

The Bill and Monica Years 1995-1997

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1995

January 1

The 4-month stop-shooting
brokered by Jimmy Carter
had begun in Bosnia

Will it ever Stop?

January 22

an Islamic Jihad suicide bombs killed 19 Israelis near Netanya
in a bus station

full of soldiers going to their bases for the Sabbath

and then January 30

a fundamentalist car bomb

murdered 42 at an Algerian shopping center

The Mexican Fiscal Crisis

1995

Mexico devalued the peso

which, shudder shudder, tended to “undermine”
investments by U.S. speculators

money money money

(maybe create a money-glyph to
use, in the mode of the cap-eyes)

Then on January 31

Clinton decided

to establish a \$20 billion line of credit

to assist Mexico in paying its debt to U.S. financiers

& also a \$30 billion line of cred from the International Monetary Fund
and from some wealthy nation central banks.

Though nominally a creature of the U.N.

the IMF is a slave of U.S. and anglophone interests

—it always seeks to privatize all public ownership

and squash down workers wherever they

try to rise up on



Stiglitz on the Mexican fiscal crisis

As Nobel Prize economist Joseph Stiglitz noted in his book *The Roaring '90s* Chapter II of the NAFTA agreement contains sneakily placed “clauses designed to limit the impact of environmental and other regulations. Mexico might be forced to compensate an American firm operating in Mexico for not being allowed to dump toxic wastes.”

Mexico had given in to neoliberalismo
privatized stuff, sold off banks and also some of its roads!

“But its growth was based as much on heavy borrowing abroad.”

Suddenly, zoom, late '94, the “financial markets became worried”

Did they loan Mexico too much? Shudder Shudder.
Bond prices fell; lenders would not roll over loans
and people tried to suck their \$\$\$ out of Mexico

so the Clintonites did a “massive bailout of those who
had invested in Mexican bonds.”

The Rip-Off Double Standard

When Stiglitz became chief economist at the World Bank
he noted that “the IMF and the U.S. Treasury
so often appeared to be pushing abroad
positions that were precisely the opposite
of what we had fought for at home.

We fought against privatization of Social Security at home
while we pushed it abroad.”

Two Years of Roaming for McVeigh

For two years Timothy McVeigh
roamed from gun show to gun show

sometimes he set up a table to peddle
canteens, duffel bags, military stuff
and the hateful book called *The Turner Diaries*

living in his car
sleeping with the diaries under his ear

At gun shows McVeigh sold memberships
to the National Rifle Association

gave out photocopies showing the
name and address of the FBI sniper

who'd shot Mrs. Weaver back in '92

He was full of rage about Waco

He placed a phone call to Elohim City, Oklahoma
the headquarters of an Identity Christian
group

The Militia Blow-Up Anger in Europe Also February 5

just as in the U.S.
'95 saw horrid evidence
of right wing Militias
& blow-up nuts
(such as Tim McVeigh)
Europe saw it also—

when Feb 5th in a little town 75 miles from Vienna
four Gypsies were blow to death by neo-nazis
who planted a pipe bomb next to a sign
“Gypsies Go Back to India”

February 9

the great Senator William Fulbright
who rose up against the warbatty American Imperium
to oppose the post-Dealey war in 1966

passed away at 94

February 26

1,125 square miles it was a huge chunk of ice

when sqrunch! skwawk! shurf!
it broke away from the Antarctic homeland

and floated forth

(ice sheets facing a temp rise of 2.5 Celsius
on the average
the past 50 years!)

March 1

European Parliament

said no to a law
to allow patenting of new life forms
by biotech companies

March 20

the cult called Supreme Truth
aka Aum Shinrikyo

released the nerve gas Sarin in five subway trains in Tokyo
killing 8 and injuring 4,000

Next day the Aum-oids were raided by the police

Aum has 1,000s of suckers following it in Japan and Russia

On June 6 in Tokyo
6 Aum-ies were charged with the gas attack

Then April 19

a "suspected" poison gas assault
as 500 are hospitalized in the Yokohama railway system

The blame-finger  Aum,

according to a study by

Senate Government Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Oct. '95

Oklahoma City Bombing

April 19

Timothy McVeigh

looked like someone who could have been a NASCAR driver
or a retired quarterback
close cut hair
white eyes of blue a Gulf War vet

and straight from a sliver of the small town ethos
that allowed grumbling gun nuts
& gummint-haters
to exist without much hassle

A Violent Grouch-Plexus

He was connected to substantial network of militia men,
survivalists, Identity Christians, white supremacists, ZOG-ophobes
and other "hate radicals" based mainly
in the rural and remote areas of the United States.

Early on April 19 McVeigh left a bomb of fuel oil and
4800 pounds of ammonium-nitrate fertilizer
similar to the one used in February of '93 at the WTC
in a parked truck by the
Alfred P. Murrah federal building
in Oklahoma City

which included a day care center.

At 9:02 a.m. it blew up with building-crunching force
169 were killed
including 19 children

Timothy McVeigh zoomed south in a car
and was arrested a few minutes after the blast

for driving without a license
& for having a concealed pistol
w/ "cop-killer" bullets

McV had been in the Gulf War where he learned boom-boom talents
discharged at end of 1991 as sergeant
couldn't get into the Green Berets

Arrested also were army buddy Terry Nichols and his brother James
both of whom were involved in the Michigan Militia

The Oid Comes Home
—The Year of the Militia
1995

In a way it was the year of the rise of right wing Militias
in the USA

who grumbled and gun-nutted their way
into the national equation

Here's a paragraph from Marty Lee's scary book *The Beast Reawakens*

"With so many Americans taking the paramilitary oath, wacky ideas began trickling down to millions of malcontents much faster than crumbs were falling from the tables of the wealthy. The militia milieu was rife with wild rumors about government mind-control plots, Midwest tornadoes caused by CIA weather modification, and secret markings encoded on the backs of road signs to assist an imminent U.N. invasion."

—page 350

It was red-phobic Joseph McCarthy's
"a conspiracy so immense"

which only an armed battle by
home-grown militias
could successfully overcome

McVeigh roamed around
meeting some Aryan Nation members
He visited Waco and Randy Weaver's cabin in Idaho

& attending Michigan Militia meetings
with his friend & fellow death-spreader Terry Nichols,

McVeigh was a fan of *The Turner Diaries*

befriending other militia minds
at gun shows

A few right wing militia-types
robbed banks for the white & neo-Nazi cause

including Timothy McVeigh

April 22

Tutsi soldiers
at dawn attacked Hutu refugees in a camp in Rwanda

slaughtering thousands
and others trampled in the mania

Clinton did nothing

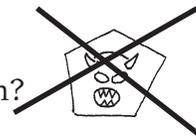
April 30

20 years since the ground troops began shooting in Nam
former Johnson era defense secretary McNamara
in his memoirs

stated the U.S. was "wrong, terribly wrong"

to go to war in SE Asia

Why didn't he say so in 1967
and join us at the Exorcism of the Pentagon?



May 3

chain gangs were reinstated in Alabama
shackled by chains in squads of five
if you can believe it
as a kind of public humiliation rite

but a law suit brought a halt to the barbarity the next year
as a violation of the 8th Amendment

May 21

Shrub I resigned
from the right wing gun nut org
the NRA

after it sent out a fund appeal

calling feds “jack booted thugs” in “Nazi bucket helmets”

Ebola Drenched in Fear

April-May

In Zaire (soon to be renamed the Democratic Republic of Congo)

a multi-month outbreak of the dreaded Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever

a virus whose victims “crash and bleed,”

that is, it attacks every organ and part of the body

It killed 244 in April/May o' '95
then subsided

61% were women

who nursed the sick

or carried out ritual cleansing and burial ceremonies
for dead family members

Fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina

1995

Bosnian Serbs were accused of “ethnic cleansing”

to rid the area of Muslims and Croats

seemingly to fashion an “It’s all mine!” nation of Serbian Bosnia

Bosnia and Herzegovina

had three chief groups:

the Muslim Slavs (43.7 % at the war’s beginning in '92)

Orthodox Serbs at 31.3%, and 17.2 were Catholic Croats

though all spoke Serbo-Croatian

Ever since Bosnia and Herzegovina (or just Bosnia)

announced its independence from Yugoslavia in

the spring of 1992

it had been smashed with civil war.

Srebrenica

July 10

Bosnian Serbs had sieged the enclave at Muslim Srebrenica
in northeastern Bosnia and Herzegovina

defended by some 600 “lightly armed” Dutch soldiers

there to enforce a two-year-old UN Safe Area

The Serbs under General Retko Mladic started shelling Srebrenica
and advanced on the Muslim town
filled with refugees
seizing it on July 10

It was one of six “safe havens”
protected by NATO troops
which capitulated to the invading Bosnian Serbs

Then 7,000 Muslim men and boys were murdered
at Srebrenica
in a soccer stadium
by Bosnian Serb butchers
as butcherly as Pinochet’s Santiago stadium

General Mladic, taking Srebrenica & other
nearby towns, would control the entirety
of Eastern Bosnia

as the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina killed 200,000

July 23
1,200 British troops
deployed to Sarajevo
to keep down violence in the only safe roadway to the city

July 25
at the Hague
Radovan Karadzic & Ratko Mladic
one a poet and head of the Bosnian Serbs
the other the general in charge of the Srebrenica massacre
as well as assisting in the siege of Sarajevo
were charged for war crimes

As of this writing, over 12 years later,
neither has been caught

July 1995
BC normalized relations with Vietnam
to a grrr-storm from the right

including a group which would hound and swiftboat
Senator John McCain
just five years later when he
tried to run against Shrub 2 for pres

July 26
Almost fifteen years after the guy who sang
“scuse me while I kiss the sky”

passed into the sunbelt
 his father Al Hendrix won the rights to Jimi's music
 after suing some guys who had
 illegally tried to sell Jimi's music rights
 to the giant company MCA

August 3

bigger ozone hole than ever o'er the Antarctic

just 40 % of what the ozone layer had been in the 1960s

Anybody care?

