

TWO FILE FOR MAYOR

Two mayoral hopefuls have already waded into the 2004 political pool, not waiting to see if Jim Torrey is going for another term as Eugene mayor.

Perennial candidate Makyadath Lazar has completed filing his candidacy for the non-partisan May 18 primary elections, and newcomer Willie Nicholas has filed initial paperwork. "Several people have picked up information packets without indicating what their intentions were," says City Recorder Mary Feldman, "but none have returned to start the process."

City Council incumbents Bonny Bettman and Betty Taylor have submitted initial filing papers for Wards 1 and 2 respectively. No one has filed for Ward 7 currently held by Scott

Meisner, nor Ward 8, held by Nancy Nathanson. Other council wards are not up for re-election.

Only one candidate so far has filed for the three EWEB Board positions also on the May ballot. John Simpson has filed papers for Wards 1 and 8 currently held by Patrick Lanning. Positions held by Dorothy Anderson and Melvin Menegat are also up for election.—TJT

**CORRECTIONS/
CLARIFICATIONS**

A short news story on Blue Mountain Park spraying last week contained an error regarding Mosby Creek. The creek does not contain habitat for Chinook salmon. The error was due to an editor's mistake.



"It's vegetarian.... Leaves and mud, actually."

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- The day after Thanksgiving is national Buy Nothing Day and many of us at EW will be keeping our purses zipped, buttoned, misplaced or otherwise troublesome to open. It's a damned smart idea to question and resist the consumer madness that engulfs our society this time of the year. But should we all take vows of frugality and forego gift-giving and providing for our necessities? That's no fun. Let's enjoy the bounty of our material world by investing our resources wisely in high quality, useful goods and services. Let's support our local artists, musicians, spiritual leaders, non-profits and purveyors of sustainably produced products. And let's be ever thankful for our living, our loving, and our marvelous little community.
- Lefties are cranking up their energy as the weather turns

cold and the 2004 elections draw nearer. The Oregon Bus Project is likely to get a Eugene chapter soon. Friendly Neighbors for Peace is planning a January door-to-door voter education/registration campaign. A new peace activist group is likely to take shape in Whiteaker in December, describing itself as a "neighborhood association with a foreign policy." Now that's thinking globally.

• What's happening with the 2004 city races? Some filing announcements are in our News Briefs this week, and there are lots of rumors circulating as well. We hear a couple of folks were eyeing Bonny Bettman's seat, but have backed off since Bonny filed to run again. Andrea Ortiz of the Human Rights Commission is rumored to be planning an announce-

ment soon of her candidacy for the Ward 7 council seat currently held by Scott Meisner. Ortiz is solid on social issues but unknown on the environment.

• Nine dedicated peace activists are off this week to the annual nonviolent demonstrations to try to shut down Fort Benning's infamous School of the Americas (renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) and we hope they return safely. It takes guts to confront the Army and face six-month jail terms. They are Peg Morton, Leanne Agost Miller, Russell Benedict, Shauna Farabaugh, Matt Hornback and Tony & Jonah McElfresh of Eugene; Sr. John Backenstos, SNJM, of Blue River; and Lorrie Agost of Roseburg.

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