

## The Boxing Year That Was

[Benn Schulberg reveals](#) that his father, **Budd Schulberg**, considers the first **Corrales-Castill** bout the best fight he has ever seen, due to the dramatic pendulum sway in the final round. I was amazed to read this, given that Budd has been watching fights for 70-plus years.

It should be no surprise, then, that Dan Rafael of ESPN picks Corrales-Castillo I as [his fight of the year](#)

Could there have been any other choice? Rafael lists a number of other slugfests which get honorable mention - including

### **Arce vs. Hussein**

, one that I particularly enjoyed myself. Hopefully we will see more of

### **Jorge Arce**

during 2006. Showtime, HBO ... are you listening?

USA Today offers its [2005 picks of the year](#) and picks as its fight of the year - you guessed it - the May 7 title unification fight between Diego Corrales and Jose Luis Castillo. Amongst other awards, USA Today selects **Jermain Taylor** as its fighter of the year and

### **Floyd Mayweather Jr.**

as number 1 in the pound for pound rankings.

Interesting take by the Australian Daily Telegraph which reports [Zab Judah is dodging Kostya Tszyu](#). According to the

headline at the Daily Telegraph,

### **Judah**

does not want to face

### **Tszyu**

again so he is fighting

### **Floyd Mayweather**

instead. Obviously the editor responsible for writing the headlines at the Daily Telegraph isn't a fight fan. Below the Judah-Tszyu lead in the same column at the Daily Telegraph is the tragic tale of former Tszyu sparring partner

### **Leonard Townsend**

, who has been sentenced to 85 years in prison in Indiana. Townsend was found guilty of murder and attempted murder in October in a gun battle that started during a haircut. During a haircut?

If Joe Mesi is able to get licensed and he is willing, [Vassiliy Jirov says he would fight Mesi](#) again. "

*He has warning enough. He is ignoring this. If he wants to hurt himself, it's strange*

## In Boxing News: Fight Of The Year, Judah, Mayweather, Mesi, Hatton & More

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," said Jirov.

Not really boxing news per se, but on Christmas day we linked to a **Jack Johnson** retrospective on the TheSweetScience.com

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page.

[Part 1](#)

and

[Part 2](#)

on Jack Johnson's visit to Vancouver, Canada are well worth the read.

Finally, **Ricky Hatton** has been given the [all-clear for a quick return to the ring](#) after making a remarkable recovery. Hatton's father and manager,

**Ray Hatton**

, says the unbeaten Mancunian will fight again in the United States in the spring.

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