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Funk Not Fight Love Fest to be held
Leo's Arts & Music Collaboratory (The Collab) will present its 3rd annual Funk Not Fight Love Fest, free and open to the public, on Sunday June 28 at 4:30 pm at the Collab located at 1956 E. 75th St., Cleveland, Ohio, to recognize, showcase and support Cleveland's African American performing and visual artists.

Teen to get learner's permit at 15
A bill approved this week by the Ohio Senate would allow young Ohioans to get a learner driving permit at age 15, rather the current 15 1/2, allowing up to one year for driver training, instead of six months.

Author Alley to be held at Loganberry
Author Alley will be held at Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere Blvd. on August 1-2, 2026. Dozens of local authors will set up shop in the iconic mural-adorned alleyway next to Loganberry, where they'll have the opportunity to connect with new readers and mingle with fellow writers.

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Cleveland celebrates Juneteenth with a variety of events

Cleveland celebrates Juneteenth with a variety of cultural, educational, and community events from early June through June 20, 2026, honoring African American freedom and heritage.

Juneteenth, observed on June 19, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and is recognized as a federal holiday. In Cleveland, celebrations span multiple days and locations, featuring live music, cultural performances, family activities, and community gatherings, reflecting both historical significance and contemporary Black culture.

Juneteenth Celebration at The Sixty6 – June 19, 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM: Cultural gathering with quilt storytelling, African drumming, and line dancing

Food For Your Soul: A Juneteenth Celebration – June 19, 8:00 PM at Another Place Banquet Center: Evening of music, food, and community engagement

Dunham Tavern Museum: Celebrating Our Stories and Neighborhood – June 20, 12:00 PM: Family-friendly festival with live performances, vendors, and interactive activities

Juneteenth Brunch Crawl: Freedom Looks Good On Us – June 20, 12:00 PM at Cafe Indigo: Brunch and community celebration

Mx. Juneteenth: A Black & Queer Liberation Celebration – June 20, 11:00 AM at North Coast Yard: Focused on Black queer and QTBIPOC communities, featuring expressive arts and community care

Pedals & Pride: Juneteenth Community Bike Ride – June 13, 10:30 AM at Amos Norwood Park: Family-friendly bike ride celebrating freedom and community

Cleveland Public Library hosts Juneteenth-themed workshops, storytelling, and art activities throughout June

Juneteenth Culture Fest at Cain Park – June 14: Features African drum experiences, poetry lounges, and performances by local artists

Rekindle Juneteenth Celebration Brunch – June 19, 9:00 AM at EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute: Brunch and community engagement

Cooking, music, and arts workshops are scheduled across neighborhoods, including Richmond Heights, Solon, and Maple Heights

Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. The holiday's name, first used in the 1890s, is a portmanteau of June and nineteenth, referring to June 19, 1865, the day when Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War.

During the Civil War period, slavery came to an end in various areas of the United States at different times. Many enslaved Southerners escaped, demanded wages, stopped work, or took up arms against the Confederacy of slave states. In January 1865, Congress proposed the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution for the national abolition of slavery. By June 1865, almost all of the enslaved population had been freed by the victorious Union Army or by state abolition laws. When the national abolition amendment was ratified in December, the remaining enslaved people in Delaware and Kentucky were freed.

Early Juneteenth celebrations date back to 1866, at first involving church-centered community gatherings in Texas. They spread across the South among newly

freed African-Americans and their descendants and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s, often centering on a food festival. Participants in the Great Migration brought these celebrations to the rest of the country.

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Juneteenth celebrations were eclipsed by the nonviolent determination to achieve civil rights, but they grew in popularity again in the 1970s, with a focus on African-American freedom and African-American arts. Beginning with Texas by proclamation in 1938, and by legislation in 1979, every U.S. state and the District of Columbia has formally recognized the holiday in some way.

Juneteenth was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when the 117th U.S. Congress enacted and President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth became the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983.

Juneteenth is also celebrat-

ed by the Mascogos, descendants of Black Seminoles who escaped from slavery in 1852 and settled in Coahuila, Mexico.

The holiday is considered the “longest-running African-American holiday” and has been called “America’s second Independence Day.”

Juneteenth falls on June 19 and has often been celebrated on the third Saturday in June. Historian Mitch Kachun notes that celebrations of the end of slavery have three goals: “to celebrate, to educate, and to agitate.”

Early celebrations consisted of baseball, fishing, and rodeos. African Americans were often prohibited from using public facilities for their celebrations, so instead they were typically held at churches or outdoors near bodies of water. Celebrations were characterized by elaborate large meals and people wearing their best clothing.

It was common for formerly enslaved people and their

descendants to make a pilgrimage to Galveston, Texas, where the announcement of emancipation had originally taken place.[16] News coverage of early festivals, Janice Hume and Noah Arceneaux state, “served to assimilate African-American memories within the dominant ‘American story’”.

Modern observance is primarily in local celebrations. In many places, Juneteenth has become a multicultural holiday. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation which promised freedom, singing traditional songs such as “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”, and reading of works by noted African-American writers, such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Celebrations include picnics, rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, blues festivals, and Miss Juneteenth contests. Red food and drinks are traditionally served during the celebrations, including red velvet cake and strawberry soda,

with red meant to represent resilience and joy.

Juneteenth celebrations often include lectures and exhibitions on African-American culture. The modern holiday places much emphasis on teaching about African-American heritage. Karen M. Thomas writes in *Emerge* that “community leaders have latched on to [Juneteenth] to help instill a sense of heritage and pride in black youth.”

Celebrations are commonly accompanied by voter registration efforts, the performing of plays, and retelling stories. The holiday is also a celebration of soul food and other cuisine with African-American influences. In *Tourism Review International*, Anne Donovan and Karen DeBres write that “Barbecue is the centerpiece of most Juneteenth celebrations.” Major news networks host specials and marathons on national outlets featuring prominent Black voices.

UFC fighter's Michelle Obama comment

By C. M. APPLING

As an African-American man and intellectual, let me begin by saying that I have never been an athlete nor an avid sports fan. Growing up in Shaker Heights, in the late 1970s and early 80s, I only participated in junior high and high school gym classes because it was a curriculum requirement. However, since Shaker was a progressive, middle-class suburb, I was able to experience certain sports activities other than the stereotypical football, basketball and baseball that black youths in inner-city environments are only exposed to. I was able to try unique, non-traditional sports in gym like skiing, soccer, archery, fencing, tennis, volleyball and swimming.

However, after I graduated, the only physical activity I continued doing was weight-lifting and bodybuilding (because I wanted to look like the comic book superheroes I read about and collected. But, I do also like watching NBA basketball games now).

I didn't start to watch and follow the sport of mixed-martial arts until I was in my 40s. Like boxing, it wasn't a team sport. It was a one-on-one battle between two men that was cool to me because it reminded me of the action heroes I loved in action movies. But, when I recently heard that President Donald Trump was opening the White House last Sunday for the UFC at his Freedom 250 celebration, I was neither excited nor interested. I had decided that after all the racist vitriol he had espoused to insult and ridicule African-Americans, that I was actually disappointed that the UFC was going to participate (especially since the majority of celebrities and entertainers had already either declined or refused his invitations at the event).

So, it shouldn't have been any surprise at all when after winning his title, Caucasian UFC champion Josh Hokeit ended his acceptance speech by saying, “Michelle Obama is a man! Am I right?!” Normally, something like this would have made me angry in the past. But, with



Obama

Trump's history and the fact that only months ago, he posted former president Barack Obama and Michelle as apes on his social media website, it makes sense that the UFC martial-artists who attend his gathering would hold his similar beliefs and opinions.

Again, this is America under Donald Trump's administration in which an ignorant, low-class thug like Hokeit can feel insult and berate the only African-American first lady we have ever had. And, why did he have to say it in the first place? The Obamas have never done or said anything to him personally. So, why the unmerited hostility? The reasons can be broken down into three categories: 1) jealousy; 2) beauty standards and; 3) plain, good-ol-fashioned racism.

Josh Hokeit, as well as Donald Trump and all his followers, are jealous of the Obamas and all African-Americans who have ascended to succeed as middle-class or upper-class citizens.

Barack is an alumni of Harvard and Michelle is an alumni of Princeton. Two of the most prestigious and exclusive universities of higher learning in our country. Most white Americans cannot accomplish this feat. But, because two African-Americans performed this unbelievable act of black excel-

lence, white racists cannot fathom their own inferiority. Only the upper-crust of white people are 'supposed' to attend those institutions, while black people are only 'supposed' to have jobs below that of the lowest white men or women. (This was tragically evident in the 1921 race riot of Tulsa, Oklahoma, when the prosperous, all-black town of Greenwood a.k.a. 'Black Wall Street' was burned to the ground after a black man was falsely accused of assaulting a white woman in an elevator).

Secondly, there is the racist standard of beauty in America. Even though we come in many complexions, the hues of black skin have never been considered attractive by the majority of white society. For centuries, redheads (the fairest of the fair) and blondes with straight hair were coveted by upper-and-lower class white men. But, ever since the civil rights movement of the 1960s and the 'Black Is Beautiful' phase of the 1970s, African-American women (and other races of color), are now being appreciated for the melanin in their skin that gives them their beige-tan, golden-bronze, rich brown and deep ebony pigments and wavy, curly, wooly and kinky hair 'crowns'. Michelle, as well as daughters Malia and Sasha, gave inspiration to black women and girls just with their presence in the White House. They were there to preside. Not as hired help to clean it. And, this shift in beauty standards is what threatens the sexist status quo and to the patriarchy of people like Hokeit and Trump.

Finally, Hokeit's comment about Michelle Obama being 'a man' boils down to nothing but good-ol-boy, Southern-fried racism. America has never fully respected African-Americans and the far-right extremists, conservatives, white supremacists and nationalists under Trump have continually disrespected black people. Hokeit's 'man' comment about Michelle obviously points to her height and

shoulders. However, her being tall doesn't make her masculine nor unfeminine because there are plenty of tall, white women, in the WNBA or otherwise. And, her shoulders are of no consequence because she is still an attractive woman, who also happens to be brilliant. Real LGBTQ women like Rosie O'Donnell and Ellen DeGeneres could be considered masculine-like or un-feminine. So, why did Hokeit single-out and attack Michelle? Because, Rosie and Ellen are white, Michelle is black and Hokeit is a Trump racist. It's as simple as that.

I know that Barack is probably hot about Hokeit dissin' Michelle because I know if some-

one said that about my wife, I would definitely want to beat him down. I wish Barack had some martial-arts skills so that he could open a presidential can of whoop-ass on both Hokeit and Trump. And, consider this. During his career as G.O.A.T. of professional boxing, the legendary Muhammad Ali was known for his persona as a 'pretty boy' and reputation for calling his ring opponents as 'ugly' (the way Hokeit insulted Michelle as 'a man'). Can you imagine what would have happened if Ali called Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush or Melania Trump 'pigs'? They would have stripped him of all his titles! So, why wasn't Hokeit's win taken from him? Once again, this is America's racial hypocrisy and double standard.

