

# Out of the Archives

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## Pro wrestling was big news in Washington

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We recently cracked open the old Washington Athletic Commission records and found some pretty interesting documents.

In Washington, you must obtain a license to participate in organized fighting activities, and superstars are no exception. Check out some of the applications we found:

**Application for Wrestler's License**  
FEE \$3.00

**Receipt**  
O. No. 6179 K.  
Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash  M. O. \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_  
Photos  \_\_\_\_\_  
Date approved \_\_\_\_\_  
License No. W27

**athletic Commission WASHINGTON**  
K BLDG., OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

**Application for Wrestler's License**  
FEE \$3.00

Certified check, cash or money order covering license fee must accompany all applications. DO NOT SEND CURRENCY. Checks and money orders to be made payable to State Athletic Commission of Washington. Signatures must be legally acknowledged. Two photographs required, passport size, full face, without hat. Photos are for identification purposes.  
(ALL ANSWERS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN)

To the STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON,  
The undersigned, enclosing the fee of three dollars (\$3.00) as required by law, hereby makes application for a license to act as a wrestler.

Name Roussimoff Andre (The Giant) Date 7-19-78  
Address 3155 Mackay St Montreal Can Phone 514 844 7189  
Present occupation WRESTLERS Previous occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address \_\_\_\_\_  
Ring weight 470 Height 7 ft. 4 in. Age 32  
Place of birth France Date of birth 05.19.46  
Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single  Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

### Andre the Giant 1978

Wow. 470 pounds and 7-foot-4. I mean, we all knew he was huge, but that's just amazing to think about.

I think I need to go re-watch *The Princess Bride*.

Andre the Giant's application for a wrestler's license with the Athletic Commission of Washington, 1978.

**Jesse Ventura  
1977**

We showed this one to Governor Jay Inslee during his visit to the Archives. Needless to say, he recognized the former governor of Minnesota right away.

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Governor

**O. Receipt K.**  
No. 5912  
Received 7-19-77  
Cash  M. O.  Check  
Photos WAL  
Date approved 7-21-77  
License No. W-9

**State Athletic Commission  
OF WASHINGTON**  
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON 98504

**Application for Wrestler's License**

FEE \$7.00

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To the STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON,

The undersigned, enclosing the fee of ~~seven~~ seven dollars (\$7.00) as required by law, hereby makes application for a license to act as a wrestler.

Date 11 July 77

Name JAMES G. JANOS (Give real name in full) Phone 655-5914

Address 14751 SE. 82ND DR. #302 Zip 98148

Present occupation PRO WRESTLER Previous occupation STUDENT

Business address PORTLAND SPORTS ARMA

Ring weight 240 Height 6 ft. 4 in. Age 25

Place of birth Mpls. Minn. Date of birth 7-15-51

Married  Single  Citizen of USA

REFERENCES (Give five) ADDRESS WRESTLING

Jesse Ventura's application for a wrestler's license with the Athletic Commission of Washington, 1977.

**Rowdy Roddy Piper  
1979**

Rowdy Roddy hailed from Glasgow, Scotland, so that's what he filled in as his place of birth, but he was actually born in Saskatoon, Canada.



DANIEL J. EVANS  
Governor

**O. Receipt K.**  
No. 6348  
Received 10-23  
Cash  M. O.  Check  
Photos 206  
Date approved 11/16/79  
License No. W-22

**State Athletic Commission  
OF WASHINGTON**  
INSURANCE BLDG., OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

**Application for Wrestler's License**

FEE \$7.00

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To the STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON,

The undersigned, enclosing the fee of three dollars (\$3.00) as required by law, hereby makes application for a license to act as a wrestler.

Date 10/17/79

Name RODDY PIPER (Give real name in full) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1801 S. GRAND ST LOS ANGELES Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation WRESTLER Previous occupation WRESTLER

Business address SAME

Ring weight 230 Height 6'2" ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in. Age 25

Place of birth GLASGOW SCOTLAND Date of birth 4/17/54

Married  Single  Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

Roddy Piper's application for a wrestler's license with the Athletic Commission of Washington, 1979.



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**Receipt**  
O. No. 5792 K.  
Received 1-7-77  
Cash M. O. Check   
Photos 2/2  
Date approved 2-15-77  
License No. W-50

**Athletic Commission OF WASHINGTON**  
INSURANCE BLDG., OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

**Application for Wrestler's License**  
FEE \$3.00

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(ALL ANSWERS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN)

To the STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON,

The undersigned, enclosing the fee of three dollars (\$3.00) as required by law, hereby makes application for a license to act as a wrestler.

Name Frank Monte (My X) Date 29 Dec 76  
(Give real name in full) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation Pro-wrestler Previous occupation student

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

Ring weight 245 Height 5 ft. 11 in. Age 32

Place of birth Phoenix ARIZ. Date of birth 3-5-44

Married  Single \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of U.S.

