Chronicles

October 1994–March 1995

Byzantine fresco, *Harrowing of Hell*, in the church of Saint Saviour, Chora Istanbul, being endangered by tourists creating warm, damp and fetid atmosphere. Turkish authorities aware of the danger but undecided on what action to take: *The Art News Paper*, October 1994. — October 1994

Restoration of books and documents damaged by fire in Norwich Library begins in high-technology vacuum dryers at Harwell, Oxfordshire: *The Independent*, 3 October 1994. — 3 October 1994

Archaeologists unearth Anglo-Saxon gold and silver treasures on top of a hill overlooking Dover, Kent. The hoard will be exhibited at the British Museum after conservation work is completed in 1996: *The Independent*, 3 October 1994.

Campaign launched for demolition of statue of first Duke of Sutherland which stands above Golspie in the Scottish Highlands. Campaigners claim the 19th century statue is a painful reminder of a man who destroyed the Highland way of life and culture after forcing some 15,000 residents from his 1 million-acre estate to make way for sheep farming: *The Independent*, 4 October 1994. — 4 October 1994

US Supreme Court rejects appeal for the Government to return 65 million year old dinosaur fossil, seized by FBI agents two years ago, to a geological research institute: *The Times*, 4 October 1994.

Refurbishment of National Gallery's Room 34, London, now called the Sackler gallery, to open to the public on 19 October. The gallery will become a primary British gallery, where major works by Gainsborough, Reynolds, Wright of Derby, Constable and Turner will be shown: *The Independent*, 6 October 1994. — 6 October 1994

Parade of old ships sails from Tower Bridge to Greenwich, London, heralding the launch of Heritage Afloat, an organisation aiming to raise the profile of relics of Britain's marine history: *The Independent*, 6 October 1994.

Treasures from Elizabethan warship, *Makeshift*, may have to stay on the seabed off Alderney unless a benefactor is found to help the archaeological project: *The Independent on Sunday*, 9 October 1994. — 9 October 1994

Painting attributed to Rembrandt stolen from the artist's former home, now a museum, in Amsterdam: *The Times*, 10 October 1994. — 10 October 1994

Archaeologists searching for King Charles I's sunken treasure in the Firth of Forth Scotland with "virtual reality" scanners believe exca- — 11 October 1994

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

vation of *Blessing of Burntisland* could prove more important than the raising of the *Mary Rose*: *The Times*, 11 October 1994.

12 October 1994 — Stolen medieval casket reported to contain bones of Petroc, patron saint of Cornwall, recovered in North Yorkshire: *The Times*, 12 October 1994.

13 October 1994 — Clocks dating from 17th century stolen from Lyme Hall, Stockport: *The Times*, 13 October 1994.
Study of 5,000 year old fingernail, found near the Iceman in Otztaler Alps 1991, reveal he was a manual worker who had been suffering from a chronic and possibly crippling illness. The discoveries are the latest in an international effort to build a picture of the Iceman's life and times: *The Sunday Times*, 13 November 1994.

19 October 1994 — Metal detector unearths rare Celtic coin in Gloucestershire field: *The Times*, 19 October 1994.

21 October 1994 — Australian Federal Government considering fundamental changes to delivery of its billion-dollar pledge to buy Aboriginal land as opposition in the Senate stalls the Land Acquisition Bill. Opposition and Greens Senators put off voting on the Government's $1.46 billion legislation for 3 weeks after divisions emerge within Aboriginal groups over amendments: *The Australian,* 21 October 1994.

22–23 October 1994 — Leader of the Australian Federal Government in the Upper House, Senator Evans, claims amendment forced by the Coalition, the Greens and Independent Senator Brian Harradine to grant land to Aborigines who had been more dispossessed than others would create a legal nightmare and divide indigenous communities. The Government is looking at other options to fund the purchase of land: *The Weekend Australian*, 22–23 October 1994.

22 October 1994 — India's Supreme Court ends two decade dispute over jewellery collection from former princely state of Hyderabad by offering it to the government for 1.8 billion rupees (£35 million): *The Times*, 22 October 1994.
Chinese cultural relics inspection team discover rare stone carvings dating to early 18th century in Damxung county, 100 km from Ihasa, capital of Tibet autonomous region: *Xinhua News Agency*, 22 October 1994.

24 October 1994 — Microscopic studies, on tools used by Alpine "Iceman", by Dr Thomas Loy, Australian National University, Canberra, reveal he carved his own bow and made his own protective clothing. It is believed he was returning home by a dangerous short cut when he died from exposure: *The Times*, 24 October 1994.

25 October 1994 — Thieves steal 7 Picasso paintings worth more than £26 million from Modern Art Centre, Zurich, including *Seated Woman* and *El Christo de Montmartre*, stolen from the same gallery three years ago and

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

recovered in 1991: *The Times*, 25 October 1994, *The Australian*, 26 October 1994.
Tower Museum, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, wins Museum of the Year Award: *The Times*, 25 October 1994.

Victorian organ stolen from chapel at Locksbrook cemetery, Bath: *The Times*, 27 October 1994. — 27 October 1994
Mashantucket Pequot, small Indian tribe who run Foxwoods casino on tribal land in Connecticut, to donate $10 million (£6.5 million) to Smithsonian Institute, Washington. The contribution will go towards the National Museum of the American Indian to be built by the Smithsonian in Washington: *The Times*, 27 October 1994.

Canova's *Three Graces* to stay in Britain after Court of Appeal upholds rejection of Getty Museum's application for judicial review: *The Times*, 28 October 1994. — 28 October 1994
British Library commissions Art Facsimile of Switzerland to make facsimile of *The Sforza House*, Renaissance prayer book measuring 5in by 4in. The original is too delicate to be displayed permanently: *The Times*, 28 October 1994.
Two Bronze Age bracelets unearthed a year apart from each other in Leicestershire garden declared treasure trove: *The Times*, 28 October 1994.

Aborigines staging land rights sit-in in a north-west Queensland National Park agree to disband following a deal with the State Government. Representatives of about 100 Aborigines at the Park agreed with two government ministers to establish a committee in an attempt to settle a dispute over management of the park: *The Weekend Australian*, 29–30 October 1994. — 29–30 October 1994
Heritage movement campaign to save 1960s asbestos-ridden building marked for demolition in Perth, Australia. Campaigners claim the 10 storey building epitomises experimental use of new building materials which appeared in the 60s and reflects the mood of an era when urban development was at a peak: *The Weekend Australian*, 29–30 October 1994.

