

is seeking to label these defendants as terrorists in order to justify the amount of money it has spent pursuing so-called terrorists. And if activists become labeled terrorists, the CLDC expects a chilling effect upon progressive movements.

Sentencing dates for the defendants begin with Stanislaus Meyerhoff on May 22, and continue each day except May 28 until the last defendant, Jonathan Paul, is sentenced June 5. Identification will be required to enter the courtroom, and if the courtroom fills, the hearings will be relayed to another room via closed-circuit TV.

Three Operation Backfire cases will be dealt with in Washington: Briana Waters, Jen Kolar and Lacey Phillabaum. The terrorism enhancement is not being sought in those cases. Waters, the only defendant to continue to plead not guilty, will go to trial on Sept. 17. Kolar and Phillabaum both pled guilty and await sentencing. Phillabaum self-reported to federal prison on Jan. 29. — *Camilla Mortensen*



DEADLINE NEARS ON NUKE PLAN

The Bush administration is budgeting \$200 billion for making nuclear energy the "safe and clean alternative energy" of the future. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is considering the Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility in Washington state as a site to locate a reprocessing facility to "recycle" spent fuel in order to supply uranium to all of the nuclear power plants in the world.

"High level nuclear waste from around the U.S. would be transported through Oregon by truck and train to Hanford, which is already the most contaminated site in the western hemisphere," says Lane County green energy advocate Kathy Ging. "Low level recycled waste products would be stored for years at Hanford until the geological repository at Yucca Mountain is opened."

The DOE is required to file an environmental impact statement before proceeding with the project, and April 4 is the deadline for public input. Visit www.hoanw.org for information or email comments to gnpeis@nuclear.energy.gov

FRANKLIN CORRIDOR II

The second in a series of public workshops on the future of the Franklin Boulevard corridor is coming up Friday and Saturday, April 13-14. The collaboration involves idea-sharing from citizens and neighborhood groups along with numerous government agencies, the UO, land owners, bicyclists and developers. The area being studied is the

south side of the Willamette River between downtown Eugene and downtown Springfield.

The first series was held Feb. 2-3 at the Atrium building in downtown Eugene and drew about 100 participants. The April sessions will start off at the Springfield Train Depot April 13, followed by all-day events April 14 at a location to be determined.

The workshops are sponsored by the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the AIA. The collaborative planning process is intended to continue on into the foreseeable future.

Discussion of the first workshop and additional information is available at www.franklincorridor.org or www.aiaswo.org

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RICH KLOPFER

Raised in a West L.A. family of artists, Rich Klopfer grew up around museums and galleries. "On a typical family outing, my dad would set up the easel," he recalls. After high school, Klopfer explored the U.S. by car, a bit at a time, until 1980, when he discovered Eugene and decided to stay. "I chopped wood and baked bread," he notes. "I made connections and saw the potential for community." A carpenter by trade, Klopfer launched a second career as an exhibiting artist and began a collaboration with Eugene artist and labor-rights activist Trim Bissell. "We were kindred spirits in art," says Klopfer. "We did a series of paired paintings." Also a folk musician, Klopfer picks up the violin for relaxation on a daily basis. Behind him on the wall is one of his colorful depictions of rural life. After Bissell's death from cancer in 2002, and with the invasion of Iraq imminent, Klopfer put his art career on hold, cut back on carpentry and joined the Justice Not War Coalition. "I've been at it since January of '03," he says. "We organized some of the rallies. I was arrested a couple of weeks ago in Peter Defazio's office."



Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

• ODOT will begin spraying herbicides in **District 5** (Lane County) on April 9 with Payload, Diuron, Oust, Razor Pro, and Landmark herbicides. Call Dennis Joll, ODOT IVM Coordinator at 686-7625. See notices at: www.forestlanddwellers.org/notices/ODOT/

• Near **Lorane Elementary School:** Western Helicopter (503-538-9469) will aerially spray 40 acres with 2,4-D, and tri-clopyr ester herbicides plus methylated seed oil for Fruit Growers Supply Co. (767-0633) near Lorane/Norris Creek tributaries April 2-30 (No. 50330).

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