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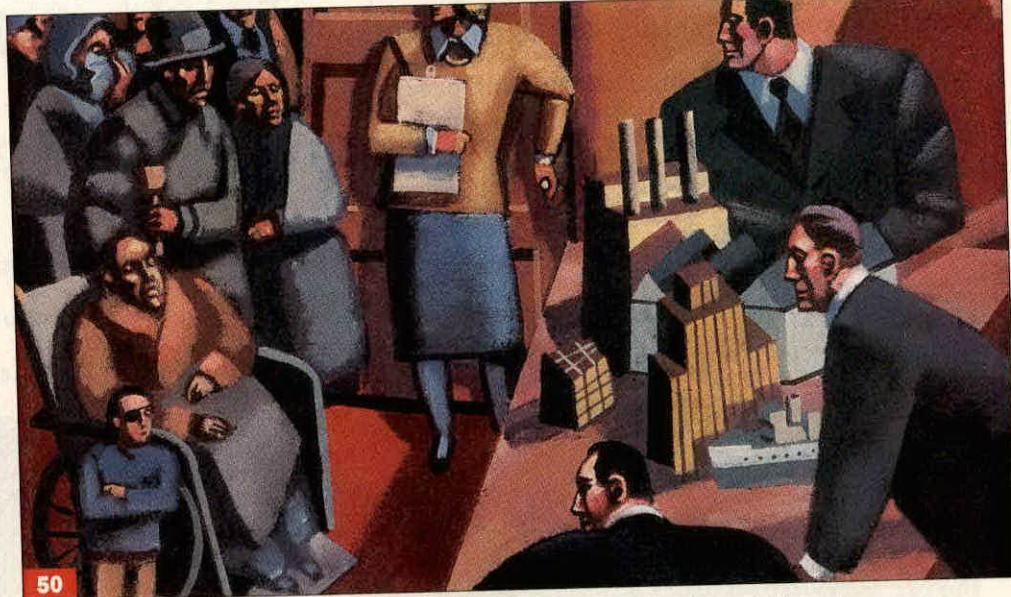


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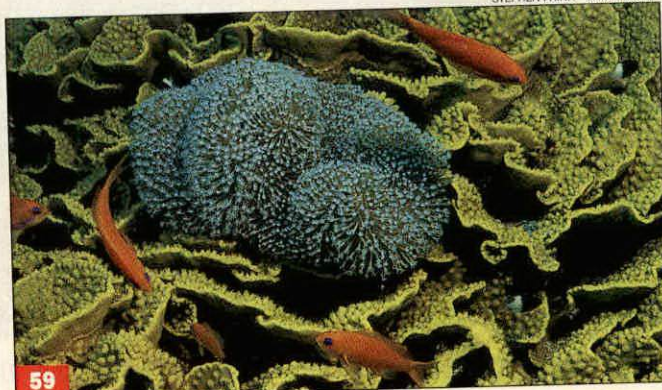
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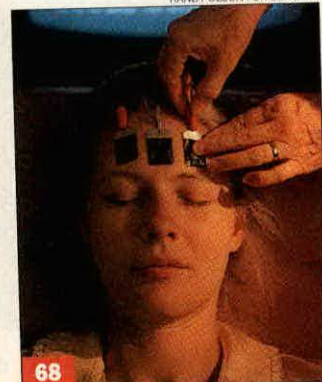
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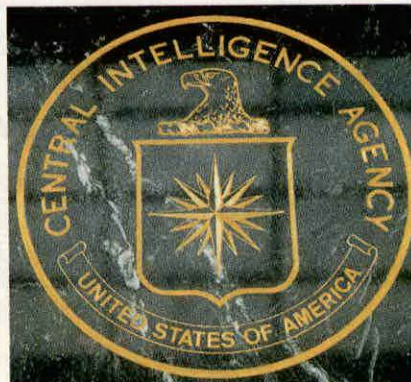
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A Debate Rages
Over What to Teach
Our Kids About
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American blacks celebrate African culture at a Philadelphia street fair

■ Afrocentrism: What's It All About?

Rejecting a "Eurocentric" view of the world, some black American educators want classrooms that focus instead on students' African heritage. While sometimes included in the multicultural curriculum that already enriches textbooks and teaching in most U.S. public schools, Afrocentrism evokes far more controversy. The movement ranges from serious scholarship to a cavalier disregard for history, but what troubles many blacks and whites alike is that some adherents use Afrocentrism to foster racial separatism and hostility. **Society: Page 42**

■ The Last Gulag

Communism is crumbling in the Soviet Union, but it is thriving in thousands of remote prison camps and detention centers which dot the countryside of China. An inside look at how China profits from the forced labor of its prisoners—raising questions about President Bush's tolerance for Beijing. **International: Page 26**



A Chinese prisoner at work

■ Between a Soft and a Hard Rock

The gap in the world of rock music isn't just between generations anymore. Megabands like Guns N' Roses and N.W.A explode with bloodcurdling rage against the accelerating violence of American life, while best-selling artists like Mariah Carey and Michael Bolton shut out the harsh world by cooing about love conquering all. **The Arts: Page 52**



Singing different tunes: Carey and Rose

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