Work begins on restoration of Albert Memorial, Kensington Gardens, London. It is expected to cost £14 million and be completed at the end of the century: *The Times*, 1 November 1994. — 31 October 1994

Henry Moore Foundation, which looks after the artist's estate, report the art market is being flooded with forgeries of sculptures and drawings by the artist: *The Times*, 2 November 1994. — 2 November 1994
Sculptures, paintings and a video by four artists shortlisted for 1994 Turner Prize unveiled at Tate Gallery. Winner to be announced on 22 November: *The Times*, 2 November 1994.
Three unnamed men arrested after five year undercover investigation instigated by the British Museum into theft of Bronze Age artefacts from a site near Stonehenge, Wiltshire. The arrests are the result of a

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

joint operation by the Metropolitan Police Arts and Antiques Squad, Holborn CID, Wiltshire police and the museum: *The Times*, 2 November 1994.

3 November 1994 — Two market traders from Rotherham discover letters written by wife of John Reginald Christie to her sister, telling the story of her desperate wish to escape from 10 Rillington Place, the house in which he killed her and six others. The letters were discovered among bric-a-brac from a house in Firth Park, Sheffield, near where Ethel Christie's sister lived: *The Daily Telegraph*, 3 November 1994.
Romania offered money by British Foreign Office to partly fund rescue of a group of 350 ancient wooden churches affected by rising damp, general decay and woodpecker attack. The funding is being offered to help bring Romanian conservationists to Britain to study preservation of wall paintings at the British Museum, timber decay at the Building Research Establishment and project management at the National Trust: *The Times*, 3 November 1994.

4 November 1994 — Submarine wreck from First World War discovered off the northern Dutch coast: *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 November 1994.
Turner watercolour, missing for more than a century, found by Sotheby's valuer at a house in Sheffield. The owners inherited the work, a view of Sisteron in France, from a relative. The mount claimed it was by Turner but they thought it was a copy: *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 November 1994.
Survey by Clare Conybeare of *Museums Journal* reports museum attendances in Britain down by 15 per cent in 1994 after a poor summer season, despite a five per cent increase in the number of foreign tourists. The fall is blamed variously on the recession, Sunday trading, introduction of museum charges and fine summer weather: *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 November 1994.

6 November 1994 — Thai police believe they have recovered some of the $20m (£12.5m) gems stolen from a Saudi palace in 1989 after making a nationwide appeal for their return: *The Independent on Sunday*, 6 November 1994.

7 November 1994 — 17th century painting of Rembrandt's mother, attributed to the circle of Rembrandt, stolen from Wilton House, Salisbury, home of the Earl of Pembroke: *The Times, The Independent*, 7 November 1994.

8 November 1994 — Rare edition of T S Eliot's first published book of poems, bought for £1.50 by poetry student and now valued at more than £1,000, to be sold at auction. The student, who could not afford to complete his degree, will use the proceeds to pay for a further year at university: *The Independent*, 8 November 1994.

9 November 1994 — National Trust's Georgian property, Peckover House, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, for rent at £6,000 a year: *The Times*, 9 November 1994.

10 November 1994 — Environment Department supports moves by Chichester district council, West Sussex, to force owners of listed buildings to replace

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

plastic door and window frames with traditional materials. English Heritage and conservation groups claim the character of conservation areas is being eroded by poor alterations: *The Times*, 10 November 1994.
Pictures of Marilyn Monroe, taken to promote her film The Seven Year Itch, subject of a $100m lawsuit in which the photographer is suing his son for selling copies without his permission: *The Sunday Times*, 13 November 1994.
English Heritage offers more than £4.3 million in grants for cathedral repairs. The largest grant of £650,000 goes to Ely, Salisbury will receive £590,000 and St Paul's £580,00 to help restore the dome: *The Times*, 10 November 1994.

Fighting and breakdown of law and order in the capital of Afghanistan leads to the plunder of Kabul museum. Mujahidin fighters loot priceless exhibits and sell them, through Peshawar, 40 miles over the Pakistani border, in to the world art market: *The Times*, 12 November 1994. 12 November 1994
George Sassoon, son of First World War poet Siegfried Sasson, fined £10,000 for failing to meet deadline for restoring two wrought iron gates which formerly stood at the entrance to his home: *The Times*, 12 November 1994.

Scientists isolate DNA from two bones of dinosaur found in a coal mine in Utah, which they believe roamed North America 80 million years ago, making it the oldest vertebrate DNA discovered: *The Independent*, 18 November 1994. 18 November 1994

More than 70 local authorities commission Dr Rugg, of York University's Institute for Research in Social Sciences, to study the public's responses to the issue of grave recycling, because of Britain's shortage of burial space: *The Independent on Sunday*, 20 November 1994. 20 November 1994
Family of Pablo Picasso opposing plans to make a film of his life. Francoise Gilot, mother of his two children, and Picasso's son considering legal action to prevent the project by Merchant Ivory Productions. She describes the script as "an intrusive piece of fiction": *The Sunday Times*, 20 November 1994.

Britain's biggest collection of ammonite fossils, compiled over ten years, to be transferred from its bungalow home to National Museum of Wales: *The Times*, 21 November 1994. 21 November 1994
First military museum in Hong Kong, expected to open before the 1997 hand-over to China, will feature alleged British atrocities during the Opium Wars and takeover of the New Territories: *The Daily Telegraph*, 21 November 1994.
Sculptor Anthony Gormley wins Turner Prize: *The Daily Telegraph*, 23 November 1994.
Archaeologists believe gold bracelet found washed up on a beach by woman at Nefyn, Gwynedd, North Wales, could be more than 3,000 years old: *The Daily Telegraph*, 23 November 1994.

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

24 November 1994 Dinosaur skeleton, stored for years in Horsham Museum, Sussex, identified as a new species of *Polacanthus*. The curator thought it was an Iguanadon: *The Times*, 24 November 1994.

25 November 1994 Polish and Austrian archaeologists, excavating north-east of Cairo, discover previously unknown pharaoh, Sehekhor, after 3,500 years: *The Times*, 25 November 1994.