Fizz! Fizz! Squirt! Squirt!
 the growl of lawnmowers: rrr rrr rrr
 and two-cycle Vespas in Rome: rrr rrr rrr
 idling buses at the Port Authority: rrrrrrrr rrrrrrrr
 coal burning plants: sssssssssssssss

Hey, I'm late for work!

Serbs Stomped out of Croatia

August 1995

Early in the month Croatian soldiers, with Muslim soldiers from Bosnia
 went on the offensive and defeated the Serbs
 taking Knin, the capital of the Serb-held Krajina region

There was a big flow, as many as 200,000 Croatian Serbs
 fled eastward.

A strange congeries of "retired" U.S. military officers
 assisted the Croats in their stomp-out

Another Markale Massacre in Sarajevo

August 28

Another mortar shell smashed into a crowded outdoor
 market place in Sarajevo killing 37 and wounding 90

This was then the final straw
 and led to NATO air attacks against the Serbs

August 30 NATO began 3 days
 bombing Bosnian Serb violence-clusters

and then more the next few days

till U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke

helped end the siege of Sarajevo
with an agreement which

both Karadzic and Mladic would sign

September 5
the glorious empire of France

detonated a nuke
down under the atoll called Mururoa
circa 750 miles southeast of Tahiti

to test the effectiveness of its new generation of nukes

After a series of tests
France promised to say goodbye to tests
and sign a comprehensive test ban treaty

On September 1 French commandos
boarded & towed 2 Greenpeace boats, including the *Rainbow Warrior II*
toward the French base at Mururoa

unlike back in '85 when French intelligence agents
murdered an activist
and sank the *Rainbow Warrior I*

September
Robert Packwood
resigned from the Senate
after numerous accusations of sexual harassment from women
and a campaign by the National Organization of Women
to flick him from power

It was the first resignation since the Civil War

The feeling was that had he not exited voluntarily
he would have been flicked

*It was a flick
that had implications pretty quick
on Blue Gap spurt-dress
& Bill Clinton's dick*

The Unabomber Manifesto September 19

The so-called Unabomber mailed
a 35,000 manifesto titled "Industrial Society and Its Future"

to *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*

Marx or Engels it was not

Una said he'd stop bombing if one of them published
his manifesto
plus three yearly "follow-up messages"

The FBI and AG Janet Reno advised publishing
so on September 19, 1995
the *Post* foisted it in print upon the public

Reno's hope was that someone would spot
linguistic aspects of the Una's manifesto
such as to recognize who had done it

September 28
at the White House

Yitzhak Rabin and Yasir Arafat shook hands
with Bill Clinton nearby smiling at the shake

signing a deal to give Palestinians "self-determination"
over the West Bank of the Jordan River

The West Bank and Gaza
were to be a single unit.

Just as Anwar Sadat paid with his life
so too Rabin would pay

in spilt blood for a peace
that living blood would not allow

October 3

A jury that deliberated less than four hours
found O.J. Simpson not guilty of murder
after a nine-month trial

Attorney Johnny Cochrane's couplet:
"If the glove don't fit
you must acquit"
—as simple as anything Ogden Nash ever composed—
worked perfectly

Does anyone else remember the TV footage
of law students jumping up and down with joy
at this worst of injustices?

**Report on Secret and Unethical
Radiation Experiments on Humans**
October

Hazel O'Leary, US energy secretary, and BC, "received a report from my Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments detailing thousands of experiments done on humans at universities, hospitals and military bases during the Cold War. In one experiment scientists injected plutonium into 18 patients without their knowledge."

"Scientists" also beamed excess radiation onto cancer patients just to see what happened

A Ceasefire in Bosnia
October 5

a ceasefire agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina after 3 1/2 years of warfare

November 1

peace talks began in Dayton, Ohio
aimed at stopping for good the B&H war

Yitzhak Rabin, Great Israeli Labor Party Leader
November 4

Israeli PM Yitzhak Rabin had just sung a peace song
at a huge "Peace Yes, Violence No"
rally in Tel Aviv to counter right wing violence
and was leaving

when a right wing law student named Yigal Amir
who didn't want Israel to turn over the West Bank to the Palestinians
shot him to death

During the years there was always the Q: "Did he act alone?"
with a number of theories proposed
most of them pointing to right wing conspirators

the vomit vomits in the vomit

The Power of Protecting Medicare
November

Clinton's continued his struggles with Newt Gingrich and the shacklers
over protecting Medicare

Clinton, ever attentive to the public mood

noted that the more he vowed to duke it out
with right wing sleaze
to protect Medicare

the higher BC rose in public esteem

Gummint Shutdown

November 14

The brusque biz-types that always seem to overrun America
call it "gummint"

They hate gummint, but love to suck up all its largesse

BC wrote later that Gingrich had threatened since April '95
to shut down the government

if BC didn't accept Gingrich's
budget cutting Medicare, Medicaid, education,
the environment

the whole panoply of right wing sludge-cuts

The gingrichoids thought if they forced a government shutdown
then Clinton's presidency wd be lost

Clinton called their bluff, and at noon the 14th
about 800,000 gov't workers were sent home.

Thong Rhymes with Dong

Her name was Monica Lewinsky
She was 21, a recent grad of Lewis & Clark in Portland
Dad was a prominent doctor in LA
Mom had just written a book on the erotic aspects
of the 3 tenors

At first she was an unpaid intern
and then picked up a job in the White House
for \$25,000 a year

and arranged to run into Clinton now and then

She may have had the mind set of a fan, say,
determined to blow Mick Jagger
after a gig at the Cow Palace
in 1965

Thong Fatale
November 15

The government was shut down
thanks to cute Newt

& Monica noticed that Clinton was alone
in Leon Panetta's office

so she popped past
and pulled up her jacket
so that Clinton could gaze for a quick gasp
at her thong undies
which jutted above her pants waist

He smiled at the thong fatale

Later that evening she found him alone in
press sec George Stephanapoulous's office

He waved her in
& Monica told him she had a "really big crush" on him

& then it was then that
he led her to his "private study"
where they kissed

& later that night
after she had removed her panties
she met him again in Leon Panetta's office

They necked
& he made her come with his fingers
once or twice
while he took a call, during hand-flutter,
from a Congressman

Then it was possibly a new kind of phone sex
He spoke on it
while she blew him
but stopped her before he could come

*Clinton took a look at the thong
and heard the ancient tolling of the dong-gong*

Thong Fatale— Day 2
November 17

Again they met
facilitated by Clinton's asking her to bring him some pizza
& again she slid her lips to his groin

this time while he was on the phone
 “lobbying Congressmen”
 and chewing a slice

This time he may have come
 or maybe it was *spurtus retainus*

The Dayton Peace Accords November 1-21, 1995

Slobodan Milosevic for the Bosnian Serbs
 Croatian Pres Franjo Tudman
 Bosnia President Alija Izetbegovic
 and Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhammad Sacirbey

Sec of State Warren Christopher and
 negotiator Richard Holbrooke
 led the negotiations

with reps of the EU also on hand

November 21
 the 21-day talks at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton closed
 w/ a
 peace agreement—

Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia
 Franjo Tudjman o’ Croatia
 Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia

agreed to a unified Bosnia
 that was actually two countries
 divided along “racial” lines

NATO sent a task force of around 60,000
 into Yugoslavia, to enforce the Dayton deal.

November 27
 with an overwhelming # of Americans opposed to US troops in Bosnia

Clinton gave a televised speech from the Oval Office

wanting to send 20,000 US troops
 to Bosnia
 to join the 60,000 troops already there

November 27
speaking of right wing sleaze

Newt Gingrich
this noble day

said he would not run for president in 1996

Best thing you ever announced, Newt

November 28
in Britain the gummint
forbade sale of "meat from the
backbones of cattle"

to try prevent the spread of Mad Cow disease

Peace Agreement Signed December 14

The Peace pact finalized at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
was signed at Paris on December 14

ending the fighting in Bosnia
with 200,000 dead

The full agreement signed by Pres Jacques Chirac of France
Bill Clinton, UK prime minister John Major
German Chancellor Helmut Kohl
and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin

NATO forces were deployed on Dec 20, 1995



Bosnia & Herzegovina (and its Neighbors)

As the fingers of history scribed the scroll
Bosnia & Herzegovina, with its 4.2 million residents

wound up basically as two nations wrapped into one
a. Republika Srpska
with its citizens (88 %) primarily Serbs of

the Eastern Orthodox religion &
 b. The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 with its citizens (80 %) primarily Bosniaks
 of the Muslim religion

December 15

Clinton returned from Paris and the signing of Bosnian war agreement
 and the Gingrichites again shut down the government

“This time,” as BC wrote in his autobio,
 “the shutdown was somewhat less severe because about
 500,000 federal employees deemed ‘essential’ were allowed
 to work without pay until the government reopened.”

