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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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Goodbye Glenville! Bye bye Buckeye!

The NEORSD and the largest urban removal project targeting Cleveland's historic Black neighborhoods

By PAT WHITE

While the mainstream media distracted Clevelanders with the drama and hype of the Cleveland Browns moving to Brook Park and breaking ground on their shiny new \$2.4 billion enclosed domed stadium, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) was quietly amassing hundreds of parcels of land in Cleveland's historically Black neighborhoods.

It was only after the NEORSD began its campaign to destroy the historic Shaker Lakes that the utility's activities, under scrutiny by local activists, came to light. Save Horseshoe Lake and The Shaker Lakes Conservancy sounded alarms about the NEORSD's plans which put focus on the utility's land acquisitions. In defense of the Shaker Lakes Parklands, environmental attorney Erin R. Flanagan filed suit to halt the NEORSD's plan to cut more than 1,000 trees in the Shaker Parklands, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1980.

At the time of the filing, activists were unaware of the magnitude of the NEORSD's land acquisitions in the historic Black Cleveland neighborhoods.

The activists were also unaware that the NEORSD was under a federal consent decree for polluting Lake Erie and that green infrastructure projects were part of their settlement agreement. The activists know now!

Question: Why does the NEORSD want to destroy the historic Shaker Lakes and "restore" a "free flowing" Doan Brook?

The answer as to why the sewer district wants to destroy the Shaker Lakes Parklands can be answered in two parts with the second part explaining why the sewer district has amassed so much land in Cleveland's Black neighborhoods:

Part I: Science - Bernoulli's principle is not needed to understand how water flows in the case of the Shaker Lakes. Common sense

is enough to understand the science. When it rains, especially if there's been a dry spell, the lakes capture the rainwater. The Shaker Lakes act like a huge natural stormwater retention basin. During a major storm event, in anticipation of heavy rain, the Cleveland Heights Public Works staff open a valve, Valve 4, which allows water to drain from the lakes to prevent overtopping and flooding.

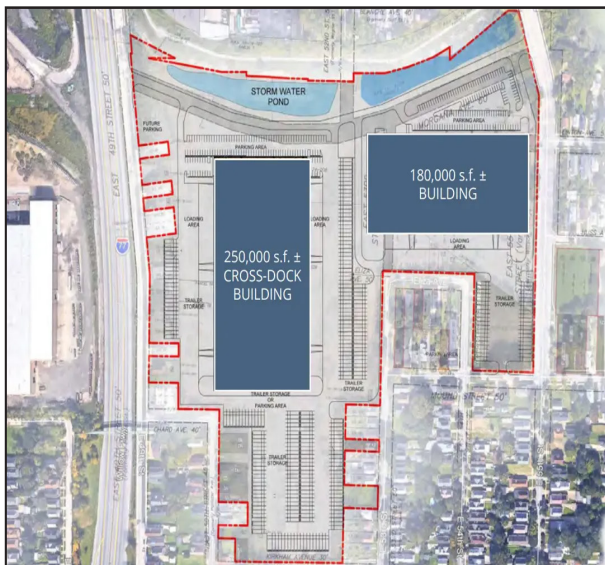
As anyone who has hiked in the area after a rainstorm can tell you, while Doan Brook trickles along most days, after a rainstorm, it gushes.

The NEORSD needs Doan Brook to gush/flow at a constant rate. The Shaker Lakes, like many of the local dams recently removed by the NEORSD, impede the steady flow of water. Why is that important to the NEORSD? "By understanding the movements of water (hydrology, or hydraulics) and respecting how water wants to move, we (NEORSD) design stable solutions that allow a stream and its floodplains to function more naturally - even in urbanized watersheds: Reconnecting floodplains, stabilizing streambanks, meandering stream channels, and removing impediments to free-flowing streams."

In other words, water filling the lakes for the community's enjoyment and for the support of its wildlife, is, according to the NEORSD, not the best use of the water in 2026. The NEORSD is seeking "free-flowing" streams.

Why "free flowing streams?" The NEORSD's has completed construction on 7 new massive water storage tunnels. These storage tunnels can hold 50-200 million gallons of water.

Part II: Business -Hyperscale Data Centers need a constant flow of water for cooling. The 7 huge storage tunnels are: Euclid Creek, Dugway Storage, Doan Valley, Westerly Storage, Shoreline Storage, Southerly Storage, and Big Creek Tunnel. The tunnels range from two to five miles in length, up to 300 feet underground and up to 24 feet in diameter. One large data center can use up to 5 million gallons per day. The water storage/ NEORSD connection came to light recently when Cleveland City Council's utilities committee voted (Cont. page 7).



An artist's rendering of the NEORSD's stormwater ponds for the hyperscale data center that developers want to build in Slavic Village. Cleveland City Council has temporarily halted the project.



The NEORSD acquired land at \$500,000/parcel in 2025 to support the Morabito Site development of a hyperscale data center



Residents of Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, and Cleveland are fighting the NEORSD's plan to destroy the historical Shaker Lakes Parklands.



The NEORSD massive water storage tunnels built in Cleveland's poorest neighborhoods.

Rekindle celebrates Juneteenth at EDWINS

Rekindle Fellowship was launched in April 2021 by co-founders Matt Fieldman and Charmaine Rice. They are finding their local, collaborative organization growing in other parts of the nation.

The organization holds their annual Juneteenth brunch at EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute in Cleveland Heights.

This year's theme was Rekindle's Juneteenth Experience: Together We Rise. The event included music and dancing.

Rekindle began as a nonprofit supported by local and national philanthropy and the fellows that give after their fellowship. The fellowship was founded with the intentions of bringing the Black and Jewish communities together, despite forces that provoke division between them.

Fieldman said he found through research there wasn't a successful, sustainable and meaningful Black and Jewish dialogue space for adults anywhere in the country.

With that in mind, he and Rice decided they would make every-

thing free and accessible in the city of Cleveland.

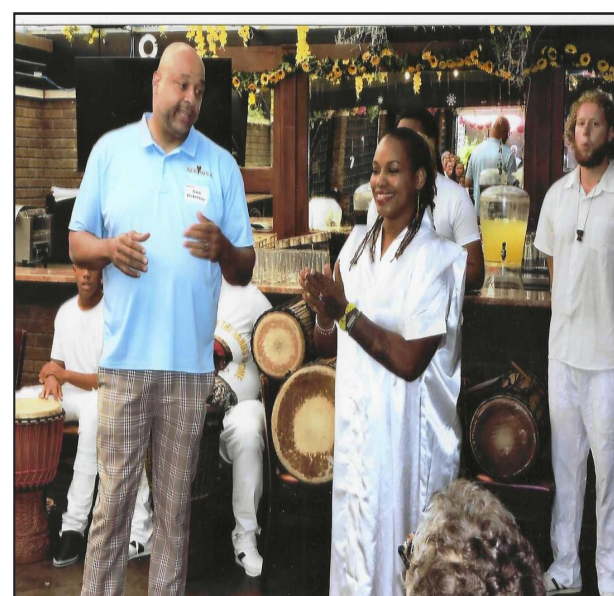
According to Fieldman, feedback within the fellowship has been positive, and those groups have gone on to recruit more cohorts.

Outside of Cleveland, six cities are running their own Rekindle cohorts and another seven are in the process of recruiting their first cohort.

The first chapters outside of Cleveland began in Rochester, N.Y., and Newark and Paramus, N.J. Chapters in Tampa, Fla., and Omaha, Neb., finished this summer and Detroit, Boston and Baltimore chapters will launch this fall.

Fieldman said he feels efforts through Rekindle have been successful in fostering connections in the Black and Jewish communities.

Expanding the fellowship nationally has only helped to grow those relationships.



Rekindle's Juneteenth Experience: Together We Rise. The event brings together members of the Jewish community and their African American neighbors.



Rekindle's Juneteenth Experience: Together We Rise. The event included music and dancing. The annual Juneteenth brunch is held at EDWINS in Cleveland Heights.



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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	(06-26-26)	\$4.75
Last Week	(06-19-26)	\$4.61
Last Year	(06-27-26)	\$3.52
National	(06-26-26)	\$4.49

VANTAGE POINT

2nd Annual Larchmere Cultural Arts Festival to be held

By VINCE ROBINSON

Larchmere Cultural Arts is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Larchmere Cultural Arts Festival to take place on July 17th - 19th at Larchmere Arts. This year's event will include an opening reception and visual art exhibition, a digital photography exhibition, short plays, short films, a poetry showcase, author's forum, artist recognition, food vendors and music events.

There will also be a retrospective look at Cleveland's Transformative Art Fund projects and their impact on the city.

On the first day, Cleveland artists will be featured in the exhibition entitled *Of the Diaspora: Melanin in Motion*. The



work of Bonnie Venable and Rodney Carpenter will be highlighted along with Alsie Clay, Chester Hopkins-Bey, Craig B. Sullivan and oth-

ers. There will be music by Vince Robinson & Special Guests.

Day two begins with an author showcase

that includes Akil Bryan Marshall, Alan K. Nevel, Andrea D. Campbell and Konnie Peroune. It will be followed by a shorts film festival of works by Wayne Smith, Patience Katushabe of Uganda, Matthew Thomas, Evan Faal, and additional films.

This will be followed by *The Second Act - A Short Play Theatre Festival* curated by Dr. Mary E. Weems. Her play *Ghostlight* is among the plays, along with *A Little Home Cookin'* by Michael Oatman, *Oasis* by Arlen Hodges, and *Asked and Answered* by Christopher Johnston.

The evening will be capped off with a spoken word showcase by *The Sparrow's Fortune*.

