

BEAUTIFUL HOME WINNERS ANNOUNCED

By H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald

The most beautiful homes and businesses in a portion of the old West Side that participated in a recent contest sponsored by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Beautification Committee and the Westside Community Development Commission were announced recently.

The winners in the Most Beautiful Home category were Harry McRoy, Rochelle Childress and H.P. Fitzgerald.

West Side business winners were People's Choice, Survivor's Market, Wesley's Barber Shop, Larry's Sight & Sound, True Love Baptist Church, Ho Mai's Cafe, Chez Pollez Cafe,

Nucleus Plaza, New Town Tavern, Community Store, Victory Baptist Church, Love's Cocktail Lounge, Pearl's Beauty Shop, Hughes Liquor Store, and Religious Emporium.

A team of judges from the two non-profit organizations inspected the properties and observed such areas as outside painting, lawn and shrubbery care and removal of trash and debris.

Certificates of award will be presented to the winners at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the intersection of North "E" Street and West Jackson Avenue during the Jackson Avenue Merchant's Association Third Annual Christmas Parade Ceremony.

Willie Shannon's jury deadlocked

District Judge Carl Christensen declared a mistrial Friday in the rape trial of light heavyweight boxer Willie Lee Shannon, when the seven-woman, five-man jury became deadlocked and failed to reach a verdict after 15 hours of deliberating.

Saying he was biased and prejudiced after hearing the evidence against the defendant, Christensen calendared the case for Monday before Judge Donald Mosley for the setting of a new trial date.

Christensen ordered Shannon's bail to remain at \$100,000, which the defendant said he plans to make.

The trial began Dec. 3, and went to the jury Wednesday. Deliberations began early Thursday morning.

After he dismissed the jury, Christensen ac-

cused it of dereliction of its duty.

Although members of the jury refused to say which side the deadlock favored, they did say they felt that prosecutor Bobbie O'Neale "didn't prove the incident happened in the sequence given. It was a very hard case to judge on the way it was presented."

Shannon is accused of sexual assault, first-degree kidnapping and battery with the intent to commit sexual assault involving the alleged rape of a 19-year-old North Las Vegas woman Oct. 19, 1983, in City View Park on West Cheyenne Avenue.

The setting of a new date for light heavyweight boxer Willie Lee Shannon to be tried on rape charges was postponed Monday in District Court until Friday.

Burn Center named after Jackson

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Michael Jackson, who 11 months ago was rushed to Brotman Medical Center after his hair caught fire during filming of a commercial, returned Thursday as the hospital's burn center was renamed in his honor.

Jackson, sporting one of his Sgt. Pepper-style jackets during the auditorium ceremony, waved his white-gloved hand as he posed for cameramen in front of a large bronze plaque bearing his name, likeness and signature. The plaque will be mounted on the wall of the Michael Jackson Burn Center.

The ever-shy entertainer said nothing beyond a quick "thank you" to the 100 reporters assembled for the dedication of the center and the announcement of the newly established

Michael Jackson Burn Fund, which will finance reconstructive surgery and entertainment for burn victims.

Both the center and the fund were endowed by Jackson, with a contribution from Pepsi-Cola Co., hospital officials said. The amounts involved were not disclosed.

Jackson, 26, sustained second and third-degree scalp burns last Jan. 27 when exploding fireworks for a Jackson's Pepsi-Cola ad ignited his hair at the Shrine Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles.

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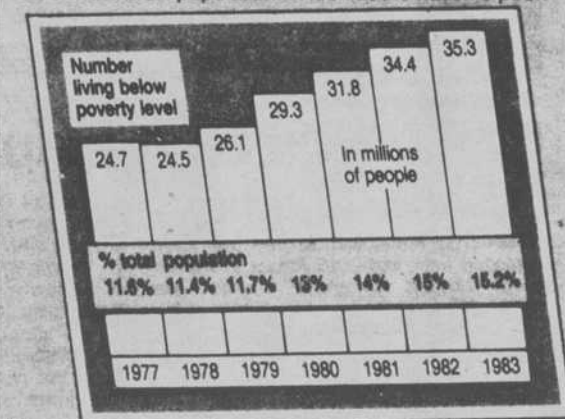
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USA poverty rate increases

The high-water mark for persons living below the poverty line — since 1959 when such records began — was in 1960 when the number reached 39.9 million, or 22.2 percent of the USA population. A look at the nation's poor:



Source: Census Bureau

By John Sherlock, USA TODAY

\$69M is being spent to feed, house needy

The needy received 76 million meals and 11 million nights shelter from March 1983 to May 1984 — more than \$91 million in federal funds distributed to 7,000 local charities. Another \$69 million is being distributed now. Funds by state: (Food gifts, 3A)

	Funds through May 1984	Currently allotted funds
Alabama	\$2,800,604	\$1,905,335
Alaska	\$169,978	\$125,000
Arizona	\$1,766,723	\$911,187
Arkansas	\$263,373	\$630,934
California	\$14,703,628	\$8,831,979
Colorado	\$202,792	\$333,507
Connecticut	\$292,806	\$589,453
Delaware	\$100,000	\$198,598
District of Columbia	\$475,384	\$379,926
Florida	\$2,278,914	\$2,932,066
Georgia	\$604,595	\$961,886
Hawaii	\$100,000	\$125,000
Idaho	\$218,628	\$125,000
Illinois	\$7,681,324	\$4,528,175
Indiana	\$2,472,618	\$1,359,200
Iowa	\$349,777	\$132,074
Kansas	\$97,166	\$125,000
Kentucky	\$1,086,662	\$1,147,646
Louisiana	\$1,540,996	\$1,585,144
Maine	\$116,746	\$339,911
Maryland	\$1,304,695	\$413,642
Massachusetts	\$955,856	\$1,392,497
Michigan	\$9,028,933	\$4,787,228
Minnesota	\$383,299	\$610,983
Mississippi	\$513,280	\$807,081
Missouri	\$1,605,789	\$1,349,171
Montana	\$161,705	\$125,000
Nebraska	\$118,536	\$125,000
Nevada	\$431,148	\$125,000
New Hampshire	\$100,000	\$125,000
New Jersey	\$2,702,016	\$1,458,997
New Mexico	\$315,787	\$461,210
New York	\$6,507,068	\$5,176,531
North Carolina	\$467,726	\$1,437,763
North Dakota	\$100,000	\$125,000
Ohio	\$8,072,481	\$4,189,066
Oklahoma	\$164,813	\$669,701
Oregon	\$1,336,082	\$1,037,720
Pennsylvania	\$11,762,803	\$4,199,269
Rhode Island	\$440,390	\$206,028
South Carolina	\$415,417	\$920,339
South Dakota	\$106,055	\$125,000
Tennessee	\$1,882,163	\$1,735,119
Texas	\$2,451,377	\$4,310,082
Utah	\$308,295	\$374,856
Vermont	\$100,000	\$125,000
Virginia	\$375,524	\$526,707
Washington	\$2,773,530	\$1,746,775
West Virginia	\$1,315,072	\$1,035,434
Wisconsin	\$1,621,054	\$883,281
Wyoming	\$100,000	\$125,000
American Samoa	\$10,860	\$41,650
Guam	\$22,610	\$39,550
N. Marianas	\$14,164	\$189,350
Puerto Rico	\$1,679,621	\$1,127,618
Trust Territories	0	\$189,350
Virgin Islands	\$31,232	\$54,600
Total	\$91,021,031	\$69,432,119

Source: United Way of America

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