



SMILE FACES — A happy mood prevails as Muhammad Ali accepts a plaque from Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall designating him honorary chairperson of the 1979 U.S. Savings Bond Drive as Aziz Taylor Morton, U.S. Treasurer, watches. Marshall,

named chairman of the Interagency Savings Bonds Committee by President Carter, said, "U.S. Savings Bonds are a guaranteed investment and they guarantee savings."

Attorneys offer free advice

Free legal information will be available to the general public at the Jantzen Beach Shopping Center and the Saturday Market from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th, 1979.

According to attorneys John W. Savage and John Clinton Geil, Project Directors, the free "Legal Information Center" is sponsored by the Portland Council of Young Lawyers, the Oregon Young Attorneys Association and the Oregon State Bar as part of the observance of Law Day, celebrated nationally on May 1st each year by Joint Resolution of Congress. The theme for Law Day 1979 is "Our Changing Rights."

"No appointments are necessary," Savage explained. "The individual merely comes to Jantzen Beach or Saturday Market, signs a very brief interview form with a receptionist and then consults with an attorney on duty regarding general legal information at no cost and with no obligation."

In order to avoid any possibility of solicitation, it has been decided that none of the attorneys on duty at the centers can later be retained by individuals for private representation in any matter arising from the consultations. All attorneys involved are volunteering their time as a public service in order to help dispel the ivory tower image of lawyers.

Commenting on the purpose of the project, John Geil said, "Many people are afraid to go see a lawyer. They don't know what to expect and are afraid it will cost them an arm and a leg. This simply is not true. The Oregon State Bar operates a lawyers referral service which sets up initial consultations with attorneys for no more than twenty dollars, a very minimal fee. In fact, going to see an attorney before a problem develops can often save much worry and cost later on."

Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

While reading the latest issue of Parkscopes ran across an interesting article on the youth wrestling program. In June '78, twelve members travelled to Mexico City to compete in the Alfredo Mesero International Wrestling Competition. This event involves wrestlers from fifteen countries of the western hemisphere.

The Portland team fared quite well by placing fourth in the overall free-style competition.

Roy Pittman, who is rapidly gaining recognition as one of the premier wrestling coaches in the Northwest, was the trip leader and is hopeful that the trip will be repeated this year.

Pittman described the trip as having a dual purpose for the Portland group. It provided a rare opportunity to measure the skills and development of the Portland program against world class competition. Portland has the two Taylor brothers who are rapidly climbing into world class junior wrestlers. Both are products of Pittman's program.

On the basis of the competition and talk with others, Pittman feels that the U.S. has the best youth wrestling program in the western hemisphere.

He mentions Mexico and Brazil as two countries that have developed strong youth programs.

Pittman is looking for new wrestlers and the team workouts are at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at Peninsula Park.

The program attracts thirty to forty participants per session and includes kids from ages seven to eighteen. Wrestling competition is by weight and not by age, so there are no physical mismatches. A wrestler, according to Pittman, learns that his success depends on his own skill and finesse.

I've always believed that amateur wrestling helps build confidence and molds character in youngsters. The goal of the youth wrestling program, as Roy Pittman notes, is to upgrade the personal habits of its participants, and to "provide quality wrestlers for the Northwest."

Fly away, fly away, fly away bird. Larry Bird has flown the coop. Red

Auerbach, Celtics general manager, announced his negotiations with Bird are over.

Boston has told the "Big Bird," who was counted on heavily to fly them on those big wings to an NBA title, that \$1 million was just too much. In reality it's just ridiculous. Here's a player who has been told that he's the greatest basketball player ever and apparently he believed it. It appears now that his agent, Bob Woolf, has priced Bird clear out of the market. For \$1 million it's doubtful that any NBA team will want him.

Proven stars such as Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, David Thompson, etc. aren't demanding quite that much at present.

So why should a rookie of lesser ability? Puzzling. Bye, bye, Bird!!

Portland's young junior Welterweight Curtis Ramsey will go against Longview's Steve Chase in a bout scheduled for May 10th at the Jantzen Beach Arena. If you're looking for action please come, but if it's a Ramsey win you're seeking... then stay home. Ramsey is tough, and game, but the edge will have to go to Chase. Chase is a talented newcomer who punches well with both hands. Usually a counterpuncher but will on occasion become the aggressor. Ramsey's heart is as big as all outdoors and he does possess good fighting tools. Chase by a decision.

Brigham Young University long known as a school that attracted or sought very few Blacks are now trying desperately to shed that role.

Keith Rice, from Portland's Washington High, signed to play basketball for the Cougars and raised a few eyebrows in doing so.

Now they have a young sophomore baseball player Stan Younger who is supplying speed to the baseball team. Younger is close to breaking the record for stolen bases. Younger has swiped 20 bases in 31 games and needs just three more to set a new record.

Perhaps with the new change in BYU's thinking, more young Blacks might matriculate on the Mormon university.

Special Olympic planned

EUGENE — Application forms are now available for the state track and field finals of the 1979 Oregon Special Olympics, to be held Saturday, May 5th, at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field.

According to Mary Hudzikiewicz, Special Olympics representative, entry forms, membership applications and parent releases may be obtained from local coordinators throughout the state or by writing Special Olympics, Room 154, Susan Campbell Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.



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