YOUR HEALTH

Organ transplants are changing lives

(NAPSI)-Organ transplants have been saving lives for many years. You may even know someone who has received a kidney or a heart transplant, and what a difference that gift of life has made.

Another type of transplant has been changing lives in incredible new ways—the transplantation of hands and faces.

More than 100 people worldwide have received these types of transplants: a veteran who lost his limbs in war, a woman whose face was devastated in an attack, a child who lost his hands to severe infection. All have had their lives transformed.

These procedures are called "Vascularized Composite Allograft" organ transplants, or VCA transplants.

They are composed of multiple types of tissue. With a hand transplant, for example, bones, blood vessels, nerves and skin must all be attached to the remaining arm.

So many tissues, however, make VCA transplants extremely complex. The surgery requires the involvement of dozens of surgeons and other medical professionals and can take 16 hours or more.

Recovery is also demanding for patients; rehabilitation can be a full-time job for one to two years.

Yet, the results are life chang-

ing. VCA transplants can restore abilities and independence in ways that artificial limbs and reconstructive surgery cannot. Just consider the difference a working hand with moving fingers and a sense of touch could make.

It can mean the ability to take care of oneself, work, drive and play. Face transplants enable recipients to rejoin society, often ending isolation and depression.

VCA and traditional organ transplants are the same in some respects. Criteria for matching donors and recipients include the need for compatible blood and tissue types.

However, VCA requires matching for additional features such as skin tone, body size and hair color. Gender may also be taken into consideration.

A commonly asked question about face transplants is whether the recipient

will look like the donor.

The answer is yes and no. Yes, skin characteristics such as moles, freckles and scars will transfer to the recipient. However, because the recipient's underlying bone structure is apt to be different from the donor's, resemblance will likely be minimal.

Like with kidneys, livers and other organs, there is a national waiting list for VCA transplants that matches donors with potential recipients.

However, enrolling as an organ donor on a state or national registry does not mean you're authorizing VCA donation. Your family would make the decision about VCA donation after your death.

Learn more at www.organdonor.gov, a website of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Weekly Wealth For Your Health

Making the most of rewards memberships

The perks of membership. There are many loyalty or rewards programs to choose from and the rules and benefits can vary.

For example, a grocer's program might offer the same in-store savings and exclusive coupons to all its members. By contrast, travel rewards programs often have tiers, different levels of membership with varying benefits depending on how often you travel or how much you spend. While the basic tier may offer discounted hotel rates or free Wi-Fi, the higher tiers might come with free room upgrades (including to coveted suites) and guaranteed early check-in and late check-out.

Recognize why companies might have rewards programs. When you're a big fan of a company or product, getting rewarded for your loyalty can be great. After all, it's a free perk if you were going to make the purchase anyway. But try not to get too attached to a particular company or product based solely on the rewards program.

Buying something simply because you get a discount as a member, or making a purchase "for the points," might be a waste. You could find yourself with a pantry full of products that are slowly going bad, or paying more for a trip because you didn't comparison shop the offerings from other airlines or hotel chains.

Joining a rewards program could lead to overspending if you're not careful. Recognizing that the programs could be designed to get you to spend more, and more often, can help you refrain from overspending. Here are a few additional ways to make sure you maximize your benefits.

Don't double-count your savings. You're tricking yourself if you consider the rewards points from a retailer's program as savings when making a purchase and then consider the same points as savings (again) when you redeem them for store credit. Count the rewards once, or don't make them part of your buying decision at all. Keep your programs organized. Points in some programs expire if you don't use them within a specified period or have recent account activity. You could use a website, app or spreadsheet to help track your accounts, how many points or miles you've earned and when they expire.

Another way to avoid overspending is to consider your net cost when

comparison shopping. To do this, you'll need a list of the dollar value of each program's rewards points. You could take a shortcut and copy the values other enthusiasts place on each program's points. Or, you could make estimates of your own based on trips or purchases you regularly make.

Now you'll know when 1,000 points are worth \$1 or \$10 and can plan your purchases accordingly. In the end, you want to be able to make as close to an apples-to-apples comparison as possible, inclusive of the value you place on the rewards.

Consumer rewards programs offer a wide variety of benefits, including exclusive savings and complimentary perks. While it's often free to join the programs, and you could get rewarded for doing so, keep the big picture in mind and be careful about letting your membership lead to unnecessary purchases.

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Islam In The Community

'Now 60%': Netanyahu admits Israel taking more territory in Gaza, despite ceasefire

Israel has been expanding the territory it controls in the Gaza Strip during the ceasefire, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu acknowledged Sunday, pushing past the lines that were agreed upon in the US-brokered ceasefire that took effect last October.

At the start of the truce, the Israel Defense Forces controlled around 53 percent of the war-torn Palestinian enclave, with Hamas controlling the other 47%, in which nearly all of the Strip's

two million residents live. The army established the "Yellow Line," demarcating the part of Gaza occupied by Israeli troops, and has been regularly firing at those who approach the line and are deemed a threat.

"In Gaza now, we already control not 50%, but 60%," Netanyahu said at the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, confirming reports that Israel has taken more territory despite the ceasefire still being in effect.

Maps issued quietly

by Israel in March showed a new restricted area beyond the 53%. The area, marked on the maps with an orange line, makes up an estimated 11% of Gaza's territory beyond the Yellow Line. The areas cordon off nearly two-thirds of Gaza's territory in total.

The military sent the maps to aid groups in Gaza in mid-March, saying the area between the orange line and the yellow line is a restricted zone to enable aid delivery, and that aid groups

must coordinate their movements with the military. It says civilians are not affected.

The expanded zone has stirred fears from displaced Palestinians living there that they could be deemed targets by Israel. It has also stoked concerns that Israel may plan to hold the area permanently.

"We are tightening our grip on Hamas," Netanyahu said Sunday.

"We know exactly what our mission is, and our mission is one thing only — to ensure that Gaza will no longer pose a threat to Israel," he said.

However, he did not pledge that Hamas will be destroyed as a military and governing organization, as he has many times since October 7, 2023.

Addressing the killing of the terror group's military chief Izz al-Din al-Haddad on Friday, Netanyahu said that he promised "that all the architects of the massacre and all the architects of the kidnappings would be eliminated, every last one of them, and we are getting very close to completing that mission as well."

Haddad helped plan the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack that killed 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and saw 251 abducted as hostages to Gaza, triggering the war. He took over as head of Hamas in Gaza after the May 2025 killing of Mohammed Sinwar, the brother and successor of Yahya Sinwar, who led the terror group in the 2023 onslaught.

Gaza strikes allegedly kill 8; IDF says Hamas commander killed

Meanwhile, Israeli strikes allegedly killed at least eight Palestinians in the Gaza Strip on Sunday, Hamas-linked health officials claimed.

Medics said an Israeli strike killed one Palestinian near a Hamas police post in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip. The military said it killed an operative who posed an immediate threat to forces operating in an area south of the enclave.

Separately, Gaza medics said another Israeli airstrike killed at least three people at a community kitchen near Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza area. The IDF said the strike targeted a Hamas commander developing anti-tank missiles.

Gaza medical officials claimed three more Palestinians were killed, one in a shooting incident in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip and two others in an Israeli airstrike near a bakery in Deir al-Balah in central Gaza.

Additionally, the IDF announced Sunday that a Hamas commander was killed in an airstrike in the Gaza Strip the day before.

The IDF said that Bahaa Baroud, who served in Hamas's operations division, had advanced many attacks against troops and Israeli civilians "in the immediate timeframe."

"Baroud posed an immediate threat to IDF troops and was struck and

eliminated in a precise aerial strike," the military said.

Some 870 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli strikes since the ceasefire began in October, according to Hamas health ministry figures that do not distinguish between combatants and civilians. Four Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza during the same period.

In an alarming report from the UN:

The United Nations commission of inquiry has said more than 20,000 Palestinian children were killed by Israeli forces in what it described as "deliberate, targeted" attacks between October 7, 2023 and October 7, 2025. The 100-page report by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry, chaired by former Orissa High Court Chief Justice Srinivasan Muralidhar, said at least 20,179 children were killed and 44,143 were injured in the hostilities in Gaza during this period.

Israel rejected the report, calling it a "libelous sham". It said, "The COI is a fundamentally flawed mechanism whose very purpose is to single out and vilify Israel rather than seek the truth," and later added that the report "completely erases Israeli children who were brutally murdered, kidnapped, and targeted by Hamas, while ignoring Hamas' cynical use of Palestinian children as human shields and pawns of war".

Speaking at a press conference in Geneva on Tuesday, Muralidhar said the commission found "indisputable evidence" of the "deliberate, targeted killing of Palestinian children, including since the October 2025 ceasefire". He said the findings also covered "the use of torture, inhumane and degrading treatment, including use of sexual and gender-based violence against Palestinian children, as well as targeting of critical infrastructure essential to children, such as orphanages, health care, and educational facilities". He added that there had been "widespread and systematic" killing and harming of children between October 7, 2023 and October 2025.

The commission examined violations and crimes against Palestinian children by Israeli security forces since October 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel. That Hamas-led attack on southern Israel killed about 1,200 people and 251 were taken hostage. The report said children made up 30 per cent of those killed and 26 per cent of those injured in Gaza during the two-year period it studied.

