

even years) on end. But if that's not taxing enough, tree-sitters defending old growth in the McKenzie Ranger District now report that they're dodging bullets.

Guardians of the McKenzie Watershed, an activist group that opposes commercial logging on federal public lands, alleges that loggers intentionally shot at tree-sitters in the Sten Timber Sale in the McKenzie Ranger District on Aug. 27. The press release states that "four unidentified men driving a Dodge truck outfitted for logging operations" fired at least four 45-calibre bullets at the tree-sitters and their ground support crew. No one was hurt.

The activists suspect that the logging contractor operating the timber sale, Freres Lumber, was behind the attack. Company owner Rob Freres "has a long history of conflict with forest activists in various situations over the past decade," the press release states. Freres denies that his company had anything to do with it. "We have no knowledge of the incident and we would not condone any activity of that nature," he says.

Two of the tree-sitters held a press conference about the shooting on Aug. 31. Staff from *The Register-Guard* and KVAL attended but did not report on the event, possibly because the activists did not file a police report. Forest Service law enforcement officer Joe Fletcher says that neither the Forest Service nor the sheriff plan to investigate the alleged shooting because activists are not co-operating. "There is no case if we don't have a victim and we don't have evidence and no one will talk to us," he says.

Josh Laughlin of the Cascadia Wildlands

Project says that the activists are choosing to remain anonymous to protect their own safety, physically and legally. But he knew they were serious when he heard three messages on his answering machine on the morning of the alleged shootings. "They were basically saying, 'Sound the alarm — someone is trying to kill us out here.'"

— Kera Abraham

COP REVIEW PITCHES DUE

Eugene Ballot Measure 20-106, establishing a police auditor and civilian review board to review complaints against the police, will go before voters in the Nov. 8 election, and the deadline for pro and con arguments in the Voters' Pamphlet is Sept. 15.

Backers of the measure are currently raising money to pay for the arguments. Each statement in the Voters' Pamphlet costs \$300. Anyone wanting to contribute can send checks payable to Vote Yes for External Police Review to Judith Shoap, Treasurer, PO Box 50155, Eugene 97405. Contributions of up to \$50 for individuals or \$100 for joint returns get a dollar-for-dollar credit on Oregon tax returns.



9/11 VIGIL AND EVENTS

It's been four years since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and several events are planned surrounding the anniversary date:

- An Interfaith Prayer and Reflection Services sponsored by Two Rivers Interfaith Ministries (TRIM) will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 at the First Christian Church on Oak near 11th (see Calendar).

- Preceding the interfaith service will be a Gathering and Ribbon of Tangible Hope Procession at 5:30 pm Sunday at the Federal Building. The event will include short talks and the viewing of 54 handcrafted cotton panels. The group will then walk to the interfaith services.

- A 48-hour vigil at Sens. Smith's and Wyden's Eugene offices at the Federal Building began Wednesday afternoon and will continue through Friday. Local organizers say Homeland Security has been notified since the vigil continues overnight.

- The Sept. 24 local protest against the war is still in the planning stages. For information, contact the Justice Not War Coalition at 606-2877

- Faith in Action continues its weekly vigils Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Federal Building, in peaceful opposition to the militarization of U.S. foreign policy and the war in Iraq.

HACK ATTACK

Kris Millegan of Trine Day Books (see "Sinister Forces" cover story 8/25) says his website (www.trineday.com) was disabled by "serious hackers" about the time *EW*'s story about him was published. The site is partially back and running.

Numerous people have contacted *EW* asking for information on how to contact Millegan. The toll-free number for Trine Day is (800) 556-2012 and his mailing address is PO Box 577,

Walterville 97489.



CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The story on NEDCO last week ("Bricks in the Wall") included a photo of a musician, but the person in the photo is not Ricardo Cárdenas, who's mentioned in the story. *EW* regrets the error.

