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Bernard Hopkins looked like the most in-shape 48 year-old man on the planet at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn on Tuesday, as he worked out ahead of his Saturday clash against IBF 175 pound champ Tavoris Cloud at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Typical Hopkins, he offered a filibuster-length take on his upcoming scrap, his legacy, his perceived value to the sponsors who showered mega-cheater Lance Armstrong with

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endorsements galore, and made us overfed keyboard tappers strongly consider updating our gym memberships.

He told us that he comes into the bout injury free, so really, there should be no surprise when he lifts Cloud's belt and breaks his own record as the oldest man to win a world title. He hasn't fought for almost a year, since losing a MD to Chad Dawson, and time off did him justice, he said.

He promised to "avoid Cloud's strengths and expose his weaknesses," and told us that he was more than happy to be designated the underdog to the 31-year-old Floridian with a 24-0 mark.

Hopkins said he is 48, but doesn't feel 48, because so many 48 year olds he knows take about five different medications for various ailments. I wanted him to go on a rant, as I suspect I share his possible disdain for this nation's habits and behavior in this realm, and the excessive influence of Big Pharma, but the boxer said he didn't want to go off on a political tangent. He took a couple shots at disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong, noting that Lance pulled the wool over everyone's eyes, and made off with piles of loot. "I'm different and I'm clean," he stated. "I'm doing this off nuts and bananas." His excellence at this level, he maintained, should probably get him a couple Lance-level endorsements. "I'm doing it clean and nobody's paying attention," he said, necessitating his choice to link himself, and contrast himself with Armstrong.

Hopkins told us that he was again happy to be the underdog coming in, and said he was pleased to be in a gym with just the right amount of grime and odor sprinkled around. It's an underdog gym, and he's lived an underdog life, refusing to be a stat, another man who went to jail, got out, couldn't hack it, and went back in. He said he feels at home in Gleason's, because he can lock eyes with someone else who did time, and they can nod at each other, and know. I've said this before, I think Hopkins post ring career can be THE spokesman for the African-American man who has done time and doesn't want to repeat that experience. Blacks make up over 1 million of the 2.3 million plus who are locked up, and America holds 25% of the incarcerated, though it has only 5% of the world's population. Yes, Hopkins might well be able to pull in a bigger audience, and do more good, post boxing. Will that post-boxing period arrive Saturday night? Will Cloud, under new trainer Abel Sanchez, after sparring in Big Bear with Gennady Golovkin, truly be rejuvenated, and not the same man who was befuddled by Gabriel Campillo?

Let's hear from you, TSS Universe. What happens Saturday night in Brooklyn: does Hopkins

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school Cloud, or does he finally get a taste of what it's like for the rest of us, for whom age is not just a number.

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deepwater says:

I got hopkins.Gleason's is a grimey gym of sweat and tears and hardwork and dedication. It is a great gym. It is a boxers gym. it is home to many champions past and present. So forget all that. The only reason hopkins likes gleasons is he can go around the gym staring at people and know that they are convicts? what the hell is going on in this website. Beside the authors usual habit of mentioning the word "I" more then the boxer or subject he is writing about, the main idea of this article is alot of blacks are in jail and hopkins telepathically talks to other felons at gleasons gym and hopkins deserves lance "the cheat" armstrong endorsements. If you are going to go on a socially politcal rant why not mention that along with the fact that america is a freakin gulog, part of the problem are stiff drug laws that target a certain drugs/communities. ny has rockafeler drug laws. meaning if you listen to 50 cent and try and flip a bag of cooked up cocaine you are getting sent upsate to sing sing 5 years minimum, 10 year more likly, add an assult during the arrest and see you in 20 years. For every boxing writer that thinks 50 cent talks so smart why doesnt he give a public service announcement to the youth. Some of my buddies are cops and lawyers and one of my best friends mentors young kids from broken homes. these kids are tricked. they are tricked into thinking a life of crime is a good thing. That they can flip some bags and the number one thing they all do? go to the studio. They all think they can go to the studio and talk junk about this and that. 99% of the time it doesnt work. if 50 cent was a real man he would go to troubled schools and tell the kids its all an act. it was all an act and dont try and copy him.

