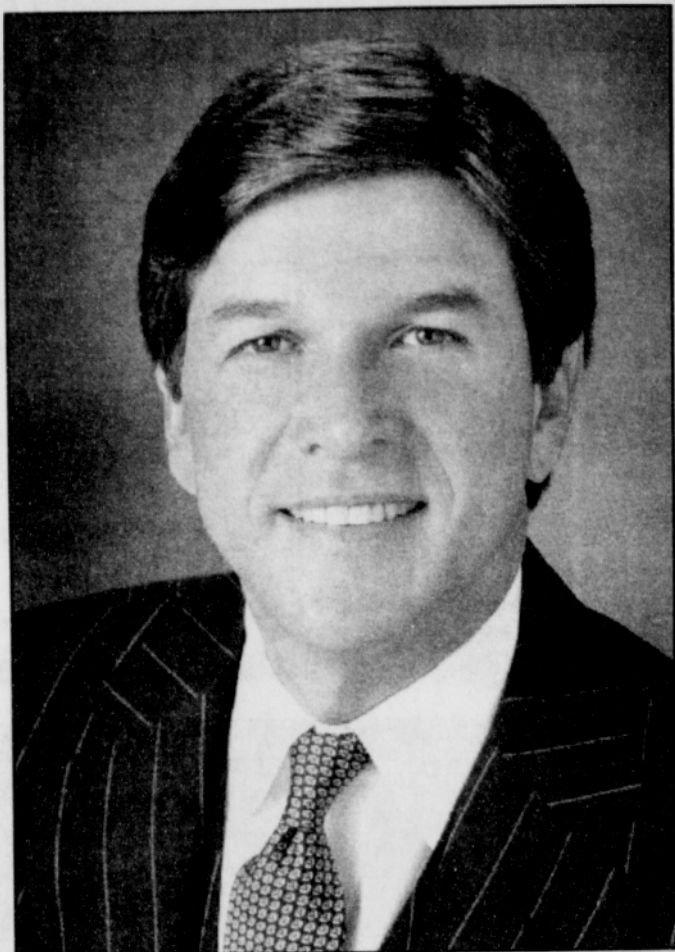


# Minority Business Week

"The American dream is alive and well in small businesses across the United States. This week, I want to congratulate minority business owners who have succeeded in bringing jobs and economic vitality to their communities. Their contribution and leadership provides hope to youth today and lays the groundwork for future generations."

Gordon Smith  
Oregon Senator



Gordon Smith, Oregon Senator



Jim Hill, State Treasurer

"Since I was first elected State Treasurer back in 1993, I have been searching for different and creative ways to attract much needed seed capital to the state of Oregon. I believe promoting economic development, creating new jobs, helping start-up businesses and funding safe, affordable housing are critical to the future health of our state.

To stay competitive in today's ever-changing, global market, Oregon must maintain its well-known standard of living and, at the same time, create an economy that has the ability to adapt and move with other markets around the world. Over the past two years, I have been working on a number of specific initiatives that will target a percentage of lottery revenues to fund emerging businesses and start-up companies in the state of Oregon. I believe economic development is still an excellent use of lottery dollars.

Investing in Oregon's future through seed capital for entrepreneurs is critical to the health of our economy and will create the jobs needed to build and strengthen our communities and neighborhoods."

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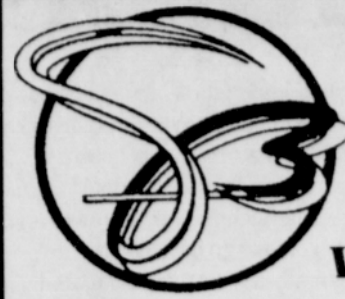


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