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- Our hearts and our money are going out to the victims of the Gulf states hurricane. Individually we're sending checks to Oregon groups involved in the relief efforts, and collectively we're supporting our kindred spirits at New Orleans's alternative weekly who have lost just about everything but their lives. We are reminded of life's fragility, and wonder how we would respond to a comparable disaster in our own city. We live in earthquake country and a failure of dams upriver could be disastrous in terms of flooding, not to mention the potential destruction of bridges, roads and buildings — all the things we take for granted. We are also prone to a chemical catastrophe since we have a major interstate freeway running through town. So let's not chastise the residents of New Orleans for making their home in a dangerous area. We might have more in common with them than we think.

- We hear Mayor Kitty is urging council members to join her in a happy little entry in the Eugene Celebration Parade this year. Hmm. Sounds like a quorum. Somebody take notes. But the councilors are not exactly a happy bunch at the moment, and not everyone is eager to grin, hold hands and skip along the parade route. Hynix managers are already dancing in the streets in anticipation of up to \$100 million in tax abatement. And our city attorneys just got a fat new five-year contract without any real competition or serious scrutiny. City lawyers are clicking the heels of their \$200 shoes. But on the council, grumbles and growls are growing. This might not be the best time to feign unity and blow kisses.

- Last week we talked about Republican Jim Torrey's ambitions for Senate District 7 and the peculiar possibility of a Torrey-Nancy Nathanson showdown if Sen. Vicki Walker decides not to seek re-election and instead drops out to run for governor. A Torrey-Nathanson debate would be silly since they agree on everything. But it could happen now that Walker's ambitions are official. She hasn't said no to another Senate term, but she kicked off an exploratory gubernatorial campaign this week with some fanfare. Will anybody give her money to launch a long-shot at Kulongoski? Could be a problem for her, especially since she's needed in the Senate. And her recent testimony favoring PeaceHealth to the detriment of McKenzie-Willamette has likely raised a few eyebrows among potential donors.

- What other races are brewing for 2006? It's still early and hardly anyone has taken out filing papers, but Susan Castillo has announced her intentions to run for re-election for the non-partisan state superintendent of public instruction. Eugene Dem Paul Holvey announced this week that he will seek a second full term for House District 8. We predict Rep. Debi Farr of House District 14 will face a strong challenge from the left. Farr's been a lock-step R and we suspect the moderates in her district wouldn't mind someone more progressive. Farr outspent her Democratic rival Bev Ficek 2-1 in the last election, raising nearly \$147,000, but only winning by 4 points. Farr's vulnerable and the D's will be looking to focus on winnable contests.

SLANT includes short opinion pieces, observations and rumor-chasing notes compiled by the EW staff. Heard any good rumors lately? Contact Ted Taylor at 484-0519, editor@eugeneweekly.com

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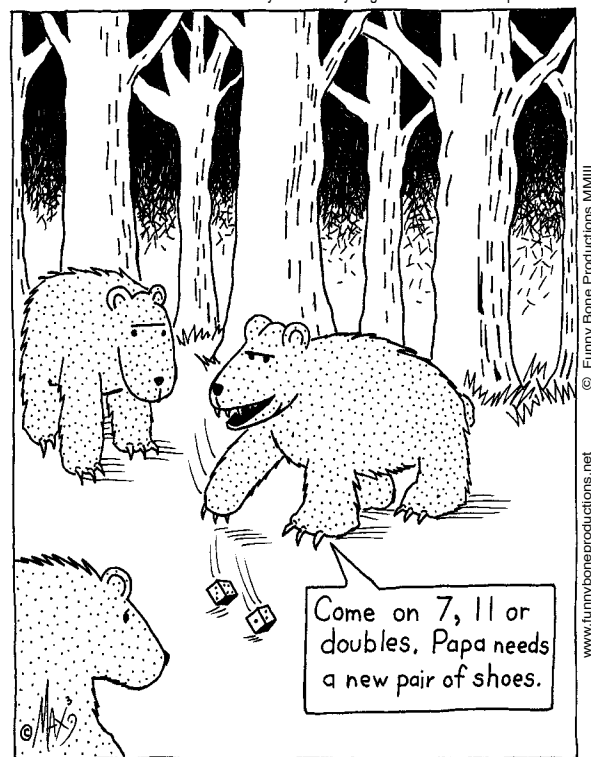
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