Carmine Cas says:

Excellent point Deepwater, 50 was/is too busy selling his crooked life for millions. The fact is probably a lot of these kids view 50 as a sellout now, he made too much money to go talk to children from impoverished areas about the straight and narrow. He'll just look like a complete fool and hypocrite. I'd Floyd should step up, be a man and go to these communities and talk to these kids. It would be great for boxing and it definetly help his tarnished reputation; great pr move. I'm surprised B-Hop didn't get all racial with Lance Armstrong.....

Bernie Campbell says:

I dunno how Hopkins says he can compete while he allowed Jean Pascal knock his a** down 3 times in a fight! Second of all I can see deepwater accross the other side of the river! The system we are in shows no mercy or charity, Curtis Jackson sells dope! Always did, ESPN sells dope, should I say more, You boyz are not in control of your own LIFE. The Advertisers are gonna get you, The Military, As Malcolm said Divide and Conquer, Black-White-Manny-Amir! As God said to them in the garden, How you know you is naked!

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amayseng says:

i dont know if deepwater hates "50" more than bernie campbell hates hopkins...

not that i dont enjoy either ones takes or rants, i welcome them.

curtis is too narcissistic to realize that in life God wants us to do more than I and ME and ME and more ME.

curtis should wear a shirt that says, me, me and more me.....

he doesnt realize that he has a voice and the opportunity to help kids who need it because their parents failed one way or another....he is too busy despite being only a promotor, putting himself in the limelight ahead of his fighters.

as far as bhop, he was a juvenile idiot felon delinquent that turned his life around for the positive after his horrible crimes and incarceration..

make no mistake about it, bhop is proud for his success, but he is not proud for what he did that lead him to it.

he realized he did not want to be a loser in life and would do whatever possible to better himself..

for that i respect him.

Radam G says:

I ain't in it, Fiddy is full of it. And B-Hop is doing it. Y'all know me. I'm down with O-P-P! Holla!

brownsugar says:

Woodsy hit on a statistic that I just recently heard myself a few weeks ago,..

It's scary that a country as developed, educated, and endowed with social programs, as the united states has the worlds largest Penal system.

The Penal System has become one of the most profitable and largest industries in the Country...

it sets convicts up to fail and capitolizes on those who have less self discipline than the rest of us with a myriad of minor/major rules, codes and infractions that can easily be broken and cause petty offenders to return for further institutionalization.

It would be nice if famous millionaires could and would lend their time and money to create the necessary education and positive reinforcement to facillitate alternatives to prison for those who are at-risk, but apparently they all have better things to do with their time...

I'm not even saying these individuals are at fault....

But I don't see Stephen Spielberg, George Lucas or Bill Gates taking an interest in

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overcrowded penitentiaries,... those guys lend their aid to other causes...

it's not realistic to expect celebrities, billionaires or Media, Sports, and Energy Tycoons to spend a dime on the issue..

Currently, the real help comes from volunteers from the neighboring communities. (the church specifically)

My Dad spent 20+ years in the prison ministry of Rhema Christian Center visiting troubled men in nearby prisons... mentoring,.. ministering,... encouraging and preaching and teaching the goespel to incarcerated convicts doing hard time.

He was a barber who worked out of a christian barber shop on the East side of Columbus. decent people loved to go there because the barbers kept order and didn't allow smoking, profanity, or foolish behavior.

My point is.... nobody has to wait on Celebrities to do anything for the community... the power lies the "Regular Folks".

Ok... I'll get off the stump now and talk boxing.

Just got back from the grocery store with the usual. Pecans, Old Fashioned Oats, Walnuts, Avocados, Bannana's Lemons, Asparagus, Cilantro, Whole Salmon and white bass filets (which removes heavy metals embedded in the cells and blood stream).

when you get older,..... you have to eat like this so I respect everything BHop is talking about when it comes to living a disciplined and healthy life style. (although I'm sure I deviate far more that Bhop ever would). You have to learn when to eat, what to eat and how to eat to really make a natural diet beneficial.

I know I felt like a beast at 48,...(wish I could go back to being 48 again). This isn't going to be an easy fight for B-hop, don't expect for Cloud to get tutored like he was some awkward teen entering puberty.

One mistake and Bhop can get mauled like an animal trainer who gets too close to the lions mouth.

