



# A Safe Halloween Night at H.P. Fitzgerald

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Georgia Allen, a custodian, spent Halloween night pouring out drinks and serving up hot dogs at H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary where last year Tony Bagley attended school. Georgia and the rest of the staff volunteered to come to work on Nevada Day, so they could help with A Safe Halloween Night Out, a carnival held at the school.

Tally Washington, carnival organizer and North Las Vegas police officer, estimates over 1000 children came to event a fitting memorial to Bagley's memory. Many kids were from the immediate neighborhood, many were not.

"A lot of the kids from the community came," said Roger Rionda, a North Las Vegas police officer, "but we did have kids from outside the community. Many of our D.A.R.E. kids from other schools came, because we told them about the carnival."

Surprisingly, many of the kids didn't know about Bagley, but organizers hoped parents would bridge that gap.

"A lot of the kids are not H.P. Fitzgerald children," explained Wanda Williams, school facilitator, "but hopefully the parents will explain the importance of this to them."

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N.L.V. Police Officer

Nonetheless, School officials seemed pleasantly surprised by the turn of events.

"I am very pleased with the turnout," said Shirley Barber, school principal, about midway through the festivities. "I think it was so far safe, and the parents were pleased. I think it should continue."

North Las Vegas police officers, though pleased with the response, cannot confirm that it will, at least not yet.

"We can't say for sure that this will be an annual event," said Washington. "We're looking at making this an annual

event."

Kids at the carnival, though, seemed just to be enjoying the moment. Lake Mead Hospital, Kearn Gas Company, Mercy Ambulance, and North Las Vegas' D.A.R.E. unit and Fire Department handed out candy. A CAT bus was turned into a haunted house, and hot dogs, chips and soda were served inside.

The event gathered widespread community support. Organizers say next year if there is a next year, they would like to see even more groups out giving candy to the kiddies.

"Hopefully, we'll get more support than we had this year," said Rionda, "and we had great support this year."

Wanda agreed saying: "Hopefully next year more vendors will come out, and it will be bigger and better."

Bigger and better were the furthest thing from Georgia Allen's mind by

Night's end. Visibly tired, Allen said she poured out more drinks than she could

begin to count, and she'd gladly do it again next year to keep kids safe.



## Halloween again marred by tragedy

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NORTH LAS VEGAS — Halloween was marred by tragedy for the second consecutive year as 12-year-old Rupert

Wright was fatally shot in the chest in what has been ruled, thus far, as an accidental shooting.

The incident occurred around 5:15

p.m. Halloween night in the 3600 block of East Bartlett in North Las Vegas.

Ironically, it was exactly one year ago to the day that 7-year-old Tony

Bagley was murdered when a gunman opened fire on him and other members of his family as they were trick-or-treating in North Las Vegas.

Reports say that Wright, a student at Faye Herron Elementary School, and his two younger brothers were walking to the home of a family friend, twenty-year-old Anthony Mason, shortly before the incident occurred.

As the youths gathered in front of Mason's house, it was reported that Mason was showing the others a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun when he apparently lost hold of it. It was then that a single shot was fired as Mason attempted to grab hold of the weapon before it hit the ground.

According to authorities, Mason stayed with the victim until police arrived, and could be overheard saying "it was an accident... I didn't mean for it to happen."

Mason was then taken into custody and questioned, however, no charges have been filed, thus far.

The victim's mother was later taken to the hospital by paramedics after fainting near her son's body.

Responding to Mason's pleas for forgiveness, the victim's grandmother, Marian Frazier, said, "I'm sorry won't bring my grandson back. Why did you have a gun? I'm sorry just isn't good enough."

The family does plan on pressing charges over the incident.

The gun apparently belonged to Mason's mother.

## Tyson, Mathis Bout Postponed

LAS VEGAS — Just four days before "Iron" Mike Tyson's second comeback fight, the former heavyweight champion was forced to pull out citing a fractured thumb.

Tyson was scheduled to fight a 10-round non-title fight against Buster Mathis, Jr. Saturday night at the MGM Grand.

Tyson, 29, said he believes he injured his right thumb more than a month ago while training in Ohio. The thumb later had to be drained. Physicians say Tyson re-injured the thumb earlier this week while training.

"We feel it will probably be another four to six weeks before we could allow him to fight," said physician Gary Marrone.

After initially calling the injury a 'fake,' Mathis later said: "he's not bluffing. This is real and I hope everything will be alright with him." He went on to say, "I very upset. This was a great opportunity for me. This is what I trained for, both mentally and physically."

For weeks, rumors circulated the former-champ might pull out. During public workouts earlier this week, Tyson appeared in discomfort and wrapped it

in a towel after sparring.

"It's a pretty serious setback as far as my continuation on constant fighting," said Tyson. "It's not going to kill me. I'm not hurting for any money or anything. I was really anticipating this fight to go, knowing there was another fight going on down the street. It was going to be a Grand night."

The bout, a Don King Production, planned to be televised live on Fox, was called off, leaving no competition for the highly anticipated Evander Holyfield vs. Riddick Bowe III bout at Caesar's Palace on Pay-Per-View TV.

Had the two heavyweight bouts gone head-to-head, it would have been a first for the sport anywhere in the world.

Tyson, 42-1 with 36 knockouts, was to have been paid \$10 million for the fight. Mathis, 20-0 with two no contests and six wins by knockout, was to receive \$800,000. Tyson's management says Mathis will remain his next opponent.

The MGM Grand did not immediately set a make-up date for the card; reports say it was their decision to postpone the card as opposed to keeping the undercard intact and having a show without the Tyson vs. Mathis bout.



A wounded Mike Tyson at Press Conference. Photo by Jonathan Olsen-Front Row Photos