

Chapter 10

NEWS ABOUT MIGRATION

Each day, many people try to migrate, and many other people try to stop them. We don't hear about most of these contests, but when the most important events happen we may see them on the evening news. These events can give us a picture of current migration and the hurdles that migrants must jump over. The number of stories shown on T.V. may reflect how important immigration is in American society. The faces in these stories can show us who is creating immigration problems, who is solving them, and who is affected by the laws that result. We can learn from current events whether limits on immigration are just a theoretical or an actual problem in our world.

News stories about immigration may reach you through major newspapers, magazines, radio, or T.V. In this book chapter, the news stories as seen on television are summarized. The national and world news programs on T.V. broadcast the same stories to millions of people across the United States. Newspapers, magazines, and radio may have more detailed stories, but those sources are not as uniform.

People may miss much of this news because they are too busy or too lazy or have more interesting things to do. People who watch or hear or read the news every day still may forget most of it very quickly. While writing this book, I began to make quick notes about the immigration stories in the news. In May of 1993, the process became

more formal. Since then, each story was summarized in one sentence with the date and network recorded. Now anyone can read and remember the war against immigrants as seen on the evening news.

Immigration makes the news when new laws are passed, old laws fail, a well known person moves, or many ordinary people migrate. Large, rapid migrations may be caused by world wars or just a civil war. Some of these migrants really hope to leave their nations, but most hope to return home when the fighting stops. Many lives may be saved if people have a right to migrate during wars, famines, or other sudden trouble, but temporary refugees are not the main focus of this book. Most of the news stories selected for this chapter deal with the right to migrate during peace.

Some of the news was not recorded because I couldn't watch all of the network news shows every night. Depending on what time I got home from work, I usually watched one of the three half-hour shows (ABC, CBS, or NBC) and often also the News Hour on PBS. Only about 1 day per week did I miss all these, and then I tried to fill the gaps with later news programs (CNN or FOX). Beginning in 1996, more and better stories from the rest of the world became available when the world news from London (ITN or BBC) was shown on Washington T.V.

The rest of this chapter contains the quick summaries of the news reports that I saw from May 1993 to December 1999. Complete

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accuracy of this material is hoped for but not guaranteed.

MAY 1993

- 13 A fishing boat carrying 300 illegal Chinese immigrants was caught near San Diego. (ABC)
 - 18 In San Diego, President Clinton told how the local costs of illegal immigration might be reduced or shared. Legal, illegal, and migrant workers were interviewed on both sides of the Mexican border. (PBS)
 - 20 A teenage Lithuanian immigrant was featured as a star of the National Symphony Orchestra. (PBS)
 - 25 A professor from Rutgers University discussed strategies for bringing new people into American society. (PBS)
 - 29 Turkish immigrants in Germany were attacked after the German Parliament voted to reduce the number of immigrants. (ABC)
 - 30 Immigrants in Germany protested peacefully against yesterday's violent attacks. (ABC)
 - 31 German police arrested the young man who killed five immigrants, but the Turkish protests became more violent. (ABC)
- 7 The 277 Chinese aliens captured on a New York beach were transferred to detention, and nearly all claimed political asylum. In the last year, 24 shiploads of Chinese immigrants have been captured. (ABC)
 - 8 Haitian refugees with AIDS were ordered to be transferred to the United States after being held for many months in Cuba. (ABC)
 - 10 Because people with AIDS are denied the right to immigrate, international AIDS conferences are now held outside the United States. (PBS)
 - 14 The cost of detaining Haitians in Cuba was \$58 million. (CNN)
 - 14 Three Ethiopian refugees brought charges against another immigrant in the United States for tortures committed in Ethiopia. (CNN)
 - 22 The U.N. Commissioner on Refugees criticized the U.S. government for capturing Haitians in international waters and returning them to Haiti. (PBS)
 - 24 A former member of the Cuban national baseball team got a warm welcome in Miami as pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals. His ex-wife recently was caught by the INS and deported to Cuba. (CNN)

JUNE 1993

- 1 The growing number (100,000) of foreigners who enter the United States each year to request political asylum was investigated in a short documentary. (PBS)
- 4 Mushroom pickers in Oregon strongly resist Laotian and Cambodian refugees working in the same forests. (ABC)
- 4 A 13-year-old boy hid above the wheels of a jet from Colombia to Miami in order to enter the U.S. (ABC)
- 5 Protests and violence continued between Turkish immigrants and their enemies in Germany. (ABC)
- 6 A ship carrying 300 illegal Chinese immigrants ran aground off New York City, forcing passengers to swim ashore. At least six died. (CBS)
- 6 Helmut Kohl was heckled for not supporting the Turkish immigrants. (CBS)

JULY 1993

- 1 Germany's political asylum law was overturned. Half a million people applied for asylum last year, but now they can be deported without a hearing. (ABC)
- 2 Police had too little evidence to charge Sheik Abdel Rahman in the World Trade Center and other bombings. Instead, he was arrested as an illegal immigrant. (ABC)
- 3 Illegal Chinese immigration was the top story on Front Page, a weekly news program. (FOX)
- 3 A wagon train is crossing the Oregon trail on the 150th anniversary of that method of immigration. (ABC)
- 4 Large numbers of Eastern Europeans trying to enter Germany now are being deported to nearby towns in Poland and the Czech Republic. (CBS)

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- 5 A law requiring that the government use English only was repealed in Dade County (Miami), FL, because more than half of Miami residents prefer to use Spanish. A proposed tightening of U.S. political asylum law was discussed by Senator Simpson and others. (PBS)
- 6 Many whites hope to leave South Africa as blacks gain control, but the law doesn't let them take their money out of the country. Also, most other countries won't accept them. (ABC)
- 7 The Coast Guard caught three more boats near the Mexican border containing a total of 650 illegal Chinese immigrants. (ABC)
- 7 San Francisco's Chinatown residents fear that the illegal Chinese immigrants will give them a bad name even though Mexican immigrants are far more numerous. (PBS)
- 8 Amnesty International criticized the United States and western European nations for refusing to accept refugees. (PBS)
- 10 The United Nations predicted a worldwide immigration crisis. The replacement of the Iron Curtain by the new walls around western nations seems ironic. (PBS)
- 10 The Muslim population in the United States has grown rapidly to 10 million mainly because of East Asian and Arab immigration. (CBS)
- 14 Mexico allowed the three ships of Chinese nationals to dock there after the United States refused. The 650 passengers will be returned to China. (NBC)
- 17 Costs and benefits of immigration policies in the United States and other countries were debated for a half hour on the show Both Sides. Jesse Jackson concluded the debate by saying "We must build bridges, not walls." (CNN)
- 27 President Clinton asked for more money and 600 more INS agents to help intercept illegal aliens. (ABC)
- 27 With a big smile, the foreign minister of China explained that his government supports legal migration and not illegal migration. He concluded that the main problems are 1) non-Chinese criminal smugglers, 2) U.S. political asylum law, and 3) the great difficulty for Chinese people to get U.S. visas. (PBS)
- 5 A U.S. court ruled that John Demjanjuk must be allowed to reenter the United States after being found not guilty of war crimes by an Israeli court. (PBS)
- 14 California Governor Pete Wilson, standing on the Mexican border, called for stricter control of illegal immigration. (CBS)
- 15 A tripling of the number of tuberculosis cases in Arlington County, VA, was caused by recent immigrants. (FOX)
- 18 Liu Jiang was the only Chinese refugee allowed to remain in the United States from the three boatloads captured near Mexico because he claimed to be a Christian and was being persecuted for his beliefs in China. (ABC)
- 22 The use and abuse of political asylum law to gain entry into the United States was featured on the weekly show 60 Minutes. (CBS)
- 24 An essay on North American society discussed how American citizens refuse to think about their neighbors north and south, whereas Mexicans view the north as the great frontier taken from them. (PBS)
- 25 Foreign doctors who complete training in the United States are now being asked to remain here in areas where there are too few doctors. (ABC)
- 26 Callers' questions about illegal aliens and immigration reform were answered for a half hour by Governor Pete Wilson and Raul Yzaguirre. (CSPAN)
- 27 Interviews with many Muslim immigrants show that they can adapt well to the United States while maintaining their traditional faith. (PBS)
- 29 Kwok Ling Kae was arrested in Hong Kong as the leader of the smuggling operation whose ship Golden Venture carrying Chinese immigrants ran aground near New York City in June. (ABC)
- 31 The Oregon trail allowed 500,000 immigrants to push aside the Indians and fill blank spaces on the American map 150 years ago. (PBS)

SEPTEMBER 1993

- 2 Working conditions and pay for migrant farm workers have decreased recently because so many are competing for the same jobs. (PBS)

AUGUST 1993

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4 Economic problems in Europe were blamed in part on immigration from eastern Europe, German reunification, and the costly welfare programs for both citizens and immigrants. (NBC)

9 Two hundred people deported from Israel but rejected by Lebanon finally were allowed to escape from the tiny no-man's land between the countries where they were trapped for months. (PBS)

14 Former Presidents Ford and Carter predicted that illegal immigration would increase if the North American Free Trade Agreement was defeated. (PBS)

16 Officials of former East Germany were found guilty of murdering people who tried to move to the west and may now be jailed for up to 7 years. (ABC)

16 'It may be better to be a poor farmer in Mexico than to live in the United States,' said Guadalupe Rodriguez after his son was shot to death just 3 months after moving to Texas. (ABC)

