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Historic headlines

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● **June 15, 1976:** "Local Climbers Going to Washington, D.C."

"Two local high climbers, Milt Mayfield and Steve Bartow, will be going to Washington, D.C., this summer to participate in the Festival of American Folklife.

"The two men will be demonstrating pole climbing, axe throwing, log rolling, and other logging sports from July 28 through Aug. 1. Their presentation will be a part of the timber carnival representing the Pacific Northwest ..."

Mayfield was the logging sports instructor at Rogue Community College and was a world champion, as was his father, Don Mayfield. Bartow learned to climb at RCC and was competing nationally.