

Boxing 'Border War' at Spirit Mountain

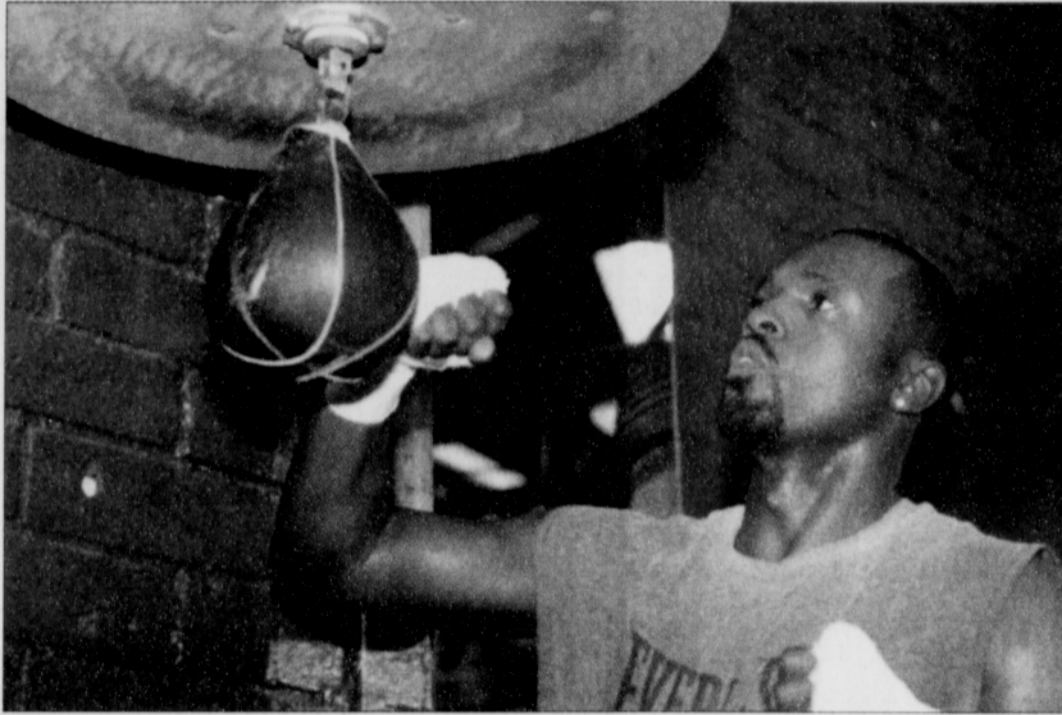
Cross-state talent fills fight card

Nine months following his impressive performance against boxing icon Oscar De La Hoya, Portland's best known boxer and former International Boxing Federation super featherweight champion, Steve Forbes (33-7, 9 KOs), takes on hard-charging Jason Davis (11-2-1, 3 KOs), of Vancouver, Friday, March 6 at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, in a 10-round welterweight main event.

Also coming back to Oregon — for the first time since defending his light heavyweight world title in the Rose Garden seven years ago — is 8-time world champion Roy Jones Jr., who is promoting the seven-fight card through his company, Square Ring, Inc. and will be ringside for all the action.

Called "Border War", the Forbes/Davis clash is just one of three fights on the slate featuring Oregon boxers taking on opponents from Washington.

Forbes, 31, stood his ground and fought gallantly in going 12 grueling rounds against legendary superstar De La Hoya who has won 10 world titles in six weight divisions. Although he succumbed to De La Hoya by unanimous decision, Forbes received widespread praise from boxing fans and pundits, alike. The du-



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rabble, hard-hitting Forbes has gone the full distance in his last eight contests and this will be his first appearance back in Oregon since Nov. 19, 2005 when he stopped Julio Cesar Sanchez Leon in the third round at the Rose Garden.

Gunning for his first world title belt, Forbes was turned back in a 12-round brawl against Andre Berto for the World Boxing Council welterweight title on Sept. 27, 2008 in Los Angeles.

Davis, 26, is a rising rival from

across the Columbia River who has great skills, balance and is a relentless attacker. He made his pro debut in 2005 and has primarily fought at casinos in Washington.

Davis will be making his first ever appearance in Oregon against Forbes and is eager to score a signature win and emerge as the Portland region's top boxing prospect. In his last outing, he dropped a 10-round decision to Derrick Samuels for the North American Boxing Association U.S. Light Welter-

weight crown on November 7th.

Other "Border War" matchups on the card feature Portland's Robert Brue (5-0, 3 KOs) against fellow light heavyweight Roger Cantrell of Tacoma (13-1, 8 KOs), scheduled for six rounds and Marco Canderos, of Salem taking on Manuel Ortega, of Seattle, two featherweights making their pro debuts in a 4-rounder. Two other Portland-based light heavyweights, Kevin Hand (2-0, 2 KOs) and

Sam Haynes (5-3, 4 KOs) face off in a 4-round tilt.

Tickets for this debut boxing event at the Spirit Mountain Casino are on sale now for \$25, \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$100 through Star Tickets Plus and can be purchased online at starticketsplus.com or by calling 1-800-585-3737.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with the first bout scheduled for 8 p.m.

New Help with TV Conversion

Portland's local TV stations have heeded Congress' call to delay the end of analog broadcasts to June to give organizations like the Urban League the ability to reach at-risk communities most affected by the switch to digital broadcasts and make sure they are prepared.

The Urban League of Portland will help distribute coupons offering discounts on equipment that can convert old TV sets to pick up the new digital signals, and conduct trainings about the converter box options and installation.

Located at the league's offices, at 10 N. Russell St., the outreach means Portland will now have two digital television transition community centers.

The other DTV Assistance Center is located at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) at 10301 N.E. Glisan St.

For questions concerning the DTV transition or to order coupons, call 1-888-CALL-FCC. Visits to the Urban League are welcome during office hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Jobs Fair at Mt. Hood

Need a summer job? Then attend the Mt. Hood Community College Career Planning and Counseling Center Summer Jobs Fair on Thursday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the College Center at the Gresham Campus.

The event is designed to help students and other job seekers connect with employers that are, or will be actively hiring for summer jobs as well as for ongoing opportunities.

A few of the employers scheduled to attend include American Medical Response, Home Depot, Metro, Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, Outside In, Recovery Zone Physical Therapy and UPS.

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