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# Michael Spinks, "Macho" Camacho, governor NAMES Jose Ramirez on Riviera June 6 card MURPHY AS NEW

Undefeated Michael April 10 in Atlantic City he Spinks will defend his Undisputed World light heavyweight title against un-beaten ''Diamond'' Jim Mc-Donald as part of the Jose Luis Ramirez-Hector "Macho" Camacho World Boxing Council lightweight championship card Thursday, June 6, at the Riviera Hotel and Casino.

Spinks, who'll be making his 10th title defense since winning the 175-pound crown in 1981 has a record of 26-0 with 18 knockouts.



#### Camacho

McDonald, ranked No. 7 by the World Boxing Association, has a record of 16-0 with 15 knockouts.

The card, promoted by Don King Productions in association with the Riviera, is the first championship doubleheader to be held at the famed resort hotel/casino this year.

Ticket prices, starting at only \$50, remain the same even though the Spinks-McDonald title bout has been added to the card.

McDonald may not be the best known championship contender in the world today, but he's a hard hitter and he's been busy. Combine that with Spinks' relative inactivity, only two fights in the past 19 months, and McDonald has a real chance of pulling off one of the major upsets in recent boxing history

The 26-year-old Mc-Donald, from Nashville, Tenn., has fought 12 times in the past 18 months, including three times this year. On Feb. 17 in Houston he knocked out then No. 1ranked contender Willie Edwards in the fourth round: on March 23 in Bristol, Tenn., he stopped Johnny Williams in the third round; and on

halted Cleveland Watkins in the seventh round.

McDonald turned pro in 1982 after an outstanding amateur career which was capped in 1981 by the gold medal at the annual World Military Games while he was serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The 28-year-old Spinks, born in East St. Louis, III., but now fighting out of Philadelphia, won the mid-dleweight gold medal in 1976 at the Montreal Olympics. Five years later, on July 18 in Las Vegas, he won the light heavyweight title, taking a 15-round decision over Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. Since then he's defended successfully against Vonzell Johnson, Mustapha Wasajja, Murray Sutherland, Jerry Celestine, Johnny Davis, Dwight Braxton, Oscar Rivadeneyra, Eddie Davis and, most recently on February 23, 1985, in Atlantic City, David Sears, who he halted in the third round.

Spinks and Marvelous Marvin Hagler are the only undisputed champions in the sport. Spinks won the WBA version when he took a 15round nod over Muhammad; he took the WBC part when he did the same to Braxton on March 18 1983 in Atlantic City. Spinks captured the International Boxing Federation portion of the crown with his win over Davis on Feb. 25, 1984, also in Atlantic City.

The card, which features the undefeated Camacho going for his second world championship against Ramirez, who boasts a record of 90-5 with 75 knockouts, begins at 3:30 p.m. The Ramirez-Camacho fight will not begin until approximately 7:30.

Also on the card in 10rounders will be heavyweight Randy ''Tex'' Cobb against undefeated prospect Lee Canalito and unbeaten Canadian welterweight Davey Hilton, ranked No. 7 by the WBC, against veteran Dennis Horne.

Tickets are on sale 24 hours a day at the Riviera casino cage or by calling 702-734-5356 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (PDT).

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#### DIRECTOR CARSON CITY - Gov-

enor Richard Bryan announced the appointment of George Murphy as state Personnel Director. Murphy, 48, has served

as Personnel Director for the State Gaming Control Board for almost two years. His appointment to the

\$41,908 position is effective immediately. He replaces John Woods, formerly of Las Vegas, and was then Personnel Director at the Las Vegas Water District, is leaving to accept a job in Oregon In all, Murphy has more

than two decades of experience as a personnel administrator.

Murphy's Nevada job experience includes a year as a program analyst with the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and nine years as chief of the Nevada State Personnel Division's

### **Thomas to fight Weaver** cleveland - Boxing

#### promoter Don King has signed WBC heavyweight champion Pinklon Thomas to defend his title against former WBA champion Mike Weaver on June 15.

A site for the 12-round bout has not been selected but several cities are being considered including Vancouver, Montreal, Indianapolis, Atlanta, Cleveland and New York.

Thomas, 25-0-1, won the title on Aug. 31, 1984 with a 12-round decision over Tim Witherspoon. Weaver, currently ranked the No. 1 WBC heavyweight challenger with a record of 27-10-1, lost his WBA crown to Michael Dokes on a first-round knockout Dec. 10, 1982.

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He previously worked as a personnel program chief

## Holmes plans May 20 bout

Opting for the record books over relaxation, Larry Holmes will end his brief retirement May 20 when he meets Carl "The Truth" Williams in defense of his International Boxing Federation heavyweight title.

The 15-round bout was officially announced recently by promoter Murad Muhammad and NBC, which will televise the bout in primetime reportedly from Las Vegas.

Holmes, 47-0 with 34 knockouts, billed his March 15 victory over David Bey as a "Farewell Fight" but soon afterward decided to go for Rocky Marciano's record of 49 heavyweight bouts without a loss.

NBC originally hoped to televise a bout between Holmes and undisputed light heavyweight champion Spinks Michael but negotiations collapsed with Spink's promoter Butch

Muhammad said Holmes

will make slightly less than the \$3 million purse he hoped for against Spinks.

Williams, a 25-year-old from New York, is 16-0 with 12 knockouts but hasn't



fought since Oct. 23. In his last bout, he rebounded from two first-round knockdowns to win a 10-round unanimous decision over James 'Quick'' Tillis.

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**Boxing ratings** 

# NAT'L. BLACK POLICE ASSOCIATION CHOOSES LAS VEGAS FOR '86 NATIONAL ASSN.

The Police are coming to Las Vegas-not the popular rock music group-rather the 1,000member National Black Police Association. Inc. They will convene Aug. 19-24, 1986, at Caesars Palace, according to past NBPA Chairman and Meeting Planner, James Hargrove.

Hargrove said the **NBPA** Convention Committee selected Las Vegas over Phoenix and San Diego, largely because of the city's appeal and affordabil»ity plus the tireless effort put forth by the local chapter of the association

Police Officer Larry Ross is Chairman of the Las Vegas Chapter of NBPA.

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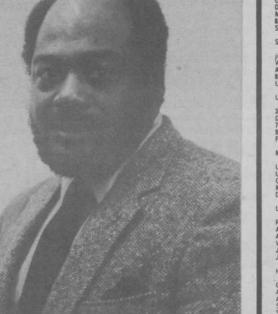
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