

- The NAACP of Lane County's "Community Conversations: Building Unity in our Community" series of public meetings on race, privilege and equity continues from 5:30 to 8 pm Thursday, March 10, at the EWEB Community Room, North Building, 500 E. 4th Ave. The meeting begins with a light dinner at 5:30. Additional meetings in the series will be at the same time and place on the second Thursday of each month through May. Reservations are requested through naacplanecounty.org or the Facebook page. Call 682-5619.

- A special evening City Club of Eugene meeting on the outcome of the 2016 Oregon Legislature short session will be from 7 to 8:30 pm Friday, March 11, at 145 Straub Hall on the UO campus. Speakers will include Reps. Lee Beyer and Nancy Nathanson. Free and open to the public. Find links to directions and parking at cityclubofeugene.org.

- A public forum on "The Federal Budget: Crisis and Opportunity: Congress's 10-Year Plan to Impoverish Working People" will be from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, March 12, at the First Christian Church, 1166 Oak Street. The purpose of the event is "to develop a statewide progressive coalition of peace and justice activists to take on Congress and change federal budget priorities so that the Pentagon budget is cut, the rich and corporations will pay their fair share of taxes and services that working families depend on will be protected," organizers say. The event is free and lunch will be provided. RSVP required. Call CALC at 485-1755 or visit calclane.org.

- Friends of Trees will be planting nearly 100 trees downtown and around town in partnership with Lane Transit District. The plantings will be March 12 and March 19. Volunteers are needed. Call 632-3683 or visit friendsoftrees.org to get on the "Treemail" email list.

- The Lane County Parks Advisory Committee public hearing on the draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for County Parks projects from 2017 to 2021 will be at 6 pm Monday, March 14, at Lane County Public Works Goodpasture Conference Room, 3050 N. Delta Hwy. More information available at lanecounty.org. Search for Parks under the Departments menu.

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

- In our March 3 "It's About Time" feature by David Wagner, the illustration was mislabeled. The drawing is of a rough-skinned newt, *Taricha granulosa*.

- In our March 3 news brief about pet fees, the new rules actually went into effect Jan. 1, 2010. The wrong date was due to an editing error.

LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- Oregon Department of Transportation will soon be spraying roadsides. Call Tony Kilmer at ODOT District 5 at 744-8080 or call 1-888-996-8080 for herbicide application information.

- Giustina Resources, 726-3588, plans to hire Strata Forestry Inc, 726-0845, to spot spray a total of 287.5 acres at seven sites near Mount Zion and Lost Creek south of Dexter Lake and one site near Bear Creek, southeast of Cottage Grove with hexazinone, clopyralid, sulfometuron methyl and/or 2,4-D. See ODF notification 2016-771-02653, call Tim Meehan at 726-3588 with questions.

- Cadore Timber, 485-1500, plans to hire Strata Forestry Inc, 726-0845, to spray 11.9 acres south of Dexter Lake near Noisy Creek with hexazinone, clopyralid and/or 2,4-D. See ODF notification 2016-771-02630, call Tim Meehan at 726-3588 with questions.

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NEWS

'FORMER FIRST LADY' AT LAW CONFERENCE

The panel was "Leisure Time, Life Satisfaction and the Environment." The name that was added to the March 5 panel after the conference brochure came out was "Cylvia Hayes, CEO 3E Strategies, former First Lady of Oregon."

Attendees at last week's Public Interest Environmental Law Conference who happened to look at the PIELC 2016 addendum would have noticed that former Gov. John Kitzhaber's fiancée was listed as a speaker alongside John de Graaf of Take Back Your Time and Randall Burtz, a professor of recreation.

Hayes said that the panel was the first time she has spoken publicly about the aftermath of Kitzhaber's resignation.

Kitzhaber stepped down in February of 2015 amid an influence-peddling scandal involving allegations that state resources were being used to help Hayes' private consulting firm. A year later, an ongoing federal criminal probe has not produced any charges. If no charges ensue, Kitzhaber still faces investigations by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and the Oregon Department of Justice.

Before Hayes, de Graaf spoke on his research on how shorter workdays and workweeks make for happier workers without a loss of productivity and reduces our carbon footprint. He cited studies including one by the Center for Economic and Policy Research that found cutting U.S. work time to European levels could reduce our energy use and carbon footprint by 25 to 30 percent.

Burtz then delved into what to do with the time that is gained. He argued that rather than use those extra hours for screen time — people average six to eight hours of screen time a day, Burtz said — people need to get out in the woods. The key to saving the environment, he said, is getting future generations outdoors.

Hayes said the issue of leisure time and the environment had both professional and personal aspects for her, "given what I have been through this past year." She cited Oct. 7, 2014 — the date *Willamette Week* published its exposé "First Lady Inc." as the beginning of a "media-driven frenzy."

Though Hayes said PIELC was her first time speaking publicly, she has written of her experiences at cylviahayes.net, and her comments at the conference echoed writings on her blog that speak of "burning humiliation and shame, the

terror of feeling my identity and career shattering, painful realization of how blind I have been to my own ego and a deep sense of loss and abandonment."

She told the audience she has engaged in a "lifelong struggle to be a human being, not a human doing" and after the scandal broke she lost her clean energy work and even her colleagues.

Hayes said, "I can't control the media, or my relationship," adding in an aside regarding Kitzhaber, "We are doing great, by the way." But, she said, what she can control is her time.

Hayes extolled the virtues of meditation and said that after "being forced into this unasked-for sabbatical, I could not believe how hard I had been working." She called time a "gift" and said shifting how she prioritizes time "brought me full spiral back to my roots."

With her return to work, Hayes says she will continue practicing meditation and not working as "hard" as she did before.

In addition to confirming that she has restarted 3E Strategies (Ecology, Economy, Equity), Hayes mentioned her work freelance writing for newly launched *Issue Magazine*, including a forthcoming article on oil trains. Hayes called *Issue* the *Rolling Stone* of the Pacific Northwest.

Kristy and Tina Sinsara are listed on the Oregon secretary of state's website as members of the *Issue* business. Their previous publication, *Level Magazine*, lists among its most recent articles, "How to Have Sex Like a Porn Star" and "Does Size Matter?" as well as a piece on Cecil the lion. A January story in the *Bend Bulletin* delved into Kristy Sinsara's past business dealings, including getting sued last March by singer Vince Neil of Motley Crue for allegedly refusing him access to his social media accounts when he asked after working for him as a social media consultant.

After Hayes' talk, several audience members expressed skepticism over whether working less was a viable strategy for students with hefty student loan payments or low-wage workers. — *Camilla Mortensen*

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— CYLVIA HAYES,
'FORMER FIRST LADY OF OREGON'



CYLVIA HAYES, LEFT
JOHN DE GRAAF, RIGHT