December 29

the Interstate Commerce Commission was abolished
 through the ICC Termination Act of 1995

It had been the first regulatory agency
 in the great Nation

set up in 1887
 after great pressure from the Grange and farmers’ organizations

to control the utter rip-off rail rates
 for grains and crops
 imposed, as always, on the rural economy

by railroad sleaze and cap-eye robbers

Thong Fatale— Day 3 New Year’s Eve ’95

Monica managed a visit to an office near Clinton’s

She quizzed him to see if he actually knew her name

He did

And then she blew him again
 and this time he was not chatting on the phone

The Thong Fatale
just one of the events in the year of Bosnia,

Mors 1995

January 22, Rose Kennedy at 104 (born on 7-22-'95)
 January 30, Gerald Durrell, 70

Burl Ives, on April 14 at 75
Howard Cosell, 77, on April 23
Elizabeth Montgomery, May 18 at 62
Les Aspin, May 21 at 56
Harold Wilson on May 24, 79
Lana Turner, June 29, 75
December 25, Dean Martin, 78

Movie

Tim Robbins's *Dead Man Walking*

1996

January 2

On New Year's eve the U.S. Army finished a long pontoon bridge
across the Sava River from Croatia into Bosnia

& then U.S. troops began moving into place in northeast Bosnia
along the 30-mile Posavina corridor
separating Bosnian Serb and Bosnian Muslim territory

In the end 20,000 U.S. troops would help occupy
the corridor

January 6-8

a huge east coast blizzard
piled snow up to four feet
with high winds
and a message from Gaia

don't forget the 2nd law of thermodynamics

Sex in the Bathroom like a Suburban Short Story

January 7

It was a Sunday
and Clinton invited Lewinsky
into the Oval Office
and then they retired to the bathroom
where she blew him
but would not let him cunnilinct her
because she was menstruating

Lewinsky: "When I met with him on January 7th,
after we had been intimate and we were talking in the Oval Office,

he was chewing on a cigar.

And then he had the cigar in his hand and he was kind of
looking at the cigar in a, sort of naughty way. And so I,
I looked at the cigar and I looked at him
and I said, we can do that, too, some time."

But not till March 31

Early 1996

Hillary's book *It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us*
became a bestseller

even as Whitewater continued
to swirl around the Clintons' boat
on the sea of Politeia

Phone Sex on a Secure Phone January 16

Hillary had left on a book tour

so that night, his wife be-book-toured
thrillman called Monica Lewinsky
for their first round of phone sex

Racing Through the Rose Garden January 21

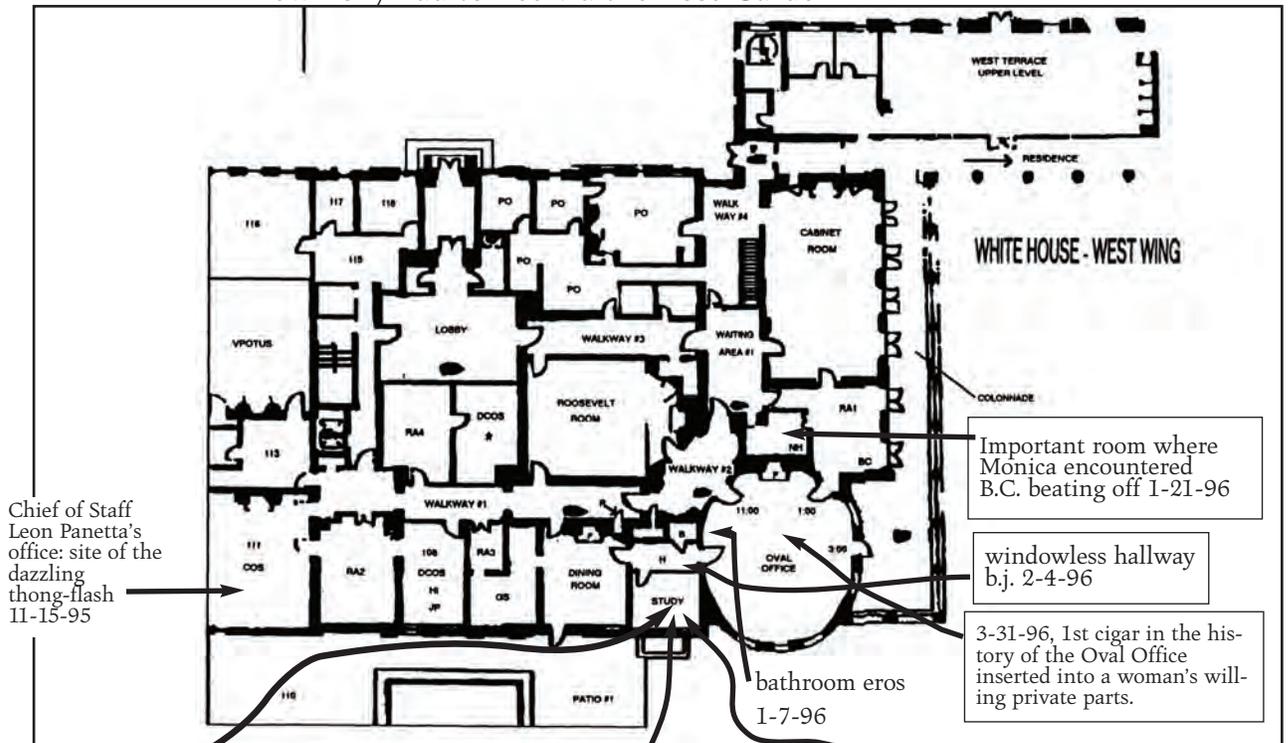
another b.j.today, but Clinton didn't want to come

maybe because here were guests, old friends from Tyson foods, outside the Oval Office
so Lewinsky tried to split through Clinton's secretary's (Betty Currie's) office
but 'twas locked

so she returned to tell Clinton
she needed another egress

and discovered him beating off
in Nancy Hernreich's office
next to the Oval Office

Lewinsky had to flee via the Rose Garden



Sex Map of the White House

Important historical location
Clinton's Study, scene of the first
sex between Monica and B.C. 11-15-95
He made her come with fingers; she blew him
while he was talking on the phone

Second sexual encounter,
Clinton chewing on some pizza,
while lobbying a Congressman
on the phone as Monica blew him
11-17-95

2-28-07 after weekly radio speech
B.C. and Lewinsky retired to his
Study. He gave her *Leaves of
Grass*, then it was b.j. time, & he
came on her famous blue dress

Of course

one could sketch an expanded WH Sex Map:

- JFK dallying by the White House pool
with the beauties
known as
Fiddle & Faddle
- Warren Harding
making it in the broom closet
with Nan Britton
- Woodrow Wilson
committing Puritan Sin
with Mary Hulbert Peck
- FDR & Missy
maybe Hick' and Eleanor
- plus the Erotic History of the Lincoln bedroom!
(1860-2000)

et al.

State of the Union Speech

January 23

Clinton had the plus that 8 million
new jobs had been created since 1993

plus many new businesses each year

January 26

the Senate at last approved START II
by an 87-4 vote

which Shrub I had submitted to the Senate just before leaving
office in 1993

START II called for the elimination of
2/3s of the nuclear weapons of the U.S. and the
former Soviet Union

including those multiple warhead
Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles

such a danger to the cities of the world

On the Trail of the Unabomber

Early 1996

A man named David Kaczynski was getting ready to move

his family away from Lombard, Illinois
a suburb of Chicago

and came across some piles of writing
that seemed to echo the prose of the Unabomber manifesto

The prose belonged to David's brother, Ted Kaczynski
a mathematician who'd graduated from Harvard and the University of Michigan
& had a brief stint teaching at UC Berkeley

Since the early 1970s
Ted had lived in a cabin about 50 miles from Helena

The K family contacted the FBI
There was a search of their house in Lombard.

Then there were weeks of surv on Ted.

Tamil Tigers Suicide Bomb January 31

in Sri Lanka
formerly Ceylon

located near the equator off the southern coast of India

a suicide truck bomb
from the Tamil Tigers
at the Central Bank in Colombo.

The Tigers had been battling since 1983
for a separate Tamil state

The Brits when they enslaved it
had named the island Ceylon
but a few years after the Brits freed the nation
the citizens chose Sri Lanka, "beautiful island"

The Sinhalese majority in Sri Lanka comprise ca 74% of the pop
Most speak Sinhalese, an Indo-European language
spoken only in Sri Lanka, and
most are Buddhists

The Sinhalese live mostly in central and southwestern Sri Lanka

The Tamils make up 12 %
and speak Tamil, one of the Dravidian languages,
and most are Hindus.

The Tamils are concentrated in large cities
and in the north and east

Related to the Sri Lankan Tamils
are the Indian Tamils, which comprise 6% of India

There are also Tamil-speaking Muslims
living along the east coast of Sri Lanka and in the cities
and there are also Christian Tamils.

It's a swirl of Clio
what a swirl!