17 A Cuban Air Force pilot defected to Key West, FL. (ABC)

21 An essay described the bravery of earlier European immigrants who walked 2000 miles to find new lives in the western United States. (PBS)

22 John Demjanjuk was allowed to reenter the United States from Israel, but further hearings regarding his citizenship will determine if he can stay here. (ABC)

26 After Italy tightened its immigration laws, 4 times as many people have tried to move to Switzerland before the Swiss laws are tightened. (CNN)

29 After 13 years in the United States, 1500 Cubans that arrived in the 1980 boatlift were finally deported. A few visits between Cuban and American family members are now permitted. (ABC)

OCTOBER 1993

2 Mexicans in Ciudad Juarez are protesting the INS's strict blockade designed to stop illegal immigration into El Paso, TX. (NBC)

3 A huge loophole in the immigration law lets skilled foreign workers immigrate easily and work for lower salaries than Americans (on 60 Minutes). (CBS)

3 Author Peter Skerry outlined and discussed his book Mexican Americans. (CSPAN)

NOVEMBER 1993

5 Recent polls indicate that 60% of Americans favor tighter immigration control. Two dozen new bills to control illegal immigration have been offered in California alone. (PBS)

8 Universal health care may require tighter border control to prevent illegal aliens from enjoying the same benefits and making costs rise. (CBS)

9 The number of refugees grew to 18 million worldwide but support for them is declining. (PBS)

15 Almost 50 Haitians were arrested in Florida as they waded ashore. Also, the pilot of a crop-dusting plane from Cuba flew to Florida. (ABC)

15 Pictures and descriptions provided examples of the weary immigrants that walked to Oregon 150 years ago. (PBS)

30 A special report documented the low pay, long hours, and lack of legal protection of immigrants, both legal and illegal. (CNN)

30 Forty people from Cuba asked for political asylum last week. The special immigration rights for Cubans were questioned. (ABC)

DECEMBER 1993

7 Letter bombs were sent to several people, including elected officials, who had supported immigrant rights in Austria. (ABC)

10 High school students questioned experts for a half hour on all areas of immigration policy. (CSPAN)

12 Morley Safer of the television show 60 Minutes has his own real "green" card, but he found good fake documents for \$55 in Los Angeles. These fake green cards, social security cards, and birth certificates can be purchased easily all over the world. (CBS)

23 Fidel Castro's daughter moved to the United States and used a fake Spanish passport to travel. (ABC)

31 Californians are worried that illegal immigration is making life bad. Richard Rodriguez suggested that such natives move to Australia for a better life. (PBS)

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JANUARY 1994

- 1 During 1993, 3,600 people moved from Cuba to the United States, 43% higher than the previous year. (ABC)
- 2 Illegal immigration from Albania has become a major problem in Greece. (CNN)
- 21 The immigration service of Indonesia would not allow Magic Johnson to enter because he has the AIDS virus. (ABC)
- 23 Increasing numbers of Mexican women are having their babies in the United States and obtaining free social services there. (CBS)
- 24 California has asked the federal government to pay at least half of the cost of all services provided to illegal aliens. (ABC)
- 26 A Cambodian man attacked Prince Charles in Australia to call attention to the refugees jailed there. (ABC)

FEBRUARY 1994

- 3 A major new program to stop illegal immigration from Mexico began today. (ABC)
- 6 Japan's citizenship laws based on biology rather than place of birth were tested in court. A baby boy abandoned in Japan by a foreign mother has no citizenship and belongs nowhere. (CNN)
- 13 A Cuban windsurfer made the 100 mile trip from Cuba to Florida in 9 hours. He didn't plan the trip, but the wind was just right and he couldn't resist. (NBC)
- 13 Cuban police had to protect the U.S. embassy in Havana for 2 days. A huge crowd gathered there because of rumors that anyone who wanted a visa could have one. (ABC)
- 17 Immigrants that enter on claims of political asylum will no longer be given a work permit right away but must wait up to 5 months. The number of political asylum cases is 150,000 per year and rising. (ABC)
- 18 Most of the Chinese men from the ship Golden Venture that ran aground in June 1993 are still in U.S. jails 8 months later. Over 100 are located in one Pennsylvania jail. They expected to get political asylum for their claims of forced sterilization and participation in democracy demonstrations. (ABC)

- 20 A boat carrying at least 40 Haitians overturned near the Bahamas. The U.S. Coast Guard picked up some survivors. (CBS)
- 20 Sixty-four Kurdish refugees sealed themselves into a container on a Swedish ship and nearly suffocated before arriving. They will ask Sweden for political asylum. (NBC)
- 23 The number of small boats leaving Cuba continues to increase as the economy there slows. Six boats were rescued today carrying 106 people including many families with small children. (ABC)

MARCH 1994

- 2 An American immigrant to Israel killed 40 Arabs with his machine gun as they worshiped in their mosque. (ABC)
 - 10 Sheldon Hackney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, addressed the questions of whether U.S. borders should be opened and what it means to be an American. (PBS)
 - 17 Police in California chased a car for 80 miles at speeds up to 100 miles per hour. After it crashed, they found that it carried 14 illegal aliens, including 4 in the trunk. (ABC)
 - 18 A new film by the INS shows the bad things that can happen to people who cross the U.S. border illegally (muggings, dehydration in the desert, drowning, etc.) as a warning to the people on the other side. (ABC)
 - 18 Miami has a 100-year backlog of political asylum cases to process. The Florida government is suing the U.S. government for costs of arresting and providing services to illegal immigrants. (PBS)
 - 29 Political asylum law changed today. Now immigrants must wait before getting a work permit and pay \$130 processing fee. The processing staff will be doubled because less than one-third of last year's cases were decided. (PBS)
- ### APRIL 1994
- 11 An immigration emergency was declared by the state of Florida. The state has sued the federal government for more than \$1 billion for services to immigrants. (ABC)

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13 Several smugglers of Chinese aliens have been caught, but their fines are much smaller than the \$30,000 they receive per immigrant. Many of the immigrants are forced to work for slave wages once they arrive in the United States. (CNN)

22 More than 400 Haitian refugees were found in just one boat, a new record. They were taken to Florida instead of back to Haiti because most were too sick to return. (ABC)

27 California filed a \$2 billion dollar lawsuit against the federal government to pay for services provided to illegal immigrants. (PBS)

MAY 1994

4 Randall Robinson is refusing to eat until Haitian refugees receive human rights. He was hospitalized today. (ABC)

7 In Washington, about 3,000 people demonstrated against the policy of returning Haitians to Haiti without a hearing. (BET)

8 The Clinton government announced that political asylum hearings would be given at sea. Randall Robinson ended his fast. (CBS)

9 Many Haitians in Port-au-Prince are afraid to stay there and also afraid to leave because they don't believe that their political asylum claims will be heard. (ABC)

12 English is the second language of 2 million U.S. children. Newcomers' schools in San Francisco teach arriving immigrants the language and other skills needed to succeed in English schools. (ABC)

17 The number of immigrants hiding on cargo ships has increased greatly over the last few years, from a few hundred to several thousand. (ABC)

19 Today the United States caught 100 more Haitians and returned them to Haiti without a hearing. The new policy that gives Haitians a right to be heard was ignored. (ABC)

22 Instructions on how to get green cards were posted on many Internet bulletin boards and 30,000 responses were received. (CBS)

27 In the two weeks since political asylum law changed, 1,300 Haitians were processed and numbers are expected to increase. The INS has leased extra cruise and hospital ships to process Haitians at sea. (ABC)

JUNE 1994

1 The United States may soon begin taking Haitians to Jamaica to process their political asylum claims. (PBS)

7 Go Back to Mexico, a 1-hour documentary, discussed how much U.S. borders could be sealed without destroying American principles. (PBS)

15 The state of Florida recently began deporting the illegal immigrants formerly held in its jails. (PBS)

16 Thirty-five Haitians were taken to Jamaica today on the first day that political asylum claims could be processed there. (ABC)

17 Of the 35 Haitians, 6 were given political asylum and taken from Jamaica to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The others will be shipped back to Haiti next week. (ABC)

21 About 500 Philippine children fathered by American soldiers were given permission to immigrate. (ABC)

23 Eight people were arrested off the coast of Virginia for trying to smuggle a boatload of Chinese immigrants into the United States. (ABC)

24 Two more boats were caught carrying Haitians. Many people stood in long lines at Haiti's airport for a chance to fly on the last airplanes leaving before the embargo begins. (ABC)

26 Another 500 Haitians were caught over the weekend, plus one baby born at sea. (NBC)

28 More than 1,000 people per day are now leaving Haiti. Chances of obtaining political asylum are above 30% at sea but less than 20% on land. (ABC)

JULY 1994

1 The flood of immigrants from Haiti has made people more aware of the need to restore democracy there. U.S. soldiers are preparing Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a camp to hold 12,000 Haitians. (ABC)

1 At least 30 Haitians drowned and 5,000 more were caught last week. The largest boatload of Cuban refugees since 1980 arrived in Florida. (PBS)

