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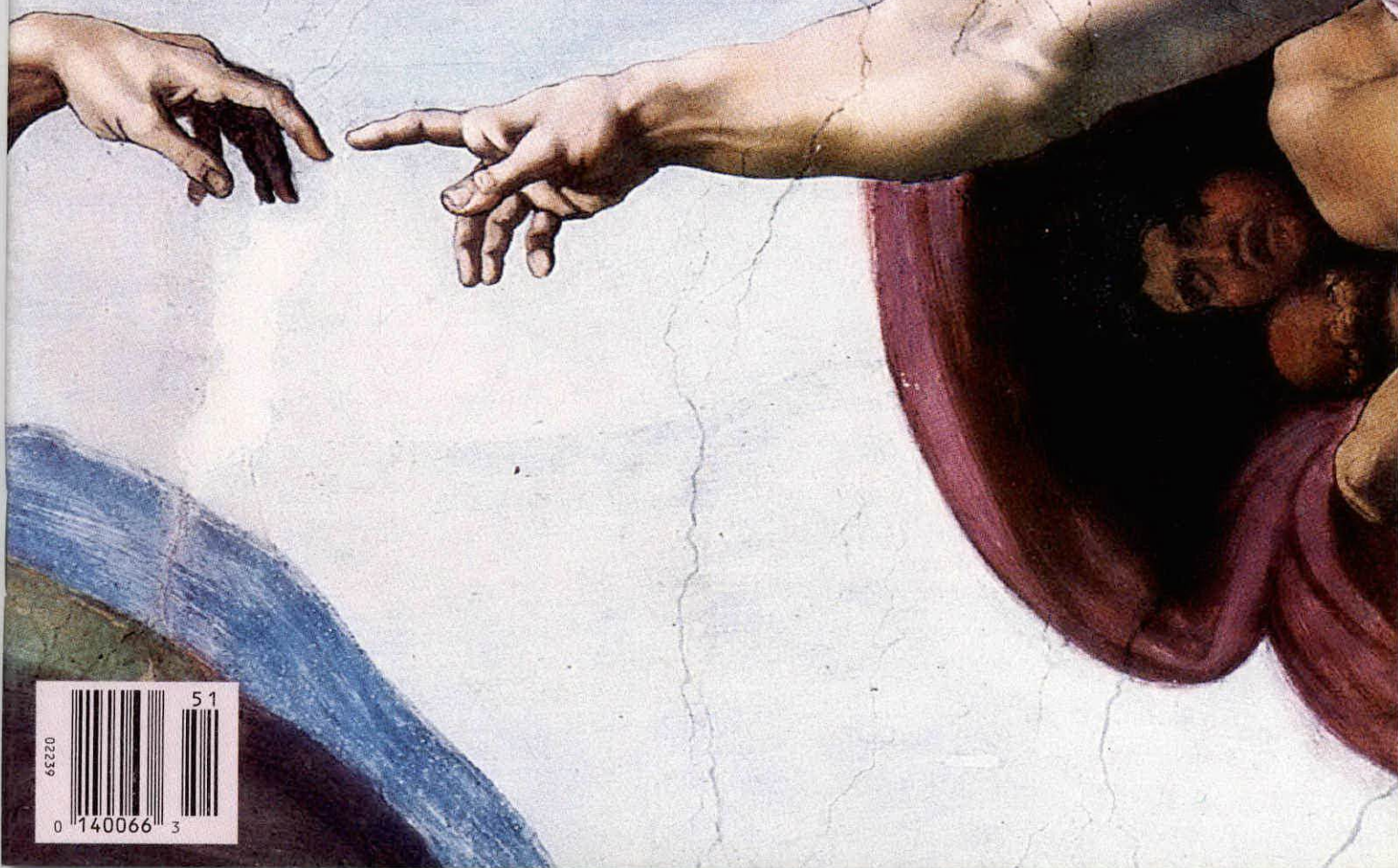
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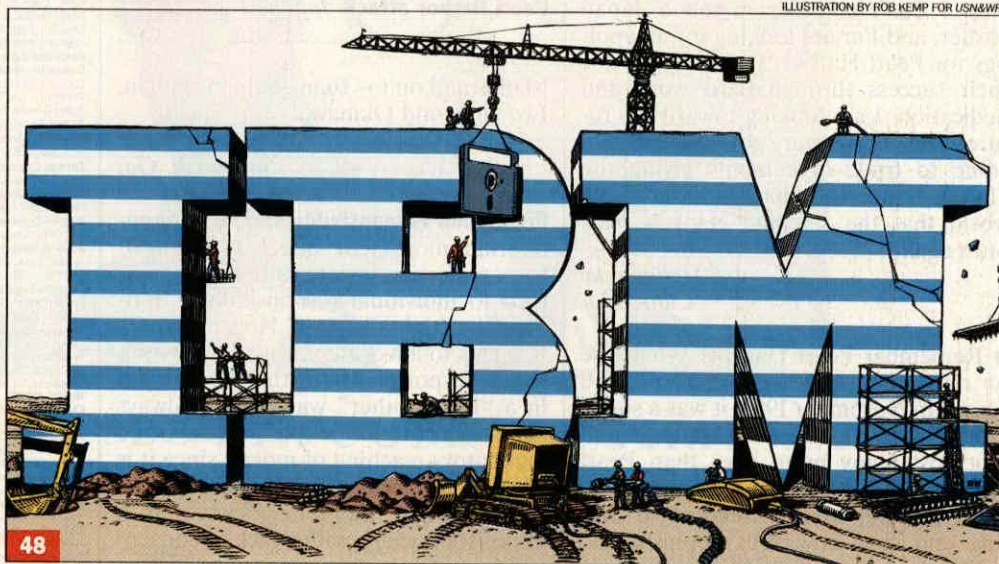
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