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Community gathers to addresses youth gun violence

A string of senseless deaths - teenagers killed by gun violence - has rallied the community to address the issue.

“We can’t do it alone,” said EDWINS CEO Brandon Chrostowski.

Chrostowski, Art McKoy of Black on Black Crime, Inc, and several activists held a press conference on Thursday morning to announce a new initiative at EDWINS.

The Cleveland-based nonprofit EDWINS, which provides job training and employment for formerly incarcerated people, has launched a new culinary training and mentorship program for young people.

The new four-week program is a direct response to a series of recent shootings in Cleveland that have claimed young lives, said EDWINS CEO Brandon Chrostowski.

The program will train young people ages 14 and older in culinary and workplace skills, such as resume writing and communication. Through partnerships with community organizations and activists, students will also receive emotional support through mentorship, grief counseling and conflict resolution.

Chrostowski said the recent gun violence has directly impacted his current students and graduates.

“We can’t keep watching young people die

in our streets and act like there’s nothing we can do about it,” Chrostowski said. “We’re not living in a war zone, yet we’re losing young people to violence at a heart-breaking rate.”

Chrostowski said the goal is to provide opportunities and support that give young people a path away from violence.

The new training program for teens begins Nov. 9. Chrostowski said he has also received commitments from a dozen restaurants and hospitality businesses to hire graduates of the program.

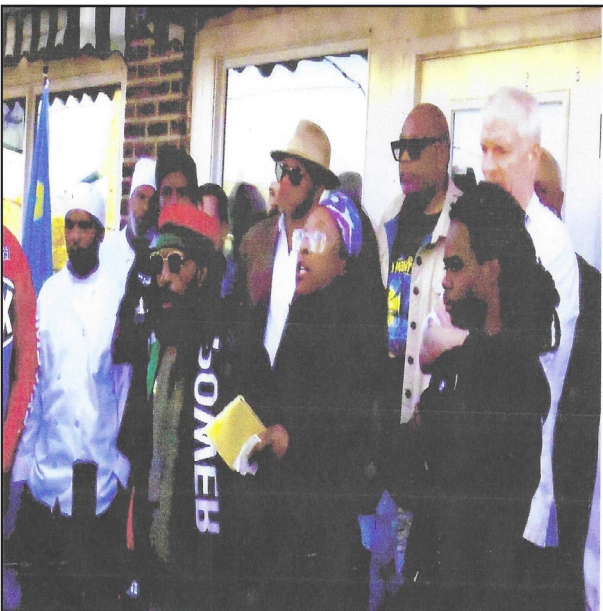
Applications are being accepted online or in person at both EDWINS locations:

EDWINS Butcher Shop & Training Center
13024 Buckeye Road
Cleveland, OH 44120
EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute
12383 Cedar Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106

A Shaker Heights student was killed across from EDWINS on Buckeye on Monday. A 17 year old was killed not far from Cleveland Heights High School a week earlier.

Shaker Heights High School and Middle School will be closed Tuesday after a teen student in the district died in a shooting on Cleveland’s East Side.

The district released a statement on its website Monday night that said there



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would be no classes at the two schools.

Superintendent David Glasner sent a message to parents Monday night confirming the student’s death but did not include any details, reports WKYC Channel 3, a news partner with cleveland.com/The Plain Dealer.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office

identified the student as 17-year-old Jaiden Tunson.

Tunson was found with a gunshot wound outside an apartment complex on 2800 block of South Moreland Boulevard and died at the scene.

“Our thoughts are with their family, and we ask that their privacy be re-

Police kill one-year old child; ruled justified killing

By C.M. APPLING

As an African-American journalist, and a student of black history, I make it my duty to write about racial incidents and hate crimes in order to expose the evil behind the various events.

The last time I did this was four months ago when 18-year old, Nolan Wells went mysteriously missing in Mississippi on July 4th, 2026, after spending time with his group of white, male friends. However, when his body was recovered, authorities and investigators deemed Wells’ death as an accidental ‘drowning’ despite the autopsy his family requested that revealed unusual bruising and discoloration at the base of his skull.

At the time, I personally attributed the young man’s death as an old-school lynching a Mississippi has a long, notorious and sinister history of black people ‘disappearing’ permanently or being found hanging from a tree. I was angry at the unfinished conclusion and potential cover-up of Nolan’s murder as I fought not to become numb to the generational lies and excuses that are used to hide the real, racist atrocities that have haunted and plagued African-Americans by domestic terrorist groups like the Ku Klux Klan and, even worse, by so-called, ‘law enforcement’ police officers who are supposed to ‘protect and serve’ all citizens if the United States-----not just the white ones.

So, when I recently learned of the story of 1-year old, Kohen Wiley dying after being shot by a white cop-----(and that cop has not been sentenced for it yet)----my anger for Nolan became apoplectic outrage and fury for Kohen.

As the media has recorded, on June 14th, 2026, in Senatobia, Mississippi, 1-year old, Kohen Wiley, his mother Vellesiya Wiley, and her friend Latoya Ferrell, were leav-



Wells

ing a Walmart store and, in the parking lot, were approached by white police officers who accused them of shoplifting diapers.. As the mother, Vellesiya, pulled the vehicle away, authorities say she almost struck one of the cops, which led him to shoot at the car, with one of the bullets penetrating the side door and killing the infant, Kohen.

So far, no body camera footage from the police has surfaced and none from the Walmart surveillance videos either. Neither the mother nor the friend have been charged with shoplifting and, in October, no state investigators have interviewed the mother. Kohen’s grandmother, Veronica Roberson, said that she learned of the attorney general’s decision through Facebook and the family has had no direct communication from the authorities. And, Senatobia has dismissed their police chief following racist, text messages he posted online.

Will someone please tell me how, as the most important country in the ‘civilized’ world, how an adult man (even a cop), can murder an infant and get away with it? You know how? Because, this is America and, in 2026, is still a highly-

racist society-----especially in the South.

In most Hollywood movies, when the film is exploring the effects of racism (either in a historical or contemporary concept), Mississippi is often used as a location as it is considered ‘the bottom worst’ of bigoted, Southern states. However, don’t be fooled. Other states below the Mason-Dixon Line (North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee) as well as in the Deep South (Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia) are equally loathsome and duplicitous. Movies like Mississippi Burning (1988) which told the true story about the three, executed, 1960’s Freedom Riders and, The Help (2011) about black maids giving testimonials for a young, white, female writer’s book about 1950s, race relations, both spoke truth to power concerning the blatant inequality and injustices black folk have endured in the past.

But, this is 2026, not 1956, right? It is 70 years later. So, why are 1-year old, black children like Kohen being killed and their perpetrators protected from punishment?

Historically, white supremacists and white nationalists loved to spread the lies and propaganda of black inferiority and black bestiality. They gas lighted the lack of humanity blacks had (especially black males), with the racial purity agenda of guarding white woman from the dark, ‘savage heathens’ while, during the slave era, they raped and took advantage of every, black, female slave available. And, the white slave patrols they used to hunt down black, escaped runaways seem no different from the modern, white police who racially-profile potential ‘criminals’ before committing acts of violence and brutality against them.

have arrested 19-year-old Jontez Davis, but he has not been charged with shooting Bradley; instead, he faces charges of obstructing justice and tampering with evidence. Police found Bradley, with a gunshot wound to the head. He was transported to a local hospital, where he died from his injuries

The program is free and offers job opportunities.

While the North is not exempt from acts of racial unrest or unfairness, the South is still greatly worse, in my mind, in terms of absolute atrocities against African-Americans.

Again, a baby has been killed and ‘the law of the Klan’ still seems to have control over what race of people deserve and receive justice and which does not. This is the main reason that so many black people left the Jim Row South to move North during the Great Migration at the turn of the 20th century. To escape evil in hopes of being treated with simple, human decency.

During his Nazi regime to annihilate 6 million Jewish people during World War II, Adolph Hitler admitted he learned his philosophy and treatment to slaughter Jews was based upon how the United States treated blacks during slavery and Jim Crow. Across the world, Hitler was exposed as a genocidal maniac whose xenophobic hatred showed he had no humanity to speak of. So, why can’t African-Americans receive the same response when racist terrorists dressed in police uniforms have complete autonomy to kill a black child with no retribution for the family or the black community? How is how their humanity is seen as any different than Hitler’s?

In my travels in this world, I have never visited the South and I totally have no compunctions of ever visiting it now. The Senatobia police could have subdued Vellesiya Wiley and her friend without the use of guns or even Tasers. They chose to kill that baby-----over a now-denied shoplifting charge.

Is the life of a black child worth less than a package of diapers?

Gasoline prices higher again for fall

The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline is one cent lower than last week at \$4.08, but there's been little movement on the crude oil front. Due to continued volatility in the Strait of Hormuz, crude oil prices remain in the \$85 per barrel range. For the first time ever, the national average in August has been above \$4 per gallon every day. This month is poised to set a new record as the most expensive August at the pump, surpassing the previous August record set in 2022.

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

last week from 8.68 million barrels per day to 9.04 million. Total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 209.4 million barrels to 206.8 million. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 9.8 million barrels per day. At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate fell 13 cents to settle at \$82.23 a barrel. The EIA reports that crude oil inventories increased by 0.1 million barrels from the previous week. At 428.9 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are 1% above the five-year average for this time of year.

Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline

	Regular
This Week (10-30-26)	\$3.61
Last Week (10-23-26)	\$4.61
Last Year (10-31-25)	\$3.52
National (10-30-26)	\$4.49

VANTAGE POINT

Cleveland Jazz Orchestra to honor music of Miles Davis and John Coltrane

To mark the second concert of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra season, CJO tenured musicians reflect on the impact of two seminal jazz musicians and the impact their music has on jazz. The concert, “Legends of Jazz”, will take place on Friday, November 13, at the Maltz Performing Arts Center. The concert will honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of both Davis and Coltrane with an evening that takes intimate compositions and opens them to the sounds of larger ensemble.

CJO tenured musician and bassist Aidan Plank reflected on Davis and Coltrane, “Miles Davis

and John Coltrane are two of the most important musicians of the 20th century. I say musicians here instead of jazz musicians because their music transcends boundaries and their influence has stretched drastically into other genres of music. Miles Davis’s music has inspired me to not fear change and to embrace beauty. John Coltrane’s music has inspired me to continually search for deeper meaning in music and to continue practicing and developing my own abilities as a player.”

When compiling the set list, Artistic Director Paul Ferguson reviewed the immense discography of both jazz giants. When

choosing the set list and the pieces to arrange for the CJO, Ferguson shared a question he regularly asked himself and what the evening’s program will include, “Which Miles Davis does one prefer? We will cover the classic, cool, progressive, and fusion periods as we celebrate Miles is 100th birthday.”

When considering Coltrane, Ferguson offered, “Also turning 100, we’ll cover the “sheets of sound“, the modal and spiritual parts of the legacy of John Coltrane.”

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YOUR HEALTH

Flu shot: best defense against flu

(NAPSI) This year’s annual flu shot will offer protection against three or four of the influenza viruses expected to be in circulation this flu season. A high-dose flu vaccine as well as an additional vaccine also will be available for adults age 65 and older.

Influenza is a respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, particularly in young children, older adults and people with certain medical conditions. Getting an influenza vaccine — though not 100% effective — is the best way to prevent the misery of the flu and its complications. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone age 6 months or older.

The CDC recommends annual influenza vaccinations for everyone age 6 months or older. Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk of influenza complications, including:

Pregnant women
Older adults
Young children

Children between 6 months and 8 years may need two doses of the flu vaccine, given at least four weeks apart, the first time they are given a flu vaccine. After that, they can receive single annual doses of the flu vaccine. A 2017 study showed that the vaccine significantly reduces a child’s risk of dying of the flu. Check with your child’s doctor.

Chronic medical conditions also can increase your risk of influenza complications. Examples include:

Asthma
Cancer or cancer treatment
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
Cystic fibrosis
Diabetes
HIV/AIDS
Kidney or liver disease

Obesity
Anyone with a chronic medical condition should get the flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine will be available as an injection or as a nasal spray. In recent years, there was concern that the nasal spray flu vaccine wasn’t effective enough against certain types of flu. The nasal spray vaccine is expected to be more effective in the 2020-2021 season.

The flu vaccine can also be delivered by an injection that’s usually given in a muscle in the arm. If you’re an adult under 65, you may also choose an in-the-skin (intradermal) vaccine, or you may prefer to have your vaccine delivered using a jet injector device, which uses a high-pressure, narrow stream of fluid to penetrate the skin instead of a needle.

Reaction to the vaccine. Some people experience muscle aches and a fever for a day or two after receiving a flu vaccine. This may be a side effect of your body’s production of protective antibodies.

The two-week window. It takes about two weeks for the flu shot to take full effect. If you’re exposed to the influenza virus shortly before or during that time period, you might catch the flu.

Mismatched flu viruses. In some years, the influenza viruses used for the vaccine don’t match the viruses circulating during the flu season. If this occurs, your flu shot will be less effective, but may still offer some protection.

Other illnesses. Many other illnesses, such as the common cold, also produce flu-like symptoms. So you may think you have the flu when you actually don’t.

How well the flu vaccine works to protect you from the flu can vary. The flu vaccine is generally more effective among people under 65 years old. Some older people and people with certain medical conditions may

develop less immunity after receiving a flu shot.

Reviews of past studies have found that the flu vaccine is about 50% to 60% effective for healthy adults who are between 18 and 64 years old. The vaccine may sometimes be less effective.

Even when the vaccine doesn’t completely prevent the flu, it may lessen the severity of your illness, and reduce the risk of serious complications and serious illness requiring hospitalization.

The flu vaccine does not protect you from getting COVID-19. However, it’s especially important to get the flu vaccine this season because the flu and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cause similar symptoms. Flu vaccination could reduce symptoms that might be confused with those caused by COVID-19. Preventing the flu and reducing the severity of flu illness and hospitalizations could also lessen the number of people needing to stay in the hospital.

Can I lower my risk of the flu without getting a flu shot?

The flu vaccine is your best defense against the flu, but there are additional steps you can take to help protect yourself from the flu and other viruses, including COVID-19. These steps include the following:

Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Weekly Wealth For Your Health

Involving kids in family vacation planning

By JASON ALDERMAN

Family vacations produce memories for a lifetime, but they can also teach kids great money lessons they’ll need as adults.

While travel restrictions are keeping families at home during the pandemic, planning for that future vacation can be a lesson in geography for that home schooled student.

Involving kids in planning family vacations not only helps them appreciate the overall benefits of travel, but offers an opportunity for even the youngest kids to learn lessons about budgeting, saving and essential money management they will encounter every day.

If you have trouble tearing your kids away

from their smartphones, you might be in luck. The technology kids use can be very effective in budgeting, pricing and planning travel. Surfing travel destinations can teach kids a great deal about what travel really costs.

The first step in planning the family vacation should be creating a budget for the trip. Set a realistic dollar limit for the trip and be prepared to discuss why that limit exists. For example, if there is a home renovation project scheduled that particular year, explain how that affects the overall family budget and the resources for the trip. It’s an important lesson in balancing fun and family priorities.

After these limits are discussed, work with kids to create a detailed budget for accommodations,

transportation, food, special event tickets and souvenirs, particularly souvenirs kids might buy for themselves. For tips, check out (<http://practicalmoneyskills.com/travel>) for saving on and this online calculator (<http://practicalmoneyskills.com/travelcalculator>) to help plan.

Once the budget is set, point kids in the direction of certain travel websites to start and let them bring back as much information as they can on potential locations and costs.

Putting the kids in charge of travel planning gives them an opportunity to learn about trade-offs. For example, a cross-country trip that involves substantial transportation costs might contain a valuable lesson in finding affordable accommodations.

Depending on the age of the children doing the research and how much advance time is available to plan the trip, they can also learn how traveling in season and out of season might help the budget. Many peak summer destinations become significantly more affordable if a family chooses to travel over the winter holidays.

Above all, trip planning can teach an important lesson in spending and savings. If children want to buy souvenirs or treats on the trip, that’s an opportunity to have them set aside part of their allowance or chore money to pay for their special purchases on the trip. To get them started, help them save for their goal using this online calculator (<http://practicalmoneyskills.com/saving-foragoal>).

Finally, once everyone is home, parents and kids might find it useful to discuss how the vacation went overall and what improvements can be applied next time. Encourage kids to start researching next year’s destinations immediately so the money and activity conversation can begin even earlier.

Bottom line: Involving your children in family vacation planning allows them to see the world and to practice good budgeting, saving and spending habits.

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Islam In The Community

No clear winner in Israeli elections; Netanyahu not out of power

Legislative elections were held in Israel on 27 October 2026 to elect all 120 members of the 26th Knesset and determine the governing coalition that succeeds the 37th government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The outgoing 25th Knesset became the first Israeli legislature to complete its full four-year term without early dissolution since 1988, ending

the prolonged political crisis of 2018–2022 that saw five consecutive snap elections. However, the government's tenure was marked by political turmoil, including mass protests over judicial reform, the 7 October attacks and the subsequent Gaza war, and recurring coalition crises over Haredi military conscription. Since 2024 Netanyahu has been the subject of an arrest warrant by the International

Criminal Court for his conduct in the Gaza war.

In this proportional representation system, parties must meet a 3.25% electoral threshold to enter the legislature.

After the 36th government lost its majority, snap elections were called in 2022. They resulted in Benjamin Netanyahu's bloc gaining a majority, and a government was successfully negotiated between Likud, Otzma



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Yehudit, Noam, Religious Zionist Party, United Torah Judaism, and Shas. The coalition was sworn in on 29 December 2022.

In January 2023, the 37th government announced a package of proposed judicial reforms that would have significantly changed the balance of power between the judiciary and the executive and legislative branches.

The proposals triggered one of the largest protest movements in Israeli history, with weekly demonstrations taking place across the country for several months. Following mass protests, a nationwide general strike, and growing opposition from business leaders, military reservists and civil society organizations, Netanyahu announced in March 2023 that the legislative process would be suspended to allow negotiations with the opposition.

Negotiations later broke down, and the coalition resumed advancing parts of the reform. In July 2023, the Knesset approved an amendment to Basic Law: The Judiciary preventing courts from applying the "reasonableness" standard to decisions of the government and its ministers.

On 1 January 2024, the Supreme Court, sitting as the High Court of Justice, ruled by an 8–7 majority that the amendment was unconstitutional and struck it down.

Following the October 7 attacks, the opposition party National Unity joined the government to form an emergency national unity coalition, with Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot joining the newly formed war cabinet. While the emergency coalition provided short-term stability, Netanyahu's government simultaneously faced sustained public and political pressure to resign and call for early elections.

The emergency coalition eventually fractured, with Gideon Sa'ar's New Hope faction splitting from National Unity and resigning from the government in March 2024 before rejoining in September and ultimately agreeing in 2025 to merge with Likud.

