

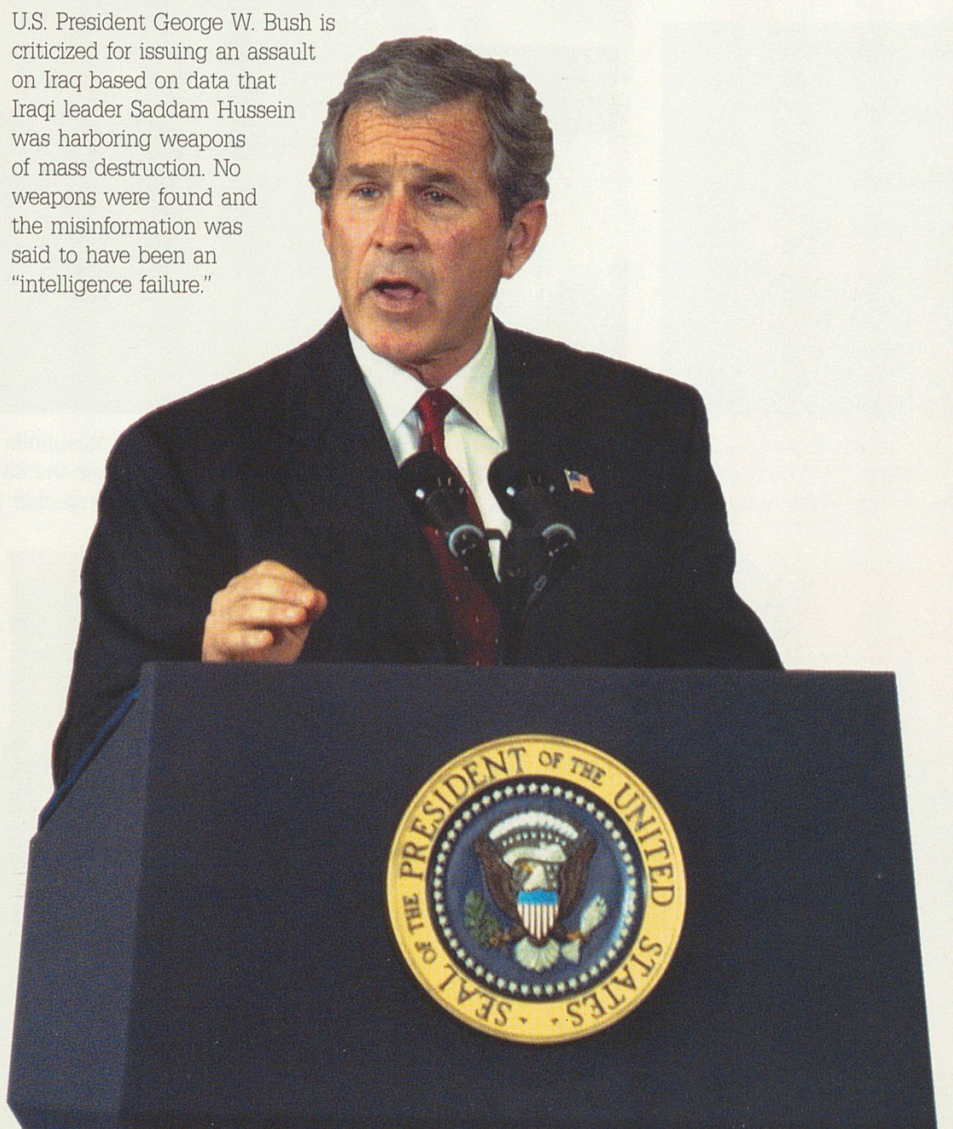
Californians voice disapproval of Gray Davis by voting Arnold Schwarzenegger governor in a recall election. Wife Maria Shriver resigned her seven-figure position with NBC News.



China, Taiwan and Canada are hit hardest by the deadly SARS virus. SARS killed more than 900 people and infected thousands worldwide. In an attempt to isolate the virus, breathing masks were worn, travelers were screened for symptoms and patients were quarantined.



Europeans endure one month of temperatures that soar above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The record-breaking heatwave killed more than 19,000 people, withered crops, sparked wildfires, caused power outages and melted Alpine glaciers.



U.S. President George W. Bush is criticized for issuing an assault on Iraq based on data that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was harboring weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found and the misinformation was said to have been an "intelligence failure."