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Lengthy hearing leaves legal teams hanging

Gore's team seemed content, but Republicans had concerns about the justices' questioning

By Anne Gearan
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Supreme Court justices seemed anxious to find a way out of the state's presidential election jam Monday that would let disputed manual re-counts continue, as long as the delay wouldn't jeopardize the state in the Electoral College vote.

The central questions hanging over the state election — should ballots be recounted? How? For how long? — landed in Florida's high court

nearly two weeks after the Nov. 7 vote.

There was no word on when a ruling might be expected, but some of the justices showed a sense of urgency to answer the questions, which are of paramount importance to Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush.

At a nationally televised hearing that ran nearly two-and-a-half hours, the chief judge of the court, Charles T. Wells, repeatedly pressed both sides to predict how continued re-counts would affect the Dec. 18 Electoral College vote.

"Tell me when Florida's electoral vote would be in jeopardy," Wells said to Bush lawyer Michael Carvin, a question he had earlier asked of Paul Hancock, lawyer for the state's Democratic attorney general.

Both sides said they were intent on having Florida's vote counted — no need to note their disagreement on how they wanted that vote to come out.

The hearing dealt only glancingly with major issues that both sides have been fighting

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Tom Patterson Oregon Daily Emerald

'It's beautiful,' passer-by Rodney Johnson says of the art on the wall of Shoe-A-Holic, a downtown Eugene business. 'I wish there was more of this around town.'

These walls were made for painting

The Lane Arts Council designated 'free walls' to give graffiti artists a legal venue for painting

By Lindsay Buchele
Oregon Daily Emerald

There has always been tension between local graffiti artists and the Eugene Police Department, and both sides say the conflict will continue despite city-funded programs aimed at providing graffiti artists with places to paint.

Grffiti artists consider themselves artists with the right to free expression, regardless of where they paint.

Police, however, see graffiti as vandalism and have struggled to find a way to convince the artists of this fact.

There are two types of graffiti: One involves de-

tailed pictures, and the other, known as "tagging," features a word or words, especially the author's name.

"Tagging becomes a turf issue," Eugene Police Department community service coordinator Lin Holmquist said. "Competing taggers will tag anywhere it can be seen." Currently, there are two ways for Eugene taggers to do their work: Either find an "art wall," a place designated for graffiti art or tagging, or tag illegally on private or public property and possibly face a Class C Felony conviction if the damage exceeds \$750.

Holmquist said that, despite the possibility of

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Effectiveness of recall uncertain

■ The campaign to oust the ASUO president may be a wasted effort

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

If the campaign to remove ASUO President Jay Breslow from office succeeds, it might not mean Breslow's last days in student government.

According to the ASUO Constitution, Vice President Holly Magner would assume Breslow's duties and powers if a student vote ousted him — but she would not gain the office of president.

Magner could then use her presidential power to appoint Breslow to his old job.

"It would be the most logical thing to do," Magner said. "We work well together. This office works well together."

Magner said she and Breslow have already discussed a scenario where Magner would appoint herself president and Breslow vice president. She said if she were then recalled, Breslow would regain his old job and the ASUO Executive would be the same as it is now.

But that plan wouldn't work. The ASUO Constitution forbids an appointed vice president from becoming president. If Magner appointed Breslow to vice president, he couldn't reclaim the presidency.

Whatever Magner chooses to do, her decision will need final approval from the Student Senate. Magner sits on the senate and would cast the final vote in the case of a tie.

But Senate President Peter Watts said that if the recall succeeds, Magner shouldn't make the senate decide

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BRESLOW

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Holly Magner
ASUO vice president

Eugene urged to bust consumerism on Buy Nothing Day

Adbusters' upcoming Buy Nothing Day celebrates frugality on the biggest shopping day of the year

By Josh Ryneal
Oregon Daily Emerald

Some people get ill from eating too much on Thanksgiving, but rushing to the sales the day after makes others sick to their stomachs.

The day after Thanksgiving is widely recognized as the biggest shopping day of the year, but Adbusters, a media advocacy organization in Vancouver, British Columbia, has rechristened it Buy Nothing Day. The event is a call for people to boycott stores and shops in an effort to curb consumerism.

The organization, according to its Web site, is "dedicated to reinventing the outdated paradigms of our consumer culture and building a brave new understanding of living," and is perhaps best known for its newsletter and parodies of famous commercials. Buy Nothing Day is an 8-year-old invention of Adbusters, and observances are held all over the world, including Eugene.

Hope Marston, organizer of the Eugene Buy Nothing Day celebration, said that the "holiday" was created to encourage people not to buy something on

the biggest shopping day of the year.

"Rampant consumerism is a sickness that affects a lot of people. It's a real waste," she said. "It's not OK to buy junk just to throw it away later."

Instead of taking her credit card to the mall Friday, Marston has organized the celebration's first annual winter coat exchange to encourage people not to buy new ones.

"Instead of trying to convince people in malls about why they should buy nothing, we're trying to do something positive for the community," she said. "There's a really good spirit about this kind of thing in this

community, though I don't think Abercrombie & Fitch will go along with it."

Tom Liacas, campaigns manager for Adbusters, said Buy Nothing Day is meant to be a media event as much as an actual celebration.

"We as a society are gearing up for another round of shopping, but can we ecologically afford to keep buying stuff we don't need?" he said.

The concept, Liacas said, was not really intended to halt consumer spending completely on Friday, but rather to spark

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