For their eight years in office, Barack and Michelle Obama were the epitome of class, elegance and sophistication not seen since the 'Camelot' years of JFK and Jackie. However, the 'Wakanda' years of the Obamas was not only beneficial to African-Americans, but to all the people of the United States. Trump knows this and that's why he despises them because he knows he's the worst president in the history of the country.

Gasoline prices rise, and rise again

The national average for a gallon of regular is four cents lower this week at \$4.49. Even though this week's average is cheaper than last week, gas prices are still the highest they've been in four years. With gasoline demand on the rise and the prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz, pump prices are likely to remain elevated as the summer travel season gets underway. Today's national average is 40 cents more than a month ago and \$1.32 more than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand increased

last week from 8.75 million barrels per day to 8.76 million. Total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 215.7 million barrels to 214.2 million. Gasoline production decreased last week, averaging 9.3 million barrels per day.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate fell \$5.89 to settle at \$98.26 a barrel. The EIA reports crude oil inventories decreased by 7.9 million barrels from the previous week. At 445 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 2% below the five-year average for this time of year.

Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline		
	Regular	
This Week	(06-19-26)	\$4.75
Last Week	(06-12-26)	\$4.61
Last Year	(06-20-26)	\$3.52
National	(06-19-26)	\$4.49

VANTAGE POINT

Two Nights Only: Akua Allrich & THE TRIBE at EDWINS

Akua Allrich & the Tribe will perform at EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute on Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Enjoy two unforgettable evenings of live music as Akua Allrich & THE TRIBE take the stage for an album release celebration and a powerful tribute to two legendary voices: Nina Simone and Miriam Makeba.

A celebrated jazz vocalist, composer, educator, and cultural curator from Washington, D.C., Akua Allrich is known for her electrifying performances and genre-blending sound she calls "Jazz+."

Rooted in Pan-African rhythms and the traditions of the global African diaspora, Akua's music uplifts Black women's voices, indig-



Allrich



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enous legacies, freedom, self-expression, and empowerment.

The performance will feature vibrant Pan-African sounds, reimagined favorites from Nina Simone and Miriam Makeba, and a deeply personal tribute to Akua's father, Agyei Akoto.

Since 2008, Akua Allrich has curated and performed a soul-stirring tribute presentation, honoring Nina Simone and Miriam Makeba. In her tribute concerts, rising vocalist, composer, and educator, Akua Allrich pays homage to these two powerhouse artists, who have

inspired her and millions of other jazz and music lovers around the globe.

The tribute features the songs that Nina Simone and Miriam Makeba made their own. "[These] women were mainstays in my development as a child," explains Allrich, whose own musical genesis comprises the blues, jazz, R&B and pan-African music. "My parents came out of the civil rights movement, and these two were musicians who made music based on freedom and self-expression, and particularly African expression." Allrich's Nina

Simone Miriam Makeba tribute will leave you feeling both empowered and inspired!

Allrich, a celebrated jazz vocalist, composer, educator, and cultural curator from Washington, D.C., is known for her electrifying live performances and genre-blending sound she calls "Jazz+." Rooted in Pan-African rhythms and the traditions of the global African diaspora, her artistry uplifts Black women's voices and indigenous legacies.

Her upcoming live album weaves together vibrant Pan-African sounds, reimagined favorites from Nina Simone and Miriam Makeba, and a deeply personal tribute to her father, Agyei Akoto—honoring his influence while carrying forward a legacy of truth, love, Pan-Africanism, and empowerment through music.

YOUR HEALTH

4 ways your smile improves your life

Many people go to the dentist not just because they want good oral health, but also because having a great smile is a good confidence booster and makes them more likely to smile more often. But it also impacts those who see that dazzling smile.

"Every day we see people who tell us about how their friends, family and business colleagues are also affected by their new smiles," says Dr. Ana Castilla, an orthodontist and author of the book *The Smile of Your Life: Everything You Need to Know for Your Orthodontic Journey* (www.castillaortho.com). "They are just more willing to smile, and they didn't anticipate how much that would impact others in their life."

Studies have shown that people believe smilers are reliable, relaxed and sincere. A study published in the journal *Journal of Neuropsychology* reported that seeing an attractive, smiling face activates the orbitofrontal cortex, the region in the brain that processes sensory rewards.

This suggests that when someone sees a person smiling, they feel rewarded. As a result, Dr. Castilla says some of the things a smile can do for you include:

Make you more attractive. "Your smile is your best accessory," Castilla says. "Studies have shown that people who smile are automatically viewed as more attractive, reliable, relaxed, and sincere. Seeing an attractive face can be considered a rewarding stimulus, and when

a person sees a smiling face, the region of their brain that processes sensory rewards is activated significantly more than when viewing a non-smiling face."

Relieve stress and boost your mood. Science has shown that smiling increases your health and happiness, not just at the moment, but even in the long run, Castilla says. "The more you smile, the healthier and happier you will be," she says. How so? When you smile, your brain releases signaling molecules called neuropeptides to the rest of your body, she says. These neuropeptides influence your brain, body, and behavior in many ways, including reducing stress, aiding sleep, and elevating your mood.

Lower your blood pressure. When you smile your brain also releases feel-good neurotransmitters, such as dopamine, endorphins, and serotonin. These chemicals calm your nervous system by lowering your heart rate and blood pressure. "It's great to know that

even when you skip out on going to the gym, you can still work on your health by smiling away," Castilla says. "Although I don't recommend skipping the gym."

Help you make others happy. Smiling not only has the power to elevate your mood, but it can also change the moods of others. "If you're grumpy or rude, then you're likely to put others in a bad mood or even put them off," Castilla says. "The same thing happens with laughter and smiling. What happens when you smile at someone? They smile back, of course. Even babies know what to do. Smile at a baby and they will smile right back at you."

"A beautiful smile is so much more than just straight teeth," Castilla says. "It is health, confidence and joy. It is what you display during the happiest moments of your life, such as when you graduate from school, get married, or your child is born. It is a reflection of your spirit, and make no mistake, it can change your life."

Weekly Wealth For Your Health

Estate planning to keep peace in the family

When you die, will your kids fight over your money?

It's an important question that might be hard to answer now, but parents who devote themselves to estate planning with relevant updates over their lifetimes can potentially keep arguments between adult children to a minimum.

As of 2013, American retirees are the sixth most generous in the world when it comes to the amount of assets passed on to family, according to a survey by HSBC, the global British bank.

The latest survey (http://www.about.hsbc.com.au/news-and-media) noted that 56 percent of American retirees planned to leave an

inheritance with an average amount of \$176,814.

How you allocate your estate, no matter what the amount, requires planning and proper communication. Here are a few ways to start.

Know where you stand first. If you haven't updated your estate planning in the last 5-10 years, do so now to fully understand your complete financial picture. Like all personal finance issues, estate planning should be adjusted when significant life changes happen or there is a major shift in assets, such as when a relative needs help.

In short, your estate picture has to reflect current financial realities, so before you decide how to allocate your

wealth either before or after you die, seek qualified financial, tax (https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/Estate-and-Gift-Taxes) and estate advice.

Once you've determined distribution, confirm your plan. Managing money and family are usually parallel issues until the topic of estate planning arises. For some families, splitting money, property and possessions more or less equally among adult children is a smooth process. However, when it doesn't result in the fairest outcome for everyone involved, it can be trickier to navigate.

Varying situations for each child might mean that an even split won't work. Once you are able to determine your assets, start thinking through how you can distribute them.

Re-affirm your executor and powers of attorney. Making a will and designating various health, financial and business powers of attorney as applicable are the standard first steps in estate planning. Certain kinds of trusts might also be relevant.

Generally it's good to have documents in place (http://www.practicalmo-

neyskills.com/estateplanning) early in life. As your children get older, it's a good idea to review those documents and designated leadership.

Start communicating. Hollywood has produced many a movie scene with family members sitting nervously in a lawyer's office waiting for the will to be read. Such moments make for great comedy or drama, but not great modern estate planning.

Based on what you hope to leave your family, the state of your relationship with your adult children and whatever weigh-in you get from qualified advisers, it's usually better to communicate your plans to your children in advance in person and make sure your legal documents confirm exactly what you plan to do.

Bottom line: Could your current estate planning eventually put your kids and other family members at odds? Don't wait – the time to update or start estate planning is right now.

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Islam In The Community

Israeli settlers burn and deface mosques in overnight attack in occupied West Bank

Israeli settlers vandalized two mosques in the Israeli-occupied West Bank overnight Tuesday, in what Palestinians say is part of an escalating wave of attacks deep in their villages and towns.

Residents said they heard explosions shortly after 2 a.m. before seeing smoke rise from the mosque. According to local imam Mohammad Khasib, 15 to 20 tyres were set on fire inside the ablution area, causing extensive damage to the build-

ing. Hebrew graffiti, including the word "revenge" and references to detainees, was sprayed on the exterior walls. The mosque is located in Area A of the occupied West Bank, which is administered by the Palestinian Authority and is generally off-limits to Israeli civilians.

The incident was one of two reported attacks on mosques overnight in villages north of Ramallah. Palestinian officials said dozens of mosques and churches across the occupied West

Bank have been vandalised or damaged since the start of 2026, amid a wider rise in violence linked to Israeli settlers. Inside the mosque in Jiljilya, walls and doors were blackened by soot, while intense heat cracked and damaged the floor tiles.

Local residents returned to the site on Wednesday morning to clear debris and clean the damaged areas. At the time of reporting, Israeli police and military authorities had not publicly commented on the incident.



A man removes rubble from a West Bank mosque damaged in an overnight attack, with Hebrew graffiti calling for "revenge" scrawled on a wall.



Israeli soldiers fire tear gas at Palestinians during a protest against a new Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank village of Deir Abu Mishal, near Ramallah, June 13, 2026

Palestinian leaders called for stronger protection of religious sites and accountability for those responsible.

Israel on Wednesday approved the expansion of a Jewish school for settlers living in the centre of the Palestinian city of Hebron in the occupied West Bank, in a construction push that Palestinians say violates a decades-old agreement.

Israel's finance minister announced the plans a day after saying he had scrapped a deal that gave the Palestinian municipality control over certain planning and construction around Hebron's historic core, home to a flashpoint holy shrine.

The enclave around the Cave of the Patriarchs — revered by Muslims, Jews and Christians — is home to more than 1,000 Jewish settlers who live among tens of thousands of Palestinians under complete Israeli security control.

Under the 1997 Hebron Agreement, Israeli troops remain deployed in the area but construction has generally required approval from the Palestinian municipality, including around the shrine.

The religious heritage of the city has made it a focal point for Israeli settlers, who are determined to expand the Jewish presence. Bezalel Smotrich, Israel's far-right finance minister, said construction of a 1,000-square-metre building for a Jewish school in Hebron's historic core had been approved.

