



*Joe Louis* and *Jack Johnson* (CIRCA 1941). These two former Black Heavyweight Boxing Champions were Central Avenue regulars. Louis reportedly had interest in two Central Avenue nite spots. Louis used the Club Alabam to train at when in Los Angeles. Johnson owned THE SHOWBOAT on Central Avenue next to the Dunbar Hotel. Both men enjoyed the good life, music and their celebrity status. Photo was reportedly taken on Central Avenue outside Johnson's club by Norman Siminoff's assistant, Ruth Washington. She later became publisher of the Los Angeles Sentinel.

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