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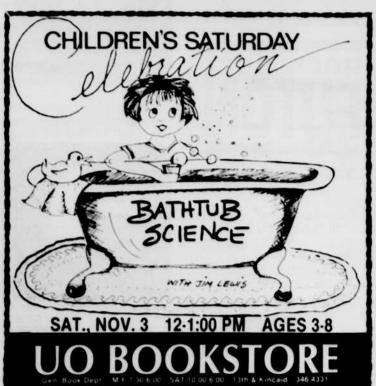
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# Gubernatorial conflicts continue

By Joe Kidd

Since the beginning of the year, this election's four gubernatorial candidates have given voters more than an earful on issues affecting the envi-

And for good reason.

Two controversial environmental measures will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot: Measure 4, which would at least temporarily close the Trojan nuclear power plant, and Measure 6, which proposes a plan to revamp Oregon's packaging industry.

And beyond measures 4 and 6, the ever-grinding conflicts of the timber industry and disputes over field burning have forced the candidates to step up to the green microphone.

#### Owls and timber

While specific proposals on timber harvests are elusive, the candidates' positions on the endangered status of the northern spotted owl and what has come to be called the "God Squad" offer voters a range of opinion.

Republican Dave Frohnmayer has called for the convening of the "God Squad," a Cabinet-level committee that has the power to investigate the impacts of the Endangered Species Act and possibly give exemptions to the owl's required protec-

Saying that "There is no place for people in the Endangered Species Act." Frohnmayer has called on President George Bush to convene the committee in order "to mitigate the effects" of the owl's endangered status on Oregon's timber industry, said campaign spokesman Joel Cole

However, Democrat Barbara Roberts believes Frohnmayer's attempts are "empty promises," claiming "there is not enough political and congressional support for convening the committee" or for granting any exemption to the Act, said her campaign manager, Kevin Smith.

Moreover, Frohnmayer has called for alternatives to a report adopted in September by the U.S. Forest Service that bars logging on 3 million acres of national forests in the Pacific Northwest.

But Roberts believes the plan "is good science, done in an unbiased way," Smith said, adding that Roberts is "not in favor of throwing it out. The federal government has estimated the plan

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## WHERE THEY STAND

### ENVIRONMENT



Republican Dave Frohnmayer calls for the convening of the Cabinet-level "God Squad." saying. "There is no place for people in the Endangered Spe-cies Act."; opposes Trojan Measure 4 and recycling Measure 6; proposes an eventual phase-out of field burning.

Independent Al Mobley opposes listing the northern spotted owl as endangered; warns against radi-cal groups "who would try to take Oregon from us"; opposes measures 4 and 6; supports phasing out field burning.





Libertarian Fred Oerther sees the spotted owl's endangered status and the 'God Squad' as 'more bureaucratic maneuvers to cover up the necessity for change"; supports Measure 4 and is undecided on Measure 6; calls for an immediate field burning ban.

**Democrat Barbara Roberts** says Frohnmayer's idea of 'God Squad' intervention is an "empty promise"; supports Trojan Measure 4 and recycling Measure 6; calls for a phase-out of field burning.



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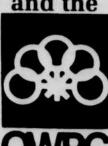
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