

SPORTS



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Portland Youth Golf Association molds young enthusiasts into tomorrow's stars at golf clinics this summer.

Summer Clinics Expose Kids to Golf

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The United Way of Columbia-Willamette teamed up with the Portland Youth Golf Association for free golf lessons that were held at Heron Lakes Golf Course

in north Portland on June 12th, 17th, and 19th.

The effort was aimed at making the game of golf enjoyable and accessible to kids of all economic and ethnic backgrounds.

The PYGA believes junior golf is

a great opportunity for kids to have fun, be with different cultures and pursue a college education.

The association is a mentoring program for youth ages 8 to 18.

A new series of discounted golf clinics are planned at Heron Lakes

on July 7, 14, 21 and 28. The cost is \$40 while other golf clinics usually are \$75 to \$100 per day.

Black Baseball Pioneer Dies at 79

(AP)—Hall of Famer Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, died June 18 after a long illness. He was believed to be 79.

Doby died at his home in Montclair, N.J., said his son, Larry Doby Jr.

Doby was a seven-time All-Star in a 13-year career, almost all of it spent in the outfield for the Cleveland Indians. He helped lead the Indians to their last World Series title in 1948.

On July 5, 1947, just 11 weeks after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier, Doby joined the Indians.

Though he would go on to hit .283 with 253 home runs and 969 RBIs in a big league career that lasted through 1959, his locker



Cleveland Indians outfielder Larry Doby was the first black player in the American League. (AP photo)

room reception that first day in the majors was chilly. Some teammates would not even shake his hand.

"Very tough," Doby once re-

called. "I'd never faced any circumstances like that. Teammates were lined up and some would greet you and some wouldn't. You could deal with it, but it was hard."

Lennox Lewis jabbed and hooked his way to a bloody victory over Vitali Klitschko at Saturday's match.



SPORTS CALENDAR

Lennox Wins a Close One

On Saturday, June 21 in Los Angeles Lennox Lewis fought Vitali Klitschko. Klitschko was leading on all three scorecards until Lewis was handed a sixth round technical knockout due to bloody cuts near Klitschko's left eye.

A Perfect Pair

Baseball without hotdogs is like peanut butter without jelly. The Portland Beavers give fans the whole ballpark experience with \$1 hot dogs on Wednesday nights at the PGE Park.

Portland Secures Three Doubleheaders

PGE Park is about to become the first-ever venue to host matches in consecutive FIFA World Cups. The stadium was selected to host the first round of the women's championship games on Sept. 28 and quarterfinals on Oct. 2. The Oregon Sports Authority will install natural grass and temporary seating, increasing capacity to 30,000.

The Next Rising Stars

Lebron James, Carmelo Anthony and Nick Collison—who will shine as the NBA's top rookie next year? Watch the 2003 NBA Draft Thursday, June 26 at 4pm on ESPN.

The Portland Observer's World of Autos

REVIEWS ON EXCITING NEW VEHICLES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING MANUFACTURERS

The 2003 Suzuki XL-7



Price\$23839.00
Engine ... 2.7 liter, 6CYL, 24 Valve
Transmission.. 4-speed automatic

like about this vehicle was the roughness of the ride and the fact that the bass of the stereo was felt in the lower back.

The Suzuki XL-7 has clean uncluttered look packed with full-size features at a compact price. The XL-7 gains a fresh interior with some key upgrades for this year. Suzuki states that they have matched other prestigious SUV's feature for feature yet at a more affordable price. The prices range from \$20,000 to \$26,000 depending on trim level and options. It's built on a longer wheelbase and features a more powerful V6 engine. The third row seat is standard equipment leaving plenty of room for seven passengers to fit comfortably. The two items that I did not

The one feature that I liked was the rear door swings out instead of up which is a great feature because it can be difficult trying to pull the heavy rear door down to close. Having the rear cargo door swing open may cause some difficulty if a car pulls to close to the rear of the vehicle. Suzuki has been building SUV's in the American market for quite some time with the edition of the third row seat it provides an option to the minivan. I enjoyed my time driving the vehicle because it was loaded with all the features at a great price with the room needed for all the extra's that seem to need a ride.

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