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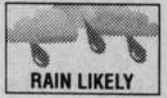
## Wait until next year

The Oregon soccer team never found solid ground against top teams, but 2001 looks strong. **PAGE 8**

## Oregon makes history

The nation's first all mail-in ballot and remarkably high turnout turns all eyes to the West. **PAGE 7**

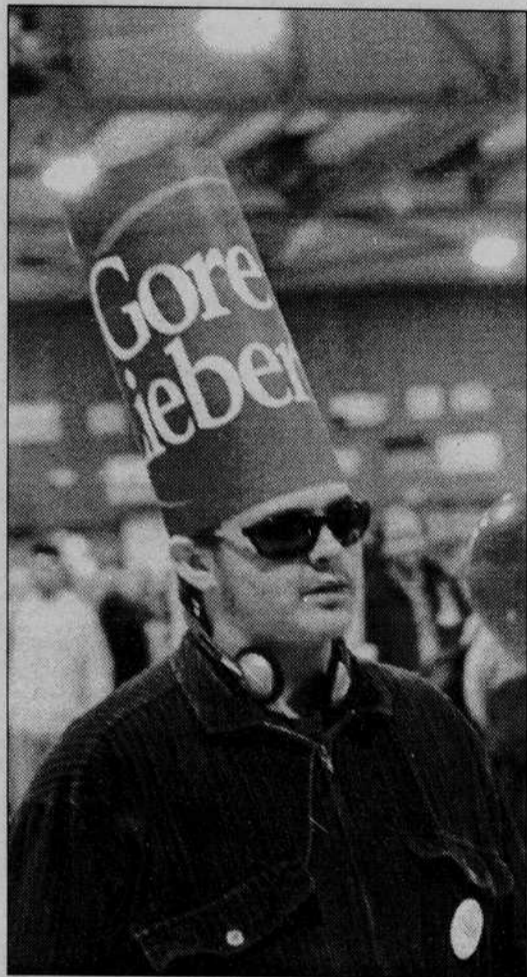
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# Race thrown into limbo



Tom Patterson Emerald

Brendan Kaswell makes his support for a ticket obvious.

By David Bauder  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — It was the ultimate in reality television for grateful networks Tuesday: a presidential election with the final survivor a true mystery as the night wore on.

After a nail-biting night, shortly after 2:15 a.m. EST, the TV networks declared George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore in Florida — and thus the nation.

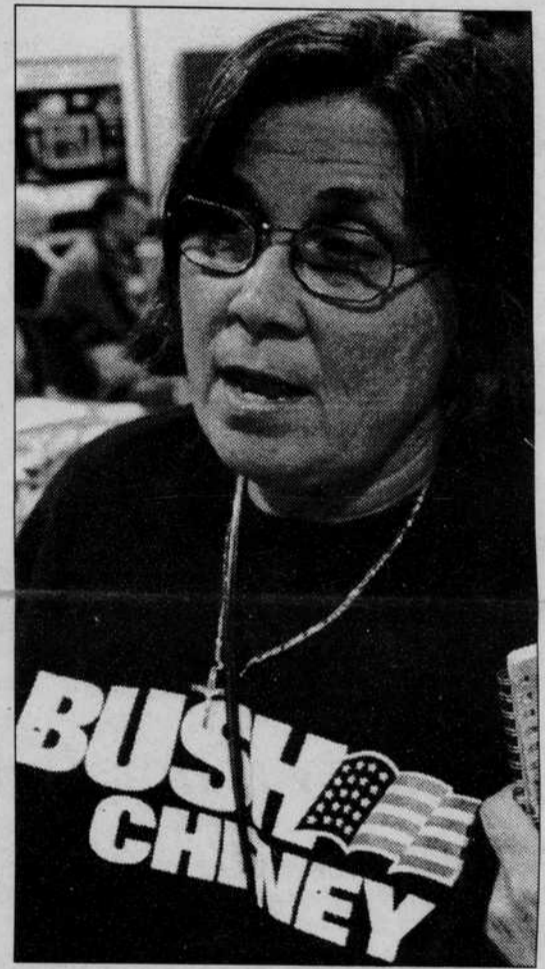
But that didn't end the drama. By 3:30 a.m. EST, NBC's Tom Brokaw continued to wonder aloud if Florida was a lock for Bush. Only several hundred votes separated the two men, he noted, with 30,000 uncounted absentee ballots.

