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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## Barber unseats incumbent McMillan

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SHIRLEY BARBER

### Special to the Sentinel Voice

Not long after Principal Shirley Barber stepped foot on her school campus Wednesday, one of her young Fitzgerald Elementary students - after watching her take plenty of hugs, kisses and congratulations - asked her a question wondering what the fuss was all about.

"Were you elected president of the student council?" the youngster asked Barber who was still gleaming from her Tuesday night School Board election victory over incumbent James McMillan.

No baby, Barber is going to a much bigger council.

And she said she's ready to do her part as a new trustee of the Clark County School District to provide better facilities, motivated teachers and involved, caring parents. "We've got to do everything possible to make sure our students are ready for the 21st century," Barber said.

Barber's victory was one of many for local African-American candidates running during the general election which of course, also featured a landslide victory by President Bill Clinton over Republican Party nominee Bob Dole.

The ballot was the longest in Nevada's history as there were some 24 different ballot questions across Clark County. There were long lines at the polling places prompting much criticism of the county's Election Department. Some were so discouraged by the wait that they did not even bother to vote.

Some 70,000 people did choose to vote early at local malls and at special polling places including Nucleus Plaza. "We saw tremendous improvement in so many areas from the primary to the general election," said County Manager Pat Shalmy, "and voters will undoubtedly see more improvements next time. We would like to thank voters for their patience and positive attitude throughout the process."

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## Kwanzaa's founder to visit WLTV

By Javoulaee McGee  
Special to the Sentinel-Voice

The founder of the African-American holiday Kwanzaa, Dr. Maulana Karenga, will deliver a special lecture this Sunday at the West Las Vegas Library. The 2 p.m. lecture entitled "Kwanzaa, Kawaida and the Seven Principles: Embracing the Good Pursuing the Possible," is being co-hosted by KCEP-FM 88.1.

Karenga is professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State University Long Beach. He is also chair of the President's Task force on Multicultural Education and Campus diversity at California State University, Long Beach. Karenga holds two Ph.D.'s; his first in political science with focus on the theory and practice of nationalism (United States International University) and his second in social ethics with a focus on the classical African ethics of ancient Egypt (University of Southern California).



KARENGA

He also is the director of Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies, Los Angeles, and national chairman of the Organization Us, a cultural and social change organization. The organization Us which means us black people, is so named to stress the humanitarian focus of the organization and its philosophy; Kawaida; which is an ongoing synthesis of the best of. Karenga and Us have had a profound and far-reaching effect on Black Intellectual and political culture.

Us emerged in the 60's as a vanguard organization. Us has played a vanguard role in shaping the Black Arts Movement, Black Studies, black Student Union Movement, Afrocentricity, rites of passage programs, the independent school movement, and African life-cycle ceremonies, the Simba Wachanga youth movement, and Black theological and ethical discourse.

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Karenga is author of numerous scholarly articles and nine books. His latest worked are Introduction to Black Studies, 2nd Edition, the most widely used intro text in black studies; his retranslation and commentary on ancient Egyptian texts which is titled, Selection from the Husia The African Holiday of Kwanzaa, and the Book of Coming Forth By Day.

Karenga is widely known as the creator of Kwanzaa, an African American and Pan-African holiday celebrated also in Africa, the Caribbean, South America—especially Brazil, and African communities in Britain and other European countries. His philosophy of Kawaida is an ongoing synthesis of the best of African thought and practice in constant exchange with the world.

