



The Dalai Lama holds the hand of Lady Jangchup Palmo (Amala) of Cottage Grove.

Dalai Lama's Cottage Grove connection

Among the reasons one of the most influential people in the world will speak at Matthew Knight Arena on May 10 is a woman virtually unknown beyond Cottage Grove.

She is Lady Jangchup Palmo, commonly known as Amala ("honorific mother"). She is a Tibetan yogini, age 69. And she is sitting across from me in a Eugene hotel conference room on this Thursday afternoon, her smile warm, her garb shades of maroon, her face the weathered blush of a snow skier.

Next to her sits a son, Jigme Rinpoche, 32, in a maroon robe. Though calm and alert, he tells me he's been so busy helping plan the Dalai Lama's visit that he did not get to bed until 4 a.m.

"If Amnesty International finds out about my



Bob Welch

schedule, it will be seen as a violation of human rights," he deadpans, only minutes after loaning me his MacBook power cord.

The late nights are, in part, because of his mother. It was 16 years ago that she put the bug in the ear of the Dalai Lama: *Please come to Eugene.*

You can do that when another one of your sons, the Most Venerable Ngaglo Rinpoche, has close spiritual ties to the man.

Says Jigme Rinpoche: "(Ngaglo's) previous incarnation served as a root teacher to both His Holiness the Sakya Trizin and His Holiness Choegye Trichen Rinpoche, who was the root teacher of his Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama."

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Research examines assault, betrayal

UO study finds many victims feel betrayed by institutions that failed to support them

By **KELLY ARDIS**
The Register-Guard

For many women who have survived sexual assault, the trauma doesn't begin and end with the assailant.



Jennifer Freyd

The institutions to which the women belong — universities, sororities, military branches, churches, athletic teams and similar groups — can further the psychological harm when they fail to support those women, a new study suggests.



Carly Smith

University of Oregon doctoral student Carly Smith and psychology professor Jennifer Freyd recently published their study, "Dangerous Safe Havens: Institutional Betrayal Exacerbates Sexual Trauma," in the *Journal of Traumatic Stress*.

In the fall of 2010, the two researchers surveyed 345 women, with an average age of 20, and found that 233 of them, or about 68 percent, reported at least one unwanted sexual experience in their life. Of those women who had such experiences, 46 percent said they also felt betrayed by some kind of institution.

Betrayal is a topic Freyd knows plenty about: She has studied it for years, wrote "Betrayal Trauma: The Logic of Forgetting Childhood Abuse," and has now co-authored a new book, "Blind to Betrayal: Why We Fool Ourselves We Aren't Being Fooled" with licensed clinical psychologist and UO senior instructor Pamela Birrell.

The new book deals with various types of betrayal, such as infidelity, child abuse and workplace exploitation, and also touches on the study that Freyd conducted with Smith.

The question that got them started on their research, Smith said, was this: Can personal betrayals also be experienced at the institutional level?

After 2½ years of analysis, peer review and editing, their study of that question has been published.

The study used three tools to measure assault and betrayal. The Sexual Experiences Scale and Trauma Symptom Checklist are well-used measures, Freyd and

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TOUCH OF THE IRISH

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Justin Lader, above, plays the violin during the 10th annual Eugene Irish Cultural Festival at Sheldon High School on Saturday. At right, Desmond O'Boyle of the Eugene Highlanders warms up on the great highland bagpipe. The two-day event concluded Saturday.



Firm hits neighbor with suit over fire

Northwest Wall Systems says the blaze was caused by careless smokers at Line-X

By **GREG BOLT**
The Register-Guard

A local construction business is suing its former neighbor, claiming smoker's carelessness by employees at the business was the cause of a 2011 fire that severely damaged the building that housed the firms.

The lawsuit was filed in Lane County Circuit Court by Northwest Wall Systems Inc. and names Line-X of Lane County, Ryan Fields of Orca Fire Investigation and North Pacific Insurance Co. as defendants. It charges negligence and negligent handling of evidence.

The lawsuit seeks \$273,000 in damages. No trial date has been set.

Fields and a spokesman for Line-X said they have not seen a copy of the suit and cannot comment at this time. A spokesman for the parent company of North Pacific Insurance did not return a call seeking comment.