"We are continuing to build the Land of Israel in practice and to implement practical sovereignty in the settlements," Smotrich, who has said he wants to bury the idea of Palestinian statehood, said in a statement.

U.N. bodies and most countries consider Israel's settlements in territory Israel captured in a 1967 war to be illegal under international law. Palestinians view the settlements as a primary obstacle to peace, depriving them of land they want for a future state.

Israel rejects this, viewing the territory as disputed and saying a Jewish presence has existed there for thousands of years.

Smotrich's building announcement comes after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's security cabinet approved steps earlier this year to make it easier for settlers to buy land in the West Bank and give Israeli authorities more enforcement powers in the territory.

alstinian officials said the security cabinet steps amounted to de facto annexation of West Bank land by

handing powers long held by the military to Israel's civilian government.

Issa Amro, a Palestinian activist who lives in Hebron, said he feared Israel's dismantling of parts of the Hebron Agreement would leave Palestinian residents of the city without basic services.

He said that move was aimed at making life miserable for Palestinians and forcing them to leave.

"It means ethnic cleansing of Palestinian families from their homes, and more displacement," he said, describing Israel's actions as stealing Palestinian dreams to have a state "and to live without violence, without fear, with peace."

Jewish residents of Hebron welcomed Smotrich's announcement, saying it would remove what they described as the "burden" of a Palestinian municipality that had tempered their expansion.

"The excitement is great and the understanding that from here we're expanding and growing," said Eyal Gelman, head of Israel's council for settlers in Hebron.

"And with God's help, Hebron of 50 years from now — much more Zionist, national, Jewish, expanding, built all across the areas of the city of patriarchs, Hebron."

Hebron, dotted with Jewish settlements, is a microcosm of the occupied West Bank, where the Palestinians have limited self-rule over islands of territory surrounded by areas of Israeli control.

The Israeli military-controlled area of Hebron includes settlements and the Cave of the Patriarchs, believed to be the burial place of biblical figures Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their wives. Muslims call the shrine the Sanctuary of Abraham, where the Ibrahim Mosque stands. In 1994, a settler killed 29 Muslims in prayer at the site. For much of the year, its prayer area is divided into separate halls for Jews and Muslims.

Smotrich said the planning approvals for the Jewish school building as well as new homes in Jewish settlements would "create facts on the ground" to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state.

"This is a national move that strengthens our hold on the land," said Smotrich, who since taking office has led the expansion of Israeli settlements across the West Bank.

Israel launches fresh airstrikes in Lebanon; Trump says he could still restart war

A Look At My World

Life Is Not a Soap Opera

By Dr. JAMES L. SNYDER

When I was young, we did not have a TV in our home. My parents did not think it was important, so we listened to the radio instead. I love the Saturday morning radio shows, Popeye the Sailor Man, particularly.

Then something big happened that changed our lives. On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. This event changed everything for us.

My father was really concerned about the news, so he went out and bought our first TV. It was black-and-white, but he wanted to stay up to date on the news about the President. The news was on almost all the time.

It also changed my mother. She had two close friends from church who would get together and talk for hours. I never understood what they were talking about, and what I heard didn't make sense to me.

As time went on, I finally figured out they were discussing soap operas on TV. My mother started watching these shows with passion. When her friends came over, they would talk about the latest drama on their favorite soap opera. Even when they met in church, a soap opera was one of the topics they talked about.

I'm not sure which

soap opera was her favorite, but she followed two or three of them very closely. She and her friends treated these shows as if they were real life.

The soap operas were on when I was at school, so I never got to watch them with her. Even if I had the chance, I'm not sure I would have wanted to watch them with her. If I had to choose between one of her soap operas and Popeye the Sailor Man. It would be an easy choice; I would choose Popeye.

People must have pretty boring lives if they watch soap operas so passionately every day.

As I got older, I realized that many people think their lives are like a soap opera. They think they're living in a drama every day.

After I got married, there was a popular TV show called "Dallas" that I never watched. I had more important things to do than watch a soap opera.

I remember everyone asking, "What happened to J.R. Ewing from Dallas?" This question was everywhere for a long time. I do not understand why people were so interested in a character that was not real. As far as I know, we never got an answer to that question.

I know some people, even in my family, think their

lives are like a soap opera. They have so much drama in their lives that I wish there were a switch that I could turn off.

When I was young, I realized that life is real. I wish I could make my life into a soap opera with a happy ending, but thankfully, it's not like that.

Sometimes I make situations more dramatic than they need to be because I don't know what else to do. But that doesn't help the situation I'm facing. If my life were a soap opera, I could change the channel to something more fun, like The Three Stooges. My life is more like theirs than any soap opera.

This year, my wife and I will celebrate 55 years of marriage. I never thought I'd live long enough to see this day. I'll be turning 75 just before we celebrate our anniversary.

I can honestly say that in those 55 years, I have not had a single bad day, and that is because I have been married the whole time and not single.

Yes, we have had our dramatic moments, like when my wife first introduced me to broccoli. That was a soap opera day for sure.

Another dramatic day was when my wife told me she was pregnant. I was not yet 21, and I didn't know if I could be a father.

It took me a while to work through that soap opera drama, but I finally did when our first daughter was born. I just did not know what other drama was coming my way as a father.

We ended up having two girls and a boy, and that was just the beginning of the drama — just have a bunch of grandkids come over for a party and you will see what I mean.

People often wonder why older people have gray hair. The answer is simple: the more grandkids and great-grandkids you have, the grayer your hair will get. Believe me, I'm proof.

Soap operas and real life differ because soap operas are carefully scripted and planned. They even redo scenes multiple times. In real life, there is no script, and every day is a surprise without a repeat. If only I could write my own scenes, I might handle things better. Also, you don't get to redo a scene.

Reflecting on this I remembered what The Apostle Paul said on this subject.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."


My life is not a soap opera, but a life of reality through the Holy Spirit, who is always real.

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Monsters eliminated

By ANDREW CARTER

The Cleveland Monsters were eliminated from Calder Cup contention, in a Game 5, 3-2 loss at Home in the AHL North Division Finals. They led Toronto, 2-1, with 4:30 left to play, when the Marlies tied it. Toronto then broke the hearts of Rocket Arena assemblage by scoring the winning goal with 12 seconds remaining to take the best-of-five series, 3-2, and end the Monsters season.

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 to Friday, June 19, 2026

EAST SIDE DAILY NEWS

SPORTS

Fight Night will be held on June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Maronite Center, 1555 S. Meridan Rd, Youngstown, Former World Boxing champions Roy Jones and Ray Mancini will be in attendance. For information contact Kelly Pavlik at 330-565-9566.

Pickleball Classic to be held

ClevelandPickleball.com Classic 2026 - Registration is now OPEN! Saturday, August 8, at 38575 Lakeshore Blvd, Osborne Park, Wiloughby. \$55/player and includes one event Mens / Womens / Mixed This is the 5th annual Cleveland-Pickleball.com CLASSIC tournament! Bringing together the best of Northeast Ohio Pickleballers! <https://app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/1307841>

Guardians Swept by Yankees

By KARL BRYANT

Yanks sweep Guardians. The recurring nightmare returned again. It was the first time this season that the Guardians were swept in a series. And, it took the Yankees to do it.

Last week, it looked like CLE's MLB franchise finally was going to make some traction on the All-Time W-L results against their historical nemesis, the Yan-

kees. They'd won the first two games of a set in the Big Apple. Would pluck and grit (some might say, smoke and mirrors) of a small market team with a limited payroll, be able to overcome the glitz and glamor of Metropolis and its never-ending payroll?

Sadly, the Guardians were edged in the series finale, 2-1. Then, when it was their turn to host the Yankees this week, the Guardians ended

up losing all three games. Therefore, they end their 2026 regular season series vs NY, 2-4. So, it's more of the same old, same old. Incidentally, the Blues/Bronchos, Naps, and Indians, now Guardians, as of this writing, are 886-1130-11, all-time, against the Yankees, who formerly were the Highlanders.

In Monday's series opener at Progressive Field, CLE battled the Big Bad Yankees toe to toe for nine innings. Unfortunately, in extras, NY prevailed, 7-5. Shawn Armstrong (1-1), who worked the 10th, took the "L." In the 5th, Yankee Ryan McMahon won an above-the-line HR review. Angel Martinez hit a 2-Run HR for CLE. SS Brayan Rocchio made a highlight reel Double Play in the 8th Inning.

Tuesday, CLE again battled NY evenly until late. The Yankees already are

loaded with sluggers, so of course, they have Spencer Jones hit his first MLB HR to dead center field, 443 ft., to take a 2-0 lead over Slade Cecconi. Jose Ramirez singled, stole 2B, and then scored on Chase DeLauter's single. CLE loaded the bases and tied the game when NY P Gerrit Cole couldn't quite make it to 1B before a diving Martinez - an in-field single which scored DeLauter.

The Guardians got runners on constantly, but did not score again. They left a whopping 13 men stranded on base! Meanwhile, newly-made enemy Jazz Chisholm Jr. hit a HR to RF in the 8th off Tim Herrin (0-2), that proved to be the winning run in a 3-2 loss. Chisholm would win series MVP - if one were awarded - for constantly harassing the team from The Land, after longtime CLE HOF broadcaster Tom Ham-

ilton made an innocuous statement last week asking if Jazz deserved to be on the TV talk show, on which he had appeared the night before.

CLE fans had to put up with some loud NY fans. Ken commented, "Look at all these Yankee fans! I picked the wrong section to sit in. If we could just score a couple of the guys who we keep getting on base, we could shut them up. We're blowing too many scoring opportunities." Lana remarked about the weather being 90°. "It's real hot out in the sun, so staying in the shade makes it better. If we would win the game, it would make it much better yet," she exclaimed.

Russell noted, "We've got to come up with some way to score our guys. We don't hit many HRs, so (Skipper Stephen) Vogt has to figure out a way to get our runners home, when we get them on. When you can't score, it's putting too much pressure on our pitchers, because they have no margin for error."

In Wednesday's Daytime Getaway Game, the Yankees completed the sweep in an 8-4 win. Guardians Rookie

Ace Parker Messick (6-3) had a rare so-so outing, giving up four earned runs. Chisholm was at it again as he knocked in three runs - two on a triple. CLE's first batter, Martinez, led off the game with a homer.

It was the Guardians fourth straight loss and sixth in their last seven games. The only win in the lot was Tanner Bibee finally getting the proverbial monkey off his back in Texas last weekend, as he won his first game of the year. He didn't allow a run, and only three hits, in 8.0 innings of a 6-0 CLE Shutout. Ramirez and Rocchio hit HRs in his support in that game.

Meanwhile, the up-and-coming White Sox beat the Braves, who sport the best record in the Majors, in the first two games of a series, before having the set's finale washed out. The upshot was that Chicago knocked the Guardians out of 1st Place, where the Sox now hold a tenuous 1/2 game lead.

CLE will complete the current Homestand by entertaining the Tigers for a three-spot this weekend.



