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• Japan apologizes for World War II atrocities. • The nation's estimate of the rape rate doubles. • Scientology's secrets are spilled on the Internet. • Ruby Ridge family gets millions from the Justice Department. • Faulkner flees The Citadel.

WEEK IN REVIEW
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Japanese Remorse

Prime Minister Murayama Says "Owabi" at Last

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama this week did what no other Japanese leader has ever dared to do: he apologized for the suffering Japan inflicted on other countries during World War II.

Japanese officials have always danced around the problem by saying they felt "remorse" or "deep reflection" for committing atrocities that include sexual enslavement, forced labor and gruesome experiments on Chinese and other Asians. This time, though, Mr. Murayama used "owabi," an unambiguous word for apology, and he referred explicitly to Japan's "colonial rule" and "invasion."

While many Japanese say that Mr. Murayama's apology is long overdue, others argue that as the target of two atomic bombs, Japan does not need to apologize for the smaller horrors it caused in Asia.

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Crime Survey

Rape Was Underreported Because No One Asked

Of all crimes, rape is the most underreported because women are afraid of facing their attackers in court and

putting their integrity on trial. Indeed, even in surveys, women are apt to underreport rape.

Last week the Department of Justice released a report that doubled the annual national estimates of rapes and attempted rapes to 310,000. Justice Department officials said the increase was not due to a rise in the number of rapes, but in the way the interviewers asked their questions. In its annual crime survey of 100,000 Americans interviewers asked women for the first time directly whether or not they were the victim of a rape.

Even the new estimate may be low. Many women whose husbands or boyfriends force them to have sex will not say yes when asked whether they have been raped.

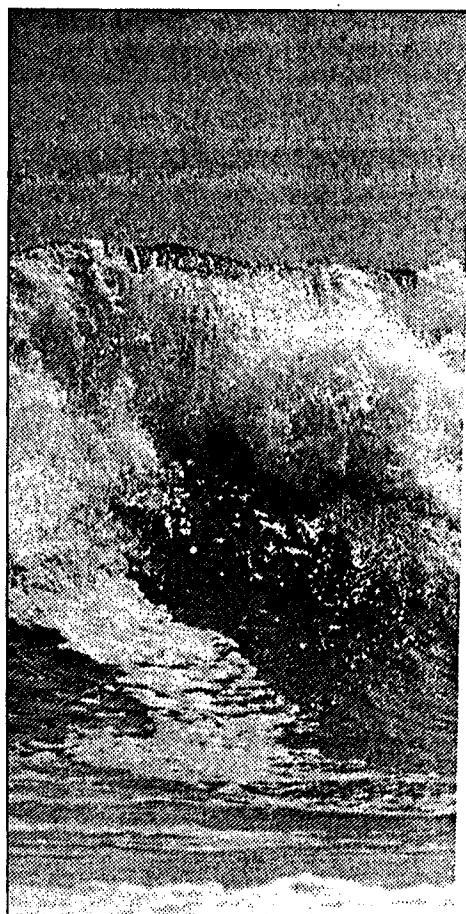
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Internet Gospel

Scientology's Expensive Wisdom Now Comes Free

To reach what the Church of Scientology calls the seventh level of spirituality, the church's scriptures instruct followers to go to zoos and parks to communicate with plants and animals and go to train stations to put thoughts in the minds of strangers.

Advice like that doesn't come cheap. Scientologists pay tens of thousands of dollars for such spiritual teachings. Now, to the church's dismay, they're free with an Internet account.



Cowabunga!

For a brief and shining spell last week, the Rockaways look like a surfer

The scriptures had been entered as an affidavit in a court case in Los Angeles. Arnaldo P. Lerma of Arlington, Va., a former church employee who is part of a band of on-line dissidents fighting Scientology, posted a copy of the affidavit on the Internet. Copies of the scriptures were then downloaded around the world. In China, the operator of a computer bulletin board said demand for the Scientology documents was slowing network access for the whole country.

The church sued Mr. Lerma, charging copyright infringement, and United States marshals seized his computer and 400 disks. Computer experts hired by the church tried to purge all the bootleg gospels from his system. And the judge in the Los Angeles case sealed the file. But computer dissidents say the texts are still available at Internet sites on several continents.

In the purloined scripture, Scientologists warn that unauthorized readers can die of pneumonia. No epidemic has been reported.

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Who Was the First Upright Man?



The jaw bones of a 4.1 million-year-old human ancestor were dug up by Meave Leakey in Kenya.

