

formed Portland. It can be elevated [above the street] with formality and informality. It's an urban landscape — look at the continuity of the space.”

## ‘TERRORISM’ POLITICAL, SAYS IGLESIAS

Is the recent prosecution of environmentally motivated arson and property damage as “terrorism” political?

A famous former Bush administration prosecutor says so. “Is that a political label? It sure sounds like one,” said David Iglesias, the New Mexico federal prosecutor who recently touched off a firestorm when he accused Republicans of politicizing the U.S. Justice Department. Iglesias spoke June 16 at the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies annual convention in Portland.



**David Iglesias**

After 9/11 the focus was international criminals who caused thousands of deaths, Iglesias said, not environmentally motivated property damage that injured no one. “It seems to me what happened here should not fit my traditional definition of what terrorism is,” he said.

Charging the environmental saboteurs in Eugene with terrorism “just seems like overreaching,” Iglesias said. “Maybe that’s an issue that Congress should revisit.”

— Alan Pittman

## RALLY FOR RIGHTS

Eugene civil rights organizations are joining a nationwide movement this month to pressure congressional representatives to restore habeas corpus.



“Habeas corpus is a basic principle of due process that says the government cannot imprison you without allowing you to defend yourself before a judge,” says Claire Syrett, southern district field organizer for the American Civil Liberties Union. “It is a fundamental human right that should not be abridged.”

Local sponsors of the Eugene “Day of Action” rally will present Sen. Gordon Smith’s office with a petition to repeal the Military Commissions Act (MCA) of 2006.

The MCA allows the U.S. government to deny prisoners access to the courts and thereby indefinitely detain them. It also authorizes the U.S. president to declare individuals unlawful enemy combatants.

“The main thrust of this campaign is to restore our rights,” Syrett says. “We hope to reverse the unconstitutional provisions of the MCA that deny basic due process to any individuals the president deems enemy combatants.”

According to Hope Marston of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, the MCA’s wording makes it possible to deny U.S. citizens the right to due process. If the presidential administration deems a U.S. citizen an unlawful enemy combatant, then he or she could be denied habeas corpus under current law and be subject to indefinite detention.

“Every human being deserves the right to challenge their detention,” Marston said. “Habeas corpus has been a pillar of Western law since the Magna Carta was signed in 1215.”

The Eugene rally hopes to draw interested citizens who want to help stop torture and prevent the misuse of power by the executive branch. “If we raise our voice together, then Congress hears,” says Marston. The Eugene rally begins at noon Tuesday, June 26, in front of the new U.S. Courthouse.

More information about habeas corpus, the MCA and sponsors can be found at [www.bordc.org/threats/mca.php](http://www.bordc.org/threats/mca.php) And more information about June 26 actions can be found at <http://juneaction.com> and <http://bordc.org/involved/junejuly2007.php>

— Erin Rokita

## TESTING FOR TRAIN TOXICS

Union Pacific will voluntarily test for toxic vapors in some houses in Eugene’s Trainsong neighborhood near the railyard. But not all houses exposed to contamination will be included in the study.

Many residents in the low- to moderate-income northwest Eugene neighborhood above the plume cannot afford to test their own houses or install vapor barriers if UP will not help them. Moving is also not an option, they say.

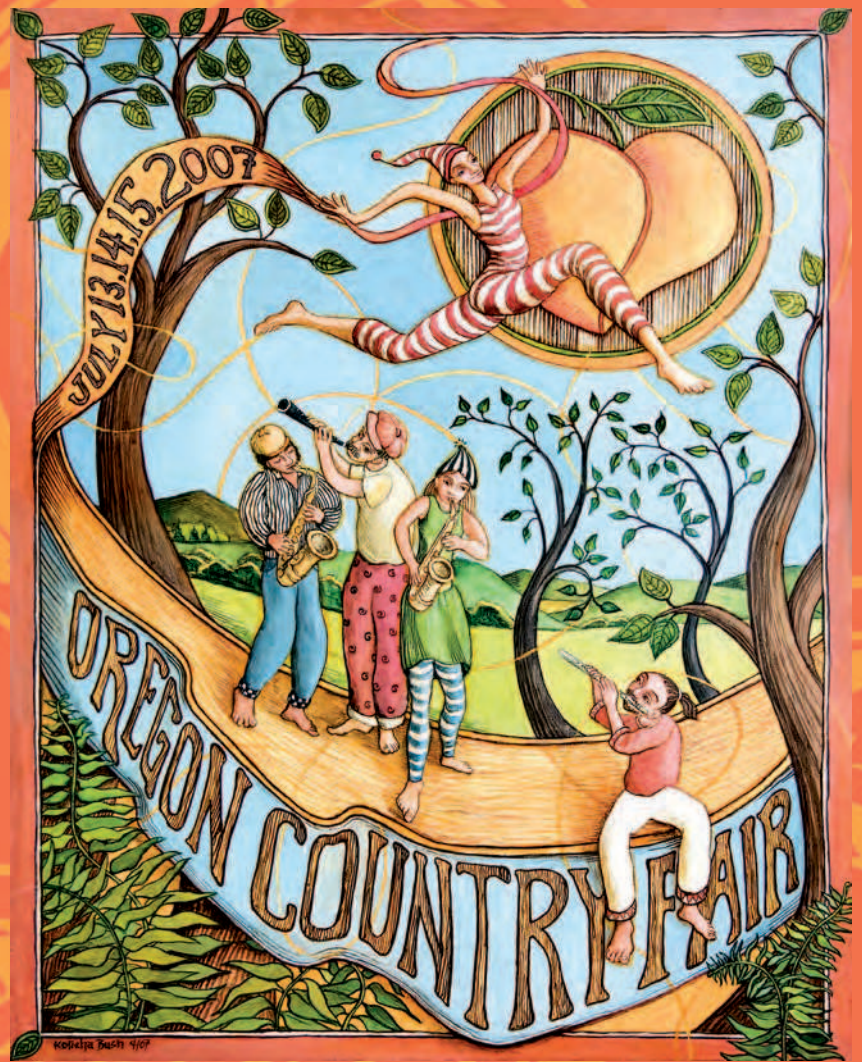
Previous testing led the Oregon Public Health Division to declare the vapors a public health hazard.

At a meeting last month, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) planned to conclude testing and move into the cleanup phase. But Eugene residents urged further testing to determine the public health impact

## Lane County Herbicide Spray

- Near **Mohawk High School:** Weyerhaeuser (741-5211) will aerially spray 113 acres with Garlon XRT and 4 Ultra, MSM & SFM E-Pro, Accord, Chopper, and Transline herbicides near Cartwright Creek starting July 15 (#771-55629).
- Near **Twin Oaks School:** Strata Forestry (726-0845) replaced Oregon Forest Management Service for ground spraying of 700 acres with Garlon 4 herbicide plus Herbimax and Moract adjuvants for Seneca Jones Timber (689-1231) starting June 14 (#781-5090).

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