

# Missing Prep Student Found Murdered

## River Gives Up Strangled Body Of Richard Kitchel

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The murder of a 17-year-old Corvallis high school student whose body was found floating in the Willamette river Saturday afternoon was under intense investigation today by Corvallis city police.

Richard M. Kitchel, son of Ralph M. Kitchel, 311 Bell Lane, a shoe repair man, was strangled, apparently during a fight in the early morning hours of Oct. 12, an autopsy indicated.

Frank Knight, Benton County district attorney, said the boy had been at a party at a Corvallis residence and had been driven to Fourth and H streets about 1:30 a.m. That was the last he is known to have been seen alive, Knight said.

**Argument At Party**  
The high school senior, who had been in trouble with police in the past and had drunk driving and hit and run charges pending against him, had been to a party at the Paul Everett home at 321 North 14th.

There had been an argument and a scuffle at the home, police said, and Doug Hamblin, 17, drove Kitchel to the State Employment office on South Fourth where he let Kitchel out of his car to walk home.

**Others At Party**  
Others at the party were Mrs. Everett, Mary Tucker, Mel Plamondon, 17, and a 19-year-old girl identified only as Pat, it was reported.

These at the party have cooperated with police Knight said, and have agreed to undergo lie detector tests at Salem.

The autopsy showed Kitchel had bruises about the mouth and eyes, and his knuckles were bruised, indicating he had been in a fight, Knight said.

**Strangled, Autopsy Shows**  
He had been strangled, either by a person's arm or with the sleeve of a coat, Dr. Russell Henry, state medical examiner who performed the autopsy Saturday evening, indicated. The boy was 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed 135 pounds.

The body was clothed in the blue jeans and cowboy boots he was wearing when last seen. A missing sheepskin coat he had been wearing was turned in to police Sunday night by Hamblin, police said.

Everett works on the survey crew at the Corvallis Sand and Gravel Co. His wife is employed in the office there.

Funeral for Kitchel is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the McHenry Funeral Home, (See obituary on Page 20).



THIS MISSILE-EQUIPPED Egyptian boat is what to be the one which sank an Israeli destroyer in solid may have been history's first sea-to-sea missile action. This

radiograph was transmitted today from Cairo, with accompanying caption which said it was an undated stock picture of the vessel. AP WIREPHOTO

## Berserk Man Israeli Destroyer Sinking May Bring On New War

**LOCK HAVEN, Pa. (AP)**  
—A berserk paper mill employee, apparently upset over a dispute with members of his car pool, his boss and a neighbor, killed six of them today in a sudden and deadly accurate shooting spree.

Seven others were wounded, three critically.

**By ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Israel's angry mood hardened in bitter official statements today and Egyptian officials said they expect an attack "anytime" to avenge Egypt's sinking of an Israeli destroyer in what may have been one of war's first sea-to-sea missile raids.

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## McCall Suggests Tax Plan Changes

**SALEM (AP)** — Gov. Tom McCall yielded to rising protests today, and suggested a number of changes in his proposed 3 per cent sales tax program.

The sales tax is intended to provide \$100 million in property tax relief.

A message from the governor was relayed by his chief of staff, assistant, Edward Brundage, to the House Taxation Committee.

**Among changes suggested:**  
—A flexible new rate structure to make sure that the state income tax does not increase if the federal taxable income is used as the base for the state tax.

—Freeing the sales tax and its use by schools into a separate fund.

—Drop the provision in the basic school support bill that a district must spend \$400 per pupil.

—Change the basic school support formula to use of state funds.

The polls opened at 8 a.m. today. Thirteen candidates are in the field.

**Prod Democrats of Alaska, only** Benton County candidate in June 2, Jesse Edgar Grimes of Harrisburg and Ed Paland of Kodiak as competitors.

Alvin John of the Fairbanks District at the north end of the county is contending against John Grimes of the Chena River District in the county.



RICHARD KITCHEL

## Ship Grounds, 22 Rescued

**ASTORIA (AP)** — The Coast Guard rescued 22 crew members from a Greek freighter Sunday night after their ship ran aground in a violent Pacific Ocean storm at the mouth of the Columbia River.

All those on board—including two women—were taken safely to shore.

A commercial tug aided by an effort to save the 41-foot freighter, the Capt. Kyprianos, whose home port is Thessaloniki, Greece.

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