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## Jackson ties Mantle's home run mark

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Reggie Jackson of the California Angels moved into a sixth-place tie on the all-time home run list Sunday, joining a boyhood hero in the process.

"Mickey Mantle is synonymous with the American pastime," Jackson said after helping the Angels beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-1. "When I was a kid, Mantle was one of my heroes. It's nice to say a name and be associated with that kind of name. It was something special for me and I'll always remember it."

Jackson homered in the fifth inning for his 536th career home run to tie him with the former New York Yankee slugger and put him 37 behind No. 5 Harmon Killebrew.

Jackson, who will turn 40 next Sunday, hit a 2-1 pitch from Milwaukee's Bill Wegman into the right-field seats for his sixth home run of the season. It was the 60th home run Jackson has hit in his career against the Brewers, who have yielded more homers to Jackson than any other team.

Jackson's home run was his first at Anaheim Stadium since April 18. Jackson was battling a 4-for-33 slump at the time of his home run.

The pitch to me was a fastball up and in, which is really the place you have to pitch me if you want to get me out consistently," Jackson said. "It was a pretty good pitch. I was really lucky to hit the ball that good that far. If I didn't execute with good technique, I'd have gotten jammed and broke my bat."

Jackson said it was one of the highest points of his career.

"It meant a lot," Jackson said. "I wanted to remember the whole time. I guess I ran a tape recorder in my own mind: The pitch, how I left home plate, how I went around the bases, how I touched home plate and people's hands I shook."



## 'Main Event' Set For Sugar Ray May 17 in D.C.

By Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Boxing great Sugar Ray Leonard will be the guest of honor at a gala dinner hosted by the World Boxing Council on May 17, the champion's 30th birthday, at the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue here.

Plans for the testimonial dinner were announced at a press conference by D.C. Mayor Marion Barry just before Leonard shocked the sports world by quietly telling a few reporters present "yes, I would like to fight (middleweight champion) Marvelous Marvin Hagler . . . He is what I want, and I am what he wants . . ."

Details of the proposed "fight of the decade" if not the fight of the century, may be completed by the May tribute, originally planned to

honor Leonard during his retirement. More than 800 fans, including superstars from the sports and entertainment fields are expected to attend the affair titled "The Main Event — A Tribute to Sugar Ray Leonard," said Jeffrey Cohen, real estate developer and dinner chairman.

Among the former champions scheduled to attend, according to WBC spokesman Steve Crosson, are heavyweights Jersey Joe Walcott and Floyd Patterson; middleweight Thomas Hearns; welterweight Hector Comanchez, and maybe, Hagler, although he had not been confirmed at the time of the original announcement or Leonard's surprise statements.

Proceeds from the \$150-a-plate dinner will be donated to the WBC's Sports Medicine Foundation. The charitable organization, which is administered through the UCLA Foundation in Los Angeles, is involved with research in the sports sciences to benefit all athletes, including boxers.

Plans for a Graveside Memorial Service for late heavyweight champion Joe Louis Barrow, on the anniversary of his birthday, May 15, were announced also by Cora Wilds, chair of the D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

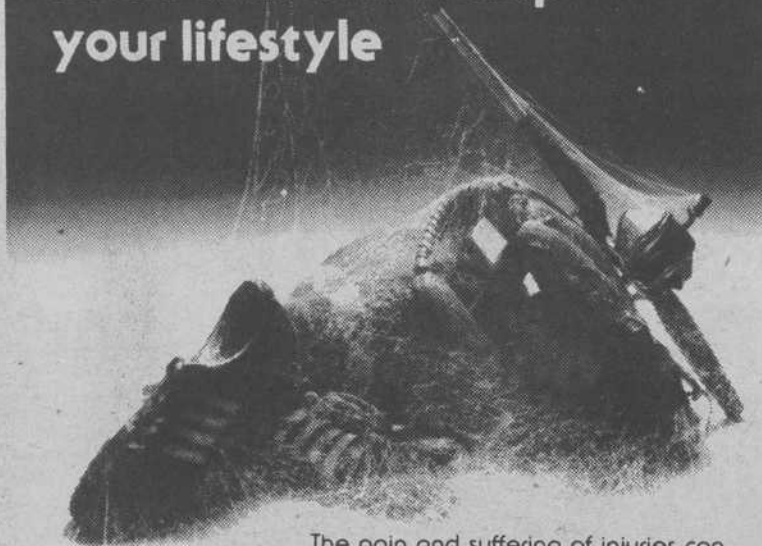
The events will be held during the third annual conference of the Association of Boxing Commissioners meeting in Washington, May 16-17.

the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

The hard hitting Haugen is one of the most highly regarded lightweight prospects in the world, and capturing the NABF championship surely would put him in the world rankings.

However, the 25-year-old from Auburn, Wash., won't have an easy time since Curet is a slick boxer and comes from the same Brockton, Mass., stable as world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

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## Doctor says Ray can fight again

## Slugger Haugen Goes For North American Title at Showboat

Undefeated puncher Greg Haugen goes after the North American Boxing Federation lightweight champion when he meets Edwin Curet in the 12-round main event on the monthly ESPN card Friday, May 23, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The bout, for the vacant title last held by current World Boxing Council lightweight champion Hector "Macho" Camacho, originally was scheduled for March but was postponed when Curet came down with

the flu.

Also on the card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., in association with the Showboat, are two ESPN National Championship Tournament Western Region welterweight semifinal bouts.

The six-bout card, assembled by matchmaker Mel Greb, begins at 6 p.m. with doors to the Showboat Sports Pavilion opening at 5.

Tickets, priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for ringside reserved, are on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at

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