

# U.S. ATTORNEY JOINS UO SEXUAL VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

After allegations of a sexual assault by three Duck basketball players surfaced in May, UO President Michael Gottfredson announced he would appoint an independent review panel “to examine our practices for preventing and responding to sexual violence.” UO psychology professor Jennifer Freyd then emailed Gottfredson and suggested he appoint Oregon’s U.S. Attorney Amanda Marshall to the panel. He did not. That panel, which Gottfredson selected together with Vice President for Student Affairs Robin Holmes and Athletics Director Rob Mullens, was appointed in June and had its first meetings July 30 and 31.

The UO Faculty Senate formed its own separate task force on the issue, and Marshall, a UO grad with an extensive background dealing with issues of sexual and domestic violence, has now been appointed to the faculty’s Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support. The 18-member task force includes students as well as others known for their work on sexual violence issues, including Freyd, Associate Dean of Students Sheryl Eyster, professor Cheyney Ryan and Carol Stabile, who is the director of the UO’s Center for the Study of Women in Society. The task force had its first meeting July 24.

Ryan, who has long criticized the UO’s handling of sexual assault cases, says of the task force and Marshall’s appointment, “I am excited that these issues are finally being addressed in a systematic way.”

Freyd, who was invited by the Obama administration twice to Washington, D.C., as a result of her research on institutional betrayal and sexual violence, says that the Senate task force “has been charged to review the university’s response to recent incidents of

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sexual violence, and based on that review, make recommendations for changes that will reduce sexual violence on campus and support survivors.”

She says task force meetings will be open and materials will be open to the public. Freyd adds that she and her grad student collaborators are working “diligently to launch a comprehensive campus sexual violence survey so that we will be informed by solid social science data.”

Freyd’s offer to conduct a campus climate survey was rejected by the UO in June. Climate surveys of the type Freyd will be launching, without the UO’s help, are recommended by the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault in order to gain a more realistic number of how many students are victims of sexual assault.

Marshall says her background on sexual violence dates back to her own years as a student at the UO when she worked in the women’s resource and referral center. Later, as a deputy district attorney, she created the Coos County Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit and helped develop a community response to domestic violence focusing on enhancing victim safety and offender accountability.

Marshall says that in her roll as U.S. attorney, “part of my job is to carry out the mission of the Obama administration” and one of the White House’s current goals is taking a hard look at sexual assault on campus. She says this task force is working on recommendations made by the White House such as conducting surveys and getting a “true picture” of how information is collected and how campuses respond.

“As a Duck and UO alum I care deeply about the university and want to bring any expertise I have,” she says. “My work has always been about ensuring victims are served and victims are safe,” and she says she will “ensure anything implemented is based on evidence.” — Camilla Mortensen

# ACTIVIST ALERT

- Two **neighborhood annual picnics** are Thursday, July 31. Jefferson Westside Neighbors gather at 5 pm at Monroe Park and Fairmount Neighbors gather at 6 pm at Hendricks Park.

- A memorial for longtime marijuana activist **Jim Greig** will be at 11 am Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Church of the Resurrection, 3925 Hilyard St. Following the service will be a gathering at Maurie Jacobs Park for a potluck and sharing of stories at the Jim Greig Inspirational Stage by the soccer field. For more information contact his sister Judi Greig at judigreig@gmail.com or call 543-6527.

- **Medicare’s 49th birthday** is being celebrated locally. The Grannies will sing at a gathering for Health Care for All Oregon at 6 pm Tuesday, Aug. 5, in front of the Lane County Health Department at 7th and Charnelton. HCAO will hold its monthly meeting following the rally at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church, 13th and Charnelton. Call Ruth Duemler at 484-6145 for more information.

- A free Corvallis talk and discussion on “**Gaza — The Latest Tragedy**” with retired Col. Ann Wright will be at 7 pm Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. Sponsored by the Corvallis Branch of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. Call 740-4207 for more information.

- The annual **Hiroshima & Nagasaki Commemoration** will begin with a potluck at 6:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Alton Baker Park. The program will begin at 7:30 and the luminaria float on the pond will be at 8:45. Performances are planned by Eugene Taiko, JAA Obon Dancers and the Yujin Gakuen Children’s Peace Choir. For more information, call 485-1755.

- Tickets are now available at Tsunami Books for “**Viet Nam: An Inner View**” live multimedia performance and book release at 7 pm Friday, Aug. 8, at Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette. The event marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1964, authorizing U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War. Sens. Wayne Morse and Ernest Gruening were the only “no” votes in the Senate against the war. A reception for advance ticket holders (\$10) will begin at 5:30 pm. Tickets day of the program are \$11. Sponsored by the Returning Veterans Project, CALC and the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. Contact Lea Jones at 554-7182 or leajones99@gmail.com.

## LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- Oregon Department of Forestry, 935-2283, plans to hire Nick’s Timber Services Inc., 503-910-1120, to spray herbicides including Rodeo, Accord XRT II, Polaris SP, Element 4, MSM 60, Sulfomet XP with additives including LI700, MS0 and red or blue dye for site prep and release on a total of 356 acres near **Liebre, Gall, Nelson and Wildcat creeks** and tributaries. See ODF notification 2014-781-00727, call ODF at 935-2283 with questions.

- M Three Timber Company LLC, 767-3785, plans to spray herbicides including Induce and Polaris AC on 80 acres near **Muslin Creek tributaries**. See ODF notification 2014-781-00764, call Brian Peterson at 935-2283 with questions.

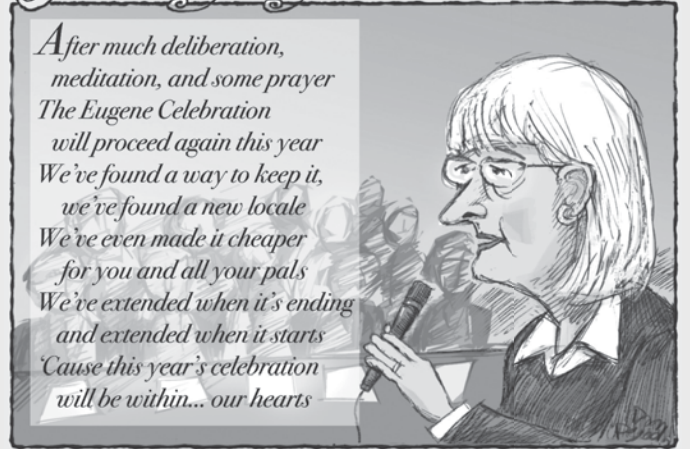
- Transition Management, Inc., 521-5897, plans to spray 124 acres near **Preacher Creek and tributaries** with herbicides including clopyralid, hexazinone, sulfometuron methyl, imazapyr and triclopyr ester. See ODF notifications 2014-781-00758 and 2014-781-00765, call Brian Peterson at 935-2283 with questions.

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# SLANT

*Something Eugene!*

*After much deliberation, meditation, and some prayer The Eugene Celebration will proceed again this year. We’ve found a way to keep it, we’ve found a new locale. We’ve even made it cheaper for you and all your pals. We’ve extended when it’s ending and extended when it starts. Cause this year’s celebration will be within... our hearts.*



- A majority of five of the Eugene City Council, backed by strong support from Mayor Kitty Piercy, showed that **rare quality of leadership** this week in passing both the sick leave law and a tighter climate recovery ordinance. Six councilors favored climate action. *The Register-Guard*, conservative councilors, the idiotic and out-of-touch Lane County Commission and, of course, the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce all asked for either delays or no such action as sick leave for workers in this city. Laurie Trieger, who passionately led the sick leave campaign, will need to carry on with all her troops to counter the attacks sure to come.

- Economic vitality, unchecked gentrification and drunken shenanigans in the Whiteaker district were just a few of the issues tackled during the July 25 City Club of Eugene forum. Blairally co-owner and Whiteaker Community Council President Sam Hahn, Ninkasi CEO Nikos Ridge and neighborhood muralist Kari Johnson addressed the question “**What’s Up With The Whit?**” Hats off to City Club for fostering a rich, diverse dialogue about Eugene’s hippest and most embattled neighborhood, and giving air to residents’ concerns that this artsy, blue-collar and piratical part of town is now, thanks in large part to the rise of Ninkasi and other breweries, becoming the destination spot for well-to-do yahoos seeking fun and stomping on the indigenous culture. Hahn, who stole the show, believes a balance can be achieved between commercial growth and maintaining the funky cool that defines the Whit. “What I think is special about it is art,” he said. “And the art speaks to a lot of different aspects of what the Whiteaker has been, what it is now and, hopefully, what it can continue to be.” Stream the whole conversation at [klcc.org/post/whats-whit](http://klcc.org/post/whats-whit).

## WTF?

We are addicted to bargain hunting at local thrift stores, a great way to recycle and re-use, but sometimes the pricing is a head-scratcher. This dirty old plastic garden trowel that originally sold for 97 cents was on the Goodwill shelf last week for \$1.99. Maybe it’s an antique?



- Our “**Stirring the Pot**” panel discussion on legalizing marijuana at Cozmic July 22 drew a crowd of about 100 people and was information-dense (see our story this week). The measure that will be on the November ballot appears to avoid many of the problems associated with previous pot initiatives and measures, and takes some valuable lessons from mistakes in Washington and Colorado. The measure is carefully designed to reduce the black market for pot and the criminal culture that surrounds it, and it protects the existing Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. The proposed regulations prohibit pot smoking in public view, which makes sense, but that creates another opportunity for cops to harass and fine homeless folks, as has happened in Washington state. Can we avoid that in Eugene?