Cloud has been the man on the outside looking in for so long.... He will have addressed the problems he had with Campillo and will be looking to Stamp his Brand on the remains of Bhop's career. Don't miss it.

Bernie Campbell says:

How the heck can you friscoes say Hopson made a 360 pirouette! Dude still trys to humiliate his opponents by trashing flags and doing pushups in the ring, We wont get into his attitude about Race! If the guy cant master negative emotions about the need to humiliate, and his reputed tightwad a**. Jf you hear him talk its always me, me, me! If the knucklehead cant control his sh.., then he is not a champ of the people! I have personally talked to writers that have

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continually perpetuated his farce on the public, they are like boot lickers that are afraid to take him to task, because their jobs depend on furthering his myth and career! I personally dont care what friggun nuts he has for breakfast, and how he abstains from having a glass of wine at dinner, I dont care how many god dang granola bars he has during his day, when it all comes to recollection, his stuff smells more than most people's.

brownsugar says:

Personally I wouldn't say anything to you about Bhop BC.... he needs no defense. you seem to have your mind made up. So I'll leave you to your own thoughts... But Whether you like it or not... Bhop's earned all the praise he's getting.

amayseng says:

well BC i cant blame you or others for the flag throwing event in PR, i do remember watching it on tv as a younger lad and kind of laughing only in the fact of shock and ridiculousness, like i couldnt believe it but i knew what he was doing... he has since appologized for it.

as for the pushups in the pascal fight i loved it, he was showing the young lion who was talkin smack about his age in prefight hype and wouldnt get off his stool for the round trying to steal a longer break, a little old school mind tricks...

as for the race comments, honestly i never let them bother me or took them personally.

i am white, but i realize that people go through things in their lives which leave them with opinions and thoughts and hopkins own reasons he needed that fire in his heart and mind to push him to succeed.

i dont agree with the "ill never lose to a white boy" comments, but they never bothered me, in fact i felt he was more trying to hype and sell the fight...

of course it would be a different story if a white fighter said that of a black fighter, but like i said i didnt take it personally..

this stupid country had slavery at one time for god's sake, half the time i cant stand white people either...ha

Radam G says:

Double AMEN, B-Sug! Holla!

SouthPaul says:

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Had I just flew in from oblivious or just swam up from the abyss (in reading some of the latest 50 criticism) I'd think the guy was an active drug dealer, murderer, etc.

amayseng says:

bsug is right there is not much rehabilitation in the joint..

the usa is great at wasting and throwing away money while creating trillions in debt..

my girl works for the fbi, a normal and middle class job....

she is going to be sequestered along with thousands of other middle class peeps, two days a month no pay off work, then in may it could double....that **** adds up,

how about the house and senate all take 50% pay cuts and get sequestered since they cant balance a checkbook

Radam G says:

It goes both ways, Amayseng. I remember this white fighter from Texas saying that he'd never lose to a black. Hehehe! Then he got kayoed in the quickest kayo ever in title match by a Redcoat black. A stank -- I mean a Yank -- always get dat arse dusted Off when they smack talk about all the Queen's men. Hahaha!

Race this-and-that jive is just bozo talk. Holla!

amayseng says:

That's great Radam I'm glad he got knocked th F out.

Haha.

Bernie Campbell says:

Slavery exists in the USA! John Henry had alot more freedom about some things back then! Like Hopkins, with all his praying and all his dinero, the friscoe's got constrictive thought! And Atlas and Kellerman dont exactly look like freeman! Proffessional Boxing Promotion's goal is to stir up controversty! It is meant to pin one race against the other, through identification and projection, How Floyd sells tix through being a prick, and how Mosley by being a nice guy! The roles fighters take, the anouncers playing good cop bad cop! For as far back as I could remember Larry Merchant was down on Black fighters, just for the heck of it, Dude was selling HBO, Now Im afraid that unless America does what Great Briton did in building up their amatuer program like they did, The US of A is gonna lose a forcefull propaganda tool on the world scene! And it was there own fault by fishing in the ghetto all the time and not going elsewhere! Its almost like the the powers that be cultivated that sh... A social worker friend of mine once told me that studies have been done if that the lower 4% of the economic society ever went under, the whole system would collapse, the country rides the back of the poor! So my message

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to Lou DiBello or to Bob Arum and Don King, is to diversify if you want to save your boxing!

