

World champion Ken Norton, the ex-marine from Los Angeles will make his first defense of his WBC heavyweight championship against underfeated Larry Holmes of Easton, Pa., in a 15 round battle at Ceasar's Palace in Las Vegas on Friday evening, June 9. The match will be promoted by Don King Productions and Caesars Palace, and will be televised in "prime time" over the ABC Television Network at 5PM PDT. There is no need to contrive animosity to promote this one. The bad blood between the men is real. They genuinely do not like each other.

Norton wasted no time making that point perfectly clear soon after the fight was announced. "Everyone knows there's no love lost between the two of us," Norton said. "We're going to settle it in the ring though. I never wanted to hurt anyone in the ring before but I plan on hurting Holmes. This will be a real grudge fight." "I don't care about him at all," Holmes stated "He's a big cry baby. I'm going to knock him out." Norton the 32 year old WBC title holder, accepted the challenge from Holmes after Holmes' impressive near-shutout verdict over

the highly regarded Ernie Shaver also at Ceasars'. The 6 foot, 3 inch tall, 218-pound Norton, has won 40 fights with 4 losses. Regarded as a boxer-puncher with good power and speed, Norton has registered 32 knockouts since turning professional in 1967. Holmes, known as the "Easton Assassin", is being hailed as the division's finest boxer, with an excellent left jab and combinations to match. The lean, lithe Holmes stands 6 feet 4 inches tall and tips the scales about 210 pounds. Though Holmes is known for his great speed and boxing ability, he has scored 19 knockouts among his 27 victories. He was rated the number 4 contender before he embarrassed Shavers with his devastating boxing lesson. Norton is managed by Bob Biron of San Diego, Cal., and Holmes is managed by the colorful Richie Giachetti of Cleveland, Ohio.

WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"All things should be done... in order."
—I Corinthians 14:40

1. *Plan!* There is a famous saying which goes, "Folks do not plan to fail. They just fail to plan." Unless there is order in our lives, God can find no straight path through which to enter with His heavenly hosts. Bring your life into some semblance of order today.

2. *Prepare!* Prepare to receive the good God has in store for you. Not until Jesus had said, at the Feeding of the Five Thousand, "Make

those present sit down!" and so had achieved order, could He bring His great miracle to pass. Prepare your life... and receive the miracles of God which simply await the ordering of your life.

3. *Surrender!* Disorder comes from resistance to God. Order comes the instant that we let God's mind and will rule and direct our lives. It is the order which comes from surrender which God yearns for in each of us.

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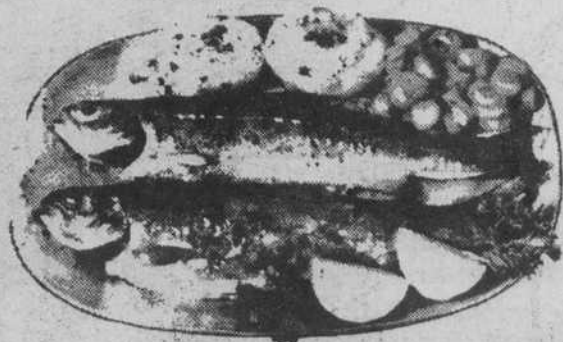
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