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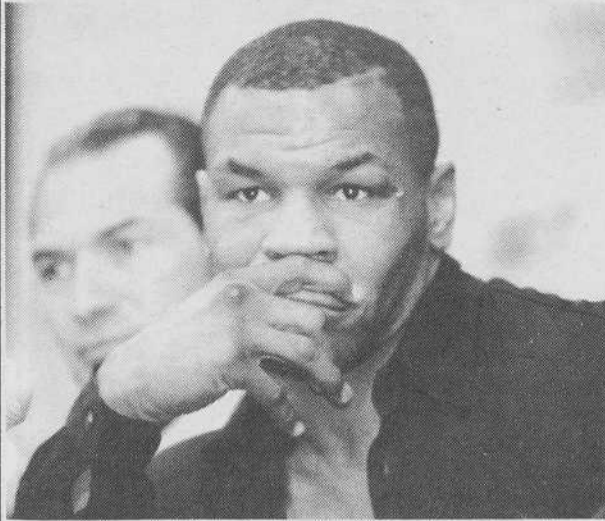


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THE FIGHT IS POSTPONED — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has postponed his scheduled May 3 rematch against Evander Holyfield to June 28 after Tyson suffered a cut above his eye while training.

EX-DRILL TEAM COACH GETS 30-YEAR TERM

Larry Thomas, the 30-year-old former director of the Queenettes, a North Las Vegas drill team he founded, was sentenced to 30 years in prison Tuesday after he was found guilty in February of having sex with two 14-year-old girls and one 12-year-old girl, all of whom were members of the team.

BOULE MOVES CONVENTION IN PROTEST OF CALIFORNIA'S BAN

The nation's oldest African American Greek Letter Fraternity has announced the relocation of its bicentennial meeting from San Diego to Seattle in protest of California's Proposition 209 abolishing state affirmative action initiatives. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (sometimes called the Boule), had originally scheduled a five-day 2,000-person event for San Diego's Grand Hyatt Hotel in July 1998. That event has been canceled and rescheduled for the Westin Hotel in Seattle, July 11-15, 1998. Anthony W. Hall, Jr., head (Grand Sire Archon) of the organization, said, "Racial discrimination is indeed, still a part of American life, and the notion that a level playing field exists without consideration of this fact is a farce. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity has a moral obligation to help lead the fight for justice and equality for all Americans, and we call upon those who believe in fairness to join the fight against those who would turn back the hands of time." The Fraternity's Pacific Coast Region has also canceled its plans to hold a regional meeting in Pasadena later this year. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity was founded in Philadelphia in 1904. It now has 3,800 member in 103 chapters in the U.S. and the Bahamas.

PASTORS AND SUPPORTING GROUPS FROM BURNED CHURCHES ANNOUNCED NATIONAL MARCH OF SOLIDARITY

Pastors from burned churches along with other religious, civil and human rights organizations, recently held a news conference to officially announce A Call to Action. This initiative includes the unveiling of a monument to commemorate burned black and multi racial churches on April 11, 1997 and a national march of solidarity to "Challenge Hate in America" on April 12, 1997. The pastors are calling people from all across the nation to come to South Carolina, the state where more than 30 of the churches have burned, many of which have been determined to be racially motivated. According to Rev. Terrance G. Mackey, Sr., pastor of Mount Zion AME Church in Greeleyville, SC, "Now is the time for all of us to use the burning of black churches as a way to dramatize the national epidemic of hate in this country. We appeal to all persons, all races, all religious faiths and all ethnicities to lock arms, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand to send the message to those who hate that it does not matter what they do, eventually love will conquer all."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARTIN AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

A memorial service will be held for Louis E. Martin, a founder of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), on Saturday, April 19 in Rankin Chapel on the campus of Howard University. Martin died at the age of 84 on Jan. 27 in Orange, Calif. after a long illness. A journalist by profession, Martin was the first publisher of the Michigan Chronicle and served as editor-in-chief of the Chicago Defender. He was the only African American in history to serve as a senior advisor to three presidents—John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter. From 1981 to 1987, Martin served as assistant vice president for Communications at Howard University. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, of which Martin was a founder and its first board chairman, has joined with Howard in planning the memorial service.

Career Day benefits jobseekers and employers

By Damon Hodge
Sentinel-Voice

Sixteen-year-old Jamie Davison came to get that first job. Kassie Boatner came because she wants to reenter the workforce.

Abram Hayes has a job. He just wants a better one.

Davison, Boatner and Hayes were among hundreds of job hunters who attended the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community's 2nd Annual Career Day/Job Fair last Saturday at Magic Johnson's Westland Plaza.

More than 60 employers, spanning a range of services, participated in the event sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada Partners and Nevada Business Services.

"This event is geared toward empowering and employing the people in the Enterprise Community," said Maurice Reed, a management analyst for Clark County's Community Resource Management Division and the event's organizer.

Enterprise communities are federally-designated areas who are given funds earmarked for community redevelopment.



MGM Hotel recruiters were among those seeking applicants.

Photo by Savoy LVS/Voice

Like other teen-agers, Davison attended the job fair in hopes of landing that first job. He said he needs money for clothes and a car.

Nevada Business Services (NBS), an employer and event co-sponsor, could help.

NBS provides summer employment to youth around the Las Vegas Valley, said intake specialist Cedric Cole. Boatner, a licensed

practical nurse on medical leave from her job, is seeking re-entry into the workforce. She graduated from Jonesboro Hodge School of Medicine, an accredited medical school in Jonesboro, La. and is looking for nursing work.

Hayes works for the county's election department, servicing voting machines. Since elections are seasonal, Hayes works only during

elections. He wants the stability of full-time employment.

Employers said they reap as many benefits as the job hunters.

All business opportunities are centralized in one location, that helps the community, said Kevin Pierce, senior recruiting specialist for Bank of America. Job fairs also give business an expanded talent pool from which to choose, he said.

Boy's beating sparks outrage

By Nathaniel Wilkes
Special to Sentinel-Voice

The release of three white suspects in the racially motivated March 21 attack on 13-year-old Lenard Clark, has prompted a call, by community and family members, for peace and a federal investigation.

"Learning that these suspects, who allegedly bragged about taking 'care of the niggers in the neighborhood' were released from police custody on such low bonds cheapens the price of hate crime," said Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jackson, joined by a number of family members and ministers, gathered at the Cook County Children's Hospital recently, to hold a bedside prayer vigil for Clark and to protest the release of Frank Caruso, 18, Victor Jasas, 17 and Michael Kwidzinski, 19.

Both Caruso and Jasas were released on \$100,000 bonds and Kwidzinski on a \$150,000 bond set by Chicago Circuit Court Judge Walter Williams. The three suspects, all residents of Bridgeport were charged with attempted murder, two counts of aggravated assault and one count each of hate crime.

"It is almost as if he is a modern day Emmet Till," Jackson said of Clark. Emmet Till was a 15-year-old black

Chicago youth who was lynched by a mob in Mississippi in 1955.

"The state attorney's bond and the quick release (of the suspects) is not a deterrent to this crime," Jackson said. "In some sense, it cheapens the life. The law must serve as a deterrent...The bond does not

correspond with the crime."

While Jackson, joined by Lenard's mother, Wanda McMurray, voiced opposition to such low bonds being set for the suspects, according to many in the legal community, such bonds are "normal."

"This is a dangerous subject for African-Americans," said

attorney Jack Childs, who contends that extreme bonds that run into the millions are not the norm.

"We must always focus on what is the purpose of a bond. It is to ensure that the person comes to court. The issue is not the bond, but making sure that

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