

Historical Ringmanship

Sugar Ray Robinson: Song Of Victory

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Five-time world middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson made history in his song of victory. Robinson was considered by many boxing experts the best prize fighter in history. He died April 12 in Culver City, Calif., at Brotman Medical Center from a heart attack after long bouts with Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

Robinson was the welterweight champion from 1946 to 1951 and held the middleweight title five times between 1951 and 1960. His speed, power, and ringmanship earned him acclaim as one of the best fighters in boxing history. In a career spanning 25

years, he won 175 of 203 bouts, with 109 knockouts. He lost 18 decisions, mostly in his 40s. Challenging Joey Maxim for the light-heavyweight crown in 1952, Robinson seemed a sure winner on points but was overcome by heat in the 13th round and suffered a technical knockout.

He was born Walker Smith in Detroit on May 3, 1920 and as a boy watched Joe Louis train at a local

gym and resolved to become a boxer. After moving with his family to New York City he joined the amateur ranks, winning all 85 of his bouts and the Golden Glove featherweight and lightweight championships. For one match he borrowed the certificate of another amateur, Ray Robinson, to meet the age qualification and later added "Sugar" to his name after being dubbed "sweet as sugar" by a

sportswriter.

Robinson won the middleweight title from Jake LaMotta on Feb. 14, 1951 on a knockout, when referee Frank Sikora stopped the bout in the 13th round. He lost the title to Randy Turpin in London, England on July 10, 1951. Robinson retired Dec. 18, 1952 and gave up the title.

In November, 1954 he returned to the ring and on Dec. 9, 1955 he won the

title from Bobo Olson. He lost it to Gene Fullmer on Jan. 2, 1957. On May 1, 1957 he beat Gene for the title, lost it to Carmen Basilio on Sept. 23, 1957. Beat Basilio on March 25, 1958 for his 5th title. He made history.

Robinson was rated No. 1 in a 1984 book, "The 100 Greatest Boxers" by Bert Randolph Sugar, then editor of "Ring Magazine." Henry Armstrong, Harry Greb, Jack Dempsey, Benny

Leonard and Joe Louis followed. Muhammad Ali was 10th.

Outside the ring, Robinson appeared in several films and television shows and helped organize the Sugar Ray Youth Foundation. He was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1967.

Robinson was well-known in Harlem with his nightclub Sugar (See SUGAR RAY, P. 2)

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INSIDE AFRICA

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IS APARTHEID ABOUT TO SURRENDER?

What a pleasant surprise this past weekend to learn that the Dutch Reformed Church (NGK) of South Africa, the cradle of apartheid, has, for the first time, condemned apartheid as "a sin" and as "a mistake that must not be allowed to go on."

This condemnation, which mankind has long awaited, is being received around the globe with both jubilation and hope for the early end of apartheid and racial discrimination in that strife-torn country. It promises the liberation of 26 million subjugated and oppressed African inhabitants of the country who have been held in bondage for 337 years, beginning in 1652, by an extremely racist system.

Since every other South African church denomination has already shown its opposition to apartheid, the NGK's belated condemnation of apartheid should lead to the early demise of the evil racist scourge that has caused, and continues to cause, the native African population "much suffering." Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has already condemned apartheid as "an evil that cannot be reformed, but which must be abolished."

The end of apartheid would usher in its wake the advent of democracy and healthy race relations in South Africa. Above all, it would lead to equal justice and freedom for South Africans of every race. There would be liberation for 26 million Africans who are held hostage by the evil of racial segregation. Moreover, the domination of one race by another would cease to be the norm for South African society.

