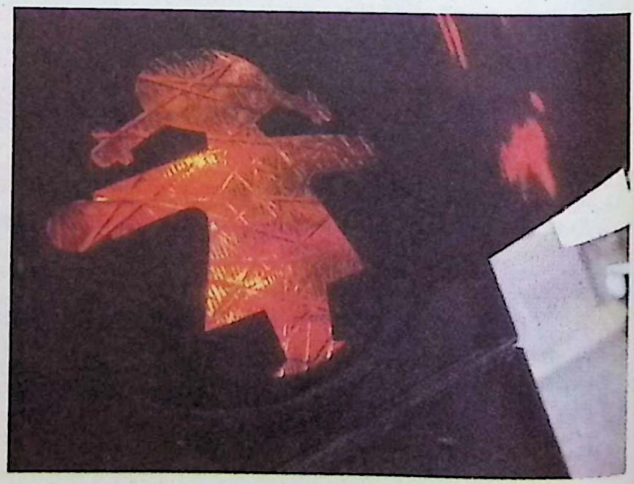
Palestinian students look out the window of a modular classroom donated by the Dubai-based organisation "Dubai Cares" to a school which was damaged during Israel's 22-day offensive that ended in January, in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahia. Two rockets fired from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip slammed into open fields in southern Israel overnight, without causing any casualties or damage, the Israeli military said. Egypt has been struggling since the war ended in January to mediate a more lasting ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and a prisoner exchange to return an Israeli soldier seized by Gaza militants in June 2006.



An Iranian man selects a contraband pirated DVD of an American television series in Tehran.. Many Iranians have acquired a taste for US TV series in recent years. Some follow their favorite shows on satellite and others on contraband DVDs delivered to their homes. Since the 1979 revolution in Iran that toppled the US-backed shah, America has been the "Great Satan" for the Islamic republic which allows a small number of censored US films to be screened in cinemas or on the state television.



A traffic light bearing an "Ampelmaedchen" (little traffic light girl) signals red at a street in the western German city of Cologne. The little green and red men, saved from oblivion by a "committee to save the little traffic light men", not only still adorn traffic lights in the former east Germany, but can be found on everything from a mug or a T-shirt, to a cork screw, thanks to Heckhausen and his team of designers.