Beginning in the 1970s young Tamils began
terrorist attacks against the government and its supporters

It zoomed into a civil war
after anti-Tamil riots in '83

India sent troops between '87 and '90
to quell the fighting

There was a peace treaty
which gave some autonomy to Tamil areas

but the slaughter kept up its bone-bin laughter at life

By '95 the civil war had rebegun
There were efforts to give the Tamils more control
but then the suicide truck
at the Central Bank

War to War Wars

and in the crimes of time
the Tamil Tigers will always be known for
their invention of the suicide vest

February 1

Clinton signed the Telecommunications Act

which caused the dotting of tens of thousands of
scenic vistas in America
with tall metal towers

because the Act
kept local zoning laws
from banning these ugly spikes from the scenery

As a liberal sop
the law required discount internet access rates for schools, libraries and hospitals

A White House First
February 4

What they used to call on Times Square a rim-job
 occurred this day in the White House
 (probably the only one in the history of the presidency
 during eros in the Oval Office study
 and in a nearby hallway
 (It's referenced in footnote 35 in the Special Prosecutor's
 report, and in a redacted portion of Monica Lewinsky's 8-26-98 deposition)
 It must have been Bill performing the, uh, *osculatio in ano*
 on his subordinate

for had it been the other way around
 Clinton would surely have been blown from office
 during his impeachment

February 6

Clinton was subpoenaed to testify
 for the defense at Susan McDougal's trial

She had been one of his partners in the Whitewater real estate
 venture back in '78
 (land for vacation homes along the White River)

but now on trial
 for fraud relating to a federally guaranteed loan
 to her husband's failed S&L

Bill and Monica
February 21

There were several other encounters
 of the labial-dongal variety

And then, it was Presidents' Day, February 21, 1996
 Clinton told her they could
 no longer meet in person

for rub rub/spurt spurt

February 22

Richard Holbrooke
 "architect of the Dayton Peace Accord that stopped
 the war in Bosnia"

resigned as Assistant Secretary of State

Why?

Early March 1996

“The Middle East peace process was shaken again....when, on successive days a new round of Hamas bombs in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv killed more than 30.. and wounded many more.”

the bombings made more likely the election of
the right wing Benjamin Netanyahu

March 4

Ken Starr's Office of Independent Counsel
opened its trial in federal court in Little Rock

(hoping to create enough pressure
to send Bill and/or Hillary to prison
through the snitching of the defendants)

On trial were Arkansas Governor Jim Guy Tucker
plus Jim McDougal and his ex-wife Susan

The charge? A bunch of counts relating
to a \$300,000 small biz loan
in part funded by the federal government

given to Jim & Susan McDougal's bank
back in 1986
to help a marketing company
but actually deposited in the McDougal's personal account

Starr's sex-maddened prosecutors
were hungry to link Bill Clinton to the loan

You can check out the scrolls of Clio
Muse of History
for further details

March 7

Clinton administration flipped a 3-year moratorium on
new federal programs
which provide a certain guaranty of contracts for companies
owned by women and minorities

The right wing had long dripped its
drooly fangs
against affirmative action

March 12

Bob Dole had the Repub nom just about sewed
after winning seven primaries

By March's close
 he totally sewed it
 after a win in the California primary

The Day of the Cigar
 March 31

E'en though he'd told Monica there would be no more b.j.'s in the
 doorway, the hallway,
 the Study, the bathroom

they still quick-groped a few more times
 such as March 31 when Clinton asked her to his office

and a cigar was used in eros
 apparently in her pussy

this was the day on which
 she told a later biographer
 she fell in love with the man from Hope

Lewinsky was questioned closely during her deposition
 about the cigar

Lewinsky: "I don't, I don't really remember how it got started, but."

Questioner Karin Immergut: "Was it part of the sexual encounter
 that he did that?"

Lewinsky: "Yes, it was."

Questioner: "Did you understand it to be arousing?"

Lewinsky: "It was."

Questioner: "Okay. What happened to the cigar afterwards?"

Lewinsky: (answer censored by the Independent Prosecutor)

—Monica Lewinsky deposition, pp. 15-16 August 28, 1998

*No one has spotted it over the years auctioned on e-Bay
 so it was probably tossed away*

O Clio, Muse of History
 please enter a poet's dreams
 and answer two questions:

1. Was it a Cuban cigar? A Cohiba perhaps?
2. Was it lit?

But does it matter
in the big cosmic scatter?

Yes! Go listen a song from the '60s, "I Want to Know"!

Unabomber Arrested

April 3

The feds, thank God, arrested the bomb-batty Ted Kaczynski
searched his small cabin
and found the stuff of mail bombs

On June 25 in Sacramento, he was charged
with murder.

April 3

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's plane crashed into
St. John's Mountain near Dubrovnik
in Croatia

Ron Brown had been the chair of the Democratic Nat'l Committee
after the Horton-hubris'd 1988 loss
& helped create the fairly centrist coalition
that won in 1992

BC then chose him to head up Commerce

I think the crash of his close friend
jolted BC into remembrance & remorse
about his own life

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April

Proving more truth in the adage
that far too often
"Banks are the dirt of history"



The American Bankers Association
successfully lobbied to block
bipartisan legislation
which would have forced banks
to pay a big portion
of the creepy fiscal damage
created by the Savings and Loan crisis

April 5,

Monica was fired from her White House gig

the excuse being that she wasn't doing her non-thong work well

which apparently was helping forward correspondence from Congress to their correct recipients in the White House

She was given a new job at the public affairs office of the



where she soon ran into the tripp-wire

Linda Tripp

She was born Linda Carotenuto in 1949

In 1971 she married a career Army officer
lived together 20 years, raising two children

She had a series of mostly secretarial jobs
as her husband worked his way "up" to colonel

She was divorced from her husband in 1990
and in '91 a job at the White House
as a secretary for some of the communications staff

This was during Shrub I, but she stayed on during early Clinton

She was assigned to B.C.'s counsel's office.
where she worked in some proximity to Vince Foster

She did not dig the Clinton White House staffers
and began to pay careful attention
to sex

asking questions
and 3 women, Tripp later averred, confided to her
regarding eros with Clinton

Monica, Kathleen Willey, Debbie Schiff
(Schiff later denied it to Starr's sleazemeisters)

Tripp kept the sex-anecdotes clearly in mind.
for sex-and-smut data
often gives people
temporary photographic memories

Was Tripp a source for military intelligence?
It's very unclear?

Bill, Monica and Dick Morris
Easter Sunday, April 7

A b.j. in the White House
while Clinton was talking on the phone with his advisor Dick Morris.

As B.C. noted in his autobiography
Morris wdn't likely have minded
since he "had frequently been with a prostitute in his hotel room
when he was in Washington working for me."

(Morris had to resign in August 1996 just as the Democratic
Convention was underway.)

April 9

Clinton signed a bill authorizing the line-item veto
enabling a pres to rewrite legislation
by killing single spending items, or, say, tax breaks

which the Supreme Court
snuffed out, however, on June 25, 1998

as unconstitutional

April 18

Outside the Europa Hotel in Cairo
not far from the

a white van paused
by a group of Greek tourists
just arrived from the holy site of

Jerusalem

when men from the van
shot 17 to death
and a tour guide



An Islamicoid group called al-Gamaa al-Islamiyi
admitted the murders
apparently thinking the Greek Tourists
were Israelis

—BBC article, in printout file "4-18-96"
Greek tourists explosion Egypt

April 23

In Italia
the center-left Olive Tree coalition
won over Silvio Berlusconi's
right wing Freedom Alliance

Thanks to FDR
 & to a lesser extent
 Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy
 the American center
 had moved to the left on
 important issues: Social Security,
 the need for more national health care,
 & the role of gov't in
 protecting working people from laissez-faire predators &
 predator companies

so the U.S.A. too has a center-left
 (a little more center, and a little less left)

April 24

Yasir Arafat convinced the PLO
 executive council
 to amend its charter
 to recognize Israel's right to exist

Right Wing Floor-Skush— the Arkansas Project

April 28

BC's 4 1/2 hours of videotaped testimony
 for the Whitewater trial
 of Jim and Susan McDougal and Jim Guy Tucker

for illegally funneling funds from Madison Guaranty
 and also from the Small Business Administration

The main prosecution witness, one David Hale,
 was being supported by Pittsburgh billionaire Richard Mellon Scaife
 the funder of the right wing Arkansas Project

Mr. Hale had swindled millions of dollars from the SBA
 and was cooperating with sex-data-dinged prosecutor Ken Starr
 hoping to get a reduced prison term

May 7

(get more)

At the Hague the
 Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal began
 with a Texas judge named Gabrielle Kirk McDonald
 "chairing the panel of judges"

There were no flashlights anywhere in the bazaar of power
 to shine any light at all on the moral blackout
 surrounding the sanctions on Iraq

as in the drama below

Morality Drama

May 11

CBS Reporter Lesley Stahl was asking questions
of U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright
and posed one on the deathly effects of the Iraq sanctions:

“We have heard that half a million children have died. I mean,
that is more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the
price worth it?”

Madeleine Albright:

“I that that is a very hard choice, but the price, we think,
the price is worth it.”

(No one seemed to care a hoot o'er such Callousness
because she was unanimously confirmed by the Senate
as the new Secretary of State 1-23-97)

May 15

Bob Dole of Russell, Kansas resigned from the Senate
for his presidential run

Clinton Calls for a Land Mine Ban

May 16

BC urged the world to ban anti-personnel land mines

He pointed out there were circa 100,000,000 land mines
strewn and buried on Gaia
w/ 25,000 maimed or murdered by them each year

He did not propose a total ban

and of course he was running up against
the grrrs and gruff-goats of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff

who hated to see almost any kind of explosive banned

then it was cuffs from Starr & chains on the hill!