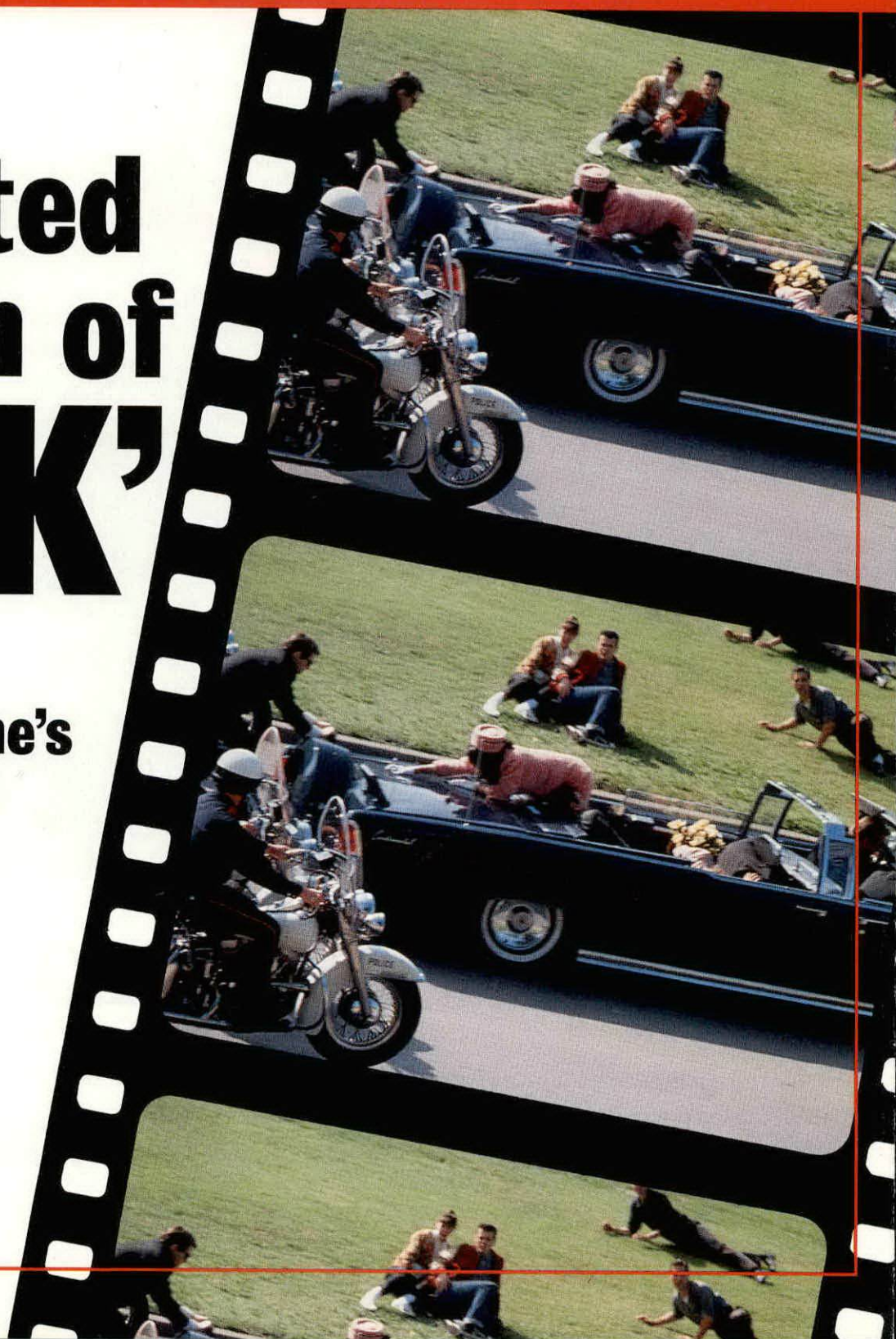
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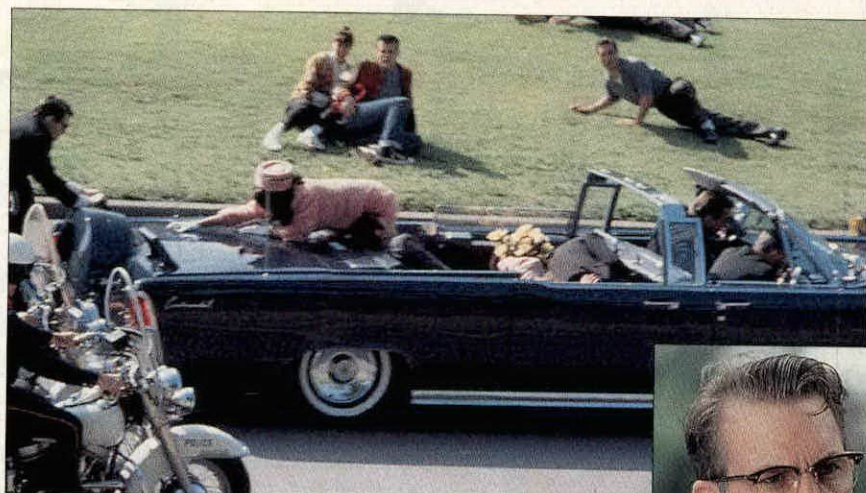
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The Twisted Truth of 'JFK'

