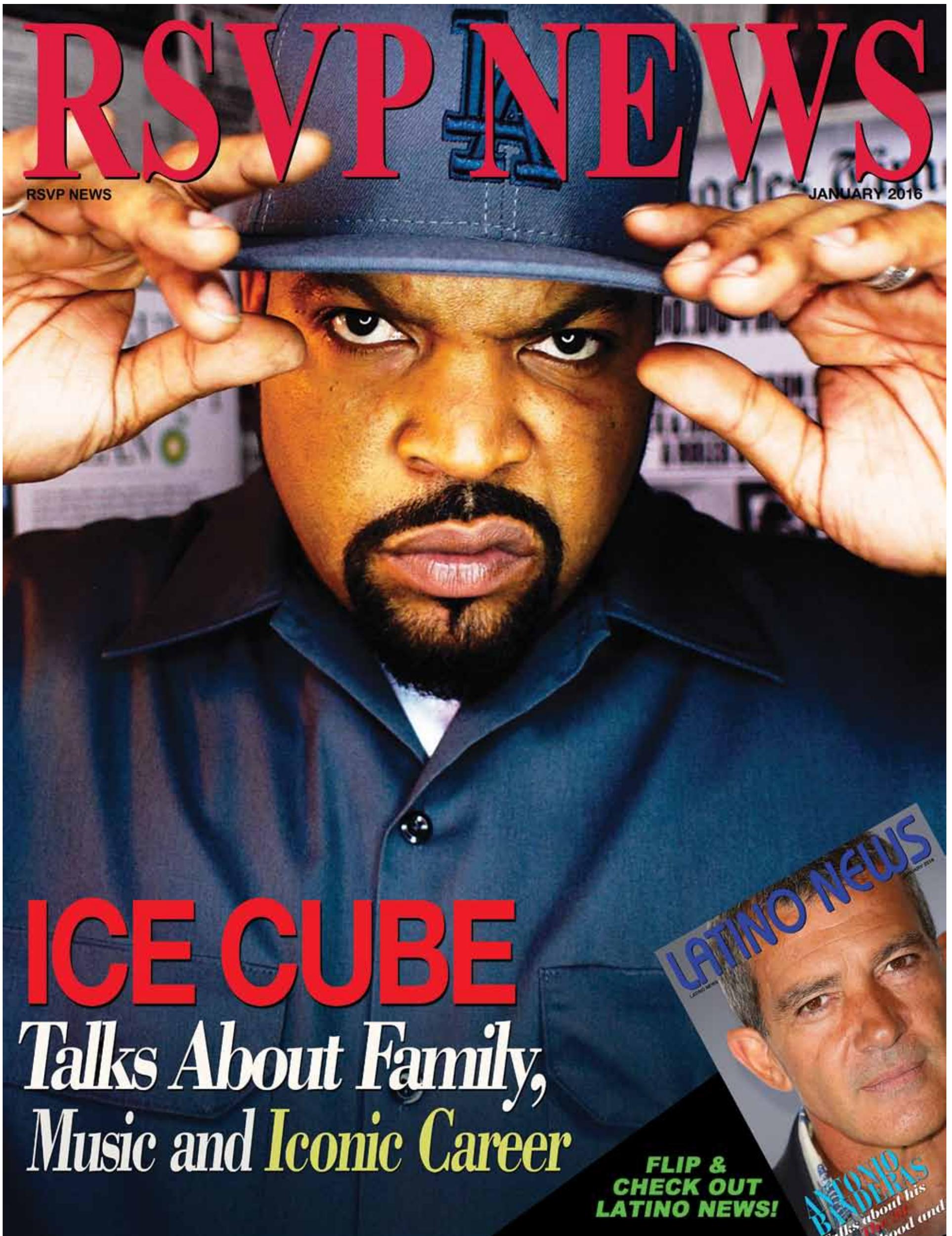


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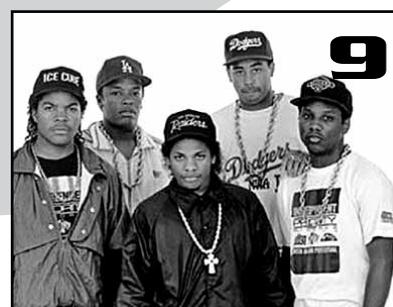
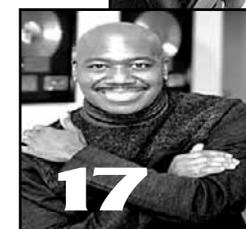
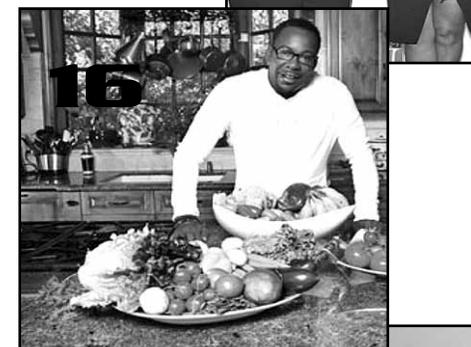
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2015 VH1 Big Awards On the Red Carpet



Aziz Ansari striking a pose.



The charming comedian and actress Aubrey Plaza



Singer Elle King, an incredible talent poses with date.



The beautiful Elizabeth Banks.



Talented O'Shea Jackson, Jr. captured movie-goers by surprise with his stand-out performance in hit film "Straight Outta Compton".



The fashionable Amber Rose in sunglasses.



The highly-respected, director, producer, and actress Debbie Allen, a staple in the industry.



The talented K. Michele.



Tamala Jones poses for the cameras.



Good friends Queen Latifah and Taraji Henson congratulating each other on their success.



The funny and talented Amy Schumer with sister Kimberly posing on the red carpet.



Husband and wife duo, T.I. and "Tameka "Tiny" Harris are all smiles on the red carpet.



The always charming and R&B heartthrob singer, Miguel.



The incomparable and always classy Gladys Knight.

WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the January 2016 issue of RSVP NEWS. We are pleased to feature O'Shea Jackson, Sr., a.k.a. Ice Cube on our cover. Ice Cube has established himself as one of hip-hop's most proficient lyricist, storyteller, rapper and record producer's of our time! As an actor, screenwriter and filmmaker whose films have grossed a billion

dollars, Ice Cube is the epitome of success.

He is an exceptional husband, father, son and family man whose track record of success is what dreams are made of without question. We salute you Mr. Jackson!

Notable Quotes from Ice Cube

- I think the worst thing you can do about a situation is nothing.
- I love music. It's freedom, a way to deal with pent-up frustration.
- Truth is the ultimate power. When the truth comes around, all the lies have to run and hide.
- What I learned from architectural drafting is that everything has to have a plan to work. You just can't wing it. I can't get all the materials I need for a house and just start building. Whether it's a career, family, life – you have to plan it out.
