
Chronicles

- British Museum given £500,000 by Professor Ikuo Hirayama, Japan's first Goodwill Ambassador to UNESCO and major artist in his homeland, towards a new studio for restoring Japanese and Far Eastern painting: *The Independent*, 1 April 1993. 1 April 1993
- Memorial stones and priceless treasures reported to be suffering damage through erosion by millions of visitors to Britain's cathedrals and churches: *The Independent*, 3 April 1993. 3 April 1993
- In an attempt to curb the rise in thefts of works of art, antique collectors are paying to have a hole drilled in their possessions. In the opening a tiny microchip bug called a passive electronic transponder or PET is implanted which contains the owner's identity code. A decoding scanner is used to read the number, which is then taken to a data base where details of antique and owner are kept. Collectors hope the device will help police and dealers identify stolen antiques. The value of the antique is not usually affected by the addition of a small hole: *The Independent on Sunday*, 4 April 1993. 4 April 1993
- Items from Chevening estate Kent, official residence of Douglas Hurd, to be sold at auction on 10 May 1993 to raise money to pay for repair bills: *The Sunday Times*, 11 April 1993. 11 April 1993
- Developers and architects invited to enter an international competition to identify the best use for a reservoir on Edinburgh's Castle esplanade: *The Times*, 14 April 1993. 14 April 1993
- A report commissioned by the National Trust concludes that the ban on deer hunting on their property, enforced two years ago after a membership vote, is harmful to both the land and the deer. The Trust's ruling council must now decide whether to continue the ban: *Guardian*, 15 April 1993. 15 April 1993
- Great Pyramid at Giza may contain two unexplored chambers that could hold ancient artefacts or lost treasures of the Pharaoh Cheops. Archaeologists, using a robot camera in an unexplored southerly passage, discover a slab adorned with copper handles. There are further plans to investigate another unexplored shaft going north: *The Independent*, 16 April 1993, *The Times*, 17 April 1993. 16 April 1993
- Dispute between Israeli ambassador and museum authorities in Prague over a collection of belongings taken from Czech Jews after 18 April 1993. 18 April 1993

they were rounded up by German authorities from death camps. The Israeli ambassador wants to break up the museum's collection, distributing much of it for the use of the Jewish community in the Czech Republic and overseas: *The Sunday Times*, 18 April 1993.

- 19 April 1993 Collectors unearth Victorian artefacts at a dump site dating from the late Victorian period: *The Independent*, 19 April 1993.
- 20 April 1993 Reported at the Greater London Archives Network's conference that London is losing important historical records, often to the US, because its archives do not have the money to trace them or the space to store them: *The Independent*, 20 April 1993.
- 21 April 1993 In the talks between the Russians and Germans to mutually repatriate the estimated 700,000 art treasures which were taken from their countries during the second World War, the Russians offer to return the 8000-piece hoard discovered by H. Schliemann at Troy in 1873 and formerly in Berlin, provided they receive in return the 22 panels of the Bernstein Zimmer (or, Amber Room), taken from the Russian summer palace near St. Petersburg to Koenigsberg Castle, but which subsequently vanished: *International Herald Tribune*, 21 April 1993.
- 22 April 1993 Public accounts committee of MPs reports on English Heritage and complain that thousands of listed buildings either need repair or are vulnerable to neglect and that visitors, although generally satisfied with the facilities provided at sites and monuments, were dissatisfied with Stonehenge. Both the committee and English Heritage agree that improvements there are necessary: *Guardian*, 22 April 1993. One of the 144 recommendations made by The Royal Parks Review Group in a report to the Heritage Secretary is to pedestrianise the round-about between Buckingham Palace and the Queen Victoria Memorial so that the 15 million who visit both monuments annually may approach them safely: *Guardian*, 22 April 1993.
- 23 April 1993 Icons from Russia's churches, museums and private homes are being stolen. These are apparently thefts commissioned by collectors and dealers in the west or arranged by professional smugglers. Although in Russian law nothing painted before 1945 may leave the country, at Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow officials recover 6000 icons each year, about one tenth of the outbound flow: *Guardian*, 23 April 1993.
- 24 April 1993 Westminster City Council may prosecute Time-Life over the term "fixture and fitting", for contravening the Planning Act of 1990 by removing works of art considered part of a building. Time-Life commissioned and paid for a Henry Moore sculpture, along with other works of art, in 1954 to adorn the Time & Life building owned by Pearl Assurance. The building was listed in 1988 owing to this relationship of art and architecture. Time-Life plans to move to new premises and to take the works of art with them. They are opposed

by Pearl Assurance, Westminster City Council and English Heritage: *Guardian*, 24 April 1993.

The Heritage Secretary announces a plan to transfer responsibility for thousands of Grade II listed buildings from English Heritage to borough councils. There will be a four year trial for those boroughs which agree to the scheme. Opposition groups are concerned with the costs involved and the Government will make a decision later on additional funding for councils: *Guardian*, 24 April 1993.

Airport worker jailed for 15 months after admitting stealing *Portrait de Jeune Fille* by Emile Barnard and trying to blackmail insurance loss adjusters: *The Independent*, 24 April 1993. 24 April 1993

Workmen carrying out drainage repairs in Monmouth, Gwent, discover hundreds of pairs of shoes, boots and sandals thought to be 700 years old: *The Independent*, 24 April 1993.

The public has reacted with indifference to an appeal for funds to restore Windsor Castle, donating just £25,000 of the £40m needed to rebuild the castle after last November's fire. A combination of the dispute over the Queen's tax status and the recession appears to have made the public shun the appeal: *The Times*, 25 April 1993. 25 April 1993

18th century Walter Yeat bridge, a Grade II listed structure in the Lake District, is considered unsafe by Cumbria County Council. Plans to demolish it are opposed by the Lake District planning board; minor repairs and a weight restriction should make the bridge safe: *Guardian*, 26 April 1993. 26 April 1993

1822 Jacobite portrait of Patrick Grant, veteran of Culloden, bought by Scottish National Portrait Gallery. The painting was among 2,000 Jacobite paintings, furniture, miniatures and jewellery from Fingask Castle, Perthshire: *The Independent*, 27 April 1993. 27 April 1993

The church dedicated to St. Ethelburga on Bishopsgate in London, which had stood since 1400, is destroyed in an IRA bomb explosion on 24 April 1993. Diocese of London, English Heritage and the City Corporation agree that damage to the ancient church is irreparable. St Ethelburga's was left with only a back wall standing: *The Times*, 27 April 1993.