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- 4 Almost 1,000 more Haitians in boats were caught today and taken to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (CBS)
- 4 Immigrant writers from Russia, Viet Nam, Haiti, and Mexico were interviewed about anti-immigrant feelings of Americans. From Ellis Island, Richard Rodriguez discussed nativism. (PBS)
- 5 The United States will not accept any more Haitians caught at sea; those who ask for political asylum may be taken to temporary camps in Panama. Another 200 Haitians drowned and 6,000 were caught at sea in the last four days. (ABC)
- 6 The refugee camp in Cuba is full. The government of Panama has not decided which Haitians it will accept. Many of the Haitians caught have not been processed. (ABC)
- 6 In Miami's "Little Haiti," recent immigrants gave their reaction to U.S. immigration policy. (PBS)
- 7 Panama has decided not to provide camps for Haitians. About 3,000 refugees now are living on U.S. ships. Other Caribbean nations might decide to provide refuge. (ABC)
- 8 The United States began radio broadcasts to Haitians, asking that they all stay at home. More than 10,000 left in the last four days. (ABC)
- 20 More than a million refugees from war-torn Rwanda emigrated to a huge camp in neighboring Zaire. Mass graves are quickly filling up because of a cholera epidemic. (ABC)
- 20 Most of the three million Arab-Americans have adjusted well to life in the United States. The largest community is in Detroit. (PBS)
- 23 Six nations in Central America offered to accept refugees from Haiti. (CNN)
- 26 A documentary showed how modern cruises go in circles in a fantasy world as compared to earlier voyages to new homes in foreign lands. (PBS)
- 27 Reasons for the Haitian refugee crisis were reviewed in a 1-hour documentary. (ABC)
- 27 Many Rwandan refugees began returning from Zaire but were too weak to make much progress. (ABC)
- 6 The Cuban government announced that it may follow international law and allow its citizens to leave the island. The U.S. government feared another wave of immigration similar to the Mariel boatlift of 1980. (CBS)
- 9 Some Cubans have begun stealing boats to take to the United States. Owners and crew members are thrown out of the boats and one was killed today. Castro wants the thieves returned to Cuba for trial. (ABC)
- 17 More than 500 Cuban refugees per day are arriving in Florida. Many others are drowning, based on the number of empty boats and rafts found out at sea. (ABC)
- 18 The governor of Florida declared an immigration emergency and demanded that the federal government help find places to put Cuban refugees. About 7,000 arrived in the first six months of 1994. (PBS)
- 19 Cuban refugees no longer have any rights. Cubans caught at sea will be taken back to Cuba by force by the U.S. Navy or sent to U.S. jails. Cuba's new policy of letting its people leave was called "cold blooded" by Bill Clinton. (ABC)
- 19 Another 15,000 refugees entered Zaire today as French peacekeepers gave up their mission inside Rwanda. (ABC)
- 22 The U.S. Coast Guard was busy again and caught 1,300 Cubans in boats. They are being taken back to Cuba. (FOX)
- 23 Yesterday, the U.S. Coast Guard caught just 30 Haitians but more than 2,500 Cubans. (ABC)
- 26 Bad weather finally reduced the number of boats and rafts leaving Cuba. (ABC)
- 29 The U.S. and Cuban governments will begin formal talks in New York about immigration to and from Cuba. (PBS)
- 30 A Cuban woman found having a baby at sea will be allowed to stay in the United States with her baby born after she reached Florida's shore. (CNN)
- 31 Larger boats are now leaving Cuba. U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships now are filled with refugees living in tent cities on the decks. (ABC)

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- 1 The refugees taken to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are hot and bored, but other Cubans are volunteering to enter the camp by land. (ABC)
- 2 The United States has given only about 3,000 visas per year to Cubans on a waiting list of about 20,000 Cubans. An agreement is nearly complete to let more Cuban people immigrate. (ABC)
- 9 The Cuban government has agreed to stop its people from leaving, and the United States agreed to accept 20,000 legal immigrants.(ABC)
- 23 Thousands of refugees were killed as they tried to return from Zaire to Rwanda. The 1 million remaining refugees were advised to remain in the filthy camps in Zaire. (ABC)
- 26 Now that U.S. Army has occupied Haiti, its refugees can be returned from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba back to Haiti. (ABC)

OCTOBER 1994

- 11 Lawton Chiles hopes to be reelected as governor of Florida because of his record of stopping refugees. His opponent is George Bush's son Jeb. (ABC)
- 13 Two men were found guilty of smuggling more than 100 people from China into Maryland last year and then holding them as virtual slaves. (FOX)
- 14 A new law lets the youngest orphans and the oldest refugees move to the United States from the camps at Guantanamo Bay. (ABC)
- 21 Arabs that were deported from Israel and its occupied territories have now returned to become leaders of the militant Hamas movement. (ABC)
- 27 Michael Huffington's hopes to become governor by blaming immigrants for California's problems. He admitted hiring an illegal immigrant from Guatemala as his housekeeper. (ABC)
- 28 Haitian women who went to Kuwait as refugees have accused several employers of abuse and rape. (ABC)
- 28 Proposition 187 in California will take education and other benefits away from children whose parents are in the United States illegally. (PBS)

NOVEMBER 1994

- 4 Support for California's anti-immigrant Proposition 187 has decreased because of good advertising funded by generous contributors. (ABC)
- 7 Proposition 187 has become the most important issue in California elections. (ABC)
- 9 Proposition 187 passed easily in California, but the courts could declare that its bad treatment of immigrants is unconstitutional. (ABC)
- 10 Schools, hospitals, and the police in California are protesting that the new laws against immigrants cannot be enforced. (ABC)

DECEMBER 1994

- 1 The California attorney general and a representative of the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund debated the legal status of Proposition 187. (PBS)
- 8 The Cuban refugees held at Guantanamo Bay began to riot. Their family members in Miami plan to demonstrate against U.S. policy on Christmas day. (CBS)
- 9 Riots in the Cuban refugee camps in Panama became very violent. More than 200 U.S. soldiers were injured. (ABC)
- 16 The U.S. Army released videotapes showing its soldiers being pinned down and wounded by Cuban refugees throwing rocks and bottles. (ABC)
- 26 The U.S. government lost money by selling the Hong Kong owned ship Golden Venture. The price it received was less than the cost of cleaning the ship. (CBS)
- 31 Over 180,000 Cubans applied to immigrate, but only 20,000 visas will be awarded in a lottery. (NBC)

JANUARY 1995

- 7 Twenty years ago, Texas passed a law taking public education away from children of illegal immigrants. The Supreme Court rejected that law. (ABC)
- 13 National welfare reforms may allow states to take benefits away from illegal immigrants, legal immigrants, teenage mothers, etc. (ABC)

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21 The U.S. government has proposed \$40 billion of assistance to Mexico to prevent a financial crisis and new waves of illegal immigration. (NBC)

(CNN)

23 A 2-hour documentary on immigration was followed by an hour of discussion and caller comments. (AT)

24 In his State of the Union speech, President Clinton reported that twice as many illegal immigrants now are being deported, asked for tougher laws against them, and immediately received a standing ovation. **[all major networks]**

FEBRUARY 1995

1 The U.S. Army began taking Cuban refugees from Panama to Guantanamo Bay under heavy security. One Cuban said sadly that "Clinton is worse than Castro." (ABC)

5 The Mexican financial crisis already has caused increased illegal immigration. The INS sent another 62 border guards to Arizona. (NBC)

7 Border crossings at Nogales, AZ have risen 70%. Each guard can deport up to 300 people per day, but many return within hours. (NBC)

9 The Republican's welfare reform plan will give legal immigrants no welfare benefits. (ABC)

20 An electronic system can now be used by employers in parts of California to verify whether employees have permits to work in the United States. (CNN)

MARCH 1995

7 Republicans plan to save several billion dollars per year by collecting taxes from immigrants but giving them no benefits until they learn English and become citizens. (ABC)

18 Legal immigrants are filing for citizenship at much higher rates than last year. Those eligible may have to wait more than a year to become citizens after they apply. (ABC)

19 Nogales, AZ is the most popular crossing point from Mexico. People unhappy with conditions south of the border wait until "la Migra" aren't looking and then vote with their feet. (CNN)

26 Pat Buchanan began his second presidential campaign with the theme "We will stop cold the waves of illegal immigration that have been bankrupting our nation."