- The moral is that a career can be gone in an instant. And all you have in this world are the people you love.
- Music is where I have the most creative freedom, but I love producing. To me, that's kind of where all the action is. You get a chance to have your hands in every aspect of a film. From picking a director, sometimes picking a writer, to the actors, the wardrobe, set design, editing, music, and marketing.
- I'm trying to cut down a little on eating, on sodium, keep my blood pressure down, which is tough. Because I love food! I do, but it's unfair how every thing that's bad for you tastes so good, and all the good stuff, veggies and green things, doesn't match up.
- I think reading is important in any form. I think a person who's trying to learn to like reading should start off reading about a topic they are interested in, or a person they are interested in.
- I have great people, smart people that are around me and we love the challenge, I guess it's like climbing a mountain or building a building. It's a challenge but you love every challenge that it brings or presents itself.
- For me rappers and dancers are poets and artists and often times the most interesting performances are given by them.
- I think, to me, reality is better than being fake.
- Don't worry about being a star, worry about doing good work, and all that will come to you.
- I have a really beautiful life right now, so there is no reason to be hostile. I'm a husband, a father and a man who tries to do the right thing in life and in my work.
- I do what I do. You like it, great. You don't, go listen to somebody else. I'm stickin' with the people who stuck with me.
- Gangsta to us didn't have anything to do with Al Capone and stuff like that. It's just about living your life the way you want to live it. And you're not going to let nothing stop you.
- If it was all about me, I'd do a whole lot of pop records, make a whole lot of money, just rake in the dough. But it's never been all about me. It's all about being a voice for the voiceless. People who can't speak for themselves, who don't have a mic, don't have a say.
- The thing is with hip-hop, it has its waves and the waves crash against the beach and the new waves come in. So to stay relevant, you have to roll with that.