Church of England facing substantial losses over the repair of churches damaged in the City of London bombing because it failed to insure them against terrorist attack: *The Independent*, 28 April 1993. 28 April 1993

Church of England facing strong public pressure, led by MPs and peers, to restore St Ethelburga's Bishopsgate church to become a symbol of triumph over terrorism: *The Times*, 28 April 1993.

British Museum at the centre of a dispute over its right to a legacy in George Bernard Shaw's will. The museum stands accused by Shavians of ignoring the spirit of Shaw's will and renegeing on its "moral obligation" to hand over the fruits of the bequest to the new 29 April 1993

British Library. Shaw left a third of the income from his royalties to the British Museum “in acknowledgement of the incalculable value to me of my daily resort to the Reading Room... at the beginning of my career”. When the British Library was established in 1973, responsibility for the Reading Room in the museum building was transferred. Now Shaw scholars also want the money handed over: *The Times*, 29 April 1993.

Manuscript purporting to be the memoirs of Abraham Lincoln’s laundry maid bought by New York publishers William Morrow: *The Times*, 29 April 1993.

- 29 April 1993 Robert Doisneau is being sued for damages amounting to FF500,000 by a couple who claim that they, and not models, were the pair photographed by Doisneau in his famous 1943 photograph. Under copyright legislation passed in 1985, the publication of photographs must be authorized by those appearing in them: *International Herald Tribune*, 29 April 1993.
- 30 April 1993 Buckingham Palace is to admit paying visitors to raise money for repair work at Windsor Castle caused by last November’s fire. Public openings are likely to continue each summer for the five years it is expected to take to complete the restoration: *The Times*, 30 April 1993.
- 3 May 1993 Sir Winston Churchill’s Chartwell papers are likely to be bought by the British government and to remain at the archive centre in Churchill College, Cambridge: *The Times*, 3 May 1993.
- 4 May 1993 Australian authorities used the technique of “fingerprinting” gold developed by Dr John Watling, a British-educated geologist and geochemist, to trace stolen gold to its source: *The Times*, 4 May 1993. Hopes of rebuilding St Ethelburga’s church raised by the disclosure that artist’s sketches and photographs of murals damaged or destroyed in the blast still exist: *The Times*, 4 May 1993. Archdeacon of the Dioceses of London to hold a meeting to assess the structural and financial viability of rebuilding St Ethelburga’s: *The Times*, 4 May 1993. Sculptures fusing human features with those of birds discovered at neolithic settlement in eastern Turkey: *The Times*, 4 May 1993.
- 5 May 1993 Illegally acquired art treasures including 15th-century paintings and Etruscan ceramics seized from the New Acropolis society, an Argentine-based sect in Madrid: *The Times*, 5 May 1993. British Safety Council claims that the opening of Buckingham Palace this summer to tours is dangerous. They say the palace, which has Crown immunity from fire and safety inspections, does not meet fire regulations and needs more safety and fire precautions: *Guardian*, 5 May 1993.
- 8 May 1993 In a letter to *The Times*, the Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings states that the Society believes that the

most positive outcome of the tragedy of St Ethelburga's in Bishopsgate, destroyed by an IRA bomb on 24 April 1993, would be to develop the site as an open space for City workers, within which the remains of the medieval church could be left as a memorial to those who have lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks the world over: *The Times*, 8 May 1993.

Set of prints from the Camera Club's permanent collection of photographs auctioned at Sotheby's to raise funds to maintain the 1,800 prints which remain in the collection: *The Times*, 8 May 1993.

Gibside Hall, Elizabethan country house, acquired by the National Trust: *The Times*, 8 May 1993.

Archaeologists in China discover inscriptions on 4,200 year old piece of pottery indicating the Chinese writing system is 1,000 years older than previously believed: *The Times*, 12 May 1993

English Heritage conducting a public consultation on the future of the new visitors' centre at Stonehenge. Interested parties are asked to comment on the eight possible locations that have been selected. Construction will begin in 1995 and is likely to be financed from overseas, possibly Japan: *Guardian*, *The Times*, 18 May 1993

Letters and photographs dating from 1945 to 1966, belonging to the Belgian painter H. Magritte, are found in a Brussels rubbish bin: *Guardian*, 18 May 1993.

The Theatre Trust's survey, conducted for the department of National Heritage, finds that 40 per cent of the theatres in the survey are in a fair to poor condition. The Hackney Empire theatre is highlighted. Designed by theatre architect Frank Matcham and built in 1901, it needs £9 million for essential repairs and maintenance: *Guardian*, 19 May 1993

English Heritage have begun talks with National Heritage, county councils and other bodies and companies in their plans to disperse the management of 84 of the 400 monuments and buildings in their care, among them a Roman fort in Cumbria, a medieval village in Devon and the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey: *Guardian*, 19 May 1993.

UN officials in Cambodia shocked by the recent increase in the theft of temple treasures and relics, including those at the 12th century Angkor temple complex. The pieces are smuggled to Thailand at a rate of one a day and eventually are found for sale in Bangkok and Singapore. Thailand is not a signatory to the 1970 Unesco Convention on the prevention of illicit trade in art and antiquities: *International Herald Tribune*, 19 May 1993.

The El Pais newspaper reports that Spain will pay a token \$300 million for Baron von Thyssen's extensive art collection, which will remain permanently in Spain: *The Times*, 19 May 1993. *International Herald Tribune*, 20 May 1993.