The report said that until October 7, 2023, roughly half of Gaza's population was under 18 and that these children had already spent their lives under blockade and occupation, facing repeated hostilities and trauma. It noted that the share of children killed was higher than in earlier escalations, when children accounted for about 24 per cent of conflict-related deaths in 2008-2009 and 2014. It said children killed in Gaza represented around two per cent of the territory's

1.2 million child population by October 2025. Among those killed, at least 5,031 were under five, including 1,029 under one year of age and about 420 newborns. The commission said the actual number of children killed and injured was "certainly higher" and cited Save the Children as estimating that 5,160 children were buried under rubble.

Muralidhar said the commission's findings were that "Israel targets children to weaken demographic vitality and deny the Palestinian people's right to self-determination". He said the report concluded that the Israeli authorities and security forces had "deliberately targeted and killed Palestinian children and destroyed their childhood" and were responsible for "crimes against humanity, including persecution and war crimes in the Gaza Strip, and war crimes in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem". He also said the protection, care and survival of Palestinian children and pregnant women were "inextricably linked" to the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, adding that "By targeting children, Israel is eroding the foundational structure of Palestinian society, weakening the demographic vitality and overall capacity of the Palestinian people to sustain and exercise its right to determine its future as a people".

The commission also examined a sharp rise in violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinian children in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Muralidhar said, "Our report concludes that

the settler violence in the West Bank functions as a means of implementing Israeli state policies, with both the state and violent settler groups working in collaboration towards the same strategic objective: unlawful territorial expansion." He added that the report also found that Hamas had repeatedly committed grave abuses against Palestinians in Gaza, using the cover of Israeli military offensives and the broader collapse of law and order to carry out campaigns of repression, torture and unlawful killings.

The report called on Israel to immediately halt military operations in Gaza and ensure accountability for all those responsible for crimes against Palestinian children, including individual perpetrators and those in political or military command.

It also urged the UN Security Council to ban all two-way military-related trade with Israel and impose "immediate, comprehensive sanctions", including travel bans, asset freezes and financial restrictions, on Israeli officials in command positions, the leadership of the Israeli security forces, military commanders and soldiers serving in Gaza on or since October 2023 who have or may have committed international crimes.

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A Look At My World

Help!!! I'm becoming my father

By Dr. JAMES L. SNYDER

As I celebrated Father's Day this year, I remembered my father. It was 16 years ago that he passed away, and I have not forgotten him one single day.

One thing that stands out in my memories of him is his money. He did not have a lot of money, but the money he did have was somewhat of an obsession with him. When he got his monthly bank statements, he spent the whole day going through them line by line.

As he reviewed his statements and deposits, he remembered each deposit and its source. Sitting with him one time as he was going over his bank statements, I asked him how he could remember each deposit and where it came from.

Continuing to look at his bank statement, he said, "Son, it's more important to know where your money is coming from than where it's going."

I'm not sure I understood exactly at the time what he was talking about.

He had a construction business and kept track of all the money coming in from the sale of a house. It was important to him to review his money every month.

Today, we can check our bank balances online every

day. Back in his day, he didn't have the Internet like we have today. I like to think of what it would be like if he could check his bank balances every day. I think he would really have enjoyed that.

Thinking of his connection with money, I could not help but think about going out to lunch with him. Often, several of his friends would come out together, and we would have lunch at a restaurant. I did not catch this at first, but it did not take me long to see what was happening.

Everybody paid their own bill, but Dad picked up mine, which I was thankful for. He told everybody that he would take care of the tip, and nobody needed to worry about it. I noticed that he laid down the tip. I did not quite understand what it was, but as he walked away, I looked back and saw that his tip was a quarter. Sometimes it was only a nickel, but this time he was being very generous.

As we were walking out, some of the guys would say they had to go to the bathroom and would catch up with us in the parking lot. I never assumed what they were doing, but later I realized they were going back to the table and leaving generous tips for the waitress. It's a good thing good old dad didn't know anything about that.

Tipping was not his

favorite thing to do, as you can imagine.

Compared to my father, my mother was not frugal at all. Believe me, Dad had to watch over her with a very sharp eye so she would not spend too much of his money, which taught me the value of careful spending and the importance of financial discipline in family life.

This was particularly true around Christmas time. Mother wanted to buy all of us kids a lot of presents for Christmas. Dad, on the other side of the Christmas tree, believed that each should only get one Christmas present. And he was unanimous in that. It was one of the few things they really disagreed. Dad was not going to spend a lot of money on Christmas.

When it came to Christmas trees, he was just as frugal. I remember that several years ago, the week before Christmas, we went driving around the countryside looking for a Christmas tree. I did not understand at the time, but I was later to understand what he was doing. If he found a tree that looked like a Christmas tree, he would stop, dig it out of the ground, put it in the car, and take it home.

That was our Christmas tree for the year.

Then, after the Christmas season, he would take that tree in our backyard and plant it. I cannot tell you how many Christmas trees were planted in our backyard, which made my father so very proud. I cannot tell you how many times he would sit on the back porch and look at those Christmas trees. He could tell which year each Christmas tree was acquired.

Of course, the same attitude was prevalent at our birthdays. Mom would like to get us half a dozen birthday gifts, but Dad would only settle for one. I can remember them arguing over which gift to get me for my birthday.

It was not that our father did not like us; he was just very careful about his money. Money came very hard to him, and he was going to make sure it would be harder to go out of his bank than to go in. From him, I learned the importance of saving and being cautious with spending, lessons that still guide me today.

I like to go online to check my bank account, and when I do, I think of my father. How he would have loved checking his money every day. To him, money was very important.

The Apostle Paul understood this in 1 Timothy 6:10a, "For the love of money is the root of all evil."

Our problem is not money itself. We need money to live every day. "The Love of money" is what undermines our lives.

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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 23, 2026 to Friday, June 26, 2026

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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 in Virtual Tie Halfway Home

By KARL BRYANT

At Press Time, the Guardians have reached the halfway point of the regular season, having played their 81st game. Their in a virtual tie for 1st Place (technically .0004 points behind) with their apparent 2026 AL Central antagonist, the White Sox. They used to sit solidly atop the Division, but have gone 8-12 in June to date. They'd lost 6 of their last 8 games, including their last three - plus, most importantly, two in the Windy City to the ChiSox - before capturing

that series finale in extras.

Among those six recent losses were three 2-1 defeats. One wag, apparently influenced by recently-released military aerial films and the movie "Disclosure Day," intoned, "If there really are Aliens out there, the Guardians would still lead the Universe in 2-1 losses." In reality, they have five 2-1 defeats all season, but it has to look like "billions and billions" to their suffering fans who can't understand how their team can't figure out a way to just squeeze out one more run in such close contests.

When CLE opened the third leg of their extended road trip in Chicago, things did not go well. Dependable Gavin Williams only gave up two runs, but left after throwing 95 pitches in 5.0 innings. Meanwhile, his Bullpen didn't do well and his teammates could not figure out a way to cross home plate. In the 7th, the Offense finally awoke as recent call-up Kahlil Watson (who replaced Chase DeLauter, who went on the IL) knocked in a couple runs on with a single and the Guardians tied the game at 3-3.

Chicago retook the lead, but the Guardians rallied to take a 5-4 lead in the top of the 9th. Unfortunately, Closer Cade Smith (2-1), who's been walking a 9th Inning tight-rope most of the season, despite having a MLB-leading 24 Saves, fell apart. Working his second inning of the night, he allowed the White Sox to score twice to "walk off" with the "W." That allowed Chicago to tie CLE for 1st Place.

The next day, one of those infuriating 2-1 losses raised it's ugly head and the Guardians tumbled into 2nd Place. Star Rookie Parker Messick (7-4) was the victim of the Guardians hitting inadequacies, despite striking out 10 ChiSox. He allowed only three hits, but a 6th Inning HR did him in. The only Guardian run came via Watson hitting his first Major League HR in the 5th Inning.

Luckily, CLE took the se-

ries finale, 4-3 in 10 innings. Tanner Bibee, whose had little batting support this year, left with a 2-0 lead after 6.0 scoreless innings. The Guardians still had a 3-1 lead going into the 9th when Fireman Smith came into the game for the second straight night with gasoline in his hose. He gave up back-to-back jacks to the White Sox to tie the score. He put on two more runners before Shawn Armstrong (2-1) came in to relieve him and put out the fire.

In the 10th, Watson, who earlier knocked in two runs with a hit, singled in automatic runner Petey Halpin to give CLE the lead. The Sox loaded the bases (automatic runner plus two walks), but Armstrong, working his second inning, got out of the jam aided by a force out at home on a throw by Brayan Rocchio, and ended the tense contest inducing a groundout. That left Chicago and CLE in the virtual tie we see at Press Time.

The injuries have taken a toll. DeLauter is expected back in about a week, but with Angel Martinez and superstar Jose Ramirez on the IL, for about six weeks each, a lot is being expected from the Guardians already-thin attack. Even more pressure is now being put on the CLE pitching staff.

The Guardians return to The Land this weekend to begin a 10-game Homestand. Keep your fingers crossed.

Mason to face Bell



Mason

Abdullah Mason's Cleveland homecoming will now come with an all-Ohio twist.

After former world champion Joe Cordina was forced to withdraw due to a visa issue, unbeaten Toledo native and WBO No. 6-ranked contender Albert Bell has stepped in to challenge Mason for the WBO lightweight world title on Saturday, July 4, at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center.

Mason-Bell headlines TNT Sports and DAZN's inaugural The Fight event, a new monthly live boxing series, and will be broadcast co-exclusively in the U.S. on TNT, truTV and DAZN and worldwide on DAZN.

The Mason-Bell, Bruce Carrington-Rene Palacios, Tiger Johnson-Christopher Guerrero and Scooter Davis-Carlos Ramos fights will be broadcast LIVE beginning at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

Promoted by Top Rank, in association with Pulse Boxing and TGB Promotions, tickets are on sale via Ticketmaster.com.

