

Berger and District Attorney Doug Harclerod. A reception and music will follow.

The fourth annual **Citizens State of the City** address is scheduled for noon Monday, Jan. 10 at the Tykeson Room, Eugene Public Library. Citizen advocacy groups will once again identify areas of city policy and city practice that are in need of additional attention and improvement.

Five topics will be covered: sustainability initiatives, land use, labor, democracy and civil rights, and neighborhoods, according to Lisa Arkin of Oregon Toxics Alliance. Other groups involved include Friends of Eugene, Citizens for Public Accountability, ESSN, Lane County Bill of Rights Committee, River Road Neighbors and the Sustainable Eugene Advisory Panel. — *TJT*

PIERCY ENDS JOB AT PPHS

The end of the year wraps up Mayor-elect Kitty Piercy's public affairs job at Planned Parenthood Health Services of Southwestern Oregon (PPHSSO). The non-profit agency provides family planning services for thousands of women and men in Eugene, Bethel, Springfield, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and now Cottage Grove and Florence.

"We picked up the latter two areas when the county could no longer provide those services," says Piercy. "Our education programs have received local and national acclaim and our Rights, Respect, Responsibility initiative has already engaged thousands of Oregonians in helping our young people make healthy decisions for their lives."

Piercy says PPHSSO is a "positive force moving steadily and successfully in opposition to the current administration's efforts to undermine comprehensive sex education and to make access to contraception more difficult both here and abroad." PPHSSO programs are teaching teachers in Romania and the Ukraine how to provide HIV/AIDS education, and the organization is working with Holt International to provide family planning in Romania.

"Through Kitty's leadership, Planned Parenthood has successfully forged alliances with diverse faith communities, organizations and state agencies in support of comprehensive sex education for youth and access to reproductive health services," says Mary Gossart, VP of education and training at PPHSSO. "Needless to say, this has not been an easy task. It's certainly a testament to Kitty's stunning ability to

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

KIKI METZLER

Growing up in Baltimore as the daughter of two artists in the 1950s, Kiki Metzler got an early start on her own career. "I saved my money for chalk pastels," she recalls. "I drew murals in the alley." She took classes at the Maryland Institute of Art, where her father taught painting, and, with a friend, she opened a gallery in an abandoned hotel, "where Eraserhead was filmed," she notes. At age 19, Metzler followed her brother west to Oregon, where she has pursued her art ever since, along with raising her six children. For years, she sold her distinctive painted-frame mirrors at the Saturday Market. "They were sent world-wide as gifts," she says. Metzler quit making mirrors four years ago, when she was diagnosed with melanoma, but she has responded to treatment, and she continues to paint in oil and acrylic. She's pictured here at this year's Holiday Market. "I don't like to overwork a painting," she says, "I do three or four in a day." Metzler regularly donates work for sale in local benefit auctions. She has provided illustrations for the Eugene-based publication *Midwifery Today* since its birth. See a portfolio at www.midwiferytoday.com/friends/kiki



inspire each of us to grasp the bigger picture, discover our common ground, and move forward together for the health and wellbeing of young people."

In one of her last acts at PPHSSO, Piercy urged the community to support the organization with a year-end tax-deductible gift. For information, visit www.pphssso.org or call 342-6042. — *TJT*

ELECTION UPDATE

• A lawsuit filed by the Green Party/Libertarian Party with the Ohio Supreme Court charges that a fair vote count would give the state and the presidency to John Kerry



rather than George Bush. Deposition notices were sent Dec. 21 to Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Karl Rove and Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell to appear and give testimony regarding the legal challenge of Ohio's elections results in the case *Moss V. Bush et al.*

• John Kerry is slated to file papers in support of the Green Party/Libertarian Party recount effort. Kerry will be filing a request for expedited discovery regarding Triad Systems voting machines, as well as a motion for a preservation order to protect any and all discovery and preserve any evidence on this matter. Kerry's filing of these requests does not indicate his complete entry into the recount process, but does clearly indicate that he is moving decisively in that direction. The Democratic Party is also quietly putting financial resources into the Ohio recount effort.

• Blackwell's attorney told the attorneys issuing the notice of deposition and subpoena that Blackwell will not testify under oath. The Republican-controlled Attorney General's Office has labeled as "harassment" any attempt to put Blackwell under oath.

• The Rev. Jesse Jackson has pronounced Ohio's vote fraud fi-

asco "the biggest deal since Selma," and has urged Sens. Kerry (D-Mass.) and Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) to stand with U.S. representatives who intend to challenge the Electoral College's expected approval of George W. Bush for a second term. Jackson has also called for a national rally at "the scene of the crime" in Columbus Jan. 3. Another major national demonstration is planned for Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, as Congress evaluates the Electoral College vote.

• Locally, members of TruthinVoting.org will continue their vigil at Sen. Wyden's office when it reopens and encourages supporters to drop by Wyden's office at 151 W. 7th between Jan. 3 and Jan. 5 to write letters to the senator asking him to challenge the electoral vote. An aide in Wyden's office has offered to forward the letters directly to the senator before the joint session of Congress on Jan. 6.

• A local woman, Sarah Gray, is fasting in front of the senator's office building, also asking Wyden to challenge the vote. She sits at the corner of 7th and Charnelton between 9 am and noon and 3 to 5 pm every day and appreciates any support. For more information, call 514-3267. — *Doe Tabor*

CITY CLUB DOES COPS

A year-end special meeting of Eugene City Club will deal with the topic of an independent external review process for the Eugene Police Department. The meeting is planned for 11:50 am Friday, Dec. 31 at the Hilton. Lunch is optional. A follow-up roundtable discussion, also open to the public, will take place at 5:05 pm Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Café Paradiso.

Lane County Circuit Court Judge Cindy Carlson will introduce the topic Friday. She will be followed by Tim Laue from the Police Commission and Guadalupe Quinn from Communities United for Better Policing.

"In the wake of charges of racial profiling, sexual harassment, and assault by Eugene police, it important that we close out this year with a frank and open discussion of community perspectives and possible solutions," says Matteo Luccio of the City Club in an e-mail. "The speakers will discuss the current state of our police and the different models that could be used for an external review of the police in our community."

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