- 21 May 1993 First book printed in English, *The Recuyell of the Histories of Troy* published by William Caxton, to be sold at auction: *The Independent*, 21 May 1993.
- 22 May 1993 The Allende family of Chile has gone to court to recover art objects, including a Picasso engraving, worth \$1 million taken from their Santiago home during the 1973 coup: *Guardian*, 22 May 1993.
- 23 May 1993 Archaeologists discover 3,200 year old underground tomb near the Pyramids of Giza. The discovery could lead to an entire necropolis at Abu Sir: *The Independent on Sunday*, *The Observer*, 23 May 1993. Police are to lend cameras to people so they can photograph their family treasures. The photographs can be fed into a police computer if the articles are stolen, helping police trace the owners of recovered items and track down criminals. The computer will become Europe's largest visual database of stolen artworks: *The Observer*, 23 May 1993. Archaeologists discover 500 year old drawing of a ship on a medieval roof slate on the site of Southampton's medieval walls: *The Observer*, 23 May 1993.
- 25 May 1993 National Trust launches an appeal to raise sufficient funds to restore the Palladian Bridge at Prior Park, Bath: *Guardian*, 25 May 1993. Marijuana found in the tomb of a woman near Jerusalem dating to A.D. 400. It was used for medicinal purposes: *International Herald Tribune*, 25 May 1993.
- 26 May 1993 Legal dispute over ownership of a 3,500 year old collection of Mycenaean gold jewellery has begun between the Greek government and a New York art dealer: *The Times*, 26 May 1993.
- 27 May 1993 Vatican authorities decide that the articles of underwear painted on to the nude figures of Michelangelo's Last Judgement over the altar of the Sistine Chapel, will not be removed in the current restoration of the painting: *The Independent*, 27 May 1993. Paintings and statues damaged in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence, when car bomb explodes behind the gallery. The Minister for Cultural Heritage reports that restoration to the building and paintings will cost at least 30 billion lire (£13 million): *The Times*, *The Independent*, 28 May 1993. Fire and safety improvements are to be implemented in royal residences following the report of the Windsor Castle fire: *Guardian*, 27 May 1993.
- 28 May 1993 Flatford Mill, immortalised on canvas by Constable, may become a power station. The mill's owners, The National Trust, report that the adaptation would be very small and discreet: *The Independent*, 28 May 1993.
- 29 May 1993 Article in *The Times* by Simon Jenkins states that St Ethelburga's church must be rebuilt, not left as a monument to the evil of the IRA: *The Times*, 29 May 1993.

- The Fortress Study Conservation Group are planning to make a complete record of every old pillbox, tank block and gun battery in Britain. The group hope that good examples of Second World War fortifications can be preserved as part of the English national heritage: *The Independent*, 31 May 1993. 31 May 1993
- Excavation in hundreds of Egyptian cemeteries reveals that those who built the pyramids were free men, not slaves, who worked for the gods in return for food (including beer and wine), shelter and clothing from the pharaohs: *Guardian*, 31 May 1993.
- Detailed study of the "Iceman" found two years ago in the Alps suggests that he lived in what is now Italy: *The Times*, 1 June 1993. 1 June 1993
- The suit over the Doisneau photograph "Le Baiser de l'Hotel de Ville" is decided. The two couples who claimed damages from Doisneau will receive nothing as there was no proof of their identification: *Guardian*, 3 June 1993. 3 June 1993
- Conservators at the Museums and Galleries Commission report that heavy-handed cleaning is damaging public sculptures all over Britain: *The Independent*, 3 June 1993.
- The architectural heritage of York is to be protected by keeping buildings in use, under a conservation and development plan outlined by the city's council: *The Independent*, 3 June 1993.
- Remains of Euston Arch, demolished in 1962, uncovered in a back garden in Kent: *The Independent*, 4 June 1993. 4 June 1993
- Assessment of the extensive damage to the Uffizi Gallery and its collections in the bomb blast in May is completed: *The Guardian*, 5 June 1993. 5 June 1993
- Report on the Arts Council conducted by Price Waterhouse suggests a more streamlined organisation, so that artists will receive more of the distributable budget: *Guardian*, 5 June 1993.
- Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel now cleaned and renovated. Vatican also unveils a new £650,000 computerised air-conditioning and air-purification system to protect the chapel's frescoes: *The Times*, 5 June 1993.
- Villagers in northern Iran discover 2,700 year old silver treasure, believed to be from an ancient temple: *The Independent*, 7 June 1993. 7 June 1993
- Grandchildren of Peggy Guggenheim have won the right in the French courts to challenge the way her museum in Venice is run. A complaint was filed against the New York Guggenheim Museum, which runs the Venice museum, claiming that her wishes have been disregarded: *The Independent*, 7 June 1993.
- EC fails to resolve dispute on the taxation of artworks entering Britain: *The Times*, 8 June 1993. 8 June 1993
- Italy's Senate approves funding to repair the Uffizi art gallery: *The Independent*, 11 June 1993. 11 June 1993

- 12 June 1993 Dutch experts abandon their task after 25 years of trying to determine which works are fakes among the 630 attributed to Rembrandt, leaving galleries and dealers angry and confused: *The Times*, 12 June 1993.
- 13 June 1993 Infra-red spectroscopy, X-ray technology and microscopic analysis are now used by art restorers at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. This technique is being used on "The Jewish Bride" by Rembrandt; it originally depicted an erotic scene: *Observer*, 13 June 1993.
- 14 June 1993 The Norman Rockwell Museum opens in the Massachusetts town where the artist lived and worked from 1953 until his death in 1978. The museum's collection contains paintings, drawings and an archive of letters and documents all belonging to the artist: *International Herald Tribune*, 14 June 1993.
- 15 June 1993: Heritage Secretary announces that 40 jobs are to be cut from the administrative staff of the Arts Council, following the report by Price Waterhouse, in a move to make a further £900,000 available to arts groups: *Guardian*, 15 June 1993.
The Roman theatre in Sagunto, Spain, now restored at a cost of \$6 million. However, a court order may mean that the restoration will be dismantled, as a 1985 law prevents reconstruction in restoration: *International Herald Tribune*, 15 June 1993.
- 17 June 1993 Irina Shchukin fails in her second request in the French courts to have 21 Matisse paintings, once in her father's collection, and now on exhibition in Paris, returned to her from the various Russian collections in which they now belong. The French courts stated that the seizure in 1919 was conducted by a sovereign state immune from French justice: *International Herald Tribune*, 17 June 1993.
- 18 June 1993 Authorities in Antwerp, European City of Culture, display a lost painting by Pieter Brueghel the Younger in the Museum Mayer Van Den Bergh as their emblem for the year: *The Times*, 18 June 1993.
Twelve archaeological sites and areas of ancient landscape on Salisbury Plain designated protected zones to prevent further damage during army training: *The Times*, 18 June 1993.
Aborigines plan legal action against British government over what they describe as a crime against humanity and trespass committed by Captain Cook and subsequent white settlers, following Britain's claim on the continent: *The Times*, 18 June 1993.
- 19–20 June 1993 The damage to paintings and to the Uffizi Gallery in Florence from the explosion in May is reviewed, along with planned renovation and restoration: *International Herald Tribune*, 19–20 June 1993.
The bankrupt businessman and art collector Alan Bond is charged with fraud over the sale of Manet's "La Promenade". Bond bought the painting in 1983 for \$4.6 million. It was eventually sold at auction in 1988 for \$17 million although Bond Corp. could allegedly have bought it for far less than the market value – information that

Bond did not relate to the corporation's directors: *International Herald Tribune*, 19–20 June 1993.

Articles in this edition of *Observer* are devoted to Stonehenge, its popularity and the development of this historic site by English Heritage, and to stone circles in general: *Observer*, 20 June 1993.