"FINALLY" at the MGM

## Iron Mike vs. Real Deal Holyfield

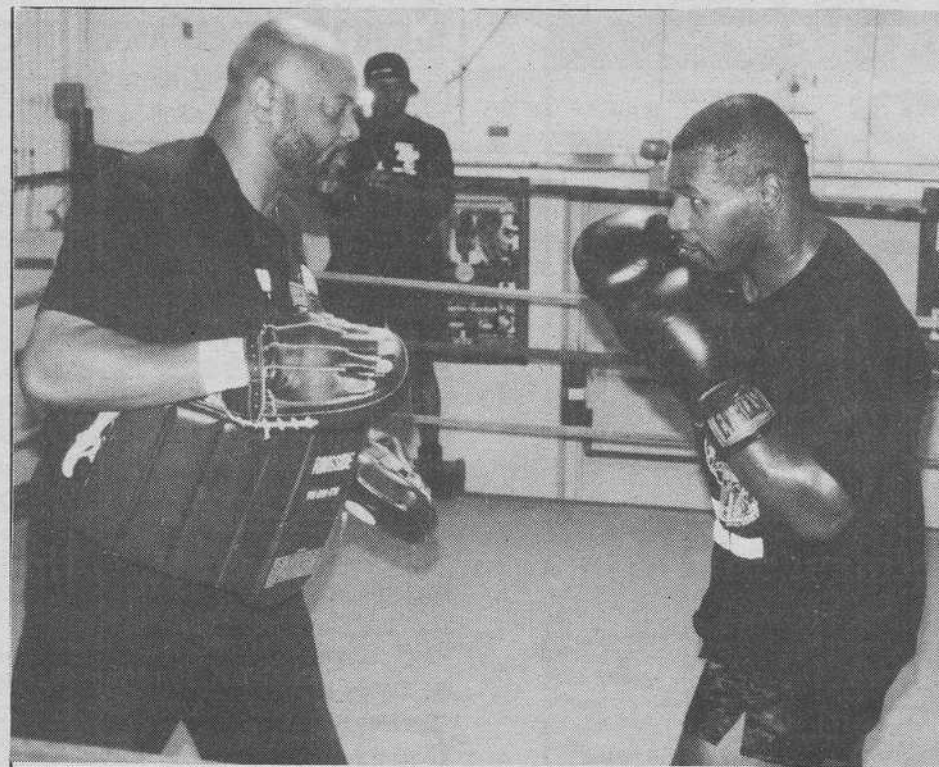
By Diamond Ross  
Special to the Sentinel-Voice

Will Evander Holyfield show Mike Tyson he's the "Real Deal" or will "Iron Mike" show that he's more real than "Real Deal" Holyfield. It's time for the two most decorated heavyweights boxers in the last ten years to put their dukes up for the WBA heavyweight title in TYSON VS. HOLYFIELD: FINALLY, this Saturday live on pay per view at 9 PM ET/6 PM PT from the MGM Grand Hotel/ Casino in Las Vegas.

Many Las Vegans are split on who's going to win the Saturday's fight. Antonio Rosetti, a local auto mechanic is in Holyfield's corner. "I'll take Holyfield in a decision because he has heart," said Rosetti while having lunch at a downtown pizzeria Wednesday. But Lisa Reyes, who works at Mamma Ilardo's Pizzeria on Fremont Street had no opinion. "I don't even watch boxing."

But city worker Ramon Del Rio does. "Tyson, no doubt" said Del Rio. So does city planner Ron Hansen. "Tyson (will win). The other guy doesn't have a chance, I don't see anybody beating him for a while," said Hansen. Five years ago boxing fans debated who would was the better fighter.

Tyson and Holyfield were originally scheduled to meet on November 8, 1991, five years and one day to the date of this fight, but the bout was canceled when Tyson suffered a



WBA heavyweight champion Mike Tyson readies this week for his mega fight with former champ Evander Holyfield at the MGM Grand Arena. Photo by Jonathan Olsen/Front Row Photos

training injury.

Heavyweight Champion Tyson (45-1,39 KO), fighting out of Catskill, New York, added the WBA title to the WBC crown he already possessed, when he stopped Bruce Seldon in the first round Sept. 7. Since returning to the ring last year, the 5'11" 220 pound Tyson has captured two titles in only 18 minutes of action.

Due to a court order, Tyson has had to relinquish the WBC crown. He is seeking to become the first man to unify the heavyweight titles, in the ring, on two separate occasions. He last accomplished the feat by defeating Trevor Berbeck, James Smith and Tony Tucker between Nov. 22, 1986 and Aug. 1, 1987.

A pro for five years, Tyson entered 1990 with a record of 37-0 with 33 KO's, rolling over most of his opponents with relative ease. On February 11, 1990, James "Buster" Douglas was supposed to fall just like the rest. Listed as high as a 42-1 favorite, Tyson began believing what everyone was saying about this match-up. Who could blame Mike for this, as it was the same thing he had heard many times before. However, on that Sunday afternoon in Tokyo, Japan, Tyson lost his titles in what is seen as arguably the biggest upset in the history of professional sports.

After a short, turbulent marriage and managerial mistrust, he looked to his longtime (See Tyson, Page 12)