APRIL 1995

1 In Burundi, 40,000 Rwandan refugees left their camps and tried to move to Tanzania but were stopped before reaching the border. (NBC)

5 More American men are traveling to countries such as Russia to find wives and using 90-day fiance visas to bring the women they choose back to America. (NBC)

10 Requests for citizenship are up 500% in southern California, and the waiting period for an interview is 8 months. (NBC)

15 Some legal immigrants that have payed U.S. taxes for 20 or more years are angry that the government now plans to take all benefits away from them. (CBS)

16 The U.S. Coast Guard stopped a Haitian ship near Miami Beach and found 115 Haitian stowaways in the cargo hold. (ABC)

19 Mexican families living near the U.S. border often maintain a post office box on the U.S. side so that they can receive American welfare, unemployment, and other benefits. (NBC)

MAY 1995

2 President Clinton ended a 29-year policy of accepting Cuban refugees and instead ordered that they be returned directly to Cuba. Some Clinton aids resigned in protest. (NBC)

3 Experts debated whether Cuban refugees should be treated different than others. The 20,000 Cubans held at Guantanamo Bay will be transferred to the United States. (PBS)

4 California governor Pete Wilson admitted that he hired an illegal Mexican immigrant as a maid during the 1970's and failed to pay the required Social Security tax. (NBC)

7 Cuban-Americans demonstrated at the Port of Miami against the new policy of deporting Cuban refugees from international waters. (ABC)

14 After 2 years in U.S. prisons, Chinese immigrants from the ship Golden Venture are losing hope for political asylum. They left China to avoid forced sterilization. (ABC)

16 Thousands of Cuban-Americans in Miami stayed home from work to protest Clinton's new

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immigration policies. Much of "Little Havana" was closed for the day. (NBC)

JUNE 1995

- 7 The Commission on Immigration Reform recommended that the United States accept one-third fewer legal immigrants, no unskilled immigrants, and only close family members of citizens. The waiting list for brothers and sisters is now 30 years. (PBS)
- 16 The proposition that "All immigration should be drastically reduced" was debated for 2 hours on the show Firing Line. (PBS)

JULY 1995

- 8 The Hispanic Caucus of Congress is asking legal residents to become citizens as quickly as possible before federal benefits are taken away. (ABC)
- 8 American citizen Harry Wu is being held as a political prisoner in China. Earlier he spent 19 years in prison in China and has been missing for 2 weeks after returning there. (CNN)
- 20 The growing use of illegal immigrants for farm labor and the poor working conditions were documented in a 1-hour show "Legacy of Shame." (CBS)

AUGUST 1995

- 4 Seventy illegal immigrants from Thailand were held as slaves in a Los Angeles building for as many as 7 years. They and the Thai owners of the building now are in jail. The slaves will be deported to Thailand. (ABC)
- 7 More than 150,000 Serbian refugees left their homes near Krajina as the Croatian army advanced. (ABC)
- 10 Iraq's chief military leader and the head of Saddam Hussein's security guard both defected to Jordan. (NBC)
- 22 Refugees from Rwanda are now being deported from Zaire by force. (PBS)
- 23 Senators, other politicians, and citizens discussed current U.S. immigration issues for an hour. (PBS)
- 26 Cuban exiles, including Fidel Castro's daughter, plan to return to Cuban territory in boats and planes to protest his rule. (CBS)

26 Experts for and against immigration were interviewed for a half hour. (NBC)

28 The number of Americans born outside the United States is now 22.5 million, an all-time high. (NBC)

SEPTEMBER 1995

- 12 Sweatshops that pay immigrants cash, no benefits, and wages far below minimum are now common. When caught, employers must pay back wages and fines. (ABC)
- 13 Billionaire Kenneth Dart moved to Belize to avoid paying U.S. taxes. Now he has asked to come back as a tax-free diplomat of Belize. (ABC)
- 16 A proposed law to deport any legal aliens connected with foreign terrorists was debated on Firing Line. (PBS)
- 26 The INS uses large raids to find illegal immigrants and then gives their jobs, often worth \$7/hour, to unemployed citizens. (ABC)
- 29 German laws and attitudes toward immigration and citizenship were featured in a documentary. (PBS)

OCTOBER 1995

- 6 The Pope, at the United Nations, asked all nations to be more open and welcome to immigrants. (PBS)
- 14 U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno appointed a new border czar to stop illegal immigration. (CBS)

NOVEMBER 1995

- 12 Bilingual education classes for immigrants in the public schools are costing U.S. taxpayers \$10 billion per year. (PBS)
- 14 Thirty nine illegal aliens were found in a van, but the INS had to let them go because the federal government shut down today. (ABC)
- 14 The government shutdown closed U.S. passport offices, forcing some Americans to cancel trips and remain inside U.S. borders. (PBS)
- 29 About half of the elderly immigrants arriving in America eventually receive welfare payments of \$450 per month, costing taxpayers \$2 billion per year. (NBC)

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DECEMBER 1995

- 2 Eleven immigrants will be deported back to Northern Ireland after many years in the United States because of earlier crimes in support of the Irish Republican Army. (CNN)
- 5 More refugees are trying to leave Haiti again because U.S. aid has decreased, according to Haiti's President Aristide. (PBS)
- 13 The peace treaty for Bosnia gives 3.5 million refugees the right to return home, but many orphans and widows see little reason to go back. (ABC)
- 15 A report titled Speak English Please on the show 20/20 asked whether public education, government forms, and driving tests in other languages give immigrants an excuse not to learn English. (ABC)
- 17 Five Chinese immigrants are on a hunger strike. They left China because of its one-child law and were put in jails in California for years for no crime. (CNN)
- 22 Hundreds of people were killed when a 757 crashed in Columbia. One was a Colombian woman who flew to the United States yesterday but then was deported because her visa was improper. (ABC)
- 27 Each day another 23,000 passport applications pile up while the U.S. government is shut down. (NBC)

JANUARY 1996

- 12 Attorney General Janet Reno is hiring 300 more border guards to stop immigration from Mexico. (NBC)
- 18 Neo-Nazis in Luebeck, Germany were charged with setting a building on fire and killing ten immigrants that were trapped inside. (CBS)
- 23 Congress clapped their hands loudly when President Clinton said in his State of the Union speech that federal contracts would be taken away from businesses that hire illegal aliens.
(all major networks)
- 26 A recession in Mexico has increased border violence. American checkpoints extend more than ten miles inside the United States and the border guards often are hit by rocks thrown by the people they chase. (NBC)

FEBRUARY 1996

- 10 Forty illegal aliens were left abandoned in the back of an enclosed truck for two days. (FOX)
- 11 Poor border control and economic changes are making Russia a stepping stone for immigration from Asia to Europe, with 300,000 illegal aliens in Moscow alone. (CNN)
- 13 An investment of \$100 million for higher walls, better lighting, and motion detectors has helped the INS to catch 30% more aliens this year. The new penalties against employers of illegal aliens were signed into law. (ABC)
- 18 Presidential candidate Lamar Alexander proposed that a new branch of the armed forces be created to keep illegal immigrants and illegal drugs out of the U.S. (CBS)
- 23 Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan attacked immigrants again, saying "You have no right to cross the line and move to my country just because your own government is bad." (NBC)
- 25 Nigerian immigrants are stealing the mail of rich people simply by signing a Change of Address form that sends mail to an anonymous drop box. (CBS)
- 25 Two small planes searching for refugees between Florida and Cuba were shot down by the Cuban government. (CNN)
- 26 The four Cuban immigrants killed yesterday flew planes for Brothers to the Rescue, a group that helped to find 10,000 Cuban rafters and sometimes dropped political leaflets over Havana. (NBC)
- 28 Pat Buchanan's campaign to stop immigration was called "a stinking rotten attitude" by Bill Bennett and criticized by other Republican leaders. (NBC)

MARCH 1996

- 6 Foreign-born Americans now number 23 million, the most ever. Of these immigrants, 46% are Hispanic and 8 million live in California. (NBC)
- 12 In Taipei, many people lined up at passport offices because of Chinese threats to invade Taiwan. (NBC)
- 13 The history of Irish immigration to America was documented in "Out of Ireland." (PBS)

The Right to Migrate

- 26 The House of Representatives voted 333 to 87 in favor of building taller border fences, adding 5000 border guards, taking welfare away from immigrants, and removing their children from public education. (PBS)
- 31 Protests against the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong became violent and long lines formed outside the Immigration Building on the last day to apply for British exit visas. (ABC)

APRIL 1996

- 1 American baseball gained two star players on opening day. They were the heroes of Cuban baseball last year, earning \$5 per month, but they earned several million dollars just by signing up for American teams. (ABC)
- 6 Seven illegal aliens were killed and 18 injured when the truck they were riding in flipped over. (NBC)
- 6 Instead of more walls, another ten-lane bridge across the Rio Grande will be built at Laredo, TX, where 94% of residents already speak Spanish. (NBC)
- 9 A Mexican couple was beaten by police for failing to obey English instructions after being stopped with a truckload of other illegal aliens. (NBC)
- 12 Chicano: Quest for a Homeland told how 100,000 Mexicans lost their homes and land when the northern half of Mexico was stolen by the United States in 1848. (PBS)
- 24 A new anti-terrorism law lets the United States deport immigrants more easily if they are connected to terrorist groups. (ABC)

MAY 1996

- 2 The Senate voted 97 to 3 for stricter border control, tougher citizenship checks, and faster deportation. (NBC)
- 9 Neo-Nazi crimes against foreigners declined by 30% in Germany last year because many offenders were arrested. (NBC)
- 16 Most Americans believe that immigrants should be welcome only if they speak English and that immigration should be reduced. (ABC)
- 19 Nation Within showed examples of native fear, immigrant success, refugees held in jails for

years, and some friendly citizens trying to free them in a 1-hour program. (CNN)

- 20 Primary medical care in poor and rural areas is increasingly provided by foreign-born doctors. American doctors' associations want the government to stop funding the medical education of noncitizens. (PBS)
- 20 Europeans are asking Yugoslavian refugees to return home now that the war is over. The U.N. High Commission on Refugees favors a more gradual, voluntary return. (PBS)
- 27 To protest laws that would take the children of illegal immigrants out of school, all students walked out of one California school. Teachers, school board members, and lawmakers debated the law. (PBS)
- 28 A North Korean military pilot defected to South Korea. (ABC)
- 28 Tens of thousands of Koreans have no citizenship and remain stuck on Russia's Sakhalin Island 50 years after being taken there for forced labor by the Japanese. (PBS)
- 30 New immigrants to Israel, mostly from Russia, formed their own party and won 7 of the 120 seats in parliament. (NBC)

JUNE 1996

- 13 Two million Bosnian refugees might not return to their homes for two or three years because the current government doesn't want them. (ABC)
- 19 Bob Dole spoke about the high costs of illegal immigration and stated his support for California's Proposition 187. (PBS)
- 20 United Nations investigators concluded that the two refugee search planes were in international waters when Cuba shot them down February 25. (ABC)
- 25 A homeless immigrant from Jamaica was named valedictorian of his high school class and won a full scholarship to Cornell University. (ABC)

JULY 1996

- 4 Fourth of July demonstrations against immigration became violent in California. (ABC)
- 4 A new fence costing \$50,000 per mile is being built east from San Diego even though local residents and businesses are ashamed of it.

