

Mike Tyson, the youngest heavyweight champion in history, is congratulated by trainer Kevin Rooney (L) and promoter Don King after winning the World Boxing Council title.

Mike Tyson Boxing's Youngest Star

Mike Tyson, 20, the youngest World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion in history, is being touted as the red-hot prince of boxing, reports the February EBONY.

Tyson began his reign in professional boxing following a spectacular knockout bout against Trevor Berbick. Not since Floyd Patterson, who won his first title at the age of 21, has there been such excitement over a boxing champion. In fact, ABC-TV has signed him to a profitable five-year contract, and HBO has scheduled him for three television fights.

Tyson keeps a rigorous training schedule that doesn't allow him much time for "Hanging out and going to parties." I used to think I was missing out . . . but I did all that stuff when I was younger, and other 20-year-olds are missing what I have now — the excitement, meeting people, being known all over the world, doing what you like to do and making a great deal of money doing it," says Tyson.

When he's not in the ring or training, Tyson enjoys taking in martial arts movies or taking care of the 60 pigeons he raises. A young man very confident about himself and his career, Tyson says, "I am the youngest champion and I'll be the oldest."



Atlanta Hawks basketball star Spud Webb shows off the dunking skills that have made the 5'7" guard one of the "biggest" players in the NBA.

Spud Webb: The Little 'Big' Man of Pro Basketball

Spud Webb, the 5-foot-7, 135-pound guard for the Atlanta Hawks, is making history as today's smallest star of the National Basketball Association.

Webb gained national attention in 1986 as the champion of the slam dunk contest (against players much taller than him), and as a member of the NBA All-Rookie Team. Webb's four-year contract with the Atlanta Hawks is reportedly valued at over \$1 million. Plus major endorsements bringing him thousands of dollars are coming in for everything from athletic shoes to Coca-Cola.

While 23-year-old Webb's star continues to rise, he doesn't let his celebrity stop him from routinely going to public places such as malls. "If you go there and act naturally and not stuck up, it's not a problem," he says. When asked about his increasing popularity with the opposite sex, the 23-year-old bachelor responds, "Every pro athlete has had to deal with that."

For more on Spud Webb's professional strides and personal life, don't miss the February EBONY.

End of An Era?

Part Two of a Two-Part Series

by Leon Harris

In early 1986 in a cocktail lounge at the Los Angeles Airport, I happened to overhear a conversation between two gentlemen seated in the booth next to me. Being from Iowa and Texas respectively, they were discussing the state of the economy of their states, and what they had to say was extremely interesting.

The gentleman from Iowa stated he was a farmer and had lost over \$650,000 in the past two years due to foreclosure action against his farm. His loss included his life savings, money loaned by family and friends, his home and car. As a tragic note, the economic problems brought on as a result of his plight caused a temporary separation from his family, due to more-than-frequent squabbles. "You know," he remarked to his friend from Texas, "I personally know of at least 16 farmers in the state that suffered the same fate as I did and many more that are in trouble." "As a matter of fact," he continued, "I really can't think of that many people that I know personally that are doing too well these days."

The gentleman from Texas was an unemployed oil-rig worker, and, after two-and-a-half years of unemployment, had accepted a temporary position as an on-call limousine driver. "I know exactly what you mean," he stated. "Most of my friends are in the same industry and, with the oil field bust, were forced to move on. At one time in Houston, some of the people I know had two or three jobs. Now, most of them don't have any. I almost made a crucial error by refusing to accept employment outside of my employment, until one day I realized that even service-type jobs were no longer available, so I took anything to survive."

"Something is happening in this country," the Texan said. "Our President seems to be interested only in defense—the rich are getting richer, the poor, poorer. What this country needs most is new leadership. I'm afraid the same people who voted Reagan in are going to have to vote him out." "Amen," stated the Iowan, as he concurred.

Later, on the airplane enroute to Portland, I took the opportunity to reflect back on what they had said and its impact. Factually, like many Oregonians, they were **flat broke**—struggling to make a comeback—trying to recapture some of yesterday's prosperity.

A lot of Oregon Reagan voters thought that they were voting for a candidate who could hold the Soviets at bay, reduce taxes, make our streets safe, cause the economy to skyrocket and hold the budget in check. Instead, we have a foreign policy so chaotic that Congress has imposed constraints to hold us at bay—taxes have been restructured but not through Reagan's design—crime on the streets is at an all-time high—the economy is on a roller coaster and faced with uncertainties—the budget has caused many of us to scurry for our dictionaries and look up a seldom-used word: **one trillion dollars**. I used to wonder how much a trillion dollars was, until I heard a TV commentator say it was enough to give every man, woman, and child on earth \$25.00 each.

Somehow something seems to have gone wrong with "Reaganomics". As a matter of fact, it's difficult to even trace its origin, since nobody wants to take the credit for introducing its terminology. But considering its devastating effects, who can blame them.

Here in Oregon, the elderly feel betrayed, because, in addition to "shoe-string" survival, they now have to worry about the "high cost of dying". The poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the unemployed, having little chance before "Reaganomics", now find themselves existing in a society equated only with the days of the "Great Depression".

Small businesses, farm owners, banks, and even some large corporations find themselves mired in a sea of economic hysteria with no relief in sight.