Mason said, "New opponent, same mission. Much respect to Albert Bell for stepping in. Everyone, show up to the Wolstein for my title defense. Appetite for smoke!"

Bell said, "The opportunity was presented, I said yes. If you know my story, it's been a long road."

Mason (20-0, 17 KOs) completed one of boxing's fastest recent climbs last November, dominating previously unbeaten Sam Noakes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to become a world champion less than five months shy of his 22nd birthday. Mason



Bell

turned pro at 17 in 2021 following an amateur career of approximately 80 fights and surged into title contention in 2025 with three consecutive stoppages. He opened the year with a fourth-round knockout of Manuel Jaimes in February, stopped Carlos Ornelas in the sixth round in April, and blasted out Namibian veteran Jeremia Nakathila in the fifth round in June before the No-akes win.

Bell (28-0, 9 KOs) was scheduled to face Cuban Olympic gold medalist Andy Cruz in an IBF lightweight world title final eliminator on July 18 in Carson, California. Instead, the unbeaten Ohioan now gets his first world title opportunity two weeks earlier against Mason. The 33-year-old returns following a 10-round unanimous decision over Keith Hunter last August in his hometown.

The Fight is a new monthly boxing series from TNT Sports and DAZN, built to deliver the sport's biggest matchups and rising stars on a consistent national stage, elevated further by a star-studded on-air broadcast team.

Featuring top fighters from leading global promoters, each event airs live on TNT Sports and DAZN platforms in the U.S. and streams worldwide on DAZN, creating a seamless, multi-platform experience that brings fans closer to the action than ever before. Across TNT Sports' networks and platforms, including Bleacher Report and House of Highlights, additional original programming and digital content will spotlight the personalities, storylines and stakes driving each event.

Cavs Draft Meleek

By KARL BRYANT

Cavs fans were poised and waiting for the announcement of who their favorite Wine & Gold (or Blue with Wine & Gold trim, or Sunset hue, etc.) team would take with the 29th pick in the 2026 NBA Draft. The air was thick with anticipation.

The announcement came that the Cavs would choose Alex Karaban, a 6' 8" front-court player from UCONN. He'd appeared in 3 out of the last 4 NCAA National Championship Games, with his Huskies winning it all in 2023 and 2024, and finishing as National Runner-up in 2026, as Michigan finally rung up a "W" in the title tilt for the Big Ten. Karaban. Not too shabby.

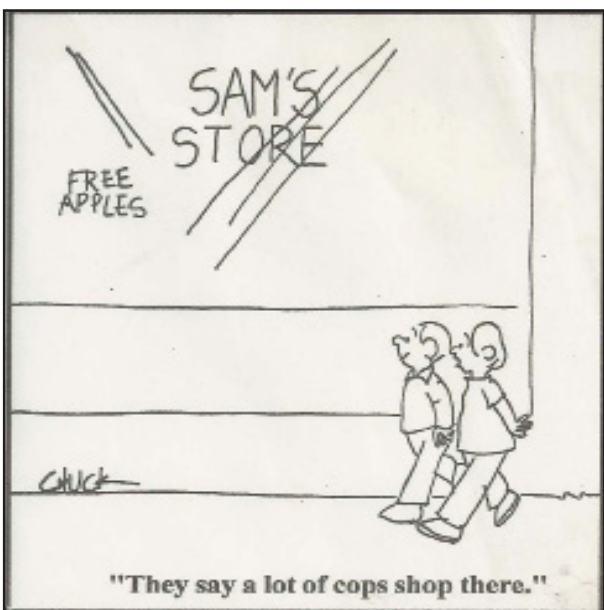
But alas, as the late Gilda Radner as Roseanne Roseannadanna would have said, "Never Mind." Word came that the pick had actually been at the behest of the

Sacramento Kings, who immediately got Karaban in a trade. In return, the Cavs got the Kings 4th pick in the 2nd Round, which will occur after Press Time, and a future ([echo] future, future, future) 2nd Round Draft pick. After Day One, the Cavs may as well as drafted Claude Raines, whose name is synonymous with the title character he played in the classic 1933 horror film, "The Invisible Man," because that's all they had to show.

On Day Two, with the 34th pick they got from the Kings, the Cavs chose 6' 4" Arkansas G Meleek Thomas. They kept him. The good news is that although he was a one-and-done Freshman, he shoots 40% from three-point-land, so will fit nicely into the team dynamic. He'll also get additional seasoning with their G-League squad, the Charge. At only 19 years old, he'll have plenty of time to grow.



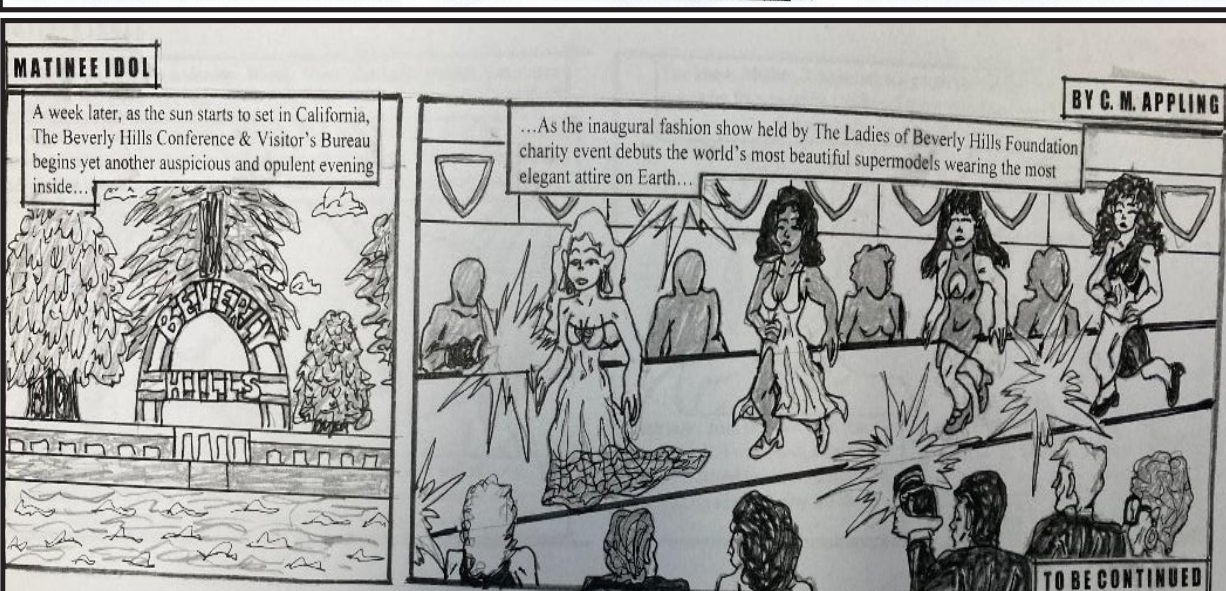
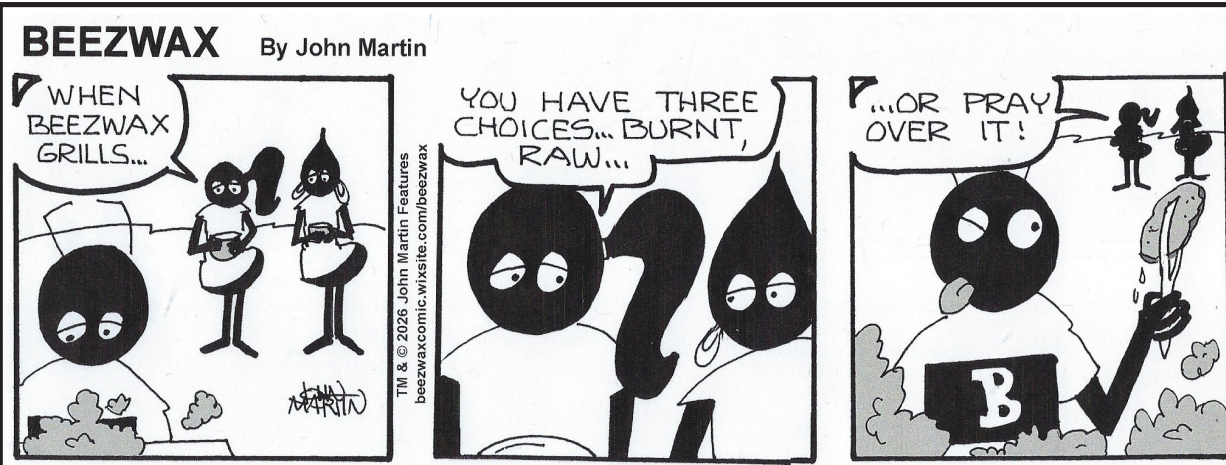
Billboards promoting the Abdullah Mason fight in Cleveland are posted throughout the city promoting the fight between Mason and Albert Bell on July 4 at the Wolstein Center. This billboard was located at E. 96th and Woodland Ave.



"They say a lot of cops shop there."



"Sure, I believe in love at first sight, if I could ever see anybody!"



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Neil deGrasse Tyson "Search For Life In The Universe" to come to State Theatre

Neil deGrasse Tyson "Search For Life In The Universe" to come to State Theatre on October 7 at 8:00 p.m.

"To declare that Earth is the only planet in the universe with life would be inexcusably bigheaded of us."

The discovery of about half a dozen planets around stars other than the Sun has triggered tremendous public interest. Attention was driven not so



much by the discovery of extra-solar planets, but by the prospect of them hosting intelligent life.