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- (NBC)
- 6 Morale is poor among border guards, and many guards claim to deport more people than they actually catch. (CBS)
- 11 Author Thomas Sowell discussed his book *Migrations and Cultures* and the bad effects of isolation. (PBS)
- 31 The Iraqi athlete who carried his nation's flag during the opening ceremonies of the Olympics now wants to stay in Atlanta as an immigrant. (ABC)

AUGUST 1996

- 9 Factories on the Mexican side of the border act as a second fence, giving Mexican workers a chance at a job before they try to cross the border. (PBS)
- 10 About 500 pro- and anti-immigration demonstrators rioted outside the Federal building in Los Angeles. (ABC)
- 10 When the citizens of Hong Kong become Chinese next year, their former Democratic leaders will become enemies of the People's Republic. (ABC)
- 15 Jack Kemp called for opening the front door of legal migration in his vice-presidential nomination speech. (all major networks)
- 23 The Republican Party wants to deny citizenship to children of illegal immigrants, but Bob Dole disagrees with that plank. (NBC)
- 23 Paris police arrested about 300 illegal aliens, mostly Africans, who had been living inside a church. Church members fought with police outside. (ABC)

SEPTEMBER 1996

- 9 After World War II, half a million Puerto Ricans moved to New York, Connecticut, and other U.S. states. (PBS)
- 14 A 14-year-old Japanese boy came all alone by boat from Tokyo to San Francisco. (NBC)
- 16 As Saddam Hussein retakes northern Iraq, thousands of Kurds who helped American forces there are asking for political asylum in the United States and other nations. (ABC)

- 24 The Immigration Reform bill was amended to allow children of illegal aliens to go to school. (PBS)

OCTOBER 1996

- 11 Increasing immigration and the growing families of the baby-boom generation have made many public schools overcrowded. (NBC)
- 13 Already this year more than 1 million immigrants have become citizens. Both political parties are working to gain these votes in November. (NBC)
- 14 Forty-five immigrants from the ship *Golden Venture* are still in jail, but one received asylum today based on the artistic merit of the Chinese paper sculptures he created in his cell. (ABC)
- 21 "Rights and Wrongs" focused on the harsh penalties required to prevent mass migration, using those on the *Golden Venture* as an example.
- 25 War has spread into eastern Zaire. The United Nations is urging the 1 million Rwandans there to leave. (ITN)
- 27 To win California votes, Bob Dole attacked Bill Clinton for not doing enough to protect U.S. borders. (ABC)
- 27 Andy Rooney listed some questions from the U.S. citizenship test and suggested that citizens also be deported if they couldn't answer correctly. (CBS)

NOVEMBER 1996

- 8 Thousands of refugees have died in Zaire because food and water supplies have been cut off. Hungry Rwandans are rioting and raiding food warehouses. (CNN)
- 14 Migration between China and Hong Kong will not be easy even after the two unite. The Director of Immigration in Hong Kong has resigned. (ITN)
- 15 Today 400,000 refugees in Zaire began walking back to their former homes in Rwanda. (ITN)
- 16 Roads in Rwanda were completely filled with returning refugees. Almost no food or shelter was available for them. (NBC)
- 17 Some Croatians who left that country when their homes were destroyed have returned and live in luxury hotels built for tourists. (CNN)

The Right to Migrate

- 30 A new 900 number at the INS gives information about passport applications quickly instead of the usual long lines. (NBC)

DECEMBER 1996

- 5 European treaties require free migration between member nations, but the United Kingdom plans to keep its border control. (ITN)
- 16 The army in Tanzania is forcing tens of thousands of Rwandan refugees to return home immediately. (ABC)
- 22 Seventeen North Koreans, the largest group of immigrants since Korea split, traveled thru China and then to Hong Kong to reach S. Korea. (NBC)
- 31 The most memorable events of 1996, according to commentator Roger Rosenblatt, were the very large flows of refugees and immigrants. (PBS)

JANUARY 1997

- 1 In four states, legal immigrants can no longer apply for welfare. (NBC)
- 4 Very few refugees have returned to Bosnia one year after the war formally ended. (NBC)
- 12 Arranged marriages of American men to women from poorer nations such as the Philippines are increasing rapidly. (CBS)
- 16 Thirteen people died of exposure after crossing from Mexico into the southern California desert. (ABC)
- 24 The Italian coast guard intercepted a sinking ship carrying 100 illegal immigrants. A few swam ashore. (ITN)
- 24 Penalties on employers have not reduced the number of tourists who stay in England to work illegally. (ITN)

FEBRUARY 1997

- 2 Hundreds of Nazi war criminals moved to Canada after World War II and lived there in peace using their original names. (CBS)
- 4 Most state governors are pleased with welfare reform but complain because all federal support for legal immigrants has ended. (PBS)
- 4 In his State of the Union message, President Clinton agreed that excluding legal immigrants

from public services is "unworthy of a great nation of immigrants." (All major networks)

- 13 Thousands of Albanians in small boats are crossing the "moat" to Italy's long coastline, hoping to live within "fortress Europe" rather than stay as Albania's economy crashes. (ITN)
- 13 Large numbers of refugees escaped from Burma into Thailand today, joining 70,000 already in camp there. (ITN)
- 15 Several Germans were injured when their anti-immigrant protests became violent. (ABC)
- 15 Fifty-three passengers from the Golden Venture were let out of prison after 3.5 years but still wait for political asylum. (CBS)
- 17 Fighting on Burma's eastern border is preventing the exit of 20,000 rebels. They hope to join 90,000 others already camped in Thailand. (ITN)
- 22 A church in France was occupied by 200 immigrants while a large demonstration in support of immigration was held outside. (ABC)
- 28 Lawyer Beverly Church was named "Person of the Week" for freeing the passengers of the ship Golden Venture from jail. (ABC)

MARCH 1997

- 4 Hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees are trapped in Zaire's forests after rebel groups took control of their camps. (ITN)
- 5 Many Ukrainians and others outside of Russia are migrating to Moscow because they can't go west. (ITN)
- 5 The winner of India's first lottery used his \$1500 prize to move to America and then won a \$10 million lottery here. (ABC)
- 7 Many immigrants became citizens just before last fall's elections but now the long lines and long waits are back. (ABC)
- 7 Increased unemployment in France has made the National Front and its anti-immigrant policies much more popular. (ITN)
- 9 The 6000 VietNameese in Hong Kong will be deported by force back to Viet Nam if no other refuge is found before China takes over. (ABC)

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- 9 Immigrants who give a lot of money to politicians often are suspected of illegal foreign connections. (ABC)
- 12 The U.N. High Commissioner on Refugees asked China to let the VietNameese refugees stay in Hong Kong. (ITN)
- 17 Albanian police had to shoot at crowds trying to force their way onto boats going to Italy. Already 6000 left but many had to pay bribes of several hundred dollars. (ITN)
- 17 Author Frank McCourt discussed his best-selling book about his life in Ireland and his journey to America. (PBS)
- 18 A British couple, both over 80 years old, are being deported from Australia for staying 16 years after their visas expired. (ITN)
- 19 Italy declared an emergency when the number of Albanian refugees reached 10,000. (ITN)
- 19 In San Diego, police rarely arrest men who pick up and pay young Mexican boys for sex. (ABC)
- 21 Italy's government flew 41 refugees considered dangerous back to Albania but let the rest stay. (ITN)
- 31 Albanians held a memorial for 83 refugees that died after an Italian Coast Guard ship rammed their boat and sank it. (ITN)
- APRIL 1997**
- 1 On opening day of U.S. baseball, a Japanese pitcher competed against a S. Korean pitcher. The number of foreign-born players continues to rise rapidly. (ABC)
- 2 Russia and Belarus agreed to let citizens of both countries travel back and forth freely. (ITN)
- 2 Some Viet Nameese refugees living in Hong Kong once fought with the U.S. Special Forces. Now Communist China will deport our allies back to Communist Viet Nam. (ITN)
- 5 A teenager from Nicaragua became class president and had the highest grades in class, but now will be deported due to new immigration laws. (CBS)
- 11 The 6 million Asians in Great Britain formed a new political party to represent them, but the party opposes immigration. (ITN)
- 13 While the Pope said mass in war-torn Sarajevo, Germany began to force its Bosnian refugees to return to Bosnia. (ABC)
- 16 The struggles of Cesar Chavez and others to obtain rights for migrant workers was featured in a 2-hour documentary. (PBS)
- 17 Benefits such as Social Security will end in August for half a million legal immigrants, including those very old or in nursing homes, unless they learn English and pass a citizenship test. (PBS)
- 20 Ten thousand Iraqi refugees from the Gulf War have come to the U.S. after years camped in the Saudi desert with no training in English or other cultural skills. (CBS)
- 23 Chinese children often are smuggled into Hong Kong, but 1500 were deported this year even if their parents were legal Hong Kong residents. (ITN)
- 24 In central Zaire, 55,000 refugees suddenly disappeared. (ABC)
- MAY 1997**
- 3 Rebel leaders in Zaire demanded that the 80,000 Rwandan refugees return to Rwanda within two months. (CBS)
- 5 The president of Mexico asked the United States to respect the human rights of his citizens even if they immigrated illegally. (PBS)
- 6 Nearly all hands went up when a reporter asked children in Mexico if they would like to move to the United States. (ABC)
- 8 Presidents of six Central American nations asked President Clinton to allow more of their citizens to immigrate instead of being deported. (ITN)
- 13 A small fishing boat carrying 14 refugees arrived in South Korea from North Korea. (ABC)
- JUNE 1997**
- 17 Zaire has a new government, but refugees from Rwanda are still trapped there and thousands are being killed. (PBS)
- 19 Several members of the U.S. special forces in Viet Nam received a hero's welcome in San Francisco after living for 20 years in refugee camps in Hong Kong. (NBC)

