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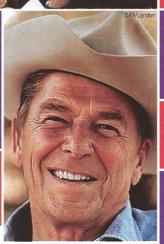
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 - Republican incumbent
 George W. Bush narrowly
 defeats Democratic
 challenger John Kerry in
 the hotly contested 2004
 presidential election.
- Despite assurances that its nuclear program intentions are peaceful, Iran voluntarily suspends its uranium enrichment activities in the face of protests from NATO and the U.S.
- Five hurricanes hit the Caribbean Sea, Florida and the southeastern U.S. coast in the fall of 2004, causing \$25 billion in damages.

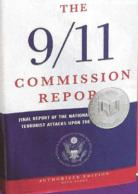






- Lifestyle guru
 Martha Stewart
 begins serving
 a five-month jail
 sentence in West
 Virginia, after being
 found guilty of lying
 about a suspicious
 stock sale.
- Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United States, dies in June at the age of 93.





- In July, the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission releases its report of circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
- Strong partisan division over issues at stake throughout the 2004 presidential campaign results in record turnout of voters under 21.
- In November, Minnesotan Chai Vang allegedly shoots and kills six hunters and wounds two others after he is caught trespassing on a hunting platform in Wisconsin.



VOTE

