

Port activity in Haiti slows after a United Nations oil and arms embargo against the country is reinstated in October. The military government's refusal to relinquish power prompted the U.N. action.

A devastating earthquake wipes out entire villages and kills almost 10,000 people southeast of Bombay, India, on September 30.

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Russian President Boris Yeltsin casts his vote on December 12 for a new Constitution, which will give him sweeping powers, and for representatives to a new Russian parliament.

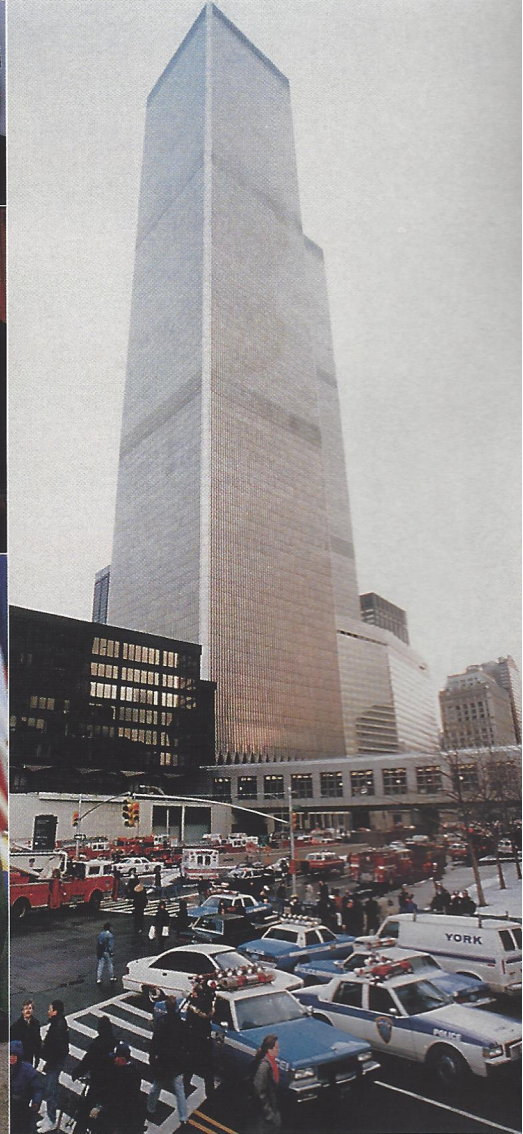
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The world nervously watches as the party of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, labeled a racist and fascist, makes significant gains in Russia's parliamentary elections. "Vlad the Bad" favors restoring the Russian empire and wants Alaska returned to Russia.

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"It may be Christmas, but no one is giving Alaska as a present to Russia."

—Alaska Senator Frank Murkowski



During a world tour, leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II, makes a rare visit to the U.S. A crowd greets the pope as he arrives in Denver, Colorado, on August 14.

AP/Wide World

Emergency vehicles surround New York City's World Trade Center on February 26, after a bomb blast rips apart the office complex, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. In August, authorities charge Muslim fundamentalist Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman with masterminding the bombing.

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