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## Eugene protests election results



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Thirty-year resident of Eugene Alice Doyle demonstrates her opposition to the results of the election in front of the Eugene Federal Building.

### Citizens gather in opposition to war on terror, Bush election

*Demonstrators said Measure 36 equates to writing discrimination into the Oregon Constitution*

BY JARED PABEN & MEGHANN M. CUNIFF  
NEWS EDITOR & NEWS REPORTER

A group of about 100 people congregated in front of the Eugene Federal Building Wednesday evening, holding 'peace' flags, signs and waving to passing motorists in a call to peace and an end to the ongoing war in Iraq.

The gathering came hours after President Bush told the nation he will "help the emerging democracies of Iraq and Afghanistan so they can grow in strength and defend their freedom" during his next four years in the White House.

"With good allies at our side, we will fight this war on terror with every resource of our national power so our

children can live in freedom and in peace," Bush said in his victory speech.

But 65-year Eugene resident Betsy Steffensen, who attended the rally, disagreed.

"These people are out here because they want to let everyone know that we haven't given up on world peace and peace for the nation," said Steffensen, who is president of the local Million Mom March.

Steffensen said news of Sen. John  
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### Sen. Kerry avoids court-decided election, concedes presidency

*Bush retains his seat in the White House with 51 percent of popular vote and 274 electoral votes*

BY AYISHA YAHYA  
NEWS EDITOR

George W. Bush is still the president of the United States. After an intensive election season that polarized the nation, Democratic candidate John Kerry conceded to the Republican incumbent, who Americans chose by a clear majority, on Wednesday morning.

Bush received greater than 3.5 million more votes than Kerry, giving Bush 51 percent of America's popular vote and 274 electoral votes. Kerry garnered 48 percent of the popular vote and 252 electoral votes.

In his acceptance speech in

Washington, D.C., yesterday, Bush said he would work every day to fulfill his duties to America and lead the country forward.

He said the United States had faced various tasks in the last four years with "strength and courage."

"Our people have restored the vigor in this economy and showed resolve and patience in a new kind of war," Bush said. "Our military has brought justice to the enemy and honor to America. Our nation has defended itself and served the freedom of all mankind."

He said he would continue to

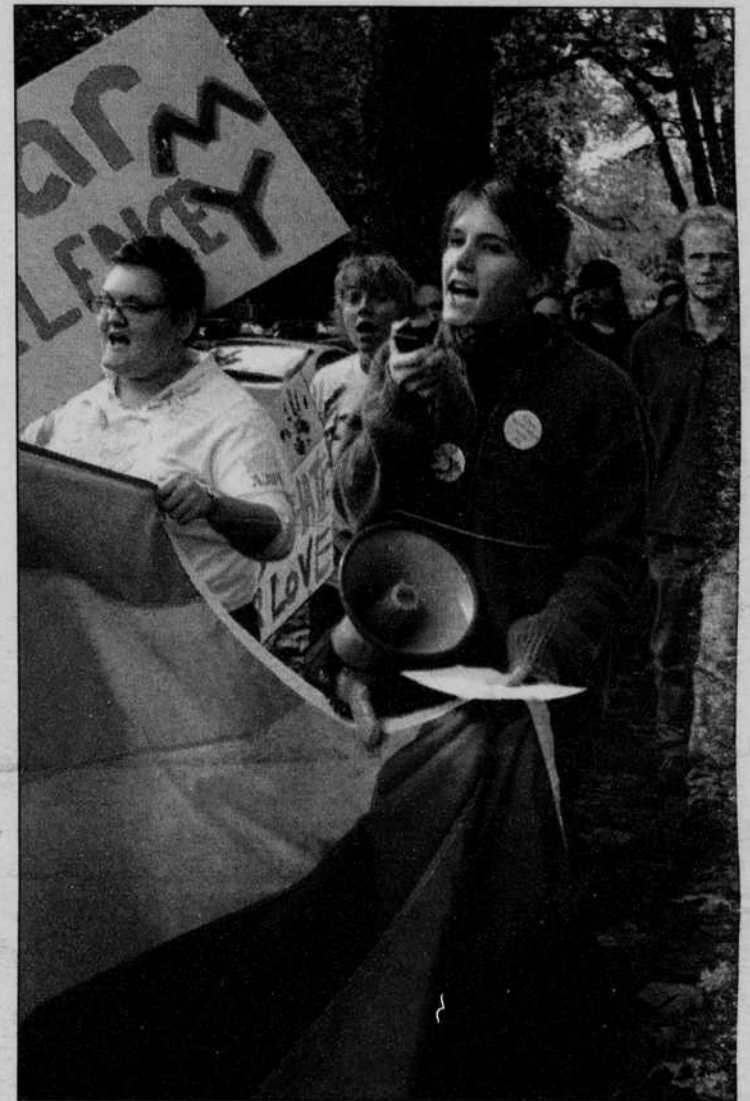
work on national issues, fight the war on terror with "every resource of our national power" and help the "emerging democracies of Iraq and Afghanistan."

"To make this nation strong and better, I will need your support, and I will work to earn it," he said, adding that he will do all he can to preserve the people's trust.

It was a sweet victory for Bush supporters. One grinning supporter carried a giant Bush/Cheney sign down East 13th Avenue, crossing paths with a number of disappointed Kerry supporters.

"This is a decisive, clear-cut victory," said Anthony Warren, the University College Republicans membership

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University student Carissa Christenson, left, marches with LGBTQA Events Coordinator Erin Dougherty, middle, in response to Measure 36 passing.

### Students protest gay marriage ban, march on campus

*Chanting slogans and carrying rainbow-colored yarn, marchers criticize 'backing discrimination'*

BY PARKER HOWELL  
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Members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance and supporters marched around campus for about an hour Wednesday afternoon to protest Tuesday's passage of Measure 36, which defines marriage in Oregon as a union between one man and one woman.

Holding rainbow flags and hand-painted signs, about 40 marchers shouted anti-Measure 36 slogans as they toured campus. Many bystanders clapped and shouted encouragement as the marchers passed; the demonstration also drew wary and bewildered looks.

The marchers, who traveled together by holding onto a rainbow-colored strand of yarn, circled campus during the march, trekking through Johnson Hall and the Lillis

Business Complex on their route.

"Two, four, six, eight, Lane does not discriminate," marchers yelled in unison with the aid of a bullhorn. "Discriminate against a few and this democracy is through."

One marcher, Student Senator Emily Sousa, said she was angered and frustrated by the passage of the measure, which she said is an attempt to deal with a topic people don't want to address.

"As much as things may be legislated, it doesn't mean they'll go away," she said. "We're still here and we're still fighting."

She said the march comprised "a lot of enraged people who were affected" by the measure, adding that she thought many people who voted for the measure are probably not directly affected by it.

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