In any case, the

media frenzy that followed was somewhat out of proportion with the events. Why? Because planets cannot be all that rare in the universe if the Sun happens to have a bunch of them. Even if they were teeming with buoyant aliens, the odds against these life forms being intelligent may be astronomical.

Ordinarily, there is no riskier step that a scientist (or anyone) can take than to make sweep-

ing generalizations from just one example. At the moment, life on Earth is the only known life in the universe, but there are compelling arguments to suggest we are not alone...

Tyson was awarded the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal in the same year. From 2006 to 2011, he hosted the television show NOVA ScienceNow on PBS. Since 2009, Tyson has hosted the

weekly podcast StarTalk. A spin-off, also called StarTalk, began airing on National Geographic in 2015. In 2014, he hosted the television series Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey, a successor to Carl Sagan's 1980 series Cosmos: A Personal Voyage. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences awarded Tyson the Public Welfare Medal in 2015 for his "extraordinary role in exciting the public about the wonders of science."

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 journey in coping with the grief



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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.

MENU TIPS

Perfecting the classic pecan pie

(NAPSI)—Time spent sharing a traditional holiday treat with family and friends can be a wonderful way to sweeten your day.

Here, for Thanksgiving, is a Classic Pecan Pie recipe created by the trusted experts at Karo Syrup's Test Kitchen.

Plus, for a definite crowd-pleaser at any family gathering, try this Creamy Caramelized Onion and Bacon Dip, delicious and easy to serve with kettle chips, snack crackers or fresh vegetables.

For more seasonal recipes and tips, visit www.KaroSyrup.com or [Facebook.com/KaroSyrup](https://www.facebook.com/KaroSyrup).

Classic Pecan Pie
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Bake Time: 60 to 70 minutes
Cool Time: 2 hours
Yield: 8 servings
1 cup Karo® Light OR Dark Corn Syrup
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon Spice Islands® Pure Vanilla Extract
1½ cups (6 ounces) pecans
1 (9-inch) unbaked or frozen* deep-dish pie crust
Preheat oven to 350° F.

Mix corn syrup, eggs, sugar, butter and vanilla using a spoon. Stir in pecans. Pour filling into pie crust.

Bake on center rack of oven for 60 to 70 minutes. Cool for 2 hours on wire rack before serving.

*To use prepared frozen pie crust: Place cookie sheet in oven and preheat oven as directed. Pour filling into frozen crust and bake on preheated cookie sheet.

Recipe Note: Pie is done when center reaches 200° F. Tap center surface of pie lightly—it should spring back when done. For easy cleanup, spray pie pan with cooking spray before plac-

ing pie crust in pan. If pie crust is overbrowning, cover edges with foil.

Creamy Caramelized Onion and Bacon Dip
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 to 30 minutes
Cool Time: 20 minutes
Yield: 4 cups
8 ounces bacon (6 to 8 strips)
2 tablespoons butter
1 medium-sweet onion, chopped
1 medium red onion, chopped
2 tablespoons Karo® Dark Corn Syrup
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 cup sour cream
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
¼ cup diced green onions
Crumbled bacon and green onions (optional garnish)

Cook bacon in large skillet over medium heat until crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove bacon to paper towel-lined plate to cool; crumble. Remove all but 2 tablespoons of the bacon grease from skillet.

Add butter to skillet with bacon grease. Stir in sweet and red onions and cook over medium heat until soft (about 5 minutes), stirring frequently. Stir in 1 tablespoon corn syrup.

Continue to cook for 10 to 15 minutes until onions are caramelized. Stir in remaining 1 tablespoon corn syrup, vinegar and crumbled bacon. Mix well and remove from heat. If needed, drain any excess grease. Let mixture cool for 20 minutes.

Beat sour cream and cream cheese in a bowl with hand mixer until well blended and creamy. Stir in green onions. Stir in caramelized onion and bacon mixture and mix well.

Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve. Garnish with additional bacon and green onions, if desired.

Recipe Note: While dark corn syrup is preferred, light corn syrup may be substituted if desired.

from the death of his eldest son from drug addiction.

The book brings a much-needed perspective on how



Just Jazz

By NANCY ANN LEE

Jodie Christian

Chicagoan Jodie Christian is a flawless jazz pianist whose fame came late perhaps because he remained in his hometown.

A self-described "professional sideman," he has performed and recorded with Stan Getz, Chet Baker, Sonny Stitt, Buddy Montgomery, Roscoe Mitchell and others since his career began nearly 50 years ago.

Early inspiration came from his parents, both self-taught pianist who played for church and house parties.

Christian studied at Chicago School of Music in the 1940s and fortified his piano technique by playing in church.

The life-long southsider was among charter members of Chicago's musician's cooperative, the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians in 1965.

Although avant garde influences are evident in Christian's playing, he considers himself a bebop-influenced player able to stretch out. Christian began to gain wider notice after recording two albums as leader for Chicago's Delmark label and being chosen in 1994 as an Arts Midwest Jazz Master. As well as a leader, Christian is a much-in-demand sideman and educator.

He is actively devoted to his community and conducts jazz programs in the public schools and performs in outdoor neighborhood concerts for Chicago's youth.

mental health stigmas and drug addiction impact the Black community and society at large. His first comedy special in over a decade, FOOL-ISH, 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-hosted 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

Chris' Cinema Trivia & Movie Match Up

By CHRIS APPLING



TRIVIA - (Horror)

1. Damien: Omen II (1978) was the sequel and second installment about the Antichrist, 'Damien Thorn': the Devil's own son as a 13-year-old teen at a military academy, but who is the black actor who played the unlucky scientist that is killed in an elevator tragedy once he discovers that Damien's genes are those of a jackal, not a human?
2. Former dredlocked blue-eyed, African-American actor Gary Dourdan was known best as 'Shaka Zulu': boyfriend of neohippie/activist 'Freddie' (Cree Summer) on A Different World, but in what sci-fi horror sequel did he star opposite Sigourney Weaver as part of a group of 'space pirates' who become the only line of defense between Earth and a hostile, extraterrestrial invasion?
3. Who is the R&B superstar that had a cameo role as an African-American football player whose team becomes 'possessed' by an alien intelligence that had taken control of the school's teachers?
4. In Scream 3 (1999), the third and final installment of the scream trilogy, who is the young, dark-skinned black actor that plays an actor in the movie and once starred as 'Kenny': the childhood friend of 'Rudy Huxtable' (Keisha Knight-Pulliam) on the classic sitcom, The Cosby Show?
5. Actress Loretta Devine is best known for being the friend of 3 other, African-American women in Waiting To Exhale (1995), or as the history teacher on T.V.'s Boston Public, but in what horror film did she star as the Pam Grier inspired, police cop on a college campus being stalked by a serial killer who murders victims based on city myths?

ANSWERS: 1. Meshach Taylor 2. Aliens Ressurrection (1997) 3. Usher (Raymond) 4. Deon Redman 5. Urban Legend (1999)



MOVIE MATCH-UP - (Tales From The Hood)

- ACTORS:
1. Lamont Bentley
 2. Corbin Bernsen
 3. Brandon Hammond
 4. Clarence Williams III
 5. Tom Wright
- ROLES:
- a) abused boy with magical, drawing power
 - b) black, zombie politician
 - c) gang-banger faces guilty conscience
 - d) mortician that condemns 3 thugs to hell
 - e) racist, white politician haunted by living, slave dolls
- ANSWERS:
1, c; 2, e; 3, a; 4, d; 5, b

Da 'Round Da Way Rewind Review

Dwayne Johnson's Top 10 Films

By C.M. APPLING

In the 1970's, Italian-American actor Sylvester Stallone burst onto the silver screen as the golden-bronze, boxing prizefighter of the Rocky (and now Creed) drama franchise. Later, Stallone became an action-movie icon in the 1990's. Also in the 70's, former, champion bodybuilder and Austrian immigrant Arnold Schwarzenegger would depart the steroid-enhanced sport to 'flex his muscles' in motion-pictures to, like Stallone, become an action-film celebrity. However, even though African-American actors like Jim Brown and Carl Weathers had the chiseled physiques of Stallone and Schwarzenegger, neither achieved the popularity status of the white stars.

Then, at the turn of the millennium, a third-generation, WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) athlete with bulging biceps would make the triumphant transition from wrestler 'The Rock', to actor and, eventually, an action super-star of Hollywood blockbusters.

The copper-skinned, interracial offspring of a light-skinned, African-American father and a Samoan-Polynesian mother, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson has not only attained the equal popularity that his Caucasian forerunners did, but has crossed racial lines in film where his 'characters of color' have produced racially-ambiguous-looking, movie sons and daughters.

And, although he plays an ensemble character, Luke Hobbs, in the Fast & Furious action franchise, Johnson has 10 films that attest to his talent the best:

#10 The Game Plan (2007) Comedy. In this movie, Johnson is a successful, yet egotistical, NFL star who must suddenly adjust to single fatherhood when the young, mixed-race daughter of his now deceased, white ex-wife appears on his doorstep. A Walt Disney picture, it is family-friendly fun.

#9 Hercules (2014) Action. Playing the mythological, Greek legend of the God, Zeus, and a mortal woman, John-

son is the half-breed strongman who, having competed his documented '12 labors', assists a benevolent King and his daughter to take down a tyrannical warlord.

#8 San Andreas (2015) Action. As a LAFD search-and-rescue helicopter pilot, Johnson navigates the catastrophic landscape and terrain to find his estranged, white wife and their only, mixed-race daughter after California's San Andreas fault triggers a magnitude 9 earthquake that devastates and demolishes the state like no natural disaster before it.