Tournament Champion J.T. Poston, who won the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, OH, in a two-hole sudden death playoff over Ryan Gerard. Poston pocketed the \$4M winners purse. Don't feel too bad for Gerard, though, because he still collected \$2.2M for being runner-up. (Photo courtesy of The Memorial)



2026 Memorial Tournament Winner J.T. Poston gets congratulated on 18 by golf legend Jack Nicklaus, the developer of Muirfield Village Golf Club, known affectionately as "Jack's Place." Pictured are (L to R) Barbara Nicklaus, Kelly Poston, daughter "Scottie," daughter Grace in baby carrier, J.T. Poston, and Jack Nicklaus. (Photo courtesy of The Memorial)

J. T. Poston Win Memorial

By KARL BRYANT

J.T. Poston won The Memorial at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, OH, outside of Columbus, after defeating Ryan Gerard on the second hole of a sudden death playoff. Poston birdied 18 on Sunday's final Round 4 to force the playoff.

Poston's extraordinary 2nd Round 65 set him up to be among the leaders by the time all was said and done. His final round 72 was only Par, but it was good enough to make the playoff, thanks to his success in earlier rounds. Gerard shot a final round 68 to tie Poston at minus-12, 276.

A huger storm washed out the end of Round 3 on Saturday, forcing 32 of the 53 players who had survived the cut after the first two rounds, to complete their 3rd Rounds in the early AM hours on Sunday. Tree limbs were downed in the storm, which brought standing water to some areas of the course, and also dropped quarter-size hail. Round 4 was then played in

threesomes, beginning at 11 AM.

It was quite a busy day for Poston, who played 13 holes in the early AM Sunday, to finished up his 3rd Round, where he ended up with a 69. He next played 18 regulation Round 4 holes, and then had the two playoff holes. Playing 33 holes of golf on Sunday, Poston pocketed the \$4M winners purse. Gerard won \$2.2M for being runner-up. Wyndham Clark finished one shot behind the leaders (in regulation) and won \$1.4M. The Memorial has a total purse of \$20M.

Golf Legend Jack Nicklaus, who designed the world-renowned Muirfield Village Gold Course, afterward commented about Poston's play, noting, "He was trying to keep the same pace. And I said, when somebody does that and particularly under pressure - when he had to - and to see that in the second shot he played into 18, both times were fantastic shots. So it's just not easy to do what he did."

Joel Bitonio retires

By KARL BRYANT

After 12 seasons, CLE's perennial Pro Bowl G Joel Bitonio has retired. He was a standout. The popular Bitonio had been a conspicuous bulwark on a Browns OL that had trouble protecting the QB. He retired just before the beginning of Mandatory Minicamp, leaving the atmosphere somewhat melancholy.

Bitonio issued a statement, that in part, read, "There was never a point where I could envision myself in a different uniform. Wearing that Orange helmet and being part of this franchise - from getting drafted to signing three contracts - I felt a loyalty to the Browns, and it gave me a sense of pride to represent a fan base who is consistently loyal to us. I started the job here, and once I got to a cer-

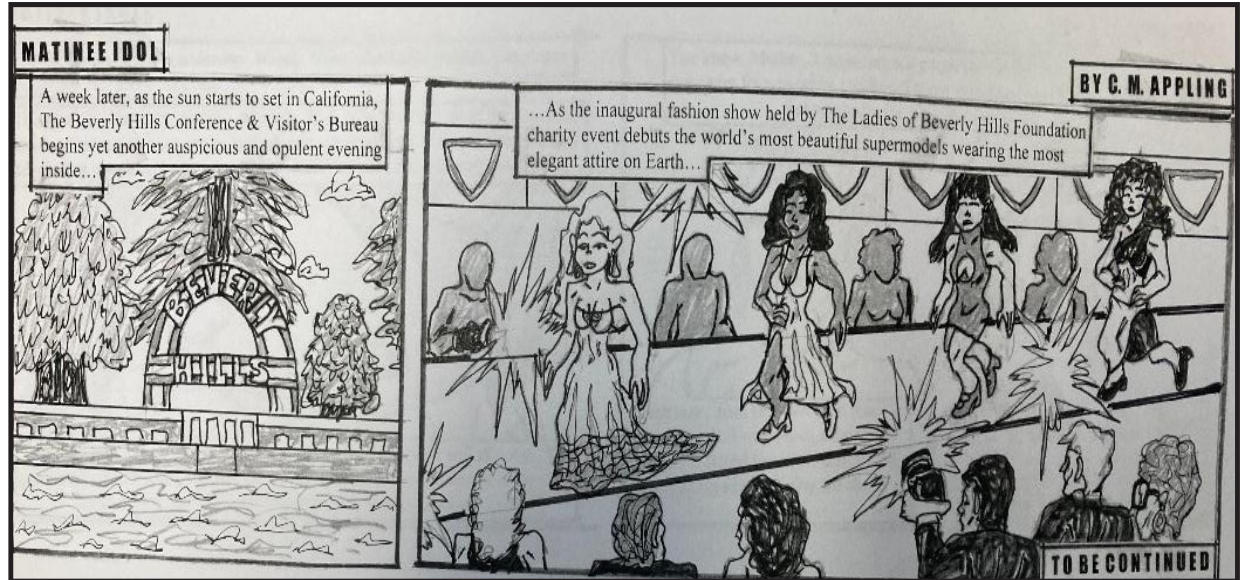


Bitonio

tain point, I knew I wanted to finish the job in Cleveland.

"Now that job is finished. After 12 seasons of wearing No. 75 in Brown and Orange, I have officially decided to retire."

Besides his excellence on the gridiron, Bitonio participated in numerous Charity activities. He also was the man who talked teammates into participating in Charity events. He definitely will be missed.



On The Town

MOVIES * MUSIC * THEATER * DANCE * RESTAURANTS * NIGHT LIFE

An Evening with Rickey Smiley comes to Mimi Ohio Theatre

An Evening with Rickey Smiley comes to Mimi Ohio Theatre on September 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Rickey Smiley is a legendary comedian, actor, author, television host, and award-winning radio host of the top-rated, nationally syndicated The Rickey Smiley Morning Show, for which he won the Marconi Award (radio equivalent of the Oscar) for Best Radio Personality. His most recent book, *Sideshow: Living with Loss and Moving Forward with Faith* (HarperCollins), shares his personal jour-



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ney in coping with the grief from the death of his eldest son from drug addiction. The book brings

ity and society at large. His first comedy special in over a decade, *FOOLISH*, premiered on Hulu on May 30. It was shot in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama at the iconic Lyric Theater. Using recent experiences from his life and his trademark humor, Rickey will forge an even deeper connection with his audience through this special.

A comedian for more than thirty years, Rickey is constantly performing across the country on his own theater tour and makes special appearances on the REAL TALK Comedy Tour as well as the Martin Lawrence-host-

ed LIT AF Tour. Rickey's tours often include a live band which he accompanies as an accomplished pianist and organist. Some of his fan favorite characters include "Mrs. Bernice Jenkins," "Lil' Daryl," "Joe Willie," and "Beauford." Rickey starred in the stand-up specials, *Rickey Smiley: Open Casket Sharp* and *Comedy Central Presents: Rickey Smiley*, and released eight best-selling albums, including the number one comedy album, *Rickey Smiley: Prank Calls 6*. On the big screen, Rickey costarred in the Nick Cannon film *Miracles Across 125th Street*, and he has been featured in urban classics including *All About the Benjamins*, *Friday After Next*, and *Baggage Claim*.

Chris' Cinema Trivia & Movie Match Up

By CHRIS APPLING

TRIVIA - (Biographies)

1. In the HBO cable film *The Josephine Baker Story* (1991), actress Lynn Whitfield portrayed the great, American expatriate dancer who fled to Paris, France and became an international sensation and the richest black woman in the '20s and '30s; but who is the veteran, black actor that portrayed a U.S. serviceman that inspires her to return to performing after she experiences great pain and loss?
2. In what musical mini-series do actor Lawrence Hilton Jacobs and actress Angela Bassett portray a '60s, lower-class, black couple from Gary, Indiana who take their five sons (Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael) to audition for Motown Record's President Berry Gordy to become the most famous, musical family in history?

3. Who is the light-skinned, green-eyed actress/singer in *The Courage To Love* (2000) that portrayed the story of Henriette Delille: a quadroon in pre-Civil War New Orleans who

rejects the female, Creole tradition of being kept by a wealthy, white man to instead become a Catholic nun and teach slave children to read and write?

4. In *Linin' For Love: The Natalie Cole Story* (2001), actress Teresa Randle portrays the young-adult Natalie while Diahann Carroll portrays Cole's mother, but who is the African-American actor who portrayed the singer's legendary father, Nat King Cole?

5. In what film does African-American director Julie Dash have actress Angela Bassett portray the special bus rider who made history by sparking the '60s Civil Rights Movement when she was arrested for refusing to give up her Jim Crow seat for a white passenger?

ANSWERS: 1. Louis Gossett, Jr. 2. 'The Jacksons: An American Dream' (1997) 3. Vanessa L. Williams 4. James McDaniel 5. 'The Rosa Parks Story' (2002)



MOVIE MATCH-UP - (The Jacksons: An American Dream)

ACTORS/ACTRESSES:
1. Angela Bassett
2. Lawrence Hilton Jacobs
3. Holly Robinson-Peete
4. Billy Dee Williams
5. Vanessa L. Williams

ROLES:
a) dad, Joe Jackson
b) assistant Suzanne De-Passe
c) producer Berry Gordy
d) mom, Katherine Jackson

The Magicians Table will bring magic to Playhouse Square

By KARL BRYANT

The Magicians Table will bring its magic to Playhouse Square August 26 to September 20.

Enter the private performance space of Dieter Roterburg, famed carnival owner and magician for one of the best magic shows in Cleveland... it's a night you'll never forget



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ray of immersive magic performances from our world-class magicians. This exclusive pre-show experience invites you to engage with skilled illusionists, as they create captivating moments right before your eyes. From breathtaking sleight of hand to mind-boggling illusions, each performance is designed to pull you into the world of magic and wonder. Whether you are a seasoned magic enthusiast or a curious newcomer, this intimate setting promises to leave you spellbound and craving more before the main event begins.

During the main proceedings, you will be visited by some of Dieter's closest friends, who are among the finest magicians in the world. Prepare to be captivated and astonished by an impressive display of sleight-of-hand, misdirection, and mind-reading at close range. You can expect to see at least four magicians at your table, each showcasing their own unique and distinctive style.

Throughout the evening, Calliope, Dieter's devoted widow, will graciously host the heartfelt celebration of Dieter's remarkable life, sharing cherished memories and touching anecdotes of her late husband.

Together, with his closest friends and esteemed colleagues, she will present an array of remarkable mysteries and enchanting performances in tribute to Dieter's enduring legacy in the world of magic. Get tickets now. Shows beginning at 8:00 p.m.

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and music, for an unforgettable evening of entertainment. Prepare to be astonished and left speechless.

