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Whites Vote To End Apartheid

**DESPITE OVERWHELMING VOTE, RACIAL, ECONOMIC
BARRIERS REMAIN IN TROUBLED SOUTH AFRICA**

Johannesburg, South Africa - Despite White South Africa voters' stunning vote on Wednesday to plan to share power with the Black majority of the country, African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela expressed that apartheid was still "very much alive," in South Africa.

Overwhelmingly, Whites voted 69 percent to 31 percent to forge ahead with talks that

would end white rule and give Blacks voting rights for the first time in South Africa's history.

The margin of support for President F.W. de Klerk's reforms, which was much higher than expected, gave him the decisive mandate he needed to continue negotiations with Mandela's ANC and other Black groups.

President de Klerk and his National Party predicted victory,

as did the opposing Conservative Party. The referendum called for the country's 3.3 million white voters to decide whether they want to continue negotiating with the Black majority to forge a new non-racial constitution. There are over 30 million Blacks in south Africa.

Andries Treurnicht, leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, conceded defeat, but right-wing groups threatened that they

would fight rather than except a Black government.

However, the government said the only way to bring peace and foreign investment was to negotiate a new deal with Blacks, which would end white domination.

Heavy early voting - during which many polling stations in all four of the county's provinces ran out of paper ballots - was seen by most as good news for the "YES" campaign.

But, despite the good news, Mandela still expressed to reporters, "Apartheid is still very much alive. I still cannot vote in my own country."



ANC LEADER, NELSON MANDELA

**WBA LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE AT STAKE
AS HEARNS FACES BARKLEY FRIDAY NIGHT**

By W.G. Ramirez

Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns, (50-3-1, 40 K.O.'s), will risk his WBA light heavyweight title, Friday, March 20, when he faces IBF super middleweight champion Iran "The Blade" Barkley, (28-7, 17 K.O.'s), at Caesars Palace. Looking for revenge against Barkley, Hearns says, "Its gonna be a

great fight but Iran will walk away disappointed." The "Hit Man" has labeled this fight as "The Big Payback." Barkley shocked the boxing world, June 6, 1988, when he knocked out Hearns in the third round to capture the WBC middleweight title. Barkley's super middleweight title will not be at risk when he faces Hearns Friday.

Hearns was the first boxer to

win four, then five world boxing titles in different divisions. Though he is feared for his lethal right hand, the "Hit Man" chose to outbox respected boxer Virgil Hill last June 3 at Caesars Palace, earning a unanimous decision over the previously unbeaten champion and winning the WBA

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The three major players in the light heavyweight title bout at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Iran "The Blade" Barkley, at the podium, promoter Bob Arum, seated in the middle, and the current WBA light heavyweight title holder, Tommy "Hit Man" Hearns.

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KEEPING THE F.A.I.T.H.

by Y. Ali El-Shabazz

Giving it all you got to help someone else in difficult times is what Youth is F.A.I.T.H. is all about. The organization is built on members who are very pleased to put forth their time and effort to help others in the community and hope someday to have the resources to do the things that will enable them to attain their goals and dreams. The dream of one man, Oswaldo Gomez, just got a little closer due to the support

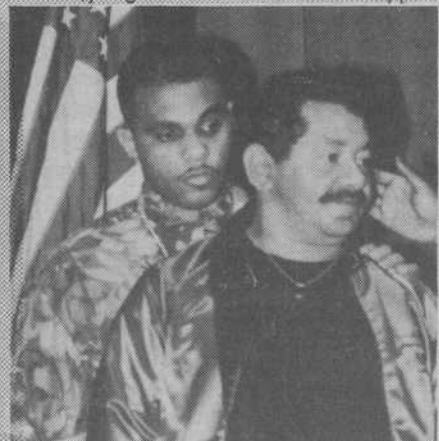
of the nonprofit organization.

The newly formed organization recently held a benefit fundraiser for Oswaldo at the Cashman Field Theatre. He was chosen as the recipient for the event because he has been diagnosed with a congenital heart disease. In the summer of 1991 Oswaldo's physicians informed him that his heart was failing. Without a heart transplant soon Oswaldo will not live to enjoy the laughter of his 2 year-old Frederick.

Youth is F.A.I.T.H. stands for Fighting Against Ignorance Toward Humanity, scheduled the fundraiser to try and raise the \$300,000 needed for the heart transplant. The founder and president of the organization, Adrian Mitchell, felt by showcasing the talents of today's youth and young adults would help generate the necessary dollars and prayers to assist the Gomez family.

Even though the turn out was sparse and the donations were few, the over fifty concerned entertainers electrified the audience from start to finish with their singing, dancing and modeling.

The Gomez family came up short on funds that night, but was given the love and support to continue down "the yellow brick road" from an unknown source, Youth is F.A.I.T.H.



Oswaldo Gomez makes a brief appearance to acknowledge his thanks to all involved in his benefit. Photos by Savoy/LVS-VOICE

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