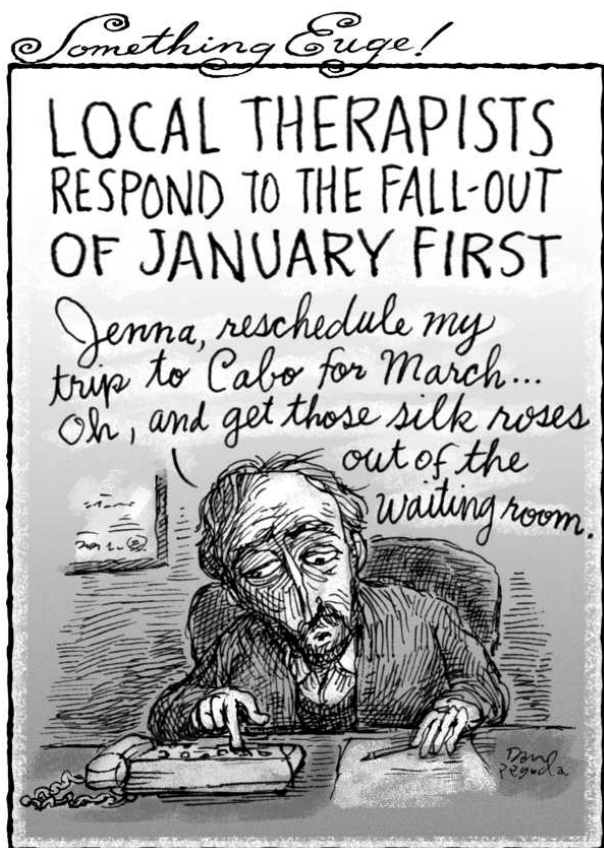




and third place teams. Roscoe did not respond to a request for an interview by press time.

Fahy says, "There's been a flurry of these contests happening." A recent predator derby put on by Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife in Idaho gave two points for every coyote, fox and bobcat killed and three points for wolves. Gray wolves were delisted from the Endangered Species Act in the spring of 2009 and according to Fahy, 522 wolves were killed in 2009 since the delisting.

While wolf hunting is currently not

legal in Oregon, coyotes, Fahy says, "have virtually no protections." Many ranchers see them as a problem. ODFW classifies coyotes as a "predatory animal" and so there are no limits on when they can be hunted, how many can be killed or with what weapons. "You can kill as many as you want, any way that you want," says Fahy. Hunters do have to get permission from landowners to hunt on private lands.

According to the postings about this weekend's predator derby, also called a "coyote-calling contest," the event is in honor of an "avid coyote hunter," Jesse Torgersen, who died this summer of brain cancer. Proceeds will be donated to a Klamath Falls child with liver cancer.

The Humane Society of the U.S. says these contests often involve gambling, as hunters place bets on which team will win. HSUS says the coyotes are lured in by mechanical coyote distress calls or prey animal sounds. Then one member of the team spots the coyote using a scope or binoculars and the other member shoots the animals.

Fahy says in addition to using ears as a proof of a kill, hunters sometimes provide the tail or a paw. "It's a blood sport," says Fahy. — Camilla Mortensen

ACTIVIST ALERT

• **Another protest** is being planned at Pacifica Forum's meeting at 3 pm Friday, Jan. 15, at the Walnut Room in the EMU on campus (see Commentary this week). Organizers have a Facebook page, <http://wkly.ws/4i> and as of Tuesday, Jan. 12, some 115 people were signed up to appear at or support the protest against PF and its content.

• Three local speakers on "Voice, Choice and **Human Rights in Mental Health Care**" are on the program at City Club of Eugene at 11:50 am Friday, Jan. 15, at Mallard Banquet Hall, 725 W. 1st Ave. Speakers from MindFreedom Lane County are David Oaks, Tracy "TC" Dumas and Ron Unger. The event will be taped for broadcast on KLCC at 6:30 pm Monday, Jan. 18.

• The next **Pacific Green Party** of Oregon convention will be held from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, Jan. 16, at Metanoia House, 2116 NE 18th Ave. in Portland. Prospective candidates for state or federal offices can seek nomination. Contact George Hutchinson in Corvallis, (541) 207-3291.

• Classes begin Jan. 19 for the "**Climate Masters @ Work**: Energy Efficiency for your Organization or Business" at LCC.

Contact Sonja Mae at 463-4605 or email maes@lanecc.edu for registration.

• The **Black Tea Society** is inviting "all its comrades" to gather at 7 pm Thursday, Jan. 14, at New Day Bakery, 449 Blair Blvd., to discuss the expansion of the anarchist movement in Eugene. Contact Damage at blackteasociety88@gmail.com or see the group's Facebook page.

