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Raptors: Survival hinges on fear of people

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to the three-and-a-half-acre wooded lot off of Fox Hollow Road 11 years ago and now has plans to relocate to a 20-acre site on Mount Baldy off of Dillard Road in Eugene.

Long-term supporters made the land available to the center for substantially below market value. The gift is typical of the support the CRC receives. Of the \$85,000 average yearly budget, 53 percent comes from donations and 27 percent comes from grants.

Applying for grants is a task Coggins invests much time and interest in. In spring 2004, the Kinsman Foundation awarded a grant to the CRC to fund Coggins' salary for a year, plus benefits.

"We always could use more funding and more help. It's a lot of work," she said.

Grant writing is just one of the many hats she wears as an employee of a nonprofit organization.

In addition to being the assistant director, Coggins is the bird handling trainer, the volunteer coordinator and the event coordinator. She also serves as a guide to educate center visitors.

"I think you could take any one of the hats I wear and make it a full-time job," she said.

The center advocates education as a means of conservation. Coggins and the 65 volunteers frequently host groups ranging from 40 students to a single interested citizen.

"Education is the most important thing we do," she said.

This is an opinion that may not be shared by the roughly 1,275 birds the center has rehabilitated and released since its incorporation. That means 50 to 60 percent of the birds brought in for care are released.

"That's a number we are proud of," Coggins said.

Humans cause most of the injuries Coggins sees.

"The number one survival skill for birds is to learn a fear of humans," Coggins said.

Barbed wire, cars, window strikes, pesticides and hunting are just a few reasons for birds to fear humans.

Possibly the same reasons for birds to fear humans are the reasons Coggins gets to explore her passion in such depth. As she said, nothing in the wild dies of old age.

Town hall: Senators address torture of prisoners

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said. "Some of those states think they have a serious problem, but they don't know how serious that problem is going to get."

The Oregon State Legislature will address the need for new laws to fight the spread of meth addiction during this year's legislative session.

"You will see us draft a bill together that will nationalize the fight against meth," Smith said, calling the drug "a plague that will destroy a generation of American minds if something is not done."

Wyden also talked about the need to prevent any further torturing of Guantanamo Bay prisoners, saying it is necessary to have an attorney general who can clearly define what terrorism is.

Wyden said he had reviewed Attorney General Nominee Alberto Gonzales' testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee and "found his answers to be totally unsatisfactory."

Gonzalez did not give a straightforward answer to the question of whether circumstances exist that justify the torture of prisoners, Wyden said, and it is crucial that terrorism be fought without "leaving the world puzzled as to how the United States defines torture."

Smith said it is crucial to uphold



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Sen. Ron Wyden addressed issues such as methamphetamine abuse and campaign finance reform Monday night.

international laws on terror because it helps prevent the torture of the nation's own soldiers, but he said the world must come together to draft a definition of torture because not everyone adheres to the unwritten rules of civilization.

"We need to gather the world community together to talk about how we can better define this standard and get all nations willing to be civilized to abide by them," Smith said.

Eugene citizen Jacob Landin

asked the senators about the need for fair elections in the United States and expressed his disdain that neither had contested the election results during the Senate's approval of the electoral vote.

Smith said he did not feel the election results were in need of contesting.

"You always get your say but you don't always get to win," Smith said.

Wyden said he shares some of the concerns that have been expressed over the election and said fair elections should be tied in with campaign finance reform.

"There is no reason, none whatsoever, why there isn't a paper trail for every vote in America," Wyden said.

Also addressed during the meeting were affordable health care for the small-business community and the need to deal with mental health issues on the same level as physical health.

The senators fielded questions for more than an hour and spent a few moments after the meeting to talk with those who weren't able to ask their questions.

"This is what Oregon's all about, making government work at a grassroots level," Wyden said.

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IN BRIEF

Longhouse opens its doors today

The University Many Nations Longhouse, a project 20 years in the making, is being dedicated and opened today. The project is a collaborative effort between the University

and the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon. The Many Nations Longhouse is located in the same place as the previous longhouse, near the University School of Law.

The longhouse project is a part of the Native American Initiative started by former University President Myles Brand and continued by President Dave Frohnmyer. The initiative and the longhouse are a part of

the University's commitment to the study and appreciation of American Indian culture and history.

The dedication ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m. today at the longhouse, located at 1630 Columbia St. After the public dedication and opening ceremony, there will be a salmon feast courtesy of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

— Amanda Bolsinger

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