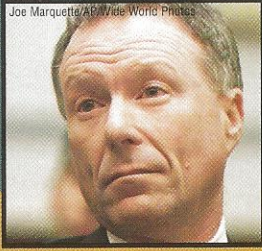
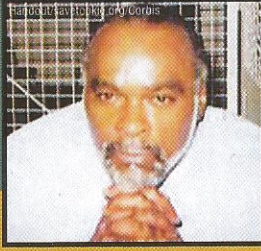




▲ In January 2006, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is sworn in as Liberia's president, making her Africa's first elected female leader.



▲ Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby resigns after being indicted in October on criminal charges relating to the leaking of a CIA officer's identity.



▲ Despite his years of anti-gang advocacy while in prison, on December 13, former Crips gang leader Stanley "Tookie" Williams is executed by lethal injection for four 1979 murders.

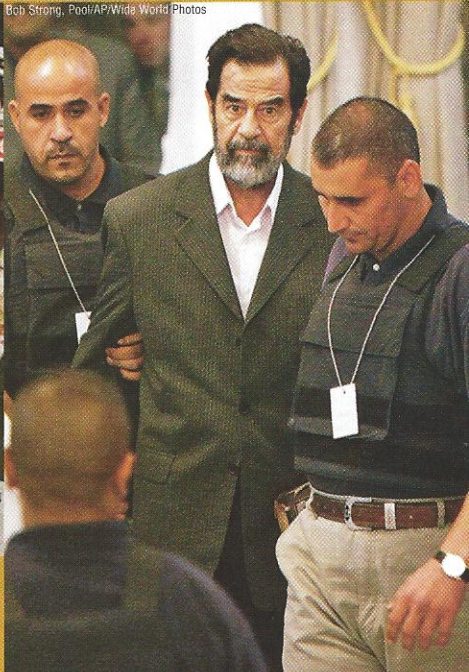


▲ Methamphetamine use becomes a national crisis as meth-related crimes skyrocket on the West Coast and in the Midwest. Pharmacies remove pseudophedrine products from shelves in an effort to control meth production.



▲ On January 2, 2006, an explosion at the Sago Mine in Tallmansville, West Virginia, traps 13 miners 260 feet below the surface. Sadly, only one of the miners is pulled out alive.

► In October, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad, pleading innocent to the murder and torture charges against him.



◀ Hoping to restart the peace process with the Palestinians, Israel evacuates the Gaza Strip, an area it has occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War.

▲ Civil unrest rocks France as more than 300 towns and suburbs explode with riots and arson. High unemployment, racial discrimination and rage are blamed for the outbreaks.