

FIGHTS

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Vegas. On Oct. 17 he beat Tyrone Booze, on Sept. 24 he stopped Oscar Holman in the sixth round and on Aug. 19 he halted Cedric Persons in the first. These follow is lone loss, a close 12-round decision to Bert Cooper for the North American Boxing Federation cruiserweight championship in a nationally televised bout from Atlantic City on June 15. Tillman, who won the gold medal in the heavyweight division at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, won the NABF cruiserweight crown by stopping Bash Ali in the first round on April 22 in Las Vegas.

While Ross' record of 10-10-1 with five knockouts isn't as gaudy, his credentials are impressive. he won the United States Boxing Association cruiserweight championship on Dec. 7, 1985, in Washington, D.C. by taking a 12-round decision over world-ranked Bonne Pultz. This will be Ross' first fight west of New Jersey.

In preliminary bouts Belinc, from Marysville, Wash., and with a record of 14-1 and seven knockouts, meets Bobby Garcia, from Bell Garden, Calif., while Franklin, with a record of 13-2-1 and six knockouts, faces Perea, 21, from Albuquerque, N.M., and with a record of 12-1-1 and four knockouts. Franklin stopped his past two foes.

Davi, with a record of 3-0-1, meets Ernie Nava of Glendale, Calif., in a six-round bout. Mosley, with a record of 2-0 and two knockout, and Scott, with a record of 1-1, are in four-round fights against opponents to be selected later by matchmaker Mel Greb.

Hagler vs. Leonard Middleweight Title Fight at Caesars April 6

Undisputed world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler (62-2-2, 52 KOs) takes on former WBA junior middleweight and undisputed welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard (33-1, 24 KOs) in a scheduled 12-round battle on April 16 at the Caesars Palace Outdoor Stadium.

Training sessions in the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion will commence approximately 10-12 days prior to the event.

At time of this publication, all tickets are sold-out; however, names are being placed on a waiting list in case tickets become available.

For further information call the Olympic Casino Box Office at 731-7902.

Chubby Checker Fun Run Dec 20

Southern Nevada joggers have been invited to join singer-dancer Chubby Checker in a fun raising fun for St. Jude's Ranch for Children Dec. 20 at Sunset Park.

Billed as the Chubby Checker Fun Run, the 3:00 p.m. event will cover just under one mile, with all \$5 entry fees committed to buying Christmas presents for St. Jude's resident children.

Checker, who is a veteran runner, will join the pack as host and for a refreshing change of pace from his frenetic appearances in the Union Plaza Hotel's "Rock 'N' Roll Forever."

Also to be involved in the fun-raiser are vintage automobiles from 41 Las Vegas classic car clubs, which will display their priceless vehicles near the race area.

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the benefit of the United Negro Fund, the red carpet was out. However, somebody forgot the crying towels. Not because of the stark racial overtones of this vintage thirty drama, but the muffed opportunity of the screenwriter in the adaptation of Wright's book and intent. His and the director's street smarts gave "Native Son" exaggerated overtones that were out of sync with today's "Bigger Thomases."

TAPS:—Isadorable and I had thanksgiving dinner at Crabtree's Kittle House, in Mt Kisco, under the spell of Bob Howard's piano music. Six days later it was shocking to learn of his passing. Bob was an early pioneer in the quest for a passage to a better quality of life. His talent battered down many bias barriers and

Doolittle Programs

Doolittle Community Center, located at 1901 N. "J" Street at Lake Mead, will be holding its annual Dr. Martin Luther King youth basketball tournament for 13 & 14 year olds, January 17 & 18. Registration deadline is January 9. For more information, phone 386-6374.

Posted for awarding following the run are many prizes, including Chubby Checker collector-type autographed records and tickets to his show at the Union Plaza.

Additional race information is available from Jody Lawrence, KRRI, 293-5774.

created openings of others to follow. Through an inborn musical intelligence he built an enormous musical catalogue of world class acceptance. Ask for any tune and his fingers would give it earably life. With him at the keyboard the Kittle House was a special place for us. For a long stretch of years Bob worked the diners and the grand piano with the dexterity reserved for a genius. He will be sorely missed by many of us who embraced his talent through the years.

NEWS BREAKS:—Percy Sutton's Apollo Theatre and NBC-TV are preparing an important item. The wedding will brighten the spotlight of Afro-American entertainment...Sherman Sneed, Lena Horne's mgr., has won his bout with illness and is on the hunt for a proper vehicle for his super star. He's eyeing TeeVee and screen things. They were on the White House guest list for the Kennedy Salutes...Napoleon Holmes, a major local drum beater during the turbulent sixties, has recaptured the presidency of the local NAACP. Look for him to mount a charge against the city's unsound, unmixed "at-large-elections". The Jackie Robinson Foundation is ahead on plans for a major national commemorate nat'l celebration of the Hall of Fame 2nd baseman's entrance into the major league. His bias barrier busting made history and he established unbroken records.

WRITE ON B'WAY:—"The Front Page" is a B'way

revival that is worth shouting Extra loud about. The fact moving provocative Hecht-MacArthur classic is unblemished by the cowwebs it may have collected since 1928. The years have not robbed it of any of its irresistible magnetism. It is sparked by a most convincing cast of twenty (25) five, and that is saying something facing such a large group which neither dances or sings. Were I selecting contenders for "Tony Award" consideration, Richard Thomas, John Lithgow, Richard Shull and Paul Stolarsky would all get my vote. "Front Page" is page one entertainment. It is a gracious, perfectly paced throw-back to the days of hot type and dedicated print journalists...Wondah if the heavyweight hands of Mike are ever at the wheel of that Rolls Royce, N.Y. plates, "Tyson?"...The legend lives on so Erroll Garner's songbook has lost neither a customer. It's now in its third printing. Congress persons Cardis Collins (D-11) and Mickey Leland (D-Tx) are geared-up for an assault against the foes of EEO and minority ownership. They have moved their concerns to the front burner for early attention by the House and the Senate. A recent issue of Variety, the Bible of showbiz, hi'lited the problems under this banner line: "Minority

Gains Screaching To A Halt." Groups that were expected in DeeCee to embarrass Ray Charles during his Kennedy honors session were talked out of it. It's his sometime-ago trip South Africa which still sticks in their throats. Had they heard Quincy Jones' emotional reiteration of the piano genius' early struggles they would have been sorry had they carried out their plans. Especially when the group from his Alma Mater in Florida for the Deaf and the Blind sang "You Light Up My Life" and Stevie Wonder'ful played "America The Beautiful" on his harmonica. Sorry you will not eye or ear these side events on the tube rebroadcast...HAVE A STAY LOOSE VERY MERRY XMAS. Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.



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