SouthPaul says:

Bernie sipping on the sauce in the early am. Lmao.

deepwater says:

The state should cut the robotic squirrel program or 5 million a year for haircuts or congress people and save millions and trim the fat around the budget but instead the state is trying to harm the people as much as possible, the damage is being done on purpose to try and compel people to accept certain legislation that certain elements of the state will profit from. The plan calls for a 1% cut across the board. My manager at the hospital cuts 5% every year and if he doesn't find the cuts the chairman will. Same old formula, tighten up the overtime a bit if possible and try an increase in production by squeezing in a case and stretch some office supplies. It can be done with no negative impact and small inconvenience. I like Hopkins a lot, one of all time greats, I like watching his headgames in action. I disagree with that he only likes Gleason's gym because it's dirty and he can telepathically talk to felons and wink at them. Gleason's is a historic gym that a lot of people from all walks of life come from. Many pro champs train there, doctors, lawyers, top amateur boxers, neighborhood moms, movie stars, wanna be tough guys, sure some felons but it's more than that. Just because I don't like statements or actions spent mean I hate the person. Hopkins is smart and keeps his bank in Delaware meaning he knows finance really well also.

Bernie Campbell says:

Hey SouthPaul you sound like someone's boy? Whose sponsoring you to go to Fresh Air camp? You can't feel me do you? But it seems like I'm getting your number! I suggest you get a job pumping gas in some sort of suburb, with just you and the cash! You are an ignorant person man, you think you know what's hip but you don't, practice by reading a newspaper and penning a letter to the editor once in a while, cause you don't do know one good where you at!

SouthPaul says:

The Bank of Jerusalem, Ltd., sponsors me. Making it rain with shekels. Holla' at me when you figure out that one out, mijo.

Grimm says:

[QUOTE=brownsugar;26570]It's scary that a country as developed, educated, and endowed with social programs, as the United States has the world's largest Penal system.

The Penal System has become one of the most profitable and largest industries in the Country...[/QUOTE]

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- is the source of the problem it present itself to be a solution of/for. On a smaller scale, some markets - mostly health care - is moving in the same directions in Europe - with disastrous results. Hospitals are sold by the state to investors, based on the Caymans - the profit goes abroad, the stock rises, and at the right time, they sell with unbelievable profit. Meanwhile, the hospitals is turning into...well, you don't wanna be there when you're sick, anyway.

This is the story of the modern world, where everything is based on demand & profit - and not what & which human needs that must be secured in order to live a decent life. You take away the ABC's of a humans life, and that human will tend to be a desperate man or woman, doing what necessary in order to survive and provide...and when they do, hey, here comes the capitalistic system. Get a credit card and pay us for the rest of your life or go to jail and get the hell out of here, sort of...

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Know what you mean. I'm 45 and in pretty good shape. Last night I sparred with some young lions at my club, and could see them coming, their clumsy attempts to con me, their simple moves...and I just couldn't shoot off in time. The timing: pretty ok, but the speed - nah, I had to accept that the years have passed, that I had to swallow the leather and go home with some bruises. Fun, yeah, but a reminder that no matter how good my shape is, I ain't gonna be 20 again. And some of these days B-Hop will too.

brownsugar says:

Very impressive Grim... not everybody can spar for recreational fun..

Bernie Campbell says:

I presume the penal system exists for emotional protection of the inmate, I dont understand the homosexuality though, Id rather never indulge again rather than go that route! There are intellectuals, political dissedents, freedom fighters, and holy men interned in those walls, more often than not innocent men are incarcerated because they appear to be a threat to themselves! If youre telling me the penal system's MO is rehabilitation Ill tell you guess again. For societies to function you have to keep these populations seperated cause the outside will compromise the inside and visa versa! They didnt do a good job of that with the decentralization of the mental hospitals 30 years ago. Whats the solution? Stay the fu.. out of there, Be personally more charitable, Do not distinguish between people with or without uniforms, cultivate saints! This whole gangsta movement was contrived by an entity with special interests! What cultures is most evident? Entertainment and Boxing! Those with stake will hold on for dear life! People like Judah, Kellerman, Floyd, Broner, Arum, Curtis Jackson, MSG,HBO, Showtime, Barclay, Hopkins, Don King, Suliman, Malingnaggi, Jenna J, Mike Tyson, Col Bob Sheridan, Michael Buffer, Steve Smoger, Ray Leanord, Those with stake will hold on for dear life. An old sage once said Im fair but Im firm!

