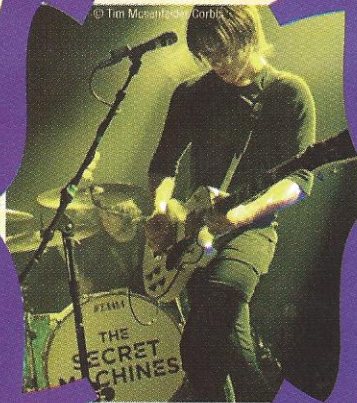
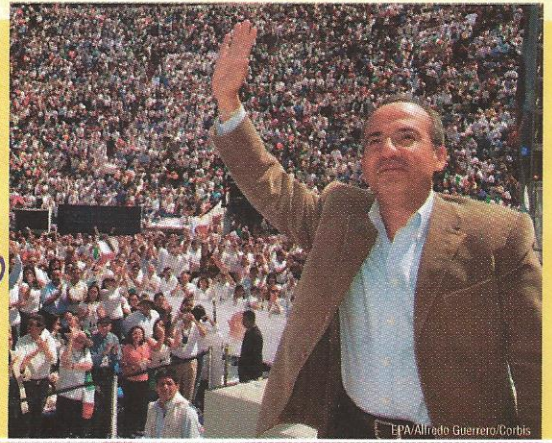


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Mexico's new CEO

▶ Controversial conservative Felipe Calderón begins his six-year term as president of Mexico after winning by a narrow margin of only 0.56 percent.



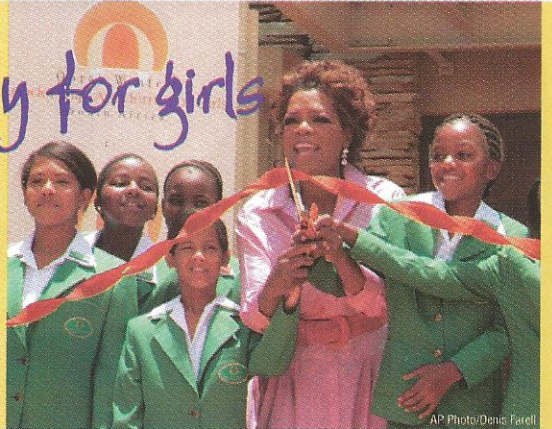
▶ MySpace.com galvanizes celebrities and organizes more than 20 Rock for Darfur concerts to raise funds for what the U.N. calls "the world's greatest humanitarian crisis."

List of bands:

Switchfoot
 Citizen Cope
 Ziggy Marley
 Teddy Geiger
 Insane Clown Posse
 Jars of Clay
 Secret Machines
 Alice in Chains
 TV on the Radio
 (+44)
 Atreyu

Academy for girls

▶ Oprah Winfrey opens her \$40 million Leadership Academy for Girls in the deprived small town of Henley-on-Klip, south of Johannesburg, South Africa.

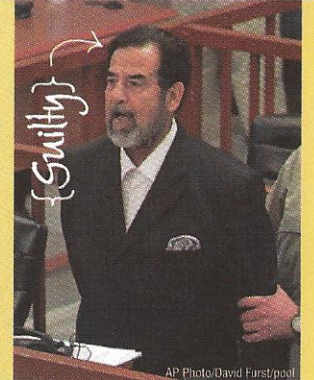


Russian spy

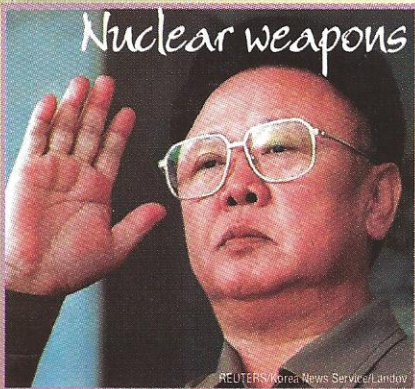


▶ Saddam Hussein is sentenced to death and executed by the Iraq Special Tribunal for the 1982 murder of 148 Shiite inhabitants of Dujail.

◀ Former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, an outspoken critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, dies in London after being poisoned by radioactive polonium-210.



Nuclear weapons



▶ Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based Islamic militia, attacks Israeli military positions and border villages, beginning a conflict that claims more than 1,400 lives, mostly civilians. U.N. peacekeepers are called in to broker a cease-fire.

◀ In October 2006, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il orders the country's first nuclear weapon test. During the Six-Party Talks in February 2007, North Korea agrees to a nuclear disarmament.

Hezbollah

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