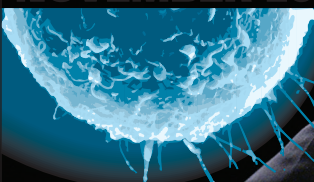


WORLD AGENDA

NOVEMBER 2004



Nov 2, Los Angeles: Californians vote on *Proposition 71*, authorising \$3 billion spending on stem cell research, including on embryonic stem cells, in defiance of Bush administration-imposed limits. Researchers hope to find treatments for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and diabetes

Nov 8, Florida: NASA launches *Swift* – the first observatory of its kind – to gather information about gamma-ray bursts, brief, intense flashes of gamma radiation that could reveal clues about the creation of the universe



Nov 1, Brussels: Former Cypriot minister **Markos Kyrianou**, who advocates a Europe-wide ban on smoking in public places, takes office as the EU health and consumer protection commissioner. Kyrianou wants a ban in force by the end of his five-year mandate

Nov 22, New York: The International *Emmy* Awards are announced with a political satire from Argentina expected to be a strong contender. **Caiga Quien Caiga** won a record five nominations

Research: Kate Edgley Pictures: Associated Press

November 2, United States: Americans decide whether to give **George Bush** a second four-year term when the world's only superpower goes to the ballot box. Opinion polls put the Republican incumbent neck-and-neck with Democrat challenger **John Kerry**



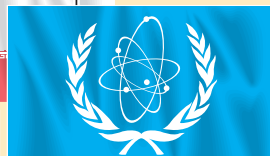
PERIGO MINAS!



Nov 29, Nairobi: A review of the 1997 *Mine Ban Treaty*, to which 143 states are party, takes place halfway to the 2009 deadline for most member states to clear minefields. Landmines and unexploded ordnance cause up to 20,000 new casualties each year

Nov 25, Cairo: Iraq's neighbours, the **G8** nations, the **Arab League** and the **Organization of the Islamic Conference** will thrash out plans for an election in Iraq, which the interim government intends to press ahead with in January despite raging violence

Nov 25, Vienna: The **IAEA** meets to decide whether to report **Iran** to the UN Security Council if Tehran fails to meet a deadline on this day to suspend all uranium enrichment-related activity



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