20 June 1993

Pictures and other objects in the Royal Collection acquired before 1936 are, since April, part of the Royal Collection Trust. The charitable trust is seeking corporate sponsorship and loans, with each exhibition abroad to earn £1 million towards the upkeep of the collection: *Observer*, 20 June 1993.

Plans announced to salvage British frigate *Lutine*, sunk in 1799 while carrying a cargo of £28 million, consisting of gold bullion intended for soldiers' pay, £400,000 for Hamburg merchants and the Dutch crown jewels. Lloyds had insured the vessel and paid in full; they are now part of a syndicate hoping to recover the ship and its treasure: *Observer*, *Sunday Times*, 20 June 1993.

Zoological Society of London announces plans to auction a painting by Jacques-Laurent Agasse to raise cash for the library endowment fund: *The Sunday Times*, 20 June 1993.

Uffizi Gallery in Florence partially reopens following the explosion on May 27 which damaged one wing: 3 paintings were damaged beyond repair, more were damaged by flying glass, and a further 250 paintings were exposed to humidity and rain. These have been removed and only the first 24 rooms are open. It will take another 6 months for the restoration to the building and the paintings to be complete: *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, 21 June 1993.

21 June 1993

Rudolf Nureyev's collection of art and antiques displayed in London prior to being auctioned at the end of the year: *The Times*, 23 June 1993.

22 June 1993

Thieves using metal detectors feared to have destroyed Roman remains at a site near Hoxne, Suffolk after discovery of exceptional hoard in November 1992: *The Times*, 23 June 1993.

23 June 1993

Graham Chaddock losses three year legal battle to establish that a gold Bronze Age neckband uncovered with a metal detector was his to sell: *The Times*, 24 June 1993.

Sam Shaw is claiming \$4 million damages from Susan Bernard. She claims that her father, and not Shaw, took the famous photograph of Marilyn Monroe in 1954 during the filming of *The Seven Year Itch*: *Guardian*, 24 June 1993.

24 June 1993

Scaffolding around the main entrance of Gloucester cathedral to be removed exposing new carvings and masonry: *The Times*, 26 June 1993.

26 June 1993

Sotheby's and Christie's criticised by police for a lack of co-operation in solving a £1.5 million conspiracy to sell stolen paintings through London's auction houses: *The Times*, 26 June 1993.

- 29 June 1993 Exhibition featuring 31 Picasso etchings opens at Leyhill prison, Gloucestershire: *The Times* 29 June 1993.
West Pier Trust, owners of Brighton's West Pier, to launch a restoration fund later this year in an attempt to raise up to £30 million to prevent the pier crumbling into the sea: *The Times*, 29 June 1993.
- 2 July 1993 101 year old ham sells for £990 at auction: *The Independent*, 2 July 1993.
- 3 July 1993 Forgotten old master, *The Massacre of the Innocents* discovered in the church of St James's, Wiltshire. The painting will be auctioned and the proceeds used to restore the 800 year old church: *The Independent*, 3 July 1993.
The Great Watching Chamber of Hampton Court Palace, one of the few remaining state apartments of Henry VIII, reopens to the public after several months' restoration: *The Times*, 3 July 1993.
- 8 and 10 July 1993 The UN commander in Cambodia is involved in talks in Phnom Penh regarding the Khmer Rouge's seizure of the historic 12th century Preah Vihear temple in northern Cambodia near the Thai border. The provisional government of Cambodia is threatening a counter attack: *Guardian*, 8 and 10 July 1993.
- 9 July 1993 In a letter to the Times, the President of the Council for British Archaeology states that the second inquest on a Bronze Age gold torc found by Mr Graham Chaddock, highlights once again the unsatisfactory state of the antiquities law in England and Wales. "Surely the important thing in such cases is not the original owner's frame of mind but whether or not the object is of archaeological importance to the nation?": *The Times*, 9 July 1993.
Dispute continues over the Titanic between treasure hunters who see the wreck as an historical goldmine that should be explored before it disintegrates, and those who say that because it is the graveyard of 1,523 people who drowned, should be left undisturbed: *The Times*, 9 July 1993.
- 10 July 1993 British forensic scientists identify bones of Tsar Nicholas II and his family. DNA tests were carried out on the nine skeletons discovered in Russia in 1991: *The Independent*, 10 July 1993.
Analysis of a lock of hair from Anna Anderson, the woman who claimed until her death in 1984 that she was the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Russia, may prove or disprove her identity. DNA from the hair will be compared with that from the bones of the Russian royal family: *The Independent*, 10 July 1993.
National Trust for Historic Preservation designates the entire State of Vermont as an "endangered" historic place. Conservationists fear that shopping malls and megastores may engulf the state despite tough planning restrictions: *The Independent*, 10 July 1993.
- 11 July 1993 The Sevso Treasure silver hoard, worth an estimated £40 million, being sold by Sotheby's on behalf of the Marquess of Northampton,

is currently in a vault in New York while its provenance is being determined. Lebanon, Croatia and Hungary all claim it. Specialist scientific laboratories in the United States and in London are reported to be analysing the remains of caterpillar moths, slivers of wood and clay found on the silver; the results may indicate where the hoard was uncovered: *Observer*, 11 July 1993.

Dispute between Romanov family and Boris Yeltsin's government over reburial site of the mortal remains of Tsar Nicholas II: *The Times*, 12 July 1993.

First archaeological park in Europe opens on the site of an ancient tribal centre near Armagh, Northern Ireland: *The Independent*, 12 July 1993.

Researchers discover Tutankhamun was interred in a second-hand sarcophagus intended for his predecessor, Neferneferuaten, who was not buried in it because of father's heresy: *The Independent*, 13 July 1993.

Vandal damages painting depicting the death of St Christopher by Andrea Mantegna in the Eremitani church, Padua, by spraying it with paint: *La Repubblica*, 13 July 1993.

In Berlin campaigners for the reconstruction of the Prussian royal palace have constructed a trompe-l'oeil replica of the façade in vinyl and paint, 100 feet high and 300 wide. The 17th century building was ruined in the Second World War and was replaced in the 1970's by the now condemned Palace of the Republic: *International Herald Tribune*, 14 July 1993.

Lord Bernstein leaves his art collection to the City Art Gallery in Manchester and the Jerusalem Foundation: *Guardian*, 14 July 1993. Cloth fragment dating to 7000 B.C., the oldest piece yet surviving, is found during excavation at a site in south-east Turkey: *Guardian*, 14 July, 1993.