26 November 1994 Great Sphinx of Giza could be thousands of years older than previously believed, throwing into question the whole origin of civilisation in Egypt, according to Anthony West, amateur Egyptologist, and Professor Robert Schoch of Boston University. Their assertion is based on studies of the way the limestone rock of the Sphinx has been eroded by rain. Little rain falls in the area making this type of erosion difficult to explain and the fact that nearby Pyramids are not suffering. They claim the Sphinx must therefore date from an older period when Egypt was much wetter. Egyptologists dismiss the theory, arguing the Sphinx was made from weaker rock: *The Times*, 26 November 1994.

28 November 1994 Group of seven-year olds working on a school project in their teachers garden help identify an Egyptian antiquity worth approximately £30,000. A stone slab with hieroglyphic markings was photographed and sent to the British Museum and identified as a Middle Kingdom quartzite temple lintel from about 1875 BC: *The Times*, 28 November 1994.

Salvage operators recover silver coins worth $70 million from the wreck of *John Barry*, in Dubai, an American merchant ship torpedoed in 1944 by a German U-boat: *The Times*, 28 November 1994.

29 November 1994 Archaeology student discovers two Bronze Age gold bracelets on the southerly route of new Derby bypass: *The Independent, The Times*, 29 November 1994.

Three members of the Paris art world, including head of the Galerie Bernheim, Paris, arrested after police uncover the sale of about 45 works by Marc Chagall, stolen from the painter's home by his housekeeper: *The Times*, *The Independent*, 29 November 1994.

December 1994 Campbell Soup Company sponsoring "The Art of Soup", contest open to American artists of all ages and talents, with cash prizes for a work in any medium based on the Campbell's soup label. The red and white label of the soup was made famous by Andy Warhol: *The Art Newspaper*, December 1994.

London's Westminster City Council taking legal action against American publisher Time-Life for removing £1 million sculpture by Henry Moore from its New Bond Street office: *The Art Newspaper*, December 1994.

1 December 1994 Workmen in Arica, Chile uncover dozens of clay-covered bodies. Archaeologists confirm they are mummies more than 3,000 years older than those in Egypt. Desert heat and very low humidity levels

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

have preserved the bodies for up to 7,000 years: *The Times*, 1 December 1994.
Two British businessmen bringing antique religious icons and vodka out of Lithuania arrested by border guards and charged with smuggling: *The Independent*, 2 December 1994.

6 December 1994

Castle Museum, Norwich, acquires landscape painting *Norwich River; Afternoon*, by John Crome, founder of the Norwich School: *The Times*, 6 December 1994.
British architect, Sir Norman Foster, wins competition to redesign Reichstag Building, Berlin in preparation for the move of the German parliament from Bonn: *The Times*, 6 December 1994.
Swiss art collector suing Christie's, London for return of £557,500 after the authenticity of the painting *Youth Kneeling Before God and Father* by Egon Schiele put in doubt. Christie's insist the painting is genuine: *The Times*, 6 December 1994.
Body of Second World War pilot to be exhumed, at the request of his family, by amateur aircraft archaeologists in Kent, after coroner grants permission for it to be exhumed from Ministry of Defence land. The body will be buried at Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey: *The Times*, 6 December 1994.

7 December 1994

13th century gold and sapphire ring found by woman raking her garden in Newtown, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Because it was deemed to have been lost, the ring is not treasure trove: *The Daily Telegraph*, 7 December 1994.

8 December 1994

Painting bought at flea market and kept in an attic for decades, identified by the Van Gogh Museum as a previously unknown still life by Vincent Van Gogh: *The Daily Telegraph*, 8 December 1994.
Rock paintings at 650 sites in Arnhem Land, part of Australia's Northern Territory, reveal the oldest known wars were fought at least 10,000 years ago with boomerangs and spears, twice as early as previously believed: *The Daily Telegraph*, 8 December 1994.
National Heritage Minister defers decision on licence application for Lucien Freud's *The Painter's Room*, bought by an anonymous collector. The first work by a contemporary artist to be subject to an export licence: *The Times*, 8 December 1994.

10 December 1994

Works of art from Houghton Hall, Norfolk, may be accepted by the Inland Revenue in lieu of millions of pounds of capital gains tax after an offer by the Marquess of Cholmondeley. The Marquess recently auctioned masterpieces to finance a maintenance fund for the stately home: *The Daily Telegraph*, 10 December 1994.

11 December 1994

Army and many veterans concerned at the growing number of unofficial "commemorative" medals being issued by firms cashing in on former soldiers' desire for the memorabilia: *The Independent*, 11 December 1994.
Scientists reconstruct faces of Russian imperial family from skulls found in 1991: *The Sunday Times*, 11 December 1994.

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

12 December 1994 Smallholder Ms Pat Langford in legal dispute with Alfred McAlpine Quarry Products to stop the company quarrying limestone in Carmel Woods, Dyfed, Wales. McAlpines have approval to quarry the wood which includes a Grade One Site of Special Scientific Interest and rare wildlife: *The Daily Telegraph*, 12 December 1994.

Lord Annan attacks as vandalism proposal to alter Royal National Theatre. Proposals to remove upper-level walkways receives strong support as they are reported to be one of the most disliked features of the South Bank. In a letter to *The Times*, he says that to demolish the Lower Terrace, a walkway connecting the theatre to Waterloo Bridge is "like removing the lower jaw from someone's face". *The Times*, 12 December 1994.

13 December 1994 Forgotten statue of Queen Victoria buried in a college garden at University College, Cork, is dug up and will go back on display. The statue was taken down by nationalists in the 1930s and replaced by a statue of St Finbar: *The Daily Telegraph*, 13 December 1994.

Antonio Canova's *The Three Graces* go on display at the Victoria and Albert Museum: *The Daily Telegraph*, 13 December 1994.

Burial of 11 dead whales on an Orkney island postponed because the chosen site turns out to be a Viking settlement: *The Independent*, 13 December 1994.

14 December 1994 Origins of ancient Maya civilisation in Central America pushed back more than a thousand years by discoveries in Belize of stone tools and pollen from cultivated plants, suggesting that farmers first settled in the tropical forests of the Ycatan Peninsual soon after 3000 BC: *The Times*, 14 December 1994.

15 December 1994 Museum of Chinese history reopens in Beijing after two years restoration: *The Xinhua News Agency*, 15 December 1994.

16 December 1994 Theft of artworks worth £200 million from Isabella Stewart Gardner Art Gallery, Boston, in 1990 may have been the work of the IRA, according to investigators and art experts: *The Times*, 6 December 1994.

