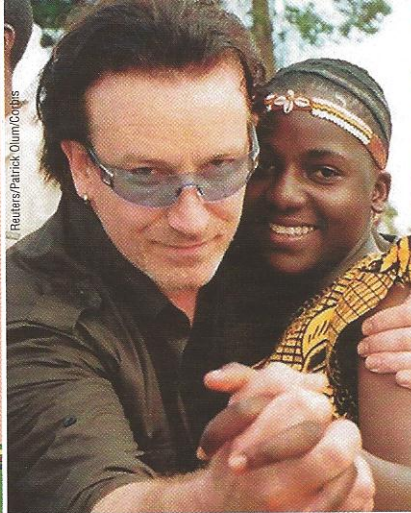


➤ U2's humanitarian lead singer Bono visits Africa and tours Midwestern America to raise awareness and support for African AIDS epidemic relief.

➤ Nuclear crisis arises when North Korean leader Kim Jong Il breaks a 1994 pledge with the United States not to build nuclear weapons.



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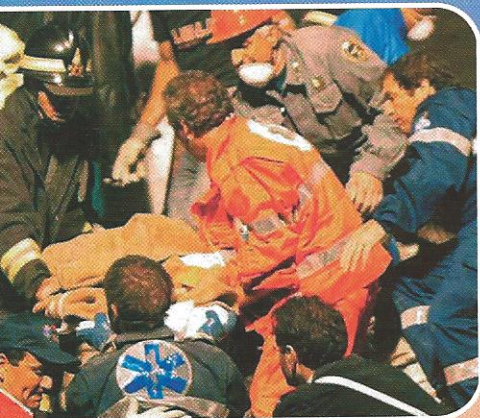


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➤ U.N. inspectors return to Iraq to investigate Saddam Hussein's alleged production of weapons of mass destruction.



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➤ A Halloween earthquake in San Giuliano di Puglia, Italy, topples an elementary school, killing dozens of children.

➤ China's one-child-per-family policy creates an imbalanced boy-to-girl ratio that will result in tens of millions of men finding themselves single in the year 2020.

IRAQ



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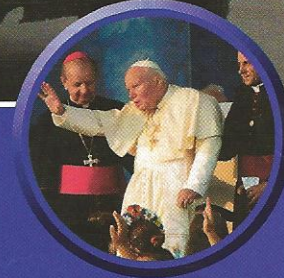
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➤ In October, a Moscow theater siege by Chechen rebels ends in a Russian special forces raid that kills the captors and at least 129 hostages.



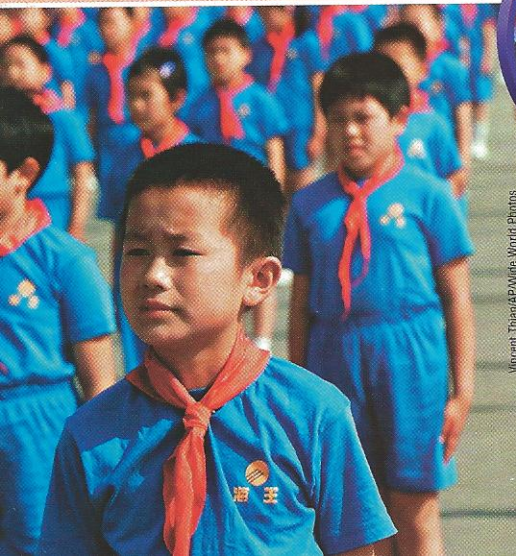
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➤ Thousands die as storms and floods cause billions of dollars in damage in China and many countries across Europe.



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➤ Pope John Paul II travels to Toronto's Downsview Park in July to lead the World Youth Day vigil.



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