Dr Ibrahim Bakr, the expert removed from his post as chief of Egypt's archaeological heritage, accuses an official "mafia" of controlling the Giza pyramids plateau for the past 20 years: *The Times*, 15 July 1993.

Tate Gallery joins forces with Gainsborough's House museum to save an early painting by Gainsborough for the nation. The *Portrait of Peter Darnel Muilman, Charles Crockatt and William Keeble*, dating from about 1750, will rotate between the two galleries every two years: *The Independent*, 15 July 1993.

The Holy Family by Guercino cut from its frame and stolen from St Nicholas Church in Wickham, Hampshire. The mid-17th century painting, reported to be worth £1 million, was not insured: *The Times*, 16 July 1993.

Museum devoted to Mata Hari, the WWI spy, nude dancer and *femme fatale* is to open in August 1994 in Leeuwarden, Holland, where the dancer spent her childhood: *The Times*, 16 July 1993.

- 17 July 1993 Henri Rousseau's *Tropical Storm with a Tiger*, will go on tour in Britain in a new National Gallery venture introducing masterpieces to a wider audience: *The Times*, 17 July 1993.
Senior figures in the art world warn that Britain may no longer be able to attract internationally important exhibitions. Britain does not have the paintings to exchange in the quid pro quo arrangements that prevail in arranging exhibitions and there is no single outstanding temporary space in which to show paintings: *The Independent*, 17 July 1993.
Audley End House, Saffron Walden, Essex re-opens its Great Parterre, which dates back to the 1830s. The garden has been the subject of ten years of archaeological research: *The Independent*, 17 July 1993.
King's College Cambridge to introduce a fee for visitors. It is hoped that the funds generated will help preserve the 500 year old college: *The Independent*, 17 July 1993.
Locket containing hair of the poet Byron and manuscripts of verse in his hand to be auctioned at Sotheby's: *The Independent*, 17 July 1993.
- 18 July 1993 National Audit Office investigates possible tax irregularities concerning the sale of Old Master paintings and silver plate from Althorp House. These were sold in the early 1980's to pay for the refurbishment of the stately home; yet these same objects were exempted from death duties on condition that they remained at Althorp House. Allegedly the sales were not reported and capital taxes not paid: *Observer*, 18 July 1993.
Cracks in the structure of the Taj Mahal prompt experts to examine the foundations of the building: *The Sunday Times*, 18 July 1993.
- 20 July 1993 Council of Australian Museum Associations proposes that the 1,900 museums in Australia which have their professional wants and needs represented by at least 22 different organisations should be amalgamated into a single new structure – the Australian Association of Museums (AustAM): *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 July 1993.
Scientists confirm that giant egg found in Western Australia was from Madagascan elephant bird and is approximately 2000 years old: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 July 1993.
- 22 July 1993 National Heritage Secretary announces further inquiry into plans to streamline structure of the Arts Council: *Guardian*, 22 July 1993.
- 23 July 1993 Tomb containing life-size female cavalry, first discovered in 1990, is publicized by the Chinese. Dating to the Western Han dynasty (210 B.C. – A.D. 24), the tomb is located in the same burial area near Xi'an in western China where the tomb containing the terracotta warriors was unearthed: *Guardian*, 23 July 1993, *La Repubblica*, 29 July 1993.
- 24 July 1993 Burglars evade British Museum's security system and steal selected items of jewellery and coins, all dating from Late Roman period and

- worth £250,000: *Guardian*, *The Independent*, *The Times*, 24 July 1993.
- Earliest known tomb of an Egyptian pharaoh discovered in the royal necropolis at Abydos: *The Times*, 24 July 1993.
- Henry Moore's "Draped Reclining Figure", worth £1 million and currently on loan to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, must be returned to the Time-Life building in London by an enforcement order granted to the Westminster City Council. The sculpture, although commissioned and owned by the American publishing company, is considered to be a "fixture" of the listed London building. Time-Life has been given until August 15 to return the sculpture and a painting by Ben Nicholson but the company will first appeal the orders: *Observer*, 25 July 1993. 25 July 1993
- The Fortress Study Group and the Council for British Archaeology launches an ambitious survey of World War structures, such as "pillbox" anti-aircraft batteries. Secondary school children will undertake the "Defence of Britain" project next spring: *Observer*, 25 July 1993.
- Buckingham Palace to admit visitors for two months from August 7. Two articles assess the 20 rooms, including the Picture Gallery and Marble Hall, that will be open to the public and the paintings and other valuable objects in them: *Observer*, 25 July 1993.
- Researchers gain new insights into the conditions in which Ice Age cave paintings were made, concluding that the creators never saw their work as they appear in modern photographs because the lighting was too dim: *The Times*: 26 July 1993. 26 July 1993
- German embassy officials appeal to souvenir hunters not to desecrate an official war grave after the wreck of a first world war U-boat is located in the North Sea: *The Times*, 27 July 1993. 27 July 1993
- Coins and jewellery recently stolen from the British Museum recovered in London: *Guardian*, 28 July 1993. 28 July 1993
- Three bombs explode in Italy in the historic centres of Milan and Rome causing damage to the 11th century church of St Giorgio in Velabro and the Basilica of St. John Lateran: *Guardian*, *International Herald Tribune*, *The Times*, 29 July 1993. 29 July 1993
- Italy to introduce drastic new security measures in an attempt to guard against further attacks on cultural targets: *The Independent*, 30 July 1993. 30 July 1993
- Nautical archaeologists protest against proposed exhibition at the National Maritime Museum of 800 personal effects and fixtures salvaged from the wreck of The Titanic. They say that there was no archaeological reason to remove the items from the site, which they regard as a sea grave that ought not to be disturbed; *Observer* 1 August 1993. 1 August 1993

The inn where Vincent van Gogh died, located in a village north of Paris, to reopen as a shrine to the Impressionist painter: *Observer*, 1 August 1993.

Fears growing that one of Britain's finest collections of Old Masters, which includes Raphaels, Poussins and Titians could be broken up to pay death duties. The paintings, owned by the 6th Duke of Sutherland, have been on loan to the National Gallery of Scotland for nearly 50 years: *The Sunday Telegraph*, 1 August 1993.

Six drawings bought by man in junk market near Arles for £40 reported to be by Van Gogh: *The Sunday Telegraph*, 1 August 1993.

3 August 1993: The Dupplin Cross, a Celtic monument still in situ, becomes subject of controversy following plans to remove it to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh: *Guardian*, 3 August 1993.

Signal box dating to 1886 on the Peterborough to Leicester railway given a Grade II listing: *Guardian*, 3 August 1993.

