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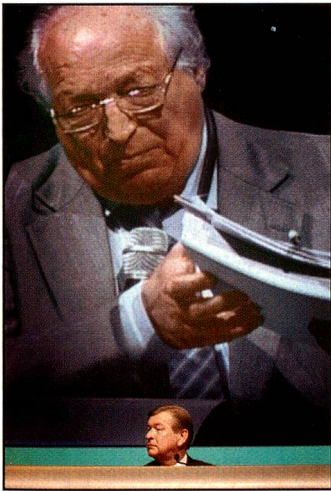
The best press photos of 2006. The Espace Media Foundation has once again honoured the year's best press photos and published them in a book. One hundred and twenty-eight photographers submitted a total of 1658 photos for the six categories: current affairs, daily life and the environment, portrait, sport, art and culture, and foreign. The illustrated book is published by Benteli (Berne) and costs CHF 15. www.swisspressphoto.ch



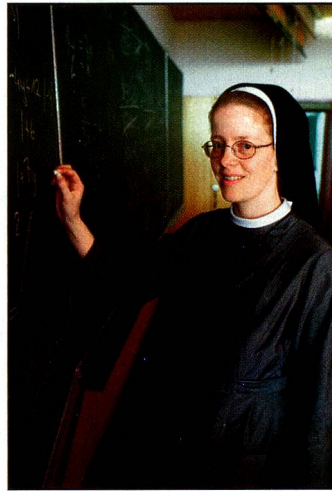
Peter Gerber, press photo of the year: Muslims on Berne's Bundesplatz protesting against the publication of caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed.



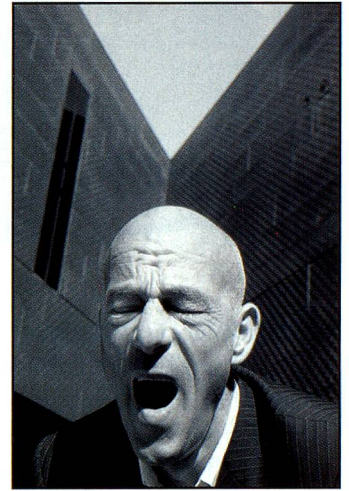
Kurt Reichenbach, 2nd prize, current affairs category: Federal Chancellor Huber-Hotz and Federal Councillors Leuenberger and Blocher on the traditional government "school trip".



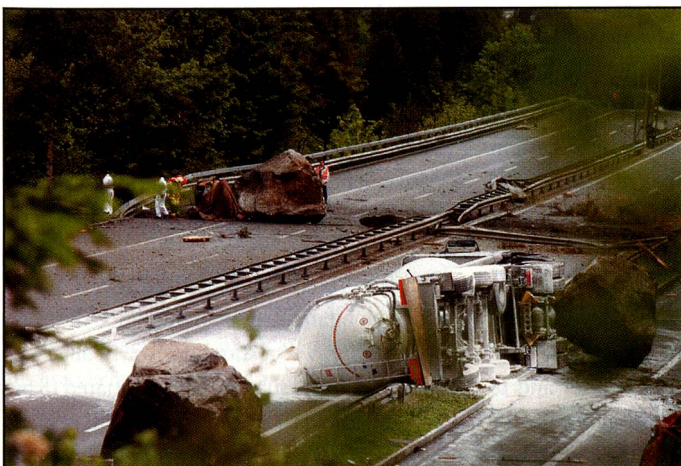
Kefalas, 1st prize, portrait category: UBS President Ospel at the Annual General Meeting. A shareholder condemns executives' fat-cat salaries.



Peter Gerber, 2nd prize, portrait category: Sister Dorothea teaching at a girls' boarding school and playing sport.



Thomas Kern, 1st prize, culture category: Architect Jacques Herzog



Emanuel Ammon, current affairs category: Rockslide on the Gotthard Tunnel motorway in late May. Two people were killed.



Eveline Bachmann, 1st prize, sport category: Swiss football fans during the penalty-shootout in the World Cup game against Ukraine.