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Committee: lottery funds might aid education

Schools: A proposed measure would let the state's education system use lottery revenue

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The House Legislative Rules Committee is considering sending a ballot measure that would allow the use of lottery money for education to the Oregon voters at the May primary.

The House vote will probably happen Thursday.

Three bills including House Joint Resolution 13, HJR 15 and House Bill 2491 contribute to the possible ballot measure, which could change the constitution.

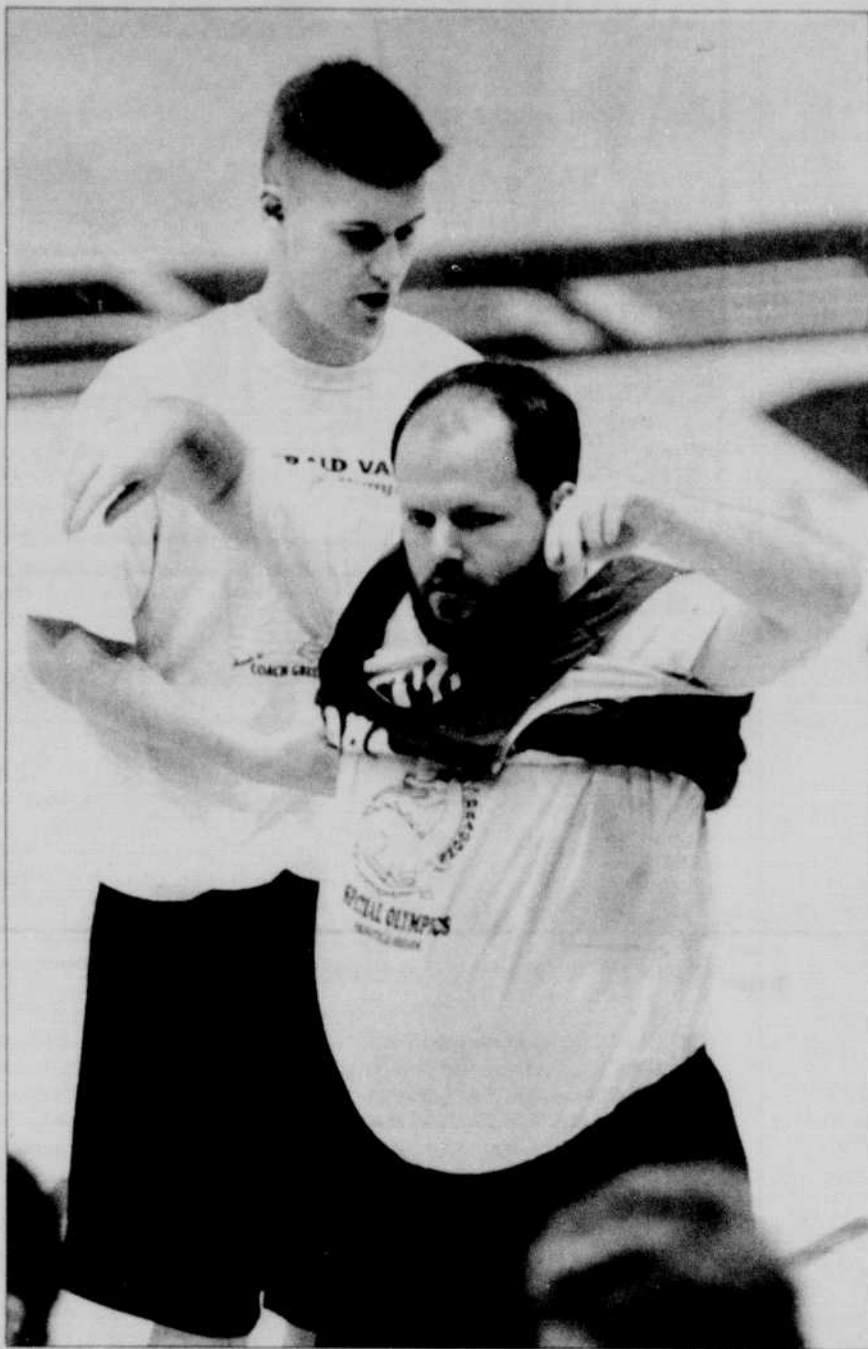
HJR 15 says that 75 percent of lottery money, excluding administrative costs, shall be used for education. The resolution names kindergartens, primary and secondary schools as recipients of the funds, but the ballot measure would include higher education, according to Rep. Chuck Carpenter.

The proposal came from Gov. Kitzhaber's campaign last November. He proposes using around \$460 million of the \$700 million in the lottery fund for education, cutting down on drain from the general state fund, said Tonya Gross, spokeswoman for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Lottery money is supposed to be used solely for economic development, although the attorney general has said the money could be used for education.

