

LEONARD-HEARNS ON CLOSED CIRCUIT TV

Boxing fans who have been following the "Astrowars" boxing extravaganza originating from the Houston Astrodome will be able to see all the action as it happens on three 10' x

14' screens exclusively at Caesars Palace. All seats are \$25, with two of the screens in the hotel's Sports Pavilion and a separate facility set up in the indoor Colosseum area.

Caesars Palace is the only Southern Nevada location for this closed circuit broadcast.

The date is Thursday, June 25th as Thomas Hearns defends his WBA Welterweight champion-

ship against Pablo Baez. Hearns, voted the 1980 "Boxer of the Year" by both the Boxing Writers Association of New York and Ring Magazine, fought at Caesars Palace twice; against Santiago Valdez on March 31, 1980 with a first round knockout with four seconds left in the round; and against "Fighting Jim" Richards the preceding month when he scored a third round knockout on February 3. Local fight fans saw Hearns win the WBA title from Pipino Cuevas on closed circuit at Caesars last summer;

and those with a good memory may recall an amateur victory as part of the USA vs. USSR fights when Hearns defeated Vladimir Vasiliyev in the 139 pound class in January of 1977!



Sugar Ray Leonard

leaves the welterweight class to challenge undefeated Ayub Kalule (26-0) for the WBA Junior Middleweight championship (the WBC Junior Middleweight title was contested at Caesars Palace only last month when Maurice Hope surrendered the crown to Wilfred Benitez). Leonard won his welterweight championship from Benitez at Caesars on November 30, 1979.

Doors to the two locations will open at 5:00 PM with the first fights starting at 6:00 PM.

Ring ratings

NEW YORK — Boxing ratings released Friday by The Ring magazine (s-denotes World Boxing Association; c-denotes World Boxing Council):

Heavyweight
Champion — Larry Holmes (c) Easton, Pa. 1, Mike Weaver, (s), Los Angeles. 2, Gerry Cooney, Huntington, N.Y. 3, Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo. 4, Michael Dokes, Akron, Ohio. 5, Greg Page, Louisville, Ky. 6, Gerrie Coetzee, South Africa. 7, Trevor Berbick, Halifax, Nova Scotia. 8, Marry Monroe, Los Angeles, Calif. 9, James Tillis, Chicago, Ill. 10, John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.

Light Heavyweight
Champion — Matthew Saad Muhammad (c), Philadelphia. 1, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (s) New York. 2, Michael Spinks, St. Louis. 3, Jerry Martin, Philadelphia. 4, James Scott, Rahway, N.J. 5, Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico. 6, Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind. 7, Yaqul Lopez, Stockton, Calif. 8, Lotte Mwele, Zambia. 9, Marvin Camel, Missoula, Mont. 10, Mustapha Wesajja, Denmark.

Middleweight
Champion — Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass. 1, Alan Minter, England. 2, Vito Antuofermo, New York. 3, Mustafa Hamsho, Syria. 4, Wilford Scypion, New York. 5, Fulgencio Obelmejias, Venezuela. 6, Dwight Davis, Detroit. 7, Frank Fletcher, Philadelphia. 8, Curtis Parker, Philadelphia. 9, Ronnie Epps, Las Vegas, Nev. 10, Tony Sibson, England.

Junior Middleweight
Champion, Ayub Kalule, (s) Denmark. 1, Maurice Hope (c) England. 2, Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md. 3, Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico. 4, Rocky Mattioli, Australia. 5, Carlos Herrera, Argentina. 6, Kenny Bristol, Guyana. 7, Tony Ayala, Jr., San Antonio, Texas. 8, Walter Gomez, Argentina. 9, Charlie Weir, South Africa. 10, Nino Gonzalez, Bayonne, N.J.

Welterweight
Champion, Ray Leonard (c), Palmer Park, Md. 1, Thomas Hearns (s), Detroit, Mich. 2, Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico. 3, Pipino Cuevas, Mexico. 4, Roberto Duran, Panama. 5, Randy Shields, North Hollywood, Calif. 6, Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif. 7, Adolfo Viruel, Hoboken, N.J. 8, Jorgen Hansen, Denmark. 9, Luis Primera, Venezuela. 10, Bruce Finch, Milwaukee.

Junior Welterweight
Champion, Aaron Pryor (s) Cincinnati. 1, Scott Mamy (c) New York. 2, Jo Kimpuani, Zaire. 3, Duvan Johnson, Detroit. 4, Lennox Blackmoore, Guyana. 5, Miguel Montilla, Dominican Republic. 6, Domingo Ayala, Puerto Rico. 7, Sang-Hyun Kim, Korea. 8, Bruce Curry, Fort Worth, Texas. 9, Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles. 10, Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.