The Right to Migrate

- 29 About 50,000 Chinese women and children hope to receive permits to join their husbands or fathers in Hong Kong after the two nations unite. (CNN)

JULY 1997

- 6 As many as 40,000 people now live on one side of the U.S.-Mexican border but work on the other. Electronic sensors let their cars cross the border without stopping. (NBC)
- 10 Phnom Penh's airport is very crowded with foreigners trying to leave Cambodia before civil war begins. (ITN)
- 20 Police discovered 100 deaf people, mostly Mexicans, brought into the U.S. illegally and forced to work as slaves in New York City. (NBC)
- 23 A group of Mormons reached Salt Lake City by wagon train 150 years after the first Mormon migration. (ITN)
- 27 The most popular video games let teenagers kill aliens. (NBC)
- 27 Many South Viet Nameese soldiers captured by North Viet Nam later weren't allowed into the United States because the U.S. army claimed that they had all been killed. (CBS)

AUGUST 1997

- 4 immigrants from Mexico often hide and trespass on private land after crossing the border illegally. Some U.S. land owners now carry guns and make citizens arrests. (CBS)
- 13 Very few trains are allowed to carry passengers to Pakistan from India and some must stop for a whole day at the border for immigration checks. (ITN)
- 16 In New York City, 2000 people demonstrated in support of a Haitian immigrant who reported gross brutality by the police. (ABC)
- 22 In Louisiana, police often arrest immigrants for no reason other than to take their cars, their cash, and all other valuables. (NBC)

SEPTEMBER 1997

- 13 National elections were held in Bosnia even though many citizens haven't yet returned. Absentee ballots were cast for absentee candidates and

buses took refugees back to their former home towns to vote. (NBC)

OCTOBER 1997

- 3 Two Israeli intelligence agents entered Jordan using fake Canadian passports and tried to assassinate an Arab leader. (ITN)
- 3 The number of people leaving South Africa is up 24% this year, mostly because of the rising crime rate. (ITN)
- 4 To protest Israel's use of fake Canadian passports, Canada withdrew its ambassador to Israel. (NBC)
- 9 Refugees from Rwanda continue to be killed by soldiers in the Congo, according to Human Rights Watch. (ABC)
- 13 Legal immigrants get no benefits in most states. Washington state now provides full benefits, perhaps because the governor is the son of Chinese immigrants. (PBS)
- 14 Even with a strong economy, Americans worry more about preserving their own jobs and care less about job seekers outside the United States. (PBS)
- 18 Livan Hernandez, a Cuban immigrant, is pitching in the World Series. His brother Orlando, a better pitcher, is still in Cuba but is banned from Cuban baseball because of his brother's defection. (NBC)
- 26 Cuba allowed the mother of Livan Hernandez to visit her son at the 7th game of the World Series. (ABC)

NOVEMBER 1997

- 7 A large group of baby smugglers was discovered. They buy babies in Asia and sell them in America. (NBC)
- 21 The leader of China's democracy movement was allowed to move to the United States for medical treatment after 17 years in Chinese jails. (PBS)
- 24 Multi-millionaire and leading Cuban-American policy maker Jorge Mas Canosa died. He came to the United States with nothing and spent much of his life trying to take democracy back to Cuba. (PBS)

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- 25 Police in Chandler, AZ arrested 400 illegal immigrants by stopping anyone on the street who looked foreign. A judge ruled that such searches by local police were unconstitutional. (ABC)
- 26 Immigrant smuggling into England has greatly increased since the Channel Tunnel opened. British border agents discovered over 600 attempts this year. (ITN)

DECEMBER 1997

- 8 Native rights are the primary issue in Australian elections. Half of the land is owned by aborigines but is leased by the government to farmers of European descendant. (ITN)
- 20 Dallas police are investigating 140 cult members who immigrated from Taiwan last year and believe the world will end in 1999. (ABC)
- 23 Several U.S. clothing factories that hire only illegal aliens were discovered by the INS. (ABC)
- 29 About 25% of Hong Kong's schools hope to continue teaching students in English even tho they are now Chinese citizens.
- 31 A family of five completed a trip around the world by horse and buggy, traveling across Europe, Asia, and N. America. (ITN)
- 31 The INS rejects 97% of Cubans but will probably accept top baseball pitcher Orlando Hernandez. The Coast Guard found him and several other Cubans in a small boat near the Bahamas. His brother Livan pitched in the 1997 World Series. (ABC)

JANUARY 1998

- 8 Europe's police chiefs held an emergency meeting to stop thousands of Turkish refugees from crossing into Greece, Poland, Germany, and other nations. (ITN)
- 8 The government of Canada apologized to its native people for centuries of bad policy and created a \$245 million "healing fund." (ABC)
- 22 Many Asians are smuggled into Europe for fees of \$2000 to \$10,000 by organized crime in Turkey. (ITN)
- 23 The Jewish population of Germany is increasing rapidly because that government welcomes foreign Jews including many from Russia. (ITN)

FEBRUARY 1998

- 4 In France, the National Front gives \$750 as a reward to babies born of European parents but not to newborns with foreign ancestry. (ITN)
- 5 Burmese refugees are being marched back to the border by soldiers in Thailand. Up to 1 million may be deported because of Thailand's terrible economy. (ITN)
- 6 The test for U.S. citizenship has become a joke. At some one-day schools, every immigrant passes even if they know no English and no American history. (ABC)
- 16 Leaders of Americans for an Immigration Moratorium were interviewed in Arkansas, along with several of the immigrants who they hope to outlaw. (PBS)
- 16 A Swedish hockey star was thrown out of the Olympics when officials discovered that he had two citizenships: Swedish and American. (CBS)

MARCH 1998

- 2 Croatians and Slovenians who return to their homes after five or more years as refugees often find Serb families living in them. (CNN)
- 7 Orlando Hernandez signed a contract for over \$6 million to play baseball only three months after leaving Cuba. His younger brother Livan left last year and earns \$4 million. (ABC)
- 10 Illegal aliens are preferred by poultry processing plants because they don't report their injuries or the bad working conditions. (ABC)
- 12 About 30 Cubans died trying to enter the United States illegally when their small boat overturned near Miami. (ITN)
- 16 Twelve Arabs drowned and seventeen more were rescued from a small boat that sank as they tried illegally to cross the Straits of Gibraltar into Spain. (ITN)
- 21 Six more Cuban baseball players tried to sail to Florida last week, but now they are presumed to be dead at sea. (ABC)
- 22 High-tech U.S. companies often have difficulty finding well-trained American workers. They would welcome increased numbers of skilled immigrants. (CNN)

The Right to Migrate

22 The Cuban baseball players were found by a fishing boat near Nassau. They are now in the Bahamas immigration detention center and may be deported back to Cuba. (ABC)

22 Previous Cuban baseball stars became residents of Costa Rica before entering the United States. That way they could get more money as free agents instead of entering the baseball draft system. (CBS)

31 On the Pacific island of Saipan, 11,000 Chinese people work for Korean and Taiwanese bosses making clothes that say "Made In USA." Altho a U.S. territory, Saipan can accept any immigrant. Also, it often deports foreign women who become pregrant. (ABC)

APRIL 1998

11 Thousands of San Diego's teenagers drink alcohol in Tiajuana's bars. A new law stops them at the Mexican border unless they have permission from their parents. (ABC)

13 Thousands of refugees from Khyrgistan fled during World War II to Afghanistan, then to China, then Pakistan, and are now stranded in eastern Turkey. They long for the good old days when they could move. (ITN)

18 Leaders of the environmental group Sierra Club are calling for reduced immigration. The founder of the Sierra Club was an immigrant. (CBS)

20 Film clips and interviews from the east side of the Berlin Wall told how the brave people there finally opened it. (PBS)

23 Wan Dan, a leader of the 1989 student protests for democracy, chose exile in the United States instead of remaining in jail in China. (PBS)

MAY 1998

1 The right-wing anti-immigrant party won seats in German elections for the first time. (ABC)

12 Over 150 Haitians jumped off of a freight ship onto a Miami dock, but most were caught by the INS. (NBC)

25 In California, over a million students are taught in other languages and can't speak English. Bilingual education will end if Proposition 227 passes. (PBS)

27 A documentary My America described Asian-Americans and their communities. (PBS)

29 A Nigerian woman will be deported even tho she fears torture back home. She will leave her ten year old daughter, a U.S. citizen, in the United States. (FOX)