Sweden to preserve wreck of the ferry Estonia as a graveyard at the bottom of the Baltic Sea: *The Daily Telegraph*, 16 December 1994

17 December 1994 Three paintings by L S Lowry and one by Eugene Boudin recovered by police after raid on a house in Brighton: *The Daily Telegrpah*, 17 December 1994.

Two Chinese security guards jailed for sleeping through a robbery at Lianoning Museum. They switched the warning system to monitor mode, fearing that a false alarm might interrupt a night's sleep. All but one of the 42 items stolen are recovered: *Agence France Presse*, 17 December 1994.

20 December 1994 UNESCO threaten to remove the Great Pyramids and other nearby ruins off the list of World Heritage sites unless President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt orders a complete rethink on the route of the Cairo

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

ring road. The road's construction, which may already have covered tombs, is attracting chaotic development likely to leave the Pyramids encircled by urban sprawl by the year 2000: *The Independent*, 20 December 1995.

Set of theatrical paintings, including artists, Hayman, Zoffany and Samuel de Wilde, collected by writer W Somerset Maugham, to go on display in February at the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden: *The Daily Telegraph*, 20 December 1994.

Study of 3,500 year old Greek dagger by the Fitch Laboratory of the British School at Athens, using portable X-ray fluorescence (XRF) system, provides new evidence of the skill of prehistoric goldsmiths. Inlaid patterns were made with thin layers of gold alloys, some turned black by pickling in plant juices: *The Times*, 20 December 1994.

24 December 1994

Church Recorders, part of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies (ANDFAS), compiling inventory of parish church valuables throughout Britain: *The Times*, 24 December 1994.

Thurrock Borough Council report recommends that Conservative MP Teresa Gorman and her husband be prosecuted for 33 breaches of planning regulations when they altered their 15th century farmhouse in Orsett, Essex: *The Times*, 24 December 1994.

World's earliest footprints to be preserved in a joint effort by J Paul Getty Trust and Government of Tanzania. The trail of footprints believed to be by *Australopithecus afarensis* were found at Laetoli, East Africa in 1977: *The Times*, 24 December 1994

Papyrus believed to be the oldest extant fragment of the New Testament discovered in an Oxford library, providing the first material evidence that the Gospel according to St Matthew is an eyewitness account written by contemporaries of Christ. Carsten Thiede, German papyrologist, in a paper to be published next month, claims that three scraps of Matthew belonging to Magdalen College date from the mid-first century AD. The fragments were thought originally to have been written in the late second century. The new date is important evidence that Matthew was written a generation after the Crucifixion, or even earlier: *The Times*, 24 December 1994.

Ancient Banqueting Hall window through which Charles I climbed to be beheaded may be reinstated after being cemented over for years, and some of Britain's grandest historic artefacts put on public view for the first time, as part of a government project to revamp Whitehall: *The Daily Telegraph*, 24 December 1994.

27 December 1994

Well preserved buildings and trackways nearly 2,400 years old excavated below high tide mark in the Severn estuary, Wales: *The Times*, 27 December 1994.

Piece of blackboard bearing Albert Einstein's signature to be given back to Manchester University 35 years after it was left in a cellar during redecoration of the laboratory where it was hung. It was rescued by a lecturer and kept at his home. Einstein signed the board

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

at the University when he delivered his first British lecture on the theory of relativity in 1921: *The Times*, 27 December 1994.
National Trust looking for £1 million donation to enable it to buy Appleby Castle, Cumbria: *The Times*, 27 December 1994.

28 December 1994 — Archaeologists discover Roman road, Saxon and Roman pottery and two huts from 7th century while digging on a golf course at Hassocks, West Sussex: *The Times*, 28 December 1994.
Gobi Desert, closed to Westerners until the break up of the Soviet Union, reported to be newest and richest target for dinosaur-hunters, according to Dr Michael Novacek, curator of the American Natural History Museum, New York: *The Daily Telegraph*, 28 December 1994.
Norman earth fort recently discovered at Danes Castle, Exeter, Devon, to open to the public early next year: *The Daily Telegraph*, 28 December 1994.

29 December 1994 — Marian Wenzel, London-based art historian, organising rescue by experts from Istanbul of 14th-century illuminated *Haggadah*, one of the world's rarest Hebrew manuscripts, thought to be disintegrating in a Bosnian bank vault. The rescue coincides with reports that Jews from Israel and the United States are seeking permission to move it under armed guard out of Bosnia: *The Times*, 29 December 1994.

30 December 1994 — Workmen converting former butcher's shop in Walsingham, Norfolk, uncover wall painting (of huntsman with hounds stalking a stag) in remarkable condition. Conservation officers will take samples in order to date the painting, but they believe it it to be between late medieval and early Tudor: *The Times*, 30 December 1994.

31 December 1994 — Head of Scotland Yard's Fine Art and Antiques Squard urges museums, galleries and stately homes to make drastic improvements to security: *The Times*, 31 December 1994.

January 1995 — Ancient manuscripts from Eastern and Western Europe, representing historical and material value, stolen from Russian National Library, St Petersburg. The Library's Director, Vladimir Zaitsev, believes the robbery was planned well in advance, possibly from abroad, and most likely that present or former members of staff were involved: *The Art Newspaper*, January 1995.
Glasgow awarded title 'City of Architecture and Design 1999'. The city will receive a £15 million facelift and is planning 135 events leading up to and during 1999 to promote architecture and design: *The Art Newspaper*, January 1995.
Litigation by three of Peggy Guggenheim's grandchildren against Solomon R Guggenheim Foundation, seeking damages for poor administration, dismissed by the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris: *The Art Newspaper*, January 1995.
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, to convert its fifth floor office storage and library space into public galleries for an

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

ongoing chronological survey of one hundred pre-war works from the permanent collection. The offices will move to an adjacent building which will be linked to the main building via an internal passageway: *The Art Newspaper*, January 1995.

Hirayama Ikuo, president of the Japan-China Friendship Association, announces plans to raise money to repair the city wall of Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu province. Japanese soldiers destroyed parts of the 14th century wall when they occupied the city in 1937 during the invasion of China: *Reuters World Service*, 11 January 1995. — 11 January 1995

Stone Age plough excavated in south-west Scotland expected to be confirmed as oldest in Europe when radiocarbon tests are completed. The plough, known as an ard, believed to be more than 4,000 years old, sheds new light on strong links between religion and earliest forms of agricutlure in Britain: *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 January 1995. — 4 January 1995

New Jersey book dealer discovers what could be a previously unknown poem by Edgar Allan Poe inside a rare Poe first edition bought at auction: *The Times*, 4 January 1995.

