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Ninety antique watches stolen from Oxford University's History of Science Museum: *The Independent*, *The Times, The Guardian*, 5 April 1994. — 5 April 1994

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£500 reward offered after 13 tortoises stolen from Natureland Marine Zoo, Skegness, Lincolnshire: *The Times*, 6 April 1994.

7 April 1994 Study of the well-preserved 300 year old skeletal remains of Phillip and Mary Calver, Maryland's founding family, enables scientists to paint a vivid picture of what they looked like, what they ate and the kinds of illnesses they suffered: *The Times*, 7 April 1994.
Earl Grey's teapot among a number of items stolen from Bramah Tea and Coffee Museum, Tower Bridge, London: *The Guardian*, 7 April 1994.

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Restoration of Michelangelo's *Last Judgement* completed and unveiled by the Vatican restoration team. A special Mass is held by the Pope to mark the reopening: *The Independent*, 8 April 1994, *The Times*, 9 April 1994.

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12 April 1994 Hoxne Hoard bought by the British Museum at a cost of £1.75m and will go on display in May 1994. The money has been raised through donations, the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the National Art Collections Fund, and will go to Eric Lawes who discovered the hoard in November 1992 on the Norfolk-Suffolk border: *The Times*, 12 April 1994.
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13 April 1994 Head of early Eastern Australian Aborigine leader called Yagan discovered in mass grave at Everton Cemetery, Liverpool. Yagan's head was displayed in a Liverpool museum, then put into storage, and finally discarded and buried in 1964 in a public grave. Australian Aborigines, backed by the Australian government, want the head

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Medieval wooden Kapellbrücke bridge in Lucerne reopens after reconstruction. The bridge was destroyed by fire in August 1993: *The Times*, 15 April 1994.
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Two gold mayoral chains of office stolen from a safe in Newham Town Hall, East London: *The Times*, 7 April 1994.
Sir Denys Lasdun, architect of the Royal National Theatre, protests at proposed plans to alter the terrace at London's South Bank. He and others feel that the building completed in 1976 should be listed: *The Observer*, 17 April 1994.

18 April 1994

Rug bought for £70 in Croydon junk shop identified by Sotheby's as a rare 17th century Mogul floor spread designed for royal use, valued at about £30,000: *The Times*, 18 April 1994.
Priceless iron age sword stolen from Peterborough Museum: *The Times, The Telegraph, The Independent*, 18 April 1994
Theft of the 2000 year old sword raises questions about funding. Current low funding levels result in inadequate security and put collections at risk: *The Guardian*, 18 April 1994.
Restored Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London, reopens: *The Guardian*, 18 April 1994.

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North Korean archaeologists discover fossil of a frog which lived about 150 million years ago at Sinuiju, near the border with China: *The Times*, 19 April 1994.

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21 April 1994 Priceless heirlooms stolen from Abbotsford, former home of Sir Walter Scott: *The Times*, 21 April 1994.
Bradford council approves the divisions and sale of the Brontes' birthplace amid reservation from English Heritage and local protests: *The Guardian*, 21 April 1994.

23 April 1994 Appeal launched to raise £12,000, remainder of a total of £105,000, required for urgent building work on Manchester Law Library, Grade II listed building, built in 1885: *The Independent*, 23 April 1994.
Jacques Walter, former owner of Van Gogh's last oil painting, *Garden at Auvers,* accuses two successive culture ministers of soliciting bribes in exchange for an export permit that would have allowed the canvas to be sold at auction abroad: *The Sunday Times*, 24 April 1994.

25 April 1994 Research reveals the Austrian iceman discovered on an Alpine glacier in September 1991 had a short beard and full head of hair. From hair recovered from the surrounding site, Dr Don Brothwell, Professor of palaeo ecology at York University, will determine what the iceman ate and seasonal variations in his diet, providing the most detailed insight yet into the life of neolithic tribesman: *The Times*, 24 April 1994.

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Virginia Woolf's home, Asham House, to be demolished despite attempts to save it: *The Times, The Guardian*, 27 April 1994.
Garland Sarcophagus believed to date from 2nd century AD to be returned to Turkey from the Brooklyn Museum where it has been since 1987. The sarcophagus will be displayed in the Istanbul Archaeological Museum for six months before being sent to a permanent home in Antalya on Turkey's Mediterranean coast: *The Independent*, 27 April 1994.

28 April 1994 120ft grey gasholder in Wales becomes a work of art after beingpainted with autumn colours to blend with the hillside at Llwynypia at a cost of £60,000: *The Times*, 28 April 1994.
Part of the frame of Edvard Munch's *The Scream*, stolen in Oslo in February 1994 found at a disused bus stop outside Oslo: *The Times, The Independent, The Guardian*, 28 April 1994.
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Public inquiry at Stratford-upon-Avon hears evidence concerning plans to develop listed 18th century mansion and surrounding parks, designed by Capability Brown, at Compton Verney, Warwickshire, into a site for opera and ballet. £40 million development is supported by arts luminaries but opposed by the Georgian Group, English Heritage and local residents: *The Guardian*, 30 April 1994. — 30 April 1994

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Scottish firms invited to prepare masterplan for the restoration and development of the Hermitage Museum, Russia: *The Independent*, 4 May 1994. — 4 May 1994

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Dispute over the future of St Ethelburga-the-Virgin, destroyed by an IRA bomb in April 1993, to be referred to the House of Lords. — 5 May 1994

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Viscount Massereene, chairman of the Friends of St Ethelburga claims, "We are not asking the Church to pay for the work – we can raise it. We merely want a commitment they will not sell it to a property developer. The Church of England does not own the land, it is merely its guardian. It should start taking its responsibilities more seriously.": *The Times*, 5 May 1994.

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