

Berkman sees upset victory; Smith confident

SALEM (AP) — With Tuesday's election looming, Portland businessman Craig Berkman was predicting he would score an upset victory over frontrunner Denny Smith in the Republican governor's race.

"People are beginning to focus on the fact that I have specific positions on issues," Berkman said Sunday. "They are recognizing that Smith doesn't have anything to say."

But Smith, who has held a steady though dwindling lead in the public opinion surveys, said he has a solid base of support that will carry him to victory Tuesday.

"We've raised more from more people than anyone else in the race," the former five-term congressman said.

Smith and Berkman kept up a steady pace of campaign appearances during the weekend in hopes of shoring up their support and winning votes from the large pool of undecided GOP voters.

Portland pollster Tim Hibbitts said it was unusual to have as many as 25 percent of GOP voters saying they still hadn't made up their minds with only days to go before the election.

"Democratic primaries, historically, have been the ones where you have large numbers of undecided voters," Hibbitts said.

"Republicans have a history in Oregon of nice, tidy primaries where they decide who they are

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Eugene groups disagree over measure

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Eugene Ballot Measure 20-03, which would ban the sale and use of some ozone-depleting chemicals, is either a necessary measure to protect the thinning ozone layer, according to supporters, or redundant legislation, according to opponents.

The measure, which will be on the May 17 ballot, prohibits the sale and use of certain products containing or manufactured with ozone-depleting chemicals, for example, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) or hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs).

These products include plastic foam packaging, as well as some silicone lubricants, footwear weatherproofers, hair dyes and toilet bowl cleaners. Halon fire extinguishers, plastic foam building insulation and certain pesticides would also be prohibited under the measure.

After 1995, the measure would require that automobile air conditioners use the most ozone-safe air conditioning fluid available.

If passed, the measure would take effect in three months, and would be brought before the Eugene City Council for review every two years.

The measure can be enforced by citizens, and provides penalties for violations, beginning with a \$500 fine. These penalties would be assessed by the municipal court.

A citizen advisory committee would be created to provide the city with current information on ozone-depleting chemicals and their alternatives, as well as help distribute information on the measure and its effects.

Chemical industry lends \$30,000 to city issue

(AP) — A political coalition that includes chemical industry giants Dow Chemical and Dupont has contributed nearly \$30,000 to fight a city initiative that would ban the sale and use of products that harm the ozone.

Opponents had raised nearly \$50,000 total, according to spending records submitted this week, placing the ozone protection initiative among the most expensive campaigns in city history.

"Obviously, no one ever wanted to spend the kind of money we've spent on this campaign," said Jeff Miller, former Eugene mayor and head of the committee that is fighting the ozone measure. "We've been forced to educate voters through the media — and that's expensive."

The campaign funds bought

advertising, radio spots and newspaper ads, and paid for a mid-campaign public opinion poll on the measure.

By contrast, supporters of the measure raised and spent about \$2,000, according to the finance reports.

Mark Sigel, leading the campaign to pass the measure, attacked the opposition's dependence on industry funding.

"They're trying to buy the election with chemical company money," Sigel said. "I'm surprised they're spending so much."

The heaviest contributor to Miller's group was the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, a national coalition of businesses that includes such industry giants as Dow Chemical and Dupont.

The measure would establish an ozone protection fund, money from which would be used to enforce the measure and produce educational materials on ozone issues.

Backers of the measure, including the Eugene Ozone Protection Campaign, say that such stringent rules are necessary because national and international ozone regulations have substantial loopholes.

Despite the Clean Air Act, which will nationally ban most ozone-deplet-

ing chemicals during the next two years and already establishes regulations for automobile air conditioners and other products, supporters of 20-03 say that two years is not soon enough and action on the local level should be taken now.

Furthermore, the measure's supporters say there are ozone-safe, similarly priced alternatives to the products listed in the measure, and that the measure is fair to Eugene businesses.

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Includes areas between 2nd and 11th avenues and between Lawrence and Alder streets.

Precinct 329 Central Presbyterian Church

Includes areas between 11th and 18th avenues and between Kincaid and Mill streets.

Precinct 331 Erb Memorial Union

Includes areas between Franklin Boulevard and 18th avenue and between Agate and Kincaid streets.

Precinct 327 Olive Plaza

Includes areas between 11th and 18th avenues and between Mill and Lawrence streets.

Precinct 325 Grace Lutheran Church

Includes areas between 18th and 22nd avenues and between Amazon and Lincoln streets.

Precinct 231 South Eugene High School

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Precinct 429 Condon School

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Wondering where to vote? Here's a list of University-area precincts and their respective voting places.

Polls open Tuesday at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Only vote for races in your affiliated party and for non-partisan races.