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deepwater says:

[QUOTE=Grimm;26592]Heads on. Looking in from the outside, it's obvious that capitalism - here: the market of prisons - is the source of the problem it present itself to be a solution of/for. On a smaller scale, some markets - mostly health care - is moving in the same directions in Europe - with disastrous results. The united states has not been capitalist since 1971 at the bretton woods economic conference. the united states has been a fascist government since then. check the definition of that word because it is a serious word. its the control of the country by government and their corporate cronies. you can use the word crony capitalism if it less scary but crony capitalism is not capitalism. the military-prison industrial system is a result of our fascist government. the only rights as free humans ahve are freedom of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. you are not promised happiness. food is need to live but its not a right. healthcare is not a right . if you have a right to food are you allowed to go into your neighbors house and steal empty his pantry by force? do you have the right to demand service from a healthcare provider? if you want a controled society and a right to everything then the system you should prefer is heavy regulated communism. research it.

deepwater says:

this stupid country had slavery at one time for god's sake, half the time i cant stand white people either...ha[/QUOTE] we are all slaves to the debt in this country now. you do know that black people in the south owned slaves too. you do know that black africans held slaves and sold them to our country. you do know that slavery still exists in some african countries where one tribe dominates the other. child pedhopjile rings are running rampant in the usa. google child pedo and see how many officials are getting busted. slavery is a dark part of our history and I hope that people see that evil comes from the content of ones charachter not based on the color of someones skin.

Bernie Campbell says:

Keep on Trucking Bob Arum, Jose Suliman, Time Warner, ESPN, Microsoft, Google, Mobil Oil, Chinese Govt, Homeland Securities, Bernard Hopkins, Golden Boy Promotions, Bacardi Rum, Newport Lights, New York Times, Comcast, Lays Potato Chips, National Rifle Association, Harold Friggun Lederman!

Radam G says:

DANG! Deepwater is taking yall DEEP and PREACHING AND TEACHING! And I ain't hating. GO on wif yo' bad self.

TEACH and PREACH, brotha! TEACH and PREACH! Yall better LISTEN! You can learn a lot! You can get what Deepwater has GOT! Knowledge, my pleasants, KNOWLEDGE! Hehehe! Holla!

MisterLee says:

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Gleasons gym is getting slandered as a ex con gym. its not. its a top nyc gym with a great history of champions. whatever hopkins has to think or fantasize about to get him to perform is fine with me but Gleasons gym is a hell of alot more then a place where hopkins can eyeball excons and think about why he doesnt want to be an ex con again. hopkins beats cloud in 12

The Good Doctor says:

[QUOTE=Bernie Campbell;26563]I dunno how Hopkins says he can compete while he allowed Jean Pascal knock his a** down 3 times in a fight! Second of all I can see deepwater accross the other side of the river! The system we are in shows no mercy or charity, Curtis Jackson sells dope! Always did, ESPN sells dope, should I say more, You boyz are not in control of your own LIFE. The Advertisers are gonna get you, The Military, As Malcolm said Divide and Conquer, Black-White-Manny-Amir! As God said to them in the garden, How you know you is naked![/QUOTE]

Knowing that Pascal knocked him down 3 times is actually an argument as to why Hop may win the fight. Hop got knocked down 3 times and arguably won that fight and easily won the second. He showed great adjustments and intelligence against a guy with conceivably every physical advantage. Now granted, his skills have eroded some since that fight, don't count him out simply because of evidence from Pascal.

Bernie Campbell says:

Fu chn Bernard, Hes a weasel! Doesnt give no splanations for his inconsistent uncontrollable statements! In other circles hed be medicated! Guy is a slimeball, hes a cheat, he hides behind his "clean life". Maybe he is "advised" what to say for world piece! Like what Elija Mohammed used to feed Clay! Bernie Hopkins was not the great fighter! He fought no outstanding contemporaries, always called the shots who he fought and where he fought, his big fights were against overblown welterweights, sportswriters I know have called him a cheapskate, referees

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Bernie Campbell says:

Word! Deepwater what are you jiving about stealing food in someones pantry by force, When the Church up the street will give you what you need without the effort! That Apple Drink they give you is good sh..! You really know the difference between Capitalism and Communism! Capitalism is somebody hitting you upside the head for your boxing tickets and then selling it back to you for a tre". Communism is the friscoe telling your Momma you wore her shoes and splitting the booty dead even! You must take int account mans greed! And Whats best for all, and weather you want to hear the same ol sh.. the rest of your life! And dont let people give you a con job, there is a place for segregation in society! Like Hopkins mouth and my ear!