The March 8, 2011, fire gutted most of a metal-clad building at 751 River Ave. that housed four businesses. A fifth business located in a connected building facing River Avenue also suffered heat and smoke damage.

At the time, a fire official said it appeared that the fire started at the north end of the structure, in space leased by Line-X, a company that does spray-on truck bed linings. That end of the building was destroyed.

The lawsuit alleges that Line-X employees started the fire through careless smoking. But it also claims that evidence that was part of the investigation of the fire's cause was lost by Fields, who was working for Line-X and North Pacific Insurance.

According to the suit, Fields removed from the burned building a flashlight battery charger and the electrical receptacle or junction box the charger was plugged

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Online vote could bring conference to town

By **ILENE ALESHIRE**
The Register-Guard

Local tourism officials are hoping Oregonians will flock to social media to help Eugene land a national tourism conference this fall.

Eugene is among 13 finalists for the fourth annual Social Media Tourism Symposium, which will be held Nov. 6-8. Organiz-

ers select the destination based on online votes and social media interactions, according to Travel Lane County, the local tourism agency.

The symposium is expected to attract more than 250 social media users from destination marketing organizations, hotels, resorts, attractions and other tourism-related entities, according to Travel Lane County.

The agency estimates landing the conference would have an economic impact of \$200,000 in direct spending alone, not counting the potential value of social media exposure and future bookings that could result from the conference.

"This would be a great conference for our area," said Lisa Lawton, director of communications for Travel Lane County.

"Not only would it bring in traditional economic impacts associated with delegate spending, but as a social media conference, we would benefit from all the online activity of tweets, posts, images and more that's integrated into these conferences, generating even more exposure for Eugene."

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**BRIEFLY
NORTHWEST**

Police seek 3 who fled fatal car crash

PORTLAND — Police say two people died in a traffic crash in southeast Portland and officers were searching for three people who ran from one of the vehicles. Sgt. Pete Simpson of the Portland Police Bureau said officers responded to the two-car crash shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday. A Toyota Corolla had two occupants and both died at the scene. One man from the second vehicle — a Cadillac SUV — was taken to the hospital. Simpson says officers believe the other occupants in the second vehicle fled into the neighborhood. Witnesses said that the SUV hit the Toyota after going through a stop sign.

Groups ask to revoke wind project lines

GRANTS PASS — Conservation groups want the U.S. Department of Interior to revoke approval for transmission lines to cross federal land from a wind energy project on Steens Mountain, a popular outdoor recreation area in Eastern Oregon. The Oregon Natural Desert Association and Audubon Society of Portland filed the petition Thursday, saying Columbia Energy Partners LLC has had some setbacks that make the future of the Echanis wind farm uncertain. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has cancelled authority to start work on the transmission lines due to a lawsuit by conservation groups challenging approval of the project, and the company has withdrawn its application to connect to the grid. The turbines would be on private land.

Cannon Beach seeks OK to expand project

CANNON BEACH — The city of Cannon Beach is pursuing a zoning amendment that would allow it to expand its emergency storage program. The program lets people store food, clothing and other basic supplies in shipping containers that are far enough inland to be safe if a tsunami strikes. The city's goal is to place 20-foot-long metal shipping containers at three sites outside the tsunami inundation zone. The first is already on the eastern side of Cannon Beach within city limits.

3-year prison term in dog kidnapping

LONGVIEW, Wash. — A Kelso man was sentenced Thursday to more than three years in prison for his role in kidnapping a dog and holding it for ransom. Jesse James Clark, 39, was convicted last week of extortion and possessing stolen property. Police say he kept an English bulldog named Jagger that was taken from a Woodland yard in October 2011 by two people who threatened to kill it unless they were given \$1,000 and prescription drugs. Ivey Rose Svaleson pleaded guilty last year to extortion and was sentenced to nine months in jail. Her boyfriend, Johnny Lee Jordan, also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to more than three years in prison. Jagger was found dead near railroad tracks in Kelso.