The remaining

rael was 27 October.

The official results will be confirmed on 4 November.

The 120 seats in the Knesset are elected by closed list proportional representation in a single nationwide constituency. The electoral threshold for the election is 3.25%.

Expatriate voting and eligibility dispute

Because Israeli law does not permit absentee voting at embassies for ordinary citizens, participation requires physical travel. Ahead of the vote, more than 33,000 expatriates registered with the nonpartisan Fly&Vote initiative, drawing threats of legal action from Prime Minister Netanyahu over concerns they would lean opposition. Separately, a High Court petition by some 100 expats, removed from voter registries under the Interior Ministry's "Code 51" non-resident designation, was unanimously dismissed on procedural grounds on 2 September 2026.

Surplus-vote agreements

Two parties can sign a surplus-vote agreement that allows them to compete for leftover seats as if they were running together on the same list. The Bader–Ofar (D'Hondt) method slightly favours larger lists, meaning that alliances are more

likely to receive leftover seats than parties would be individually. If the alliance receives leftover seats, the Bader–Ofar calculation is applied again, to determine how the seats are divided among the two allied lists.

The following parties signed surplus vote-sharing agreements for the 2026 election:

Together and Yisrael Beiteinu

Yashar and The Democrats

Joint List and Ra'am

Likud and RZP–Zehut

Shas and United Torah Judaism

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Otzma Yehudit party leader Itamar Ben-Gvir dismissed the idea in mid-October of signing an agreement with Amcha Yisrael head Ofer Winter.

The following parties, which did not have representation in the Knesset prior to the 2026 election, expressed interest but chose not to contest it.

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A Look At My World

Maybe We Should Go Back to the Horse-And-Buggy Days

Every Sunday morning, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I go across town for our ministry at an assisted living facility. We've been doing this for approximately four years now. It's a wonderful ministry we enjoy.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always drives her Sissy Van while I sit in the passenger seat. She prefers to drive because she really doesn't like riding in my pickup truck. I don't blame her, so I allow her the privilege of driving across town. I'm not too fond of riding in the Sissy Van, but I have no other choice. Getting in and out is quite the task.

Last week, as we were going across town, the traffic was horrible. I can't remember when traffic was this bad. It seemed like we were driving bumper-to-bumper all the way across town. Where do all of these cars come from? And why are they on the road on Sunday?

Of course, in this kind of environment, there are many accidents. During the last year, I had 4 friends killed in an automobile accident.

When I was young, people drove on Sunday to go to church. Now, that seems to be off the schedule for most people today. I have no idea where they are going. The important question for me is why are they driving so crazy?

This week, as we were driving across town, I thought about something from

back in the day. We had quite a few Amish people in our community. I even had an Amish friend. My great-grandmother was Amish but was shunned because she dated an "English" guy, who became my great-grandfather.

As you might know, the Amish do not drive automobiles. They don't have electricity in their homes, or plumbing, or anything like that. They don't believe in that sort of thing. They live a very simple lifestyle.

The most significant thing about the Amish is that, instead of driving an automobile, they drive a Horse-And-Buggy. I remember riding with my friend in a Horse-And-Buggy, and I had a great time.

Thinking about the Horse-And-Buggy community, I realized there were very few accidents. In fact, I can't remember a single accident involving a Horse-And-Buggy.

Compared to automobiles, I'm not quite sure how many accidents happen with automobiles each year. I'm sure it's pretty high, and I'm sure many people die as a result of automobile accidents.

But I have yet to hear of somebody dying because of a Horse-And-Buggy accident. I'm not saying it hasn't happened; I've just never heard of it.

What if we went back to those Horse-And-

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Amir and Adel Mason to fight

Amir and Adel Mason to fight on “A Night To Remember III” Professional Boxing Show on Friday, December 11 at The Lacentra in Westlake, Ohio. The Mason brothers will be on the boxing show with six other bouts. Tickets are on sale at NEWHOUSEBOXING.COM. Amir, who is a welterweight , record is 7-3 with two KO wins. Adel, who is a featherweight, record is 3-0 with 2 KOs.

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Golden Gloves v. Canada boxing show will be held on December 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Golden Gloves Facility, 1390 E 49th Street Cleveland, 44103. For information, contact Rick Lozada at 216-496-6875.

Soucy heads to Monsters

The AHL’s Cleveland Monsters announced Thursday that the Blue Jackets loaned veteran defenseman Carson Soucy to the Monsters. In seven appearances for Columbus this season, Soucy posted 0-1-1 with four penalty minutes.

Cavs win first three at Home

BY KARL BRYANT

After losing their Season Opener in the City of Brotherly Love, the Cavs found it better to be in The Land than in Philadelphia, to fracture a famous quote from W.C. Fields. They won three straight in CLE, despite two of the wins being nailbiters.

The Cavs had lost their Season Opener in Philly after giving up a 29-point lead, to end up losing, 114-106. Then, in their Home Opener, they ended up giving up a 22-point lead, before surviving with a 125-121 victory over Brooklyn.

It looked like it was going to be a disturbing trend when the Cavs lost that big lead and the game itself against LeBron James and Co. in their first regular season contest, and then followed that up with another loss of a big lead at their own house, but luckily, managed to pull out a win. Fans in The Land had to be asking themselves, “Are our players getting too tired and then playing on fumes late in games?” Fortunately, Cavs players showed that they had enough energy to register their own comeback in an OT win over the talented Timberwolves. They flipped the script and recovered from a 15-point deficit, to post a win at Home over Minnesota in OT, 127-125.

CLE took its first lead, albeit short-lived, of the 2nd Half at 4:14of the 3rd Quarter. The teams battled back-and-forth

for the rest of the game, with James Harden tying the game, 113-113, on a made floater with 10 seconds left in regulation, that forced overtime.

In the dragged-out, oft-stopped OT, the Cavs prevailed, as they outscored the Wolves, 14-12, to post the 127-125 win. Anthony “Ant Man” Edwards, who totaled 47 points for the game, scored 11 of Minnesota’s 12 points in the extra session. He finished 5 of 15 from beyond the arc for the game, but hit three of his treys in the OT to keep the Wolves in the game. CLE had more balanced scoring for their 14 points.

Donovan Mitchell led CLE with 26 points. Evan Mobley had 10 boards to go with 18 points. Rookie Meleek Thomas scored 16 points in his first action of the season.Seven Cavs scored in double figures.

Six Timberwolves scored in double digits, led by Edwards’ 47. Minnesota’s Rudy Gobert had an “ohfer” from the field, going 0 for 9 overall and 0 for 2 from the perimeter. He hit 5 of 8 foul shots for his five points. He did pull down a Wilt Chamberlain-like 20 rebounds.

Afterwards, CLE Coach Kenny Atkinson pointed out the contribution of Thomas, noting, “After watching the Brooklyn game (where the Cavs looked tired late and nearly squandered their lead), it was just a gut feel (to play him). We just need this guy in the lineup. We need that third



CLE’s Jaylon Tyson shoots two during the Cavs 127-125 OT win over the Timberwolves. (ESDN Photo by Bill Moore, Minority Publishers Assn.)

ball handler.” Regarding the tightness of games in the Cavs first three outings, he remarked, “There’s going to be no easy games - it’s going to be a battle.”

At Press Time, the Cavs finished the Home-

stand with a 121-111 win over the Wizards. They were down 13 in the 3rd Quarter, but chipped away, taking the lead early in the final stanza. They gradually pulled away for the double-digit win, which was a delight to the fans.

Watson leads CLE with 5th game-winning drive

BY KARL BRYANT

After pulling out another close game, the Browns share 1st Place in the AFC North with the Steelers with a 5-2 record. The Bengals are 1/2 game back, at 4-2, and the Ravens are a game back, at 4-3. In a testament to the toughness of the divisions (or Midwestern hardness due to the harsh Winters), every team in the AFC North and the NFC North currently has a winning record.

The Browns 27-24 “walkoff” win over Tennessee, was, as one wag noted, “Like Yogi Berra would have put it, ‘Like Deja Vu all over again.’” The week before, in a 13-10 Home

win over the Ravens, K Andre Szmyt missed a late FG attempt, only for the Browns “D” to hold and get their “O” the ball again, and then have QB Deshaun Watson lead them downfield for Szmyt - given a second chance - to kick a game-winning FG as time runs out.

Watson had the best game of his Browns career as he completed 25 of 36 passes for 308 yards and had a 9 YD TD Run. He threw one INT and was sacked only once. The INT gave the Titans a short field for their second TD as they ran out to an early 14-0 lead. Titans QB Cam Ward completed 20 of 31 passes for 181 yards. He also was

sacked once and threw an INT to Denzel Ward. Harold Fanin, Jr. had fumbled the ball away, and Ward’s INT got the Browns the ball back on the very next play.

CLE RB Quinshon Judkins returned from injury and had 17 carries for 96 yards and two TDs. Dylan Samson, who saw his first scrimmage plays of the year after also returning from injury, had six carries for 45 yards. With KC Conception End Rounds (3 for 23) and Watson scrambles (3 for 19) thrown in, CLE totaled 183 yards on the ground. Tony Pollard was the workhouse for the Titans, carrying 25 times for 129 of Tennessee’s

Washington with 19 points in his season debut. Keyshawn George dished out 11 assists to go with eight points.

The Cavs now will be on the road over Halloween Weekend.

Steelers love Paris in the Fall

BY ANDREW CARTER

The Steelers went “over there” to play the first ever NFL game in Paris, and came away with a 16-10 win over the New Orleans Saints.

