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## Effort to repeal anti-gay law fails

**SPRINGFIELD (AP)** — Residents who wanted to repeal an anti-gay rights ordinance failed to gather enough signatures to put their measure on the ballot, the group's leader said Monday.

United Springfield's initiative would have repealed a charter amendment that prohibits the city from "promoting, encouraging or facilitating homosexuality."

The amendment, sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance,

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ance, passed with 55 percent of the vote May 19.

Jesse Maine, chief petitioner for the repeal effort, said United Springfield collected about 1,700 signatures by today's

deadline. The group needed 1,928 signatures from registered voters to qualify the measure for the Nov. 3 ballot.

"It was simply a matter of not enough time," Maine said. "We had an excellent response from members of the community. We just simply didn't have enough volunteers and we ran out of time."

"Fifteen to 20 percent of the people said, 'We like it the way it is,' and the rest would either sign our petition or say they wanted to wait and see what happens," Maine said.

## Car-washers donate profits to fight \$3 trillion deficit

**EUGENE (AP)** — Seven friends held a neighborhood car wash Sunday and raised \$101 to help pay off the nation's deficit of more than \$3 trillion.

The seven call themselves JOYS, short for Just One Year's Salary, which they estimate is what each American would have to pay to erase the federal debt. And they're sending a message to Washington: It's time to reduce the deficit.

They say sometime this week, their \$101 will be sent to U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., with a request to deposit it against the nation's debt, \$3.86 trillion and growing.

"At first, we wanted to get rid of the deficit all at once but we weren't sure how every citizen would react to giving up an entire year's wages, so we decided to start a little smaller," organizer Rob Romig said.

Romig's assembly line of hoses, buckets and sponges serviced 27 cars Sunday in a bank parking lot. Most customers told the group they were glad to see someone taking action. A few complained about a missed spot or two.

"Hey, it's a start," said Romig, who calculated the contribution represents .000000000025 percent of the national debt.

The real point is to raise awareness and let lawmakers know that they can't ignore the problem, Romig said.

## TAX

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promote the region as a tourist attraction.

County commissioner Jerry Rust said the tax increase, which was first proposed by tourism-related businesses, would benefit both the county and local industry.

"It's a win-win position for the county," Rust said. "We get to be on the same team with business, which doesn't happen that often."

Allen Lonstron, general manager of the Eugene Hilton, said the tax hike would provide an important boost for Lane County's tourism industry.

"We're at a stage of development in the visitor industry in Eugene where it's starting to work real well," Lonstron said.

The room tax generates about \$2.5 million each year for the maintenance and promotion of local tourist draws. It is assessed as a surcharge on hotel and motel rentals.

Rust said the 2-percent increase could generate an addi-

tional \$740,000 for marketing and promotion.

The proposal is intended to shift much of the responsibility for promoting the tourism industry from cities to the county. The current 7 percent tax is divided between the two governing bodies, with most of the money returning to the cities. All of the 2-percent increase would go to county coffers.

The county funds would be used to expand the Eugene-Springfield Visitors and Convention Bureau, which is the sole promoter of Lane County tourism. The increased county role in the bureau would free up about \$230,000 for Eugene.

Backers of the ordinance change would like that money to go toward paying off some of the Hult Center's deficit, which now stands at about \$400,000.

Rust said Eugene taxpayers will have to pay off the deficit if additional money is not found elsewhere.

"This would take the burden off of Eugene taxpayers," Rust said. "It would regionalize some of this deficit."

## DEAD

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do a live broadcast of entertainment from last month's Country Fair.

"We knew from that we had the capability," Barton said. "We didn't really think it would actually work out, but we figured we'd give it a try."

Members of the Kesey family, working with the band and helping promote it locally, gave their OK for the broadcast when the shows sold out, Barton said, with the hope that live broadcasts would quell crowds that might otherwise be gathering outside the concert area.

The band is covering the cost of the satellite linkup and personnel needed for the broadcast. Barton said the original estimate of cost to the station was \$3,000, but several underwriters have absorbed much of the expense.

The broadcast begins around 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and continues through the end of each performance. Other festivities from the Third Decadal Field Trip may air as well.

The band previously performed in Veneta in 1972 and 1982 before moving its performances to the University's Autzen Stadium. However, two years ago, University administrators announced the Dead would not be invited back because of perceived problems with drug use by Dead Heads, fans who travel along with the band.

The decision was reversed last year, but the band chose instead to perform at the Veneta site this year.

The live broadcast is being co-funded by several businesses, including Ritta's Burritos, Oasis Fine Foods Marketplace, Toby's Tofu Palace, Bread Stop, Golden Crane of Corvallis and Newport, Red Cock of Lincoln City, Fieldsgood Couch, Saturday Market, Sundance Natural Foods, Birkenstock of Bend and Peralandra Books & Music.

Tune in to KLCC or KLCO for on-air updates on broadcast times and particulars.

## ET ALS

MISCELLANEOUS

Women in transition and International Students coffee hour will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in front of the Women's Center.

Incidental Fee Committee will meet today at 1 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room C.

Academic Communities Together opposing Number 9, a group committed to defeating Ballot Measure 9, will meet today at 2:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon.

**THE FISHBOWL IS GETTING NEW TABLE TOPS, SEATS!**

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