Indian Government agrees to buy priceless jewels of the Nizam of Hyderabad: *The Times*, 4 January 1995, *The Daily Telegraph*, 16 January 1995.

Thieves steal Titian painting *Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, from Longleat House, Wiltshire: *The Sunday Times*, 8 January 1995. — 6 January 1995

Archaeologists from Royal Commission for Ancient and Historical Monuments in Edinburgh to trace thousands of forgotten shipwrecks lying off the coast of Scotland in an effort to preserve them and build up a study of the nation's seafaring past: *The Times*, 9 January 1995. — 9 January 1995

Reward between £50,000 and £100,000 expected to be offered for £5 million Titian painting stolen from Longleat House, home of the Marquess of Bath: *The Times*, 9 January 1995.

Christie's ordered by High Court in London to pay almost £800,000 to Swiss collector who bought *Youth Kneeling Before God the Father*, described in their catalogue as the work of Egon Schiele. The painting was confirmed a forgery: *The Daily Telegraph*, 12 January 1995, *The Times*, 12 January 1995. — 12 January 1995

1761 Guadagnini violin worth £180,000 stolen from the home of Vanessa-Mae Nicholson, 16 year old regarded as one of the world's finest young players: *The Daily Telegraph*, 13 January 1995. — 13 January 1995

Archaeologists in Bedfordshire successfully apply to Department of National Heritage to have medieval rabbit warren declared a protected ancient monument: *The Times*, 14 January 1995. — 14 January 1995

Plans to raise body of Sir Francis Drake for burial alongside other heroes at Westminster Abbey being blocked by Ministry of Defence: *The Sunday Times*, 15 January 1995. — 15 January 1995

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

Royal Opera House discovers valuable costumes, which disappeared from its wardrobes three decades ago, in Rudolf Nureyev's New York appartment before being auctioned: *The Sunday Times*, 15 January 1995.

16 January 1995 Group planning to raise body of Sir Francis Drake, 400 years after he was buried at sea off Panama, hope that public opinion will help overturn official disapproval: *The Times*, 16 January 1995.

Three valuable scientific instruments sold to Bonn University by trustees of Chevening, the Foreign Secretary's country house, to stay in Britain after National Heritage Memorial Fund and Science Museum raise £340,000 needed to keep them in Britain after their export was stopped in October 1994 by the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art. Items include a 17th century calculating tool called a rotula, 1777 calculator and material related to Stanhope's Demonstrator, a device for solving logical problems: *The Times*, 16 January 1995.

17 January 1995 L S Lowry painting, *The Four Figures*, stolen from Salford Art Gallery, Manchester: *The Independent*, 17 January 1995.

Australian Prime Minister, Paul Keating, begins three year cultural revolution called "Creative Nation" which will increase grants to the arts: *The Independent*, 17 January 1995.

Three boys discover hoard of gems on canal bank near Halsall, Merseyside. Police suspect they were buried by burglars in the late 1970s: *The Daily Telegraph*, 17 January 1995, *The Times*, 17 January 1995.

18 January 1995 Paul Muldoon, Northern Irish poet, wins 1994 TS Eliot Prize for poetry: *The Independent*, 18 January 1995.

Royal Academy of Art, London, extends its information panels for exhibition on Poussin, along with simple descriptions next to each painting telling the story depicted on canvas, marking the beginning of a new drive to attract new visitors and making art easier to understand for casual visitors: *The Independent*, 18 January 1995.

Irish government promises to tighten lax conservation laws in Dublin and "improve protection for listed buildings on a statutory basis and introducing incentives for proper upkeep and maintenance". Commercial pressure over two decades is reported to have damaged the city centre, where the majority of historic buildings have no official protection, and the government's scheme to boost the construction industry by offering tax incentives on house building has proved to be disastrous for the city's historic buildings: *The Independent*, 18 January 1995.

19 January 1995 Archaeologists exploring pyramid at Dahshour, south of Cairo, discover jewellery belonging to Queen Nefret, mother of Pharaoh Senusert III, who lived about 3,900 years ago: *The Times*, 19 January 1995.

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

Graham Greene archive bought by John J Burns Library of Boston College Massachusetts. British institutions could not match the price offered to keep the books and papers belonging to Greene in the UK: *The Independent*, 20 January 1995. — 20 January 1995

Police question four people after paintings recovered in Rhyl, north Wales, a month after they were stolen from Peter Moores of the Littlewoods Pools family: *The Independent*, 20 January 1995.

Stone Age caves discovered in Ardèche, north-west of Avignon, France, by French speleologist Jean Marie Chauvet. Chauvet and colleagues discovered the 18,000 year old caves covered with paintings which have been left exactly as the Stone Age painters last used them. Archaeologists will carry out dating tests and analysis of pigment used in the paintings and in 1996 research works will begin, expecting to last at least 30 years: *The Times*, 19 January 1995, *The Independent*, 20 January 1995.

Thieves steal battle-axe from sculpture by 17th century artist Desjardins at the Louvre: *The Times*, 21 January 1995. — 21 January 1995

Chinese construction workers discover cultural relics from ruins and graves dating from the new stone age to the song dynasty (960−1279) at the site of the xiaolangdi water-control project on the yellow river: *The Xinhua News Agency*, 24 January 1995. — 24 January 1995

Royal Household officials unveil designs for reconstruction of three fire-damaged state apartments, which include elements of contemporary architecture, the remainder to be returned to their original condition before the blaze in November 1992: *The Times*, 25 January 1995.

Cargo of 24,000 pieces of porcelain from ship *Diana*, which sank on her way home to India, survive in immaculate condition. The pieces will be auctioned: *The Times*, 25 January 1995. — 25 January 1995

Lowry painting *The Four Figures* recovered on motorway embankment after thieves throw it out of a car window during a police chase. The painting is undamaged and returned to Salford Art Gallery, Manchester: *The Times*, 25 January 1995, *The Daily Telegraph*, 25 January 1995.