JUNE 1998

1 Candidates for governor of California are spending many millions of dollars on TV commercials shown in both Spanish and English. (PBS)

3 Proposition 227 to end bilingual education in California passed even tho most Hispanics want Spanish education to continue. (CNN)

4 Large numbers of refugees are leaving Kosovo for Albania and other nations of eastern Europe. Germany has asked NATO military forces to stop the migration. (ITN)

23 The Yugoslav goverment is using tanks and artillery at the border to stop refugees from escaping into Albania. (ITN)

26 Eleven illegal aliens died from thirst in the desert earlier this month. The INS wants Mexicans to hear this news and be forewarned. (PBS)

JULY 1998

3 New York's tenement museum provided stories of immigrants from the 1800's and early 1900's every nite for a week. (ABC)

5 A documentary about Cuban refugee Gloria Estefan showed her concert at Guantanamo Bay for Cuban refugees rejected by the United States. (VH1)

7 Two border guards in Texas were killed by the immigrants that they tried to catch. (ABC)

8 In Australia, a bill to prevent aborigines from claiming any land owned by the government passed by two votes. (ITN)

9 An author and two professors compared U.S. and Canadian immigration policy for a half hour and debated the question "Immigration: does Canada have the answer?" (PBS)

11 A newspaper in North Carolina published a story about an illegal Mexican immigrant to promote sympathy and understanding. A week later the INS found him and deported him. (ABC)

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- 30 Many people applied for passports in July because of very low air fares. Tickets to London cost only \$99 each way. Passports cost \$75. (NBC)

AUGUST 1998

- 9 In California, Hispanic students must learn in English only. Teachers complain that the new policy slows down the English speakers. (NBC)
- 11 A Texas teenager was shot to death by border guards as he worked near the Mexican border. A court awarded his family \$2 million. (ABC)
- 13 Famous Italian-Americans described the harder lives of their immigrant parents or grandparents in a 1-hour documentary. (PBS)
- 15 Five Americans were deported from Burma for handing out pro-democracy leaflets. (ABC)
- 17 Peace brings immigration to Ireland instead of emigration, including many Gypsy stowaways coming on container ships. Already in 1998, 3000 illegal immigrants were caught. (ITN)
- 25 New York City is now hiring teachers directly from Austria and other nations because few teachers are available in the United States. (ABC)
- 25 The U.S. Census Bureau will spend \$4 billion in 2000 but still will miss many illegal immigrants who are afraid to be counted. (PBS)
- 30 A ship containing 170 illegal Chinese immigrants was captured off the coast of San Diego. (ABC)

SEPTEMBER 1998

- 3 Many immigrants are put in jail for years with no formal charges. The evidence against them is labelled top secret so that no one can defend them. (PBS)
- 19 A Hispanic immigrant in Laurel, MD was kicked to death by five teenagers as he walked home from his dishwashing job. (ABC)
- 23 Anti-immigrant demonstrations took place in eastern Germany at the site where five immigrants were killed five years ago. (ITN)
- 25 Thousands of women from Ukraine and eastern Europe are held as slaves in western Europe. They are promised real jobs and then forced into prostitution. (ITN)

OCTOBER 1998

- 1 Hurricane damage in the Dominican Republic made the news when it hit the home town of immigrant Sammy Sosa, a popular U.S. baseball player. (CBS)
- 3 An Australian political party that promises to stop all imports and all Asian immigration is becoming popular. (ITN)
- 8 A hurricane destroyed the homes of a million people in Honduras. Former president George Bush asked for aid to prevent mass migration to the United States. (ABC)
- 11 Hundreds of teenagers from Israel and Palestine learned to live together on the neutral territory of a camp in Maine. (CBS)
- 18 Orlando Hernandez pitched in the World Series just ten months after leaving Cuba. His brother Livan did the same last year. (FOX)

NOVEMBER 1998

- 18 Eight hundred tourists from South Korea visited North Korea, the first time since the Korean war. (BBC)
- 27 After decades in the United States, permanent residents now are being deported for any major crime they ever committed. (ABC)
- 27 Many Albanian refugees drowned and several others swam to an offshore oil platform after their boat sank. (BBC)
- 27 The building of the Berlin Wall and the end of east-west migration was documented. (CNN)

DECEMBER 1998

- 2 Famous Americans told stories of their Greek parents' or grandparents' journeys to America in a 1.5 hour documentary. (PBS)
- 3 America's migrant farm workers often take their teenagers to the fields instead of to school. (NBC)
- 9 The story of John Lennon's near deportation from the United States in 1973 was told in detail. (VH1)
- 10 Thousands of Chinese fly to Toronto and then cross the U.S. border illegally. Several smugglers were arrested today. (ABC)

The Right to Migrate

- 15 Immigrants in Toulouse, France rioted after police shot an Arab suspected of stealing a car. (BBC)
- 27 Migration within Europe is easier, but Greece and Italy are adding thousands of border guards to stop boat fulls of Iraqis, Africans, and Indians from entering. (ABC)

JANUARY 1999

- 1 A Baltimore police officer has been asking Hispanics for their documents and then stealing all of their cash. (NBC)
- 10 Seventy American members of a doomsday cult were deported back to the United States from Israel. (ABC)
- 19 In his State of the Union address, Clinton announced increased spending at INS to reduce the long times needed to process citizenship applications. (All major networks)
- 21 Border police discovered two tunnels from Mexico into an apartment building in Nogales, TX. (NBC)

FEBRUARY 1999

- 1 Many schools in California still teach students in Spanish if their parents agree even tho English is required by law. (NBC)
- 6 A 22-year-old West African immigrant was shot 19 times and died while trying to escape from New York police. (CBS)
- 12 Bus service from Delhi to Lahore and back will finally begin to connect India with Pakistan later this month. (BBC)
- 15 Hong Kong tried to deport 18 people back to mainland China but Beijing ruled that Hong Kong must allow them to stay. (CNN)
- 25 Israel refused to send accused killer Samuel Sheinbein back for trial in the U.S. because his father was an Israeli citizen. (BBC)

MARCH 1999

- 6 Forty Haitians drowned near Palm Beach, FL when the boat smuggling them overturned. Three were rescued. (NBC)
- 7 Henry Kissinger gave his mother all of the credit for his success because she brought the family out of Nazi Germany. (CBS)

- 9 Each month, 2000 Honduran refugees make the 1200 mile journey to Texas. Many entered the U.S. in 1998 but now almost all are turned away. (ABC)
- 15 Several Asian immigrants were severely beaten in a U.S. jail while waiting to be deported. (ABC)
- 21 Two Swiss men were the first to float a balloon all the way around the earth and finally landed in Egypt after several weeks in the air. (ABC)
- 24 Many children are taken by force from poor families in Brazil and then adopted in the United States, Germany, or Italy. (ABC)
- 26 NATO began bombing Yugoslavia, but refugees can't escape because the Yugoslav government has closed and mined its borders. (BBC)
- 28 The CIA brought hundreds of Iraqis into the United States for their help during the Gulf War, but the INS has kept them in jail because they didn't have tourist visas. (CBS)
- 30 Serbian border guards are tearing up the passports of thousands of refugees as they leave Kosovo so that they can't return. (ABC)

APRIL 1999

- 3 A week after NATO declared war on Yugoslavia, 300,000 refugees have been forced out of Kosovo. Thousands more are trapped at the borders because neighboring countries won't accept them. (CNN)
- 3 Nine Mexicans died in a snowstorm in California after crossing the border illegally. A hundred others were rescued and deported. (CNN)
- 4 Several nations agreed to take in refugees from Kosovo temporarily. (ABC)
- 4 The first game of the professional baseball season was played in Monterrey, Mexico. Earlier, the Baltimore Orioles played a pre-season game in Cuba. (ESPN)
- 6 Many refugees that were deported from Kosovo waited for four days in a twenty mile line because Macedonia closed its borders. (BBC)
- 7 Yugoslavia closed the borders of Kosovo and forced thousands who were waiting there to return home. Macedonia deported 21,000 refugees from its side of the border to Albania by force in the middle of the night. (BBC)