QB Aaron Rodgers went 19 of 31 for 212 yards and a 4YD TD Pass to Darnell Washington, while Chris Boswell kicked three FGs to pace the Steelers to a 16-10 3rd Quarter lead. Neither team scored in the 4th Quarter, so that was the final score. Jaylen Warren had 101 of the Steelers 147 rushing yards.

QB Tyler Shough went 30 of 38 for 278 yards with a TD toss to Devaughn Vele and an



Rogers

INT thrown to Steeler Payton Wilson for N.O. The Steelers “D” held the Saints to an infinitesimal 18 yards rushing on 17 carries!

After avoiding all the ongoing French civil unrest, Steelers Coach Mike McCarthy gave the City of Light praise, saying, “It was top notch. It was a joy to play here.”

The Steelers will host the rival Browns this Sunday.

BEEZWAX By John Martin

SO MR. BEEZWAX... WHERE IS YOUR PAIN ?

AT THE FRONT DESK WHEN I PAY MY BILL!

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MATINEE IDOL

After Veronique banishes herself to an alternate reality, she leaves Quentin grieving her sacrificial departure. Then, Wendy approaches him lovingly from behind...

Why---why did she do that? I could have helped her...?

You did all you could, baby. In the end, it was her choice...

...Using his Horror-genre telekinesis, he transforms his costume into a formal tuxedo...

I don't understand. Why was she so obsessed with her image?

That's life, sweetheart. Women are always more scrutinized about their looks than men are. And, if people don't think you're attractive, the pressure to be beautiful can have a high cost.

BY C. M. APPLING

...To avoid the panicked crowd at the fashion show, the teen couple use another exit...

Well, wherever she is, I hope she finds happiness...?

So do I. And, you were a true friend to her. That's why she loved you. And, that's why I love you...

END CHAPTER FOUR

On The Town

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

'Private Lives' to come to Outcalt Theatre

'Private Lives' to be performed at the Outcalt Theater from October 24 to November 22.

Champagne is best chilled. Wit is best when it's razor-sharp.

Love? That's a bit more complicated...

When mis-



'Private Lives' will be performed at the Outcalt Theater from October 24 to November 22.

matched exes find themselves honeymooning with their new spouses—on adjacent balconies, no less—sparks fly, tempers flare, and passions come roaring back to life.

In this sparkling romantic comedy, love is as intoxicating as a well-mixed cocktail... and twice as dangerous. What begins as polite society quickly dissolves into a deliciously sophisticated

game of love, ego, and irresistible attraction.

Noel Coward's masterpiece Private Lives is a laugh-out-loud duel of hearts and wits that proves for these star-crossed lovers: you can't live with them, and you can't live without them.

Sports drama about Muhammad Ali to premier on Prime Video

The Greatest is an 8-episode biographical sports drama limited series about Muhammad Ali premiering on Prime Video on November 4.

"Hear from the people who knew him best, from experts of the world of boxing, relive the legendary fights and explore the life of boxing's greatest symbol, Ali."

The series was created by Ben Watkins, and produced in collaboration with Ali's estate,



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with executive producers including his widow Lonnie Ali, as well as Josh Wakely and Michael B. Jordan.

The cast includes: Jaalen Best as Cassius Clay, later Muhammad Ali; Giovanni Ribisi as

Clay's boxing trainer, Angelo Dundee Omari Hardwick as Ali's father, Cassius "Cash" Clay Sr.; Dana Gourrier as Ali's mother, Odessa "Bird" Clay Kai Parham as Ali's brother, Rudy, later Rahaman Ali; Amin Joseph as Sonny Liston; Erica Tazel as Sonny's wife, Geraldine Liston; Michael Ealy as Malcolm X; Reno Wilson as Drew Bundini Brown; Aleks Paunovic as William Faversham Jr. Dave Davis as Marvin Geller; Rico E. Anderson as Willie Reddish; and Adrian Alvarado as Dr. Ferdie Pacheco.

The series received a series order from Amazon Prime Video in July 2024 with the series produced in collaboration with Muhammad Ali's estate. The rights to his life story were originally acquired by executive producer Josh Wakely, who brought the project to Amazon. It is produced by Amazon MGM Studios.

Ben Watkins is executive producer and showrunner on the series, with Watkins executive producing via Blue Monday, as well as directing of the first two episodes. Michael B. Jordan will executive produce for Outlier Society, with Outlier's president Elizabeth Raposo also serving as executive producer.

Lonnie Ali, the widow of Muhammad Ali, and Authentic Brands Group's Corey Salter, Marc Rosen and Matthew Gross are also executive producers on the series, as are Michele Anthony and Boyd Muir. It is also produced by Authentic Studios, Roc Nation, PolyGram Entertainment, a Universal Music Group partner,

MENU TIPS

Food delivered directly to your table

(NAPSI)—American farmers are so efficient that even though they now comprise just 2 percent of the workforce, their efforts and advanced agricultural methods mean each can feed more than 150 people with one-third of their production exported to other countries.

While all that modern farm technology lets most Americans live in a land of great abundance, unfortunately, it also means many smaller, family-owned farms are displaced by agricultural corporations. It can also put a considerable distance between consumers and the soil in which their food is grown.

The good news is that in response, a strong grassroots movement encouraging individuals to "eat local" and thereby support small family farms has emerged and gained significant momentum nationwide. This has sparked a farmers market phenomenon sweeping the country.

The Internet is adding efficiency and increasing reach for that movement: One of the best efforts at aggregating and selling the offerings of nearby farms is being offered by online retailer Overstock.com. "There is no profession as noble and yet as at risk of extinction as that of the family farmer," said Overstock.com CEO Patrick M. Byrne. In many communities, Overstock.com's Farmers Market is the best connection people have to the food grown closest to them.

At the Overstock.com Farmers Market, users can search for and select

from a broad range of locally grown artisan food products in much the same way one uses the site to shop for furniture or jewelry.

Farm-fresh home delivery is free and speedy. Farmers are delivering the produce directly to the consumers, thereby ensuring the freshest, most nutritional food arrives on their doorstep.

There are options for both single orders and recurring deliveries. Fresh produce, meat, eggs and bread can arrive on your doorstep every week, just when you need them.

What's more, the compelling stories of many of the farmers themselves are told on the site, allowing visitors to feel a true connection to the people, as well as the products sold there.

A range of recipes are featured for simple yet tempting comfort foods, made with the fresh ingredients purchased from Overstock.com.

In addition to a farmers market, the website's Main Street Revolution store does the same thing for items crafted in the U.S.A., while the company's fair trade division, known as Worldstock, sells the handcrafted products of artisans worldwide. There's even a free pet adoption service available to accommodate visitors.

For further facts and to access Overstock.com's Farmers Market, go to www.overstock.com/farmers-market or from the Overstock.com website type "farmers market" in the search bar.

Just Jazz

By NANCY ANN LEE

Eric Dolphy

Born in Los Angeles on June 20, 1928, Eric Dolphy became known as a distinctive player of the flute, alto saxophone and bass clarinet.

Dolphy began playing clarinet at age six and alto sax in professional dancebands while in junior high school.

He studied music at Los Angeles City College and played lead alto sax in Roy Porter's band (1948-50).

After two years in the Army, Dolphy returned to L.A., performing locally in relative obscurity until he joined Chico Hamilton's quintet in 1958.

Dolphy moved to New York the next year, performed with Charles Mingus's band from 1959-60 and freelanced with his own groups and other musicians, including John Coltrane. A versatile musician, Dolphy played jazz and 20th Century at music.

Jazz critics claim he constantly surprised audiences with his rapid flow of ideas and unexpected phrasing and intervals. It was Dolphy, primarily, who introduced the bass clarinet as a solo jazz instrument.

After he chose to remain in Europe, Dolphy had a few gigs before his sudden death from a diabetic coma in Berlin on June 29, 1966. Dolphy's creations are well-documented on numerous albums still in print.

He also appears on the film The Coltrane Legacy, and on a 1964 session with Mingus released as a video by Shanachie.

Chris' Cinema Trivia & Movie Match Up

By CHRIS APPLING



TRIVIA - (Black Leading Men)

1. In the comedy Like Mike (2002), teen-rapper Bow wow stars as an orphan who finds a pair of old sneakers he believes once belonged to Michael Jordan and then becomes an NBA superstar, but who is the dark-skinned, romantic actor who plays the lead player of the losing team Bow Wow's character joins?

2. Rapper/actor Busta Rhymes made his film debut as a supporting character in director John Singleton's High Learning (1995), as well as Singleton's 2000 remake of the classic, Shaft, but in what horror film does Busta Rhymes star opposite model/actress Tyra Banks against the unstoppable, psychotic, monster/serial killer Michael Myers?

3. In XXX (2002), light-skinned, action star Vin Diesel is an "extreme" thrill-seeker named Xander Cage who is recruited to become a secret agent by the government under the code

name of "XXX," but who is the modern, black, acting legend who stars as Cage's boss, "Augustus Gibbons," in the film?"

4. In what film drama does Wesley Snipes and Ving Rhames star as rival prison inmates who ultimately face-off against each other in the secret, "underground" world of correctional facility boxing matches?

5. In director Tim Story's ensemble comedy Barbershop (2002), rapper/actor Ice cube stars with Eve and Sean Patrick Thomas as employees of Ice Cube's character's late father's business, but who portrays the shop's hilarious, older barber who offers his wit and wisdom of age to the younger barbers?