June 10
in Northern Ireland
a conference on the future of NI

they excluded Sinn Fein

then on June 15 in the middle of Manchester
a warning call enabling evacuation of the center
then Blast!
a van bomb

massive
and from the Provisional IRA

June 24
In D.C. the U.S. Supreme Court
okayed delaying
the Paula Jones case against Clinton
till after the Dole-Clinton presidential race

June 26
2,900 U.S. troops remained in Saudi Arabia
(in spite of the Cheney/Rumsfeld promise to leave after Gulf war I)

Today 19 U.S. airmen were killed in bomb attack on a military residence called
Khobar Towers
at King Abdul Aziz Air Base
not far from Dhahran

plus more than 160 were injured injured

Osama bin Laden was an early suspect
but never charged

Osama had moved to the Sudan from Afghanistan in 1991
It's not clear whether any of his four or more wives
were with with him

In May o' '96
Sudan asked him to leave
and he returned to Afghanistan
where he supported the ever-surgng Taliban

Osama bin Laden and Saudi Money 1996

Since 1994 the National Security Agency
analyzing its electronic intercepts of talk between

some of the Saudi Arabian royal family

had learned that the Saudi royal-oids
 had sought to secure its future
 by giving hundreds of millions of dollars
 to fundamentalist groups seeking to overthrow the Saudi gov't
 apparently to buy them off

By 1996 the NSA had learned that Saudi cash was
 supporting Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda
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and other death-batty fundamentalist groups
 in Yemen, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Central asia, and the Persian gulf

so in a way the Saudis were supporting Pan-Gaian slaughter

June 27

the Bosnian war crimes tribunal
 began cases against Serb honchos Radovan Karadjic and Ratko Mladic
 accused of genocide in Bosnia

July 9

Senate passed bill upping the min wage to \$5.15 from \$4.75 in 1997

 thanks, rich people

 —might have been able to live on \$5.15, but when?
 maybe 1961?

July 14

the trial of ex-soldier Tim McVeigh for Oklahoma

He still viewed the slain children in the day care center
 as "collateral damage"

Flight 800

July 17

What could be more of a pleasure than to take off from JFK
 on a warm summer evening
 glancing down at the bobbing boats in Flushing Bay

 headed for a rendezvous with Paris?

The flight lifted away from Long Island
 and circled along its lower edge
 but then in just a few minutes

there was a huge explosion & it

plunged into Moriches Inlet on Long Island
where 230 perished.

Witnesses aplenty saw a streak rise up to hit the plane

- was it a shoulder-fired stinger  from a boat in the Sound?
- was it one of those banned rocketless missiles
like a flying switch blade
shot from a practicing plane?
- was it an act of malevolence from someone in the military
which the military dutifully covered up?
- Or was it, as the gov't later alleged,
just a mis-cued spark in the gas tank?

Later the CIA
was assigned the task
or grabbed the task
of creating a video of the gov't's
theory of the crash.

Why?

Was it another 
from the mil-ind-surrealists?

July 19

The Olympics opened in Atlanta

& then on July 27
while a concert was underway
a pipe bomb exploded at
Centennial Olympic Park

100 wounded
& a woman killed

wolfpack journalism
quickly fingered the wrong guy

The actual bomber
a right wing filth
hid out for years before he was caught

July 30

Pravda, founded by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin in 1912
ceased after 84 years

and began a vita nuova as a tabloid

August 15

Bob Dole was nom'd at the San Diego Republican convention

though he was 20 to 30 points behind Clinton
and the economy booming

Repub's split by the grrring of the religious right
which was not to get

its Bill-of-Rights-bashing way
till the stolen election of 2000

Dark Alliance

August 18

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author named
Gary Webb

broke his biggest story
in a three-part series in the *San Jose Mercury News*

after a year of research
to link the CIA with
the nation's epidemic of crack-cocaine.

The historic articles traced a "dark alliance"
between the Contras, the CIA and drug traffickers
that financed a good part of the Contra war
in Nicaragua

with millions 'pon millions of coke-cash.

It ended the fiscal woes of the Contras
with the first direct flow, the articles traced,
from Colombian cartels
to the black Crips & Bloods
LA street gangs

Webb's articles didn't sit well with the
military-industrial-rarepowder-Contra complex

and Apopis 
was summoned
to enforce the CIA's hunger for plausible denial

Much of the info Webb brought to ink had already oozed forward
during the impeachable Iran/Contra scandal of the '80s

and even though key elements in his reporting
were not long after confirmed by both the
CIA and Justice Department

Webb lost his job.

He was a national hero, this Gary Webb
and there ought to be a monument to his life
on the National Mall

Clinton Signs Welfare "Reform" Bill August 22

Six months and 18 days
after he probed his tongue into the rear
of a female subordinate
(in the Oval Office study)

William J. Clinton signed a law
that dismantled the Democratic New Deal
welfare system

It was harumphingly titled the
"Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
Reconciliation Act"

No human can receive welfare payments
for more than five years, either consecutive or nonconsecutive

Welfare was made into a "block grant system"
in which the fed gov't gives states money in "blocks"
and then states would distribute it according to their own rules

thus dumping onto the states & localities
the burden of helping the poor

12.8 million on welfare in '96
& 25.6 million on food stamps

& making sure an underclass is always lurking at
the bottom with no benefits, no pension, no hope

A system difficult to utilize difficult to improve
& impossible to place into the glory of a great nation

just what the privatizers and bedlamites drool for

Clinton Orders Missiles & Bombs Early September

According to BC, Saddam Hussein was "assaulting and occupying the
town" called Irbil, in a Kurdish area in Northern Iraq

"2 Kurdish factions had been vying for control of the area," Clinton later wrote

“After one of them
decided to support Saddam, he had attacked the other. I ordered bomb
and missile attacks on the Iraqi forces and they withdrew.”

**Susan McDougal to Jail
Because She Wouldn't Finger Bill**
starting early September 1996

Ken Starr's prosecutors
drooling with determination
to nail either Bill or Hillary
or better, better! Billary

began pressuring Susan McDougal to
testify in such a way to give them 20 penny spikes

(She'd been convicted in May of four counts
of bank fraud, and sentenced to 2 years)

She later wrote the Starr-hunds wanted her
to say she and Bill had balled

She also wrote they felt she was in ♥ with BC
and therefore they wanted her to nail Hillary

In September she was hauled before a Grand Jury in Little Rock
where she refused to answer any questions
because she felt the Starr-hunds were biased

Her mother, wanting her to cut a deal to avoid jail
asked Susan, "Isn't there anything you know on the Clintons
that you can tell them?"

to which her daughter replied, "I don't know anything they did
wrong. Anything I could say about them
would be a lie."

At first she was in a county jail in Arkansas
then led in leg manacles, waist chain and handcuffs
to a federal jail, and kept a few months there away from prisoners
in a medical unit

Then hauled to LA to face accusations she'd embezzled money
from a former employer. (For which she was acquitted)

She was forced into 23 hours a day lockup in a windowless cellblock
ordinarily reserved for murderers

She had to wear a red dress, "normally" only for murderers or child
molesters.

Then put into a Plexiglas cell in a jail pod. Not allowed to watch tv,

talk with other inmates.

As Bill Clinton wrote his his autobiography,
 “her Hannibal-Lecter-like confinement finally came to an end on
 July 30, (1997) after the ACLU filed a suit alleging that McDougal
 was being held in ‘barbaric’ conditions at Starr’s request
 in an attempt to coerce her to testify.”

—you can check out her earthy book,
The Woman Who Wouldn't Talk,
 written with Pat Harris

September 13

the culture of guns kills
 the culture of guns
 kills

rap star Tupac Shakur
 died in Las Vegas

He'd been drive-by'd on 9-7
 bang bang bang bang

His mother was Black Panther Afena shakur
 one of the New York Black Panther 21

He was a rising entrepreneur
 No one was ever charged for the hit

September 24

five nuke-wielding countries
 US, China, France, Russia, England
 signed a “Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty”

to the grrrs of the U.S. nuclear bomb-bats

September 27

in Kabul the Taliban

held a public execution of former president Mohammed Najibullah
 who'd been hiding in a U.N. compound
 since the overthrow of what they call the “communist gov't” in 1992

—Taliban foisting strict Islamic authoritarianism in Afghanistan

veils, bullet hails, stonings, groanings

Fall Campaign 1996

Clinton had a lead in the opinion polls

Here's BC's analysis:

"It seemed certain that Ross Perot would receive far fewer votes than he had in 1992, making it harder for me to carry a couple of states where he had taken more votes from President Bush than from me."

and the focus of a clear mind

"My main target was Florida. If I could win there and hold most of the states I had won in '92, the election was over."

Florida the key
just like 2000

Late September

Clinton signed a bill to end drive-by births
setting a minimum of 48 hours in the hospital
to mothers and newborns

plus it added mental and physical illness
to the "same annual and lifetime coverage limits of
health insurance policies."

Mid October

a huge AIDS Memorial Quilt was spread out upon the Washington Monument mall
with names in the squares of those who had passed away

Ralph Nader

was running on the Green Party ticket
It made sense to millions
to vote for him
after the center-right sell-outs of Clinton
especially his welfare legislation

October 30

It was a case that showed the world
that evil military officers
can still be measured and punished
by the ancient Feather of Justice 

former South Africa police colonel Eugene de Kock
was given a life sentence on many murders,
plus fraud and gun-running
conducted during the apartheid regime

Clinton Defeats Dole
November 5

It was the paltriest voter turn-out since 1924

cultural factors important in some states
and traditional economic and social issues important in other states

Georgia '96

“In Georgia, the last poll had me ahead by 4 percent; I lost by 1 percent. The Christian Coalition deserved a lot of credit for that; in 1992, they had cut my margin from 6 percent to under 1 percent with heavy distribution of their ‘voting guides’ to conservative churches the Sunday before the election. I was disappointed to lose Georgia, but glad that Max Cleland survived by getting a few more white votes than I did.”