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MENU TIPS

Flavorful stir-fry cooking

Here's delicious news: You can enjoy great meals that are high in flavor yet low in calories when you turn to the stirring tastes of stir-fry cooking.

This kind of cuisine originated in China many years ago with the wok and has become a major part of many American lifestyles. The trend is growing as more and more people realize that this type of cooking can be a healthy part of the family diet—whether you use a skillet, wok or pan. The key is in the preparation.

As with any method of cooking, it is still possible to make a dish that is high in fat and calories with stir-fry cooking if you're not careful. By working with a small amount of cooking oil and sticking to lean meats and lots of vegetables, however, you can do stir-fry cooking that's a quick and easy way to prepare healthy and flavorful meals.

"Asian-inspired cuisine is one of the major food trends today because of the fresh ingredients and exciting flavor combinations available," explained one expert on food, Jason Abelkop of Buffets, Inc.

Popular restaurants that are owned by Buffets, such as Ryan's® as well as HomeTown® Buffet and Old Country Buffet®, are helping to lead the trend with made-to-order Mongolian Stir Fry, now available for lunch and dinner at most locations. Guests choose from chicken, beef or shrimp to create the combination that's just right

for them. To kick-start stir-fry cooking in your kitchen, check out this recipe from the restaurant's chefs:

- Garlic
- Ginger
- Mongolian Chicken
- Yield: 2 servings
- 2 4-oz. chicken breasts
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. chopped ginger
- 1 tsp. chopped garlic
- 1 cup peapods
- 1 cup cabbage, shredded
- ½ cup ¼" julienned onions
- ½ cup matchstick carrots
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- ¼ cup low-sodium soy sauce
- ½ cup teriyaki sauce
- 2 sprigs cilantro

2 servings unconverted rice (cooked according to recipe)

Cut chicken into ½" strips. Mix vegetable oil, ginger and garlic together. Rub mixture on the chicken breast strips, place in refrigerator for a minimum of two hours. Mix vegetables together in bowl. Place oil in sauté pan over medium heat. Add chicken strips and sauté for five minutes. Toss frequently to evenly brown. Turn up heat to "high" and add fresh vegetables. Toss frequently. Cook for one minute. Vegetables should be crisp in texture. Add soy sauce, teriyaki sauce and the cilantro sprigs to taste. Quickly toss to coat, then remove from heat. Top rice with hot fresh stir-fry and enjoy.

For locations and other information on Buffets restaurants, visit www.Ryans.com as well as www.HomeTownBuffet.com and www.OldCountryBuffet.com.

Just Jazz

By NANCY ANN LEE

King Oliver

Cornetist and bandleader (Joe) King Oliver was born in 1885 in New Orleans. His career began in hometown brass bands, dance bands, and other small groups in Crescent City cabarets and bars.

Claimed to be the spiritual father of syncopated ("hot") jazz, he moved to Chicago in 1918 and formed King Oliver's Creole Jazz Band (June 1922) with cornetists Louis Armstrong, clarinetist Johnny Dodds, trombonist Honore Dutrex, pianist Lil Hardin, drummer Baby Dodds, and bassist-banjo player Bill Johnson. Oliver began recording in 1923 what are now considered historic masterpieces.

After Armstrong departed in 1924, Oliver completely reorganized his band to include saxophones. He went to New York, had a successful but brief club engagement before his group disbanded. He toured widely in the Midwest and upper South from 1920-1936, but made no further recordings after 1931. Considered to be an important New Orleans-style musician, his recordings have been reissued. His tune "Dipper Mouth Blues," later known as "Sugar Foot Stomp," became a classic. Although he was an excellent bandleader, Oliver's playing style was superseded by Louis Armstrong's and by 1937 he was forgotten and in failing health. He died in Savannah in 1938.

Da 'Round Da Way Rewind Review

Eddie Murphy's Top 12 Films

By C.M. APPLING

Black comedy in America has come a long way from the times in the 1920's when 'Colored', vaudeville performers like Bert Williams had to wear 'blackface' make-up to entertain segregated, all-white audiences. Since then, certain comics/comedians like Redd Foxx and Richard Pryor rose to legendary status with their bold and profane, stand-up routines. And, in the new millennium, there are now new, comic stars like Dave Chappelle, Kevin Hart and the duo of Key & Peele. However, no one reached more crossover TV and movie success in the 1980's, 90's and 2000's than Eddie Murphy.

After being one of the second-generation, cast members of NBC's long-running, sketch-comedy series, *Saturday Night Live* (SNL), in the early 1980's, Murphy quickly became a super-star appearing in concert films (*Eddie Murphy Delirious*, 1983, and *Eddie Murphy Raw*, 1987).

But, one of the talents that made Murphy unique among his peers was his uncanny ability to imitate other people and creating comic characters (by applying special make-up and body prostheses). While his cinematic career has consisted mostly of comedies, there are 12 films where Murphy's funny genius is displayed in hilarious fashion:

#12 *Shrek* (2001) Animation. In this highly-successful, computer-animated franchise, Murphy is the voice of 'Donkey': the talking, animal companion of a fat, green ogre. (There are four, other, *Shrek* sequels).

#11 *Beverly Hills Cop* (1984) Action. In his first, solo action role, Murphy is street-wise, Detroit, MI. cop Axel Foley, who travels cross country to Beverly Hills, CA., to team up with the pampered, bourgeois officers there to solve the murder of a childhood friend of his. (The electronic instrumental, *Beverly Hills Cop* theme song, 'Axel F.', by Harold Faltermeyer, was a #1 hit in 1985). The film had two sequels.

#10 *The Distinguished Gentleman* (1992) Comedy. When a white, U.S. Congressman suddenly dies, a black, professional con man (Murphy) with the same name

as the deceased uses his name recognition to get elected to take the empty position. Although not one of Murphy's more memorable roles, it is a sturdy, film entry nonetheless.

#9 *Boomerang* (1992) Comedy. In this movie, Murphy plays an African-American, advertising executive whose playboy lifestyle gets 'played' when he must suddenly work under a new, female executive (Robin Givens) that turns the romantic tables on him. It is directed by African-American filmmaker Reginald Hudlin.

#8 *Life* (1999) Comedy. Beginning in the 1920's, Murphy and his arguing partner (Martin Lawrence) play two, 'Colored' men wrongly convicted of murder who spend the next, seven decades plotting to escape their racist, Mississippi prison. (SPOILER ALERT: There's a happy ending because they finally do escape---albeit as elderly men).

#7 *Daddy Day Care* Comedy. An African-American, suburban dad (Murphy) is 'downsized' from his advertising agency so, while his wife works, he decides to open an all-male, day care agency with his two, white friends, to look after his son and other, assorted, small kids with their various, individual, quirky personalities. As one of Murphy's mild-mannered, Cosby-esque-like roles, the movie is heart-warming and touching.

#6 *Norbit* (2007) Comedy. In one of his films where he plays multiple characters (through make-up), Murphy plays the dual roles of both 'Norbit' (a black, bespectacled nerd) who tries to devise a way to leave his wife, 'Rasputia' (a black, obese, over-bearing shrew) to seek a relationship with his beautiful, childhood sweetheart, without getting caught by Rasputia or her three, muscle-bound brothers.

#5 *Trading Places* (1983) Comedy. In his second, big-screen role, after leaving SNL, Murphy plays 'Billy Ray Valentine': a black, street hustler who unknowingly switches places with a white, wealthy, stock broker (Dan Aykroyd) when two, white, sibling brothers on the N.Y.S.E. decide to play with their lives over a one dollar bet.

#4 *48 Hrs.* (1982) Action. As his first, film role after appearing on TV in SNL, this was Murphy's break-out success that jump-started his movie career. Murphy is a black convict who is released for a two day (48 hour) period to pair with a white, racist cop (Nick Nolte) in order to find two of Murphy's former, criminal friends who are on the run to retrieve a suitcase of hidden money. The movie had one sequel.

#3 *Harlem Nights* (1989) Comedy. In what must have been black America's, all-time favorite, comedy 'dream team', Murphy starred with legends Redd Foxx and Richard Pryor as three generations of African-American comics. Together, the triad of comedians portrayed Harlem, speakeasy club-owners in the Prohibition period of the 1920's Depression, who must figure a way to outsmart Italian-American gangsters who want to take over their thriving business. Full of fowl-mouthed hilarity, it is a crass, good-time film. Also, Eddie Murphy wrote the screenplay and directed the film himself.

#2 *Coming To America* (1988) Comedy. Directed by Caucasian filmmaker John Landis (of Michael Jackson 'Thriller' fame), Murphy stars as 'Prince Akeem': the royal heir of the fictional, African nation of 'Zamunda' who abandons his arranged marriage to another woman in order to travel to Queens, N.Y. to find a 'queen'/woman who will marry him for true love and not for his ridiculous wealth or royal status. Once again playing multiple, black characters, (and even an elderly, Jewish man), Murphy astonishes with this classic film that displays his (and partner Arsenio Hall's) talent for character diversity.

#1 *The Nutty Professor* (1996) Comedy. A loosely-based remake of the Jerry Lewis classic, in this film, Murphy portrays 'Professor Sherman Klump': an extremely-obese but likable, college professor who creates a serum to transform him into a sleek, debonair (but crude and loud-mouthed) ladies-man named 'Buddy Love'. With Murphy at his best, he creates a sympathetic hero in Sherman as the 'average man' who, like many Americans, struggles with their weight. Also, Murphy plays Sherman's family of mom, dad, brother and grandmother. (It had one, equally-funny sequel).

Abdullah Mason Set for Hometown Title Defense against Joe Cordina

Boxing's youngest world champion is set to make his first defense in front of a hometown crowd on the 250th anniversary of American independence as part of TNT Sports and DAZN's inaugural The Fight event, a new monthly live boxing series.

Abdullah Mason will defend his WBO lightweight world title against Welsh former world champion Joe Cordina on Saturday, July 4, at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center.

The City of Cleveland and Top Rank hosted a kickoff press conference at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to announce the event. Mason was joined by Cleveland Mayor Justin M. Bibb, Top Rank VP of Boxing Operations Carl Moretti, WBC featherweight world champion Bruce "Shu Shu" Carrington, and Cleveland native and U.S. Olympian Tiger Johnson.

The Fight: Mason vs. Cordina will be broadcast on TNT and DAZN co-exclusively in the US and on DAZN Worldwide.

In the co-feature, Carrington (17-0, 10 KOs) puts his WBC featherweight world title on the line against Mexico's Rene Palacios (19-0-1, 10 KOs).

Additionally, Tiger (17-0, 8 KOs) takes on fellow unbeaten Christopher Guerrero (16-0, 9 KOs) in a 10-round welterweight battle.

And undefeated lightweight knockout artist Deric "Scooter" Davis (11-0, 10 KOs) returns in an eight-round clash against Carlos Ramos (18-4-1, 10 KOs).

