

Bars to gamble with video poker

SALEM — The Oregon Lottery hopes to switch on its video poker network next Wednesday, with bars and taverns offering patrons a chance to play the new gambling game across the state.

It's expected that within the first week, about 750 retail establishments will be offering the game on about 3,500 terminals, Lottery Director Jim Davey said Wednesday.

The video poker game, which is expected to double the Lottery's existing business, was approved by the 1991 Oregon Legislature after a lengthy debate over how far the state should go into the gambling business.

Davey said, however, that he's confident that the game won't create the compulsive gambling and other social problems that opponents have warned about.

"We've asked our retailers not to offer credit to players," Davey said. "And we don't want them cashing people's checks to play these games."

Plus, he said, signs will be posted in retail establishments offering a toll-free number people can call for help if they feel they're becoming addicted to the game.

Davey also noted that some of the proceeds from the video poker game will be used to finance local programs to help people who are compulsive gamblers.

Those assurances don't sit well with opponents who are mounting a petition effort to force a statewide vote this fall on whether video poker should be banned.

Mark Weiner, a spokesman for a coalition that's opposing the game, said video poker is taking the lottery a long way toward Nevada-style gambling.

Conference opens today

Following are several highlighted speakers from the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference running today through Sunday, March 14. There will be a total of more than 240 speakers representing more than 20 countries at the conference.

• **Lois Gibbs**, director of the Citizens' Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste, Washington, D.C. Gibbs began her career as a citizen organizer after discovering that the canal in her hometown, Love Canal, N.Y., was a hazardous waste dump, and that the members of her family and people in her community were being poisoned.

• **Michael Weirke**, advocate for the protection of the black rhino, Mombasa, Kenya. Weirke has raised more than \$1 million toward protection of the black rhino, endangered by poachers seeking its horn. He has traveled throughout Europe and the United States to raise awareness of the rhino's plight.

• **Samuel LaBudde**, field biologist and filmmaker, Earth Is-

land Institute. LaBudde is best known for his undercover documentary work on drift net fishing, dolphin kills by the tuna industry, and the Alaskan slaughter of walrus for the ivory trade.

• **Larry Echohawk**, Idaho attorney general. Echohawk is overseeing the Idaho Department of Natural Resources litigation against the Department of Energy regarding transfer and storage of nuclear waste into the state of Idaho. His office is also involved in the Endangered Species Act salmon listing process for the Snake River.

• **Evaristo Nugkuag**, president and founder of the Coordinating Body of Indigenous People's Organizations of the Amazon Basin, Lima, Peru. Nugkuag, a member of the Aguaruna tribe, has worked to get the international environ-

mental community to realize that the preservation of indigenous people is central to Amazonian conservation.



PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CONFERENCE

Agenda for Friday, March 13, 1992

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESS

- Lois Gibbs, Director, Citizens' Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste
- Dr. Z. Batjargal, Environmental Minister, Mongolia

10 - 11:30 a.m.

PANELS

- Community Organization in Environmental Poverty Law
- Women Env't Publishers, Implications of Bioregionalism
- U.S. Sacred Lands and Cultural Resources Protection
- Exxon Oil Spill: The Sticky Details
- Filipino Environmental Law
- African Environmental Law

1 - 2:30 p.m.

PANELS

- Alaska Native Rights: Tribal Status & Indian Country
- Clean Water Act: Panel
- Env't Interest Group Strategies for Policy Change
- Endangered Habitats: Does Somebody Gotta Go?

1 - 4 p.m.

2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP: Citizen Access to Public Information

PANELS

- Canadian Environmental Law
- Superfund: Is It Working?
- Funding of Environmental Groups
- Sustainable Communities
- Environmental Legal Networking: Roundtable Discussion
- Toxic Waste Incineration and Its Impact on Communities

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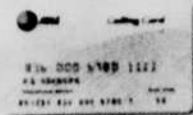
- Risk Assessment: Are the Costs Too High?
- Pacific Yew: Our Tumors Grow as the Forests Shrink
- Oregon Land Use: An Introduction
- Total Recycling Workshop and Slideshow
- Ecofeminism: Women's Perspective

SLIDE PRESENTATION

- Lou Gold - Slides and Stories of the Oregon Wilderness



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RELIGION

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