“The South was tough because of the cultural issues”

After BC’s win
the right wing went into a multi-year grrrrrr-athon
to snuff him out of there

and would swiftboat, and possibly steal,
it from Cleland in '02

The same day in California
voters 56% of them
approved allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana
to the “seriously ill”

which triggered a right wing grr-swoon



Nixon’s Secret Tapes Start to Be Released
November 18

At last! the first 201 hours of
Richard Nixon’s White House tapes
were given to the public
at the National Archives

(no transcripts were available, and they could

only be listened to at the Archives)

Nixon, till his death in '94
and his minions at his library thereafter
fought fiercely
to prevent his Constitution-smearing,
anti-semitic babble
from the ears & minds of America

Historian Stanley Kutler, and the group Public Citizen
to their great credit in the time-track
sued in 1992 for force the National Archives to release the tapes

(The Nixon Records Act of 1974 had called upon the National Archives
to release as early as possible "the full truth about governmental
abuse of power" aka Watergate)

Then, in the spring of '96 a great settlement!
The Archives worked out an agreement with Kutler & Public Citizen
to set up a definite release of around 3,700 hours of Nix-tapes.

You can read a lot of this more than 200 hours
in Dr. Kutler's book, *The New Nixon Tapes: Abuse of Power*

November 18

Hundreds of thousands of Hutus

returned to Rwanda

driven to exile in '94
after Hutu slaughter-heads had killed around 1,000,000 Tutsis

during the battle to control Rwanda

December 12

the first woman Sec of State

was the former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Madeleine Albright
who replaced Warren Christopher

Centrist Republican Bill Cohen was selected the new sec of defense
Bill Richardson as UN ambassador
Sandy Berger national security advisor

plus BC wanted Tony Lake as the head of the CIA
Lake encountered resistance as when
Carter had wanted JFK speechwriter Ted Sorensen
to lead the Agency

Andrew Cuomo was chosen to head HUD
Federico Pena to replace Hazel O'Leary at Energy
Alexis Herman to replace Bob Reich at Labor

The Newtster on a Police Scanner
December

In a hundred years no one but a few historians will give a damn
about the right wing harumph-head named Newt Gingrich

A couple named John and Alice Martin of Florida
were listening to a police scanner
while they were on their way to do some Christmas shopping

when they started hearing a conversation
between House speaker Newt Gingrich and several other
House members, including the right wing John Boehner of Ohio
chit-chatting as to how Mr. Gingrich might handle his ethics problems

They recorded it, then offered the tape to Congressman Jim McDermott
a Democrat from Washington,
who gave it to *The New York Times* which did a front pager on it.

Boehner sued McDermott under the
provisions of the wiretap law
which bars people witting of the wiretap from
from divulging the contents

the case vom-wended forward
until the Supreme Court took it on in 2007

The Murder of JonBenét Ramsey
Christmas Night 1996

Her mom and an aunt had both been
Miss West Virginia
& mom pushed JonBenét
into beauty pageants

Not long before her death
she took part in the America's Royale Tiny Miss Pageant
dressed as Marilyn Monroe
mom aped the costume
& also came to the pageant as the babe of *Niagara*

Dad ran Access Graphics
a computer company owned
by the big military corporation Lockheed-Martin

There was a Santa Claus doll on a sleigh on the lawn
and large candy canes

at 755 Fifteenth Street
on what they call University Hill

in Boulder

That night someone took a cord and fixed it around JonBenet's throat
 then tightened it tightly with a four inch broken piece of a
 thin artist's paint brush
 twisting twisting

till she was dead
 (or maybe after she had already been killed by choking)

then the killer, or someone, carried the 6 year old
 to a small room in the basement
 leaving her wrapped in a white blanket

A fake 3-page ransom note was written
 with a Sharpie pen
 which was then placed back in
 an orange metal container on the kitchen
 counter 'neath the telephone

the note demanded \$118,000
 & claimed to be from a "small foreign faction"
 with the initials at the note's bottom of "S.B.T.C."

The mom claimed to have found the ransom note
 on a step of a spiral staircase
 leading up to JonBenet's bedroom
 on the second floor

To date the murder has had no arrests
 though it generated headlines for years
 around the earth

In America
 where wealth covers murder
 like a tax shelter

1996

NASA reported that a meteorite from Mars
 showed evidence of ancient microscopic life

**Farm Bill to Phase Out Federal Subsidies
 (Sure, Sure)
 1996**

What they called "a revolutionary farm bill" was passed and signed
 designed to cut back on federal doles to mainly well-to-do farmers

Farm supports were set to be eliminated by 2002

Ha! No way!

Farm subsidies are determined, not by income of the farmer,
but by crop

so that those growing corn, wheat, cotton, soybeans and rice
get more than 90% of federal farm subsidies

Large scale agribusiness & big farms
get the biggest flow of cash from our taxes

So what happened? Federal subsidies, mainly to rich farmers,
soared from \$6 billion in 1996
to almost \$30 billion in 2000

arrr harr!

Two very popular musicals for '96

Rent & *Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk*
on Broadway

Valley of Silence '96

January 8, Francois Mitterand, age 79

February 2, Gene Kelly, at 83

George Burns, age 100, on March 9

Tim Leary, 75, on May 31

Ella Fitzgerald, 79, on June 15

Herbert Huncke, Beat writer, 81, on August 8

Spiro Agnew, 73, on September 17

Seymour Cray, 71, on October 5

Alger Hiss, 92, on November 15

Mary Leakey, 83, on December 9

Marcello Mastroianni, 72, on December 19

to the Palestinian Authority

January 20

Clinton's 2nd inaugural speech

Big problem:
Republicans had taken o'er Congress

many of them right wing nuts
who hated Billie's guts

The Pyramids Collapse in Albania Early 1997

In Albania, with its 70% Muslim/20% Albanian Orthodox mix
various pyramid schemes were promoted on state television
promising a doubling of money in two or three months
so that around 500,000 citizens invested their savings

sold land, houses, and livestock to raise cash to invest

kowtowing to the Golden Bubble of the West!

Then the



s began crashing down

as scams tend to do

so that tens of thousands of workers began protesting
in cities across the nation

demanding that the government
cover their losses.

Good luck. Only a small slice was ever returned
to the investors.

As in Russia, where Harvard-empowered gangsters
looted the nation,

gangsters took power in Albania
and began rigging elections
and peddling armaments

to groups such as the
Kosovo Liberation Army

uh oh

and the battle between right wing capitalists
and mixed-economy democratic socialists
commenced

A Hefty Fine for the Newtster

January 22

Eight years after he went after Democratic House Speaker Jim Wright
with what they used to call in my Midwest childhood
the rapidly rotating red hot ratchet wrench

for fairly flimsy charges

there came some karmic knot-adjustment
against the forgettable, but
then very powerful Congressman Newt Gingrich

as the House crunched him with the hefty fine of \$300,000
(for wasting the ethics committee's time
with his fibby statements)
and a formal reprimand

The vote against the Existential Néant
that is the Newtster was 395-28

One heroic congressman, John Conyers of Detroit
voted "present" instead of the reprimand
because he wanted a censure instead of a reprimand

which would have pushed the right wing sleaze
out of Congress

Newt had lied to the House ethics committee
and he had used tax-exempt foundation money
for various political self-serving projects

The vote
crimped the Newt-nut's
attack on the legacy of the New Deal, the New Frontier
and the Great Society

February 4
the knife-slashing former football star named O.J. Simpson
was found liable for "wrongful deaths"

and was ordered to pay \$8.5 million to the families
of his victims Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown

Good luck, collecting
anything from the slasher
in a juice-ocracy
where the wealthy walk

February 14
astronauts repaired the Hubble space telescope

in orbit since 1993

for a better peep at
Cosmogony

February 17
Ken Starr told the public he would be stepping down
as independent counsel
to become a dean at Pepperdine University
in Malibu

This caused a grrrr-storm



in the right wing pundit-plexus
& Starr changed his mind 4 days later

February 24
an announcement at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh—

the first successful cloning of an adult animal

Dolly the sheep

Was it real?

Was it transreal?

February 28
Monica Lewinsky watched the taping of Clinton's weekly radio address
then came to his private office for about 15 minutes

He gave her gifts, including *Leaves of Grass*

Then it was suck suck

She was wearing a blue dress from the Gap

He pulled from her mouth & came on it.

She saved the crusty-splotchèd dress
 like someone would keep a prom corsage
 or grad school mortarboard

for the enjoyment of dotage



or the sentiments of suctorial suscitation

March 13

B.C. visited far-famed golfer Greg Norman in Hobe Sound
 in Florida

where at 1 a.m. he was walking down some steps
 “I didn’t see the last one.”

His right foot slipped upon the step’s edge and he fell

“I jerked backward, heard a loud pop”

Norman, in front of him, turned
 and caught the pres

—ambulance to hospital
 where an MRI saw he’d torn 90 % of his right quadriceps

Flown to DC
 where they put on Jimmy Buffett and Lyle Lovett

during his surgery
 then six months of rehab
 and two months of crutches

The Phoenix Lights March 13

They were THERE in the SKY

what the hell were they?

