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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## Bone marrow drive aims to make difference

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Donating 10ml (2 teaspoons) of blood, 20 local residents made a difference at the recent Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Registry drive held last Thursday at the Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League located at 1058 W. Owens in the Nucleus Plaza. One vial of blood was all that was needed to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from diseases such as leukemia, sickle cell, or aplastic anemia.

Members of the National Bone Marrow Program and Newton Black Foundation were on hand to coordinate

the event. Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Registry Drives are being conducted at affiliate Urban League sites across the country in an effort to sign up more minority donors to possibly help save lives and avoid people ending up with a verdict of death because there are no matching donors available to give them the gift of life.

It is estimated that more than 30,000 individuals from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds are diagnosed each year with some life-threatening blood disease.

Many of these individuals are capable of being cured

with a bone marrow or stem cell transplant, subject to finding a suitable donor. Statistically, around 30 percent of those cases are able to locate a matching donor within their own family, but the other 70 percent has to rely on finding an unrelated donor.

At present there are over 5 million potential donors on the national registry list of the National Marrow Donor Program with African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and Native Alaskan and American Indians accounting for only 25 percent of those registered. (See *Bone Marrow*, Page 2)



*Eric Maldonado draws blood from Kelly Marshall during last Thursday's bone marrow and stem cell registry drive at the office of the Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League.*

*Sentinel-Voice photo by Lés Pierres Streater*

## Mosley wins in first comeback bout

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Shane Mosley was smaller and faster, just like he wanted to be. Something else was also different Saturday night for Mosley — he was a winner for the first time in his last three fights.

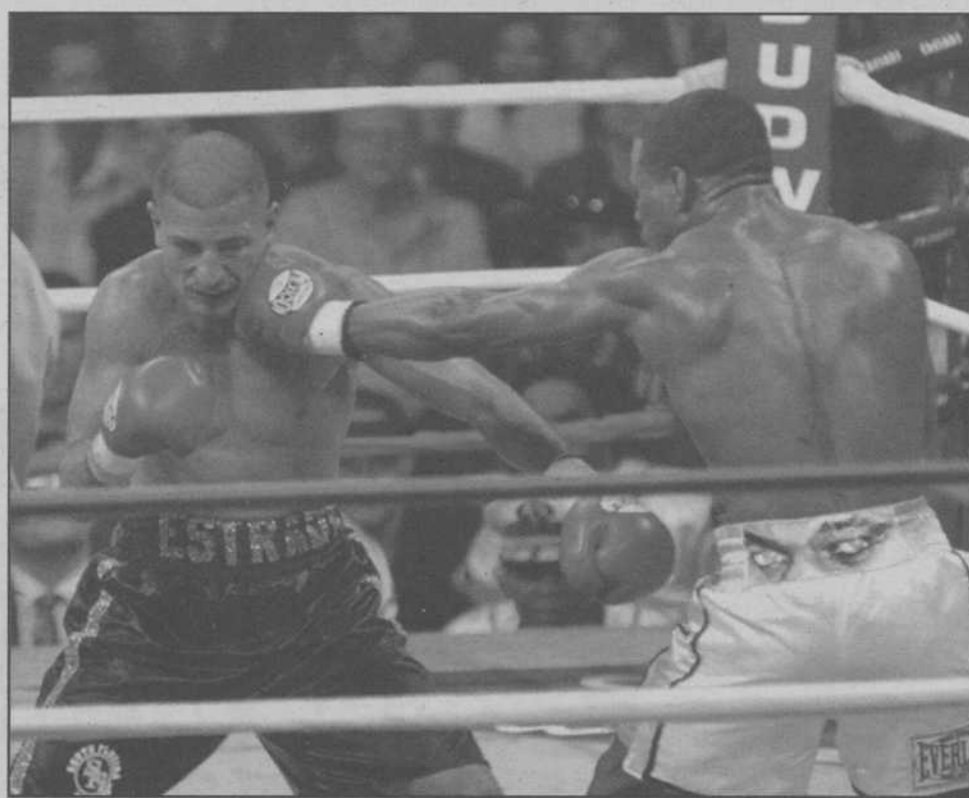
Returning to the ring as a welterweight after losing two straight 154-pound fights to Winky Wright, Mosley was impressive in spurts on his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over David Estrada.

"I wanted to feel myself out and move around a bit, see what was right," Mosley said. "I haven't fought eight ounce gloves in a while and I didn't know what to expect."

Mosley won easily on all three ringside scorecards, with one judge giving him nine of the 10 rounds. He hurt Estrada with left hooks to the body midway through the fight but was never able to put Estrada down.

"I thought I hurt him to the body but he did a great job of covering the body well," Mosley said. "He's a tough fighter and he had a strong will."

Mosley wasn't the only welterweight giving an impressive performance on the outdoor card at Caesars Palace. Antonio Margarito set up



*"Sugar" Shane Mosley hopes his successful return to the 147-pound weight class—he beat David Estrada unanimously—portends a return to stature as one of the world's best.*

a possible summertime fight with Mosley with a dominating win over Kermit Cintron.

Margarito knocked Cintron down four times before Cintron's corner finally called an end to the fight at 2:12 of the fifth round to retain the WBO version of the 147-pound title.

Cintron was cut in the third round and knocked down twice in both the fourth and fifth rounds as Margarito

turned what had been a highly anticipated matchup into one-sided rout.

It was the first loss in 25 fights for Cintron, who came into the fight with 22 knockouts and a reputation as a big puncher and early finisher. But it was the more experienced Margarito (31-4, 22 knockouts) who dominated the fight from the third round on and landed almost at will with big right hands.

"I always said a puncher could be knocked out at any time," Margarito said. "He had not faced anyone even close to the level I fought. I knew that would be the difference in the fight."

Margarito cut Cintron over the right eye with a punch in the third round, and blood flowed into his eye. The blood seemed to affect Cintron, who was hurt by a (See *Mosley*, Page 14)

## Little Leaguers await first pitch

By *Tasha Pope*  
*Sentinel-Voice*

The true essence of the great game of baseball might seem to get lost in the cloud surrounding the current problems in some professional leagues, but we still have the opportunity to enjoy baseball at its best when our children are playing with no strings attached, purely for the sport, in Community Little League.

The little league baseball season is right around the corner, and players in West Las Vegas are geared up and ready to get started.

"We never turn any kids away. We not only teach children how to play baseball, we also teach them the importance of camaraderie. They meet friends they will keep for the rest of their lives," said Fred Haron, vice president of Community Little League.

The sports organization has been working to bring baseball to our youth for over 13 years.

During that time, they have had about 5,000 kids participating, according to Ricky Towers Sr., Community Little League founder, who has also been president since its beginning.

"It wouldn't be right if I didn't mention Norma Gray and Ike Williams. Norma is our secretary and treasurer, and Ike is the commissioner of the league. A lot of people think we get paid, but every position is on a volunteer basis," Haron continued.

Having the time and opportunity to help make a difference through volunteering in the community is considered a true blessing by many.

And the volunteering doesn't end with those in office; the parents also help a great deal in making the community league a success. "A lot of the parents involved are coaches," Haron added.

Although this season marks one of the lowest turnouts in the league's history, everyone involved is still excited about the upcoming season.

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