

Tyson baptized in Cleveland

Veteran Grambling Coach 'Just Keeps Rolling Along' by Collie J. Nicholson

CLEVELAND - Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was baptized SUnday in a ceremony attended by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, boxing promoter Don King, and a crowd of about 700 people at a Baptist church on Cleveland's east side.

Tyson, wearing a white robe, stepped into a pool of water and immersed himself, then embraced the Rev. Henry Payden, pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church.

"Mike, now your job is to take the message of Christ to the people," said Payden, who presided along with Jackson at a four-hour service that ended with the baptisms of Tyson and 24 other people.

Tyson did not speak during the service.

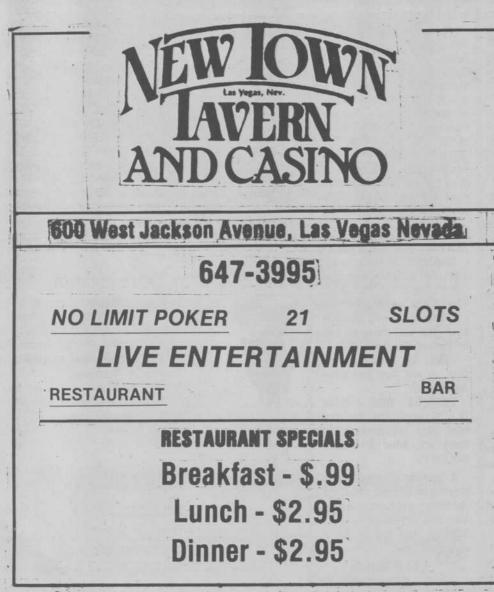
To date, Grambling has posted a surprising 8-2 rec-GRAMBLING, LA (Special) - At age 69, Eddie Robinson ord and the coach is optimhas found the Fountain of istic about what lies ahead. Youth that escaped Conquis-"We have every reason to be confident," he volunteered, The Spanish explorer patiently awaiting the Southsailed from Puerto Rico in ern University showdown.

> Like old man river, Robinson - a national resource just keeps rolling along. His 349 victories make him far and away the winningest college coach ever. The late Paul "Bear" Bryant (323-85-17) is a distant second.

Year after year, Robinson's G-Men are among the most feared teams in NCAA Division I-AA football.

There can be little doubt that the Grambling coach is a living legend. To equal his record achievement, a coach would have to win 71/2 games each season for the next 47

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search of the fabled Foun-

Robinson has succeeded where Ponce de Leon failed.

Admittedly, he is sustained

With one game remaining

on the 1988 schedule, the

veteran Grambling coach

(349-121-15), has a chance

to reach another major mile-

stone in a career spanning

46 seasons by winning his

350th college game against

arch-rival Southern Univer-

sity (5-5) in the Bayou Clas-

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years, an unlikely occurrence.

Georgia coach Vince Dooley reasons that Robinson's record will probably stand forever. "Coaches are not likely to remain in the profession long enough to win 300 games in the future," he said.

After suffering his first losing season in 27 campaigns last fall, Robinson might have done his finest coaching job this year.

Grambling sagged to a dis-appointing 5-6 mark in '87 and experienced the wrath of some notably fickle fans spoiled by success. The drop was painful and remarkably sudden. It had a humbling impact on the coach.

Questions were raised. Had the game become too demanding? Was time running out on the legendary mentor?

Pundits yawned before the 1988 season.

The old coach fumed. He would show detractors. Robinson made his presence felt from day one with a selfperpetuating type of confidence, answering all the unasked questions.

"It might be twilight time," he said, "but it ain't quitting time. Shed no tears for the Tigers. Paced by an opportunistic

## SHOWBOAT BECOMES ''WINNER WONDERLAND'' FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

The Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center will be giving away \$2,500 a day from December 1 to December 26, 1988 as part of its "Winner Wonderland'' promotion. Drawings will be held at 8:30 p.m. each night in the Mardi Gras lounge, plus there will he a drawing for a 1989 Lincoln Town Car on Decem-

ber 27th. You can register at the Showboat Slot Club Hospital-

defense and a high-tech offense, a revamped Grambling returned to its winning ways.

Robinson credits his sucfrustrating losses to Howard University and Jackson State, the G-Men are enjoyseason since 1985 when

abled the Tigers to reclaim national media attention and remain a consistent winner, averaging 81/2 victories per season for the decade of the '80s

28-year span, the G-Men won 237 games to average 8

part of the Showboat's 34th Anniversary Celebration. victories per season. Now, RObinson's immediate challenge is to find a way to beat Southern. He has

ity Desk every day for a free

chance at winning daily cash

prizes. Extra coupons can be

earned in slots, keno, bingo

and race and sports book.

Tickets will automatically be

entered in the December

drawings for the new Lincoln

Town Car. Complete rules

and details are available at

'Winner Wonderland'' is

the Hospitality Desk.

Truly, Eddie Robinson is a man motivated by challenghe has found the Fountain of Youth.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Southern defeated Grambling last Saturday for the second consecutive year. Prior to last year, Grambling had beat Southern for 10 straight vears.

## cess to hard work, correct made the most of an array of chemistry, and luck. Despite talent to rank as the prime candidate for 1988 Coach Of The Year honors in the Southwestern Athletic Coning their most productive ference. they produced a 9-2 mark. The rollercoaster ride enes. Pure and simple, at 69,