Blacks and other minorities, already embattered with a multitude of social and economic woes, have found it necessary to shore up their defenses against an administration hell-bent on negating Civil Rights gains of many years past.

For all of the above, and others who have suffered, we are faced with the reality that "Reaganomics" still has two more years to run its course. But the question remains, how many banks, farms, homes, or businesses can survive another two years? How many people can survive? And even if "Reaganomics" is around another two years, one must remember that the transition from one administration to another takes time. Subsequently, "Reaganomics", though "isting", may be around for some time.

As Oregonians, we have suffered through it for five-and-a-half years. Can we survive another three or more?

Eating For A Healthy Heart

February is National Heart Month. Emanuel Hospital & Health Center is sponsoring two classes to help you help your heart.

"Eating for a Healthy Heart" emphasizes the importance of low cholesterol meals and food preparation. The classes will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Emanuel in Room 1075. Course fee is \$6.

"Cooking for a Healthy Heart" provides the students with a meal cooked to perfection that follows the American Heart Association's guidelines for proper nutrition—balancing high fiber with low cholesterol. This class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Emanuel in Room 1077. Course fee is \$15. Register early for these classes by calling 280-4284.

Career Conference Set

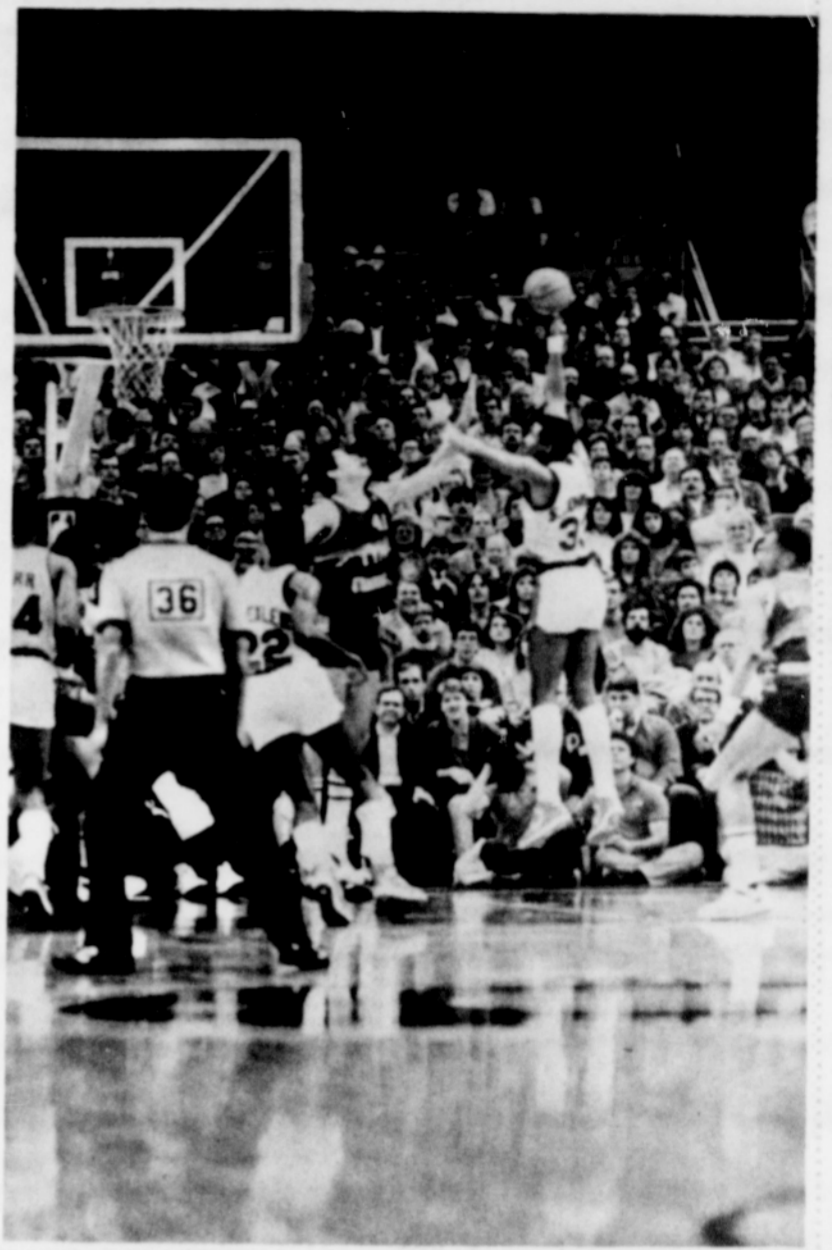
Young women from the Portland metropolitan area will have an opportunity to meet with local women representing various careers at the eighth annual Expanding Your Horizons Career Conference on Saturday, February 7, 1987. The conference will be held at Portland State University from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to young women 7th through 12th grade.

Preregistration deadline is January 31, 1987. For further information, please contact Barbara Berard at 248-6800, ext. 499.

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Portland Trail Blazer Steve Johnson (33) gets his hook over Blair Rasmussen (41) of the Denver Nuggets in the Blazer 145-141 win. Johnson scored 32 points. Photo By Richard J. Brown

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