The Mason-Cordina, Carrington-Palacios, Tiger-Guerrero and Davis-Ramos fights will be broadcast LIVE



A press conference announced that Abdullah Mason is set for his Hometown Title Defense against Joe Cordina on July 4 at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center. Pictures, l to r: Abdullah Mason, Bruce Carrington, and Tiger Johnson.

beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Promoted by Top Rank, in association with Matchroom Boxing, tickets go on sale Friday, May 8, at 12 p.m. ET via Ticketmaster.com.

According to Abdullah Mason on Cordina's statement on the fight, "He doesn't know any better. When the bell rings, that's all that matters. It sounds cool right now, but I know I'm going to have fun on July 4th. As soon as that bell rings, I'm going to have fun doing what I do. He's not going to expect what I have coming for him."

On his fight with Sam Noakes...

"Just as the fight with Sam Noakes went down, I feel like this fight will set the tone for whatever is going to come next. Me and my brothers in the city of Cleveland, we are putting on for the city. We are making sure that everything we do is big. We have a lot of support and we appreciate that. There is going to be a lot of smoke...we'll call this one a cookout."

On the best memories that shaped his boxing career...

"I've been in the gym and training with my brothers since I was nine years old. My memories are always training

with them and giving me that support and making me do better inside and outside of the ring. Fifteen fights ago they were saying 'this next fight is going to be in Cleveland, this next fight is going to be in Cleveland', and now it's in Cleveland."

On fighting in his hometown of Cleveland...

"I'm really appreciative of Cleveland. The city always comes out, the Mayor always shows support. We're ready to get it on. We are ready for everybody to grab their tickets as soon as they go on sale."

On if he can be locked in while watching other people...

"I know for sure every time I step in the ring and that bell goes off, I'm ready. Whenever I step into that ring and the lights come on, I'm ready. Joe may see what he sees, but he doesn't know what he has coming."

On what he has seen from Joe Cordina...

"He's definitely a volume puncher. He has some good offense, quick, and has good feet. I would say he's well rounded in what he does. But everything he does, I do better."

On if he thinks he could be the second person to stop Cordina...

"For sure. I'm just here to have a lot of fun. I'm not going to tell you how it's going to go down, I know July 4th, I'm going to enjoy it just as much as Cleveland is going to enjoy it."

Joe Cordina commented on his excitement for this fight...

"The 4th of July is a massive day for America but it's also a massive day for boxing. Abdullah is a good fighter, but I'm looking to come f*** up his homecoming. I'm coming to rip his heart out and bring it back to the UK."

Tiger Johnson commented on his fighting in Cleveland...

"It means everything, it's a dream come true. It's something I've been dreaming of since I was a little kid. In Cleveland, we breed killers. We bring some of the best boxers in history. It's hard to make it out of Cleveland. If you make it out of there, you can make it anywhere."

Bruce "Shu Shu" Carrington commenting on reflecting on his recent fight...

"Seeing how the fans took it, I would give it a solid eight. The fighter in me wanted complete dominance, but it just added to the story of it and made it more memorable."

On fighting in Cleveland...

"We are no stranger to collaborating in Cleveland. Cleveland and Brooklyn both have notorious thugs. Right now it's the perfect time to introduce myself to a place I've never fought in before."

On what he is looking to show in this fight...

"Every single fight I have is a statement made. I feel like this is one of those things to show people why I am a champion. Even though

I have this title, a real champion is someone who can defend it successfully."

On what he is expecting come fight night...

"The Shu Shu Show is going to be bringing fireworks as everyone knows."

On wanting to fight people in his weight class...

"At the end of the day, I just want to be the best. And I will be. I will be the first undisputed featherweight champion in this era. Put that in the history books."

Carl Moretti, Vice President, Boxing Operations, Top Rank on the importance of bringing a fight card of this caliber to Cleveland...

"Top Rank has had a long history of building guys in their hometown and there is nothing better than doing that. There's a lot of fireworks on July 4th, but the real fireworks will be inside at the Wolstein Center."

On Tiger returning to Cleveland...

"He showed us something we haven't seen before, but we knew he had it in him. There's a reason why there's a belt around his waist and he proved it."

On Top Rank's young talent...

"For Tiger Johnson, he's 17 and 0 coming off his best win, in a division where a lot of champions are not fighting and just talking off the internet, Tiger said I'm going to fight. Put in front of me whoever you want."

Justin M. Bibb, Cleveland Mayor on having championship boxing back in Cleveland...

"I feel really excited that we have the world's youngest champ, defending his title in the great city of Cleveland. I'm excited to showcase that greatness lies in our

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Development grants announced

The Ohio Department of Development today announced \$1.4 million in grants to upgrade water infrastructure and support neighborhood growth in six communities across the state.

The funding comes from the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant and Flexible Grant programs, both of which are supported through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This funding will improve the quality of life for thousands of Ohioans and open doors for future development opportunities.

"Reliable infrastructure and well-maintained community spaces are critical to the long-term growth of our state" said Lydia Mihalik, director of

the Department of Development. "By helping our local partners upgrade water systems, improve public facilities, and enhance neighborhood amenities, these investments support the potential for economic opportunity while making Ohio an even better place to call home."

The Residential Public Infrastructure Grant program helps provide safe drinking water and wastewater systems for communities by funding construction and repairs in income-qualified areas, as well as household connections for income-qualified families. Eligible applicants are counties, cities, and villages with the capacity to operate their own system. The grant ceiling for this program is \$750,000.

The Flexible Grant Program is a

funding opportunity for projects that meet CDBG guidelines to create economic development opportunities, revitalize downtowns, or provide other public benefits. Eligibility is based on meeting a CDBG national objective and documenting a need or funding gap required to complete the project.

The following communities are receiving grants:

The City of Ashtabula (Ashtabula County) will receive \$295,000 to stabilize and rehabilitate the historic downtown Rennick Meat Market through critical structural improvements and code rehabilitation.

The Village of Glouster (Athens County) will receive \$185,050 to preserve and rehabilitate a historic community center, the Glouster

Depot, through structural repairs and improvements.

Auglaize County will receive \$49,800 to replace the aging HVAC system at the county senior center in the city of Saint Marys to improve building functionality and reliability for elderly residents.

The Village of Roseville (Muskingum and Perry Counties) will receive \$600,000 to replace two failing water storage tanks with two new tanks. The existing concrete tanks are 90 years old, cracked, and insufficient to serve the village any longer.

Pike County will receive \$250,000 to replace a failing elevator and restore accessibility at the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library in the village of Waverly.

Putnam County will receive \$40,000 to assist with park improvements in the village of Dupont aimed at enhancing community recreational space along the Auglaize River.

Those with questions about a specific project should contact the entity receiving the grant.

The Ohio Department of Development empowers communities to succeed by investing in Ohio's people, places, and businesses. Learn more about our work at development.ohio.gov.

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The Obama Presidential Center grand opening to be held

Nearly a decade in the making, the Obama Presidential Center will have a star-studded dedication ceremony Thursday.

The grand opening, which will host “global leaders, artists, changemakers, and citizens,” will feature musical performances and appearances by Bruce Springsteen, Christina Aguilera and John Legend, among others.

Every living president will be in attendance except one: President Trump. During a press preview in early June, longtime Obama White House aide and current CEO of the Obama Foundation Valerie Jarrett said Trump is welcome to visit the museum and they’d love to give him a tour. She said he simply was not invited to the dedication.

“I can tell you that this is a celebration for those who helped get President Obama where he is. And this is a gift to them,” Jarrett said. “And so the people who will be here are the people who’ve been helpful along the way.”

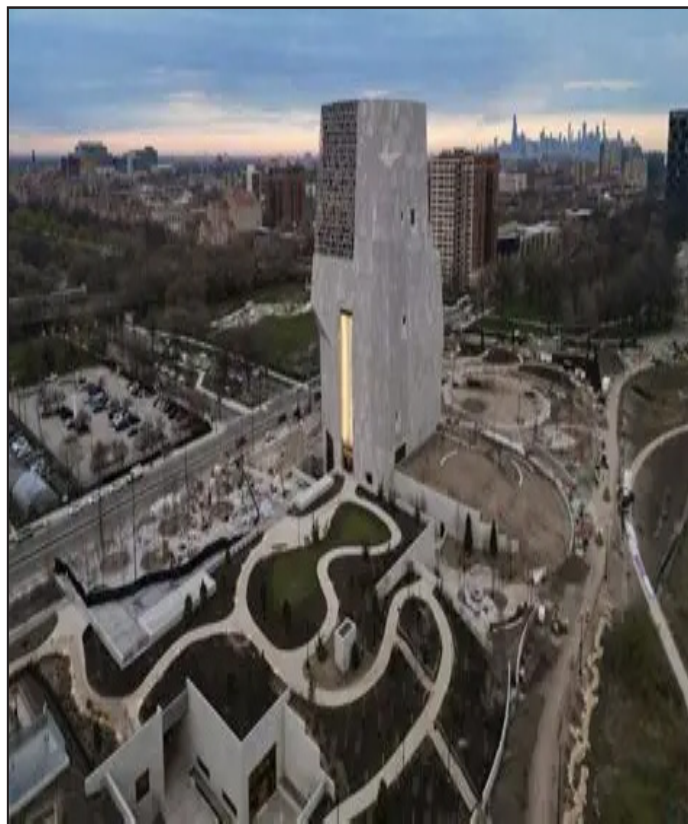
The center itself is a more-than-19-acre space on the south side of Chicago that describes itself as a campus

and features a towering museum that curators envision influencing change and offering hope. It presents a close look at what life was like in the Obama White House.

The campus also houses a branch of the Chicago Public Library, as well as an NBA regulation-size basketball court and a Women’s Garden, created in tribute to female leaders in Chicago. It also has an auditorium, a media suite that visitors can use, a Wetland Walk and a fruit and vegetable garden and a playground.

The center’s messaging centered around hope and change is represented in its days-long opening weekend, which starts with star-studded performances on Thursday and is followed on Friday by the museum’s opening to the public.

It is not, though, a presidential library and it will not house the former president’s presidential documents. Those documents are in the largely digital Barack Obama Presidential Library run by the National Archives. The center does have some records and



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artifacts on display in its museum on loan.

The fashion worn by First Lady Michelle Obama will be on display.

Michelle Obama

wore a sentimental Acne Studios skirt at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago on June 16. The custom design featured a portrait of her mother, Marian Robinson. She

joined her husband, former President Barack Obama, at the event.

She knows just how to meet the moment—and dress for it, too.



Michelle Obama’s Skirt Honors Her Late Mother Pablo Martinez Monsivais

The former first lady addressed community leaders and stakeholders at the newly opened Obama Presidential Center in Chicago while wearing a deeply personal fashion tribute. For the occasion, Obama donned a custom Acne Studios skirt emblazoned with a portrait of her late mother, Marian Robinson. She paired the statement-making piece with a chocolate-brown cap-sleeve top and a slim leather belt, letting the sentimental design take center stage.

