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**COVER STORY: CAN BONO SAVE THE WORLD?  
THE GLOBE'S BIGGEST ROCK STAR IS ON A MISSION TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

Irish singer Bono is perhaps the biggest rock star in the world. Yet as big a star as U2's singer is, he has grown even larger over the past three years, transforming himself into the most secular of saints and becoming a worldwide symbol of rock-'n'-roll activism. Part poet, part politician, he has taken his cause—solving the financial and health crisis in Africa—and helped put it onto the agenda of the world's most powerful people. **Josh Tyrangiel** looks at the rock star whose personal mission is the fate of Africa.

**MIDDLE EAST: IS ALL-OUT WAR INEVITABLE?**

The 17-month-old cycle of killing in Israel and the occupied territories has become a death spiral from which there seems to be no escape. Since the *intifadeh* began, violence has escalated with both sides using new tactics to inflict death on each other. As the body count soars, **Romesh Ratnesar** asks: Is all-out war inevitable?

**ASIA: THE FUTURE OF AFGHANISTAN**

Since the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan is barely holding together. Warlords are trying to carve up the country, opium is once again the No.1 crop, and scheming neighbors are attempting to put their own people in power in Kabul. **Tim McGirk** spent several days with Afghanistan's leader, Hamid Karzai, the man with the task of keeping the warlords at bay and his country united.

**CINEMA: DOYLE'S RABBIT-PROOF FENCE**

Having honed his skills with 20 years of filmmaking in Hong Kong, Australian lensman Christopher Doyle returned home to make *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, the real-life account of three Aboriginal girls taken from their families in 1930s Western Australia. **Michael Fitzgerald** speaks to Doyle about his colorful filmmaking career.

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