

ET ALS

MEETINGS

American Indian Science & Engineering Society will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in Room 173 Onyx. For more information, call 346-3723.

ASUO Student Senate will meet today at 5:15 p.m. in EMU Century B. For more information, call 346-0630.

Order of Omega will meet tonight at 6 in Room 246 PLC. For more information, call 346-8540.

Snowboard Club will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room E. For more information, call 346-3733.

Students for Choice will conduct its general meeting tonight at 7 in the EMU Family Center. For more information, call 346-0649.

RELIGION

20 Something! worship and communion is scheduled today at 8 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 484-1707.

MISCELLANEOUS

Career Planning and Placement Service will begin sign ups today in Room 244 Hendricks for interviews with the following companies: Northern Reflec-

tions, Northwest Financial, Public Interest Research Group, Teach for America, Sherwin Williams, Enterprise Rent A Car, Target, The Limited Express, Ford Motor Credit Co., Jeldwen, Inc., Beneficial Mortgage Co. and BMA. For more information, call 346-3235.

Student leadership workshop is offered today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the EMU Gumwood Room. The workshop features guest speakers who will review various leadership opportunities. For more information, call 346-0007.

Tax workshop for international students and faculty out-of-state residents is scheduled today at 7 p.m. at EMU Cedar Rooms D and E. For more information, call 346-3206.

Dea, "One for submitting Et Als to the Emerald, front desk, Suite 300 EMU, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon and is requested to be published earlier."

Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted. Campus events and those scheduled nearest the publication date will be given priority. The Emerald reserves the right to edit for grammar and style.

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Roberts' office gets calls on ad



SALEM (AP) — Gov. Barbara Roberts' office was flooded with phone calls Monday from people responding to a newspaper ad critical of double murderer Russell Obremski's release from prison.

The ad, which was sponsored by the National Rifle Association and appeared in Sunday newspapers, urged people to call the governor's office to protest Obremski's parole in November.

Last month Obremski was charged with sodomizing a 4-year-old girl and he is now back behind bars.

A receptionist in the governor's office, Barbara Flores, said she had logged more than 300 phone calls by midday.

"Most of them wanted to know why we did it," Flores said, referring to the state Parole Board's decision last summer to release Obremski over the protests of relatives of his victims.

The newspaper ad urged people to complain to former Parole Board chairman Danny Santos, who's now the governor's top lawyer.

Santos said the NRA is looking for a scapegoat in the case and that the Parole Board had no choice but to release Obremski after he received a positive psychological evaluation.

"There was no mention of the legal process that the board was required to follow at the time," Santos said of the NRA advertisement.

But a spokeswoman at the NRA's headquarters in Fairfax, Va., called that a "cop out."

"They could have asked for another psychological exam," said Tanya Metaksa, chief lobbyist for NRA. "It seems to me to be very strange that society makes a little girl pay the price because we

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— Barbara Flores, receptionist at office

can't keep people in jail because the parole board's hands are tied."

Metaksa said the Obremski case caught the NRA's attention after CBS-TV aired an episode of "48 Hours" featuring Obremski.

"Later one of my staffers came to me and said, 'Remember that guy Obremski? He sodomized and sexually assaulted a 4-year-old.' And that's when I authorized the ad," she said.

Although Republican governor candidate Denny Smith has repeatedly criticized the decision to set Obremski free, Metaksa said the NRA's ad was not designed to help Smith's campaign.

Rather, she said, it was aimed at plugging a proposed "three strikes and you're out" measure to keep repeat violent felons behind bars that likely will be on Oregon's general election ballot in November.

"Obremski is a brutal rapist and murderer," she said. "We have to point out to people that unless we fix the system, these kinds of criminals will be free to roam our streets."

Obremski served 24 years in prison for the February 1969 slayings of Laverna May Lowe and Betty Ann Ritchie in Medford.

His release was originally scheduled for 1983, but it was postponed five times as relatives of his victims mounted a campaign to keep him behind bars.

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Waste company will fight regulators

SPOKANE (AP) — When Donn Herron got the first permit to store hazardous waste in Eastern Washington he saw a chance to make money.

But 10 years and more than \$1 million in fines later, Herron says it hasn't been worth it. The long battles with regulators over alleged violations of waste laws have taken their toll on Herron, 55.

"I thought that permit would be worth something," Herron said. "It's been a millstone around my neck. It was a dumb idea."

State and federal inspectors say Herron's company, Washington Chemical Inc., has mislabeled waste barrels, kept poor records and illegally expanded its hazardous waste storage area.

Still, Herron vows to continue fighting. He maintains his company has done nothing wrong.

"I expect this fight to go on forever," he said. "We'll take every appeal route possible — until we run out of money."

Washington Chemical, which employs 10 at a small shop in Spokane's Hillyard neighborhood, transports, stores and refines hazardous substances. They range from auto shop cleaning solvents to toxic wastes contaminated with lead that can

cause cancer.

The storage end of the business, which involves keeping wastes in barrels and then shipping them off to licensed dumps, provides about half the company's income and has been the most frequent target of regulators.

While Herron has been taken to task by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, he has a longer feud with the state Department of Ecology.

Last month, the state Pollution Control Hearings Board reaffirmed the DOE's \$367,000 penalty. The fine stemmed from 1991 inspections that resulted in a number of allegations of violations.

Herron has appealed to the Spokane County Superior Court, where he has been awarded legal fees and won access to state inspection records in previous disputes with state regulators.

Herron also has been able to persuade the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to review a \$626,425 fine it ordered following 1991 inspections. The agency has agreed to settle for \$10,000 or less.

The penalties began to mount after inspections in June 1989 and March 1990 found 14 waste-

handling violations. Herron is still fighting the \$90,000 fine from those alleged violations.

Bruce Howard, hazardous waste supervisor for DOE's Eastern Washington office, said Washington Chemical has ignored too many rules for too long. He also said the company doesn't set aside enough money for cleanup, creating a potential for contamination of land or water.

The agency has no vendetta against Herron, Howard said.

"I can understand he doesn't necessarily like the department, or us personally, but that doesn't change our approach," he said.

Herron, who studied chemical engineering at Gonzaga University and started Washington Chemical in 1984, maintains the alleged violations are either vastly exaggerated or false. He says regulators target him with inflated penalties because he dares to challenge their conclusions.

He says he has spent more than \$100,000 in legal costs to fight the penalties, and will not close shop or file for bankruptcy.

"All I've been focusing on is winning, because I know I'm right," he said.



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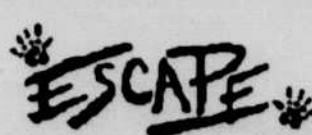
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