The Good Doctor says:

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Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but you sound like a scorned chick above. Tone it down a level and speak with logic and thought. I can tell from your posts that you are a well read dude however your venomous emotions are clouding you judgement.

First: Like him or not, when you beat Joppy, Johnson, Tarver, Trinidad, ODH, Pascal (arguably twice), a good Pavlik, and a good Winky along with fighting Taylor twice, prime RJJ Calzaghe, and Chad Dawson twice, he has more than earned his spot in the pantheon. You cannot find a better roster of opponents in the last 15 years.

Second: To call him dirty is unfair. He has never been penalized a point in a fight. Does he lead with his head? Absolutely. So did Holyfield. Does he cheap shot, especially in clinches? Yep. So does Mayweather. Does he put his elbow in your neck? Sure does. So does Floyd, Lennox,

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and Sweet Pea. Does he push alot? Affirmative. See Khan, Margarito, Smokin Joe. Seems to me he is using every advantage he can gain. Fact is to call one fighter dirty is almost ridiculous because it is something that applies to just about everyone. 90% of fighters do at least one thing that toes the line.

Last: I want to give you a parable. Suppose a man sucker punches another guy. After he sucker punches the guy, he spends the next seven hours explaining quantum physics perfectly. Is the guy a jerk for the punch? Yes. But does the sucker punch make him dumb? No. He's a smart guy who was a jerk at that moment. Same thing with B-Hop. His life has been full of some sketchy things but to detract from his career as a BOXER is completely unnecessary. Just call him a guy you don't like who is a great boxer or a guy you don't like who in your eyes is an overrated boxer and quantify that through in ring exploits. No need to quantify your opinion of his boxing acumen through a bunch of things that have little to nothing to do with him as strictly a fighter.

Real Talk says:

Nothing but respect and admiration for the discipline and the burning desire still to be great and compete at the highest level with the most ducked fighter at 175 who Chad Dawson shrunk himself to avoid. Hopkins is a student and a master of the sweet science and being a student which means he's still learning or has the mind to soak up more, meaning it's still room left in the sponge speaks volumes. Believe me when I tell you he is still hungry and is not just here for a check. He sees an opportunity and is hunting the young tiger like a seasoned gamesman. Will he be clothed in a coat with a tiger tooth necklace or be the dinner remains to be seen. Looking forward to seeing the master boxer/rumbler put on a display this Saturday. Let's get it on!!!!

the Roast says:

This fight has my interest. Old man Hopkins with all his tricks vs the younger hard charging Cloud. Hard to pick against Hopkins after all the times he has beat the odds but Father Time is undefeated. I don't think Hopkins will throw enough punches to outpoint Cloud and he doesn't have the power to hurt Cloud at this point. If Cloud just lets his hands go and doesn't get mesmerized by all the moves he should be able to outscore B-Hop. This being said, I'll be rooting for Bernard just as I rooted for Chavez, Duran, Holmes and others in similar last stand situations. Time just runs out on every fighter at some point and I think this is it for Bernard.

Bernie Campbell says:

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The only stain your children need to be cleansed of Bernard is you morbid obsession with Bhop...

I wonder if you have truly fallen into the mouth of madness or if this post is a tragic attempt at comedy... either way keep it coming... and thanks for the comic relief.

brownsugar says:

Well said Roast.... agree 100%

Bernie Campbell says:

Gotta check it if it is unjust! Youre parents I assume taught you that!

SouthPaul says:

All this prison talk reminds me of the recent pics I saw of George Zimmerman. Sucka' getting food love in the county. Looks to have gained at least 50 pounds. He gets fed like a farm animal, the mentally ill on Hollywood Blvd starve. Yea, give that some thought...