#7 Pain & Gain (2013) Drama/Comedy. In this dark comedy, Johnson plays one of two, black bodybuilders (the other one being Anthony Mackie), in Miami, who are convinced by a weight-lifting, Caucasian gym owner (Mark Wahlberg) to kidnap a wealthy businessman to extort his money. (Johnson plays against type when his character becomes drug-addicted).

#6 Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (2017) Comedy/Action. In this funny film, Johnson is one of four, adult avatar characters in an old, magical video game that four, very different, high school students are drawn into. The kids must adjust to their avatar identities and play the game to completion in order to escape and return to reality. (This film reunites African-American comedian Kevin Hart with Johnson in their second movie together).

#5 Gridiron Gang (2006) Drama. In this role, Johnson is an African-American counselor at a juvenile detention facility who decides to turn the young inmates into a football team. His team must not only overcome the various problems that sent them to the facility, but also the opposition from legitimate, high school coaches who don't want their kids to play against the criminal juveniles. This film explored Johnson's ability to play a very serious role.

#4 Central Intelligence (2016) Comedy/Action. In their first film together, Johnson plays a lethal, CIA agent who attends his high school

reunion with a totally different, muscular physique after he was bullied and humiliated as an adolescent for being fat. Johnson's character recruits a fellow, former classmate (Kevin Hart) whose accounting and numerical skills can help him save America's spy satellite system.

#3 Walking Tall (2004) Drama/Action. A remake of a movie classic, Johnson plays the military, special forces son of an African-American father and a Caucasian mother who returns to their home in rural, Washington state to become a beloved sheriff if he rids the small town of corrupt cops and a seedy casino run by a former, Caucasian, childhood schoolmate (Neal McDonough).

#2 The Rundown (2003) Thriller/Action. In his second, solo-starring motion-picture, Johnson is a bounty-hunter with aspirations of becoming a restaurant-owning chef. His final 'job' is to track down and return the adult, white son (Seann William Scott) of his shady employer, in the Brazilian jungle, but ends up teaming up with the son and a female, Latina, rebel leader (Rosario Dawson) to find a golden treasure that will free the local people from the exploitation of an Caucasian, American excavator (Christopher Walken).

#1 The Scorpion King (After appearing in the successful sequel, The Mummy Returns, as a cameo character (the 'Scorpion King'), a third film in the franchise is a 'prequel' that precedes the Mummy timeline. 5000 years ago in ancient Arabia, Johnson is 'Mathayus': an Akkadian assassin who helps unite an army of nomadic tribes to kill a vicious and cruel leader who uses the prophetic visions of a sorceress to predict the outcomes of his battles. With Kelly Hu as the beautiful, Asian Sorceress and the now deceased, African-American actor Michael Clarke Duncan as Mathayus' massively-built, Nubian fighter friend, Balthazar, it follows in the Mummy franchise tradition (which borrowed heavily itself from the Indiana Jones franchise), provided action and comedy and began Johnson's ascent into movie stardom.

10 years since boxing great Muhammad Ali died

Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. in 1942. He was an American professional boxer and activist.

A global cultural icon, widely known by the nickname "the Greatest," he is often regarded as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time.

He held the Ring magazine heavyweight title from 1964 to 1970, was the undisputed champion from 1974 to 1978, and was the WBA and Ring heavyweight champion from 1978 to 1979. In 1999, he was named Sportsman of the Century by Sports Illustrated and the Sports Personality of the Century by the BBC.

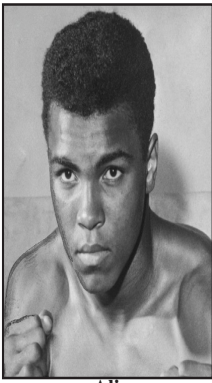
He was born on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Odessa Grady Clay and Cassius Marcellus Clay Sr.

Clay Sr. was named after the 19th-century Republican politician and abolitionist Cassius Marcellus Clay. He was a descendant of slaves of the antebellum South, and was predominantly of African descent, with Irish and English heritage. DNA testing performed in 2018 showed that Clay was a descendant of the former slave Archer Alexander, the model of a freed man for the Emancipation Memorial.

His father was a sign and billboard painter, and his mother a domestic helper. Although Cassius Sr. was a Methodist, he allowed Odessa to bring up both Cassius Jr. and his younger brother Rudy (later renamed Rahaman Ali), as Baptists. Clay Jr. attended Central High School in Louisville and was dyslexic, which led to difficulties in reading and writing.

Ali grew up amid racial segregation. His mother recalled one occasion when he was denied a drink of water at a store because of his race, saying it "really affected him." He was also strongly affected by the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, taking out his frustration by vandalizing a local rail yard with a friend. He later told his daughter Hana, "Nothing would ever shake me up (more) than the story of Emmett Till."

During his child-



Ali

hood, he attended the Baptist Church of Mount Zion. He was baptized at the age of 12.

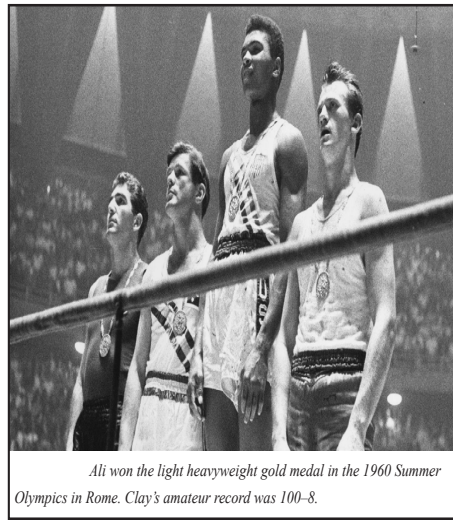
Clay was first directed toward boxing by Louisville police officer and boxing coach Joe E. Martin, who encountered the 12-year-old fuming over a thief having taken his bicycle. He told the officer he was going to "whup" the thief. The officer told Clay he had better learn how to box first.

Initially, Clay did not take up Martin's offer, but after seeing amateur boxers on a local television boxing program called Tomorrow's Champions, Clay was interested in the prospect of fighting. He then began to work with trainer Fred Stoner, whom he credits with giving him the "real training," eventually molding "my style, my stamina and my system." For the last four years of Clay's amateur career he was trained by boxing cutman Chuck Bodak.

Clay made his amateur boxing debut in 1954 against local amateur boxer Ronnie O'Keefe.

He won by split decision. He went on to win six Kentucky Golden Gloves titles, two Chicago Golden Gloves, two national Golden Gloves titles, two Amateur Athletic Union national titles, the U.S. Olympic Trials, and the light heavyweight gold medal in the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome. Clay's amateur record was 100-8.

In his 1975 autobiography, he recalled that shortly after his return from the Rome Olympics, he threw his gold medal into the Ohio River after he and a friend were refused service at a "whites-only" restaurant and fought with a white gang. The story was later



Ali won the light heavyweight gold medal in the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome. Clay's amateur record was 100-8.

disputed, and several of his friends, including Bundini Brown and photographer Howard Bingham, denied it. Brown told Sports Illustrated writer Mark Kram, "Honkies sure bought into that one!" Thomas Hauser's biography of Ali stated that Ali was refused service at the diner but that he lost his medal a year after he won it.

Ali received a replacement medal at the Georgia Dome during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, where he lit the torch to start the Games.

Clay made his professional debut on October 29, 1960, winning a six-round decision over Tunney Hunsaker. From then until the end of 1963, Clay amassed a record of 19-0 with 15 wins by knockout. He defeated boxers including Tony Esperti, Jim Robinson, Donnie Fleeman, Alonzo Johnson, George Logan, Willi Besmanoff, LaMar Clark, Doug Jones, and Henry Cooper. Clay also beat his former trainer and veteran boxer Archie Moore in a 1962 match.

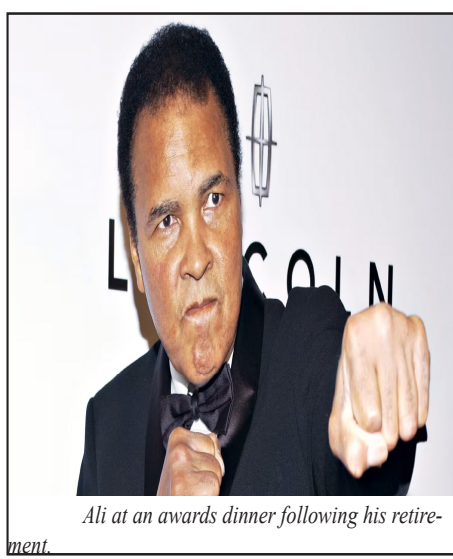
By late 1963, Clay had become the top contender for Sonny Liston's title. The fight was set for February 25, 1964, in Miami Beach. Clay was an 8:1 underdog. Despite this, Clay taunted Liston during the pre-fight buildup, dubbing him "the big ugly bear", claiming "Liston even smells like a bear" and "I'm gonna give him to the local zoo after I whup him."

