

The conference will discuss patriarchy as a form of oppression affecting everything from race, class and gender to interpersonal relationships and the environment. The conference will also focus on anarchy and anarcha-feminism.

In the past the conference has been the source of controversy in the activist and anarchist communities. Several years ago organizers banned certain community members from the event. Local alternative media videographer Tim Lewis was among those banned. "The last two times I was asked not to go," Lewis said, "they said I was a 'volatile individual.'" The organizers of that conference did not return Lewis' request to meet with him and discuss the issue, Lewis said.

A member of the current collective organizing the conference who gave his name only as Sundeep said the current organizers are "completely committed to providing a safe place where people will feel empowered."

"Patriarchy," Sundeep said, "is not part of a bygone era; it is clearly part of the society and culture we live in."

Conference workshops will take place starting at 9 am on Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6 in the Education Building on the UO campus. All workshops and talks are free and open to the public. For more information see listings in this week's calendar or go to <http://againstpatriarchy07.wordpress.com/>

— Camilla Mortensen

LANDWATCH TARGETS MEASURE 37

Up to 35,000 acres of land in Lane County could be developed, mostly into subdivisions, if Measure 37 claims are allowed to continue unchecked. State and county officials charged with evaluating the claims have established a routine of granting waivers of land use regulations to most applicants.

"During the past year, hundreds of citizens have come to realize the destructive nature of the measure," says Bob Emmons of LandWatch Lane County. "They have contacted their elected officials urging them to reinstate fairness and sanity to land use in Oregon."

Measure 37 is on the agenda of LandWatch at its annual meeting planned for 6:45 to 9 pm Thursday, May 17, in the Bascom/Tykeson Room of the Eugene Public Library.

Members of the Measure 37 panel who will offer insights and field questions are Tom Bowerman, Lauri Segel and Bryce Ward. State Sen. Floyd Prozanski hopes to also attend.

Bowerman is on the board of 1000 Friends of Oregon and has analyzed statewide polling data to determine how people feel about Measure 37 since it passed several years ago. Segel is a community planner in Eugene's Goal One Coalition office. Ward is a consultant at ECONorthwest specializing in applied microeconomics. Prozanski is co-chair of the Special Senate Committee on Land Use Fairness.

"Before Measure 37 became law, Oregon was known throughout the nation for its protection of its farms, forests and areas of scenic splendor," says Emmons. "Now these areas are vulnerable to unrestricted development and may soon sprout resorts, houses

and industrial complexes."

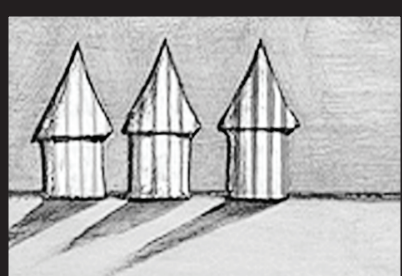
A question and answer period will follow the panel presentations. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact Emmons at 741-3625.

THE BURN GOES ON

A potential ban on field burning in Oregon died without vote this week. The ban, strongly opposed by grass-seed farmers, was supported by public health groups and by Eugene-based Oregon Toxics Alliance and Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA). State Rep. Paul Holvey, D-Eugene, was chief sponsor of HB 3000, the bill that would have put an end to the smoke and haze that results from late-summer field burning of harvested grass-seed fields.

The bill would also have put an end to stack burning, pile burning and propane flaming. The bill passed out of the Health Care Committee in the Oregon House but was blocked once it came to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Despite a public hearing, the committee didn't vote on the bill before the 5 pm deadline the Legislature self-imposed for sending bills out of committee. Thus the bill cannot be voted on by the Legislature and is dead.



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