Archaeologists discover remains of prisoners slaughtered almost 2,000 years ago. The remains were found in the drains underneath a great amphitheatre built to provide entertainment for Romano-British Londoners under what is now the City of London's administrative headquarters, Guildhall: *The Times*, 3 August 1993.

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Proposed Oxford by-pass threatens St Frideswide's Farm, a building dating back to the 1520s, and archaeological sites including that of a Roman villa and the burial mound of an Anglo-Saxon prince: *The Oxford Times*, 6 August 1993.

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The Crescent, a Grade I listed Georgian building in the spa town of Buxton, Derbyshire, to be renovated with the aid of a £1 million grant from English Heritage: *The Independent*, *The Telegraph*, 7 August 1993.

Buckingham Palace opens for visitors: *International Herald Tribune*, *Guardian*, 7–8 August 1993

Campaigners, including major industrialists, for the rebuilding of the Stadtschloss in Berlin erect a yellow plastic façade of the structure where it once stood. The building, the Prussian kings' city residence, was damaged by bombs in 1945 and was subsequently torn down by the former East German government and replaced by another building: *Observer*, 8 August 1993

International team of engineering experts working to save the Leaning Tower of Pisa from collapse. The team hopes to reverse the Tower's tilt of 14 feet off perpendicular by three inches using lead counter-weights placed at the base of the tower. If the rescue bid is successful, the tower may open to the public from November after a four year closure: *The Mail on Sunday*, 8 August 1993, *The Times*, 2 September 1993.

Number of visitors to Buckingham Palace less than expected, but success of the souvenir shop is greater: *International Herald Tribune*, *Guardian*, 9 August 1993

Work on the huge extension to the Athens metro system uncovers many valuable archaeological sites and finds, including a Roman bath complex. The routes are being dug 20 metres below ground, deeper than archaeological levels: *Guardian*, 9 August 1993.

The former Prussian royal hunting lodge, built in 1847, extended and modernised by the former East German regime in 1971, and used by Erich Honecker, now to become a tourist attraction: *Guardian*, 9 August 1993.

Bell at the National Trust's Saltram House in Devon, originally used to call workers to a pint of ale, is being restored: *Guardian*, 9 August 1993.

Spanish police detain a Belgian man, alleged to be a major dealer in stolen art works. The man faces extradition to Belgium: *The Telegraph*, 9 August 1993.

Statue of the British general Lord Hill in Shrewsbury to be removed from its column and sent to London for restoration work: *The Daily Telegraph*, 9 August 1993.

Construction on the A140 in Norfolk uncovers a Roman industrial town, thought to be Villa Faustini. Finds date from 50 BC to the end of the Roman period. Department of Transport is sponsoring a 26-week excavation: *Guardian*, *The Independent*, 10 August 1993

Number of visitors to Buckingham Palace steadily increases; the sale of souvenirs is so successful a second shop is being opened: *Guardian*, 11 August 1993

- 13 August 1993 St Andrew Undershaft, a 12th century church damaged in the Baltic Exchange bombing in London, to reopen following repairs to the stained glass windows: *Financial Times*, 13 August 1993.
J Paul Getty Trust to participate in project in New World archaeology. The Trust is funding the restoration of the ancient Maya centre of Zunantunich, on the border between Belize and Guatemala: *The Times*, 13 August 1993.
Restoration work on church of St Vedast in the City of London reveals that parts of the church date back to the later Middle Ages and suggests that more of medieval London's buildings may remain masked within later structures: *The Times*, 11 August 1993.
Navan Fort, near Armagh city, Ireland, may have been the site of the residence of the ancient kings of Ulster. Archaeologist Chris Lynn has suggested that the giant tumulus on the site, first excavated in the 1960s, was used by Druids for ceremonies described by Julius Caesar in Book 6 of his *De Bello Gallico*: *The Times*, 11 August 1993.
- 13 August 1993 First gallery in Great Britain devoted to Irish art opens at Biddu Mulligan's pub, Kilburn: *Hampstead and Highgate Express*, 13 August 1993.
- 14 August 1993 Department of Environment accused of ignorance and prejudice in agreeing to demolition of house in a north London conservation area. Objectors say it will set a precedent in condoning the demolition of any building not specifically listed: *The Times*, 14 August 1993.
Remote sensing reveals presence of massive wall 18 feet thick at the reputed site of ancient Troy in north-western Turkey. The discovery suggests that the Bronze Age city may have been five times larger than previously thought and more in keeping with the description given by Homer in the *Iliad*: *The Times*, 14 August 1993.
- 16 August 1993 Hoard of Roman coins and jewellery unearthed in Wiltshire. The hoard is expected to be declared treasure trove: *Guardian*, *The Times*, *The Independent*, 16 August 1993.
- 17 August 1993 Virginia Woolf's home, a listed house near Lewes in Sussex, where she wrote some of her novels and entertained other members of the Bloomsbury Group, will probably be demolished and the land used for a rubbish tip: *Guardian*, 17 August 1993.
- 18 August 1993 One of the best-preserved medieval timber bridges uncovered in West Yorkshire: *The Times*, 18 August 1993.
Hamlet occupied from first century BC to second/third centuries AD revealed during the construction of by-pass in Cornwall. The site, at Indian Queens between Newquay and St Austell, is well-preserved below ground but little survives on the surface: *The Times*, 17 August 1993.
Skeleton of man, discovered by British Telecom workers on the Isles of Scilly, may be 1,000 years old: *The Times*, 17 August 1993.

In a letter to the Times the Chief Curator of the National Gallery, London, states that the Rembrandt Research Project has not “collapsed” as indicated in the report of June 12. The resignation of four of the five members means that the older generation has handed over the enterprise to the younger generation: *The Times*, 17 August 1993.

Two eight year old boys smash two Portland stone urns, causing thousands of pounds’ worth of damage, at the Williamson Art Gallery and Museum, Birkenhead, Merseyside: *Guardian*, 19 August 1993.

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The wooden “Chapel Bridge”, built c. 1300 and decorated with 120 ceiling paintings in 1611, destroyed by fire. Only the stone tower in the centre of the bridge, which spanned the River Reuss at Lucerne, now remains but there are plans for its restoration: *Guardian*, *Financial Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, 19 August 1993, *The Times*, 20 August 1993.

Jane Austen’s home bought by American foundation which plans to restore it for use as centre for the study of women novelists: *The Times*, 19 August 1993.