Robinson, who died in 2024 at 86, grew up

on Chicago’s South Side, making the tribute all the more poignant. Situated in the historic Jackson Park—just a few miles south of where Robinson grew up—the Obama Presidential Center is a 19.3-acre community space and museum dedicated to the Obama presidency.

On the Acne Studios fall/winter 2026 runway, the original style featured a Paul Kooiker portrait. For Obama’s appearance, however, she and stylist Meredith

Koop commissioned a bespoke version emblazoned with one of her favorite images of her mother.

While addressing the audience, the former first lady reflected on the significance of the moment, as both she and Barack became visibly emotional.

Barack and Michelle Obama will give remarks at the June 18th dedication, with Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera and Bono on the guest list. The high-profile lineup is drawing attention as the \$850 million center finally opens on Chicago’s South Side.

Michelle Obama introduced her husband, “I am so proud of my husband,” Obama said. “He’s really messed up. I’m giving him some time, because this beautiful skirt that my stylist Meredith Koop picked out, that is a portrait—my favorite portrait of my mom—he didn’t know it existed until just a few minutes ago.”

She continued, “I’ve had a few weeks to settle down in the beauty of this skirt, but it’s messing him up for good reason. But Marian would have been so proud.”

Barack Obama the 44th President of the United States of America

Barack Hussein Obama II is an American politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017.

A member of the Democratic Party, he was the first African American to serve as president. Obama previously served as a U.S. senator representing Illinois from 2005 to 2008 and as an Illinois state senator from 1997 to 2004.

Born in Honolulu, Obama graduated from Columbia University in 1983 and later worked as a community organizer in Chicago. In 1988, Obama enrolled at Harvard Law School, where he was the first Black president of the Harvard Law Review.

He became a civil rights attorney and an academic, teaching constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004.

In 1996, Obama was elected to represent the 13th district in the Illinois Senate, a position he held until 2004, when he successfully ran for the U.S. Senate. In the 2008 presidential election, after a close primary campaign against Hillary Clinton, he was nominated by the Democratic Party for president.

Obama selected Joe Biden as his running mate and defeated Republican nominee John McCain and his running mate Sarah Palin.

Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for efforts in international diplomacy, a decision that drew both praise and criticism.

During his first term, his administration responded to the 2008 financial crisis with measures including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the Great Recession; a partial extension of the Bush tax cuts; legislation to reform health care; and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, a major financial regulation reform bill. Obama also appointed Supreme Court justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, the former being the first Hispanic American on the Supreme Court.

Obama also oversaw the end of the Iraq War and ordered Operation Neptune Spear, the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, who was the leader of al-Qaeda and was responsible for the September 11 attacks.

He downplayed Bush’s counterinsurgency model by expanding air strikes and making extensive use of special forces, while encouraging greater reliance on host-government militaries. Obama also ordered the 2011 military intervention in Libya to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973, which contributed to the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi.

Obama defeated Republican opponent Mitt Romney and his running mate Paul Ryan in the 2012 presidential election.

In his second term, Obama advocated for gun control in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary

School shooting, took steps to combat climate change by signing the Paris Agreement on climate change and an executive order to limit carbon emissions, and presided over the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and other legislation passed during his first term.

Obama also initiated sanctions against Russia following its invasion in Ukraine and again after Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections. He ordered military intervention in Iraq after gains made by ISIL following the 2011 withdrawal from Iraq, negotiated the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (a nuclear agreement with Iran), and normalized relations with Cuba.

The number of American soldiers in Afghanistan decreased during Obama’s second term, though U.S. soldiers remained in the country throughout his presidency. He also promoted inclusion for LGBT Americans, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to publicly support same-sex marriage.

Obama left office in 2017. He remains politically active, campaigning for candidates in American elections, including in Biden’s successful presidential bid in the 2020 presidential election. Outside politics, Obama has published three books: *Dreams from My Father* (1995), *The Audacity of Hope* (2006), and *A Promised Land* (2020). His presidential library began construction in the South Side of Chicago in 2021 and is set to open in June 2026.

Historians and political scientists rank Obama highly in historical rankings of U.S. presidents.

Obama was born on August 4, at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is the only president born outside the contiguous United States. He was born to an 18-year-old American mother and a 27-year-old Kenyan father. His mother, Stanley Ann Dunham (1942–1995), was born in Wichita, Kansas, and was of English, Welsh, German, Swiss, and Irish descent.

In 2007 it was discovered her great-great-grandfather Fal-mouth Kearney emigrated from the village of Moneygall, Ireland to the U.S. in 1850.

In July 2012, Ancestry.com found a strong likelihood that Dunham was descended from John Punch, an enslaved African man who lived in the Colony of Virginia during the seventeenth century.

Obama has described the ancestors of his grandparents as Scotch-Irish mostly.

Obama’s father, Barack Hussein Obama (1934–1982), was a married Luo Kenyan from Nyang’oma Kogelo. His last name, Obama, was derived from his Luo descent.

Obama’s parents met in 1960 in a Russian language class at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, where his father was a foreign student on a scholarship. The couple married



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in Wailuku, Hawaii, on February 2, 1961, six months before Obama was born.

In late August 1961, a few weeks after he was born, Barack and his mother moved to the University of Washington in Seattle, where they lived for a year. During that time, Barack’s father completed his undergraduate degree in economics in Hawaii, graduating in June 1962. He left to attend graduate school on a scholarship at Harvard University, where he earned a Master of Arts in economics. Obama’s parents divorced in March 1964.

Obama Sr. returned to Kenya in 1964, where he married for a third time and worked for the Kenyan government as the senior economic analyst in the Ministry of Finance. He visited his son in Hawaii only once, at Christmas 1971, before he was killed in an automobile accident in 1982, when Obama was 21 years old. Recalling his early childhood, Obama said: “That my father looked nothing like the people around me—that he was black as pitch, my mother white as milk—barely registered in my mind.”

He described his struggles as a young adult to reconcile social perceptions of his multiracial heritage.

In 1963, Dunham met Lolo Soetoro at the University of Hawaii; he was an Indonesian East–West Center graduate student in geography. The couple married on Molokai on March 15, 1965. After two one-year extensions of his J-1 visa, Lolo returned to Indonesia in 1966. His wife and stepson followed sixteen months later in 1967. The family initially lived in the Menteng Dalam neighborhood in the Tebet district of South

Jakarta. From 1970, they lived in a wealthier neighborhood in the Menteng district of Central Jakarta.

When he was six years old, Obama and his mother moved to Indonesia to join his stepfather. From age six to ten, he was registered in school as “Barry” and attended local Indonesian-language schools: Sekolah Dasar Katolik Santo Fransiskus Asisi (St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School) for two years and Sekolah Dasar Negeri Menteng 01 (State Elementary School Menteng 01) for one and a half years, supplemented by English-language Calvert School homeschooling by his mother.

As a result of his four years in Jakarta, he was able to speak Indonesian fluently as a child. During his time in Indonesia, Obama’s stepfather taught him to be resilient and gave him “a pretty hardheaded assessment of how the world works.”

In 1971, Obama returned to Honolulu to live with his maternal grandparents, Madelyn and Stanley Dunham. He attended Punahou School—a private college preparatory school—with the aid of a scholarship from fifth grade until he graduated from high school in 1979. In high school, Obama continued to use the nickname “Barry” which he kept until making a visit to Kenya in 1980. Obama lived with his mother and half-sister, Maya Soetoro, in Hawaii for three years from 1972 to 1975 while his mother was a graduate student in anthropology at the University of Hawaii.

Obama chose to stay in Hawaii when his mother and half-sister returned to Indonesia in 1975, so his mother could begin anthropology field work. His mother spent most of the next two decades in Indonesia,

divorcing Lolo Soetoro in 1980 and earning a PhD degree in 1992, before dying in 1995 in Hawaii following unsuccessful treatment for ovarian and uterine cancer.

Of his years in Honolulu, Obama wrote: “The opportunity that Hawaii offered — to experience a variety of cultures in a climate of mutual respect — became an integral part of my world view, and a basis for the values that I hold most dear.”

Obama has also written and talked about using alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine during his teenage years to “push questions of who I was out of my mind.” Obama was also a member of the “Choom Gang” (the slang term for smoking marijuana), a self-named group of friends who spent time together and smoked marijuana.

After graduating from high school in 1979, Obama moved to Los Angeles to attend Occidental College on a full scholarship.

In February 1981, Obama made his first public speech, calling for Occidental to participate in the divestment from South Africa in response to that nation’s policy of apartheid. In mid-1981, Obama traveled to Indonesia to visit his mother and half-sister Maya and visited the families of college friends in Pakistan for three weeks.

Later in 1981, he transferred to Columbia University in New York City as a junior, where he majored in political science with a speciality in international relations and in English literature and lived off-campus on West 109th Street. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1983 and a 3.7 GPA. After graduating, Obama worked for about a year at the Business Interna-



Obama poses in the Green Room of the White House with wife Michelle and daughters Sasha and Malia, September 2009.

tional Corporation, where he was a financial researcher and writer, then as a project coordinator for the New York Public Interest Research Group on the City College of New York campus for three months in 1985. In the March 2004 primary election, Obama won an unexpected landslide—which overnight made him a rising star within the national Democratic Party, started speculation about a presidential future, and led to the reissue of his memoir, *Dreams from My Father*. In July 2004, Obama delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, seen by nine million viewers. His speech was well received and elevated his status within the Democratic Party.

Obama’s expected opponent in the general election, Republican primary winner Jack Ryan, withdrew from the race in June 2004. Six weeks later, Alan Keyes accepted the Republican nomination to replace Ryan. In the November 2004 general election, Obama won with 70 percent of the vote, the largest margin of victory for a Senate candidate in Illinois history. He took 92 of the state’s 102 counties, including several where Democrats traditionally do not perform well.

Obama was sworn in as a senator on January 3, 2005, becoming the only Senate member of the Congressional Black Caucus. He introduced two initiatives that bore his name: Lugar-Obama, which expanded the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction concept to conventional weapons; and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, which authorized the establishment of US-Spending.gov, a web search engine on federal spending.

On June 3, 2008, Senator Obama—along with Senators Tom Carper, Tom Coburn, and John McCain—introduced follow-up legislation: Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in Federal Spending

Act of 2008. He also cosponsored the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act.

In December 2006, President Bush signed into law the Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act, marking the first federal legislation to be enacted with Obama as its primary sponsor.

In January 2007, Obama and Senator Feingold introduced a corporate jet provision to the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act, which was signed into law in September 2007.

Later in 2007, Obama sponsored an amendment to the Defense Authorization Act to add safeguards for personality-disorder military discharges. This amendment passed the full Senate in the spring of 2008. He sponsored the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act supporting divestment of state pension funds from Iran’s oil and gas industry, which was never enacted but later incorporated in the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010; and co-sponsored legislation to reduce risks of nuclear terrorism. Obama also sponsored a Senate amendment to the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, providing one year of job protection for family members caring for soldiers with combat-related injuries.

