falls

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Bent a Nation
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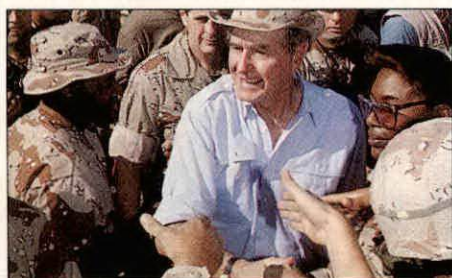




Thatcher accepts praise and parries criticism in Parliament on her resignation day

■ The Decline and Fall of the Iron Lady

The longest-running administration in modern British history came suddenly to an end last week when Margaret Thatcher resigned as leader of the ruling Conservative Party. Always controversial, she stood for market values and hard-line foreign policies. Ronald Reagan offers an appreciation, and her biographer, Hugo Young, writes that her legacy will continue. **International: Page 28**



President Bush talked turkey with the troops

■ How Long Can We Wait?

On his travels last week, President Bush pressed home one theme: America and her allies have been "very patient"—but the time for a peaceful solution is running out. The question now is whether the United States is moving toward war—or whether sanctions can, over time, force Saddam to withdraw. **National Affairs: Page 20**

■ Strictly Kid Stuff

Alongside an unusually fine Puss in Boots and Mother Goose, there's a boy who ties himself to a helium balloon—and flies away. And there's another who hates his haircut and zaps off with aliens to seek help from an intergalactic barber. These are but two of the young heroes to be found in this year's crop of children's books. **The Arts: Page 64**



Can an intergalactic barber help?

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