



# Sport Talk

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With one sweeping decree, president Carter has ruled that our athletes will not compete in the 1980 Olympic games being held in Moscow.

Whether or not you agree with this action means very little because what's done is done, and nothing we say or do at this point will help. The U.S. is boycotting because of Russian intervention into Afghanistan. But, the ironic thing here is, that Afghanistan is not boycotting. Afghanistan is sending their team to Moscow. So one has to wonder why we're depriving our athletes, and that's what we're doing, when the supposed victims seemingly could care less?

Some will argue that sports and politics shouldn't mix, but in reality there's no getting around the true fact that they do. But what irks many is that for years the U.S. government shied away from any financial help for our young men and women Olympic hopefuls.

These athletes would have to leave their jobs to train, many would suffer grave hardships because there was no help available. Four years ago, many athletes hitchhiked to Eugene, sleeping in

tents or anywhere else just to have a chance to represent our country in the 1976 Olympics. Many of those that were unsuccessful in 1976, immediately embarked upon a training program that would hopefully carry them to Moscow. The pain and sweat over so many years are now lost for naught.

That is the sorry part...for the athletes.

And even sorer is the resurgence of Muhammad Ali into the fight game. Some will wonder why "the greatest" would want to return and risk embarrassment at age 38. The reason is simply money. Greenback bills will cause people to do almost anything. So just think what 5-6 million of those little things will do.

Ali is not broke by any means, but due to his high lifestyle it is just a matter of time before the coffers will begin to run dry. It has been reported that it takes Ali some eighty thousand dollars per month to live.

Don't bet against Muhammad against Holmes. He will drive himself relentlessly to get in shape. He has tremendous pride and a heart as big as all outdoors. I've seen this man go to the well so many times and come up with whatever is

needed to win. You can measure a man's ability, speed, endurance, etc., but when one's heart is the size of the Grand Canyon, then he has something going for him that is immeasurable.

Remember the "Thriller in Manilla" when Joe Frazier said, "lawdy, lawdy but isn't he great." With all things being equal that night in Manilla just have to believe that "heart" was the difference and made Ali the winner.

I've always thought the ex-Dodger lefty Sandy Koufax was the best pitcher of my lifetime. If so, then Houston's 6-5 J.R. Richards is certainly close behind. Whereas Koufax had both blinding speed and a curve ball that seemingly dropped like it had rolled from a table, J.R. relies solely on his fast ball.

Houston behind Nolan Ryan and Richards will win the N.C. West and could challenge the Yankees for supremacy. And if there's any better clutch hitter in baseball than Reggie Jackson...then that great manager in the sky has certainly kept him for his team.

And it's too bad that Howard Davis, once believed to be the best boxer on the Olympic '76 team, was the only ex-Olympic champ to fail in a title quest. But if one has a disdain for training, then what should you expect.

And finally, by the time this edition hits the street Sugar Ray Leonard will have prevailed over Roberto Duran and probably inside of 15 rounds.

# Scott

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and the board has gotten to a point where it is irreparable. The Superintendent has failed to respond to changing dynamics, has been unable to meet the challenge. Most notable was the lack of cooperation of the Superintendent in the desegregation planning, but it also spilled into other areas. She felt he had also failed in not naming a personnel director during the past year, failing to upgrade public/community relations, providing no comprehensive planning. The Board reflects a change in the community to which the Superintendent has not adjusted she said.

Bill Scott restated his position that the Board is not dealing with the crucial issues, that it needs to work out its differences with Dr. Blanchard.

McNamara predicted a period of "discord, fragmentation and tumult" and considered the Board action to be "outrageous."

Rieke said the Board is moving in the direction of "fadism" and that the loss of managerial strength in other large districts has led to their failure. He hopes the Board can still address the issues.

The immediate reaction of some persons who attended the meeting was to threaten a recall. Bob Ferguson, the most vocal of the groups, surfaced last year when he and southwest neighbors organized to oppose the Coalition's school pairing recommendation for desegregation. It has been reported that Frank McNamara signed the list to be contracted to organize a recall.



# Obituary

Norvella Long McGee, eighth grade teacher at Boise School, drowned last Friday in the Willamette River. An excellent teacher, Mrs. McGee was respected and loved by students and staff alike.

Mrs. McGee was educated at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, and Lincoln University, and taught in Osceola, Arkansas and Klamath Falls, Oregon. She taught at Boise for the past ten years. She was born March 17, 1942.

Survivors include her husband, Ray McGee, and two brothers, "Joe" Jewell and "The" Isiah Jenkins of Pine Bluff; a niece, nephew and aunt, all of Pine Bluff.

The funeral was held at Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with Reverend Austin Ray officiating.

Boise principal Dave McCrea said at the funeral Tuesday, "You rarely see her coming down the hall alone. Usually there were students with her talking, laughing, enjoying being together. As a teacher, she was superb."

A Boise colleague said, "Norvella was a respected, positive, trusting, friendly, yet firm teacher to hundreds of Portland young people. She always offered an open heart and ear to their many problems, with a generous supply of good advice and love. The students will miss her."

Boise faculty and students filled a large portion of the church and the sorrow and shock was evident on their faces.

Mrs. McGee, or "Mrs. Long" as she was called by her students, will be remembered as a devoted and dedicated educator.

# Ash cleanup brings problems

If your home is or should be in the path of ash from the mountain, Oregon State University Extension Service home economists have the following suggestions.

Vacuum and dust the house regularly and often, depending upon the amount of residue. The ash contains tiny sharp particles so you may wish to use the dusting attachment of the vacuum cleaner.

Check the machine often when using the vacuum. Bags should be emptied frequently, perhaps when a third full, as the ash is heavy in comparison to normal household soil. Check the vacuum's filter after every use.

Pay attention to how hot the motor is getting. If it feels warm to your hand, stop the machine and let it cool. Overheating usually means the bag is at capacity, the filter needs cleaning or the appliance is working too hard.

There may be times when the homemaker will want to use the vacuum in reverse, as an air blower

to remove ash from cracks or crevices. Such action may be useful in a few situations, such as cleaning window sills, steps or lawn furniture.

Ash residue on windows leaves a white ring on the glass that appears like water spots. Wash windows first with a garden hose before using a solution of warm water and detergent to clean the glass. Vacuum the sills and around panes. Rinse the window and rinse again, using lots of water, before polishing with newspaper or soft cloth.

Be sure to check carefully before polishing to see if ash has been removed, to avoid scratching. Windows should not be washed in hot sunlight. Detergent in the water may cause a film or spotting if applied to hot glass panes.

For ashy laundry, shake or vacuum clothes before putting in the washing machine. Wash using plenty of water. Wash small loads at a time using the amount of water and detergent recommended for a normal load.

Detergent is recommended because it removes particles from clothing and suspends them in solution. Heavily soiled clothes may require a pre-rinse or an additional clean rinse after washing.

If the washing machine does not have a perforated tub, check the tub after each load so that any ash deposits may be removed before the next load. Also check filters and dryer tubs frequently for dust build-up. The behavior of the ash in laundry may be similar to that of beach sand caught in children's clothing.



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