Pigeons reported to be damaging historic buildings in Venice, forcing many of the palaces to hide behind netting. City officials have yet to pronounce the pigeons' fate, but some are advocating doctoring the birdseed with contraceptive hormones or by starving the pigeons out, which has infuriated environmentalists: *The Independent*, 26 January 1995. — 26 January 1995

Proposals being finalised by British Library could mean Britain will have its first national archives for electronically published material, film and sound by 2000, if adopted by the government: *The Independent*, 27 January 1995. — 27 January 1995

Report commissioned by the Arts Council, headed by chairman of the Tate Gallery, Dennis Stevenson, on the scheme for a national — 28 January 1995

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

dance house, says that audiences for opera and dance are declining and that if the Royal Opera House and English National Opera go ahead with redevelopment plans there will be more seats than are needed: *The Independent*, 28 January 1995.
Beowulf, ancient legend composed by anonymous poet, dating to 680 AD, being created on Internet, through computer imagery created by the British Library: *The Independent*, 28 January 1995.

30 January 1995 Members of Greek expedition discover two limestone plaques which they hope will prove Alexander the Great was buried in the Egyptian oasis of Siwa. The most widely accepted tradition is that Alexander was buried in Alexandria: *The Independent*, 30 January 1995, *The Times*, 30 January 1995.

31 January 1995 Descendants of Native American chief, Long Wolf of the Sioux tribe, seeking permission for his remains to be returned to his homeland in South Dakota from Brompton Cemetery, London. Long Wolf was touring England with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in 1892 when he died: *The Independent*, *The Times*, 31 January 1995.
Norwich's Castle Mall shopping centre awarded Silver Jubilee Cup for good urban design by the Royal Town Planning Institute: *The Independent*, 31 January 1995.
Heavy rain and driving snow, along with Serbian shelling, destroy the National Museum of Sarajevo. The ceiling falls in over the main hall and damp has penetrated walls: *The Daily Telegraph*, 31 January 1995.
Medical lasers, normally used to remove tattoos, being used to reveal 15th century carvings in Rosslyn Chapel, Kirkcaldy, Fife. A thick coating of lime and cement was applied during the 1950s in the misguided belief it would halt the stonework's decay: *The Times*, 31 January 1995.

1 February 1995 Egyptian authorities support claims that archaeologists have discovered the tomb of Alexander the Great at Al-Maraki, 450 miles west of Cairo. Some Western experts remain sceptical, insisting that Alexander was buried in Alexandria: *The Independent*, 1 February 1995.

1 February 1995 Restoration of bronze cross and orb at the top of the Albert Memorial begins as part of £13 million project by English Heritage to restore the memorial: *The Times*, 1 February 1995.

2 February 1995 Shenzhen's Huanggang customs, China, uncover smuggling of historical relics, hidden behind trays of fruit in a Hong Kong truck: *Zhongguo Xinwen Seh News Agency, Beijing*, 2 February 1995.

3 February 1995 Caravaggio's *Taking of Christ*, discovered in 1992 hanging unrecognised in a religious institution in Dublin after being considered lost, exhibited in the National Gallery, London, along with the Gallery's own Caravaggio works: *The Independent*, 3 February 1995.

4 February 1995 Descendants of Aztec emperor Montezuma hope for the backing of the Mexican government for the return of the emperor's priceless

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

ceremonial feathered head-dress from Vienna's Museum für Völkerkunde: *The Independent*, 4 February 1995.

5 February 1995

First thatched roof to grace London's skyline since the Great Fire of 1666 completed on Shakespeare's playhouse, the new Globe Theatre: *The Independent on Sunday*, 5 February 1995.
Tourist centre to be opened in Houses of Parliament, London: *The Independent on Sunday*, 5 February 1995.
Tate Gallery, London, introduce hi-tech acoustic guide called "Tate-inform", enabling visitors to hear a critical appraisal of works and sometimes the thought of the actual artist: *The Independent on Sunday*, 5 February 1995.
Van Gogh masterpiece, painted at his mental asylum goes on display at the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg. Experts feared the painting was lost after it was looted by Stalin from Nazi Germany: *The Sunday Times*, 5 February 1995.

6 February 1995

Bronze Age dagger, known as the Oxborough dirk, to go on display at the British Museum, five years after a surveyor stubbed his foot on it in My Lord's Wood, Norfolk: *The Independent*, 6 February 1995.

7 February 1995

Egyptian government chooses new route for motorway to avoid the Pyramids after protests from UNESCO: *The Independent*, 7 February 1995.
Government agents in Manila recover two tons of platinum, believed to be part of the fabled "treasure" left by Tomoyuki Yamashita, commander of Japanese forces in the Philippines at the close of the Second World War: *The Independent*, 7 February 1995.
Diamond and pearl tiara belonging to Queen Sonja of Norway among items stolen from Garrard's the Crown jewellers, London: *The Independent*, 7 February 1995.
Greek Culture Minister Thanos Mikroutsikos confirms that stone fragments presented to an official Greek delegation in Egypt, from the alleged new tomb of Alexander discovered at Siwa oasis, "in no way" proved that the tomb was that of Alexander. The fragments are from the Roman Imperial period, 300 years after Ptolemy I supposedly laid his predecessor to rest in Egypt: *The Independent*, 7 February 1995.

8 February 1995

Four 18th century communion flagons stolen from Wakefield Cathedral: *The Times*, 8 February 1994
Painters begin seven-yearly restoration on Eiffel Tower, Paris. The work will take 14 months to complete: *The Independent*, 8 February 1995.
Metal detectorist uncovers 17th century gold ring with unique diamond-encrusted design, suggesting royal provenance, near Cannon Street station, London. Museum of London are interested in purchasing the ring: *The Times*, 8 February 1995.

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

Russian lawyer, once appointed by President Yeltsin to head anti-corruption investigation, charged by police in St Petersburg with involvement in theft of artefacts valued at more then £100 million and smuggled to Israel: *The Times*, 8 February 1995.
Repair work begins on great dome of Holy Sepulchre Church in Jerusalem's Old City: *The Times*, 8 February 1995.

9 February 1995 — Report by Council for British Archaeology claims hundreds of thousands of artefacts found by amateur treasure hunters are disappearing into private collections without being recorded: *The Independent*, 9 February 1995.

10 February 1995 — Great Pavement in Westminster Abbey, reported to be one of the finest examples of Cosmati Work north of the Alps, goes on display for three days. The masterpiece is usually kept covered to preserve it: *The Indpendent*, 10 February 1995.