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Teamwork



This is the third year Jerry Green has had his team spend the afternoon with young and old kids from the Emerald Valley Special Olympics.

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Internet access may soon be readily available to community

Technology: Two area groups combine to get Lane County on the information superhighway

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It is a cloudy Sunday afternoon and Andrew is sitting in front of a computer terminal on a green vinyl couch in Icky's Tea House, located at Third Avenue and Blair Street.

He is sipping a cup of coffee as he cruises environmental bulletin boards on the information highway. Andrew, who wished to be identified by his first name only, works at Icky's Tea House. He used to go to the University to access Internet services, but now can jump on the information superhighway from work.

The on-ramp offered at Icky's is hardly "high-tech." The terminal looks a bit beat up and the ancient modem is secured to the metal stand the computer sits on with duct tape.

"It isn't state of the art," Andrew said. "But it works."

Andrew said the terminal at Icky's offers Internet access to people in the West Eugene neighborhood who would have no possible access otherwise. He said many people come into the tea house to talk to far-away friends or tap into needed information.

"I was talking to a friend, 'zero-boy', in Holland yesterday," Andrew said.

The computer equipment was donated, along with some personal training, by Oregon Public Networking (OPN), a non-profit Internet organization. According to Paul Harrison, president of the Board of Directors for OPN, one of the main objectives of the organization is visible at Icky's.

"Oregon Public Networking exists to spread the technology of the emerging information superhighway, along with the knowledge and capability, to

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Education focus of conference

Changes: An upcoming conference will feature workshops on education

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More than 70 presentations and workshops on educational challenges facing today's schools are scheduled for the 1995 Oregon Conference.

Sponsored by the University College of Education, the conference will take place Feb. 2 to 4 at the Eugene Hilton. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Shirley Thornton, deputy superintendent of the California Department of Education.

Thornton, whose expertise is systemic change in education, will give a presentation titled "Transforming schools: what does it mean?" The presentation will cover current issues in education such as school violence, educational policy and reform.

Thornton said she believes the lack of equal education opportunities for the lower class could lead to a "revolution between classes." She also believes the only way to achieve change in this country is through a rebellion.

Thornton said she is concerned that while "everyone can point out where the schism (between the classes) is getting wider," not enough

action is being undertaken to remedy the situation.

"There is a lot of talk of reforming the current education system, but nothing is being done," Thornton said.

"The needs of society are being neglected," Thornton said. "No one asked questions about the money being wasted on F-14 planes when we had to be the world super power. What benefit did you get out of that? Did anyone get a tank on their front lawn?"

Thornton said she is now questioning why the funding that is used to subsidize defense cannot be used now to improve the country's education system and preventive care.

"It costs \$1,000 to give a woman prenatal care," Thornton said. "It costs \$200,000 to take care of a low birth-weight baby. Which makes more sense?"

Other speakers at the conference will include associate deans Hill Walker and Ed Kameenui of the College of Education, assistant superintendent David Piercy of the Eugene School District and Sergeant Dave Poppe of Eugene Public Safety.

Students from all areas of study are encouraged to attend and can register up to the day of the event. For more information, contact Abe Deffenbaugh at 346-5682.

GOOD MORNING

► **LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When Ken Kragen began gathering a superstar cast for "We Are the World," he aimed to lure 15 top singers. He wound up with 45.

Many of those artists will attend the 22nd annual American Music Awards tonight to take part in a salute to the song and subsequent album that raised more than \$60 million for African famine relief.

It was after the American Music Awards on Jan. 28, 1985, that Lionel Richie, Michael Jackson, Kenny Rogers, Tina Turner, Stevie Wonder and 40 other artists drove to A&M Studios in Hollywood for an all-night recording session of "We are the World," which was written by Richie and Jackson.

Producer Quincy Jones posted a sign: "Check Your Egos at the Door."

"It's a very difficult thing to do," said Dick Clark, producer of the American Music Awards. "How do you get all these highly

paid, egotistical people in the same room and do something nice and not get paid for it?"

It was the images of hunger and death recorded in Ethiopia by African filmmaker Mohammed Amin that spurred Kragen and Belafonte to action.

"All of us had seen it and we were primed to move," said Kragen. "It was the fuel that drove everything else that came thereafter."

Over 10 years, the song, through USA for Africa, has provided \$61.8 million to 18 African nations, said Marcia Thomas, head of the organization, which will close its doors by summer.

The tribute will cap a busy night of song and dance including Madonna and Babyface backed by a 25-piece band for "Take A Bow." Little Richard singing "Tutti Frutti" with The Go-Gos, and the musician formerly known as Prince offering a medley of hits before receiving the Award of Merit.