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- 7 An increasing number of Mexican dentists, optometrists, and pharmacists treat American patients just south of the border for fees 1/3 of those north of the border. (ABC)
- 10 The Kosovo border was reopened and the number of refugees rose above 500,000. Most are in Albania with tents but not much else. (NBC)
- 10 U.S. customs agents often check blacks and Hispanics with strip searches and X-rays but usually find nothing illegal. (ABC)
- 13 On Holocaust Remembrance day, a survivor told how millions died because other nations blocked their migration to freedom. (BBC)
- 14 An immigrant from Chile living in Massachusetts won \$197 million in the lottery. She was working as a baby sitter. (NBC)
- MAY 1999**
- 6 The first 400 refugees from Kosovo arrived in the United States, including one new American citizen baby born just after the plane landed. (NBC)
- 17 California's "citizens" were supposed to receive higher welfare payments than others who moved in from other states, but the Supreme Court rejected this law to protect freedom of movement. (ABC)
- 24 Another 20,000 refugees crossed from Kosovo into Macedonia this week. (ABC)
- 25 Another 150,000 refugees are reported to be inside Kosovo's borders, waiting to get out. (ABC)
- 27 Slobodan Milosovic was indicted for crimes including deporting 740,000 of his own people. (CBS)
- 27 A documentary on the Australian band Bee-Gees described how British fans and promoters kept the band from being deported in 1967. (VH1)
- JUNE 1999**
- 9 In the refugee camps outside Kosovo, members of the same family often apply for refuge in different countries so that if any are chosen, the other family members might follow. (ABC)
- 9 More than 100 nations refuse to return accused criminals back to the United States for trial. (ABC)
- 13 As NATO soldiers enter Kosovo, they are finding piles of passports taken from the refugees as they were told to leave Kosovo forever. (ABC)
- 16 In southern Kosovo, the roads were filled with refugees returning from Albania and Macedonia. In northern Kosovo, the roads were filled with Serbs trying to escape. (BBC)
- 25 A Mexican man suspected of mass murder in the United States was deported for the fourth time. Then, he returned and killed four more Americans. (CNN)
- 29 Twenty Cubans jumped from their boat and tried to swim to Florida when the Coast Guard caught them a few hundred meters offshore. One reached shore but the rest were deported. (ABC)
- 29 Ranchers near Douglas, Arizona must repair their fences every day because 20,000 Mexicans per year cut thru their pastures during the night. (ABC)
- 29 A 13-year-old Honduran boy walked and hitchhiked four thousand miles to New York City to find his father after his mother and brothers were killed in hurricane Mitch. (BBC)
- 30 Yesterday's story about the Honduran boy was not true. He ran away from his father after his father brought him to the United States. (BBC)
- JULY 1999**
- 3 Two INS agents were suspended for taunting the Cubans that they caught and forcing them to have pictures taken with a cut-out of Fidel Castro. (CNN)
- 3 Near Miami, 1000 people demonstrated in favor of the Cubans and against the INS agents that captured them. (ABC)
- 3 Only half of the children of migrant workers ever finish high school. Some states provide special programs to reach these kids. (NBC)
- 4 Hundreds of immigrants became U.S. citizens on the Fourth of July, but many were angry after waiting 1.5 to 3 extra years for the INS to process their applications. (CBS)
- 9 Half a million of Kosovo's refugees have returned to their homes. (BBC)

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- 12 Sergei Krushchev became an American citizen today. His father, Nikita, predicted that the Soviet Union would bury America. (NBC)
- 12 Sixteen Cubans were caught just before reaching Florida because their boat's motor stalled. (NBC)
- 13 Rafael Ramirez, the Mexican man accused of mass murder, surrendered to Texas police at the El Paso border crossing. He was afraid that bounty hunters in Mexico would shoot him. (ABC)
- 13 Illegal immigrants may be jailed for months before appearing in court, but families with small children aren't jailed. To prevent arrest, several couples rented a baby for \$200 as they crossed the border and pretended it was theirs. (ABC)
- 14 A treaty between Great Britain and Argentina lets Argentine citizens visit the Falkland Islands for the first time since the 1982 war. (BBC)
- 26 One-fourth of Kosovo's refugees have no home to return to. About 75,000 houses were destroyed during the war. (BBC)

AUGUST 1999

- 13 Israel has destroyed more than a thousand Palestinian houses built without permits over the last three years. (BBC)
- 17 Chinese-American stories and history were presented in a documentary. (PBS)
- 27 Many Cuban-Americans now want closer ties between the United States and Cuba instead of sanctions. Last year 130,000 Cuban-Americans visited Cuba. (PBS)
- 28 President Clinton has given up on building a democratic government in Haiti. Only 400 of the 20,000 soldiers sent to Haiti remain there. Anarchy rules. (CBS)
- 29 Illegal immigrants are now crossing the U.S. border in groups of 200 or more each week near Douglas, AZ. (NBC)
- 29 World champion 800-meter runner Wilson Kipketer didn't enter the 1996 Olympics because he was not yet a citizen of Denmark and didn't want to run as a citizen of Kenya. (NBC)

SEPTEMBER 1999

- 14 Several hundred people hiding in the United Nations embassy in East Timor were airlifted to Australia for safety. (BBC)

- 15 The number of Asian-Americans increased by 40% and Latin-Americans increased by 35% in the last eight years. (ABC)
- 19 A Russian immigrant was jailed for a year by the INS for no crime and then almost deported even tho he was a U.S. permanent resident and the Russian mafia wanted to kill him. (CBS)
- 20 Most ranchers near Arizona's border with Mexico now carry guns to protect themselves against 27,000 illegal aliens per month. (ABC)
- 22 The Cuban Exodus showed how hundreds of thousands of Cubans migrated to the United States in each of the years 1961, 1965, 1980, and 1994. Large numbers of rafts that left Cuba never reached America. (PBS)
- 30 A play Border Town shows the strange relationship between the two cities of San Diego, USA and Tijuana, Mexico. (PBS)

OCTOBER 1999

- 4 Tennessee farmers oppose head start programs for the young children of migrant workers because the money should be spent on schools for their own children. (ABC)
- 5 Palestinians will now be able to travel between Gaza and the West Bank without traveling thru Israeli security. (ABC)
- 5 Russia's top hockey player signed a three year contract to play in Canada but then decided to play in Sweden instead. Season ticket holders in Ottawa are suing to force him to immigrate. (ABC)
- 5 Four ships carrying 600 illegal Chinese immigrants arrived in Vancouver, Canada. Another ship ran out of food and water in the middle of the Pacific. About half of Canada's illegal immigrants end up in the United States. (ABC)
- 12 Migrant farm workers now own and operate many of the farms that they work on. Many of the previous owners left their farms for easier, higher-paying jobs in town. (ABC)
- 15 Doctors Without Borders, a group of 2300 volunteer doctors, won the Nobel Peace Prize for ignoring national governments and providing services to the needy in 80 nations. (PBS)

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- 15 The right of asylum and the need for uniform procedures to accept immigrants were the main topics of the European Union meeting in Finland. (BBC)
- 26 U.S. immigration judges are forced to deport immigrants for small crimes even if they served honorably in the U.S. armed forces and immigrated many years ago as small children. (CBS)

NOVEMBER 1999

- 3 Thousands of refugees are trapped inside Chechnya and some have been held at the border for ten days by the Russian army. (BBC)
- 7 Ten years after the Berlin Wall fell, Europeans are happy to travel freely, but some miss the safety net that Communism provided. (NBC)
- 8 The war in Chechnya has caused 200,000 refugees and many more are expected. (NBC)
- 9 Mikhail Gorbachev, Helmut Kohl, and George Bush met in Berlin to help Germans celebrate the fall of the wall ten years ago. (PBS)
- 9 Last year 56 million Americans visited other countries and 46 million foreigners visited the United States. One of every five Germans would like to see the Berlin Wall rebuilt. (ABC)
- 14 A \$1 billion effort by the Clinton government to promote democracy and justice in Haiti was a total failure. (CBS)
- 15 Richard Rodriguez showed pictures of the Mexican-American town that was bulldozed to make room for the Los Angeles Dodgers stadium. (PBS)
- 17 A six-hour program about New York showed how the city was built by immigrants. (PBS)
- 20 Ethnic cleansing continues in Kosovo, but now the Albanians are deporting the non-Albanians. (NBC)
- 25 Eight Cubans are missing and three others died after their boat sank near Florida. The U.S. Coast Guard found several others including a 5-year-old boy holding onto inner tubes. (ABC)
- 26 Bodies of the eight missing Cubans were found. Three Cuban boys found floating and still alive will be allowed to enter the United States. (ABC)

DECEMBER 1999

- 2 As Northern Ireland becomes independent from England, Protestants and Catholics both hope that the walls between them can be torn down. (BBC)
- 4 One flight per week from New York to Havana is the first routine service to Cuba since the embargo began 40 years ago. Only journalists and others with special permits are allowed on the plane. (CNN)
- 5 Mexican border guards began collecting \$400 to \$800 deposits from the drivers of cars visiting Mexico. The deposit will be returned when the car returns to the United States in this program to prevent car theft. After two days of confusion and anger, the program was suspended. (NBC)
- 6 Cuban Elian Hernandez, found floating in the ocean three days after his mother and seven others drowned, celebrated his sixth birthday in Miami. Fidel Castro and the boy's father demand that he be returned to his home in Cuba. (BBC)
- 7 Thousands of Cubans protested the INS keeping a small child against the wishes of his father and against U.S. law, Cuban law, and international law. (ABC)
- 13 A New York police officer was sentenced to 30 years in prison for torturing a Haitian immigrant. (PBS)
- 17 The people of Europe no longer have any colonies in Asia. The citizens of the very first colony, Macau, become Chinese citizens after 300 years of Portuguese control. (BBC)
- 18 A prison in Louisiana was taken over by five prisoners from Cuba and the Bahamas. They had all completed their sentences and were being held forever for no reason. (CNN)
- 25 Elian Gonzalez received many more Christmas gifts in Florida than he would have in Cuba. The INS will allow him to stay at least another month. (NBC)
- 26 Geraldo Rivera documented the rapid rise of Spanish music and culture in the United States and discussed his own Puerto Rican roots. (NBC)
- 29 Half a million immigrants from Africa arrive in Europe each year but many more who try to cross the Strait of Gibraltar are turned away. Many return to Africa because few Europeans will hire illegal aliens. Even the Prime Minister of Morocco was once a refugee in France. (BBC)

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- 31 Cubans continue to demand that 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez be returned to his country and to his father. (ABC)

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