On first receiving the long-awaited declaration of the NGK, Randall (See INSIDE AFRICA, P. 2)

Burglary Tools

Police Nab Robbers

Captured Leaving Building

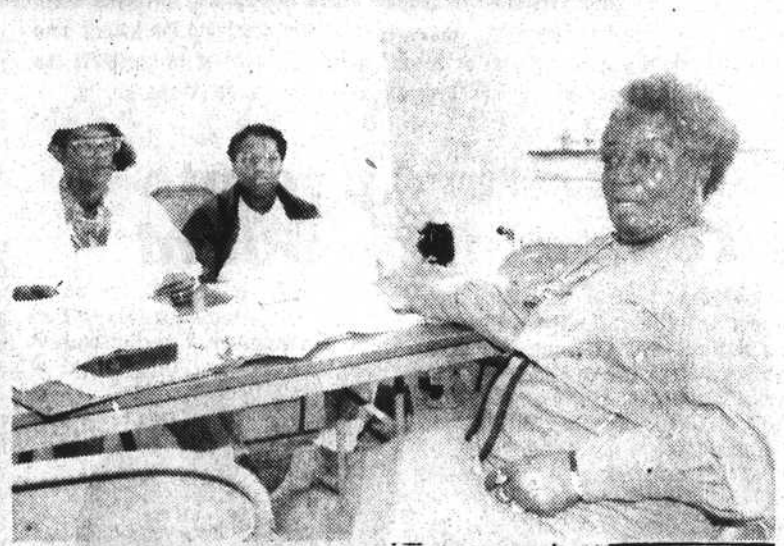
A night clerk at an adult bookstore who had been missing after an apparent robbery was located in New Jersey and according to police said his kidnapers were two black males. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating the kidnapping along with the Raleigh police.

In a separate incident, police charged three Raleigh men with breaking into Hunter Elementary School and two restaurants. Police said they caught the men trying to leave the East Davie Street school through a rear window at around 3 a.m.

Last week Raleigh police issued an all-points bulletin for Richard Peter Madia, 35, of 119 E. McIver St., Zebulon, who disappeared from Pegasus News and Video 6804 Davis Circle, after an apparent robbery.

Madia was missing from the 24-hour adult bookstore when manager Steve Jones arrived and said he found the front door of the building open, a spare tire from Madia's car in the driveway, the cash drawer on the floor, chairs overturned and blood on the counter. Madia's car was missing and the police suspected foul play.

Reports say Madia wandered up to a service station in Secaucus, N.J. and later his wife called the police to (See ROBBERY, P. 2)



FINER POINTS—Ms. Mamie Pope, left, supervisor of the Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program goes over some of the finer points of material with Ms. Jackie Kearney, left, and Ms. Brenda Hicks. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Price's Consumer Bill Helps Protect Taxpayer

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Fourth District Congressman David Price has strengthened the consumer's hand in the Bush administration savings and loan rescue plan.

Price has offered three amendments to the bill, designed to protect the taxpayer and ensure a tougher regulatory structure. The amendments would strengthen the political independence of the FDIC's board; limit the amount of taxpayer money obligated; and require fuller disclosure of agreements to resolve failed thrifts. A banking subcommittee passed the first two amendments last week, and is expected to approve the third this week.

"The subcommittee agreed that we need to be vigilant in protecting consumers' rights," Price said. "These amendments ensure that the consumer doesn't carry an unfair burden in restoring solvency to the savings and loan insurance fund."

The amendments also underscore the intent of the administration to restore the solvency of the insurance fund while enacting tough regulations to prevent future crises, Price said. "I feel confident that these amendments will become part of the final legislation."

Price's amendments would:
• Block the president from removing the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. before his four-year term expires. This would insulate the FDIC from intervention by the White House.

"This puts the checks and balances system in place," Price said. "We're giving FDIC Chairman William Seidman the independence he needs to make tough decisions." The General Accounting Office has endorsed this concept as well.

• Limit the obligation of the insurance funds to the amount of money actually on hand, and prevent (See CONSUMER, P. 2)

Blacks Pay Third Highest Cost For Child Care Services In U.S.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—African-Americans rank third in the cost of child care services, according to the Philip Morris Companies, Inc.'s "Family Survey II: Child Care," conducted by Louis Harris and Associates.