• Oregon Wild Wednesday is hosting a free talk by outdoor author **Bill Sullivan** and Oregon Wild Wilderness Coordinator Erik Fernandez at 6 pm Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Davis' Restaurant, 94 W. Broadway in Eugene.

• The **Single Payer Action Committee** to organize public outreach, events and actions meets at 7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 20, upstairs at Grower's Market, 454 Willamette St. Contact iconoclasmo.scott@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In Slant last week we wrote that Jerry Rust represented West Lane for 20 years as a county commissioner. He actually held the South Eugene position during those years and was followed by Peter Sorenson.

EARLY DEADLINES

EW offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 18. The early deadline for reserving display advertising space in the Jan. 21 issue is 5 pm Thursday, Jan. 14. Questions? Call 484-0519.

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• **Does the jobs argument** against Measures 66 & 67 hold water? J. L. Wilson of Associated Oregon Industries spoke to Eugene City Club Jan. 8 and pounded on "jobs" as the reason to vote against the measures. Chuck Sheketoff, director of the Oregon Center for Public Policy, refuted that position, as does Rep. Phil Barnhart, chair of the Revenue Committee that drafted the modest measures and helped shepherd them through the Legislature. (See Camilla Mortensen's cover story in EW Jan. 7).

It's a cruel and misleading strategy that spins unlikely private sector job loss against all the jobs that will disappear in the public sector if this careful effort by the Legislature to balance the budget and preserve public structures fails. If you need convincing, note that Jack Roberts, a state Republican leader and director of local economic development, endorsed Measures 66 and 67 in his regular column in *The Oregonian* on Jan. 7. Mark "yes" on your ballot and mail it in right away. Election day is Jan. 28.

To help in the campaign or get more information, visit www.defendoregon.org

• Police Chief Pete Kerns' decision that **Tasering a Chinese student** sitting on the floor is "within policy" for Eugene police is outrageous. Eugene City Manager Jon Ruiz should fire or demote Kerns. If Ruiz doesn't, the City Council should replace Ruiz with someone who actually believes in human rights and accountability. There was clearly no threat to the officer from the unarmed, non-English speaker sleeping in his own apartment which the officer had entered without a warrant or even knocking on the door. If this kid could get Tasered within policy, anybody could. Who's next? Ruiz made a big mistake promoting an insider who cares more about cops than the citizens they supposedly serve. This isn't the first outrageous Taser case and it won't be the last. The Eugene mayor and City Council need to wake up and assert policies in the public interest before the really big lawsuit bills start to roll in.

• What should we do with the **historic downtown post office** that's now for sale? Local author and land-use consultant Eben Fodor suggests converting the post office at Willamette and 5th Avenue to a new police headquarters.

It's close to the county jail and City Hall and the location allows easy access to all of Eugene by way of 6th and 7th avenues. "Best of all, this site would support the downtown and keep the police at the city's heart," he wrote to the mayor and council. "The sale of this site to the private sector could result in another blighted area in Eugene. It looks like a golden opportunity to me."

Meanwhile, the city of Eugene, in the midst of a big budget crisis, is still wanting to spend \$16 million or more on moving police headquarters across the river to Country Club Drive. It's an absurd idea, but looks like the council and staff are still gung-ho for the move. We hear negotiations with the property owner are still in process, so it's not too late to let your city councilor know what you think about this move. City councilors know this idea would never survive a public vote, so why, as representatives of the people, are they trying to shove it down our throats?

• **A new food cart** tentatively called The Nosh Pit and featuring field to table dishes may be opening Jan. 9 at Farmer's Market in Eugene. The cart has a Facebook page, see <http://wkly.ws/4k>

and a phone number, 912-6268.

• Lots of juicy, but unconfirmed rants on the very unofficial "**UO Matters**" blog this week, including: *The rumors were true, Phil Knight was able to take general university parking and convert it to special reserved slots for athletes only. Lot 34F was originally student basketball courts, very popular for pickup games from the nearby dorms. It was converted to parking a few months ago, to replace slots taken by construction of Knight's new Jacquas Athletes Only Study Center, and was used by professors at the law school. (And before you complain too much, remember Uncle Phil paid for that new law school too.) Obviously Herb [Horner of Public Safety] is just following orders here, in this case from Dave Frohnmayer. Frohnmayer's ties to Knight are complicated: Knight's donations to the UO Foundation paid for some, and perhaps all, of his \$349,360 salary supplement last year for example. Say, what are the chances he reported that conflict of interest? Go Ducks.*

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