The outcome of the fight was a major upset. At the opening bell, Liston rushed at Clay, seemingly angry and looking for a quick knockout. However, Clay's superior speed and mobility enabled him to elude Liston,

making the champion miss and look awkward. At the end of the first round, Clay opened up his attack and hit Liston repeatedly with jabs. Liston fought better in round two, but at the beginning of the third round Clay hit Liston with a combination that buckled his knees and opened a cut under his left eye. This was the first time Liston had ever been cut. At the end of round four, Clay was returning to his corner when he began experiencing blinding pain in his eyes and asked his trainer, Angelo Dundee, to cut off his gloves. Dundee refused. Despite Liston's attempts to knock out a blinded Clay, Clay was able to survive the fifth round until sweat and tears rinsed the irritation from his eyes. In the sixth, Clay dominated, hitting Liston repeatedly. Liston did not answer the bell for the seventh round, and Clay was declared the winner by TKO. Liston stated that the reason he quit was an injured shoulder. Following the win, a triumphant Clay rushed to the edge of the ring and, pointing to the ringside press, shouted: "Eat your words!" He added, "I am the greatest! I shook up the world. I'm the prettiest thing that ever lived."

In winning this fight at the age of 22, Clay became the youngest boxer to take the title from a reigning heavyweight champion. However, Floyd Patterson remained the youngest to win the heavyweight championship, doing so at the age 21 during an elimination bout following Rocky Marciano's retirement.

Mike Tyson broke both records in 1986 when he defeated Trevor Berbick



Ali at an awards dinner following his retirement.

to win the heavyweight title at age 20. The feat also made Clay the fastest boxer to win the championship (non-vacant) in the modern era, doing so in 20 bouts.

Soon after the Liston fight, Clay changed his name to Cassius X, and then later to Muhammad Ali upon converting to the Nation of Islam.

Ali then faced a rematch with Liston scheduled for May 1965 in Lewiston, Maine. It had been scheduled for Boston the previous November, but was postponed for six months due to Ali's emergency surgery for a hernia three days before. The fight was controversial. Midway through the first round, Liston was knocked down by a difficult-to-see blow the press dubbed a "phantom punch." Referee Jersey Joe Walcott did not begin the count immediately after the knockdown, as Ali refused to retreat to a neutral corner. Liston rose after he had been down for about 20 seconds, and the fight momentarily continued. However a few seconds later Walcott, having been informed by the timekeepers that Liston had been down for a count of 10, stopped the match and declared Ali the winner by knockout. The entire fight lasted less than two minutes.

Slow-motion replays show that Liston was jarred by a chopping right from Ali, although it is unclear whether the blow was a genuine knockout punch.

Ali defended his title against former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson on November 22, 1965. Before the match, Ali

mocked Patterson, who was widely known to call him by his former name Cassius Clay, as an "Uncle Tom," calling him "The Rabbit." Although Ali had the better of Patterson, who appeared injured during the fight, the match lasted 12 rounds before being called on a technical knockout. Patterson later said he had strained his sacroiliac. Ali was criticized in the sports media for appearing to have toyed with Patterson during the fight.

Patterson biographer W. K. Stratton claims that the conflict between Ali and Patterson was not genuine but was staged to increase ticket sales and the closed-circuit viewing audience, with both men. Cont. on page 8

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Goodbye Glenville! Bye bye Buckeye!

The NEORSD and the largest urban removal project targeting Cleveland's historic Black neighborhoods

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voted to move forward with a three-month moratorium on permitting and reviews. This placed a temporary pause on the \$1.6-billion, 150-megawatt data center campus, comprising three buildings set on 35 acres in Slavic Village, owned by Morabito Enterprises.

The proposed data center is above the Southerly Storage Tunnel. In March 2025, the NEORSD's Board of Trustees voted (Resolution No. 66-25):

A authorization to enter into an appropriation settlement and to acquire one parcel in fee simple, one permanent sewer easement, and six temporary easements at the property known as PPN 131- 16-030, located at 3595 East 49th Street, in the City of Cleveland, owned by Morabito Enterprises, Inc., and necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Southerly Tunnel and Consolidation project, and to allow for the entirety of the payment plus closing costs to be disbursed to Ohio Real Title Agency, LLC, with authorization of \$208,500.00 in addition to the \$291,500.00 previously authorized and paid, for total consideration of \$500,000.00 plus closing costs.

According to reports in neotrans.

blog and Cleveland Magazine, "A 150 MW facility sits in the high-end of hyperscale, which is designed for high-density AI and cloud computing, consuming power equivalent to a small city. Some estimates say such a facility's power demands could equate to roughly more than 100,000 homes."

How much water is needed to cool the servers?

"Water to cool servers at the data center could come from nearby watersheds or from a North East Ohio Regional Sewer District stormwater overflow tunnel under construction at the northwest corner of the Morabito property, next to East 49th Street. There will also need to be generators provided on-site for back-up power in the event of outages." (Note: While the NEORSD wants to destroy Horseshoe and Lower Lakes, two natural stormwater basins, the sewer district had plans to build its own storm water ponds to facilitate the data center.)

When and why has the NEORSD amassed so much land in Cleveland's Black neighborhoods?

Are we saying Goodbye Glenville? Bye bye Buckeye? Is NEORSD facilitating the largest urban removal project in Cleve-

Parcels acquired by the NEORSD

Note: These parcels are Black neighborhoods.

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land's history?

Traditionally, a utility obtains an easement if its proj-

ect encroaches on someone's property. That is not the case here. The NEORSD,

in the past few years, has amassed hundreds of parcels of land, many given to

the district from the Land Banks.

City Council needs to pass a resolution protecting these neighborhoods -it's our collective history.

African Americans in Cleveland

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Following the Great Migration in the 1910s and 1920s, Cleveland's black population soared. Hardening racism, bolstered by discriminatory practices by landlords, real estate brokers, and banks, largely confined African Americans to the Cedar-Central neighborhood on Cleveland's near east side. In a short time Cedar-Central found itself compared to Harlem and Chicago's South Side, in no small way due to its jazz and blues clubs.

As Cedar-Central became more crowded, city leaders seized upon slum clearance and public housing as solutions in the 1930s. World War II launched the Second Great Migration, in which waves of southern blacks and Appalachian whites flocked to take up industrial work. Although black residence spread over a considerably larger swath of the east side, discrimination ensured that the spread was fairly minimal and that recognized boundaries were observed.

When much of the near east side was slated for urban renewal in the 1950s, wholesale demolition forced tens of thousands of African Americans to seek homes elsewhere. Many flooded into the Hough and Glenville neighborhoods to the north and east. As overcrowding replicated problems seen earlier in Cedar-Central, these outer neighborhoods struggled to remain vital. Some neighborhoods sought alternatives to redevelopment by pursuing conservation of homes or even adopting new names.

Until the mid-1950s African Americans seldom managed to obtain homes outside the city limits—or west of the Cuyahoga River that divides Cleveland into eastern and western halves. Glenville, Wade Park, and Mt. Pleasant offered the best available housing in these years. The first suburban breakthrough occurred in the late 1950s in Ludlow on the edge of tony Shaker Heights. Through concerted action, Ludlow became a national model for orderly integration. Unfortunately, elsewhere racial change continued induce panic, a problem greatly compounded by "blockbusters" who sowed seeds of fear of declining property values. White flight convulsed East Cleveland in the 1960s. Even though Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights citizens managed to use a variety of creative measures to integrate peacefully, even they were not immune to occasional ugly incidents.

Despite efforts in the 1960s-70s to extend fair housing opportunities so that no community would either bear the brunt of rapid turnover or remain exclusionary, until recent years a bow shape on Cleveland's racial map reflected how concentrated its black population remained. An experiment with busing from the late 1970s to mid-1990s attempted to achieve integrated schools to overcome the legacy of segregation by custom and discriminatory housing policy. Applicable only to the deeply divided city itself, busing accelerated white flight on the city's west side and allowed many suburbs to serve as white havens.

Black history lots to urban removal and dismantling of neighborhoods



At a time when many public accommodations practiced Jim Crow exclusion, the House of Wills served as an important home for African American civic events of all kinds. Wills welcomed them all, gratis, and served free refreshments. A civic beacon in his own right, Wills was among the founders of the Cleveland Association of Colored Men (a precursor to the Future Outlook League), Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP, Negro Welfare Association (later the Cleveland Urban League), and Phillis Wheatley Association. He also invested in Dunbar Life Insurance and Quincy Savings & Loan, both of which were instrumental in writing mortgages for African Americans when white-owned firms refused to breach the color line in real estate.



The jazz and rhythm and blues musical acts that graced the Chatterbox's stage were also of the highest quality. Bob Harvell and his trio played the club in the early 1950s, earning praise in the local papers, which compared their musical meanderings to those of the renowned King Cole Trio. Billie Holiday's performances at the Chatterbox were nothing short of sensational, and she took the place by storm with her inimitable voice. In October 1958, the record-breaking Idlewild Revue (featuring a cast comprised of all African Americans) began a two-week stand at the Chatterbox. Described by critics as one of the most fabulous revues of the past decade, the Idlewild Revue starred Della Reese, T-Bone Walker, Sonny Carter, Willie Lewis, the exotic "Black Velvet," the Four Tops, the Fiesta Dolls, Crip Heard, and the Bragettes.



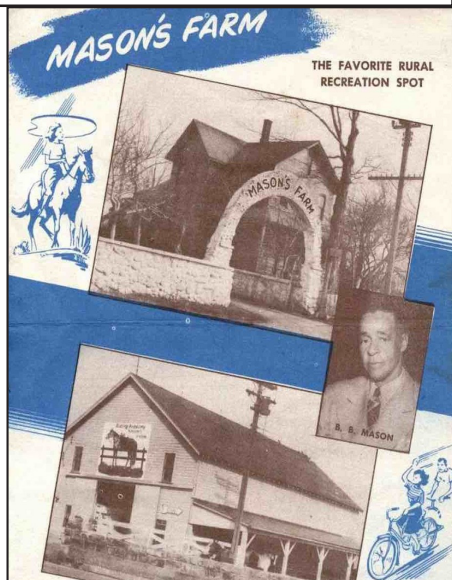
Rev. Waller, Louis Stokes, and Jesse Jackson met at the International Tea and Cleveland's Civil Rights Struggle at Shiloh Baptist Church in 1975.



