

# World Events



The United States heightens the war on terrorism by initiating a "shock and awe" campaign that liberates the Iraqis from former leader Saddam Hussein's regime. Further military actions resulted in the death of his sons Odai and Qusai and the celebrated capture of Hussein himself.



Architect Michael Arad's design, "Reflecting Absence," is selected for the World Trade Center memorial.



Eleven Russian coal miners are rescued after being trapped 2,625 feet below ground for six days.



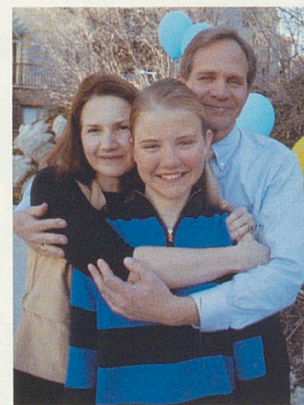
Astronomers discover M4, the oldest known planet, estimated to be 12.7 billion years old.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promises to relocate 17 Gaza Strip settlements.



Iranian Shirin Ebadi receives the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian efforts.



Nine months after she was abducted, Elizabeth Smart is found alive in Utah.



While serving in Iraq, more than 500 American troops are killed and more than 3,000 are wounded.