Lightweight
Champion, Jim Watt (c), Scotland. 1, Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla. 2, Hilmer Kenty (s) Detroit. 3, Alexis Aguello, Nicaragua. 4, Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati. 5, Rudolfo Gonzalez, Mexico. 6, Howard Davis Jr., Glen Cove, N.Y. 7, Claude Noel, Trinidad, W.I. 8, Edwin Viruel, Puerto Rico. 9, Ernesto Espana, Venezuela. 10, Gonzalio Montellane, Los Angeles.

Junior Lightweight
Champion, Samuel Serrano (s), Puerto Rico. 1, Cornelius Boza-Edwards, (c), England. 2, Rafael Limon, (c), Mexico. 3, Bobby Chacon, Pacoima, Calif. 4, Roberto Elizondo, Corpus Christi, Texas. 5, Yasutsune Uehara, Japan. 6, Ildelfonso Bellemmy, Venezuela. 7, Johnny Selo, Los Angeles. 8, Victor Echeagaray, Argentina. 9, Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif. 10, Leonel Hernandez, Venezuela.

Featherweight
Champion, Salvador Sanchez (c) Mexico. 1, Eusebio Pedraza, (s), Panama. 2, Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico. 3, Rocky Lockridge, Paterson, N.J. 4, Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif. 5, Roberto Castanon, Spain. 6, Patrick Ford, Guyana. 7, Juan LaPorte, New York. 8, Gustavo Salgado, Mexico. 9, Francisco Manzo, Mexico. 10, Paul Ferrari, Australia.

Junior Featherweight
Champion, Wilfredo Gomez (c) Puerto Rico. 1, Sergio Palma (s), Argentina. 2, Ricardo Cardona, Colombia. 3, Leo Cruz, Dominican Republic. 4, Mike Ayala, New York. 5, Nicky Perez, Tucson, Ariz. 6, Carmelo Negron, New York. 7, Edwin Rosario, Puerto Rico. 8, Juan Meza, Los Angeles, Calif. 9, Jose Caba, Dominican Republic. 10, Jaime Garza, Los Angeles.

Bantamweight
Champion, Jeff Chandler, (s), Philadelphia. 1, Lupe Pintor (c) Mexico. 2, Julian Solis, Puerto Rico. 3, Alberto Davila, Los Angeles. 4, Jorge Lujan, Panama. 5, Eijiro Murata, Japan. 6, Roberto Rubaldino, Mexico. 7, Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles. 8, Jose R. Narvaez, Argentina. 9, Norberto Cabrera, Mexico. 10, Chul-Ho Kim, Korea.

Flyweight
Champion, Shoji Oguma (c), Japan. 1, Hilario Zapata, Panama. 2, Pedro Flores, Mexico. 3, Yoko Gushiken, Japan. 4, Santos Laclair (s), Argentina. 5, Bevilio Gonzalez, Venezuela. 6, Willie Jensen, Las Vegas, Nev. 7, Peter Mathebula, South Africa. 8, Luis Ibarra, Panama. 9, Charlie Magri, England. 10, Antonio Avelar, Mexico.

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"I don't really want to quit smoking; cigarettes have been my friends for years."

These statements have been heard from Nevadans who were trying to quit smoking. Of course these people also realize that cigarettes are damaging their health, endangering them with a variety of diseases. Yet that seems less real than the comfort they get from

smoking. Why? It is obvious that tubes of paper containing ground plant material cannot be a "friend" in the true sense of the word, yet many people feel that way. The reason isn't simple; there are several factors involved. For one thing, people use cigarettes as a stimulant, to make them feel better, as a response to depression, loneliness, fear, anxiety, boredom; as a way of celebrating, of relaxing; as part of social situations. Perhaps we remember when smoking was the in thing and the "gang" smoked so it was a way of being part of the crowd.

Anyway, cigarettes aren't healthy, emotionally as well as physically. They can keep you from dealing with your problems effectively. They certainly are no substitute for a real friend.

How can you break this pattern? The American Lung Association of Nevada has programs that can help you learn to be a nonsmoker...and your own best friend! These programs of positive self-determination can help you shake off the yoke of false friendship that cigarettes hold you under.

There is a "Freedom from Smoking" Self-Help Program available by mail for a \$10 fee (to cover costs) and a "Freedom from Smoking" Smoking Cessation Clinic for a \$35 fee (again to cover costs). Call 454-2500 or write P.O. Box 44137, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 for more details.

Remember, cigarettes are no substitute for true friends!

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