It wasn't just a lone motorist spotted them
but tens of thousands

in a three hour period 7:30-10:30 pm

a 300 mile path they covered
from the edge of Nevada through Phoenix
and onto the northern part of Tucson

They said it was huge! shaped like a V or a Triangle
had some bright lights on it

& moved silently through the nocturnal sky
It seemed like a solid
because witnesses said it blocked the stars

Some noted it was so huge
a large plane could have landed on it

It seemed to pause a few minutes above Phoenix
enabling a bunch of videos and photos to be shot

The governor of Arizona at the time
at first mocked that it may have been a UFO

but years later recanted
said he felt it was a UFO
"I'm a pilot," said the former Governor, "I know just about
every machine that flies.
It was bigger than anything I've ever seen."

Was it a Tourist Visit from the Beyond?
Was it a scam by a flying formation?
Was it a Giant Motivated Pastry?

March 17

Sen Richard Shelby held up the confirmation of Tony Lake
for head of CIA

today Lake withdrew his name

Shelby opposed Lake, according to B.C., "largely on the grounds
that the White House had not informed the committee of our
decision to stop enforcing the arms embargo against Bosnia in 1994."

Then BC nom'd George Tenet, the acting CIA director

Ca. March 19

B.C. to Helsinki
 to meet with Russian pres Boris Yeltsin
 who'd just won reelection
 and had had heart surgery

NATO was about to vote to allow Poland, Hungary and
 the Czech Republic into its fold

Yeltsin was worried

Russia had been invaded twice— Napoleon and the Nazis
 and many in the west of Russia worried about Poland in NATO
 —would a Poland-addled NATO
 head East on the path of Napoleon?

Clinton promised Yeltsin he would not place
 troops or missiles, presumably nukes, in the
 new NATO countries “prematurely”
 as Clinton vaguely described it in his later memoirs

March 27

Members of a creepy messianic cult
 named after two words in Shakespeare's
 great sonnet
 that begins “When in disgrace from fortune and men's eyes”
 were found inside its California headquarters

39 had committed suicide expecting
 they'd be teleported onto a UFO
 hiding in the Hale-Bopp comet tail

Wearing running shoes
 and “purple shrouds” they'd taken downers
 then suffocated themselves in plastic bags

their leader was Marshall Herf Applewhite
 each left a videotaped message
 of happiness

—this cult called Heaven's Gate

March 29,

Clinton on crutches
 from the Greg Norman Florida fall

There was another blow job
 He came

and the former law professor rubbed her pussy so that
 four times she too came

It was the last time
they met in such a way

March 31

B.C. appointed Wesley Clark
as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO forces

A Great Poet Joins Star Dust
April 5

Allen Ginsberg's old friend Rosebud Pettet
sat stroking his feet
as the night wended toward dawn

the bard was attired in a Jewel Heart T-shirt
frailer and skinner than any had seen

but his face showed peace
to Rosebud closely looking

His breathing slowing down to 20
19, 18 per minute

And then at 2:40 a.m.
Saturday morn
4-5-97
he seemed to try to sit up

then he rolled to his side
and his diamond brain ceased being served.

Thus left earth
the great American bard named Allen Ginsberg
whom so many of us loved

the Lion faced one
in the long Egyptian boat
hoping to stand with Osiris

Buddha singing one
on a blue Tara raft

Kaddish chanting one
on a boat made of stone

Fun shouting one
on a boat made of froth

Pain relieving one
on a boat made of sighs

**Shrub II Eyeing the W.H.
and worrying about his Nam-avoiding Stint in the Nat'l Guard
spring through 1997**

George Bush was running for a second term for Texas gov
when an unpleasant spew of rumors emerged
that the Shrub had

been helped by his dad to avoid fighting in Nam
by getting into the National Guard

The elder Shrub was then a Texas congressman

The Bush reelection unit
sent people to sleuth the rumors out.

The gentleman oozing the rumors was one
Ben Barnes, former speaker of the house
in the Texas state legislature

who said that an oil-man pal of Shrub 1 asked Barnes
to get Shrub 2 into the National Guard

An attorney named Harriet Miers was named by Shrub 1
to be chairwoman of the scandal-prone Texas Lottery Commission.

The Texas lottery was operated by Gtech, implicated in a bribery
scandal, and the main lobbyist for Gtech then was Mr. Ben Barnes.

In 1997 Gtech fired Barnes, but gave him a \$23,000,000 severance payment.

Not long after, Gtech, despite bribery scandals, got its contract
to run the lottery renewed.

The contention is that Miers and the Shrubbies arranged for the
\$23 million Golden Nosedive to Barnes to shut him up
about Bush II fleeing the bullets of Indochina

April 6
the Space Shuttle *Columbia*
a 16 day adventure
had its mission stopped
after four days

because of a defective fuel cell

April 14
Banker James McDougal
was sentenced to 3 years in the slams in Little Rock

for 18 counts of bankerly conspiracy and fraud

After his conviction May of '96
he agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors
regarding his former "business partner" Bill Clinton

but nothing he could come up with
could deliver the Grail of Jail
to the sex-obsessive
Starrhunds

Human Rights Report April

Human Rights Watch published a report:
Exposing the Source

which presented the names and
addresses of U.S. sleaze-co's

that help manufacture landmines
names such as General Electric,
Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Thiokol
and lots of smaller
death-tech companies

(Different companies make different parts, which are then assembled)

A Burrowing Nuclear Bomb! April

Have they no shame?
This is the month the B61-11 nuclear bomb
became a weapon for the U.S. military

It can burrow over 30 feet underground
to blow up so-called hardened facilities

It's about 11 feet long
weighs about 1,100 pounds

How do they get it there?
on the back of a pickup truck?

or more likely strapped to the underbelly
of a stealth bomber

Late April

to its credit in the time-track
the U.S. Senate finally ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention
74-26

Don "Kill 'em" Rumsfeld opposed the ratification

May 2

Tony Blair and the so-called "new" Labour Party

won a landslide in England

419 in Commons to 165 for Conservatives

Blair 43

a bit too eager to mix water w/ slaughter

*but no one guessed he'd ever be a poodle
for the right wing Shrubby noodle*

Eros Shifting from Oval to Phone

May

Clinton had terminated the b.j.'s and clit-fingers with Lewinsky
though they continued to have phone sex
up into November

Clinton was about to create a problem
around the kitchen tables of a great nation:

"Mommie, what is phone sex?"

May 11

uh-ohs-ville

a computer named Deep Blue
from IBM

defeated chess champ Gary Kasparov
in the final game of six

1st game Kasparov beat the robo-'puter

2nd game the robo-'puter won

3, 4, 5, were draws

and then the sixth the robo

sleuthed the master into a queenless weakness

and he surrendered

Springtime for Neocons

A right wing scheme-tank called the
Project for the New American Century was
founded this spring
to promote a New U.S. Roman Empire

It was headed by pain-freak William Kristol

and rented space in the American Enterprise Institute bldg in DC

Its 2000 manifesto hoped
for a "New Pearl Harbor"

in order to spur
the U.S. toward a total war footing

May 17

Clinton apologized in public
for the utterly racist syphilis experiments beginning
in the 1930s

where black men signed up supposedly for
free national health care
in Tuskegee, Alabama

were put into a long term experiment
on what untreated syphilis does to humans

They were deliberately never cured, even after penicillin

and the barbaric study was finally exposed in 1972
(after 28 in the study had died from syph
40 wives infected, and 19 children born with it)

May 27

in the immortal case *Clinton v. Jones*
the Supreme Court voted unanimously
that Clinton might not delay Paula Jones' lawsuit

merely because he was a sitting President

The Evil Karma of J. Edgar Hoover

1996

a black FBI agent was chosen head of the Birmingham office
His name was Joe Lewis (as of 2000 was head of FBI office in Newark)
Mr. Lewis kept interest in the '63 Birmingham bombing case alive

1997

William Baxley learned that Doug Jones, US attorney in Birmingham had reopened the cases against Blanton and Cherry.

(Jones was to prosecute the case on Alabama's behalf)
Baxley was astonished to learn of FBI tapes
that incriminated both of them
that had not been turned over in '77

May 16, 2000

almost 37 years after their evil
Bobby Frank Cherry and Thomas Blanton, Jr.
were indicted in Birmingham
to the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing

Blanton was working in the gun section of
a Wal-Mart in Hoover, Alabama
when he was arrested.

Cherry was found mentally unfit for trial.

April 11, 2001

Judge James Garrett of Jefferson County Circuit Court
ruled that the prosecutors could play the **1964** tape
from FBI "listening device"
in kitchen of Thomas Blanton, Jr.

in Blanton's soon coming trial for the 16th St. Baptist Church
bombing

No More Zaire

May 29

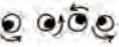
No more Zaire
now it was the Democratic Republic of Congo

Back on April 3 the gummint of Zaire fell apart
when Tutsi rebels took the towns of Kamina and Kasenga

Named after the Congo River (also called the Zaire River)
a large country straddling the equator

You'll recall how the CIA sent poison to kill Patrice Lumumba
back in 1960 after he sought
to nationalize the uranium mines

In 1966 an authoritarian crook named Mobutu Sese Seko

a lackey of western cap-eyes 
seized power

and looted billions from the treasury
 in his 33 years of strong-arm rule
 while the people suffered.

