

### ELECTION 2004

# NATION WAITS

## SUSPENSE HANGS HEAVY THROUGH NIGHT OF COUNTING

### ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS



#### DANIELS WINS INDIANA IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

● **Former Bush** administration official Mitch Daniels unseated Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan in Indiana as 11 states elected their top officials. In Missouri Democrat Claire McCaskill held a slim lead over Republican Matt Blunt, **4A**.

#### REST OF THE WORLD DRAWN INTO U.S. RACE



● **People outside** the United States could only watch, wait and vent as Americans lined up to vote. Some held election night parties such as the one shown above in London, **4A**.

#### CALIFORNIA OKS \$3B FOR STEM CELL STUDY

● **Californians** voted to spend \$3 billion on stem cell research, putting the state on the cutting edge of a field questioned by conservatives, **4A**.

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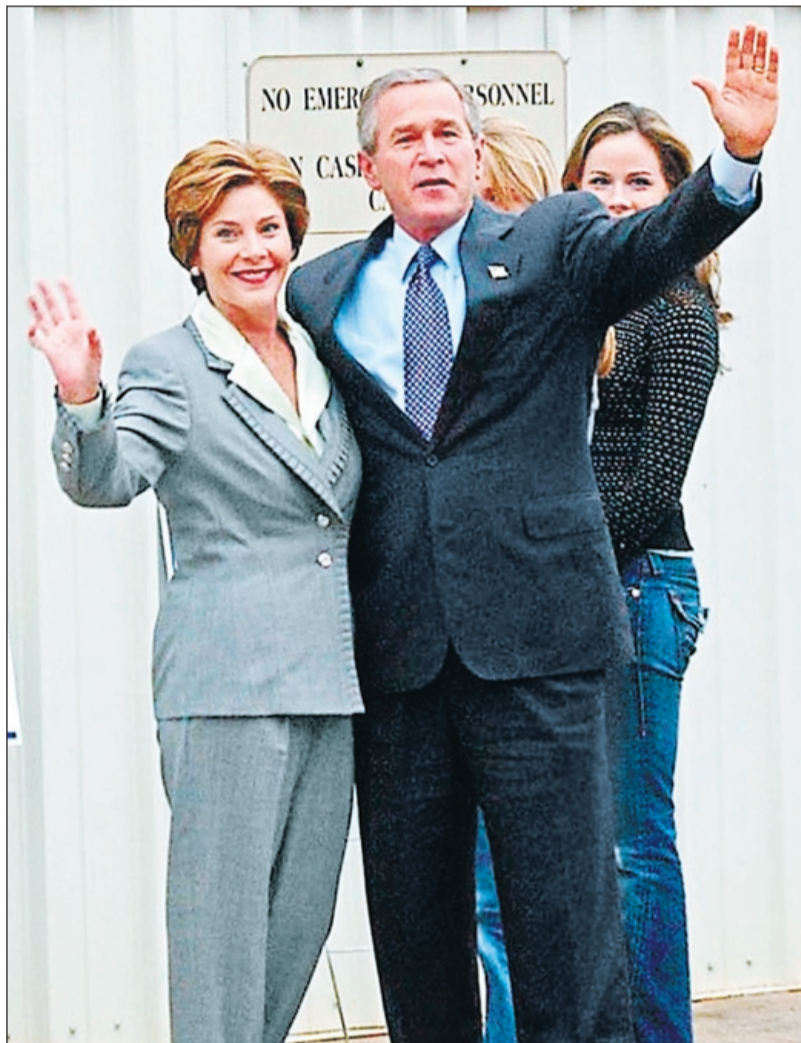
#### STEM CELLS FERRY DRUG TO TUMORS

● **Texas researchers** say they have perfected a method to deliver cancer treatment directly into tumors, bypassing healthy tissue, **12A**.

