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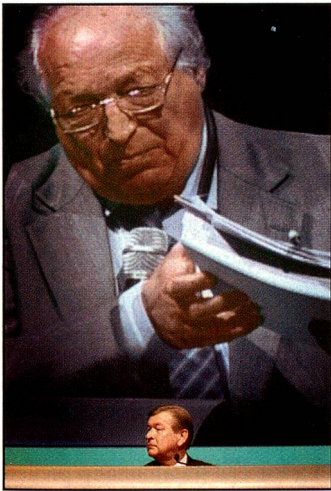
**The best press photos of 2006.** The Espace Media Foundation has once again honoured the year's best press photos and published them in a book. One hundred and twenty-eight photographers submitted a total of 1658 photos for the six categories: current affairs, daily life and the environment, portrait,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



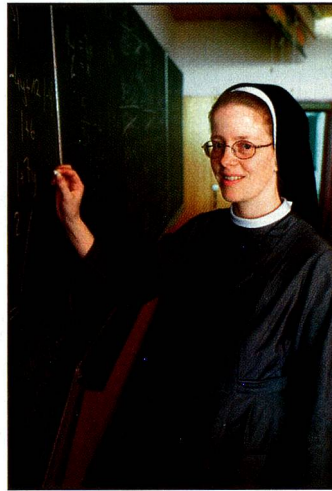
Peter Gerber, press photo of the year: Muslims on Berne's Bundesplatz protesting against the publication of caricatures of the Prophet Mohammed.



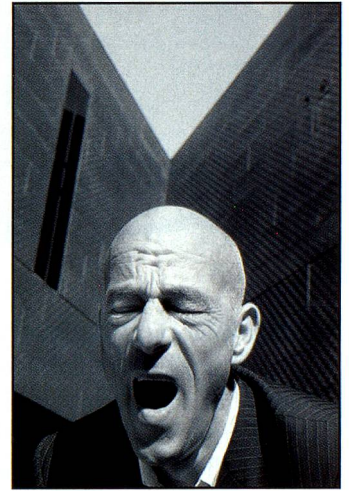
Kurt Reichenbach, 2nd prize, current affairs category: Federal Chancellor Huber-Hotz and Federal Councillors Leuenberger and Blocher on the traditional government "school trip".



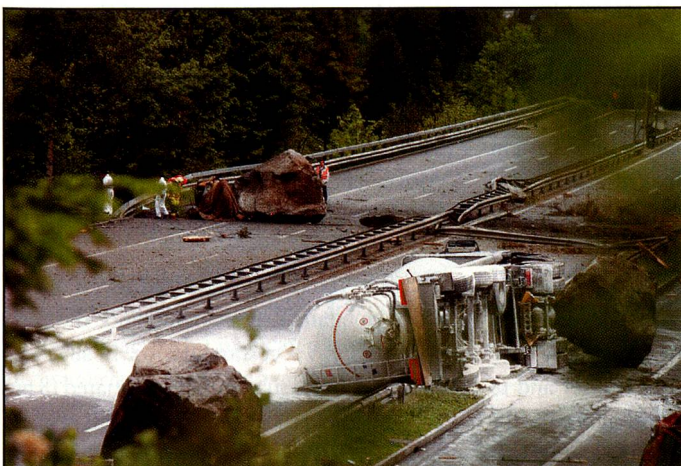
Kefalas, 1st prize, portrait category: UBS President Ospel at the Annual General Meeting. A shareholder condemns executives' fat-cat salaries.



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.