ANSWERS: 1. Morris Chestnut 2. Halloween Resurrection (2002) 3. Samuel L. Jackson 4. Undisputed (2002) 5. Cedric The Entertainer



MOVIE MATCH-UP - (The Brothers)

ACTOR/DIRECTORS:

1. Bill Bellamy
2. Morris Chestnut
3. Gary Hardwick
4. D.L. Hughley
5. Shemar Moore

CHARACTERS:

- a) Directed the movie
- b) Dates white, karate

instructor

- c) Has sexually timid wife
- d) Player who gets engaged
- e) His nightmares about commitment

ANSWERS: 1, b; 2, d; 3, e; 4, a; 5, c

Da 'Round Da Way Rewind Review

The Nutty Professor is a fun comedy

By C.M. APPLING

In the 1980's and '90's, Eddie Murphy was the ruling king of comedy in motion-pictures for over 2 decades. Beginning as a second-generation cast member of the legendary evening NBC sketch-comedy series Saturday Night Live, Murphy debuted on the big screen opposite white actor Nick Nolte in 48 Hrs.

He portrayed a black convict released for a two-day period to help a cop (Nolte), apprehend two past criminal partners of his. From there, Murphy's comic genius catapulted him into a number of other successful movies like Trading Places, Beverly Hills Cop, Coming To America, Harlem Nights, The Distinguished Gentleman, Boomerang and his two live 'concert' films, Delirious and Raw.

As a former SNL member, Murphy mastered the art of impersonation and character creation that many newer black comedians followed similarly in their careers (such as the Wayans family, Martin Lawrence, Dave Chappelle and Tyler Perry). In Coming To America and Norbit, Eddie took on multiple personas to portray in each film, showcasing his ability to literally transform himself into various other identities.

But, there is one movie above all his others that most people might arguably debate as his best. One where he used his talent of character-creation to not only entertain with hilarious humor but to strike an emotional chord with an important social issue that challenges America and mankind itself.

When comic maestro Jerry Lewis starred in the original The Nutty Professor

in 1963, he told the story of a lovable geek with glasses and an overbite who, with a magic formula, transforms himself from a nerdy college professor into a suave, ultra-cool ladies man and lounge lizard.

So, when Murphy told his movie studio that he wanted to do a '90's re-make, fans already knew that he possessed the comic power to portray the Jekyll/Hyde-type role. What audiences didn't know was how Murphy intended to update the part by tapping into a problem that was literally growing and spreading across the country pound by pound: obesity.

In the 1997 Eddie re-make, the 'Nutty Professor' is now an African-American college professor named Sherman Klump. Sherman is a well-respected and good-natured biology and chemistry whiz at fictional Wellman College. But, while his university colleagues and students respect his brilliant intellect, the same cannot be said for his physical image. Weighing over 400 lbs., Sherman is insulted in both subtle and overt ways on a daily basis. However, when he meets a beautiful new science associate named Carla Purty (Jada Pinkett-Smith), he gathers the nerve to ask her out on a date.

But, when they attend a popular comic nightclub called 'The Scream', an insensitive clownish comedian (Dave Chappelle) embarrasses Sherman in front of Carla and the nightclub patrons. He then decides to create a weight-loss formula that ultimately changes him from a fat 'loser' to a slim but bawdy and boisterous jerk self-named 'Buddy Love'.

The film was wildly successful on two counts. First, with Sherman's weight

obsession, the movie tapped into the crisis America had itself. With more and more Americans overweight and obese, fans of all races and ethnicities could identify and empathize with Sherman and his anxieties over his poor health and poor self-image. When Sherman comes close to crying after being insulted at The Scream, we all were near tears.

Also, when he first loses the weight to become Buddy Love, we all have experienced that feeling of being successful in losing weight, no matter how small. Murphy's second success with The Nutty Professor was his dead-on character-creations that allowed him to portray all four of the other obese members of Sherman's family: his father, his mother, his brother and his grandmother. Eddie's acting of the howl-out-loud-funny Klump clan offered innumerable amounts of classic lines and scenes that fans memorized by heart. So, when the sequel The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps was released in 2000 a few years later, fans were treated once more to the lovable XXX-large university instructor and his similarly over-sized relations.

Like any other major movie star, Eddie Murphy has had his share of film failures and misfires (such as Vampire in Brooklyn, Bowfinger, Dr. Doolittle, Daddy Day Care, Meet Dave and Imagine That). But, his past reign at the box-office has securely placed him as one of only a few black comic kings in motion-picture history.

With his amazingly-accurate character-creations and the sympathy of a serious social condition, his The Nutty Professor re-make will be remembered as his best work.

EDWINS, Cleveland Community Activists to announce new Youth Training and Employment Program

In response to a series of deadly shootings across the city that have devastated families and directly affected the EDWINS community, EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute founder and CEO Brandon Chrostowski will join longtime Cleveland community activists Thursday, October 29, to call for greater community action to address the violence and announce a new four-week culinary training and mentorship program for young people ages 14 and older.

Beginning Monday, November 9, the program will combine hands-on culinary education, job-readiness training, mentorship, grief counseling, conflict resolution and trauma-informed support with employment opportunities at Cleveland-area restaurants. Chrostowski has

already secured commitments from Dante, Crispy Chic, The Club Room at Fidelity Hotel, Edison’s Pizza, and Geraci’s to hire students who complete the program.

Applications are being accepted immediately in person at the EDWINS restaurant in Cleveland Heights or the EDWINS Butcher Shop on Buckeye Road.

A press conference will bring together EDWINS and Cleveland community leaders to call for action against recent violence and announce a new youth culinary training, mentorship and employment initiative.

The group includes:

Brandon Chrostowski, founder and CEO, EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute

Fred Ward,

executive director, KHNEMU Foundation, and state director, Building Freedom Ohio

Art McKoy, founder, Black on Black Crime Inc.

The group hopes to address the recent violence in Cleveland and to announce an immediate effort to provide young people with opportunities, positive mentorship and the skills needed.

EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute provides formerly incarcerated adults with a foundation in the culinary and hospitality industries and the support network necessary for long-term success. Founded by Brandon E. Chrostowski,

a 2025 James Beard Impact Award Winner, 2016 CNN Hero and 2020 IFMA Silver Plate honoree, the Cleveland-based train-

ing program ensures that participants are equipped with basic culinary skills from its fine French eatery, Butcher Shop and Bakery & Diner. Employment assistance, as well as free housing, legal services, basic medical care, clothing, job coaching, literacy programs and more are offered. As the subject of the 2018 Academy Award nominated documentary, Knife Skills, EDWINS graduates nearly 100 students a year, with a 95% employment rate and less than 1% recidivism.

KHNEMU Foundation — Cleveland’s Black-Led Community Development Platform

KHNEMU Foundation is a Cleveland-based, Black-led nonprofit focused on transitional housing, reentry support, workforce development, civic leadership, public

safety dialogue, and neighborhood revitalization

According to its official site, KHNEMU Foundation is a community development platform that connects multiple initiatives to address systemic inequities and improve neighborhood outcomes

Its work spans:

Transitional housing for individuals reentering society

Reentry programs to help formerly incarcerated people rebuild lives

Workforce development to secure sustainable employment

Civic leadership training and engagement

Public safety dialogue to foster community trust

Neighborhood revitalization projects

The foundation is led by Fred Ward, a former incarcerated

poet and activist who has dedicated his life to healing and restoration after serving 10 years in prison Ward’s personal journey informs the organization’s mission, with a focus on “from condemnation to restoration, whether it’s a house or a human”

Art McKoy is an 80-year-old East Cleveland community activist, Vietnam veteran, and founder of the “Black on Black Crime Inc.” organization, known for his work in reducing violence and promoting justice among minority communities

McKoy has been active in Cleveland for decades, focusing on criminal justice reform, community safety, and racial equity. His group, Black on Black Crime Inc., has organized outreach, education, and advocacy efforts to address systemic issues in the criminal justice system .He has also been involved in public safety initiatives, including volunteer searches in East Cleveland after high-profile crime cases

Labor leader activist Dolores Huerta dies

Dolores Huerta was an American labor leader and feminist activist. After working for several years with the Community Service Organization (CSO), she co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) with fellow activists Cesar Chavez and Gilbert Padilla, which eventually merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) to become the United Farm Workers (UFW).

Huerta joined Filipino leader Larry Itliong in the Delano grape strike in 1965,



Huerta

managing boycott campaigns on the east coast and negotiating with the grape companies to end the strike. Some credit her with inventing the UFW slogan “sí se puede” (transl. ‘yes we can’).

Although she initially opposed certain feminist concepts, such as the

right to abortion and contraception, Huerta eventually became a strong proponent of women’s rights. She worked with the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) to help Latina women become more active and visible in politics, campaigned for women’s reproductive rights, and served as an honorary co-chair of the 2017 Women’s March in Washington, D.C.

In 2002, she founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF), a civic advocacy organization based in Bakersfield, California. She was active

in Democratic politics and supported the campaigns of Robert F. Kennedy, George McGovern, Al Gore, Howard Dean, Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris, and Joe Biden. She was also a supporter of LGBTQ rights and immigration reform.

Huerta received numerous awards for her work as an organizer, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award, the Hispanic Heritage Award, and the Puffin/Nation Prize for Creative Citizenship. She also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. In 2018, California Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill proclaiming April 10 as “Dolores Huerta Day” in California. A similar bill was signed in Oregon in 2019. She is portrayed by Rosario Dawson in the 2014 film Cesar Chavez and is the subject of the 2017 documentary Dolores.

