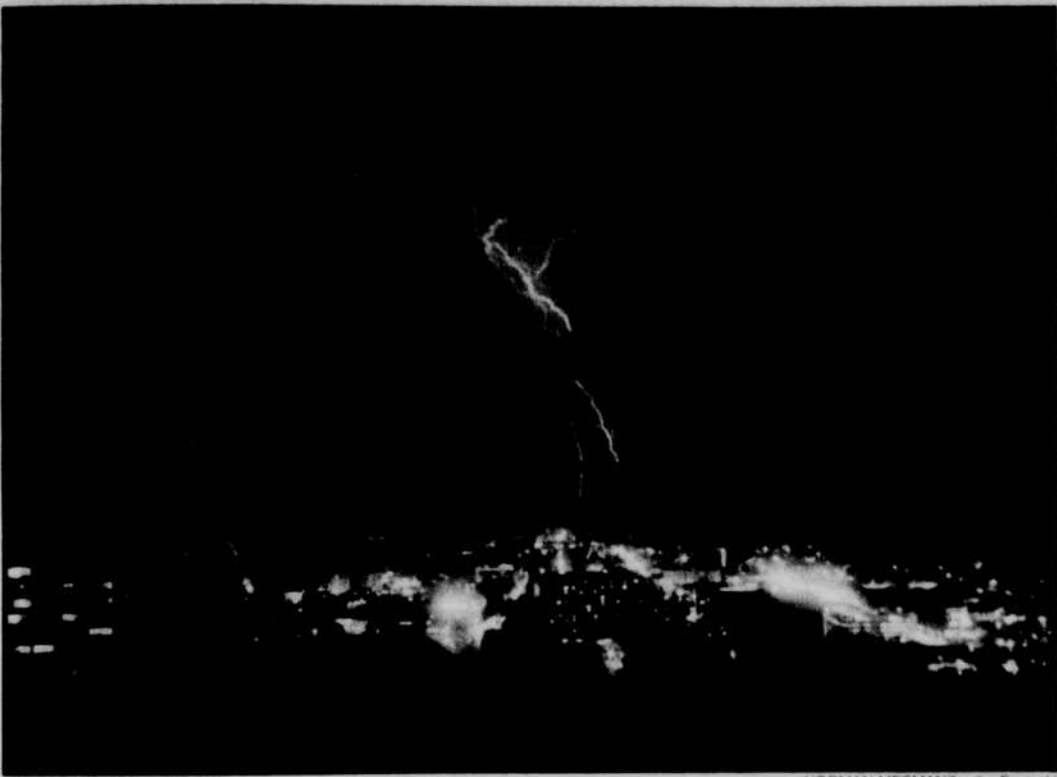


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Oregonians more literate than most

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregonians can read better than most Americans, but the state still needs to improve its school system to compete in the 21st century, according to a national report.

The Oregon Progress Board, the state agency that issues a report card on state schools

every two years, compared results of a survey taken in 1990 with figures just released by other states.

Duncan Wyse, the board director, said the Oregon results ranked the state at the top of the national survey, taken in 1992 and released this month in Washington, D.C., by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Education.

"Oregonians are far more literate than the nation as a whole," Wyse said.

Wyse said the survey results show that Oregon schools are doing a better job than schools nationally, but he noted that Oregonians tend to be better educated than the average American.

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