Archaeologists claim that thieves are stripping Egypt of cultural objects and selling them to a secret network of dealers involved in a global market for stolen art. The problem is particularly acute in the village of Qurna, 390 miles south of Cairo, situated on the site of royal tombs dating from 1580 BC. Government plans to move the village have met with opposition from the inhabitants – men from Qurna are said to marry foreign women in Luxor in order to facilitate the smuggling of antiquities abroad: *The Times*, 19 August 1993.

Forgotten Victorian garden discovered on the Heligan estate, Cornwall. It is hoped that the 22-acre garden which contains many rare trees and shrubs will be restored and opened to the public: *The Times*, 19 August 1993.

World’s oldest iron bridge, built in 1793, at Methyr Tydfil, Wales, to be restored: *The Times*, 20 August 1993.

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Thieves steal twenty rare teddy bears from England’s first bear museum at Petersfield, Hampshire: *The Times*, 20 August 1993.

Conservation groups call for listing of mid-1970s council estate in South Hampstead, north London, to prevent Camden Council “wrecking” it with repairs. The Royal Fine Art Commission, English Heritage and the Documentation and Conservation Modern Movement believe that the unusual design of the estate, by architect Neave Brown, is “one of the finest examples of modern architecture” and that the proposed repairs are a “threat to its distinctive appearance”: *Hampstead and Highgate Express*, 20 August 1993.

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Fossil dinosaur eggs laid by a Sauropod 70 million years ago to be sold at auction: *The Times*, *The Independent*, 21 August 1993.

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- 21 and 22 August 1993 Jesuit priests discover Caravaggio painting reportedly worth £50 million in their Dublin residence and state intention to donate it to the National Gallery of Ireland: *Guardian*, 21 August 1993, *Observer*, *The Sunday Times*, 22 August 1993.
- 23 August 1993 Human remains identified as 200,000 years old discovered in Pontnewydd Cave, Wales: *The Times*, 23 August 1993.
World's first railway locomotive factory in Newcastle upon Tyne, where George Stephenson developed the "Rocket", to be restored as a museum after English Heritage award a £100,000 grant: *The Times*, 23 August 1993.
- 24 August 1993 German U-boat U534, sunk off the Danish coast in 1945, is located and resurrected by a Danish-Dutch consortium: *Guardian*, *The Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, 24 August 1993.
Treasure Trove inquest to be held after Roman gold and silver objects and coins discovered by Eric Laws at Hoxne in Suffolk. The hoard will be put on show at the British Museum: *The Times*, 24 August 1993.
Human heart unearthed two years ago in a garden in Sofia, Bulgaria, and identified as that of Tsar Boris II who died in 1943, interred at Rila Monastery in the south of the country: *The Times*, 24 August 1993.
- 25 August 1993 The great earthwork at Masada, where Jewish rebels committed mass suicide in 70 AD rather than face capture by the Romans, is largely a natural feature and was not built by the besieging army as was previously thought: *The Times*, 25 August 1993.
- 26 August 1993 Brighton Museum and Art Gallery loses an important Pre-Raphaelite painting by Burne-Jones, *The Adoration of the Magi and The Annunciation*. The owners, St Paul's Church in Brighton, are forced to sell the painting to pay for repairs on the spire: *The Independent*, 26 August 1993.
Radiocarbon dating of the wreck of a ship in the Hamble river near Southampton confirms it to be that of the *Grace Dieu*, built for Henry V in 1416–20: *The Times*, 26 August 1993.
- 27 August 1993 Golden treasure of Troy, excavated by German archaeologist in the 19th century, confiscated from Berlin by Stalin in 1945 and hidden away ever since, to go on display in the Pushkin Museum, Moscow: *The Independent*, 27 August 1993.
- 29 August 1993 Fire at the Spanish consulate offices in Bordeaux, France, destroys artworks and furniture including a painting by Goya: *The Observer*, 29 August 1993.
- 31 August 1993 Changes in stability of the chemical balance in the soil covering excavations of the Rose Theatre, London, may result in deterioration of the remains, claim English Heritage archaeologists. The site has been buried under a protective cover for the past four years while a

plan to preserve and present the remains is worked out: *The Times*, 31 August 1993.

Art market looters damage a series of ancient Egyptian inscriptions which form a set of boundary monuments around the site of Tell El Amarna, the new capital of Akhenaten. Experts report that, as a result, irreplaceable information on the reign of the heretic Pharaoh Akhenaten has been lost: *The Times*, 1 September 1993.

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Fossil hunter who removed a dinosaur's footprint, embedded in rock at a National Trust beach at Compton Bay, Isle of Wight, is ordered by police to replace it: *The Times*, 1 September 1993.

German U-boat, found off Danish coast, towed to Copenhagen. Investigation of its cargo has begun and salvage workers have found a safe, bottles of wine, condoms and men's long underwear; *The Times*, 26 August 1993, *International Herald Tribune*, 2 September 1993.

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Topographic and aerial photographic surveys of the Hill of Tara, Co Meath, Ireland, reveal existence of many hitherto unknown structures including possible Iron Age burial mounds. Historical references to Tara, the legendary seat of the Irish kings, indicate that it was the focus of rivalry between dynastic clans in the early centuries AD: *The Times*, 2 September 1993.

Israeli archaeologists announce that they have uncovered the largest twelfth century Crusader castle ever found in the Holy Land, near the river Jordan: *The Times*, 2 September 1993.

Mounted statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I restored to original site at Koblenz on the Rhine. The statue, a private commission, is a copper copy of the original, shot off by American artillery during the second World War. It commemorates a German victory over France and the resurrection is criticised for its nationalist and military symbolism: *The Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, 2 and 3 September 1993, *Guardian*, *Financial Times*, 3 September 1993.

2 and 3 September 1993

Several English heritage buildings are being opened to the public during European heritage days in September, a scheme sponsored by the Council of Europe 'to put the general public in touch' with their heritage. European countries are reducing entrance fees and opening usually-closed buildings on these days: *Guardian*, 3 September 1993.

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Yew tree in Norman church's graveyard in West Sussex declared one of Britain's 12 oldest trees. The tree dates back to 1000 BC: *The Independent*, 3 September 1993.

Britain's largest coin and jewellery hoard, discovered last November with the aid of a metal detector, is declared treasure trove. The hoard will be on display at the British Museum, but the museum must raise funds equivalent to the value of the hoard – perhaps £10 million – for the ex gratia payment awarded to the finder. The hoard is unusual

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in that it was properly excavated after the finder reported the discovery to Suffolk County Council: *Guardian, The Times*, 4 September 1993.

