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Somali forces release wounded American helicopter pilot Michael Durant in October after a disastrous U.N. raid results in the deaths of 18

American soldiers. President Bill Clinton promises to withdraw almost all U.S. forces by March 1994.

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Investor confidence receives a big psychological boost on December 15, when 117 countries agree to expand the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), a 46-year-old treaty that sets rules for world trade. Economists estimate GATT could add \$274 billion to the world's economy by 2002.



Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, and South African President Frederik Willem de Klerk share the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to dismantle South Africa's system of rigid racial segregation.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, shake hands after signing a peace agreement on September 13.

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