Paying an average monthly fee of \$258, African-Americans are topped only by parents with incomes of \$50,000 and over, who pay \$332 a month, and those with postgraduate degrees, who pay \$289.

Other survey statistics show that business executives pay \$244 a month for child care, professionals pay \$226, white-collar workers pay \$215, four-year college graduates and single mothers pay \$211.

Chief among the public's concerns regarding children is child care. Only

A 91 percent majority of the American public agrees that quality child care should provide the social, educational and health benefits needed at each stage of growth...

25 percent of those polled believe that most children receive quality child care while their parents are at work. By large margins across all demographic groups, Americans have deep concerns about a lack of adequate child care and say they want both the public and private sectors to be active in improving the child-care system.

Harris noted that the survey found that what parents pay for child care bears little relation to what they can afford. Those families surveyed in the lowest-income brackets are paying almost as much as the most affluent.

The survey said, in addition, that Americans believe that the quality of life for children in the United States has deteriorated.

Parental dissatisfaction also emerges with four crucial elements involved in child-care selection—cost, availability, quality and reliability. Only 45 percent say they

school systems of Raleigh and Wake County, she knew that her students would long remember her genuine love and concern for their total growth and development, and would emulate a similar concern in their career choices.

For 28 years I have patterned my life after these successful teachers and many other leaders I've encountered through the years. Profiting from their strengths, I have met success; profiting from their weaknesses, I have gained new insights to face the challenges for a changing society. When I, Ann Hunt Smith, a music teacher in Wake County, retire, may I rest assured that I have produced in the lives of my students the knowledge, wisdom, and virtues of a line of good teachers.

Where do I go from here? The euphoric days are over! There is so much to worry about unless the focus is on the unseen. Is there someone in this country prepared to take the torch of excellence? Is there someone prepared to accept the challenge of teaching music in a multi-ethnic culture? Students must be taught the relationship of music to the culture that produced it. With social changes and culture constantly changing, drifting and shifting, the music teacher in Wake County must be creative, inventive, original and willing to break with tradition in meeting the unique learning needs of students. Is there someone committed to learning the skills and con- (See TEACHER, P. 2)

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Taxpayers Say "Build Homes...Not Bombs"

As millions of taxpayers scurried to complete their federal tax returns before tonight's deadline, demonstrators in almost 60 cities nationwide protested against the large chunk of the taxpayers' dollar—\$2 cents—that is allocated annually to military spending at the expense of housing and other domestic programs.

While passing out "Build Homes—Not Bombs" mock postage stamps to taxpayers on their way to mail boxes and chanting "52 Cents," some protesters held demonstrations at post offices and built symbolic houses on the grounds. Others repaired houses in their communities and held memorial services for homeless people who have died. All of the demonstrators seek support for the National Comprehensive Housing

Act, HR 1122, which would boost federal housing funds by cutting military spending.

The national Jobs With Peace Campaign, which organized the rallies, said that the 52 cents of every tax dollar which ends up in defense coffers describes total military spending; the regular budget allocated to the Pentagon, defense-related spending of NASA and the Department of Energy; military share of the interest on the federal deficit, cost of past wars, and foreign military aid.

"We might as well send a check for half our tax payment directly to the Pentagon," said Jill Nelson, executive director of Jobs with Peace.

"The government doubled military spending in the last eight years, but chopped funds for housing by 82 per- (See TAXPAYERS, P. 2)



WOMEN IN BUSINESS—African American women are becoming more and more competitive in the business world as noted during the Southern Women's Show, a seminar on women in business. Emma Goza, far left, Winnie Robinson, center, and Annette Barshill were some of the participants and examples of women running or owning their own businesses. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)



SKILLS AND TALENT—She's very skilled, but the most important thing, talent accompanies Rhonda Bond, one of the characters Ron Campbell has rehearsing at Abracadabra, the area's most recent and distinguished cafe theater on Atlantic Avenue. Ms. Bond resides in Raleigh.