12 February 1995 — 74 Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings from German private collections, seized by the Red Army in 1945, are shipped back to Russia and given to the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, to be exhibited for the first time in 50 years at the museum. The paintings have been hidden within the vaults of the museum. The pictures have been claimed by the descendants of the original German owners but the Hermitage Museum's director says that until a settlement has been agreed they were "not going anywhere": *The Times*, 6 February, 11 February 1995, *The Independent on Sunday*, 5, February, 12 February 1995.
Professor Jim Mays, head of English, University College Dublin and Coleridge scholar discovers 300 poems by Samuel Taylor Coleridge after 20 years' research. Manuscripts from private collections, homes and libraries have been located on five continents. The discoveries, published later this year, will lead to reappraisal of one of the great names of English literature: *The Sunday Times*, 12 February 1995.

13 February 1995 — Frauenkirche Cathedral, Dresden, destroyed during Second World War, being rebuilt at a cost of £168 million. Restoration expected to last at least eight years: *The Times*, 13 February 1995.

14 February 1995 — Stephen Dykes Bower, the last practitioner of Gothic church architecture in England, leaves £2m in his will to complete the transformation to the cathedral at St Edmundsbury and Ipswich into a modern Gothic cathedral, a project on which he had been working since 1956: *The Independent*, 14 February 1995.

16 February 1995 — Hundreds of valuable paintings discovered missing after Ministry of Defence, in an attempt to monitor paintings, computerises its inventory: *The Times*, 16 February 1995.

17 February 1995 — Research on White Horse monument at Uffington, Oxfordshire, by English Heritage and National Trust, reveals the chalk carving is about 3,000 years, 1,000 years older than previously thought. Re-

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

searchers used optical dating techniques developed by Oxford University Archaeological Laboratory. The study also revealed constructors dug deep trenches in the shape of the horse, then filled them with chalk quarried from the hill above: *The Independent*, 17 February 1995, *The Times*, 17 February 1995.

Chris Green, Director of Scotrail, to become new chief executive of English Heritage: *The Independent*, 18 February 1995. — 18 February 1995

Report by English Heritage and Council for British Archaeology expresses concern that the work of historians and archaeologists is being jeopardised by the use of metal detectors to uncover and remove coins, medals and other treasures from sites, suggesting only about 5% of finds were reported: *The Times*, 20 February 1995. — 20 February 1995

Centenary exhibition of the Government's art collection, dispersed in embassies and Ministry of Defence bases around the world, planned for 1998, *The Independent*, 19 February 1995. — 19 February 1995

In a letter to *The Times*, Graham Green, Chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission, says that the proposals for local government reorganisation in York could jeopardise the future management of the Yorkshire Museum and that the best way to secure the future of this highly successful museum is to continue with the present arrangments whereby it is run for the benefit of the region by the county council: *The Times*, 20 February 1995 — 20 February 1995

Remains of previously unknown species of two-legged dinosaur discovered near Sisteron, France: *The Times*, 21 February 1995. — 21 February 1995

Britain's museum community attacks Government for doing nothing to safeguard the future of the Yorkshire Museum, York. Under local government reorganisation control of the museum will pass from North Yorkshire County Council to a new York unitary authority. Supporters fear the result will be to reduce dramatically the services provided for the region and that the Museum is in danger of being dismantled: *The Times*, 21 February 1995.

Coalition of stately home owners and eminent gardeners force the council of the Royal Horticultural Society to reconsider plans to move the society's library out of its premises in Vincent Square, central London to Wisley Gardens, off the M25 in Surrey. The protesters claim it will make it too difficult for those who do not drive or who live in the north: *The Independent*, 22 February 1995. — 22 February 1995

Anglo-Saxon jewellery valued at £90,000 stolen from Rutland County Museum, Leicestershire: *The Times*, 22 February 1995.

European Union drawing up measures to prevent exploitation by US hi-tech entertainment industry of European art galleries, museums and archives. US Computer companies, which dominate the market, are approaching galleries and museums to buy the rights to display works in digital art collections, encyclopedias and archives. Experts — 24 February 1995

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

claim that if US firms get the sole right to exploit the works for transmission on screen, Europe could lose the ability to collect and preserve its own cultural heritage: *The Independent*, 24 February 1995.

24 February 1995 Spanish Ministry of Culture wins approval for £100 million project to reorganise and extend The Prado gallery, Madrid. International competition to be staged to appoint the architect to implement the outline plans that will double the space: *The Times*, 24 February 1995.

27 February 1995 Collection of paintings confiscated by Stalin from the Nazis in 1945 go on display in Moscow's Pushkin Museum. The exhibition includes works by Cranach, Breughel, Tintoretto, El Greco, Goya, Van Gogh, Renoir and Monet: *The Times*, 25 February 1995, *The Independent*, 27 February, 28 February 1995.

1930 Alfa-Romeo raced by Tazio Nuvolari rescued after being forgotten for 27 years in Wiltshire garage. The car will be auctioned: *The Times,* 18 February 1995, *The Independent*, 27 February 1995.

28 February 1995 Archaeologists to begin searching for remains of three giant statues they believe once adorned the top of the Parthenon in Athens. Examination of the roof shows slabs of masonry each weighing four tons placed at the corners as counterweights to prevent the statues falling over: *The Independent on Sunday*, 26 February 1995.

Builders working in attic of Oxford University's Sheldonian Theatre discover parcel behind the canvas of the building's 17th century ceiling painting. It was left by Robert Nairn, Dublin picture retorer, after finishing work in 1901 on Robert Streeter's *The Triump of Truth and the Arts.* The package, inscribed "To the curators of the Sheldonian Theatre. In trust for the next restorer of the painted ceiling", contains a letter detailing his work, photograph of hiself, political pamplet on the Boer War, catalogues and a newspaper announcing the death of Queen Victoria: *The Times*, 28 February 1995.

March 1995 Luxembourg wins title to be "European City of Culture" for 1995: *The Art Newspaper*, March 1995.

Westminster City Council loses legal action to prevent Time-Life from removing Henry Moore sculpture from its former office building in London's New Bond Street: *The Art Newspaper*, March 1994.

1 March 1995 Michael Wilford & Partners win competition to design new £15m British embassy in Berlin due to open in 1999: *The Independent*, 1 March 1995.

Royal Parks Review Group criticise British Government for reneging on its commitment to increase spending on the capital's nine principal parks and "allowed to slide quietly into shabbiness and decay": *The Independent*, 1 March 1995.

