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## Local health care workers prepare for Ebola possibility

By DIANE DIETZ  
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Against the backdrop of an Ebola-infected Texas nurse jetting across the country — potentially exposing far-flung travelers — Eugene-Springfield health officers, hospitals and funeral homes are preparing as if they will face the deadly disease one day.

PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield was the site of an Ebola exercise early this month.

More than 40 doctors, nurses and emergency managers rehearsed how they would handle the arrival of an Ebola-infected patient, said Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane Coun-

ty's public health officer.

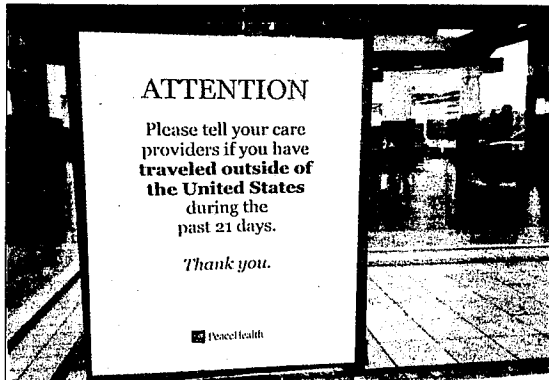
"The risk is not zero, but it's very, very low," he said. "We have to be prepared, and that's what we're focusing on."

On Wednesday, infection control officers at RiverBend were so busy with back-to-back conference calls and webinars about Ebola that they were unable to talk with the news media about their preparations, spokeswoman Monique Perry Danziger said.

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Signs at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend ask patients to indicate if they have traveled abroad recently.

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## Old foes resume their barbs



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Congressional candidates Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. (left) and Republican Art Robinson flank the Pacific Green Party's Michael Beilstein.

By SAUL HUBBARD  
The Register-Guard

Though they took some similar stands in their debate, DeFazio and Robinson differ sharply on climate change

In their first public debate since 2010, Democratic Congressman Peter DeFazio and his three-time GOP challenger Art Robinson locked horns Wednesday evening in a sometimes-fiercely affair that showcased their contrasting views on public education, climate change and government intervention.

Robinson repeatedly blasted

DeFazio for his 27-year tenure in Congress, in front of a packed lecture hall at the University of Oregon's law school. He laid much of the blame for America's woes at the feet of what he called the "political class": career politicians, the federal bureaucracy and special interests.

The economy "may be get-

ting better in Washington, D.C., but it's not on Main Street, Oregon," he said.

DeFazio countered that he has "the seniority, the energy and the practical ideas" to help fix the country's problems, while charging that Robinson would join the tea party faction of the Republican-led House that

forced a government shutdown in late 2013.

The two old political foes were joined onstage by Pacific Green candidate and Corvallis City Councilor Michael Beilstein, who advocated for halving federal spending on defense and intelligence programs; a single-payer health care system; tuition-free college; and publicly financed political campaigns.

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"I think we have a chance to really learn something here."

— JENNIFER FREYD, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PROFESSOR

## UO study: Rape danger higher in Greek life

Members of sororities and fraternities report a higher incidence of nonconsensual contact, researchers find

By JOSEPHINE WOOLINGTON  
The Register-Guard

Women in sororities at the University of Oregon are significantly more likely to be raped or experience some kind of non-consensual sexual contact compared with other students, a UO professor's preliminary survey

results show.

Nearly 40 percent of women in UO sororities said in a survey that they have experienced an attempted or completed rape and 48 percent said they experienced some kind of non-consensual sexual contact, according to the survey conducted by UO professor and

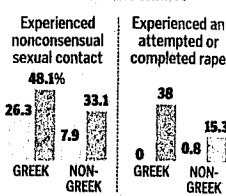
sexual violence expert Jennifer Freyd, along with graduate students Marina Rosenthal and Carly Smith.

Men in fraternities also were more likely to have experienced some form of nonconsensual sexual contact compared with other students, but were not more likely to have experienced an attempted or completed rape. About 26 percent of fraternity

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### Survey of UO students

Males Females



Source: UO Sexual Violence and Institutional Behavior Campus Survey

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## Couple on trial for tax evasion

Declaring themselves no longer U.S. citizens, they refused to pay

By JACK MORAN  
The Register-Guard

Coquille resident Ronald Joling's attorney says his client isn't crazy in any clinical sense.

But the 71-year-old Joling's deeply held belief that he isn't required to pay federal taxes — an idea influenced both by his conservative Christian views and by advisers who educated him on theories of the "sovereign citizen" movement — is part of a "completely crazy way of thinking" that has landed him in major legal trouble, defense attorney Mark Weintraub told a jury on Wednesday.



Ronald Joling



Dorothea Joling

Weintraub made the comment during opening statements in a tax evasion trial in U.S. District Court in Eugene for Joling and his wife of 51 years, Dorothea. Weintraub added that he personally finds Ronald Joling's beliefs to be "totally wrong and unreasonable."

But Weintraub said jurors must acquit his client of criminal wrongdoing if they conclude that Joling did not willingly break the law, but instead acted in "good faith" when he stopped paying his taxes two decades ago.

Federal prosecutors, meanwhile, say they can prove that the Jolings — who own the Myrtle Lane Motel and Colleen's diner in Coquille, along with property in the Brownsville area — are fully aware of the law and that they intentionally and repeatedly violated it.

The couple owe \$1.1 million in back taxes and associated interest and penalties dating back to 1994, a period in which they filed false tax returns and tried over and

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# UO: Alcohol, attitudes among possible causes of findings

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men said they experienced nonconsensual activity — in most cases, fondling — the data show.