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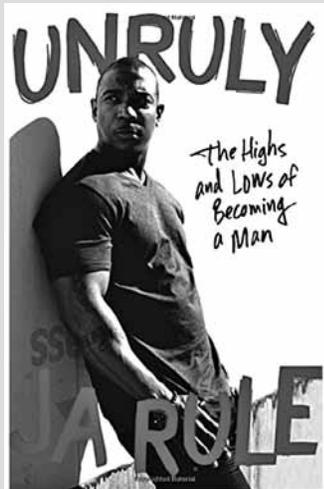
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Unruly: The Highs and Lows of Becoming a Man

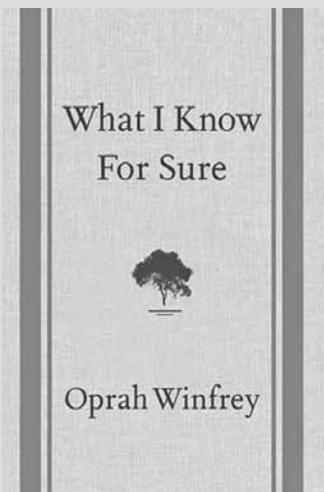
By Ja Rule

(Publisher: HarperCollins)

Ja Rule, actor, singer, songwriter, and one of the most multi-dimensional rap artists of his time, tells his compelling story—from his youth to his rise to international fame to his transformative two years in Federal prison—and reveals the man beneath the legend.

Jeffrey Atkins offers practical wisdom—reflection, growth and hope learned first-hand as an inmate, father, husband, and community role model. He speaks fondly of men who inspired *Unruly*—the inmates he met in prison whose misguided ideas of masculinity landed them behind bars—and Louis Farrakhan who mediated the televised encounter with Ja Rule's adversary, 50 Cent.

Unruly is a compelling, personal look at the duality and conflicts that arise in the African-American male psyche from a man who has enjoyed breathtaking fame and suffered heartbreaking misfortune.



What I Know For Sure

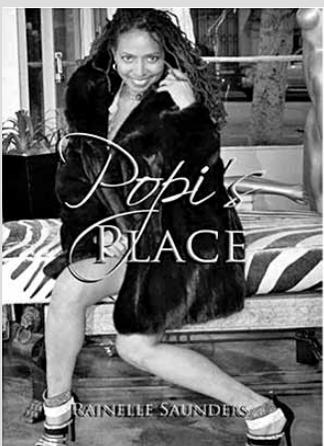
By Oprah Winfrey

(Publisher: Flatiron Books/Macmillan)

Here's a woman who needs no introduction. You know her from her philanthropy, television network, and her Starbucks tea. Now, Oprah's forthcoming memoir will allow you to learn about her personal truths and fundamental values. The memoir is a collection of columns that Winfrey has written over the years for *O, The Oprah Magazine*. It's the sort of thing you'll want to pick up if you're looking for a lift of wisdom.

