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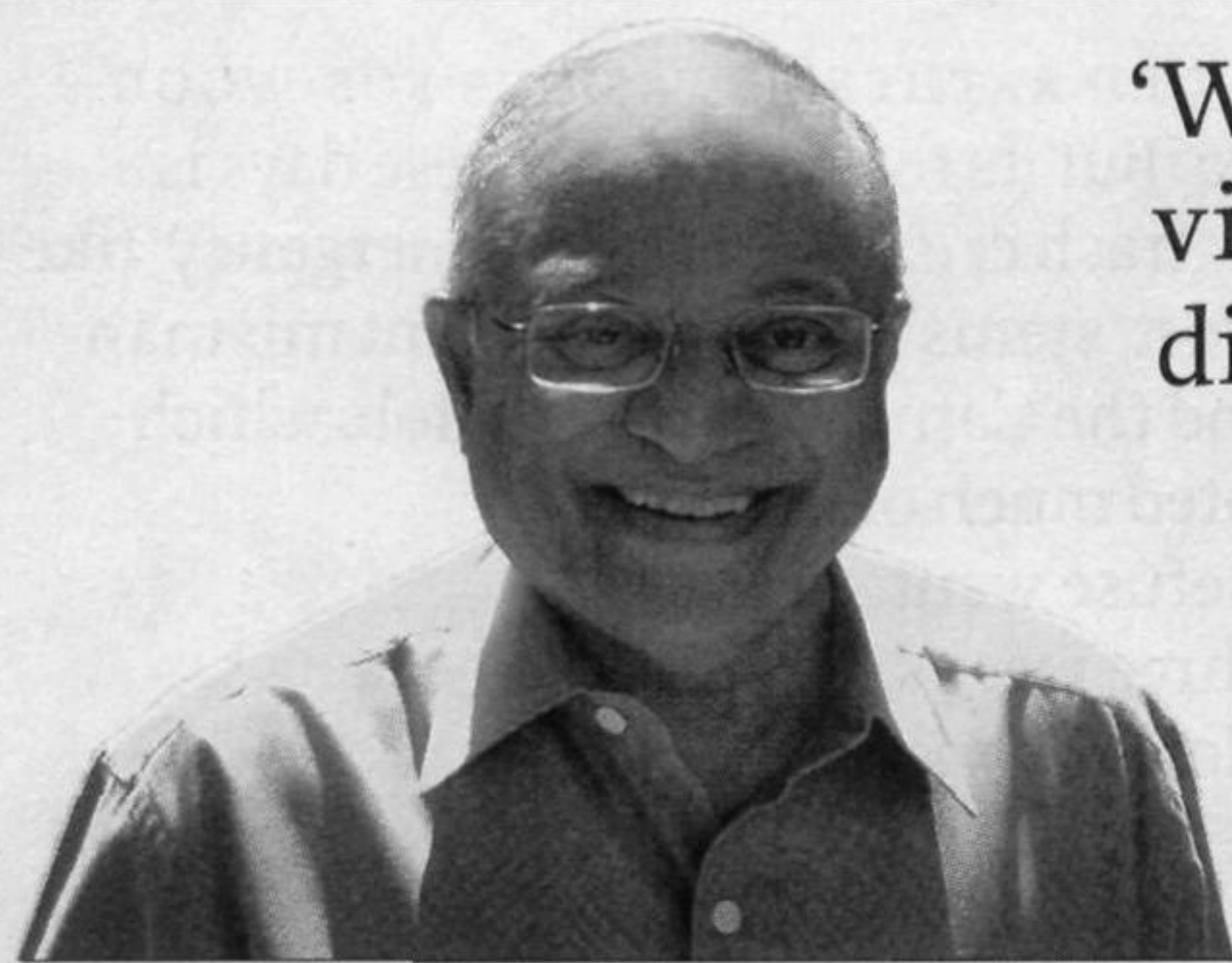
‘Nobody is going to be allowed to do anything here.’

WAHEED ARSHAD, Pakistani Major General, on reports that the U.S. may expand military and CIA authority to pursue Islamic militants in Pakistan



‘If you are a believer in miracles, this would be one.’

PHILIP S. BARIE, chief of the division of critical care at New York–Presbyterian Hospital, on the recuperation of Alcides Moreno, a 37-year-old window washer who fell 47 stories last month



‘We should not resort to violence even if we have differences.’

MAUMOON GAYOOM, President of the Maldives, after an attempt to assassinate him was foiled when a boy scout waiting to greet the island nation’s leader grabbed the attacker’s knife as he lunged out of a crowd

‘This is who I am. This is my life.’

SERGEANT DARREN MANZELLA, U.S. Army medic and a decorated veteran of Iraq, discussing his homosexuality in a Jan. 8 press conference. Manzella has been openly gay since August 2006, despite the military’s “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy; its critics have argued that his case proves the policy is arbitrarily enforced



‘They should either kill me or organize a second round of elections.’

LEVAN GACHECHILADZE, Georgian opposition leader, after his resounding defeat by pro-Western incumbent Mikhail Saakashvili in the country’s Jan. 5 Presidential elections. Gachechiladze claimed the voting was rigged



‘This is the first red carpet that I’ve really walked down where I didn’t have to think about holding in my stomach.’

HALLE BERRY, on being pregnant, while accepting the Desert Palm Achievement Award at the Palm Springs International Film Festival on Jan. 5

NUMBERS

CENSORSHIP

16,600%

Percentage by which Burmese authorities have increased the license fee to receive satellite TV, the country’s only broadcast-news source not controlled by the state

300%

Percentage by which the new fee—about \$800—surpasses the annual salary of a Burmese schoolteacher. The increase is seen as a move to block access to news critical of the ruling military junta

HEALTH

65%

Percentage of U.S. adults who are exercising, dieting or both during any nonholiday period

29

Number of pounds (13 kg) that at least 25% of American adults currently on a diet would like to lose. Regular exercisers said they want to drop an average of 14 lbs. (6.3 kg)

GOLD

\$884

Record price per ounce of gold set on Jan. 8, as investors reacted to market turbulence and high oil prices, beating the previous all-time record of \$875 set in 1980



\$2,200

1980’s record price for gold, when adjusted for inflation

WEALTH

\$46,380

The U.K.’s per capita gross domestic product this year, \$500 more than U.S. per capita GDP. For the first time since the 19th century, the average Briton will earn more than the average American

1993

The year following Britain’s last major recession, when the country’s per capita GDP was 34% less than that of the U.S.

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