#### WORLD NEWS

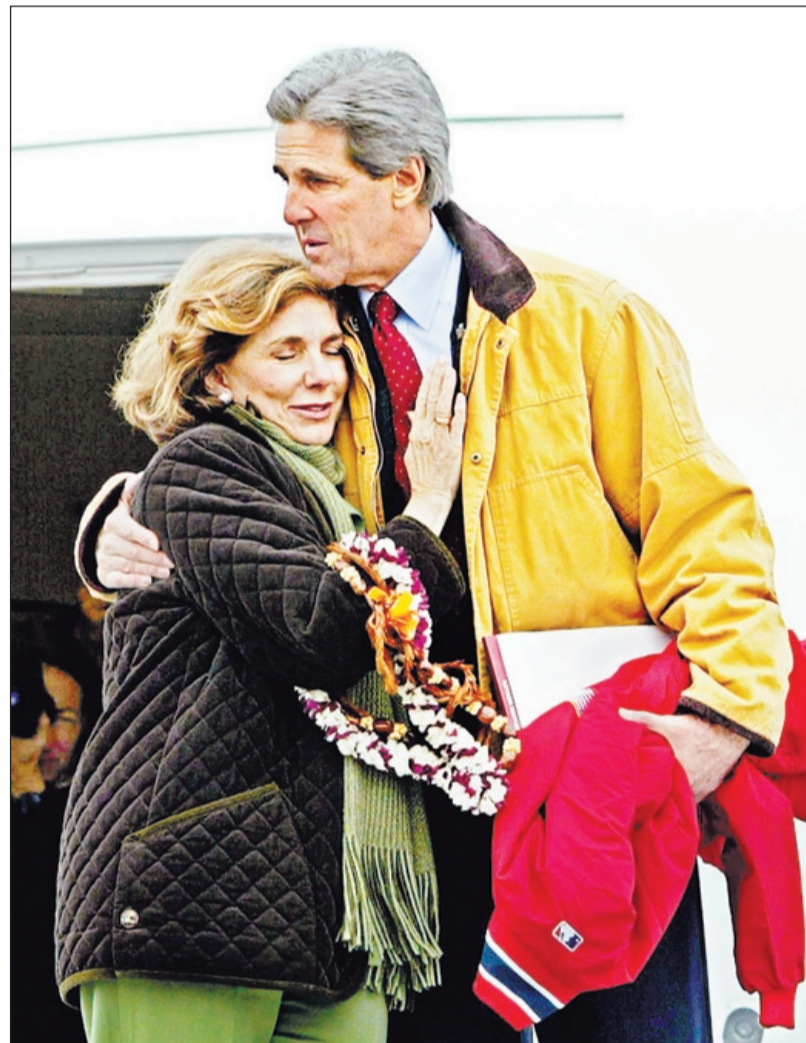
#### DUTCH FILMMAKER, ISLAM CRITIC KILLED

● **A Dutch filmmaker**, who outraged members of the Muslim community with his works' attacks on the treatment of women in Islamic society, was gunned down and stabbed to death, **3A**.



BRIAN K. DIGGS/AP

**CRAWFORD, TEXAS:** First lady Laura Bush, President Bush and their daughters Jenna and Barbara voted at a fire station.



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**HEADING TO BOSTON:** John Kerry and his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, flew to their home city to vote and await the voters' verdict.

### LEGISLATURE

## GOP retains Congress majority

■ **The GOP won strongly in Senate races for North and South Carolina and Georgia, and defeated three veteran Texas Democrats in House races.**

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WASHINGTON — Republicans renewed their grip on the Senate Tuesday night and reached out for more, capturing Democratic seats across the south. Democratic leader Tom Daschle faced a strong challenge in South Dakota.

### AT THE POLLS

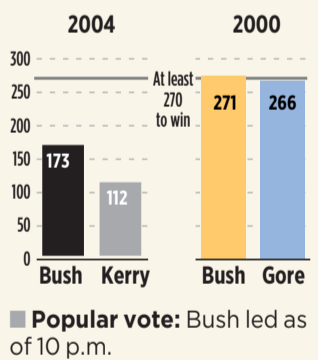
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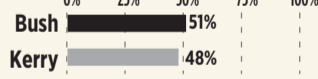
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### ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The president held a lead with 32 states recorded



■ **Popular vote:** Bush led as of 10 p.m.



The GOP also moved toward extending a decade of control over the House. Republican victories for Democratic-held Senate seats in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia assured the GOP of at least 50 seats in the Senate that convenes on Jan. 3.

Under complicated rules in

•TURN TO CONGRESS, 2A

## White House contest down to a nail-biter

■ **A hard-fought presidential race was still delivering drama in its final hours Tuesday, as results trickled in and the outcome remained unclear.**

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A presidential race that has provided nail-biting drama for months between President Bush and Democrat John Kerry remained unsettled late Tuesday as the results from pivotal swing states, including Florida, were far from complete.

Polls closed by 8 p.m. in more than two dozen states, and the two candidates quickly locked in those that each considered to be safe. But the outcomes remained too close to call as energized voters waited in lines past closing hours

to vote in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, the three biggest prizes of the critical battleground states with a combined 68 electoral votes, one quarter of the necessary 270 needed for victory.

The finish appeared perilously close to a repeat of the chaotic 2000 election — when Bush won the White House by a 537 vote-margin in Florida only after a 36-day legal struggle that was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Early indicators suggested a massive voter turnout across the

•TURN TO WINNER, 2A

## Voter turnout is heavy across the country

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WASHINGTON — Ballot-machine glitches, short tempers and long lines greeted voters who

streamed into polling places across the nation to pick a president Tuesday. But with the nation bracing for a repeat of the 2000 recount fiasco, reports of problems were scattered and most Americans were able to vote without incident.

Turnout was high, with voters spilling into parking lots and snaking around city blocks. Some waited hours to vote. Polling places in central Ohio, South Florida and Pennsylvania were staying open late to accommodate voters still standing in long lines when the polls closed. One federal judge in Ohio even ordered that paper ballots be provided to voters, but local election officials

said that was impossible. There is no early voting in Ohio.

"I've never seen it like this before," marveled Candace Dorsey, 40, after waiting 70 minutes to vote in Cleveland.

The long lines and the presence of partisan challengers scrutinizing would-be voters left some tempers frayed in some urban precincts.

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