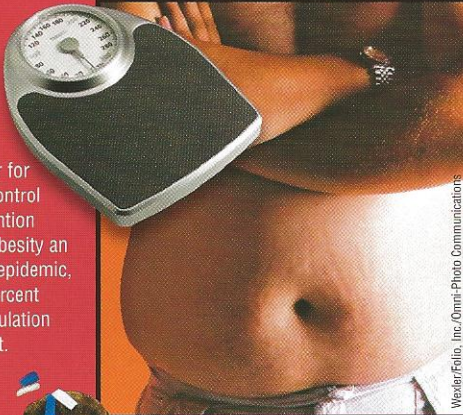


→ Michael Jackson is arrested on multiple counts of child abuse after an accusation from a 12-year-old boy.

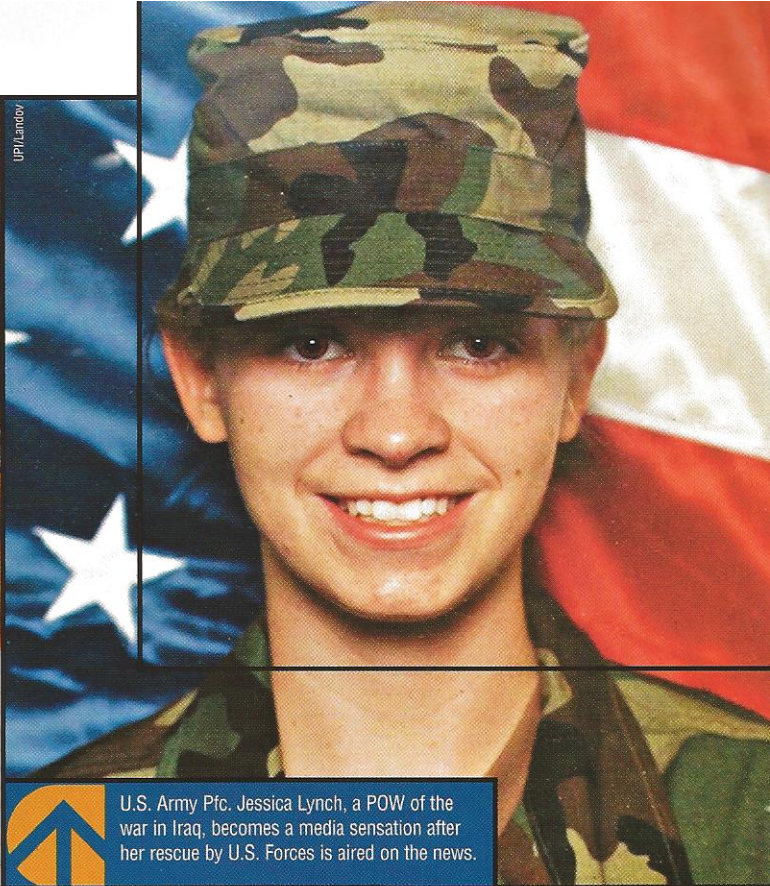


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→ The Center for Disease Control and Prevention declares obesity an American epidemic, with 64 percent of the population overweight.



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U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a POW of the war in Iraq, becomes a media sensation after her rescue by U.S. Forces is aired on the news.



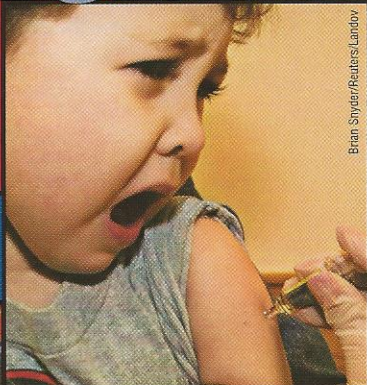
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← Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger replaces Gray Davis as governor of California in a highly publicized recall election.

# Headlines



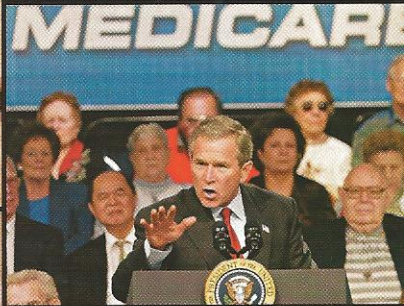
On August 14, the largest North American blackout occurs when three Ohio line failures leave more than 50 million people in eight states and Canada without power.



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← Americans rush to receive vaccinations as the country is hit hard by a new strand of the influenza virus.

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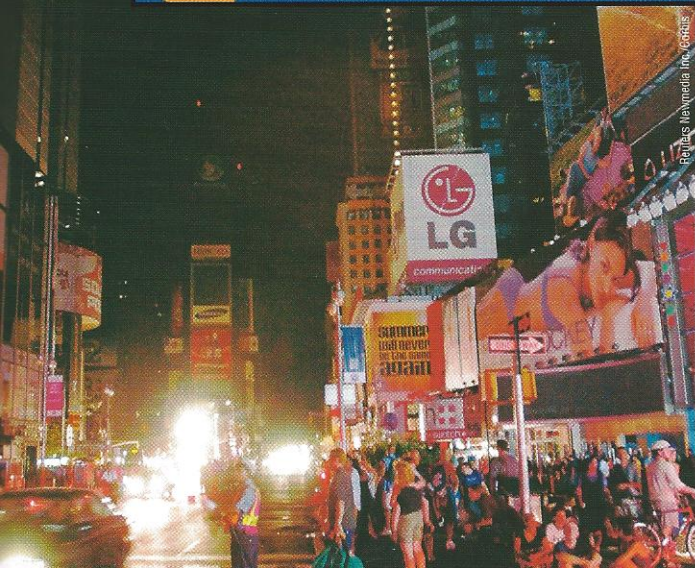


↑ President Bush signs a controversial bill calling for a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul.



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← Scott Peterson stands trial on murder charges in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son.



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