Huerta was born Dolores Fernández on April 10, 1930, in the mining town of Dawson, New Mexico, to parents of Mexican descent. Her father, Juan Fernández, was a coal miner who belonged to the United Mine Workers (UMW). Labor unrest caused him to move throughout the Western United States working as a beet farmer.

Her mother, Alicia Chávez, divorced him when Huerta was five years old. She and the children then moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and later to Stockton, California. After moving, she rarely saw her father, who remained in New Mexico. He

was elected to the state legislature in 1938, where he was described as a “fiery union leader” by the Los Angeles Times.

In Stockton, Huerta was raised by her mother and grandfather, Herculano. She described their neighborhood as “integrated”, with “Chinese, Latinos, Native Americans, Blacks, Japanese, Italians, and others”. Her mother supported the family by working two jobs: as a canner and as a waitress at a local restaurant, earning a total income of \$5 weekly from both jobs combined. She was a member of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing, and Allied Workers of America (UCAPAWA), participating in a strike at the cannery in 1937. In 1941, she opened a restaurant. The following year, she bought a 70-room hotel from a Japanese American family who were forced to relocate due to Executive Order 9066. According to Huerta, the restaurant “catered mostly to farm workers”.

Huerta became a teacher in rural California in 1954. She was one of three bilingual teachers in the area. Many of her students struggled with hunger and did not have sufficient clothing, regarding which she said:

I couldn’t tolerate seeing kids come to class hungry and needing shoes. I thought I could do more by organizing farm workers than by trying to teach their hungry children.Huerta quit teaching after a year.and became an activist who changed the world.

Services held for Sylvia Bell

Services for Sylvia Bell were held on October 24 at Watson Funeral Home, 10913 Superior Ave., and Dr. Yvonne Pointer officiated.

Bell died on October 15. She was 69 years old.

She was born on November 13, 1957 to Sarah and Boozer Bell. The youngest girl in their tribe of twelve children, she grew up surrounded by siblings and cousins creating happy memories in the front yard on Addison Road, where there was always room for laughter and good times.

Bell especially treasured time with her sister Deborah, who preceded her in death.

She attended Hodge Elementary School, Lulu Diehl Junior High School, and East High School, where she cheered and fenced. She loved music and could really dance, “cut a rug,” as she put it.

She learned plastics and sewing from her mother and became a master upholsterer. She



Bell

could take worn furniture and make it new again. She founded Rainbow Plastics, and her work was highly sought after by commercial and private clients.

She later opened a home childcare center, providing children with loving care and families with dependable support. Yet in still,her creativity knew no bounds as she could imagine and reimagine anything!

Bell was resourceful, radiant and resilient. Her faith was a foundation in life. Baptized in 1966 at Mt. Herman Church, she was a devoted member and sang in its choir.

Bell enjoyed Afro-Asian art, African

American history, jazz concerts, games, horse races, and evenings at The Front Row watching entertainers perform. As recently as January, she enjoyed not just game days but also pajama parties with her sisters Pauline and Betty.

She was a fighter who faced challenges head-on. She used every opportunity to drop gems and share wisdom. One of her last set of words offered was simple and profound: “No one comes here to stay. I love you, I love you always.”

Bell is survived by her children, Anthony Bell, Honey Bell-Bey, Sylina Bell, and Daynaah Henry (Malik Fields); her grandchildren Kai-son Anthony Bell, Kyre Paul Anthony Brown, Shauntaal Shavai Bell, Shawn Anthony Bell, Jr. Erick Beasley Jr., Genesis M’Kari Fields and Darrell Young; her siblings Pauline Bell Bufford, Bette Beasley, and Jerome Bell, and a host of other family and friends.

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OHSAA removes Glenville from football playoffs

The Glenville Tarblooders will not be allowed to defend their Division IV high school football title after the Ohio High School Athletic Association removed the school from the state playoffs amid an investigation into how the Cleveland Metropolitan School District assigns sports opportunities for students attending Ginn Academy.



Glenville is coached by Tedd Ginn Sr., who also founded

the Ginn Academy. Under him, Glenville has won state football titles in 2022, 2023 and 2025.

According to a release from the OHSAA, Ginn Academy is a non-member magnet school that does not offer athletics. Students who attend Ginn Academy are permitted to participate in sports at the Cleveland Metropolitan School Dis-

trict high school nearest to their residence. The OHSAA says its investigation concerns whether the district inaccurately assigned Ginn Academy students to athletic opportunities at Glenville.

"Recently we discovered several irregularities with students going to Ginn Academy and playing football at Glenville, which led us to conduct an audit of

the participation opportunities for all fall sports student-athletes at Glenville High School," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "This week we confirmed that many players on Glenville's football team should have been playing at other schools this season. It will take some time to examine all the information and determine the extent of the

violations this season and potentially in previous seasons for all schools and teams within Cleveland Metro."

Glenville was also removed from the football playoffs for the same issue in 2018. The school was fined \$5,000 and placed on probation through 2021, according to the OHSAA.

Glenville

won the Division IV football state championship in 2022, 2023 and 2025, and entered the 2026 playoffs as the No. 5 seed in the Division III, Region 9 playoffs.

Glenville's first-round opponent, No. 12 seed Hunting Valley University School, will advance on the bracket to a second-round game against No. 4 seed Salem on Nov. 6.

What killed 500-plus penguins? How scientists solved the mystery

Sailing toward the Danger Islands, Dr. Ralph Vanstreels had a good idea of what he might find: A lot of dead Adélie penguins.

It was March 2024 and a virus had been sweeping through the area, leaving deceased birds in its wake.

Vanstreels got the crime right but the culprit wrong. There were dead penguins but a virus was not to blame.



As his vessel pulled up to a landing ramp on one of the islands — located just off the Antarctic Peninsula — Vanstreels and his fellow researchers immediately noticed bumps in the snow.

"Was each bump a rock or was it a carcass? We had to do quite a bit of intensive searching [through the snow]," says Vanstreels, who is based in Argentina and is a wildlife veterinarian with the University of California, Davis.

The team ultimately found more than 537 penguin carcasses on just the ramp, which he estimates was about the size of an airport runway.

There were many more carcasses elsewhere on the Danger Islands, which are home to two mega colonies for penguins. The re-

searchers estimate there were thousands of dead Adélie penguins and other species of birds. But they had to work quickly and couldn't do a complete count, Vanstreels says.

"You cannot stay there very long because you might be locked down with an iceberg blocking your way out," he says.

As the team has pieced together this tragic penguin mystery, Vanstreels says, the case holds broader lessons for tracking the spread of diseases globally.

The only continent to dodge the virus — until now

Now let's time jump to Australia a few months ago for another bird disease conundrum.

In June, H5N1 — high pathogenicity avian influenza also known as bird flu — arrived in mainland Australia. Up until that

point, Australia had been the only continent to dodge the virus which has traversed the globe, leaving a trail of carcasses in its path.

Since late 2021, the virus has led to the death of nearly 300 million poultry birds. Either the virus killed them or they were culled as a preventive measure to stop the spread of the disease, according to the World Animal Health Information System. Further, bird flu is estimated to have killed millions of wild animals and marine mammals, although it's hard to get an exact figure.

Researchers were amazed that Australia could stay bird-flu-free for six years. And the virus didn't take the path that scientists expected.

"We have a lot of migration of birds between Australia and

Southeast Asia, so for the first few years, we're like: That's where the virus is coming from," says Dr. Amandine Gamble, an assistant professor at Cornell University in the Department of Public and Ecosystem Health.

The way bird flu eventually got there was from the other direction. It came from Antarctica likely via migrating birds.

"This is a virus that's not assisted by airplanes," Michelle Wille, senior research fellow at the Center for Pathogen Genomics at the University of Melbourne, told NPR in 2025. "This is a virus that's traveling by mass mortality after mass mortality after mass mortality after mass mortality."

"The virus loads are low"

So when Vanstreels set sail to check on the penguins, he assumed bird flu would be the culprit.

Bird flu arrived in Antarctica in late 2023 and early 2024. Vanstreels and his colleagues rapidly arranged for a trip to try to figure out exactly what was happening.

"The expedition was initially fully set up to look for bird flu because that was the panic," he explains, add-

ing that ongoing fear of a continuing global panzootic — or pandemic among animals — is justified.

In several layers of warm clothes covered by protective gear — double gloves, coveralls, glasses and masks — Vanstreels and the team started taking samples of the penguin corpses they found.

"We looked a little bit stiff when walking — like a penguin walking almost — because of all the gear," he says. "We had very strict biosafety standards."

They brought samples from the deceased penguins back to a mini-lab on their boat. By evening, they had early results. But not the results they expected.

"There is bird flu here, but the virus loads are low," he recalls. "That was a little bit puzzling."

The carcasses were not very old, so Vanstreels would have expected to find far more bird flu virus if that had killed the birds. Perhaps something else was the main driver? "We were unsure what was happening," he recalls.

What the microscope revealed

So what killed the 500-plus penguins on the landing ramp and the many others on the

island?

Back on land several months after the voyage, in the Netherlands, Vanstreels' colleagues did more investigation. "Under the microscope, you can see that there's bacteria in the tissues," he says — not virus.

They discovered a different disease, a bacterial disease that causes avian cholera (which is distinct from human cholera).

Vanstreels and his team's findings were published in October in the journal the Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

So how worried are they about avian cholera?

The disease is not considered a major threat to humans since the strain that is specialized to birds is distinct from the strain specialized to mammals. "The risk for human infection is not really that high when you see an outbreak on birds," Vanstreels says. But, it does kill birds worldwide — especially in cold environments where the bacteria thrives.