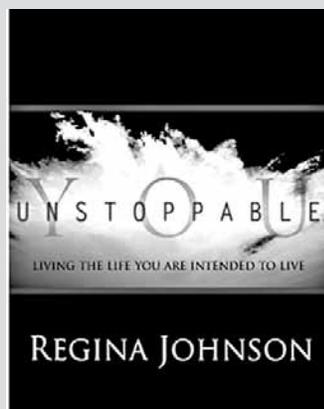
POPI'S PLACE

By Rainelle Saunders



A popular R&B/jazz club and restaurant, *Popi's Place* has been a Hollywood hot spot for over sixty years, providing live music, seven nights a week, to loyal regulars and a nightly sprinkle of cool celebrities. Every Saturday night, six girlfriends gather to dish dirt, compare love battles, and kick up their heels at their favorite place. They are each very different in their private lives, but they blend together in a relationship that survives all kinds of hell.

How these six women find anything in common would appear, on the surface, to be a mystery. However, on Saturday nights they come together as a well-oiled machine, giving each other the support and love that is so elusive in their daily lives. They can forget the men, or lack of men, in their lives and maintain the illusion of perfection and unconditional love. This is a story of six friends sharing love, friendship and secrets, and how the lives of these women are tangled up, messed up and in need of the soul searching which will allow them to become the people they are meant to be. *Popi's Place* - where truth and faith transcends and illuminates the female spirit.



Unstoppable You

By Regina Johnson

Many people drag through life with the weights of twisted perceptions, issues of inadequacy and low self-worth on their shoulders. *Unstoppable You* journeys you through the process of deprogramming lies and wrong thinking that are often planted as a tiny seed in your early years. *Unstoppable You* delivers practical and biblical advice and a must read that will ensure you start living the life you are intended to live.

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MONEY & YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES

By Keley Taylor

They taught me what they knew, and it did not include How Money Works.

I, like so many, did not receive a financial education. My parents taught me what they knew and it did not include, How Money Works. After receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science and minor in Business, I still had not received training on personal finance. This lack of information resulted in learning money principles by trial and error. I now realize that if I had received a basic financial education, I would have made different decisions many years ago. I now share the following information, so that others can have the benefit of a basic financial education.

Focus On Simple and Achievable

Like anything worth having in life, achieving financial strength requires discipline and focus. However, many people are not taught about "practical" ways to improve your financial situation in school. You may have taken an economics course and learned about fancy concepts like Pareto optimality, but unless you are an economist or MBA, it is unlikely that you use those concepts in everyday life.

To help make it easier for you to become stronger financially, the following organized steps will make it easier to actually USE and APPLY financial concepts to improve your financial strength.

Step 1: Make Better Decisions with Your Money

If you are like most people, than you have a limited amount of money, but lots of bills and dreams. One obvious step to take is to make better decisions with the money that you do have.

1. Don't Spend More Than You Make

- Generally, your household expenses shouldn't exceed 33% of your income. Debt payments should not exceed 30%.
- Buy only what you need. Ask yourself, "Do I really need it?" before buying.

1. Manage Your Debt

- Credit cards make it easy to spend money you don't have. Don't use them unless you can pay off the balance every month.
- Pay your bills on time. Remember that fees and interest can add up quickly.
- If possible, consolidate debts for lower interest payments. Save the difference or pay down other debts.

1. Create An Emergency Fund

- Set Short-Term, Mid-Term, and set aside enough money to get through 3-6 months of unemployment or major emergencies.
- An emergency fund will help you get through tough times with out getting into credit card debt.

1. Set Short-Term, Mid-Term, and Long-Term Financial Goals:

- What Do You Want To Achieve...
 1. 6 Months From Now?
 2. 1 Year From Now?
 3. 10 Years From Now?

- What Are You Willing To Do To Reach Those Goals?

Step 2: Protect Your Income & Family

Protecting Your Income And Protecting Your Assets Are Essential For Creating A Financially Stable Future.

