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## Smith inquiry sought

### Kopetski contends misuse of office

**By Dave Byrne**  
The U.S. House Ethics Committee will be asked today to investigate charges that Rep. Henry Smith, R-Ore., has misused his congressional office to benefit his reelection campaign, a spokesman for his opponent said.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee will formally request the investigation on behalf of former state Rep. Mike Kopetski of Kottler, a Democrat who is challenging Smith in the November election.

Jay Byrne, Kopetski's press secretary, characterized the charges against Smith as "very serious." Tony Williams, Smith's press secretary, called the charges "slimy" attempt to make headlines.

Kopetski was in Washington, D.C., Wednesday night and was unavailable for comment.

"This is an ongoing misuse of the congressional office by Smith," Byrne said. "We found these charges. They're legitimate charges. He brought them to the attention of the party. I think it's relevant in the political sense to be using his congressional office to pay for his campaign."

Ethics charges can be filed by one member of Congress against another or by private citizens.

The Kopetski campaign committee contends that:

- Smith's office billed Congress for \$110,000 for "official expenses and business" in recent months.
- "I couldn't guess how much a campaign related," Byrne said. "But there's documented proof that he used office equipment, staff time and salaries for the campaign."
- Smith's press secretary is paid \$44,000 annually as a congressional aide but is also working on the campaign.
- Tony Williams remains the billed as the campaign press secretary," Byrne said. "He regularly fields campaign press calls from the congressional office. He frequently attends campaign events in the district."
- A June 14 campaign press release from Smith's office listed the FAX number for Smith's congressional office in Washington, D.C., as a contact for anyone with corrections about the release.
- Smith violated his congressional mailing privileges by using his office budget to pay for a campaign.

## Search spreads in Cascades



Assisting with an expanded search in the Cascade Mountains for teenager Richards Lea. Pickett and Don Sanders (left) and John Ritter of the Oregon Mounted Posse.

## Hunt for Linn teen expands

### Week after girl's disappearance, mother's fears grow

**By Amy Edwards**  
and **Grace Steinmetz**  
The search for missing teenager Richards Lea Pickett was expanded Wednesday to a 20-square-mile area in the Cascade Mountains.

She was last seen at 9:30 a.m. July 10 in her home at the state Highway Division maintenance complex at the Santiam Junction.

Although her mother, Linda Ackroyd, supports the ground search, she thinks that someone took her 13-year-old daughter and has left the area.

"I really fully believe that she was taken without her will," Ackroyd said.

Ackroyd said her home is about 110 feet from Highway 30, near the Santiam Junction where highways 20 and 22 meet in East Linn County. There is a pay phone along the highway near their home, and she said the house can be seen from there.

"It's really a good access and if anybody had come up and asked her directions and asked if her mother was home, she would have said no. She wouldn't lie."

When John Ackroyd returned to the house at 12:30 p.m., the door was partly open and Richards was gone. His pellet gun was leaning up against a camper with a box of pellets on top of it.

"That was the only thing strange. My kids do not do that. All they might have done was to look at the pellets on top of the box," Linda Ackroyd said.

"I can't believe that she'd be a runaway because she was wanted to go school clothes shopping Sunday night," Ackroyd said. "If she was going to plan to run away, she would have taken her makeup and her clothes, but nothing was missing. She's not fond of her makeup."

Linn County Sheriff Art Martink said 100 searches covered about half of a 20-square-mile area south of Highway 20 by the end of Wednesday's search.

The Linn County Sheriff Department is coordinating the search involving Douglas, Lane, Benton and Wheeler counties.

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## Asphalt plant put on hold

### Riverfront property owners win delay of zoning decision

**By Christine Decker**  
Opponents of a proposed concrete and asphalt plant on the Eola Road riverfront won a zoning delay Wednesday.

A Marion County land-use hearing officer on Wednesday night postponed a zoning decision on Commercial Sand and Gravel's request for a conditional land-use permit because not enough people were properly notified of the hearing.

The company is seeking a conditional permit for their operation in a floodplain on 1.4 acres between Lockman Avenue and Riverfront Drive.

Douglas McMillan, a riverfront property owner, and her neighbors were happy about the delay.

"It means it's going to take longer before there's anything started on that land," she said.

She lives about 200 feet from the proposed plant.

Walt Linn, the lawyer for Commercial Sand and Gravel, said the time lost would not increase the cost of the plant.

"I never look on the riverfront as a place where you'll make a buck, but that's not my business," he said. "And the traffic pattern will not change on River Road."

The company has a concrete and gravel operation at 5455 River Road South.

Mills said that 30 round trips by concrete trucks would be made to the proposed plant daily; 20-25 round trips would be made by asphalt trucks daily in peak times.

Another question waiting to be resolved is the correct zone for the property. The land was in a residential-agriculture zone when the company applied for the zoning permit. By the time the permit was completed the residential-agriculture zone had changed to an urban transitional zone.

Linn questioned whether an asphalt making plant was appropriate in an urban transitional zone.

The exact zone will be determined before the next hearing, hearing officer Carolyn Baker said. A date has not been set for the continued hearings. All property owners and necessary agencies will be informed of the meeting time, Baker said.

## Salem man chosen teacher of the year

### Prison classes earn international honor

**By Janet Davies**  
A Salem man who teaches that inmates in his spare time has been selected teacher of the year by the International Correctional Education Association.

