

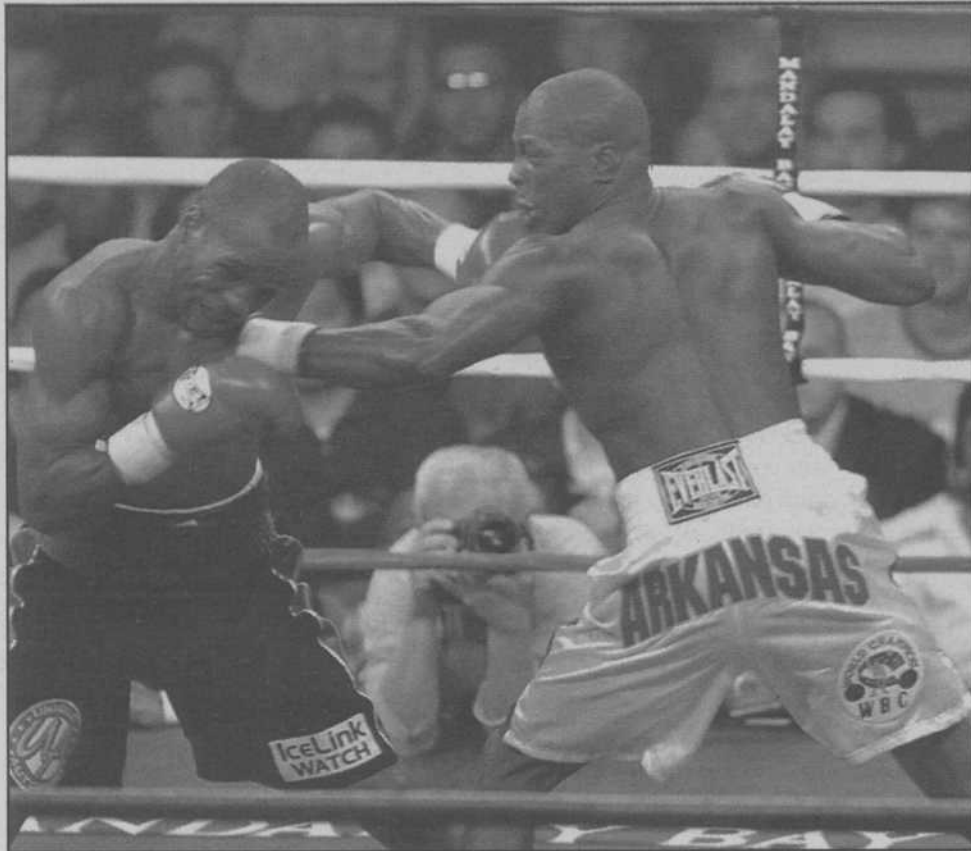
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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



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Middleweight champ Jermain Taylor lands a left hand on Bernard Hopkins' chin Saturday during their world middleweight championship fight at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

Taylor tops Hopkins in lifeless rematch

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Bernard Hopkins didn't act his age, but he didn't win the fight either. Jermain Taylor established himself as the future of the middleweight division, and now Hopkins can only look back and hope his legacy as a champion is secure.

His second narrow loss Saturday night to Taylor did nothing to damage Hopkins' reputation as an ageless fighter, though it may have finally ended a remarkable career just a month before he turns 41.

If it did, Hopkins has no regrets.

"My career has been tremendous," Hopkins said. "I really have nothing to be mad about because I changed my life around. I went from being a convict in prison to being wealthy and having a great boxing career."

Hopkins looked nothing like an aging fighter against Taylor, but he left the ring disappointed, once again, after a narrow decision went Taylor's way just as it had in

the first fight in July between the two.

After a record 20 straight title defenses spanning 11 years, Hopkins has now lost two in a row. Even he seems to realize that his fighting days may be over.

"Right now, I just want everybody to know that I am OK," Hopkins said. "We're going to sit down at the top of the year and we'll take it from there."

Hopkins seemingly has few options left in the sport, other than to act as a co-promoter with Oscar De La Hoya for other fighters. He talks about moving up to light heavyweight to fight Antonio Tarver, but that appears more wishful thinking than anything else, and there would seem little incentive for a third fight with Taylor.

Hopkins thought he did enough to pull out the win in a fight that mirrored the first bout, which was won by split decision by Taylor. But, once again, the judges saw it otherwise.

Taylor won by unanimous

decision this time around, but all three judges had it very close, 115-113. Like he did in the first fight, Hopkins doomed his chances to win (See Fight, Page 15)

Film chronicles the LV Westside's story

By John T. Stephens III
Special to Sentinel-Voice

Longtime and popular local director Stan Armstrong screens his latest film project at the West Las Vegas Library Theater, 951 West Lake Mead Blvd., Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The program is free to the public.

Armstrong pays homage to a lesser known barrio of Las Vegas, one bursting with dynamic culture and rich history, historically and affectionately called the Westside. "Invisible Las Vegas," produced and directed by Armstrong with co-producers BJ Thomas and Jackie

Powell, explores the migration of thousands of Blacks from the Deep South who came to Las Vegas in search of a better life and an opportunity to cast off the throes of racism and discrimination that haunted them in their home towns.

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50 Cent, Mariah Carey win big at Billboard event

Kanye West receives Artist Achievement Award

LAS VEGAS - Rapper 50 Cent was the toast of Las Vegas Tuesday night as he nabbed six trophies at the 2005 Billboard Music Awards. 50, who was the top finalist with mentions in eight categories, was honored as artist of the year and took the album of the year prize for "The Massacre."

Mariah Carey, who was a finalist in seven categories, won five awards, while "American Idol" Carrie Underwood and Shakira each took home three. The show was broadcast live on Fox from Vegas' MGM Grand Garden Arena and hosted by entertainer LL Cool J.

50 Cent's awards were rounded out by R&B/Hip-Hop, Rap and Hot 100 artist of the year titles and the ringtone of the year award for "Candy Shop" featuring Olivia. In Paris and unable to attend, 50 Cent was informed of his feats via a cell phone call from LL Cool J.

Carey capped her 2005 comeback by being named the female Billboard 200 album artist and female R&B/Hip-Hop artist of the year. Her long-running No. 1 single "We Belong Together" earned her the Hot 100 song, Hot 100 airplay of the year and rhythmic top 40 title of the year

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VIVA RUN VEGAS

The Las Vegas Marathon drew 12,000 competitors to the city for the race's first foray on the Las Vegas Strip. A handful of world-class competitors, including many from Africa, competed in the 26.2 mile race that wound throughout the valley. Stephen Kiogora of Kenya, came in first at 2:11:58 and claimed the \$100,000 top place prize.