

Panelists oppose salvage logging

Plan: Environmentalists say arson-burned site should be studied

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The salvage logging technique "Light it, Fight it, Log it" is a sinister ploy planned for native forests throughout the West that must be stopped, a director of the Cascadia Fire Ecology Education Project told a crowd Sunday afternoon during the 13th annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

As one of three panelists speaking on the Warner Creek issue, Tim Ingalsbee said an alternative to this "sinister ploy" is now underway at Warner Creek that is designed to salvage current data on the site, not the timber itself.

"It's an alternative that lets nature guide the restoration of the land and the dynamic ecosystem processes of fire," Ingalsbee said. "It's a way to learn from the burn and convert salvage to data."

Instead of allowing the U.S. Forest Service to fight arson-related fires on forest land and then remove remaining old-growth timber through salvage logging, Ingalsbee and others on the Cascadia project are working on a plan that allows research to be conducted on how forests recover naturally from a wildfire — something that cannot be

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Puppet master



Charles Hubake of Eugene takes a bicycle ride with his puppet Wolfgang.

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Lawsuit filed by coalition challenges University

Housing: Save Amazon Coalition says renovation agreement violated state law

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A court battle between the University and the Save Amazon Coalition is underway after a lawsuit was filed in the United States Federal Court Friday by the coalition.

Daniel Stotter, a Eugene attorney representing the coalition, said Saturday that the lawsuit is a challenge to the University and the city of Eugene's memorandum of agreement to preserve and rehabilitate 30 of the low-income housing units by moving them to another site in Eugene.

"[It challenges] the University of Oregon and the city of Eugene's secret deal that was made behind closed doors without any notice to the Save Amazon Coalition, a deal that they are calling a memorandum of agreement, which allows 90 percent of Amazon to be demolished and protects only four buildings of the site," Stotter said.

The agreement to move 30 of the units was reached by the city of Eugene, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on Feb. 2. The agreement allows the city of Eugene, in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul, to use Housing and Urban Development funds (HUD) to rehabilitate four, two-story units from the Amazon Family Housing Complex and move them to another site.

Yet according to University Housing Director Mike Eyster, Friday's lawsuit against the University and the city of Eugene could bring an end to those plans.

Eyster told *The Register-Guard* Friday that the lawsuit won't stop the University from tearing down and replacing the units, but plans to move and renovate 30 of the units "would probably be killed."

The coalition's suit is based on the belief that the University and the city of Eugene have violated the public participation law requirement under the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires adequate

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Spring program will teach kids about natural sciences

Nature: Students learn more about environment at local arboretum

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University students will have an opportunity to lead nature walks for elementary school students at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum spring term.

This spring's program will teach grades three through five about trees and flowers through nature walks.

University students can volunteer to lead small groups of no more than eight kids through the arboretum's seven miles of groomed trails in various ecological systems while earning upper-division credit through ESCAPE.

The program is designed to teach natural sciences while

encouraging the kids to have a greater appreciation for the environment, said Fran Rosenthal, education manager for the arboretum.

"Our plan is to plant seeds of interest about the environment," Rosenthal said. "These kids are the ones that will be making decisions about the environment in the future, so it's important to get them excited about it at a young age."

Guides will lead the kids on a 90-minute nature walk and then facilitate an activity session that teaches kids about the environment through interactive games.

The 14-year-old program, run on a volunteer basis, acts as a supplement for natural science programs in grade schools where resources are growing limited.

"The program has become even more vital now with all the budget cuts," Rosenthal said. "Teach-

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■ GOOD MORNING

► PHOENIX (AP) — The winner of the \$100 million jackpot in the latest multi-state Powerball drawing did not come forward Sunday, according to Arizona Lottery officials.

The sole winning ticket was sold at a store in Phoenix, said Ralph Decker, Arizona Lottery executive director. He declined to name the store, citing security reasons.

"We do know that this is the only winning ticket," Decker said.

Decker said it is likely the winner wouldn't come forward until Monday.

Saturday's jackpot was the game's third-largest prize ever. On Nov. 30, a \$101 million jackpot was split between a woman from North Platte, Neb., and a man from Alexandria, Ind.

The game's biggest jackpot was the \$111 million won by a Wisconsin teacher in 1993.

The numbers drawn Saturday were: 8-23-32-36-41. The Powerball was 40.

There were 43 tickets that matched the first five numbers, but missed the Powerball, to win \$100,000 each. They were sold in 13 states and the District of Columbia.

PORTLAND (AP) — Four months after doctors in Spokane, Wash., told his parents they could do nothing to save him, Ryan Nguyen is going home to live.

The infant, born eight weeks prematurely with kidney damage, a bowel obstruction and possible brain damage, was at the center of a battle between his parents, Nghia and Darla Nguyen, and doctors who believed he had no chance of survival.

Since his birth Oct. 27, Ryan has more than doubled his weight to more than 14 pounds and is quick to smile at visitors in Legacy Emanuel Hospital. He is scheduled to be released Monday.

The Nguyens, who are renting

a duplex across the Columbia River in Vancouver, Wash., have been busy preparing for his homecoming.

"We've ordered a crib," Darla Nguyen said. "We are overjoyed that he gets to come home. It's a day we've been waiting for for so long."

Inside the neonatal special care unit, a tape deck plays love songs at the top of Ryan's crib as the Nguyens practice feeding Ryan intravenously, checking his blood pressure and temperature and giving medication.

Ryan was born by emergency Caesarean section at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. The placenta had torn away from the mother's uterine wall, causing the baby to lose blood and suffer damage to his vital organs.

Doctors there doubted Ryan could survive and, the Nguyens say, suggested he be taken off life-support and allowed to die. In early November, Ryan was disconnected from dialysis.