Dave Masters, 51, who has taught at Oregon State Correctional Institution since 1977, was honored during the group's annual convention in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Seven teachers nominated by each of the state's associations were interviewed by judges at the convention.

Masters returned to school last year to work on his master's degree. Masters had been active with Region 6, helping to build its membership from three to 300 people.

He started his first regional newsletter in 1980 and served as editor until last year. In 1985, he became director of the region, which covers Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Missouri.

Masters, who graduated from Willamette University in 1962, began his teaching career that year when he joined the Peace Corps. He worked for two years at a teacher training college in southern Thailand, where he met his wife, Terri.

She also was in the Peace Corps and now teaches at Oregon State Penitentiary.

His other teaching experience includes work at three elementary schools in Idaho while he was studying criminology and art history at the University of Hawaii. He worked at the West Center for two years. He later taught art for seven years at a private school in Seattle.

The Masterates came to Salem in 1976 and worked with the reformation project in Chemeketa Community College's adult basic education, teaching English as a second language.

He has been working for the past year as an adviser with the Chemeketa Community College's Correctional Institute.

To his surprise, he also has used his knowledge of the Thai language at the Oregon State Correctional Institution.

## Radio dispute heads for court

### Woodburn station, union disagree

**By Susan Hyman**  
The Statesman Journal.

WOODBURN — A labor union and a Woodburn radio station are going to court to decide who will get the last word in a dispute about a Spanish language program for migrant workers.

Florencia Camposin Unidos del Noroeste (Northwest Transplants and Farmworkers United) contends that station KWBQ violated a contract by pulling the plug on "The Farmworkers' Hour" without 15 days notice.

The station owner canceled Sunday night's program after he said it unfairly charged a Mount Angel farmer with labor violations without giving the farmer a chance to respond.

The union is asking the Marion County Circuit Court to issue an injunction ordering the contract to air two more editions of the program.

Larry Kleinman, the secretary-treasurer of the union, said, "The underlying issue is that the farmworkers are not being allowed to tell their side of the story."

Station owner Cliff Zauer said the language of the contract allowed him to rescind the agreement immediately if Federal Communications Commission rules were violated.

Kleinman said the union broke no rules by reporting that state officials had seen the labor contractor illegally forcing migrant workers to sign over their paychecks in exchange for rent, food and other expenses, leaving most of them with virtually nothing.

The commission's equal time requirement refers to candidates for political office, Kleinman said.

Zauer said equal-time provisions also applied to non-candidates who were subjected to personal attacks on their honesty, character or integrity. He said the union also violated the contract by failing to review the program with the FCC's regulator on duty.

The union would have allowed the farmer ample time to respond, Kleinman said.

Zauer said he also decided to cancel the show because it contrasted with the station's successful light-entertainment and traditional country-western format, which features programs in English and Spanish.

Zauer said he approved the program proposal in March because he was led to think that it would have a Spanish music and informational format.

He thought the program would deal with issues such as how to apply for a driver's license, job opportunities and social services, but the program immediately began airing invectives to join the union.

"They want me to get into controversy and get into talk radio, and I'm not ready for that," Zauer said.

The case is scheduled to go before Circuit Judge Robert B. McCoville at 10:30 a.m. July 25 in Salem.

### Salem

#### Megabucks jackpot rises to \$1.5 million

No one won Wednesday's \$1.2 million Oregon Megabucks jackpot, raising Saturday's jackpot to \$1.5 million, spokeswoman Julie Lamb said.

The winning numbers were 5-19-20-21-36-41.

Lamb said 21 tickets had five numbers, worth \$664.30 each, and 703 tickets had four numbers, worth \$27.93 each.

Wednesday's \$5 million Letra America numbers were 18-30-33-37-45-46. No ticket purchased in Oregon was a winner.

### Region

#### College group credits OSU, U of Portland

ORVALLIS — Oregon State University and the University of Portland have gained full accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Major universities are reviewed for accreditation at least once every 10 years. Continuation is based on institutional self-studies and on-site reviews by an accreditation team.

The association team gave OSU high marks for its faculty,

### Portland

#### City will charge \$15 to check gun buyers

The Portland City Council on Wednesday agreed to require handgun purchasers to pay \$15 for the cost of investigating their backgrounds.

The ordinance is subject to a second council vote, but city officials expect it to pass and take effect in about a month.

A new state law requires police agencies to check the criminal and mental health backgrounds of prospective gun buyers.

Multnomah County passed an identical requirement in April.

### Man denies abusing boy left in his home

A convicted child molester accused of sexually abusing his foster son pleaded innocent Wednesday a day after state officials admitted leaving the boy in the man's home despite his criminal record.

Richard Herbert Smith, 51, appeared briefly in Multnomah County Circuit Court before Judge Nedy Johnson. She denied a defense request that Smith be released on that his bail be reduced to \$25,000 from \$100,000.

Smith faces 12 charges of sexual abuse and child pornography. He was charged with sexually abusing a 14-year-old boy in a sexually explicit manner.

— From staff wire reports

### Morning Salute

A warm thank you to the **Bea Rodeo Board** and the **help** for you do to make the **1990** **Exceptional Rodeo** a huge success! You were so well organized, and your enthusiasm and friendliness made them the best and the parents feel welcome in your community. Thank you for giving these exceptional kids an exceptional experience — something they will never forget.

Bea Rodeo Marion Education Service District, Salem