While there's not enough research to know exactly how common avian cholera is, the disease has been on the radar of scientists for decades. However,

it's not exactly top of mind. The last time researchers looked for it in the Antarctic Peninsula was 25 years ago.

"One could be misled to think that: Well, that was a unique thing that happened back in 2001, and nothing's happened ever since," says Vanstreels. Instead, it is possible that avian cholera die-offs could be occurring regularly, only scientists haven't been checking.

One of his big takeaways from this bird-flu-that-turned-out-to-be-avian-cholera event?

"Yes, there is a big thing with bird flu. But we still want to keep checking for the other diseases because they might be mixing up in the middle," Vanstreels says.

Antarctica isn't as remote as it seems

Like any good mystery, the case of the cholera-stricken penguins has got scientists wondering: Whodunit?

There's a theory that avian cholera might have been introduced to Antarctica decades ago from researchers who brought poultry from the U.S., Vanstreels says.

Overview of the Adelie penguin megacolony at Heroína Island at the peak of the breeding season (photos taken on the year after the out-

break, January 2025).

Gamble, of Cornell University, adds that the strain of avian cholera found in penguins in Antarctica is "very close" to the strain found 5,000 miles away on Île Amsterdam in the Southern Indian Ocean.

"Antarctica is way more connected to the rest of the world than we think it is," she says.

It's hard to track diseases in Antarctica but, she says, it's turning out to be an important piece in the global pathogen puzzle.

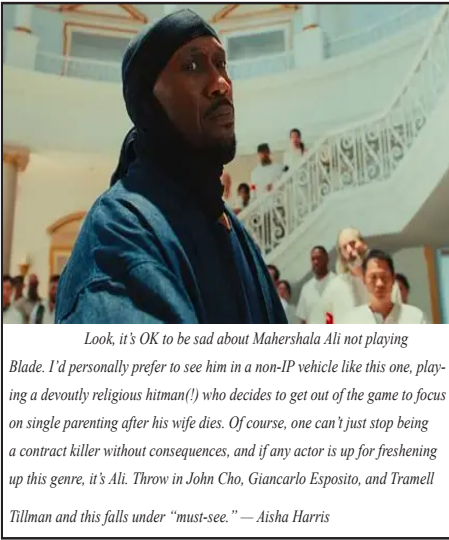
The work of keeping tabs on what's happening has fallen to a number of different countries since Antarctica is not governed by any one government. It was designated as a continent of peace and science by the mid 20th-century Antarctic Treaty, which now has 58 parties — among them are the U.S., France, Japan and Russia. Many nations have research stations and team up on scientific undertakings, including tracking pathogens — be it bird flu or avian cholera — that travel great distances and don't respect borders.

"So this Avian cholera outbreak is just showing this is not a unique event," says Gamble. "We really need international collaboration."

Movies to enjoy this fall as the weather cools and the leaves change

Movies to watch this fall :

The Uprising
The Uprising follows a grieving farmer in plague-stricken 14th-century England who sparks a revolt against oppressive taxes and royal corruption, uniting commoners to confront young King Richard II's regime. The film offers tense action, grounded performances from Andrew Garfield and Jamie Bell, and echoes modern political struggles. Critics praise its historical resonance and battle sequences, though some note its bleak tone and stylized camerawork. In Paul Greengrass' gritty drama, Andrew Garfield leads a post-pandemic rebellion against a government that coddles oligarchs while taxing the poor to wage lengthy foreign wars. His grassroots rabble faces a leader who is revered even as he lies



to his people and acts like the petulant 14-year-old he is. It's England's Peasants' Revolt of 1381 against Richard II (Shakespeare wasn't fond of him either), but as Garfield utters a fervent "no kings," Greengrass won't be upset if you hear echoes of today. — Bob Mondello

The Weight
Ethan Hawke has been on a tear in both television (The Low-

down) and film (Blue Moon). Here, he plays a Depression-era father offered an irresistible deal by the corrupt warden of the prison camp where he's incarcerated: get out early in exchange for helping smuggle a load of gold through the wilderness. While the premise feels familiar — a good father potentially does bad and dangerous things to save his child — Hawke is as reliable

as anybody currently working at making the familiar seem new. — Linda Holmes

Primetime
There was a time when Chris Hansen's hidden-camera stings on To Catch a Predator were among the hottest properties on TV, but the legacy of the show has, shall we say, evolved over time, as has the reputation of Hansen himself, played in the film by Robert Pattinson. A 2025 documentary called Predators was not the direct inspiration for the film, which is based on a 2007 Esquire article, but it certainly helped provoke new scrutiny of the phenomenon. — Linda Holmes

The Incomer
The isle Sandy and Isla live on is listed by the Scots as a bird sanctuary, and indeed, they were taught as kids to defend the birds from "incomers." Their folks

died, though, when they were adolescents, and they've lived off the grid for 30 years. When the authorities discover that what they'd thought was an uninhabited isle is in fact inhabited, they send a dweeby mainlander (Domhnall Gleeson) to resettlement, and he tries — lordy he tries — in a whimsically, silly, oddly endearing romp. — Bob Mondello

The Scout
Writer/director Paula González-Nasser based her first feature on her experiences as a location scout in New York City. It follows a young woman over the course of her day as she secures shooting locations for a TV pilot. Early reviews suggest a quiet, ruminative exploration of the place where isolation meets connection as she spends her days alone on the streets of the city and gets invited into the homes of New Yorkers

who offer her fleeting but fascinating glimpses of their lives. — Glen Weldon

You Had to Be There

There was a legendary production of Godspell in Toronto in 1972 of which no video footage survives. That's a shame, because it starred, among others, Eugene Levy, Martin Short, Gilda Radner, Victor Garber, and Andrea Martin, all before they were really famous. (The musical director was Paul Shaffer!) This warm, generous documentary unites all the living cast members to talk about how it came together and what it meant to them. It's a great time and a study of what great collaborations can be. — Linda Holmes

Your Mother
Your Mother Your Mother

Look, it's OK to be sad about Maher-

shala Ali not playing Blade. I'd personally prefer to see him in a non-IP vehicle like this one, playing a devoutly religious hitman(!) who decides to get out of the game to focus on single parenting after his wife dies. Of course, one can't just stop being a contract killer without consequences, and if any actor is up for freshening up this genre, it's Ali. Throw in John Cho, Giancarlo Esposito, and Tramell Tillman and this falls under "must-see." — Aisha Harris

Digger
Alejandro González Inárritu's "comedy of catastrophic proportions" features a thoroughly transformed Tom Cruise (i.e.: balding, drawling, and pot-bellied) as an oil tycoon who's caused — and may be the one to save humanity from — a global cataclysm. Details are scarce about the star's first big-swing, post-Mission

Impossible role, but the vibe is Strangelovian, the VistaVision vistas spectacular, and the cast (John Goodman, Riz Ahmed, Jesse Plemons, Sandra Hüller) a hoot. — Bob Mondello

The Social Reckoning
Aaron Sorkin's companion piece to his Oscar-winning The Social Network dives into the explosive 2021 revelations of Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen (Mikey Madison). The documents Haugen leaked showed that Facebook knew about the mental health impacts of its platforms on teenage girls and its role in spreading false and harmful information. Sorkin directs Jeremy Allen White as the reporter who broke the story, while the first film's Zuckerberg-as-toxic-collegian has grown up to be Zuckerberg-as-toxic-Silicon-Valley-titan, now played by Jeremy Strong. — Bob Mondello

Data Centers taking over America and how to stop them

Bryce Gustafson has been knocking on doors in Indiana for more than a decade. The lead organizer with Citizens Action Coalition (CAC), a consumer and environmental organization, he usually encounters a mix of reactions when he's out canvassing; whatever issue he's talking about, there's always at least a few people on the other side. But at a recent festival in the rural town of Monrovia, Indiana, he was struck by an unusual spirit of unity.

He was there about a proposed datacenter, a 550-acre (222-hectare) Google project in this small town of 1,600 people. "I had 50 people I talked to," Gustafson told me. "Nobody wanted that datacenter in their community. And at least a half a dozen people came up to me to say, 'Hey, I voted for Trump. What the heck's he doing, supporting these things?'"

Gustafson said he had had similar conversations all across the state. If there's one thing he sees uniting Hoosiers of all stripes – from rural areas such as Morgan county to suburbs such as Franklin Township to the historically African American neighborhood of Martindale-Brightwood in Indianapolis – it's fury over these water-guzzling, air-polluting behemoths and the tech oligarchs imposing them.

These dynamics are playing out across the US. Over the last year, intensifying waves of local opposition to big tech's datacenter buildout have surged into a nationwide tsunami of resistance. Elites on both coasts, from leaders of the AI industry in Silicon Valley to leaders of the political establishment in Washington DC, have struggled to make sense of the backlash. First they tried to write it off as business-as-usual nimbyism: just a few local bans passed here and there, maybe some unknown city councilors losing re-election after signing datacenter deals – not such a big deal. Then Senator Bernie Sanders and Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez began calling for a national moratorium. Pretty soon Utah's senate president got tossed out of office for supporting hyperscale proposals. And the movement continues to grow.

Today, three-quarters of Americans oppose local datacenter development, a swing of more than 30 points in just a year. More than 500 counties and municipalities have passed datacenter bans or moratoria, while dozens of proposed projects have been killed outright. And the issue has come to define some of the highest-profile political races in the country. In the battle for US Senate in Ohio, the populist Democrat Sherrod Brown has made Republican senator Jon Husted's support of datacenters the centerpiece of his campaign, prompting warnings from the National Republican Senatorial Committee that "datacenters are the anchor hanging around Husted's neck".

