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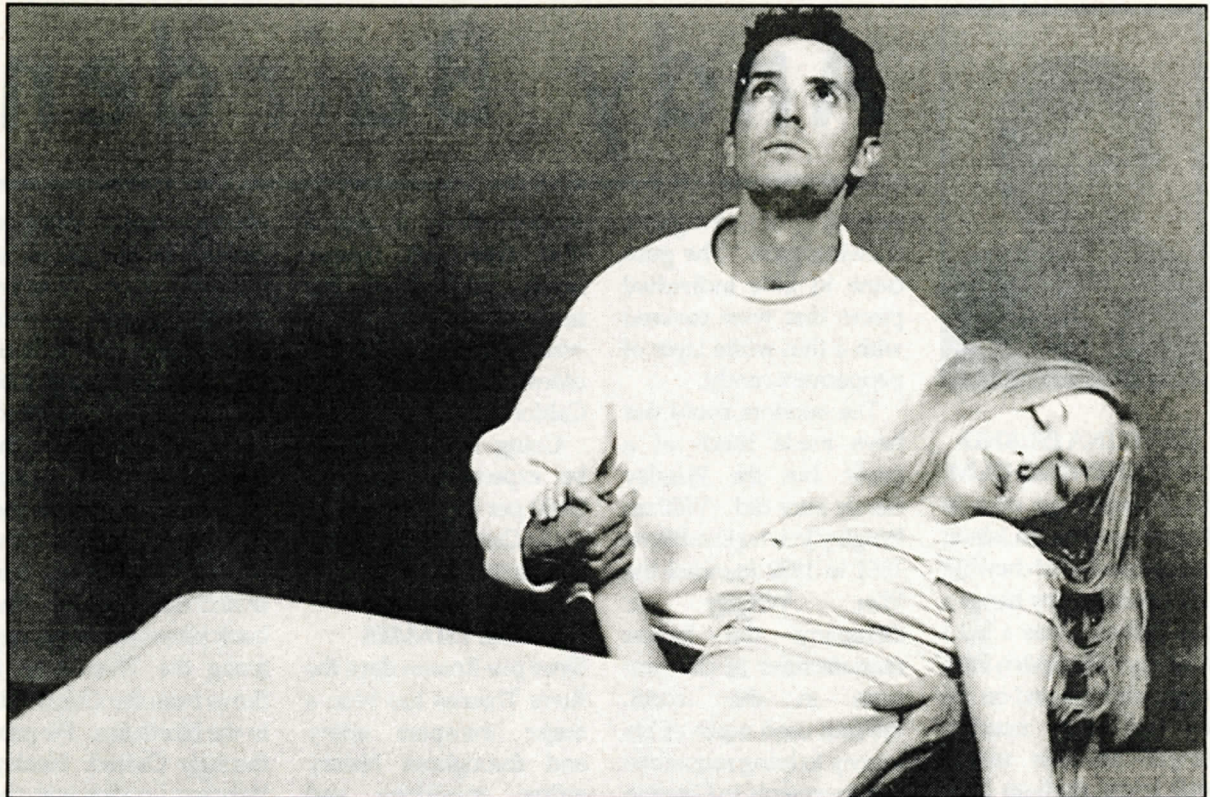
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because the killers claim they did not get a fair trial in public and their identities were revealed.'

The European Commission of Human Rights has ruled that Venables and Thompson were denied a fair trial.

The pair abducted James two, from a shopping centre in Bootle, Merseyside, in 1993. They dragged him two miles before killing him and leaving his body on a railway track.



**SEX AND VIOLENCE:** Everything you want in drama is contained in "The Ring and The Book"

**Fans of English writer Robert Browning will want to attend the Los Angeles premiere stage version of the writer's acclaimed novel "The Ring And The Book".**

Published in 1868, the story exposed a tale of violence in the 17th century in which a noble man shocked the citizens of Rome, when he murdered his wife and her

adopted parents. Browning created poetic dramatic monologues for each of the trial participants taken from the actual Old Yellow Book legal records.

Directed by Brenda Urquhart, Browning's *The Ring and The Book* unmasks the highly sensationalized murder trial in 1697 Rome.

Don Altman, (familiar from numerous stage appearances), stars as Pope Innocent XII: Antonio Pignatelli, the decision maker of the trial in an era when Church and State were combined.

Produced by Ann Greyson the cast includes: Richard Chassler, Jerry Goble, Heather Hilterman, Ken McFarlane, Barry Shay, Vito Viscuso and Lisa Zee as Pompilia Comparini.

The Ring and the Book plays from August 20 to September 11, Friday & Saturday at 8 pm.

Sunday at 3 pm. Preview is Thursday, August 19 @ 8pm. Ticket prices: \$10.00.

Metropole Theatre Works is located at 1277 N. Wilton Place in

Hollywood (corner of Fountain). R

For reservations, call Tickets LA: (323) 660-8587. There is non-etered complimentary street parking.

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## NANNY: Sentencing deferred

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During the trial jurors heard that Mrs Basuta, who ran a day care centre, had lost her temper with Oliver after he refused to stop watching television in order to have his nappy changed.

The prosecution said that she slammed him to the ground, and he died the following day of massive head injuries.

Basuta, who has always maintained her innocence, was left distraught by the guilty verdict, which was announced in June.

Her lawyers say the trial judge refused to

allow important evidence to be heard.

They claim that the child had a previous head injury, but say they were not allowed to cross-examine experts in court on how that might have led to his death.

Mrs Basuta says Oliver had been pushed over on a brick patio whilst playing with other children, as she was changing the nappy on another child.

She and her husband, along with their three children, have lived in California for 10 years since she left her job as a nurse in Berkshire.