2 March 1995 Hoard of bronze Roman coins discovered by off-duty policeman at Bishops Cannings, Wiltshire. The coins are ruled to be treasure trove

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

and will go to the British Museum: *The Times*, 2 March 1995, *The Daily Telegraph*, 2 March 1995.

Science Museum pays £5,062 for 110 year old light bulb, among the first designed by Thomas Edison: *The Times*, 3 March 1995. — 3 March 1995

Royal warrant for arrest of Bonnie Prince Charlie, who led the Highland clans in the ill-fated 1745 rebellion against Hanoverian rule, discovered in the Elgin Museum in Moray: *The Times*, 4 March 1995. — 4 March 1995

Rare 19th century Broadwood "Wedgwood" grand piano, discovered in pieces at Castle Coole, seat of the earls of Belmore, Co Fermanagh, Ireland, restored and will be played at a concert on Easter Saturday at Castle Coole: *The Daily Telegraph*: 6 March 1995. — 6 March 1995

Government to give £2.5 million to controversial new art gallery devoted to the works of sculptor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi. The Paolozzi Gallery will be sited in Eduardo's native city of Edinburgh in the Dean Centre. Critics believe he does not merit such an honour. The gallery should open to the public in September 1996: *The Times*, 7 March 1995. — 7 March 1995

Christ Church, London's Spitalfields to be restored with the aid of £435,016 grant from English Heritage. The restoration is expected to cost £4m but the grant is expected to encourage a group of City financiers to underwrite much of the rest of the cost: *The Independent*, 8 March 1995. — 8 March 1995

Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room RFH 2 and RFH 3 concert venues at London's South Bank centre to be renamed as part of a substantial change of identity for the Centre. The changes with link them to the adjoining Royal Festival Hall and will be announced in April: *The Independent*, 9 March 1995. — 9 March 1995

Roman coins, dating from about 250 AD uncovered during archaeological dig in Dorset, declared treasure trove and the property of the Crown: *The Independent*, 9 March 1995.

Roman road built in about 100 AD found running through back garden of council house at Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside: *The Times*, 9 March 1995.

Royal Academy of Art, London, to remove parked cars from its courtyard and replace with sculptures: *The Independent*, 10 March 1995. — 10 March 1995

Owners of historic buildings to be given a say in whether their properties are listed under new Department of Heritage policy. Formerly English Heritage has been the sole adviser on which buildings are listed and has not informed owners when it was recommending their property: *The Independent*, 9 March 1995.

British Library acquires archive of John Evelyn, 17th century scholar and horticulturist: *The Independent*, 9 March 1995, *The Times*, 9 March 1995.

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

Detective searching for stolen church silver worth £10,000 find it in a river behind their police station at Radford, Nottingham: *The Daily Telegraph*, 9 March 1995.

12 March 1995 Search begins in London museums for severed head of King Hintsa of Geakela. Descendants of the King plan to demand his head's return when the Queen arrives in Cape Town next week. According to eastern Cape folklore, Hintsa's head was taken to London after his murder in 1835 by British troops during wars between the Cape colony and the Xhosa people: *The Sunday Times*, 12 March 1995.

13 March 1995 Four men, including a police officer, charged in connection with multi-million pound trade to smuggle looted treasures from Egyptian tombs: *The Independent*, 13 March 1995, *The Sunday Times*, 12 March 1995.

15 March 1995 300 ton bronze Buddha, 41 metres long and 11 metres wide, unveiled near Fukuoka, Japan: *The Independent*, 15 March 1995
English Heritage recommends 29 commercial and industrial buidings of the 50s and 60s, including London's Centrepoint tower, for listing. The decision rests with Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for National Heritage: *The Independent*, 15 March 1995.

17 March 1995 Six dessert plates from Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg help landscape architects recreate part of 200 year-old garden at Wimpole Hall near Cambridge. The plates were part of a a Wedgwood dinner service made for Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia in 1774: *The Times*, 17 March 1995.

19 March 1995 Excavation work to begin on Second World War bomber found buried in silt off Suffolk Coast: *The Independent*, 19 March 1995.

21 March 1995 Vandals cut off heads from Henry Moore's sculpture, *King and Queen*, in its open-air setting above Glenkiln reservoir, near Dumfries, Scotland: *The Independent*, 21 March 1995, *The Daily Telegraph*, 21 March 1995

22 March 1995 Survey by Federation of Local Authority Chief Librarians warns that over the next five years British public libraries need at least £611m to be spent on repairing crumbling buildings, installing essential equipment and buying books: *The Independent*, 22 March 1995.

23 March 1995 Prince of Wales launches Albert Memorial Trust, a charity set up to raise £4m to complete the £14m restoration of the Hyde Park monument: *The Independent*, 23 March 1995.

25 March 1995 Moscow Parliament's upper house drafts law declaring most of the art objects taken from Germany during the Second World War to be the property of Russia. According to the Federation Council's committee on science, culture and education, the treasures would partially compensate for war damage to Russia: *The Independent*, 25 March 1995.

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

Workers add finishing touches to memorial on Moscow's Poklonnaya hill, where a parade on 9 May will mark the 50th anniversay of the end of the Second World War: *The Independent*, 25 March 1995.

American geneticist Dr Scott Woodward extracting 3,500 year old DNA genetic material from Egyptian mummies in an attempt to reconstruct Tutankhaumn's family tree: *The Independent on Sunday*, 26 March 1995. — 26 March 1995

Rare model leopard belonging to the Queen stolen from Royal Carriage Museum at Windsor Castle: *The Independent*, 28 March 1995. £900m Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris, opens four years after the designs were first approved: *The Independent*, 28 March 1995. — 28 March 1995

Sir Philip Dowson, president of the Royal Academy, London, to open, on 6th April, new gallery and exhibition at 12 Lincoln's Inn Fields, part of Sir John Soane's Museum. The gallery is linked to the main museum by a new passage: *The Independent*, 29 March 1995. — 29 March 1995

Arts Council gives £980,00 towards redevelopment of South Bank Centre, London, from first distribution of national lottery money. The money will be used for a feasibility study for a proposed scheme to cover the Hayward Gallery and Queen Elizabeth Hall with a glass canopy, and to link the Royal Festival Hall to the north bank of the Thames with a new bridge: *The Independent*, 31 March 1995 — 31 March 1995

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press

https://doi.org/10.1017/S094073919500035X Published online by Cambridge University Press