"That would be something if the networks managed to blow it twice in one night," he said. Before too long, CNN started to waver, too — especially after neither candidate appeared in public as expected.

Brokaw's rueful remark referred to the networks predicting earlier in the evening that Gore would win Florida. Two hours later, they took that prediction back, saying the race was too close to call.

It made for gripping television. The networks spent millions of dollars on polls and vote-gathering efforts in an attempt to find out the results as quickly as possible. Instead, they got something better — old-fashioned

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Jon House for the Emerald

Bush supporter Joan Chipman attends Election Central 2000.

## Nader to supporters: 'You did the right thing'

By Darren Freeman  
Oregon Daily Emerald

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader told his supporters in an eleventh-hour speech Tuesday evening that they did the right thing by "voting their conscience" and supporting the third party.

Since Nader began campaigning, Democrats have been warning liberals that votes for Nader would benefit Bush by taking support away from Vice President Al Gore.

But it is debatable whether Nader's supporters would have voted for Gore had Nader not been on the ballot. Gore supporters said that Nader voters are liberal and would therefore have voted for Gore. On the other hand, Nader

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## Democrats carry day in Lane Co.

■ The run-off for the District 41 seat was arduous

By Lindsey Buchele and Jeremy Lang  
Oregon Daily Emerald

The race between former Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller and incumbent Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, for the District 41 seat was too close to call as of press time, but other local and state Democrats made a clean sweep of their contests Tuesday.

At 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, the last update before deadline, Miller was leading Walker with 50.7 percent of the vote. With 64.8 percent of the vote counted, Miller led by only 329 votes.

The predominantly Democratic crowd at the Lane County Fairgrounds watched its local hero slowly gain ground against Miller throughout the night. Until 10 p.m., Miller held 52 percent of the vote, with 44 percent of the precincts reporting. But Walker remained optimistic as election officials released early results and assured her supporters at the fairgrounds, "You watch, they'll change."

Miller left the fairgrounds about 11 p.m. and couldn't be reached for comment before deadline.

The other local Democrats had an easier time in their contests, crushing their Republican opponents by large margins even though all the votes haven't been counted.

Democrat Phil Barnhart won decidedly against Republican Dr. Bill Young and Socialist Karl Sorg.

Barnhart, who said he felt confident about his race from the start Tuesday, was more concerned about the number of

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Dan Brunell Emerald

Early Wednesday morning, networks rescinded their earlier projection giving the state of Florida to Texas Gov. George W. Bush.



## Many measures tightly contested

■ Oregon has a host of inflammatory issues; future of state funding remains up in the air

By Rebecca Newell and Beata Mostafavi  
Oregon Daily Emerald

With a presidential election indeterminately close, Oregon's ballot measures are following suit with a string of narrowly failing, too-close-to-predict measures. With almost 1,300 of Oregon's 2,195 precincts counted, final results have yet to be decided.

With a multitude of controversial measures on the ballot, Oregonians held their breaths as they awaited the results, which may have drastic consequences on Oregon's future.

A mob of anxious individuals pushed and shoved Tuesday night at the Lane County Fairgrounds to get a glimpse of the updated election summary sheet put out by Lane County Elections or to get a spot in front of the big-screen televisions broadcasting the changing results.

### Tax Measures

#### STATE MEASURE #8

Measure 8 — which would reduce state government spending by an estimated \$5.7 billion for the 2001-2003 biennium — is failing by a 10 percent difference at press time.

Opponents of the measure had said the cut would drastically affect services including education, health care, public safety, services to seniors and disabled people and pro-

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