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Bernie Campbell says:

If you know any better, you know lab rats arnt rascist, they are devoid of pride, they share with their sister and brother! The meek shall inherit the earth, meditate on that real hard!

Radam G says:

GZ did put on the poundage. I got that he has 99 problems, and a porkchop, lampchop, beefchop, deerchop, chicken necks, potatos, rabbit, buffalo fish and a Peru rhea are 98 of 'em. Hahahaha! IMHO the 99th is murder. Holla!

amayseng says:

if bernard wins this saturday i hope bernie campbell doesnt throw a beer bottle into his tv

haha

SouthPaul says:

Lmfao.

Bernie Campbell says:

Whats that old saing just kill the message and not the messanger!

Bernie Campbell says:

Even if Hokins first round kayos Cloud tomorrow, hes still a chump and a loser!

amayseng says:

ok bernie i respect your opinion on hopkins....

what is your opinion on floyd mayweather jr?

he has had 3 different allegations and charges of domestic violence.

that is much worse than stealing money, cars and materials...

hitting women or roughing up women physically is unforgiveable...

thoughts?

kidcanvas says:

Hopkins wins by ko finally... and u guys here are really into race lol wtf .. get a life

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The Shadow says:

[QUOTE=brownsugar;26570]Woodsy hit on a statistic that I just recently heard myself a few weeks ago,...

It's scary that a country as developed, educated, and endowed with social programs, as the united states has the worlds largest Penal system.

The Penal System has become one of the most profitable and largest industries in the Country...

it sets convicts up to fail and capitolizes on those who have less self discipline than the rest of us with a myriad of minor/major rules, codes and infractions that can easily be broken and cause petty offenders to return for further institutionalization.

It would be nice if famous millionaires could and would lend their time and money to create the necessary education and positive reinforcement to facillitate alternatives to prison for those who are at-risk, but apparently they all have better things to do with their time...

I'm not even saying these individuals are at fault....

But I don't see Stephen Spielberg, George Lucas or Bill Gates taking an interest in overcrowded penitentiaries,... those guys lend their aid to other causes...

it's not realistic to expect celebrities, billionaires or Media, Sports, and Energy Tycoons to spend a dime on the issue..

Currently, the real help comes from volunteers from the neighboring communities. (the church specifically)

My Dad spent 20+ years in the prison ministry of Rhema Christian Center visiting troubled men in nearby prisons... mentoring,.. ministering,... encouraging and preaching and teaching the goespel to incarcerated convicts doing hard time.

He was a barber who worked out of a christian barber shop on the East side of Columbus. decent people loved to go there because the barbers kept order and didn't allow smoking, profanity, or foolish behavior.

My point is.... nobody has to wait on Celebrities to do anything for the community... the power lies the "Regular Folks".

Ok... I'll get off the stump now and talk boxing.

Just got back from the grocery store with the usual. Pecans, Old Fashioned Oats, Walnuts, Avocados, Bannana's Lemons, Asparagus, Cilantro, Whole Salmon and white bass filets (which removes heavy metals embedded in the cells and blood stream).

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when you get older,..... you have to eat like this so I respect everything BHop is talking about when it comes to living a disciplined and healthy life style. (although I'm sure I deviate far more than Bhop ever would). You have to learn when to eat, what to eat and how to eat to really make a natural diet beneficial.

I know I felt like a beast at 48,...(wish I could go back to being 48 again). This isn't going to be an easy fight for B-hop, don't expect for Cloud to get tutored like he was some awkward teen entering puberty.

One mistake and Bhop can get mauled like an animal trainer who gets too close to the lions mouth.

Cloud has been the man on the outside looking in for so long.... He will have addressed the problems he had with Campillo and will be looking to Stamp his Brand on the remains of Bhop's career. Don't miss it.[/QUOTE]

Found this old post from you, Suge. Thought I'd share a few links with you.

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Don't look to bill gates for help. He hates the human race. He is a eugenicist. Investigate it.

deepwater2 says:

The best thing to do is stay out of jail. Culture is messed up. It's not cool to sell drugs. It's not cool to have multiple kids with loose women. Missing Child support will get you right into the can. going to jail is not credible or to be glamorized. This country has the biggest gulag in the world. Think about that. Personal responsibility will go along way keeping you out of the gulag.