

# Sports Roundup

The North Las Vegas Recreation Department is currently accepting team registrations for its 1980 Fall Softball Leagues. Teams will be registered according to division. Entries will be limited. No entries will be accepted after August 15, 1980.

For further information please contact the North Las Vegas Sports Office on Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or phone 649-7739.

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A stalking and determined Earl Tripp proved to be a formidable foe for Leroy Caldwell in their match last week at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Tripp won a majority decision in the 10-round bout over Caldwell who was really never in the bout. The win put Tripp in line for a shot at the Nevada cruiserweight title.

Tripp weighed 192 while Caldwell tipped the scales at 196. Tripp will need to scale down to 190 to meet Willie "The Cannon" Shannon for the Nevada title.

It was a muscular fight with referee Harry Krause

constantly tugging to keep the fighters apart.

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Roberto Duran, World Boxing Council welterweight champion, is looking for another crown-the WBC super welterweight title.

Promoter Don King said he wants to match Duran against the winner of Britain's Maurice Hope, the champion and Italian-Australian Rocky Mattioli.

According to British promoter Mike Barrett both Duran and his opponent could earn \$2 million for such a meeting.

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UNLV Rebel basketball star Richard Box is a volunteer with the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. His efforts were recently noted during Better Hearing and Speech Week.

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Jim Caufield, chairman of the board for the International Boxing Hall of Fame has announced that Ed Brown, Vice President & Assistant General Mgr., KVOV Radio, has

been appointed to the Executive Board of the IBHF. Brown was also recently elected as Executive Vice President of the Las Vegas chapter, Veterans Boxing Association.

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The North Las Vegas Recreation Department is sponsoring a non-profit trip to Magic Mountain on Saturday, July 26. Register now! For more information, call 649-7737.

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Tony Chiaverini will fight former welterweight champion Wilfredo Benitez in a 10-round bout Aug. 1 at Caesars Palace, it was announced. Benitez lost the welterweight crown by a 15th-round technical knockout at the hands of Sugar Ray Leonard last November. Benitez currently sports a 39-1-1 record. Chiaverini holds the North American and U.S. junior middleweight title and is ranked No. 3 in that classification by the World Boxing Council.

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Beginning gymnastic



RING PRIDE — Poised with the familiar toothpick or cotton swab in his mouth, proud Manager/Trainer Bill Slayton (left) (former trainer for Ken Norton) shows off the new N.A.B.F. welterweight champion Greg Stevens who decided Pepi Dominguez, No. 10 N.A.B.F., at the Aladdin Hotel. Nevada State Athletic Commission Ring Physician Dr. Donald Romeo presented the award to the new champ.

classes for boys and girls 8-14 are now underway at the new YMCA at 4141 Meadows Lane. This four week course is conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and includes instruction in basic tumbling, floor exercise, balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vaulting, horse, parallel bars and high bar. Enrollment is still limited.

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## Setting The Record Straight

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ment.

By running such a damning and unfair story on the workers of Mahwah, the Journal is setting forth what is rapidly becoming the official corporate line on America's economic problems; declining or stagnating productivity, business would have us believe, is caused by over-paid, lazy, and inferior workers, in this case, blacks, Hispanics and women. As expected, scarcely a word is ever uttered about the devastating impact of imports, or the disastrous mistakes of management.

An examination of the facts, however, punctures and quickly deflates the assertion that blacks and women are significant causes of deteriorating quality and productivity in the auto industry. First of all, auto manufacturing has always had a fairly large proportion of black and female workers. Back in the late 1960s, when the auto companies were doing well, there were roughly 220,000 female

auto workers. In 1977, about 240,000 women worked in the auto factories, hardly a gigantic increase. The same holds true for blacks — the proportion of black workers in the auto industry has not increased significantly during the last 10 or 12 years.

What is more, there is no evidence to support the claim that blacks and women are less efficient or more careless than white males. Such an assertion rests not on fact but on nothing more than crude, blatant prejudice.

As to the argument that American workers have priced themselves out of the market by demanding exorbitant wages while their counterparts in Japan, Germany, France, Italy and Sweden (the five major sources of foreign cars) settled for less, a look at the statistics tells quite a different story. Between 1967 and 1979, for instance, hourly compensation for American manufacturing workers increased by 151.3 percent. But the hourly wages for workers in Japan increased by 433.5

percent in France by 354.0 percent, in Sweden by 324.5 percent, and in Germany by 237.4 percent. So, it is abundantly clear that the issue of high wages is a false and misleading one.

All of these baseless accusations against workers come at a time when the economy continues to sink into a deeper and more damaging recession than predicted. The business community, which has done nothing to control imports and which has mismanaged large sectors of the economy, now needs scapegoats. Workers, as usual, are the easiest and most defenseless targets; they are being dragged on stage to receive stern lectures about the sanctity of hard work, frugality, and respect for their employers.

But it is getting harder every day to convince workers and minorities that they, the victims of recession, are the fundamental cause of their own suffering.

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