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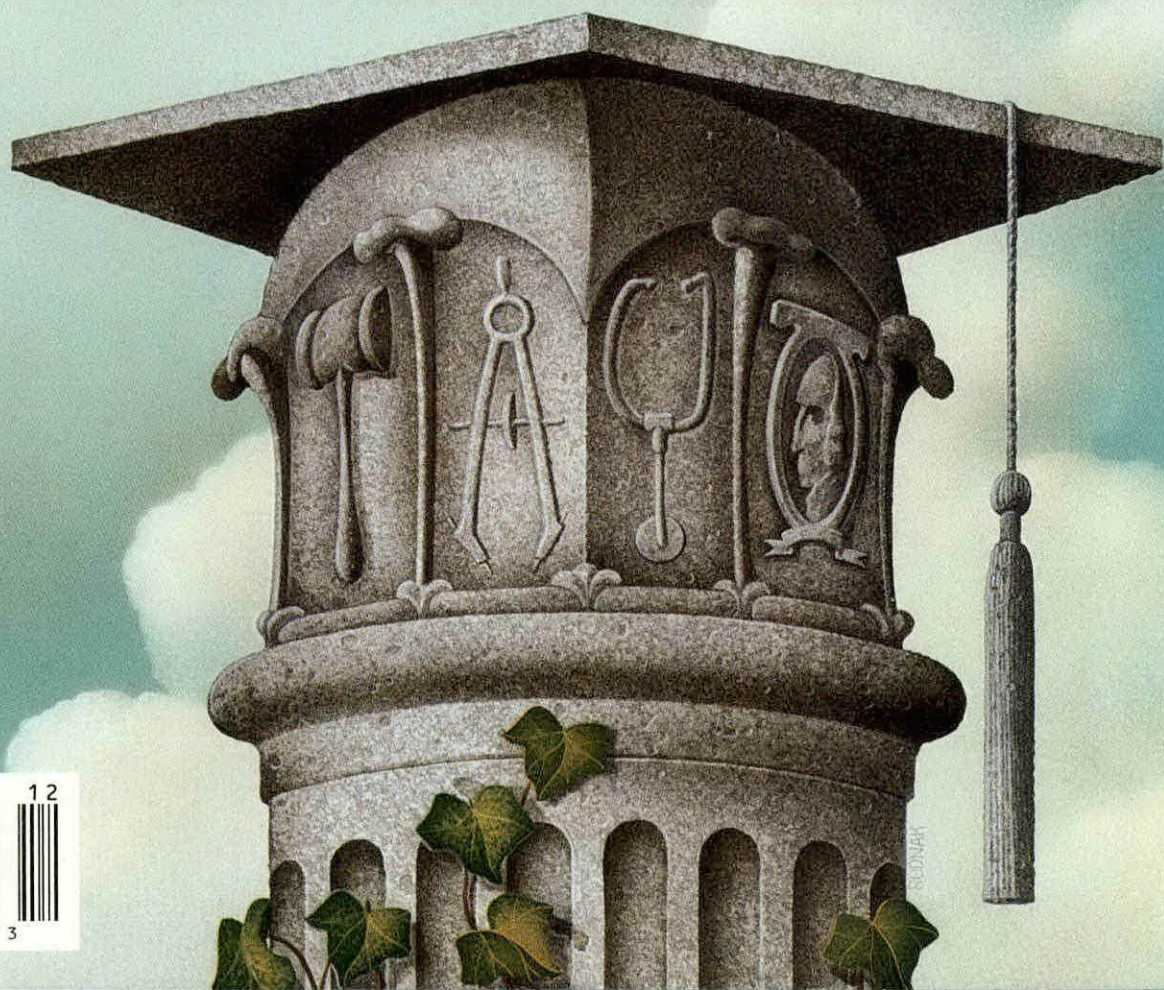


