

Bill may raise tax on beer, spirits

Proposal: The tax revenues would be used for treatment programs

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House Bill 2056, a new bill proposed by Rep. Gail Shibley, D-Portland, would increase the taxes on beer and wine by 5 cents a drink to help fund treatment for addictions.

The revenue from the tax would also give resources to help set up a fund called Clean and Sober Housing Fund for alcohol and drug-free housing, which would be housed in the Department of Human Resources.

The tax would be assessed on beer producers in Oregon and beer distributors that represent companies outside of Oregon. The tax should only be charged once on a barrel of beer or wine, Shibley said.

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Brad Cline, the manager at the Hillyard Street Market, restocks beer in the walk-in cooler. A new house bill proposed by Rep. Gail Shibley, D-Portland, calls for a 5 cent increase in the beer and wine tax. The money would go to fund treatment for alcohol addiction.

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Professor becomes president of club

Math: The instructor plans to form a University chapter

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University professor Ken Ross is splitting his time between instructing math and serving as the president of the world's largest college-level math organization, the Mathematical Association of America.

MAA is an organization of 30,000 mostly college instructors and undergraduate students who focus on improving undergraduate education, communicating with others in the field, addressing public concerns and printing mathematical publications.

They also sponsored a winning team of U.S. high school students in the International Mathematical National Olympiad last summer. The team placed first in the contest when all six members received perfect scores on the nine-hour test.

"This probably will never happen again where a country not only wins but has perfect papers," Ross said.

The structure of the organization includes 29 sections in different geographic regions

of the country. The headquarters are in Washington, D.C. with an executive director and a full-time staff of 35 to 40 employees. Ross will commute back and forth to the national office during his two-year term as MAA president from Jan. 1995-97.

Ross has been a member of MAA for the past 38 years. He served as the secretary of the national organization from 1984-93. "I had never served on a sectional committee or a national committee before they pulled me into the national level," Ross said.

His course load has dropped to one class a term with his new national position. "MAA helps finance my salary so Oregon can cut my course load to one class a term," he said.

Ross said he is working to form a student chapter of a math club on the University campus.

"I figure it's an embarrassment if the President doesn't have a math club on their campus," he said.

Former University math professor Ivan Niven was also the MAA president during 1983-84. Then Pacific Northwest section has had more presidents since 1950 than any other section of MAA.

Amazon group appeals to Council

Hearing: Eugene City Council addresses issue for the first time

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The Eugene City Council is next in line to hear public testimony for and against saving Amazon Family Housing after an appeal was issued to the council on Monday.

The appeal was made to the council by attorney Daniel Stotter, who is representing the Save Amazon Coalition. The appeal was made in regards to the decision reached by the Eugene Historic Review Board on Jan. 26 to approve the University's application for demolition.

The council has 60 days to schedule a public hearing.

Testimony will be heard on whether the University's application permit meets the law's pre-application requirements and if the board properly applied the law in reaching their decision last month.

After the hearing, the council has 15 days to make a decision on whether to further delay the University's plans for demolition.

Stotter said this is the first time the council has ever addressed an historic preservation ordinance and believes it will be a close vote among the new members of the council.

"When all is said and done, they should side on our behalf," he said. "Two of the old members have demonstrated already that they are on the side of

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■ GOOD MORNING

► **NEW YORK (AP)** — The Bronx Zoo on Monday recaptured one bird and received many reported sightings of others among 32 birds let loose into the urban sky when a century-old aviary collapsed in a storm.

One of the South American seabirds, a Grey gull, showed up in another part of the zoo Sunday evening.

"He was sort of strolling along one of the walkways, looking a little confused, so we did the old get-some-nets-and-surround-him routine, got him and brought him back," zoo spokesman Patrick Milliman said.

About six loose birds later were spotted around the zoo, and solid sightings of others were reported elsewhere in the city. The birds have metal or colored-plastic leg bands.

Christine Sheppard, the zoo's curator of birds, said there was a "reasonably plausible" report that 10 missing Andean terns were spotted in Jackson, N.J., more than 60 miles away.

The zoo's Harry de Jur Aviary, dating from 1899, was home for 101 birds. Sixty-nine were trapped or just stayed put when snow, wind and age brought down their 40-foot-high, 125-foot-long metal cage Saturday.

The gulls that got loose were one Band-tail, eight Greys, 12 Andeans and 12 Incas. The exhibit also had included Magellanic penguins and guanay cormorants.

None is an endangered species, though some are considered uncommon.

The cold weather wasn't likely to bother the birds since they

had lived in the open air.

Their biggest challenge is finding the fish diet they're accustomed to getting twice a day, and competing against the city's less pampered pigeons, starlings and sea gulls.

Fish put out to entice one of the missing Grey gulls spotted Monday in Central Park was snapped up by local gulls, said Tessa Sallenave, who was coordinating sighting reports.

Kim Yozzo, the aviary's senior keeper, spotted two Inca terns and one Grey gull flying over a McDonald's just outside the zoo when she drove to work Monday morning.

"I stopped my car ... and I was like (pleading to the birds), 'Just go, go — go across the street.' But you can't get them to go across the street just by telling them."