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NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Governor asked to delay plans to burn chemical weapons



NORTHWEST

SALEM (AP) — Gov. John Kitzhaber has been asked to delay state permits to burn nerve gas weapons in northeastern Oregon until environmental and safety questions have been answered.

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., made the request in a letter to the governor Thursday. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation already had asked for a one-year moratorium on the incineration plans.

About 12 percent of the nation's supply of chemical weapons are stored at the Umatilla Army Depot near Hermiston. Congress has ordered the destruction of the national stockpile by 2004.

The Army has concluded that incineration is the safest and fastest way to dispose of the weapons, but it needs permits from the state Department of Environmental Quality to do so.

Donald Sampson, chairman of the tribes' board of trustees, said more studies are needed to prove burning is the best way to destroy the stockpile and also that more emergency planning is needed.

92-year-old gets jail time for assaulting 80-year-old woman



NATIONAL

BUNNELL, Fla. (AP) — A 92-year-old man marked his birthday in jail Thursday, charged with sexually assaulting an 80-year-old woman in his room at a nursing home.

Two nurses halted the alleged attack at Meadowbrook Manor on Monday evening, and reported it Tuesday morning. Bunnell police Detective John Landi said Thursday.

Henry Dionisio was arrested Tuesday and taken to a jail in northeast Florida's Flagler County and booked on a charge of sexual battery. He made a court appearance on Wednesday, during which his \$5,000 bond was lowered to \$1,000.

Landi said the 80-year-old woman is mentally incompetent and incapable of resisting any attack.

Landi said the two nurses, whom he wouldn't identify, may face charges for not immediately reporting it.

After his arrest, Dionisio had a medical exam and was cleared to be jailed. He's being kept in an isolation cell because of his age.

Incredible but true: Hong Kong becomes even more crowded



WORLD

HONG KONG (AP) — It hardly seems possible, but Hong Kong got even more crowded in 1995, with the population increasing 2.6 percent to 6,307,900 — all shoe-horned into an area less than half the size of Rhode Island.

Last year's population growth was the highest since 1980, the government said Thursday.

There were 38,200 more births than deaths in 1995, accounting for 24 percent of the growth. Also, 120,600 more people arrived than departed, the government said.

Emigration also dropped sharply last year, with an estimated 43,100 people moving abroad. The figure was the lowest since 1989, when China's crackdown on pro-democracy protests at Tiananmen Square prompted worried Hong Kong residents to emigrate. Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

Hong Kong already was one of the world's most crowded places, with an average 14,547 people squeezed into each square mile.

That compares with an average population density of around 962 per square mile in Rhode Island.

Public examines utility tax proposal

■ **TAX:** Debaters agree on need for affordable housing, disagree on solutions to problem

By Sherry Rainey
Community Editor

While a cross section of groups support Measure 20-54, a utility tax to fund affordable housing, proponents against the measure argue that it "taxes necessities to pay for necessities."

At a public debate hosted by The Rubicon Society of Lane County on Thursday, Jeff Osanka, chairman of the Defeat Utility Sales Tax Committee, debated against the tax, and John Van Landingham, co-chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, debated for the tax.

The utility tax would amend the city charter to impose a 1 percent increase on utility charges including electricity, water and cable TV. The proceeds would be

used to fund affordable housing projects and energy assistance to low-income persons.

The total tax for a typical household would be about \$1 a month, which creates an estimated \$1.13 million a year in revenue.

Osanka, a candidate for the Lane County Commissioner ward that includes the University, said, "no matter how worthy the tax is, it's a bad idea — it is a regressive tax."

"The tax is unfair to low income and fixed income rent payers," he said. "The most vulnerable will have to pay this tax without relief."

He said his main concern was that the utility tax diverted funds from nonprofit organizations, schools and houses of worship to pay for a cause that they may not endorse.

"[The tax] allows the City Council to tap into a market that is exempt from taxes — nonprofit organizations," he said.

Van Landingham answered

that schools have been supportive of the proposal.

"The superintendent of the Bethel District was on the committee that created the tax proposal," he said. "Because the tax is so broad based, it's so low."

"[With the tax] we are serving people who are already here in Eugene — bank tellers, disabled, elderly, single mothers, timber workers..."

Both debaters did agree that housing for low-income residents is an issue in Eugene. They just disagreed on the solutions.

"If this is so important to the City Council," Osanka said, "then they should go to the General Fund, not a new tax."

Van Landingham disagreed. "We [the Affordable Housing Committee] reviewed 18 different types of funding sources. A utility tax was the most broad based and had the lowest cost of achievability — the tax is regressive because utilities are regressive."

Funding: African students requested 4 percent decrease

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quite honest," she said. HKSA members said the board treated them unfairly, only looking at the effort and spending of previous years' groups.

"We'll try even harder next year, even if they want to change [our budget] forever," member Zekiel Yuen said.

The African Student Association (ASA) requested a decrease of 4 percent, much to the delight of some board members.

"I think it's very admirable and responsible that a group that hasn't been spending all their money comes to us with a request in the negative," board member Sean Martin said.

The PFC gave the ASA a

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The 7-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which includes three student senators, will recommend how incidental fees are allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	% CHANGE FROM 1994-95
Model United Nations	\$300	No Budget
HKSA	\$1,283	+6.4
ASA	\$2,291	-5.4
Legal Services	\$100,920	+24.3

Money given this week: \$153,097
Money given to date: \$1,291,317

\$2,291 budget, a 5.4 percent decrease from this year's allocation.

The board also gave the \$300

maximum budget allowed to Model United Nations Organization, a new student group beginning next year.

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