Other Republicans are taking notice. The Texas governor, Greg Abbott, once touted the state as the "epicenter of AI development"; last week he said datacenters had "dug their own grave". In Michigan, days after the Lever news outlet revealed that the GOP Senate candidate Mike Rogers held millions



in AI-related investments, he announced his support for a one-year moratorium on their construction in the state.

Big tech billionaires may finally be beginning to realize that this backlash poses real complications for them. But they still don't understand the nature of the threat they've called down upon themselves, because the movement against datacenters represents more than just a series of local fights against a new kind of infrastructure project. It may, in fact, constitute the best opportunity we've had in generations to truly shake up American politics, by redirecting the partisan anger that oligarchic forces have long used to divide regular Americans and channeling that energy instead against the billionaires that are actually the cause of so many of our shared problems.

People are realizing that the left-to-right divide isn't as important as the divide between the working class and big corporate interests

The political science term for this strategy, coined by Jennifer McCoy and Murat Somer, is "transformative repolarization". McCoy and Somer argue that authoritarians and oligarchs often stoke what they call "pernicious polarization" – extreme toxic polarization that uses "us versus them" rhetoric, often on social and culture war issues, to divide the public in ways that harm democracy. In the face of such intense suspicion and distrust, depolarizing a society – trying to get people to stop viewing their fellow citizens as an existential danger – may not work on its own, in the absence of a unifying struggle to address underlying grievances. Instead, McCoy and Somer argue that opponents of authoritarianism need to redraw the lines of contestation that define their politics – to shift the "us versus them" struggle from, for example, a left-to-right polarization, to a different axis of conflict that can bring a large majority of the public together against real structural threats.

When you speak to organizers and community leaders on the frontlines of local datacenter campaigns, it immediately becomes clear that they are seeing new configurations of people coming together in precisely this way. "On many issues, people come in with a baked-in partisan lens that influences their thinking," said Ben Inskeep, program director at CAC. "On datacenters, we don't have those firm camps formed. And so we're seeing broad concern from Republicans, Democrats and everyone else on the political spectrum. We're seeing folks saying, 'Hey, I might be a Maga Republican and you might be a liberal yahoo from the big city, but if you're coming to our community to help us fight this

datacenter, you're my best friend.'"

William Lawrence has been seeing the same thing in Michigan. The Sunrise Movement co-founder and congressional candidate made opposition to datacenters a main focus of his successful campaign for the Democratic nomination to represent the Lansing area. He's now hammering his Republican opponent on the issue – to great apparent effect, according to a recent poll finding Lawrence leading in the district, which is now held by a Republican. "At a time when people are so polarized and isolated from each other, something that brings people together is rare," he said. "We can all get together to watch the Spartans play at Spartan Stadium, but to get together in a context where you're also talking about politics? That is a gift, and is not at all to be taken for granted."

An organizer I spoke with who's been opposing datacenter construction in Texas (who asked to remain anonymous) noted a similar dynamic playing out in his state. "I've never seen anything that mobilizes this many rural Texans before," he told me. "Folks are starting to get politicized through this work. They're realizing when they reach out to their state reps, their state senators, that these people are not batting for them. They're batting for the tech oligarchs. And so people are realizing that the left-to-right divide isn't as important as the divide between the working class and big corporate interests."

The electoral implications of this process should be obvious. But for anyone too thick to draw their own conclusions, voters themselves are starting to get quite explicit. When MS Now asked a woman in Hood county, Texas, which is 80% Republican, "you're willing to forgo every conservative issue and let the Senate fall into the hands of Democrats if that's what it takes to kill datacenters?", her response was immediate: "Yep. My entire community's going to break rank."

What remains to be seen is whether Democrats will seize this opportunity – or let Republicans regain the initiative.

A manifestation of greed

"I've been waiting a long time for people to wake up to how they're being ripped off," Gustafson said. So why are datacenters the issue that's finally waking people up?

For one, they're essentially unique in the breadth of their odiousness, so everyone has a reason to be offended by them. Hyperscale datacenters are big industrial warehouses that can cover literally dozens of acres, generate debilitating noise pollution, and have an impact on local water tables. They use obscene amounts of energy, straining local infrastructure and in



many cases causing utility rates to rise. This also has devastating climate and environmental impacts, as AI developers are overwhelmingly meeting their energy needs with dirty fossil fuel generators that spew outrageous amounts of planet-warming emissions and severely affect local air quality.

Then there are the process concerns: use of eminent domain, the provision of taxpayer subsidies, and big tech's near-ubiquitous practice of pushing local officials to sign nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) that shroud deals in suspicious opacity.

And all of this is for what? Though the development of datacenters creates temporary construction work, once developed, the facilities do not provide communities with significant long-term jobs. The only thing these sites produce (other than many shades of pollution) is added computation capacity for a technology that we've all been told will soon put billions of people out of work. In the meantime, as we wait to see whether that dystopian future materializes or it was all an economy-wrecking bubble, AI is largely being experienced as the thing making the internet more annoying, our jobs more stressful, surveillance more terrifying, and big tech billionaires – already widely despised – more powerful than ever. It's not hard to understand why this doesn't constitute a very compelling case for datacenters.

What it does provide is a perfect canvas on which to illustrate the broader problems with our political and economic system: how a few individuals have all the money and power to control the decisions that affect our lives. "Datacenters are the physical manifestation of the greed and the hubris and the power of the AI oligarchs," Gustafson said. "That gets people thinking about why we are allowing these tech billionaires to just run roughshod over our state."

What emerges from this process is a budding sense of solidarity that can extend far beyond the localized concerns that might have brought someone into a particular fight. Gustafson described how organizers from Evansville, a city in south-west Indiana, began supporting groups across the border in Kentucky when fights started ratcheting up there. Elsewhere, a farmer who became the leader of a datacenter fight in Henry county, Indiana, attended a meeting about a proposed project in a neighboring town. "Next thing you know, she's helping that community, showing up for them, because it's so much easier getting through this when you have somebody who's been there and understands," he said.

As Inskeep put it: "When one campaign ends, people are saying, 'Hey, we fought ours, now that it's

done, we're going to go to the next county and help them.'" And that starts a snowball effect. "People are seeing that they're stronger together. It's a beautiful thing."

Clearly, these fights have created an opening for the left. But the politics around datacenters are still very much up for grabs. Democrats should have a strong inherent edge, given that – on this issue, like so many others – Donald Trump has forcefully aligned himself with his buddies in the billionaire class. The president's aggressive plans to accelerate big tech's datacenter buildout include opening up federal lands for hyperscaler construction, axing public participation processes in permitting, and even waiving Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act requirements on the radically absurd grounds that datacenter approvals need to be expedited for national security reasons.

But other conservative forces have been ahead of the curve. Steve Bannon has long been working to put Maga's populist wing out front in opposing both datacenters and AI more broadly. The Texas organizer I spoke with told me he sees a significant number of people coming into datacenter fights casting blame not on big tech oligarchs, but on China or the United Arab Emirates, in ways that can feel decidedly xenophobic or Islamophobic. "This is an opportunity, but it's a short-lived opportunity and we need to seize it," said Inskeep. "Because this can also be used against us. If we are not effective at doing the political education and helping folks through that process, I do think you could have a far-right, nationalist, anti-immigrant person use this issue to come to power and then implement horrifying policies."

For the first time in generations, the billionaire class has overreached in a way that Americans of all stripes and ideologies are finding equally repulsive

Needless to say, for Democrats to seize this opportunity, they first must actually take a unified stance against datacenters. And unfortunately, many Democratic leaders remain just as in-bed with big tech billionaires as their GOP counterparts. Maine's Democratic governor, Janet Mills, vetoed the datacenter moratorium passed by her state legislature. Michigan's Democratic governor, Gretchen Whitmer, was accused of dismissing her constituents' concerns about the many datacenter projects she has supported. The Democratic minority leader, Hakeem Jeffries, opposes a datacenter moratorium and appointed the aggressively corporatist Josh Gottheimer and big tech-backed Zoe Lofgren to help develop House Democrats' AI platform.

And there are some races where Democrats are squarely on the

losing side of the issue. In Wisconsin, the Democratic nominee for governor, David Crowley, is already being blasted in ads by his Republican opponent for having said he wants Wisconsin to "become an AI and a data hub not only for the entire country, but for the entire globe". Crowley won his gubernatorial primary after the entire Democratic establishment united to oppose the left-leaning candidate in the race, Francesca Hong, on the grounds that old "woke" posts – including a call to "cancel Thanksgiving" – made her unelectable.

But Crowley's troubles demonstrate why

Democrats need to update their assumptions regarding what kinds of past statements make for real electoral liabilities. After all, nobody is actually going to cancel Thanksgiving. But making Wisconsin into a hub of hated datacenters? That feels like a very real possibility to a lot of Wisconsin's swing voters.

When I asked Lawrence what he would want to say to party leadership on this point, his response was simple. "I would say, listen to the people. Nobody wants companies from Silicon Valley coming in, bullying us, making decisions that are going to impact the next century of

our communities.

Just listen to the people. You'll be popular."

So will Democrats take the chance they've been given? For the first time in generations, the billionaire class has overreached in a way that Americans of all stripes and ideologies are finding equally repulsive. They've created a perfect opening to repolarize the public – not just against Trump, but against the oligarchic and authoritarian systems that produced him in the first place.

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