

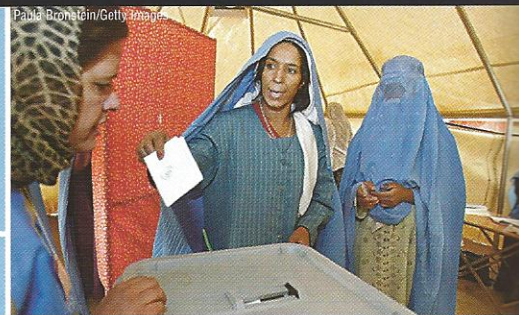
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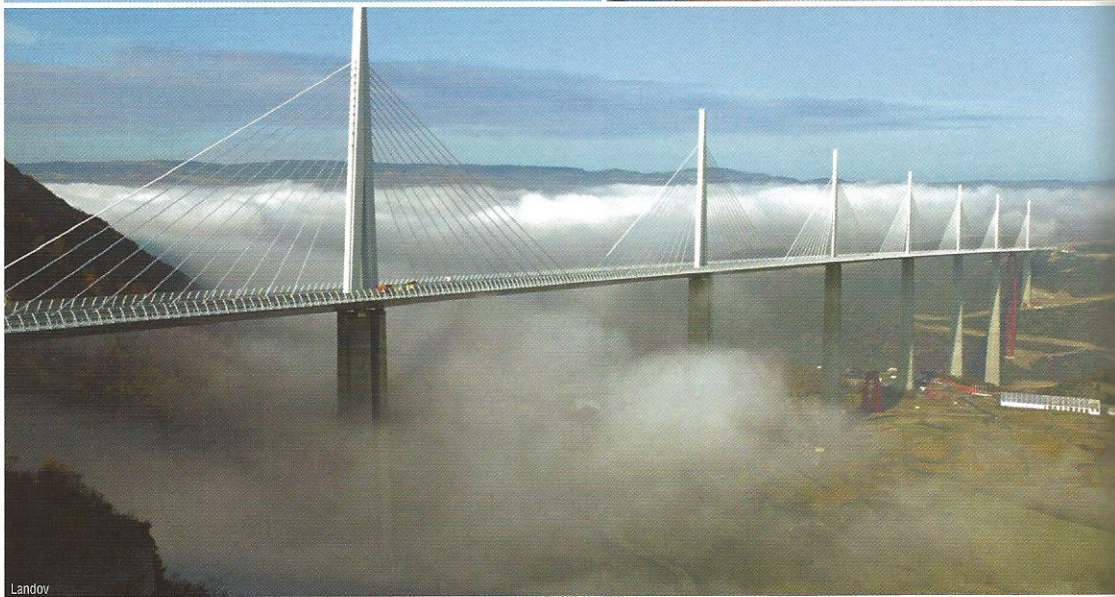
☛ PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, 75, dies in a Paris hospital. Palestinians view him as a leader who sought a homeland for his people, but many Israelis see Arafat as a ruthless terrorist.

☛ In October, more than 10 million Afghan men and women vote in the country's first presidential election — a milestone in the country's transformation after 25 years of war and Taliban control.

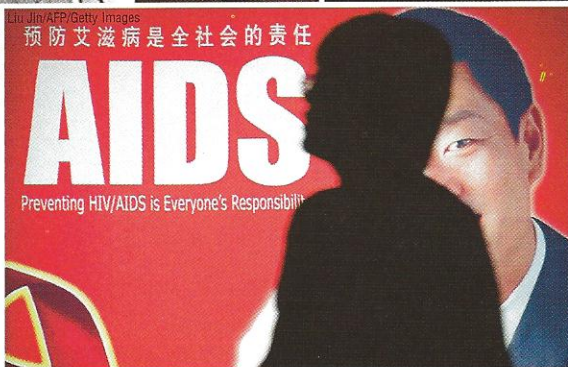


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☛ At 885 feet the new Millau bridge in southern France is the tallest bridge in the world.

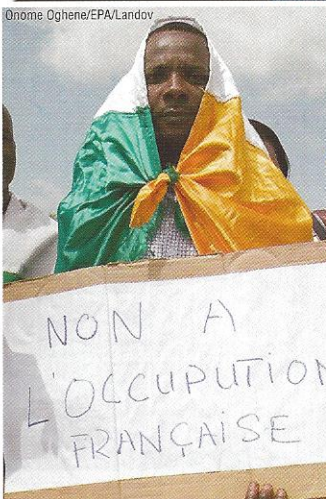


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☛ The United Nations reports the AIDS epidemic is growing in Africa and worsening dramatically across eastern Europe and Asia.

☛ After more than a year of ceasefire, civil war re-ignites in the Ivory Coast as a result of President Gbagbo's ordering air strikes on rebel positions.



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☛ The Ukrainian Supreme Court invalidates that country's disputed presidential election because of vote tampering. In the revote, pro-West opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko claims victory.

☛ In September, Chechen rebels kill more than 430 people in a series of terrorist attacks in Russia, including the bloody attack on an elementary schoolhouse.

☛ After 22 months, the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan continues to grow, leaving more than 2.3 million Africans in need of humanitarian aid.



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