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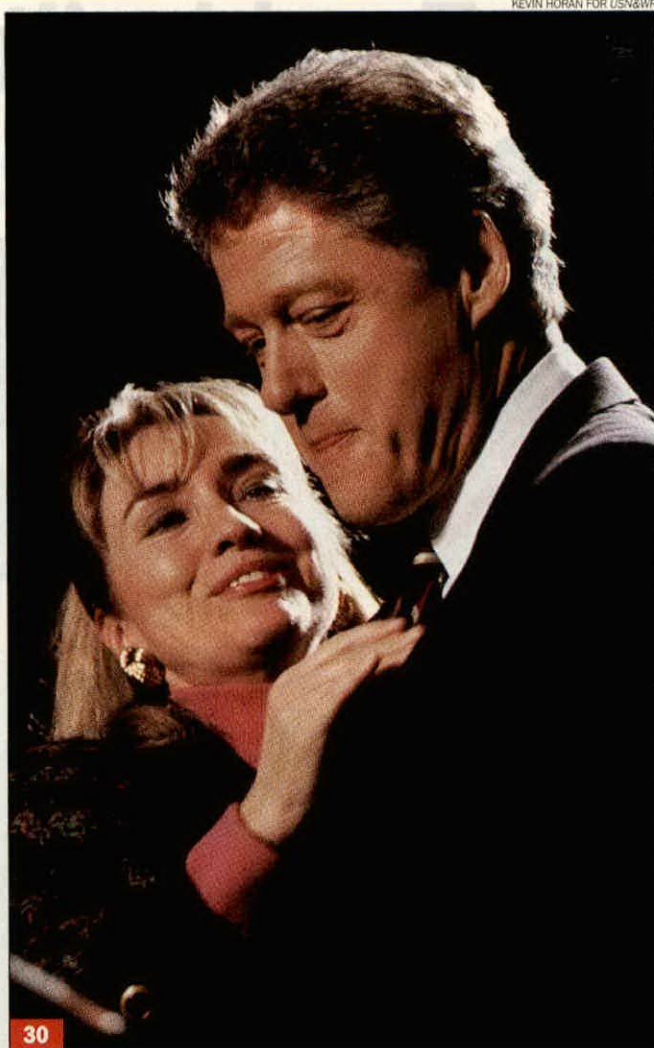
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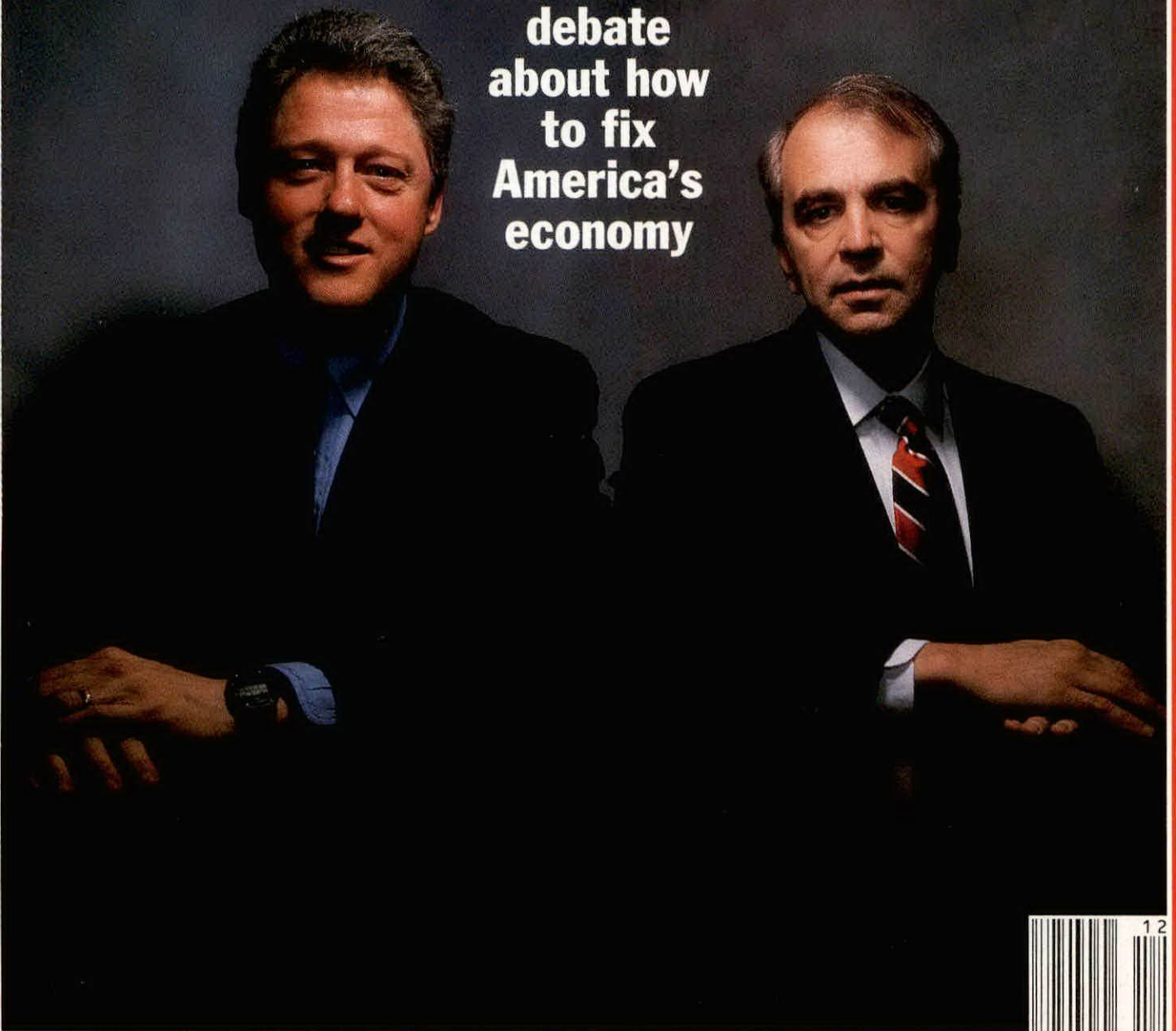
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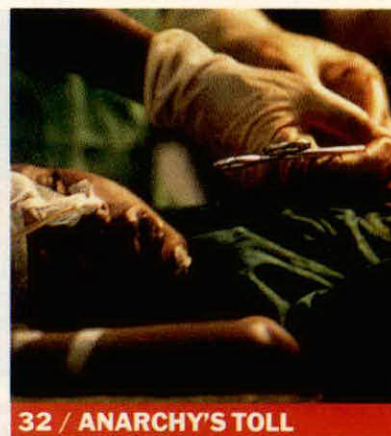
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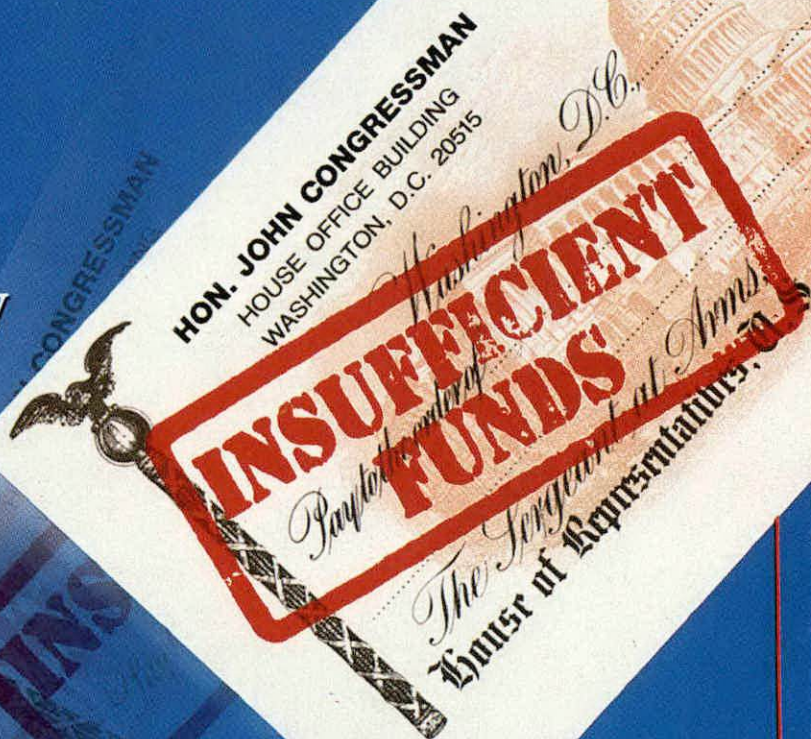
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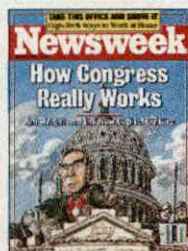




Members feared they would be banished from the kingdom on the Hill

■ Caught in the Act: Congress's Bank Scandal

Congress became a confessional orgy last week as members tried to save their reputations in the House check-bouncing scandal. In its own survey, NEWSWEEK found more than 100 members who overdrew at the House bank. "Rubbergate" will inflame voter anger over the congressional culture NEWSWEEK explored in a 1989 cover story. **National Affairs: Page 24**



Texas voters greet Bill Clinton

■ Playing Hardball

George Bush's re-election strategy hinges on two hopes: for an economic recovery and a critical mass of voter doubt about the character of his likely opponent, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton. But if Clinton wins the Democratic nomination, he would bring formidable assets to a fall campaign. **National Affairs: Page 33**

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For someone who has survived alcoholism, drug addiction and major heartbreak, rock legend Eric Clapton looks amazingly fit. But as he nears 47, his songs, including the hit "Tears in Heaven," express continued grief over the death of 4-year-old son Conor, who fell from a Manhattan apartment building a year ago. **The Arts: Page 52**



A survivor still grieves for a lost son

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