When You Are Younger, You Need Protection For Your Income In The Unfortunate Case Of Your Death Or Disability. When You Are Older, You Need Protection For Your Retirement and Your Legacy To Your Family.

It's important to have adequate insurance, especially for life, health, disability, personal liability, and coverage of property.

All it takes is one major hospitalization or accident to realize the importance of having adequate insurance!

Step 3: Accumulate Assets

The middle part of your life or career is often called the "accumulation phase". This is because you are still establishing yourself financially and are (hopefully) growing and gathering assets rather than spending everything (which you would do at retirement).

When accumulating assets, you need to be aware of the concepts of Compound Interest, The Rule of 72, Inflation, Taxes, and Market Risk.

Understanding Compound Interest

One of the fundamental money concepts is **Interest**.

Interest, to give a very basic example, is often a "price" that is paid to borrow money. **Compound interest** is when interest is added to the starting amount, or **principal**, so that the interest that has been added also earns interest.

With compound interest, you earn interest on the money you save and on the interest that money earns. Over time, even a small amount saved can add up to big money. Whether you realize it or not, the concept of interest is a big part of your financial life because the possibility of earning interest is why people lend and borrow money.

What Does This Mean?

Your money can work for you when "your money earns money". When your money goes to work, it may earn a steady paycheck. Someone pays you to use your money for a period of time. When you get your money back, you get it back plus "interest." Your money can make an "income," just like you. You can make more money when you and your money work.

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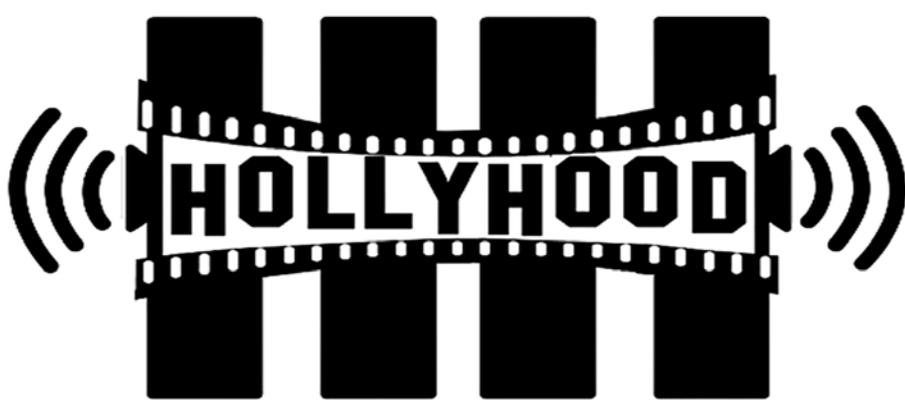
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To Be Inducted into the
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Class



The veteran rap group, N.W.A. will be inducted into the 2016 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The group will join the 31st class of the Rock Hall on April 8 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. Dr. Dre, Ice Cube, DJ Yella, Eazy-E and MC Ren round out the 2016 inductees, along with Cheap Trick, Chicago, Deep Purple and Steve Miller. Congrats, again to the group!

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ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

BY LIN WOODS

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The Music World's biggest night of the year is less than a month away and the excitement is building. The Recording Academy will host its 58th Annual Grammy Awards, February 15, 2016 live from The Staples Center in Los Angeles.

LL Cool J will once again host the Grammy Awards.



Rapper Kendrick Lamar leads the nominations with a whopping 11. Taylor Swift and The Weekend follow with seven nods each.

While I love all styles of music, from classical and jazz to country, blues and pop, gospel is the music I wrap my soul around as I journey through this life. One of my favorite gospel songs right now is "Worth" by Anthony Brown & Group therapy. The group

is nominated for Best Gospel Performance for "Worth" (Live). I asked Brown how it felt to receive his first Grammy nomination for a song he says God inspired him to write. He said, "God continues to blow my mind. I never saw this coming and still it feels so unreal. My prayer was always to hear the voice of God and translate it into a song that would reach people. This just solidifies for me that the scripture is true...Your gift will make room for you and bring you before great men. I'm so grateful for this."