— News service reports

Kidnapper prepares to leave prison after 12 years

Brian Christine took off with his daughters in a custody case that drew national attention

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEBURG — Brian Christine is scheduled to be released from prison next week after spending 12 years behind bars for kidnapping his three daughters from child-welfare workers, a case that brought national attention to the issue of parental rights. Christine took the girls at gunpoint near Myrtle Creek in 2001. Christine, his wife, Ruth, and an accomplice were arrested

days later in Montana. While awaiting trial, Ruth Christine appeared on NBC's "Today" show to assert that the state had overstepped its authority by taking custody of their children. The case also generated much interest from anti-government and parental-rights activists on the Internet and talk radio. Originally from Indiana, the Christines had been traveling for a year in a converted school bus when they rolled into Grants Pass in the sum-

mer of 2000. An anonymous caller told police that the three girls appeared to be starving and dehydrated. The state took the children into protective custody after concluding that they were in poor health. In the ensuing months, the Christines fought with state officials and demanded their children back. On Aug. 1, 2001, Brian Christine pointed a gun at two child-welfare workers taking the girls back to a Bandon foster home following a supervised visit with their parents. He ordered the workers out of the van and drove off, tak-

ing the girls to a nearby lumber mill. Abandoning the van, the Christines and a friend drove to Montana, where they were arrested a few days later after Brian Christine was stopped for speeding. The children were found safe in Montana. Both parents were brought back to Oregon, along with accomplice Matthew Garawon, who was sentenced to six months in jail. The Christines were represented by Idaho attorney Edgar Steele, who once represented the white supremacist Aryan Nations group. He is now

representing a 50-year sentence for targeting his wife and mother-in-law in an unsuccessful 2011 murder-for-hire plot. Brian Christine, now 40, was convicted in Douglas County Circuit Court of first-degree robbery, auto theft and custodial interference and sentenced to 12½ years in prison. He is scheduled to be released Tuesday from the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, the Roseburg News Review reported. Ruth Christine spent eight years in prison before being released and deported back to her native England.

Study: Even well-meaning responses can manifest betrayal

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Smith said. But a third measure, an Institutional Betrayal Questionnaire, they created themselves. The questionnaire includes questions about an institution's environment (Does the institution create an environment in which sexual assault seems common, likely or not a big deal?) and its responses to sexual assault (Does the institution respond inadequately, cover up the experience or punish the victim in any way?). Although the questionnaire never mentions the word "betrayal," the acts described are just that, Smith said. "When a trusted institution creates a dangerous environment, that is a betrayal," she said. Those who experienced institutional betrayal reported higher levels of post-traumatic symptoms — dissociation, anxiety, depression, sleep problems and sexual problems — than did other respondents who experienced sexual assault but felt better supported by institutions. Even institutions' well-meaning responses to sexual assault can manifest betrayal, the researchers said. For example, safety tips such as "Don't talk to strangers" and "Walk with a friend" essentially serve to blame the victim, they said, and ignore the fact that most sexual assaults are not committed by a stranger but an acquaintance.

Freyd and Smith point to the Penn State University scandal as one obvious instance of institutional betrayal. When assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was charged with sexually abusing underage boys, the university officials who allegedly covered up Sandusky's crimes betrayed the victims, Freyd said. The school's initial position was very defensive, she said, and that was hurtful to the victims.

"It's another injury (for victims)," Freyd said. "The institutional betrayal was really toxic and really pronounced." Smith noted that the Penn State victims did see some public outrage directed at the school, "and hopefully that validates them and gives them the support they were so lacking."

The sad irony, from Smith and Freyd's perspective, is that the problem of institutional betrayal is a solvable one. "Some problems in the world, you just don't know how to answer," Freyd said. "This is one that is really preventable." Showing support for victims who come forward is the most obvious way to help, they said. Whistleblowers should be celebrated, not hushed.

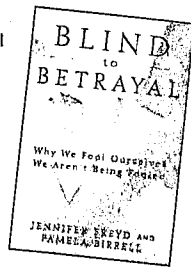
And institutions can study their own practices and protocols to see how they might be betraying victims, even if unintentionally. "In the software industry, they hire someone whose job it is to find bugs," Freyd said. "When that person finds bugs, they're not told 'Shhh, go away.' They're given a raise. They're told, 'You're doing a service to point it out. Let's fix it.'"

Because most of the survey respondents were university students, it's hardly surprising that 46 percent of those who reported institutional betrayal specified that it came from some aspect of university life.

More women reported feeling be-

BLIND TO BETRAYAL

By Jennifer Freyd and Pamela Birrell
Release date: Monday
Online pre-orders: Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites. Available at the Duck Store soon.