Archaeologists in Suffolk plan to search the countryside in Suffolk near site of Hoxne treasure trove hoard found last November. They suspect that the remains of a Roman villa also lie buried nearby: *The Independent*, 4 September 1993.

- 9 September 1993 Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London, angers heritage groups again by deciding to sell a second painting from its collection, Gainsborough's *Peasants Going to Market*. The announcement comes 7 months after the College sold a Turner to the Getty Museum: *The Independent, The Times*, 9 September 1993.
- 12 September 1993 Plans afoot to develop first planned and constructed shopping precinct in Britain following the second World War, the concrete Lower Precinct in Coventry. Coventry City Council wants to redevelop but English Heritage is likely to prevent them through spot-listing on the grounds of historical and architectural merit if they do: *Observer*, 12 September 1993.
- 14 September 1993 Largest hoard of Iron Age coins found in a field in Worcester, with the aid of a metal detector. The location and finder's name is being kept a secret to protect the site from treasure hunters. The 984 coins are being housed temporarily at the British Museum while a treasure trove inquest is being arranged. If the haul is declared trove the finders stand to be rewarded for the value of the coins, possibly £200,000: *Guardian, The Times*, 14 September 1993.
Harold Pinter presents his original manuscripts to the British Library to join the writing of James Joyce, Virginia Woolf and George Bernard Shaw: *The Times*, 14 September 1993.
Romanian Government suing the former King Michael for the return of works by El Greco, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Breughel and others. Two lawsuits are being filed, one in Switzerland and one in New York State Supreme Court. The lawsuits are based on an 1889 will by King Carol I, Michael's great-great uncle. It states that his art collection "shall remain forever and in its entirety in the country, as property of the Crown of Romania." The Romanian Government contends that it inherited the rights of the monarchy when King Michael gave up the throne in 1947. The former king insists that his abdication was forced and therefore null: *The New York Times*, 14 September 1993.
- 14 September 1993 Timber building, unique in Irish prehistory, discovered in the Boyne valley. The structure dates to about 2400 BC, and is associated with the pottery known as "Grooved Ware": *The Times*, 14 September 1993.
- 15 September 1993 Family of Marlene Dietrich have sold her personal possessions to Berlin, to be displayed in a new film museum: *Guardian*, 15 September 1993.

- The 12th century church of St Andrew Undershaft in London, badly damaged by an IRA bomb in April, reopens after extensive renovation: *Guardian*, 15 September 1993.
- 18th century British Liberty statue, Newcastle upon Tyne, to be restored: *The Independent*, 15 September 1993.
- Paintings by Vermeer and Goya recovered by police in Belgium seven years being stolen from the private Beit collection in Ireland: *The Times*, *The Independent*, 3 September 1993, *The New York Times*, 16 September 1993.
- Challenge to Nureyev's will by his sister and niece delays the auction of contents of Nureyev's estate: *The New York Times*, 16 September 1993.
- Royal Albert Hall is to be renovated and refurbished at a cost of £ 34 million. The scheme includes the construction of new underground access routes: *Financial Times*, 17 September 1993
- Remains of an owl's dinner provides important evidence on the building programme of the great basilica which housed the law courts of Roman London. The discovery emerged during analysis of the finds from excavations on the site of the basilica: *The Times*, 18 September 1993
- Litigation to determine the origin and true owner of the Sevso treasure opens in New York. The treasure, perhaps worth £ 40 million, is claimed by the Marquess of Northampton and by Lebanon, Hungary and Croatia: *Observer*, 19 September 1993, *The Independent*, 22 September 1993
- Medieval, religious treasures taken from a church in Quedlinburg, Germany by an American army officer during the second World War are restored to their original church. The Germans have spent DM 11 million for their recovery, restoration and future security: *International Herald Tribune*, *The Times*, 20 September 1993
- Computer technology used to restore 3,500 year old wall paintings from the Aegean island of Thera: *The Times*, 21 September 1993
- BBC's Gramophone Library, which holds 1.5 million records, to be sold or given to a national museum or library: *The Times*, 22 September 1993
- Fifty jobs to be lost in reorganisation at the Science Museum, London and the National Railway Museum, York: *Guardian*, 23 September 1993
- China to start excavating the final vault at the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang, near Xian, unearthing the last regiments of the 2,000 year-old terracotta army. The work is likely to take several years: *The Times*, 23 September 1993.
- Metropolitan Museum in New York agrees to return to Turkey a collection of 6th century B.C. gold and silver artifacts found there

in 1966 and illegally exported in 1966 and 1968, thereby ending a legal dispute over their ownership: *Guardian*, 24 September 1993. London prison, built in 1616 and last used 150 years ago, is renovated and opened as a museum on October 1: *Guardian*, 24 September 1993.

Paleontologists in South Africa uncover a rare complete skeleton of a dinosaur of the Triassic Age: *Guardian*, 24 September 1993.

25 September 1993 Uppark House in West Sussex, damaged by fire in 1989, opens this weekend for a special viewing of the restoration programme. The National Trust is spending £ 10 million to restore the house: *Guardian*, 25 September 1993.

The J. Paul Getty Museum in California renews its bid of £7.6 million for the Canova sculpture, the Three Graces. The museum wanted to buy it in 1989 but an export licence was withheld to allow a British buyer to come forward; a public appeal has raised only £330,000: *Guardian*, *The Times*, 25 September 1993.

13 Egyptian mummies to go back on display more than a decade after President Sadat ordered them locked away. The move is an attempt to bring back tourists who have been driven away by terrorism in Egypt: *The Times*, 25 September 1993.

27 September 1993 Archaeologists discover remains of 1,800 year old industrial complex adjacent to a Roman town in Norfolk: *The Independent*, 27 September 1993.

29 September 1993 The Three Graces sold to the J Paul Getty Museum, but an export licence must still be granted: *Guardian*, *The Times*, 29 September 1993.

Vibration and fumes from tour buses reported to be posing a threat to the Great Sphinx near Cairo: *The Times*, 29 September 1993.

Announcement of the sale of The Three Graces will galvanise the heritage lobby into trying to match the purchase price and keep the Canova statue in Britain. The chances of raising £7.6 million before an export licence is granted, look doubtful. The total purchase grant for all British museums and galleries is £13 million: *The Times*, 29 September 1993.

30 September 1993 Peter Moores, the Littlewoods pools heir, announces plans to develop a centre for exhibitions and performing arts at Compton Verney near Stratford. The project includes an art gallery financed by The Peter Moores Foundation that aims to rival Britain's leading to collections. It is to open in the late 1990's: *Financial Times*, 30 September 1993.