The Cleveland Home for Aged Colored People, founded in 1940 and renamed the Eliza Bryant Home, was a cornerstone of the elderly community. This home was created because a group of women saw a need to take care of the elderly members of our society. It is incredible that these women managed to establish and maintain a home in spite of their financial challenges and how the community rallied behind them to make this home run efficiently in a time when most African Americans had little.



"Liberty Hall" / The Jacob Goldsmith House 2200 East 40th Street was the home of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, UNIA Division 59 and later Division 133. Originally built for Jacob Goldsmith, a leading clothing merchant who eventually created the Joseph & Feiss Co., the building is architecturally attributed to Cudell & Richardson. It was not until 1923 that the home became the headquarters for the Cleveland branch of the UNIA



The article Mason's Farm originally appeared in Green Book Cleveland, our sister project exploring the history of Black entertainment, leisure, and recreation in Northeast Ohio. Named for its proprietor Benny Mason, Mason's Farm was a Black-owned working farm in Solon that achieved national renown as a music venue and resort in the 1930s-40s.



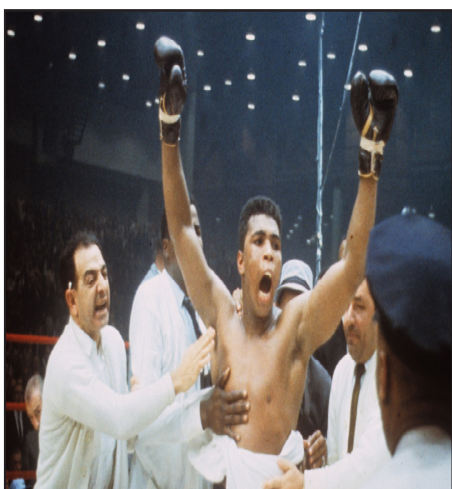
Opened in 1902 as a five-story, 250-room residential hotel known as the Majestic Apartments, the Majestic Hotel emerged after the Great Migration as Cleveland's primary African American hotel, a role it played until integration eased the need for hotels catering primarily to a black clientele. From the mid-1920s to mid-1940s it was owned by Josef Weiss, who was Jewish of Hungarian descent, and managed by an African American man named Ted Witbeck. The imposing brick structure on the corner of East 55th Street and Central Avenue in the heart of the city's Cedar-Central neighborhood provided African Americans with a quality place to stay on a visit or to call home. Although the Majestic was listed as apartments in the city directory from 1907 to 1929, its primary function became that of a hotel, and it was the largest Cleveland hostelry listed perennially in the Negro Motorist Green Book, a guide for Black motorists during the Jim Crow era. Not only did the Majestic provide a place for Blacks to stay, it gave them a place to eat, relax, and enjoy musical entertainment free from discrimination.

10 years since boxing great Muhammad Ali died

Hana wrote about her father, "His love for people was extraordinary. I would get home from school to find homeless families sleeping in our guest room. He'd see them on the street, pile them into his Rolls-Royce and bring them home. He'd buy them clothes, take them to hotels and pay the bills for months in advance." She also said celebrities like Michael Jackson and Clint Eastwood would often visit Ali.

Kiursti Mensah-Ali claims she is Ali's biological daughter with Barbara Mensah, with whom he allegedly had a 20-year relationship. She said he accepted responsibility and took care of her, but all contacts with him were cut off after he married his fourth wife Lonnie. Kiursti says she has a relationship with his other children. After his death she again made passionate appeals to be allowed to mourn at his funeral.

In 2010, Osmon Williams came forward claiming to be Ali's biological son. His mother Temica Williams (also known as Rebecca Holloway) launched a \$3 million lawsuit against Ali in 1981 for sexual assault, claiming that she had started a sexual relationship with him when she was 12, and that her son Osmon (born 1977) was fathered by Ali when she was



Ali caused a major upset, according to Joe Louis, "the biggest upset in boxing history," winning by technical knockout (TKO). Liston failed to leave his corner, citing an injured left shoulder. (Later, doctors said it was thrown out of socket.) As a result, Ali won both the WBA World Heavyweight title and the WBC World Heavyweight title, making him the undisputed Heavyweight Champion of the world.

17. She further alleged that Ali had originally supported her and her son financially, but stopped doing so after four years. The case went on until 1986 and was eventually thrown out as her allegations were deemed to be barred by the statute of limitations. According to Veronica, Ali admitted to the affair with Williams, but did not believe Osmon was his son, which Veronica supported by saying: "Everybody in the camp was going with that girl." Ali's biographer

and friend Thomas Hauser has said this claim was of "questionable veracity."

Ali said that he first heard of the Nation of Islam when he was fighting in the Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago in 1959 and attended his first Nation of Islam meeting in 1961. He continued to attend meetings, although he kept his involvement hidden from the public.

In 1962, Clay met Malcolm X, who soon became his spiritual and politi-



Frazier won in fifteen rounds by unanimous decision. Ali dealt with his first professional loss. It became the first of a trio of fights, followed by the rematch events Super Fight II (1974) and the Thrilla in Manila (1975). Both of those fights were won by Ali.



Newspapers around the country announced Ali's fate for refusing to be drafted during the Vietnam War

cal mentor. By the time of the first Liston fight, Nation of Islam members, including Malcolm X, were visible in his entourage. This led to a story in The Miami Herald just before the fight disclosing that Clay had joined the Nation of Islam, which nearly caused the bout to be canceled. The article quoted Cassius Clay Sr. as saying that his son had joined the Black Muslims when he was 18.

In fact, Clay was initially refused entry to the Nation of Islam (often called the Black Muslims at the time) due to his boxing career. However, after he won the championship from Liston in 1964, the Nation of Islam was more receptive

and agreed to publicize his membership. Shortly afterwards on March 6, Elijah Muhammad gave a radio address that Clay would be renamed Muhammad (one who is worthy of praise) Ali (most high). Around that time Ali moved to the south side of Chicago and lived in a series of houses, always near the Nation of Islam's Mosque Maryam or Elijah Muhammad's residence. He stayed in Chicago for about 12 years.

Only a few journalists, most notably Howard Cosell, accepted the new name at that time. Ali stated that his earlier name was a "slave name" and a "white man's name" and added that "I didn't choose it and I don't want it. I am Muhammad Ali, a free name." The person he was formerly named after was a white slave owner turned abolitionist. Ali explained in his autobiography after studying his works, "he may have gotten rid of his slaves, 'but (he) held on to white supremacy.'" Ali concluded: "Why should I keep my white slavemaster's name visible and my black ancestors invisible, unknown, un-honored?"

Not afraid to antagonize the white establishment, Ali stated, "I am America. I am the part you won't recognize. But get used to me. Black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own; get used to me."

Ali's friendship with Malcolm X ended as Malcolm split with the Nation of Islam a couple of weeks after Ali joined, and Ali remained with the Nation of Islam. Ali later said that turning his back on Malcolm was one of the mistakes he regretted most in his life.

Aligning himself with the Nation of Islam, its leader Elijah Muhammad, and a narrative that labeled the white race as the perpetrator of genocide against African Americans made Ali a target of public condemnation. The Nation of Islam was widely viewed by whites and some African Americans as a black separatist "hate religion" with a propensity toward violence; Ali had few qualms about using his influential voice to speak Nation of Islam doctrine.

In a press conference articulating his opposition to the Vietnam War, Ali stated, "My enemy is the white people, not Vietcong or Chinese or Japanese."

In a 2004 autobiography, Ali attributed his conversion to mainstream Sunni Islam to Warith Deen Muhammad, who assumed leadership of the Nation of Islam upon the death of his father Elijah Muhammad in 1975 and persuaded the Nation's followers to become adherents of Sunni Islam. Ali said some people did not like the change and stuck to Elijah's teachings, but he admired it, and so left Elijah's teachings and became a follower of Sunni Islam.

Ali had gone on



Ali and Frasier enjoyed a friendship long after both had retired from the ring.

the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca in 1972, which inspired him in a similar manner to Malcolm X, meeting people of different colors from all over the world giving him a different outlook and greater spiritual awareness.

In 1977, he said

that, after he retired, he would dedicate the rest of his life to getting "ready to meet God" by helping people, charitable causes, uniting people and helping to make peace. He went on another Hajj pilgrimage to

Mecca in 1988.

After the September 11 attacks in 2001, he stated that "Islam is a religion of peace" and "does not promote terrorism or killing people", and that he was "angry that the world sees a certain group of Islam followers who caused this destruction, but they are not real Muslims. They are racist fanatics who call themselves Muslims."

In December 2015, after the November 2015 Paris attacks, he stated that "True Muslims know that the ruthless violence of so-called Islamic jihadists goes against the very tenets of our religion", that "We as Muslims have to stand up to those who use Islam to advance their own personal agenda", and that "political leaders should use their position to bring understanding about the religion of Islam, and clarify that these misguided murderers have perverted people's views on what Islam really is."



On June 4, 1967, in a first for sports professionals, a group of high-profile African-American athletes—including Jim Brown, Bill Russell, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, as well as one political leader, Carl Stokes—assembled with Ali at the Negro Industrial Economic Union in Cleveland for what became known as the "Cleveland Summit" or the "Muhammad Ali Summit". The meeting was organized by Brown for his peers to question Ali about the seriousness of his convictions, and to decide whether to support him, which they ultimately did.

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