*(of Monte 2-15-77)  
(cont. to signature)*

Frank Monte's application for a wrestler's license with the Athletic Commission of Washington, 1976.

**Dr. X**  
1976

Frank Monte's previous occupation is listed as "student." I wonder which medical school Dr. X attended.

S. F. No. 3838-7-48-2M. 10006.

**State Athletic Commission OF WASHINGTON**

**Application for Wrestler's License**  
FEE \$2.00

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(ALL ANSWERS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN)

To the STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON,  
Tacoma or Seattle.\*

The undersigned, enclosing the fee of two dollars (\$2.00) as required by law, hereby makes application for a license to act as a wrestler.

Date July 29, 1957

Name Judy Grable (Give real name in full)

City Memphis, Florida Street \_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation Wrestler Previous occupation Wrestler

Ring weight 136 Height 53 1/2 ft. 3 1/2 in. Color Blue Age 21

Place of birth Memphis Fla. Date of birth March 4, 1936

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single  Citizen of U.S.A.

**Receipt**  
O. No. 4313 K.  
Received July 30  
Cash A.M.O. Check \_\_\_\_\_  
Photos O.K.  
Date approved Aug 9  
License No. W-157



Judy Grable's application for a wrestler's license with the Athletic Commission of Washington, 1957.

**Judy Grable**  
1957

Born in Bremerton, Judy was also known as "The Barefoot Contessa," given her typical lack of footwear in the ring; and "the acrobatic blonde with the educated flying feet."

She appeared as a contestant on a hilarious episode of [What's My Line?](#), along with guest panelist, [Groucho Marx](#), in 1959.

## Muhammad Ali 1970

He started to sign as Muhammad Ali before scribbling it out and writing down his legal name.

This is probably the coolest record we found in this collection, though I wish he would have gone ahead and signed as Muhammad Ali.

RING RECORD			
(This Must Be Complete and Accurate. If No Ring Record, Say So)			
Date	3/22/67	Place	New York, N.Y. Opponent Zora Folley Result KO 7
Date	2/6/67	Place	Houston, Texas Opponent Ernie Terrell Result W 15
Date	11/14/66	Place	Houston, Texas Opponent Cleveland Williams Result KO 3
Date	9/10/66	Place	Frankfurt, Germany Opponent Karl Mildenberger Result KO 12
Date	8/6/66	Place	London, England Opponent Brian London Result KO 3
Date	5/21/66	Place	London, England Opponent Henry Cooper Result KO 6
Date	3/29/66	Place	Toronto, Canada Opponent George Chuvalo Result W 15
Date	11/22/65	Place	Las Vegas, Nev. Opponent Floyd Patterson Result KO 12
Date	3/25/65	Place	Lewiston, Me Opponent Sonny Liston Result KO 1
Date	2/25/64	Place	Miami Beach, Fla. Opponent Sonny Liston Result KO 7
Date	6/18/63	Place	London, England Opponent Henry Cooper Result KO 5
Date	3/13/63	Place	New York, N.Y. Opponent Doug Jones Result W 10
Date	2/24/63	Place	Pitts. Pa. Opponent Charlie Powell Result KO 3
Date	11/15/62	Place	Los Angeles, Calif. Opponent Archie Moore Result KO 4
Date	7/20/62	Place	Los Angeles, Cal. Opponent A. Lavorante Result KO 5

  

**NOTICE TO BOXERS**  
Conditions Qualifying for a Boxing License

No one should present himself or apply for a boxing license who has any physical deformity, or any disease of the vital organs, whether acute, subacute or chronic, e. g.:

<i>Bodily deformities such as—</i>	<i>Diseases such as—</i>	<i>Any other disease or condition, such as</i>
1. Curvature of the spine.	1. Valvular heart disease.	deaf and dumb or partially deaf, which
2. Missing fingers.	2. High blood pressure from any	in the estimation of the examining phy-
3. Recent fractures, etc.	cause.	sician would be detrimental to the boxer,
	3. Bright's disease.	the arena, or boxing in general.
<i>Condition of—</i>	4. Recent recoveries from acute	
Right eye..... <u>Good</u> .....	illnesses such as pneumonia,	
Left eye..... <u>Good</u> .....	typhoid, etc.	
	5. Venereal diseases.	
	6. Skin diseases.	

Are you free from the above physical defects or diseases? Yes

If not, describe in detail your present physical condition

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Sworn to before me this 8th day  
of June 1970  
*Michael Heit*  
MICHAEL HEIT, Notary Public  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 24-1744795  
Qualified in Kings County  
Commission Expires March 30, 1973

*Muhammad Ali*  
(Applicant's signature)  
Muhammad Ali  
(Applicant's ring name)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(LEFT AND RIGHT THUMB PRINTS)

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
OF WASHINGTON

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

The Commission must be notified promptly of any change in manager or terms of contract with manager. Failure to so notify the Commission may result in the suspension or revocation of this license.

Muhammad Ali's application for a boxer's license with the Athletic Commission of Washington, 1970.