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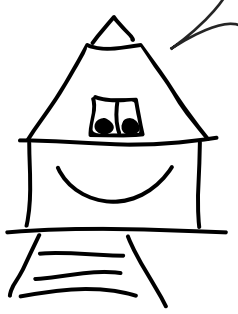

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awaits his resentencing hearing. He was convicted eight years ago in an arson that damaged three vehicles on a Eugene car lot. His 22-year sentence was recently overturned.

His address is now: Jeffrey Luers # 1306729, Lane County Adult Corrections, 101 West 5th Ave., Eugene 97401-2695.

A benefit music show for "Jeff and the Green Scare" is planned for 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 13 at Cozmic Pizza downtown. Music will be provided by the Riot Folk collective, Blair Street Mugwumps and The Spins. Jesus Sepulveda will read poetry, and Lauren Regan of the Civil Liberties Defense Center will lead a discussion of the "Green Scare." Suggestion donation is $5-20 sliding scale, but no one will be turned away. All proceeds go to prisoner support.

For more information, visit freejeffluers.org/donate.html

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

In our Nov. 21 cover story "Silence of the Limbs," arborist Alby Thoumsin's comment, "In an urban setting trees need to be removed because they represent a risk," is in reference to hazardous urban trees.

Happening People BY PAUL NEEVEL

HOKOYO

Unfulfilled by a career on Wall Street, Gary Spalter traveled west in 1991, in search of "the opposite of New York City." He found Eugene, saw the Oregon Country Fair and heard Kudana, a marimba band that plays the traditional Shona music that was imported to the Pacific Northwest in the 1970s and '80s by Zimbabwean ethnomusicologist Dumi Maraire. A year later, Spalter was living in Eugene and learning to play marimba at the Kutsinhira Cultural Arts Center. Now a board member of Kutsinhira, he teaches at the center and directs the youth ensemble Hokoyo. Current members of Hokoyo ("watch out" in Shona) are Casey Barkan, Will Dickman, Grace Wittig, Michael Beardsworth, Jonah Sokoloff, Jory Christiansen, Mandy Walker-LaFollette, director Spalter and Jake Roberts. "We played our first gig at the HIV-AIDS Walkathon in 2000," says Roberts, a 17-year-old who also teaches an intermediate class at the center. "We opened for Thomas Mapfumo at the WOW Hall." For information on Hokoyo's new CD, other Kutsinhira performing groups and class schedules, go to kutsinhira.org.

Lane Area Herbicide Spray Schedule

• Lane County Roadside Vegetation Management: Renewals of No Spray Area Permits are due on Jan. 31. For more information or to request a new No Spray Area Permit, call Caroline at Public Works, 682-6911.

• For more information on Lane County Roadside Vegetation Management and Last Resort Herbicide Use Policy see lanecounty.org/Roads/Vegetation/Vegetation_Management.htm
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