On February 10, 2007, Obama announced his candidacy for President of the United States in front of the Old State Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois. The choice of the announcement site was viewed as symbolic, as it was also where Abraham Lincoln delivered his “House Divided” speech in 1858. Obama emphasized issues of rapidly ending the Iraq War, increasing energy independence, and reforming the health care system.

Numerous candidates entered the Democratic Party presidential primaries. The field narrowed to Obama and Senator Hillary Clinton after early contests, with the race remaining close

throughout the primary process, but Obama gained a steady lead in pledged delegates due to better long-range planning, superior fundraising, dominant organizing in caucus states, and better exploitation of delegate allocation rules. On June 2, 2008, Obama had received enough votes to clinch his nomination. After an initial hesitation to concede, on June 7, Clinton ended her campaign and endorsed Obama. On August 23, 2008, Obama announced his selection of Delaware senator Joe Biden as his vice presidential running mate. Obama selected Biden from a field speculated to include former Indiana governor and senator Evan Bayh and Virginia governor Tim Kaine. At the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, Hillary Clinton called for her supporters to endorse Obama, and she and Bill Clinton gave convention speeches in his support.

Obama delivered his acceptance speech at Invesco Field at Mile High stadium to a crowd of about eighty-four thousand; the speech was viewed by over three million people worldwide. During both the primary process and the general election, Obama’s campaign set numerous fundraising records, particularly in the quantity of small donations.

On June 19, 2008, Obama became the first major-party presidential candidate to turn down public financing in the general election since the system was created in 1976.

John McCain was nominated as the Republican candidate, and he selected Sarah Palin as his running mate. Obama and McCain engaged in three presidential debates in September and October 2008. On November 4, Obama won the presidency with 365 electoral votes to 173 received by McCain. Obama won 52.9 percent of the popular vote to McCain’s 45.7 percent. He became the first African-American to be elected president. Obama delivered his victory speech before hundreds of thousands of supporters in Chicago’s Grant Park.

He is one of the three United States senators moved directly from the U.S. Senate to the White House, the others being Warren G. Harding and John F. Kennedy.

South African jazz great Abdullah Ibrahim dies

Services were held for South African jazz great Abdullah Ibrahim, who died at the age of 91.

Ibrahim (born Adolph Johannes Brand on 9 October 1934, previously known as Dollar Brand, was a South African pianist and composer. His music reflects many of the musical influences of his childhood in the multicultural port areas of Cape Town, ranging from traditional African songs to the gospel of the AME Church and Ragas, to more modern jazz and other Western styles.

Ibrahim is considered the leading figure in the subgenre of Cape jazz. Within jazz, his music particularly reflects the influence of Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington. He is known especially for "Mannenberg", a jazz piece that became a notable anti-apartheid anthem.

During the apartheid era in the 1960s, Ibrahim moved to New York City and, apart from a brief return to South Africa in the 1970s, remained in exile until the early 1990s.

Over the decades, he has toured the world extensively, appearing at major venues either as a solo artist or playing with other renowned musicians, including Max Roach, Carlos Ward and Randy Weston, as well as collaborating with classical orchestras in Europe.

With his wife, the jazz singer Sathima Beba Benjamin, Ibrahim was father to two children, including the New York underground rapper Jean Grae.

Ibrahim was born in Cape Town, South Africa, on 9 October 1934, and was baptized Adolph Johannes Brand.

He attended Trafalgar High School in Cape Town's District Six, and began piano lessons at the age of seven, making his profes-



Ibrahim

sional debut at 15. He is of mixed-race heritage, making him a Coloured person according to the apartheid system.

His mother played piano in a church, the musical style of which would remain an influence on him; in addition, he learned to play several genres of music during his youth in Cape Town, including marabi, mbaqanga, and American jazz. He became well known in jazz circles in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

In 1959 and 1960, Ibrahim played with the Jazz Epistles group in Sophiatown, alongside saxophonists Kippie Moeketsi and Mackay Davashe, trumpeter Hugh Masekela, trombonist Jonas Gwangwa (who were all in the orchestra of the musical King Kong that opened in Johannesburg in February 1959), bassist Johnny Gertze and drummer Makaya Ntshoko; in January 1960, the six musicians went into the Gallo studio and recorded the first full-length jazz LP by Black South African musicians, Jazz Epistle Verse One, with 500 copies being produced.

Although the group avoided explicitly political activity, the apartheid government was suspicious of it and other jazz groups, and targeted them heavily during the increase in state repression following the Sharpeville massacre in March 1960, and eventually, the Jazz Epistles broke

up.

Ibrahim moved to Europe in 1962. In February 1963, his wife-to-be, Sathima Beba Benjamin (they married in 1965), convinced Duke Ellington, who was in Zürich, Switzerland, on a European tour, to come to hear Ibrahim perform as "The Dollar Brand Trio" in Zurich's "Africana Club".

After the show, Ellington helped set up a recording session with Reprise Records: Duke Ellington presents The Dollar Brand Trio. A second recording of the trio (also with Ellington and Billy Strayhorn on piano) performing with Sathima as vocalist was recorded, but remained unreleased until 1996 (A Morning in Paris, under Benjamin's name). The Dollar Brand Trio (with Johnny Gertze on bass and Makaya Ntshoko on drums) subsequently played at many European festivals, as well as on radio and television.

Ibrahim and Benjamin moved to New York in 1965 and that year Ibrahim played at the Newport Jazz Festival, followed by a first tour through the US; in 1966, he substituted for Duke Ellington on five dates, leading the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

In 1967, a Rockefeller Foundation grant enabled Ibrahim to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York. While in the US, he interacted with many progressive musicians, among them Don Cherry, Ornette Coleman, John Coltrane, Pharoah Sanders, Cecil Taylor and Archie Shepp.

As the Black Power movement developed in the 1960s and 1970s, it influenced a number of Ibrahim's friends and collaborators, who began to see their music as a form of cultural nationalism. Ibrahim, in turn, began to incor-

porate African elements into his jazz.

In 1968, Ibrahim briefly returned to Cape Town, where he converted to Islam that year (with the resultant change of name from Dollar Brand to Abdullah Ibrahim) and in 1970 he made a pilgrimage to Mecca.

He met Rashid Vally at the latter's Kohinoor record shop in Johannesburg in the early 1970s, and Vally produced two of Ibrahim's albums in the following years. The pair produced a third album in 1974, titled Underground in Africa, in which Ibrahim abandoned his financially unsuccessful folk-infused jazz of the previous albums. Instead, the new album was a fusion of jazz, rock music, and South Africa popular music, and sold well.

While recording Underground, Ibrahim collaborated with Oswietie, a local band of which Robbie Jansen and Basil Coetzee were saxophonists, and who played a large role in creating the album's fusion style. After the success of Underground, Ibrahim asked Coetzee to bring together a supporting band for his next recording: the group Coetzee put together included Jansen, as well as others who had not worked on Underground.

The composition "Mannenberg" was recorded in June 1974 during one of Ibrahim's visits back to South Africa, in a studio in Cape Town, and was produced by Rashid Vally. The track was recorded in one take during a period of collective improvisation. The piece was inspired by the Cape Flats township where many of those forcibly removed from District Six were sent.

The recordings made with Jansen and Coetzee, including "Mannenberg" (renamed "Capetown

Fringe" in its US release), "Black Lightning"; "African Herbs"; and "Soweto Is Where It Is At" – sounds that mirrored and spoke of the defiance in the streets and townships of South Africa – gave impetus to the genre of music known as "Cape Jazz."

"Mannenberg" came to be considered "the unofficial national anthem" of South Africa, and the theme tune of the anti-apar-

Unemployment compensation help

By TONYA SAMS

Experiencing job loss can be devastating, leaving those affected worried about how they will take care of themselves and their families. Applying for unemployment compensation is an option, but eligibility requirements must be met to get the benefits.

To qualify for benefits, you must have worked enough time and earned enough wages to meet monetary eligibility. To meet monetary eligibility, during the 12- to 18-month period before you applied for benefits, you must have been employed for at least 20 weeks and earned an average of at least \$352 per week. You must also have a qualifying separation from work such as a layoff or a discharge without just cause.

Unlike regular employees, independent contractors are not eligible for unemployment benefits.

"If you were a contractor for a company, you will not receive unemployment benefits," said Patrick Haney, a Supervising Attorney in the Economic Justice Practice Group at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. "But if you feel like your employer wrongly considered you as a contractor, you should still apply because that's an issue you can raise as part of the unemployment process."

You can apply for unemployment compensation online at unemployment.ohio.gov or by calling the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) at 877-644-6562.

The applicant will get a New Claim Instruction Sheet with information about how the claim process works and what happens if you are approved for benefits. JFS will gather information from your employer. If JFS requires additional information from you, they will send you a notice asking you to respond with certain information by a deadline.

Applicants will then get determination letters letting them know if they have met monetary eligibility and if they have a qualifying separation. You need to be eligible in both areas to receive benefits.

"If your application is denied, you can appeal that determination. But if you get approved, your employer can also appeal," said Patrick. "Instructions on how to submit an appeal will be included in your determination letter. You will have only 21 days from the determination date to appeal."

After an initial determination is appealed, JFS issues a Redetermination. A Redetermination can also be appealed. When a Redetermination is appealed, the issue will move to a hearing with the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission, which is usually held by telephone.

"The hearing is a legal proceeding where testimony is solicited and provided. Having an attorney is helpful because they will be there asking questions on your behalf and they have experience with this type of proceeding," he said.

Once you have applied for benefits, you will need to do several things to stay eligible including submitting information to JFS regarding your resume, work-search activities, and a career-profile assessment with Ohio Means Jobs.

heid movement. Saxophonist and flautist Carlos Ward was Ibrahim's sideman in duets during the early 1980s. A few years after the release of "Mannenberg" (released on Brand's Mannenberg ~ 'Is Where It's Happening' album in 1974), South African police fired upon protesting children during the Soweto Uprising that began on 16 June 1976; this event

led Ibrahim and Benjamin to publicly express support for the African National Congress, which was still banned at the time.

Soon returning to the US and settling in New York, Ibrahim and Sathima founded the record company Ekapa (meaning "Cape Town" in Xhosa) in 1981.

Starting in 1983, Ibrahim led a group called Ekaya (which translates as

"home"), as well as various trios, occasional big bands and other special projects.

Ibrahim has written the soundtracks for a number of films, including Chocolat (1988), and No Fear, No Die (1990). On 25 November 1989, he made an extended appearance in the British Channel 4 television discussion series After Dark alongside Zoë Wicomb Donald Woods.

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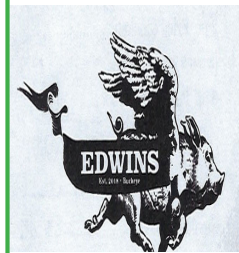


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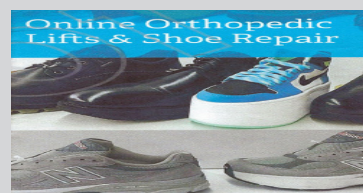
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