



A traditional Indian Kathakali dancer, KM John performs his skills outside a mega store in a shopping mall in Bangalore. The mega store organised a Kathakali dance to attract customers and to celebrate the festival of Onam. Onam is the harvest festival of the southern Indian state of Kerala and is considered as one of the major festivals of the southern part of the country.



A statue of the Virgin Mary is seen in front of submerged houses in the Lakefront District of New Orleans, Louisiana. Rescue efforts and clean up continue in the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina twenty days after the deadly storm hit.



Japanese electronics giant Toshiba employee Hiroko Mochida displays a prototype model of the IC audio player, powered by direct methanol fuel cell (DMFC) battery unit (L) which enables to play 35 hours with a single 3.5ml charge of methanol at the company's headquarters in Tokyo. Toshiba developed two prototype fuel cell units that would realise extended playing time for mobile music players and will be commercialised in 2007.



Hannah Schmidt of Christie's views a little known masterpiece by Titian entitled "The Portrait of a Lady and her daughter" at Christie's auction house in London. The painting, expected to fetch offers in excess of 5 million sterling pounds has not previously been seen for over 400 years, and was only recently revealed after nearly twenty years of careful restoration.



An Iraqi woman pleads to US soldiers as they search her house during a raid in Tikrit, 175 kms north of Baghdad. Two US army patrols came under attacks the previous day in Tikrit, hometown of ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, but no casualties were reported, the US military said.