

December 2005. After the 2004 primary and general elections, an elected replacement will serve the remainder of Lininger's term of office, from January 2005 through December 2006. Applicants for the appointed position must be legal voters of the state, residents of the county for two years before taking office, and residents of the district for at least two months before taking office.

In naming an appointed replacement to serve through next year, the BCC is interested in knowing what are issues and concerns of East Lane District 5 citizens. Later this month, the board will review forms used in 1989 and 1994 to appoint interim commissioners, as well as the input from citizens and commissioners. They may also set a timeline for the

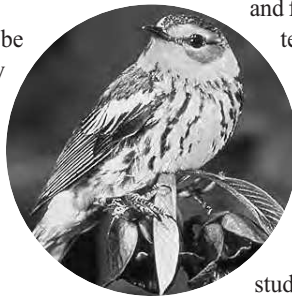
application and interview processes.

District 5 citizens' draft questions must be received by 5 pm, Monday, June 16. They can be sent by mail to: Ethel Mashaw, County Administration, 125 E. 8th Ave., Eugene 97401, or by e-mail to ethel.c.mashaw@co.lane.or.us

FOR THE BIRDS

The Willamette National Forest needs volunteers right away to help with an annual bird conservation study. This study has been conducted for three years; however, this year volunteers will be looking for new bird species.

In the past, the study has focused on thrushes, but this year it will focus on warblers



and flycatchers. This volunteer opportunity is perfect for people who like to watch birds and camp. The study will run from early June to late July 2003.

Involved in the study are the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, U.S. Forest Service, and Student Conservation Association, which have a partnership to research and protect certain forest breeding birds. This national study will investigate the relationship between habitat and breeding forest birds.

For more information call Gail Morris at 822-7252.

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

• In last week's news story, "Who Owns Your Local News Media," it was incorrectly reported that Chambers Communications owns radio station KZEL. In fact, Chambers owns KEZI TV.

• In our May 15 "Les Miserables" letter to the editor from Jack Radabaugh, the last sentence had a wrong year. It should have read, "Without any sense of history whatsoever, the Americans of 2003 find themselves roughly in the position of the German people of 1938."

SLANT

• Another sales tax vote coming up? Nine sales tax measures have been quashed badly at the polls since the 1930s, none getting more than 30 percent of the vote, but this one, HB 3608, would dedicate the tax exclusively to pre-school, K-12 and community colleges. The bill will crank up a lively debate if it ever makes it out of Revenue to the House and Senate floors. A 5 percent sales tax would generate an estimated \$7.35 billion in annual revenues. Property and income taxes (likely reduced) would continue to fund social services and other state functions. And those existing taxes could be made progressive to balance the regressive nature of the sales tax. We're skeptical of sales taxes, but this could be one way to restore a larger share of the tax burden to Oregon business and industry. The R's will try to kill it, water it down, or campaign against it on themes of fear and distrust. Stay tuned and track bills at www.leg.state.or.us

• Parking at Amazon Pool this summer is getting crowded and we hear cars and vans are once again using the grassy field northwest of the pool. Parking on parkland? Members of the Amazon Neighbors association are complaining about habitat destruction and violation of city regs. We're reminded that some wetlands and sensitive upper grasslands dry out in the summer, but they are still fragile.

• City planners and planning advocates have known for decades that every new home built costs cities tens of thousands of dollars in public services. System development charges (SDCs) to developers only cover a fraction of the actual costs, so taxpayers end up subsidizing growth. State law allows SDCs only for street improvements, but a new bill in Salem, SB 511, would allow the expansion of SDCs to help cover the costs of schools, public safety and libraries. Such legislation, currently in the Revenue Committee, is way overdue. New homes will become more expensive, and some homebuyers may have to buy existing homes or smaller homes. Some developers might turn to remodeling and renovation projects as the market adjusts. But the existing rules on SDCs promote sprawl and increase our tax burden. Let's fix them.

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