**Why
Oliver Stone's
New Movie
Can't Be
'rusted**





Stone's filmed re-enactment of the Kennedy assassination

■ Twisted History

Moviegoer beware. Oliver Stone's troubling epic "JFK" opens this week. A quasi documentary that mixes actual footage with re-enactments, the movie is the controversial filmmaker's attempt to re-examine events surrounding the tragic assassination of President Kennedy. Superstar Kevin Costner portrays flamboyant New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison as a stoic truth seeker. Confused audiences will wonder how much of what they've seen is fact, how much fiction. **The Arts: Page 46**



Costner plays Garrison



The leader laments

■ Gorbachev: The Long Goodbye

Acting alone, the three Slavic republics of Russia, Belorussia and Ukraine last week established a new Commonwealth of Independent States to replace the old Soviet Union. The move took Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev by surprise, and triggered expectations that he may resign after a transition period, bringing to an end a tumultuous chapter in his country's history. But can Boris Yeltsin succeed where Gorbachev failed? **Special Report: Page 18**

■ A Magical Mystery Tour

He may be something less than the martyr-saint of the AIDS epidemic he first seemed. But Magic Johnson retains a sense of mission about preaching safe sex, and he's doing it with typical humility. New contributing editor Frank Deford talks with the NBA's most famous retiree about life, death, love, sex and basketball. **Sports: Page 59**



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