

# Abstract

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## 5 Last Semester

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In 1995 a number of professionals who were in the prime of their working life died: Antonio Figueruelo, Joan Crexell, Jaume Perich, Joan Bustos and Josep Marin Barreras were among these. Other veteran journalists have also left us - including Santiago de Anta, Javier Comín, Alfredo Rueda, Ramon Bech, Manuel Vigil, Rafael González Martínez, Gonzalo de Martorell, Carlos Sampelayo, Miquel Gil Bonancia, Fernando Casado, Lluís Guixeras, and Emilio Bautista.

Internationally, the count of journalists murdered in 1994 reached 114, according to the International Federation of Journalists. The places where newspeople ran the gravest risks of meeting violent death were: Rwanda, Algeria, Russia, and Latin America.

The evolution of political life, with the municipal elections, and the phone-tapping scandal, have been widely reflected in the media. Some local media underwent renewals, like the newspapers *El Punt* in the Maresme area and *Regió 7* in the Anoia region, or the technological renovation of "l'Eco de Sitges" the oldest and most traditional Catalan newspaper.

## 8 What's Going On In The World?

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The present edition, number 26, of the *Annals del Periodisme Català*, addresses the current situation of media organisations around the world. This issue is of interest to all, both journalists and the public opinion alike.

Along this line of work, the *Annals* sought information from a number of Catalan journalists who have been detailed as correspondents in different