



Republicans celebrate as polls show US President George W. Bush winning the state of Florida during a post-election celebration yesterday in Washington, DC.

World awaits new US president, better ties

AFP, Paris

World leaders keenly awaited the outcome of the US presidential election Wednesday, with many voicing hope for a fresh start in their often strained relations...

"You're going to see a United States that is interested in listening to your concerns, that is going to be dealing with you, coming from humility and coming from respect," he pledged.

Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said it was time for a new phase in Franco-American relations in a multipolar world.

incumbent. "We like strong and decisive leaders, whom we can judge by their acts and not their words, George Bush is closer to us with his actions. He is predictable and strong," Defense Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski told Polish public radio.

Voters report problems with computer systems

REUTERS, Washington

Voters across the United States reported problems with electronic touch-screen systems on Tuesday in what critics said could be a sign that the machines used by one-third of the population were prone to error.

US media wonder if they goofed again

AFP, New York

It wasn't supposed to happen again. But four years after their 2000 debacle, US media were left wondering on Wednesday if they had goofed one more time in trying to predict the results of a nail-biting presidential election.

At the time, NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw admitted: "I not only have egg on my face, I have an entire omelette all over my suit."

Flaws in US electoral system resurface

AFP, Washington

Four years after a closely fought US presidential election was decided by the Supreme Court, the structural problems plaguing the way Americans pick the world's most powerful leader have once again become all too evident.

never materialized. But if there is one thing the election of 2004 proved, it was that the potential for electoral chaos highlighted in 2000 remains very much alive every time the archaic US voting system runs up against a super-close result.

by the conservative Fox News, gave Florida and the White House to Bush. Gore was beaten 271 to 266 in the electoral vote contest and called Bush to concede, but the drama was far from over.

Eleven states 'shun gay marriage'

BBC NEWS ONLINE

Voters in 11 US states have approved a ban on same-sex marriage, according to early returns from a number of referendums being held on this issue.

have also backed an amendment against civil unions. "We're certainly going to look at legal challenges," Alan Melamed, who led the campaign opposing the amendment, told AP news agency.



Arundhati Roy, the award-winning Indian novelist and human rights campaigner, is all smiles after winning the Australian Peace Prize in Sydney yesterday.

Karzai declared new Afghan president

AFP, Kabul

Incumbent leader Hamid Karzai is the winner of Afghanistan's first presidential election, the spokesman for the election commission told AFP Wednesday.

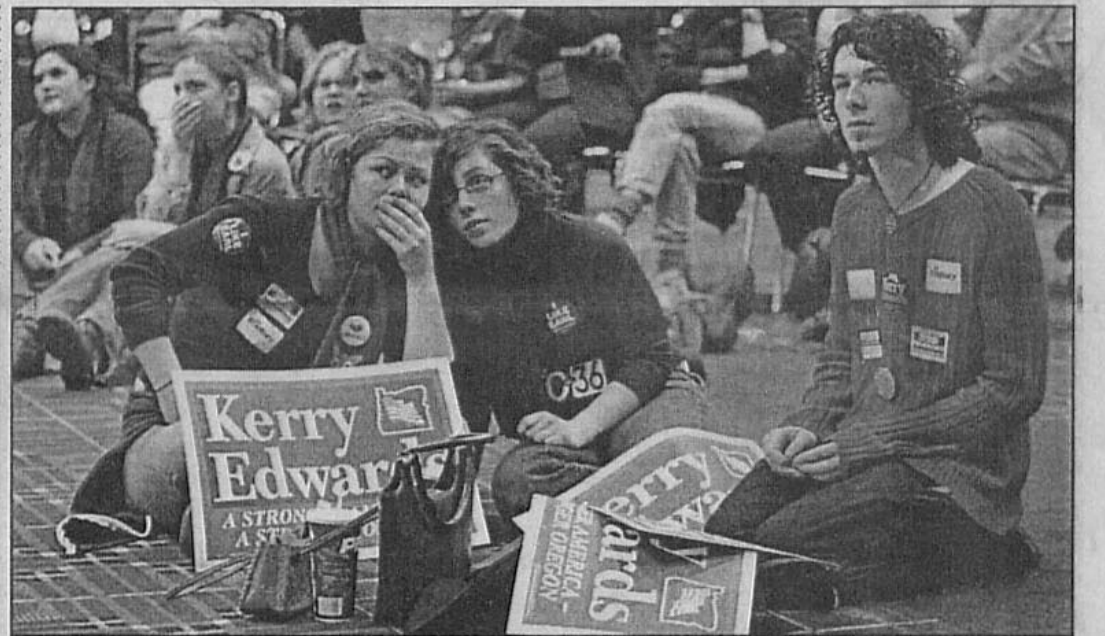
Car bomb rocks Baghdad

More foreign hostages snatched

AFP, Baghdad

At least nine people were injured after a car bomb punched another hole in battle-scarred Baghdad on Wednesday, while militants kidnapped more foreigners and shot dead a top oil ministry official.

on Tuesday that killed at least eight people and injured dozens of others. In the latest hospital drama, a US-Lebanese man working for Iraq's transport ministry was kidnapped overnight from his house in the smart Baghdad neighbourhood of Mansour.



Supporters of John Kerry and opponents of Oregon Measure 36, the measure to ban gay marriage, watch in disbelief as results of the measure appear on Tuesday in Portland, Oregon. Early projections show the gay marriage ban passed.

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Laden warns of revenge for Iraq killings

REUTERS, Dubai

Osama bin Laden said on Wednesday in a full Internet broadcast of a video, partly aired by Al Jazeera last week, that George W. Bush had dragged America into a quagmire in Iraq and warned of retaliation for Iraqi deaths.

blood of those on both sides just for oil and to employ his private companies," bin Laden said. "Remember that for every action, there is a reaction," he said, adding that al Qaeda would carry on fighting the United States "until it forces it into bankruptcy".

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