

# Buzz hot for Oscar vs. Floyd clash

LAS VEGAS (AP) — There's a buzz in this gambling town, where the events of next weekend are making some remember boxing's better times. The city is sold out, the beautiful people are on their way, and Oscar De La Hoya and Floyd Mayweather Jr. are acting as if it's 1985 all over again.

The conventional wisdom is that the sport is dead, killed by greed and mismanagement and scorned by a younger generation that would rather watch fighters try to choke and kick each other. But you would never know it by Super Bowl-like ticket resale prices that start at \$1,000 for nosebleed seats and go to \$20,000 for ringside Saturday at the MGM Grand Hotel Casino.

The fight is a perfect storm for boxing, at a time it desperately needs it. If you believe the hype — and there's no lacking of hype when it comes to this fight — it could be the richest ever when all the various sources of income are finally added up.

The bout is so big it not only has its own beer can, but its own reality show. Tecate is peddling the beer, and HBO is peddling the fight with a half-hour reality series starring the wacky Mayweathers in their role as the oh-so-dysfunctional first family of boxing.

De La Hoya, meanwhile,

will concentrate on doing what he does best — look good. That's his role in this fight, while Mayweather has undertaken the chore of being the villain to boxing's only remaining superstar.

Mayweather has done his job well, so well that this figures to be the biggest of all the big fights De La Hoya has been in. That includes a lot of fights, since De La Hoya has basically been the only fighter other than Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield who has consistently been able to sell the pay-per-view buys that are the linchpin of every boxing promotion.

De La Hoya has generated an astonishing \$492 million in pay-per-view revenue alone in his career, and this fight will move him past Tyson and Holyfield to become the biggest grossing boxing attraction.

He's doing it even while fighting sparingly in recent years, and losing two of his last four fights. Despite that, De La Hoya remains the only true box office attraction in a sport that used to have them in bunches.

And that is where the real problem lies.

One huge fight is one thing, but it's an aberration.

Boxing has been losing fans in such numbers that even a megafight like the ones that seemed to happen almost every year during the 1980s isn't likely to bring

them back into the fold again.

I've chronicled boxing's woes before, but here's a brief recap:

There are so many titles that the average fan doesn't know who the champions are; you have to reach into your pocket to watch the best fights on TV, and there is no network television coverage at all. The best athletes go into basketball and football these days, the U.S. national amateur system is a joke, and promoters don't reinvest a dime in anything that won't sell their next promotion.

Tyson and Lennox Lewis are retired, Holyfield should be and the heavyweight di-

vision is ruled by Russians and a Ukrainian. Younger fans who grew up following the theatrics of pro wrestling now cheer mixed martial fighters because they saw them on television in a reality series and can relate to them better.

Even more troubling is this: If De La Hoya loses to Mayweather — and oddsmakers make Floyd Jr. a 2-1 favorite — boxing may have lost its last megastar.

Mayweather may be regarded as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world, but he doesn't come close to selling tickets like De La Hoya.

For one night, though, those problems will be forgotten. The fight has already set a record for the biggest live gate at \$19 million, celebrities are jockeying for ringside seats, and \$50 tickets to watch on closed circuit at other Las Vegas hotels already are being sold for three times that amount.

Promoters are being coy, but it's clear they think they have a chance to come close to the record 2 million pay-per-view sales set in the sec-

ond fight between Tyson and Holyfield. There's little doubt the fight will be the richest non-heavyweight fight and could be the richest fight of any kind.

It won't revitalize boxing overnight. It might, however, get some people paying attention again.

Now all De La Hoya and Mayweather have to do is deliver. Because boxing doesn't just need a big fight. It needs a great fight.

Tim Dahlberg

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Amendment 2007-1

FY 2005-2009 Amended HUD Consolidated Plan and FY 2005-2009 CDBG Capital Improvement Plan

This first Amendment to the FY 2005-2009 Amended HUD Consolidated Plan and FY 2005-2009 Clark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) would extend the period of that plan by one year, to 2010. The FY 2005-2009 CDBG CIP was originally developed assuming level funding for the CDBG program based on the FY 2003 funding levels. However, since 2003, CDBG grant awards to the Clark County CDBG Consortium have decreased by almost \$1 million per year in response to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Based on current funding levels, the capital funding budget will experience a shortfall of approximately \$3.96 million for the initially projected 5-year period. A one-year extension of the CDBG Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2005-2009 to also include FY 2010 should provide sufficient additional CDBG capital monies to make up the almost \$4 million shortfall, allowing Clark County, Boulder City and Mesquite to continue to meet the project commitments identified in the original FY 2005-2009 CDBG Capital Improvement Plan.

If you would like to receive a copy of the draft Amendment, please contact Clark County Community Resources Management Division at 455-5025 or by email at [krc@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:krc@co.clark.nv.us). All comments on the proposed Amendment must be submitted in writing no later than 5 p.m. on May 18, 2007 to:

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#### Minimum Qualifications:

##### Experience:

Three years of responsible technical accounting experience.

##### Training:

A minimum of an Associates of Arts degree required, Bachelors in accounting, business, finance or other related field preferred.

This position pays \$1,506.86 Bi-weekly, Range 47, Step 1

Application and resume must be received by **4:00 PM on Friday, May 11, 2007**, at 5390 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122-5335. Resumes are **not** accepted in lieu of applications. For additional information visit our website [www.haccnv.org](http://www.haccnv.org).

**SCREENING PROCESS:** The selection process will consist of an application screening for minimum qualifications.

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) PEST CONTROL SERVICES IFB# B7117-0033

HACC is requesting bids from qualified and experienced companies and/or individuals to perform pest control services (to include pigeons) within HACC managed and/or owned developments, in addition to single-family homes (scattered sites). Respondents to this solicitation must have documented experience in pest control services, with a preference for companies and/or individuals that have performed similar work for governmental or public housing agencies. Minority- and women-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

Sealed bids marked "Pest Control Services - IFB# B7117-0033" will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Clark (HACC), 5390 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89122, in accordance with the IFB documents.

Sealed responses to this solicitation must be received by HACC on May 31, 2007 at **1:00 PM** local time. The bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids received after the closing date and time will be considered.

A pre-bid conference meeting will be held on **May 9, 2007 at 2:00 PM** in the HACC Board Room. Site visits may be arranged at this conference.

To obtain a copy of this IFB visit the HACC website at [www.haccnv.org](http://www.haccnv.org) to download all IFB documents in Portable Document Format (PDF); or contact the Contracts Administration Department at 922-1623, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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