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## Getting heated

In most Civil War weeks, there is a war of words, and this week is no exception. **PAGE 7**

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# Judge upholds deadline, but appeals will follow

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris will decide whether to accept further recount totals

By Ron Fournier  
AP Political Writer

One week into America's election limbo, Florida's Republican secretary of state certified George W. Bush's narrow lead Tuesday night, even as thousands of disputed ballots were counted into the night at Al Gore's behest. "When is it going to end?" asked Bush aide James A. Baker III.

There was no answer in sight. Baker floated a proposal to cease the ballot-by-ballot fight for Florida's 25 electoral votes and the White House, but Democrats said he offered nothing new — and dismissed it outright. With lawyers and judges front and center in the presi-

dential election, nerves began to fray and adjectives failed to serve.

"It's like the seventh day of being held hostage," stammered Jeb Bush, governor of Florida and the harried brother of the GOP presidential hopeful.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Bush supporter, announced Tuesday night that the Texas governor had a 300-vote lead out of 6 million votes cast — with overseas absentee ballots and ongoing recount totals pending.

Her announcement came almost three hours after a 5 p.m. vote-counting deadline, upheld earlier by state Judge Terry Lewis. He turned aside Gore's arguments to lift the deadline, but gave Harris the authority to accept or reject follow-up manual recount totals afterward.

Lewis' decision was a setback for the vice president, who wanted a clear order lifting the Tuesday deadline, but his

lawyers found solace in ruling language urging Harris to consider "all appropriate facts and circumstances" when recount totals are filed.

Harris said she will require counties filing late recount numbers to explain in writing by 2 p.m. Wednesday why new vote totals should be accepted. "Unless I determine, in the exercise of my discretion, that these facts and circumstances ... justify an amendment to today's official returns" the totals will stand, she said.

Gore decided to hold off an appeal of Lewis' ruling and press forward with recounts in four Democratic-leaning counties. Gore's advisers hope Harris will approve the hand-counted ballots though they expect the worst and are prepared to appeal if she does not.

"If the secretary of state arbitrarily refuses to accept the amended returns

Here are the latest nationwide election returns in the race for president with 99 percent of the nation's precincts reporting. The winner is marked with an 'x'.

**Gore 48,842,411 - 48 percent** Has won 20 states including the District of Columbia with 262 ev.

Leads in 1 state with 5 ev.

**Bush 48,609,516 - 48 percent**

Has won 29 states with 246 ev.

Leads in 1 state with 25 ev.

**Others 3,699,243 - 4 percent**

Needed to win: 270 of the 538 electoral votes (ev) from the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: The Associated Press

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## Spreadin' the word



Tom Patterson Emerald

The nearly ubiquitous Doug, he of the "Free God News," is a common sight on campus.

# Republicans examine Oregon

■ An Oregon ballot recount will occur only if the margin separating the candidates is less than one-fifth of one percent

By Richard Green  
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — One week after the presidential election, county officials are still counting ballots and some may be doing so until the Nov. 27 deadline set by state law.

Al Gore has won the presidential race in Oregon. But Democrats and Republicans are eager to see whether the margin will be small enough to trigger an automatic recount — which appears unlikely.

With fewer than 10,000 ballots left to be counted out of 1.5 million cast, Gore led George W. Bush by 4,233 votes Tuesday evening.

An automatic recount would be triggered if the margin narrowed to less than one-fifth of 1 percent, or about 2,800 votes.

Paddy McGuire, chief of staff for Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, said the vote count is going about as fast as could be expected and it is typical to have a small percentage of the vote untabulated days after an election.

"It is only an issue here because the presidential race is so close," he said. "If Al Gore were ahead in Oregon by 5 percentage points, instead of by 0.4, nobody would get very excited about a couple thousand votes here or there. But be-

cause it is so close, every vote really does matter."

Many of the uncounted votes come from Multnomah County, where voters favored Gore and it is unlikely that Bush would catch up enough to force an automatic recall.

If there were no automatic recount, Bush could still request one, but he would have to pay for it, and the request would have to be made by Dec. 12.

Dan Lavey, Bush's Oregon campaign spokesman, said no decision would be made on a possible recount request until after the final vote total is certified.

However, Republicans began canvassing county clerks Tuesday to try to determine the current tally and how many ballots remain uncounted, Bush campaign spokeswoman Leslie Goodman said.

"The one concern we found today is the inability to ascertain accurate up to the minute information," Goodman said.

She also was frustrated by at least one county that decided to treat the campaign's request for the names of voters who reregistered after Oct. 17 as a Freedom of Information Act request, which would give the county 60 days to respond.

"One would think they would feel compelled to provide that information sooner rather than later in a reasonable time frame to protect the integrity of the ballot," Goodman said.

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**Paddy McGuire**  
Chief of Staff for Oregon Secretary Bill Bradbury

# History leaves mark on Mexico's future

Author John Ross delivered a speech Tuesday on the impact of the Zapatista rebellion in Mexico

By Beata Mostafavi  
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John Ross, a journalist and author who has lived in Mexico for over 10 years, spoke to about 50 people Tuesday in Willamette Hall about his latest release "The War Against Oblivion: Zapatista Chronicles."

Ross emphasized the main theme of his book, which is to remember the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas against the Mexican government in 1983, appreciate their influence and the struggle they went through to gain many of the rights people now have over the government.

"This revolution has left its mark on all of Latin America," he said. "Rebellion movements have been tragic, dramatic and comic, yet these memories have been forgotten."

The author described different sections of his book that explain the rebellion.

The "time of secret" incorporates the 10-year-span between 1983 and 1993 when a group of farmers began organizing in the jungles and teaching the youth, especially women, how to use guns and speak Spanish. They called their secret army the Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Na-

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WYDEN

Sen. Ron Wyden will hold "sidewalk office hours" today outside the University Bookstore from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Anybody wishing to speak with Wyden needs only to show up. No appointments are necessary.

"This is something he's done since he was first elected to make himself as available to Oregonians as possible," Wyden spokeswoman Lisa Markgras said.

The last time Wyden spoke with constituents on the street was Sept. 29, when he set up a table in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Wyden will also attend a meeting of the Association of Oregon Counties at the Eugene Hilton.