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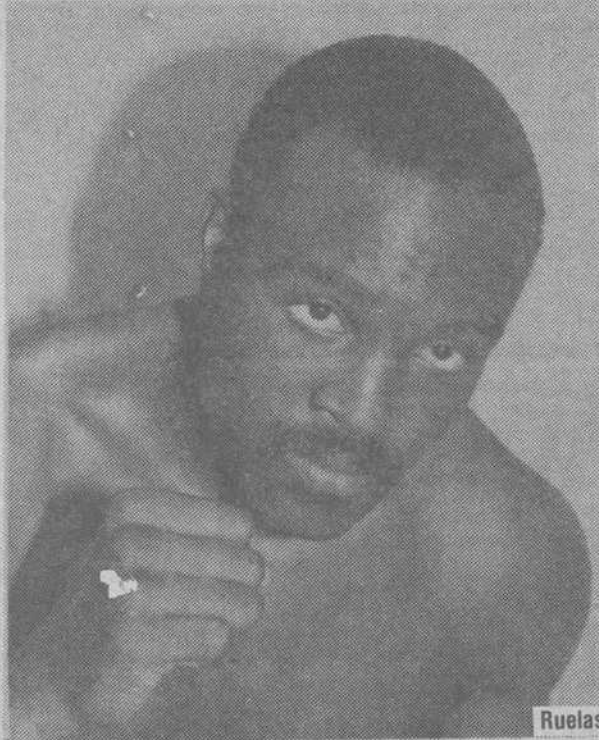
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Ruelas Defends North American Title Against Taylor

"Baby Joe" Ruelas Boxing Federation
defends his North American featherweight championship



Ruelas

against world-ranked Bernard Taylor in a 12-round bout, the main event on the monthly ESPN professional boxing card Friday, Sept. 12 at the Sahara Hotel and Casino.

Ruelas, who's also world-ranked, will be putting his NABF featherweight crown on the line for the first time while Taylor will be fighting for only the third time since trying for the World Boxing Association 125-pound title last year.

The six-bout card, promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., of Las Vegas and New York in association with the Sahara, begins at 6 p.m. in the Sahara Space Center. Doors open at 5.

Tickets, priced at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved ringside, are on sale 24 hours daily at the Sahara casino cage.

Also in the card assembled

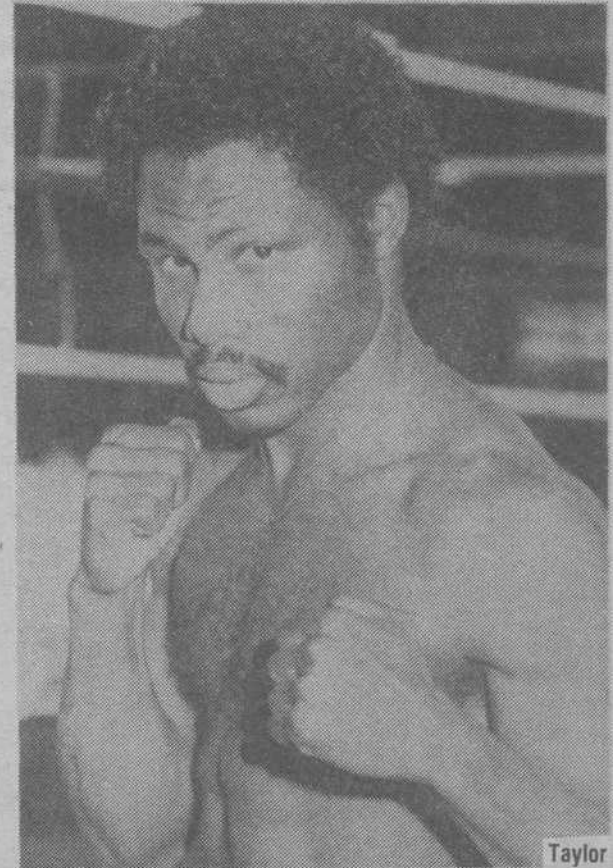
by matchmaker Mel Greb will be a 10-round bout between undefeated junior lightweight Lupe Miranda and Genaro Hernandez, an eight-round fight featuring heavyweights Avery Rawls and James "Baby Doll" Barry and a four-round light heavyweight encounter matching unbeaten Las Vegas Ed Duffy against Tony Higgins.

Ruelas, rated No. 5 by WBA, has a record of 19-2 with 16 knockouts and is defending for the first time since winning the NABF featherweight championship on Sept. 25, 1985, by taking a 12-round decision over tough Tommy Cordova.

The 23-year-old Ruelas, a converted southpaw from Placentia, Calif., has had one bout the past year, a 10-round, non-title victory over Pete Anzadula on April 22.

The 29-year-old Taylor,

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Taylor

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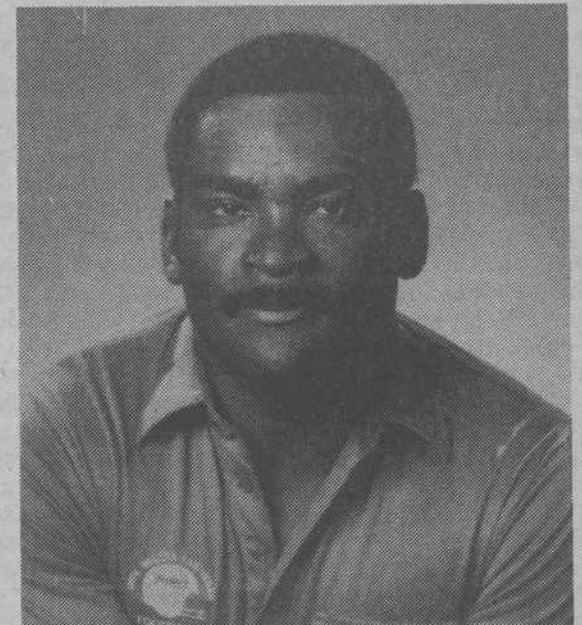
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