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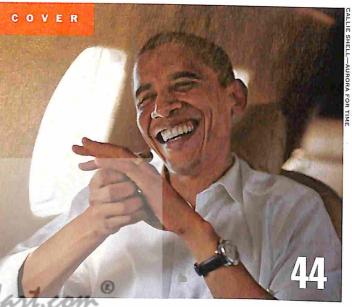
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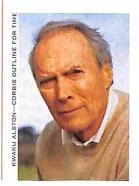


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▲ David Kuo, once a director of Bush's faith-based initiatives, says he's lost faith in the Administration

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