Freyd's latest findings are part of a survey that she and her graduate students conducted in August and September to assess actual rates of sexual violence victimization and perpetration on campus. Preliminary results suggest that nearly 1 in 5 female students have been raped or experienced an attempted rape while attending the university.

The survey — which includes data from more than 1,000 randomly selected undergraduates — also seeks to reveal how students perceive rape and whether they felt that institutions, such as the university or Greek system, supported them after their experience.

"I think we have a chance to really learn something here," Freyd said of the data. The "alarmingly high" rates of sexual victimization in Greek life should give the UO reason to intervene in sorority and fraternity behavior, she said.

Freyd and her graduate students will analyze the data to try to discern why Greek life members — those who belong to a sorority or fraternity — are more at risk of becoming a victim than are other students.

She said some factors that they're considering is alcohol use and whether Greek life students are more likely to believe that victims are to blame for some rapes, such as if a

"I think education should always be improved in some way, and we're constantly looking at other ways to reach our students."

**JUSTIN SHUKAS**  
DIRECTOR OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

woman is wearing revealing clothing or is intoxicated.

Freyd earlier this month presented her preliminary data to a University Senate task force that is evaluating the UO's sexual violence policies and will make a series of recommendations next week to administrators on how to improve those policies and implement new ones.

The 19-member Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support — made up of UO faculty, students and a U.S. attorney — was formed earlier this year, shortly after three UO basketball players were accused of raping an 18-year-old student.

University and Greek life officials did not directly comment on the data Wednesday because they said they need more time to analyze it.

Each of the nearly 35 privately owned fraternity and sorority houses is governed by a council overseen by the UO Division of Student Life. Both the university and a fraternity's or sorority's national chapter can levy sanctions against members for violating the UO student conduct code, or Greek life bylaws.

Some Greek life students — including Freyd — have criticized the university because they say it is difficult to find out which Greek life

chapters have been sanctioned for sexual assault.

University officials said they could not immediately respond to a request for a list of fraternities and sororities that have received sanctions in the past two years.

Justin Shukas, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the university, said Greek life students typically receive more sexual violence education than do other students because some national chapters require that members take an online survey, which includes information about sexual assault, hazing and alcohol abuse.

He said that during the past year there have been more sexual violence prevention efforts from national Greek life organizations.

"I think education should always be improved in some way, and we're constantly looking at other ways to reach our students," Shukas said.

UO Dean of Students Paul Shang said he hadn't looked at Freyd's data in much detail, but emphasized that the research should not overshadow the community service that fraternity and sorority members provide to the university and to local charities. He said many students are interested in coming to the UO because of its Greek life culture.

over university-registered functions, or parties, that require fraternities and sororities to have a certain number of "sober monitors."

"Houses should give the (governing council) authority to go to a chapter's functions to audit the function and make sure the sober monitors are actually staying sober," Lubash said. He also said the group will request that the university provide more bystander awareness

training so "people know how to intervene when a dangerous situation is about to occur."

"I think it's pretty conclusive that we have a problem within fraternities and sororities that needs to be addressed," Lubash said.

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## Trial: Battling the federal government

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over again to hide their assets from federal authorities, Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Cardani said during his opening statement.

"We will show you they knew what the law is and they just didn't want to pay their fair share," Cardani said.

The Jolings are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government and tax evasion. Ronald Joling faces two additional charges alleging that he twice filed false returns in 2009.

Dorothea Joling's attorney, Emilio Bandiero, told the jury that his client isn't a criminal, but merely "a devoted and obedient wife" who submits to every decision her husband makes in their household.

"Her God speaks to her through her husband," Bandiero said.

Federal agents arrested the Jolings in 2011 after a grand jury issued an indictment in the case. They initially were booked into the Lane County Jail but later granted conditional release in advance of their trial. Both could be sen-

tenced to prison if found guilty.

Weintraub summarized for the jury how Ronald Joling's belief system evolved over the past 30 years. Joling became an ordained minister and pastor of the Hope Covenant Reformed Church in Coquille in 1988, and his "very conservative Christian" religious principles have influenced his views regarding government and taxation, Weintraub said.

In the 1980s, Joling launched into a path of self-guided study that led him to conclude that a constitutional amendment requiring the payment of federal income tax is invalid.

He also obtained advice from people who helped him contest tax collection efforts and helped him and his wife in 1997 declare that they were no longer citizens of the United States, that their properties in Oregon were not part of the United States and that, as a result, they didn't have to pay taxes, Weintraub said.

"They were wrong," he added. "But they didn't just make this up on their own."

Several of the Jolings' advisers — as well as their

own daughter — have ended up in prison after being convicted of tax evasion, Weintraub said.

A psychiatrist who examined Ronald Joling is expected to testify during the trial. The doctor will say Joling is not delusional and does not suffer from any major mental illness, but "clings stubbornly to ideas and beliefs" that include his view that he is battling a federal government that represents evil, Weintraub said.

Cardani told the jury that the Jolings, over the years, concocted a series of schemes aimed at preventing the IRS from collecting their taxes.

He said that besides attempting to revoke their citizenship, the couple allegedly set up numerous trusts into which they transferred the title from properties they had purchased and owned; deposited more than \$110,000 into a "warehouse bank" in an attempt to hide the money; filed false tax returns and a fraudulent bankruptcy petition; and "besieged" the IRS with "nonsensical paperwork" in an attempt to harass federal officials.

The trial resumes today

and is expected to continue into next week.

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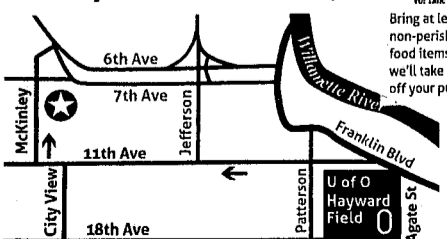
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