INSTITUTIONAL BETRAYAL QUESTIONNAIRE

- Did an institution play a role by (check all that apply) ...
- ◆ 1. Not taking proactive steps to prevent this type of experience?
 - ◆ 2. Creating an environment in which this type of experience seemed common or no big deal?
 - ◆ 3. Creating an environment in which this experience seemed more likely to occur?
 - ◆ 4. Making it difficult to report the experience?
 - ◆ 5. Responding inadequately to the experience, if reported?
 - ◆ 6. Covering up the experience?
 - ◆ 7. Punishing you in some way for this experience (e.g., loss of privileges or status)?
- For more information on the study, visit rgne.ws/ZknFrz

trayed by events leading up to the assault, and an environment they felt created the opportunity for such assault, than by inadequate responses afterward, the study says.

Freyd and Smith acknowledge that the "large, public Northwestern university" at which the survey was conducted is the UO. But both are quick to point out that the school is reflective of others across the country, and they do not consider UO a problem school.

"I don't think (the rate) is unusual here," Freyd said. "It's not like the University of Oregon is an outlier. It's a general problem, and it's too high everywhere." More findings on institutional betrayal and blindness to betrayal can be found in Freyd and Birrell's new book, which details why people often remain blind to betrayal, even when the evidence appears clear.

Dependence tends to be key in betrayal blindness; for example, if a wife is dependent on her cheating husband, she has an "unconscious implicit motivation to be blind to" his infidelity, regardless of the signs that outsiders so plainly see, Freyd said.

Freyd said she and Birrell wrote "Blind to Betrayal" for a lay audience not requiring any specialized knowledge. Freyd hopes the book will open people's minds.

"By educating people on the psychology of betrayal and betrayal blindness, we can help confront betrayal in our lives and move past it," Freyd said. "They'll see it around them ... and create a world not so full of betrayal."

Lawsuit: Claims violation of law for saving evidence

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into. The suit says Fields told a fire investigator for Northwest Wall Systems that the charger or receptacle were a probable cause of the fire. But several months later, when the construction company's investigator called Fields and asked to examine the items, Fields allegedly said someone had taken them from his pickup. That violated standards for preserving evidence set by the National Fire Protection Association, the suit claims, and amounts to negligence. The suit alleges that Fields failed to lock his pickup and also failed to

photograph and examine the evidence to determine whether it was defective and whether it caused the fire. Investigators for the construction company never were able to examine the evidence. Nevertheless, the lawsuit puts the blame for the fire on smoking by Line-X employees, not the electrical devices. It does not include any reference to evidence that supports that claim. The suit claims that the fire caused \$140,815 in damage to equipment and other items owned by Northwest Wall Systems, and that the company lost \$132,190 in income.

Oregon soldiers return from Kuwait

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — The Oregon Army National Guard welcomed home about 20 soldiers Saturday from a year-long deployment to Kuwait.

The soldiers, of Charlie Company, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, were part of a forward support medical team providing air ambulance coverage using UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

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Tourism: Vote on Facebook or Twitter

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The first round of voting will be held March 13-15 online at www.Facebook.com/SoMeTourism, when the number of finalists will be cut to eight cities. (A similar contest for the Australian conference site is just concluding on the Facebook page.) Twitter users can also get involved by following the hash tag #SoMeT13US. "As social media has drastically shifted the way we communicate, it has also created new ways to conduct business," said Janis Ross, vice president of convention & sports marketing for Travel Lane County.

SOCIAL MEDIA TOURISM SYMPOSIUM
For more information: rgne.ws/16I3G3I
To vote March 13-15: www.Facebook.com/SoMeTourism;
Twitter users: #SoMeT13US
To view Eugene's "Harlem Shake" video: rgne.ws/Yko64c

"For the first time, Travel Lane County is participating in a creative bid process to choose a conference destination via Facebook voting. What's truly exciting is that our local community can directly impact our economy by voting for Eugene to host this national tourism conference."

As part of its efforts to generate enthusiasm — and votes for Eugene — for the conference, Travel Lane County has created a video featuring the Slug Queen, the Eugene Emeralds' mascot Sluggo, Oregon Track Club athletes and fans and industry partners doing the Harlem Shake.