The 🙄🙄🙄 of the West
 always prevented
 real help to the African masses

Anyway, in 1997, the Tutsi forces of Rwanda
 and other anti-Mobuto fighters

seized the capital Kinshasa

and installed another person,
 Laurent-Desire Kabila as pres

but again
 so relief of suffering

June 2
 the Socialist Party to power in France

led by Lionel Jospin

besting the rightist gummint of Alain Juppé

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 Roll, o cap-eyes, Roll

June 11
 the British House of Commons
 voted a total prohibition on hand guns

because Labour was now in control

& because of the public disgust
 after 1996's mass murder when a guy
 killed 16 children in a school gym in Dunblane, Scotland

McVeigh Sentenced to Lethal Injection

June 13

Found guilty on June 2
 Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to die
 in Denver

Apparently McVeigh
 thought Oklahoma City
 would be trigger a Helter Skelter uprising

of right wing nuts
 with their hidden arsenals
 & camouflaged surplus half-tracks
 to seize the U.S. for
 the White Fist

Clinton & Gore Afraid of Joint Chiefs June of '97

A total ban against land mines
 was impossible because both Clinton & Gore
 were afraid of the right wing officer corps

“The campaign’s leaders (against land mines)
 say Bill Clinton and Al Gore have told them
 personally that they cannot afford to cross the
 leaders of the military branches, the Joint Chiefs
 of Staff.”

The New York Times, 6-17-97
 “U.S. is Wary of Ban on Land Mines”

The Triumph of the Forces of Hamburger June 19

Some environmental activists in England
 with a group called London Greenpeace
 had written a pamphlet
 critical of the McDonald’s hamburger company

accusing it of things such as

- exploiting its workforce
- cruelty to animals
- peddling unhealthy food
- needlessly using up resources
- helping to destroy the South American rain forests

et al

After a long long trial in England
 2 environmentalists were found guilty
 of libeling McDonalds

It was a famous case
 involving McDonald’s break-ins of the London Greenpeace office
 & other transgressions

so that, after 11 years of court battles
 the European Court of Human Rights
 ruled on Feb 15, '05 that the original case
 violated the right to a fair trial
 and the right to freedom of expression
 and ordered the British gov't to pay the two defendants
 £57,000



Hathor was angry

June 20
 U.S. cancer-stick companies

agreed to fork forth nearly \$368,000,000,000 dollars
 over 25 years
 to settle suits from States for
 Medicare costs for smoking diseases

and to curb ads aimed a kids
 and things like banning cig machines
 in places frequented by youth
 —see printout file, “June 1997 Tobacco Accord”

June 23
 Pol Pot was captured.

The East Asia Financial Crisis beginning July 2

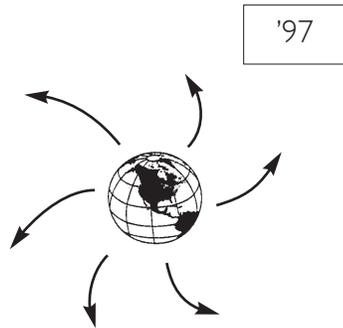
There was vast currency speculation
 and inflow and outflow
 quick as a computer's click
 from the *neoliberalismo*
 International Conspiracy of



and so Thailand
 stopped supporting its currency, the baht, on 7-2
 after spewing some \$60 billion to prop it up

after which it plunged
 sucking other Asian currencies down

such as the Malaysian ringgit, the Indonesian rupiah,
 and the South Korean won. By late October the baht
 had drooled downward 35 percent



and sent back thrilling photos to the species preparing to
flee poisoned Gaia

Repairing the Reagan-Bush I Binge July 1997

Bill Clinton's gov't had reduced the budget deficit by 80 percent from
1993's \$290 billion

August 22

a court ruled that
Paula Corbin Jones's law suit could "go ahead"

She was suing Bill Clinton
for the very putative
"kiss it" pud-flash
back in May of 91

citing emotional distress & sexual harassment

August 31

Princess Diana of Wales

and her friend Dodi Fayed

were crushed to death in Paris

in their automobile in a tunnel beneath the Pont d l'Alma bridge
by the Seine

fleeing a horde of paparazzi on motorcycles

It engendered a world wide sympathy flow

Her brother Earl Spencer spoke at her funeral
at Westminster Abbey

praising her many skills and gifts
then spoke harshly of ink-dink and photographers
that his sister had been "most hunted person of the
modern age."

Elton John reworked his tune for Marilyn Monroe
 "Candle in the Wind"

sang it at the funeral beautifully

it sold 31,800,000 copies in a month

Many wept that it was an accident

Others felt she had been murdered
 perhaps by British agents

upset over a putative pregnancy
 with her Egyptian boyfriend

Remote Controlled Starter to Avoid Noidoblasts early September 9

a human named John Whitehead
 who headed a right wing
 "public interest law firm" called the Rutherford Institute

Whitehead was one of those noidy-noidies
 who apparently thought that investigating or opposing Mr. Clinton
 meant possible "noidoblasts"
 i.e. Clinton-ordered hits

so when Rutherford took on the Paula Jones case
 Mr. Whitehead bought a remote-control starter for his short
 in order to detonate any car bombs
 Bill might have ordered attached to
 the starter motor

September 17

In Oslo

90 countries agree to a treaty banning landmines

but not the U.S.

whose military sings a little ditty:

"Happiness is a warm foot
 flung across the soot"

September 25

the Thrust Super Sonic Car

broke the land speed record in Nevada
 at a gas-guzzling 714 mph

October

BC helped Monica land a job in NY

Tripp Advises Preserving the Spurt-Dress
Fall 1997

Monica told Tripp she'd kept the spurt dress
but wanted to have it cleaned
so as to wear it over Thanksgiving

No. No. No. Tripp gamed her to save
the spurt dress
save it for posterity

save it for the insurance of it

& so was saved
for the travails of time
the blue GAP spurt dress



The Blue Gap Spurt Dress

November 11

There was a bunch of theories on
who and how Yitzhak Rabin was murdered

This date an Israeli television station
said that an agent of the Israeli secret service,
Shin Bet, may have been involved
in the disgraceful shooting

It's one of those probably unlightupable darkneses:
who killed the Gracchi
who set up Dealey Plaza
who was on the nearby roofs by the Lorraine Motel
who stole the elections of 2000 and 2004

November 13

Lewinsky persuaded Currie to let her into Clinton's "private study"

while Clinton was playing golf

She saw that
 he had kept the book he'd given him on phone sex

BC returned
 but did not have time to have his privates sucked
 even by a mouth chewing Altoid mints

 & rushed to a dinner for the president of Mexico

November 17
 at Hatshepsut's taph
 in the Valley of the Kings

totalitarian Muslim sleaze murdered 70
 most of whom were Japanese, French, Swiss & British visitors

The woman-denigrating mad bombers
 worked their evil
 at the grave site of the only female pharaoh of ancient Egypt

They were wearing red headbands
 with the word "destruction"

December 1
 the Kyoto global warming talks began

The U.S. is the emitter of the most greenhouse gases

 but awareness was yet to come
 to the U.S. masses

A Great Moment

Fall, 1997

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines
 (by now a consortium of over 1,000 organizations)
 and Jody Williams of Putney, Vt.
 won the Nobel Peace Prize

The Norwegian Nobel Committee in its announcement said:
 "There are at present probably over one hundred million
 antipersonnel mines scattered over large areas on several continents"

December 4, 1997

Over 100 nations gathered in Ottawa, Canada
to sign on this day a treaty to ban landmines
Those signing were to destroy stockpiles of landmines within 4 years
The landmine treaty would go into effect March 1, 1999

Bill Clinton wouldn't sign it
because the military wanted to continue use
of mines in the land between North and South Korea

China wouldn't sign it either

Ban on Landmines December 4

In Ottawa, Canada
for the decency of the human equation
120 countries sign a land mine ban

but **not** the U.S.

nor Russia or China

—use, production, transfer and stockpiling

are banned and countries will destroy stockpiles within 4 years

There are around 110 million landmines on Gaia strewn & planted

and someone is harmed every 20 minutes

sex-scandal-weakened
Clinton would not sign it

putatively because of the safety of the 37,000
U.S. soldiers in Korea

December 11

Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled
that, uh oh, Paula Corbin Jones' attorneys
might indeed ask Bill regarding his
“consensual sexual partners”

Monica Says Farewell to the Altoid Moments late December

Clinton's memory:

“Late in December, she came to the White House to say goodbye.

By then, she had received her subpoena in the Jones case. She said she didn't want to be deposed, and I told her some women had avoided questioning by filing affidavits saying that I had not sexually harassed them."

No more suctorial kneecap Altoidal suscitation

New in '97

the FDA banned the use of brains and spines
in animal feed
to stop the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis
aka Mad Cow Disease

Brains and spines
are thought
to harbor the tiny proteins called prions
which help spread the sickness

Another form is Chronic Wasting Disease
found among wild deer, elk and moose

and some have proposed that some humans
diagnosed with Alzheimer's
actually suffer from a variant
of the above diseases

Vale of Forever '97

Jacques Cousteau, June 25, at 87
Robert Mitchum, 79 on July 1
James Stewart, 89 on July 2
William Seward Burroughs, 83, on August 2
Mother Teresa, 87 on September 5
John Denver, October 12, at 53

Flicks '97

Titanic

The Full Monty

L.A. Confidential