Anthony Brown & Group therAPy is nominated in the same category as Kirk Franklin, Travis Greene, Israel & New Breed and Brian Courtney Wilson.



Actor, rapper and star of CBS' hit show, NCIS Los Angeles, LL Cool J returns for the fifth year in a row as host of the Grammys. The Grammys will air Monday, February 15 on CBS at 8 ET/7 CT.

BET's Celebration of Gospel returns to the network on January 31, 2016, 8pm ET/7pm CT. Empire's Taraji P. Henson is back as host of the inspirational gem that fuses R&B and Urban Entertainment with Gospel's

best and brightest talent for one night of soul-stirring entertainment. Celebration of Gospel will feature appearances by Tamela Mann, Kirk Franklin, Gladys Knight, Tank, Donnie McClurkin, Chaka Khan, Yolanda Adams, Jonathan McReynolds, Tasha Cobbs, Erica Campbell, Travis Greene, Heavenly Joy Jerkins, Pastor Charles Jenkins, Kurt Carr, Tye Tribbett, Deitrick Haddon, Jessica Reedy, Donald Lawrence, Shirley Caesar, Dr. Bobby Jones and more.

Taraji P. Henson is a Hollywood star whose career is on fire right now. Her role as Cookie Lyon on Fox's hit series Empire has taken the actress to household name status. Henson was recently nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series. Empire was also nominated for Best Television Series - Drama.

Queen Latifah also received a Golden Globe nod for her role as the fiery blues singer/entertainer Bessie Smith. In addition, veteran actress Regina King, fresh off the HBO critically acclaimed series The Leftovers, received a Golden Globe nomination for her role as a supporting actress in the ABC drama American Crime. Congratulations to all the Golden Globe nominees.

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Celebrities Share Thoughts for the New Year and Plans for 2016



“My plan for 2016 is to work harder than ever before. I’ve been very busy in 2015 and I’m going to propel my great energy into the new year. This is the year of ME”!

~ **Vanessa Bell Calloway**, actress (known from *Coming to America*, *What’s Love Got to Do with It*, *Biker Boyz*, *Daylight*, *Inkwell*, *Crimson Tide*, *The Brothers and The Temptations*, *Murder in the First*, *Hand of God*, *Under One Roof*, *Real Husbands of Hollywood*, *NCIS*, *Hawthorne* and *Shameless*. *Vanessa recently completed, The Miki Howard Story for TV One* and she is currently shooting and starring in *Saints & Sinners for Bounce TV*.)

“My plans for 2016 is ‘taking you back where I started from’, it’s the foundation, the roots, the rock, it’s your heritage, and preserving traditional gospel music.”

~ **Melvin Williams**, world-renowned gospel producer, singer, songwriter, and lead vocalist for the legendary Williams Brothers



“I am really excited about 2016 and looking forward to 365 days of new possibilities, including new music, new doors and new opportunities to make a difference!”

~ **Shirley Murdock**, R&B/gospel artist, songwriter and actress.

“In 2016, we are looking forward to bringing our long over-due and highly anticipated new CD “*Perfect*” featuring Howard Hewett and Maysa of the super group *Incognito* to our fans.”

~ **Twin brothers Kelvis and Kendall Duffie** of *Kloud 9*, R&B, and jazz artists



“My plans for 2016 is to have more balance in my personal and professional life and embrace the journey of reaching my goals instead of just focusing on the destination.”

~ **Mandell Frazier**, actor (known on OWN television series Tyler Perry’s *If Loving You Is Wrong*.)



“My health, on-going financial literacy, philanthropy, community, artistic diversity, spending quality time with family, friends and travel are in the forefront of my mind and plans for 2016.”

