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Ruling means victory for gay rights activists

■ **LAW:** The Supreme Court threw out a Colorado constitutional amendment that forbid protecting homosexuals against discrimination

By Kristin Bailey
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Gay rights activists across the country are celebrating their biggest victory.

The Supreme Court threw out a Colorado constitutional amendment Monday, which forbids laws from protecting gay men and lesbians against discrimination.

"Obviously, it's wonderful," said Rebecca Brooks, co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance. "I'm overjoyed. I feel justice has been done. The real victory is the Oregon Citizen's Alliance's wind is very much taken out of their sails."

The court ruled 6-3 that the Colorado amendment violates homosexuals' constitutional right to equal protection. Justices said the amendment denied gay men and lesbians the political rights enjoyed by the rest of the American public — including protection against employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination.

The Colorado ruling may play a crucial role in the political future for gay men and lesbians in Oregon, gay rights activists said.

"Emotionally, this is a big victory," Brooks said. "But in terms of the actual prejudice we deal with, it's still going to be touch and go."

Eugene, Ashland, Corvallis and Portland are the only Oregon cities with laws protecting homosexual rights, Brooks said. Although Monday's ruling is a step in the right direction toward equal rights, the Oregon Citizen Alliance still poses a threat to the gay community, she said.

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Oregon's primary election requires voters' presence

■ **BALLOTS:** Only those voters who are registered as absentee can vote by mail

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

Polling places are open today for Oregon's primary election. Voters must go to their designated polling place or to the Lane County Election Office to vote.

Only those registered absentee voters are allowed to vote by mail for today's election.

Polling precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and voters must go to the precinct to which they are registered. Polling sites are listed on the back of voters' registration cards.

Students who live in the residence halls and are registered in Lane County can vote outside Suite 4 EMU, near the ASUO office.

Current Oregon law requires voters in primary and general elections to cast their ballots at polling places unless they have applied for an absentee ballot. Secretary of State Phil Keisling said in a news release.

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Spring cleaning



Washing the sidewalks around the EMU, Physical Plant employee Lew Atkinson uses a pressure washer to get rid of mud. Rain during the Willamette Valley Folk Festival transformed the EMU East Lawn into a giant mud pit.

Alleged rapist pleads not guilty at arraignment

■ **COURT:** Brooks never violated his release agreement, a custody referee clerk said

By Sherry Rainey
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Kylee Justin Brooks, whom the grand jury indicted on Friday for several felony offenses, turned himself in to Eugene police Monday morning after a warrant for additional charges was issued on Friday.

Brooks appeared at his circuit court arraignment as scheduled at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, although police had issued a news release Friday afternoon that said he was missing.

He pleaded not guilty to first degree felony charges of attempted rape, kidnap, sexual abuse and attempted sodomy along with charges of coercion, menacing and fourth-degree assault at the arraignment.

"[Brooks] has abided by all of the conditions of his

release agreement," said a clerk at the custody referee's office for the Lane County Jail.

A week ago, he posted \$5,000, or 10 percent, of the original \$50,000 security to be released from the Lane County Jail.

Brooks' security has been increased to \$500,000 since Friday, but the \$5,000 he originally paid was transferred to his release agreement in accordance with the grand jury indictment.

In stipulation to his release agreement, Brooks is not allowed to leave Oregon, have any contact with the victim or have any contact with anyone younger than 18.

Brooks was arrested May 12 on attempted rape charges in connection with a 19-year-old University student who reported the assault to police. The assault allegedly occurred in the Pioneer Cemetery on campus.

Bob Gorham, assistant district attorney, said the trial probably won't be scheduled for at least four months.