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not create new territory. such as a high school and an elementary school merging in one district, would not be affected.

"(Non-territorial mergers) are totally unaffected by Measure 2," Bender said.

Bender said the current method of combining tax bases involves computation with a mathematical formula. When two districts combine, the tax base for the larger of the two districts is calculated in relation to its tax rate. This figure is then applied to the combined district to come up with its new tax base.

Measure 2 would eliminate this formula and instead require the new tax base of merging districts to be determined simply by adding the districts' individual tax bases together. Bender said some merged districts may find that their tax bases would be different under the new rule than if they had used the current system's computation formulas.

The goal of the measure is not to cripple school districts or enlarge their tax bases, but to clean up the complicated procedure of finding a new tax base for a merged district.

## Police cracking down on intoxicated fans

## City, state patrols saturate stadium to halt violators

By Brian Bloch **Emerald Reporter** 

Saturday afternoons in the fall have long been a time for football, tailgaters, friends and drinking.

Unfortunately for many fans, an overly-indulgent day at Autzen Stadium may turn into a flashing blue and red night-

The scenario is all too common for students and other fans who drink before or during the games and make the mistake of getting behind the wheel

Eugene and Springfield police departments, along with state officers, have placed new emphasis this year on deterring and stopping drunk drivers leaving Autzen stadium by saturating the area with extra police patrols.

State police officers often conduct saturation patrols in conjunction with local authorities in areas where there are a high number of suspected traffic and alcohol violations, including areas around Autzen before and after football games.

"We target areas based on past problems established by the Eugene police department," said Oregon State Po-lice Sgt. Tim Phones. "Those areas often include post-game



Senior Trooper Mark Merrill confirms license status before giving a citation during a traffic stop on Centennial Boulevard.

Autzen Stadium situations."

Phones said the state police bring in extra officers and set up a mobile headquarters to coordinate the patrols. The headquarters is equipped with a breathalyzer to test suspected drunk drivers

Three saturation patrols conducted by state officers after football games this year resulted in 329 vehicle stops in areas around the stadium. Phones said.

Of those stops, 150 resulted in citations or arrests for various traffic violations. Nineteen people were arrested for driving under the influence out of 70 drivers stopped for spot sobriety checks

Phones said that in addition to issuing citations and making arrests, the saturation patrols strive to deter potential violators with their presence.

Large numbers of highly visible patrol cars and uniformed officers often cut down on the number of violations by issuing a subtle warning, he said.

"They've got to leave the stadium and see us there and know we mean business." Phones said.

Eugene police Sgt. Frank Bone agreed. "We want everyone to know there's lots of cops out there," he said.

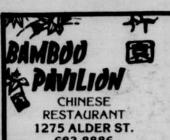
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