~ **Adrian Anderson**, philanthropist, inspirational, motivational speaker, executive and artist, and former member of Grammy-nominated group, *Trin-i-Tee 5:7*.

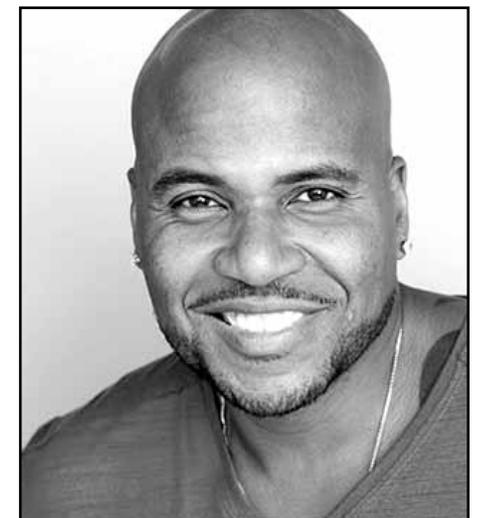


“To release my gospel single and continue promoting my ‘*True Gospel CD*’ and continuing the Manhattans legacy, which is now “The Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston and keep being obedient to God’s will.”

~ **Gerald Alston**, lead singer of the legendary group, the Manhattans and recently inducted in the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.

“I plan on leaving a legacy for my 9 grand kids, which means I have to eat, sleep and breathe my career. My focus is Faith, Family, and Career.”

~ **Vincent Ward**, actor – (known as Oscar on the hit television show *The Walking Dead*.)



“My plans are to spread joy and laughter to those that need it the most. As a comedian, I feel that it’s not just about the jokes...its more about healing a generation of people who seem to have lost their joy.”

~ **Comedian Edwonda White**

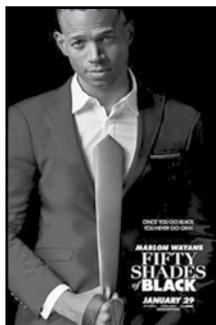
Hosted for the fourth time by comic Ricky Gervais, the Golden Globe Awards will air live on Sunday, January 10 8pm ET/7pm CT on NBC.

MOVIES



I love movies, but only a minimal number are worth my hard earned cash and even more than that, my precious time to go and see. Three that I am looking forward to see in the theater in the coming weeks are Ride Along 2, 50 Shades of Black and The Race.

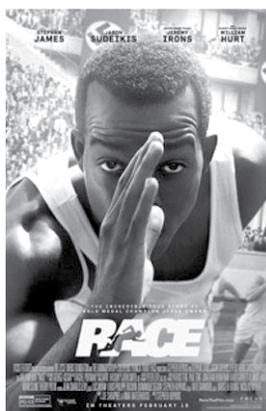
Ride Along 2, directed by Tim Story (Ride Along, Think Like A Man, Fantastic Four), stars Ice Cube (James) and Kevin Hart (Ben), reprising their roles as two Atlanta law enforcement officials in the action comedy. The two work on a case involving drugs that leads them to Miami. Ride Along 2 will give you plenty of laughs. It is a good date night movie. So get a date and go see it. Ride Along 2 is in theaters January 2016.



Another movie that will make you laugh is 50 Shades of Black starring Marlon Wayans. It is a parody of the film 50 Shades of Grey. Look for 50 Shades of Black in theaters January 29.

The Race is a biopic based on the true story of African American Olympic track superstar Jesse Owens.

The film centers on Owens' trials in a segregated United States leading up to his gold medal, record breaking performance at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin when the Nazi's were in power in Adolf Hitler's white Aryan supremacist Germany. Directed by Stephen Hopkins, the movie stars Stephan James, Carice van Houten, Jason Sudeikis, William Hurt and Jeremy Irons. Go see this movie. You will be educated and entertained. The Race opens in theaters February 19.



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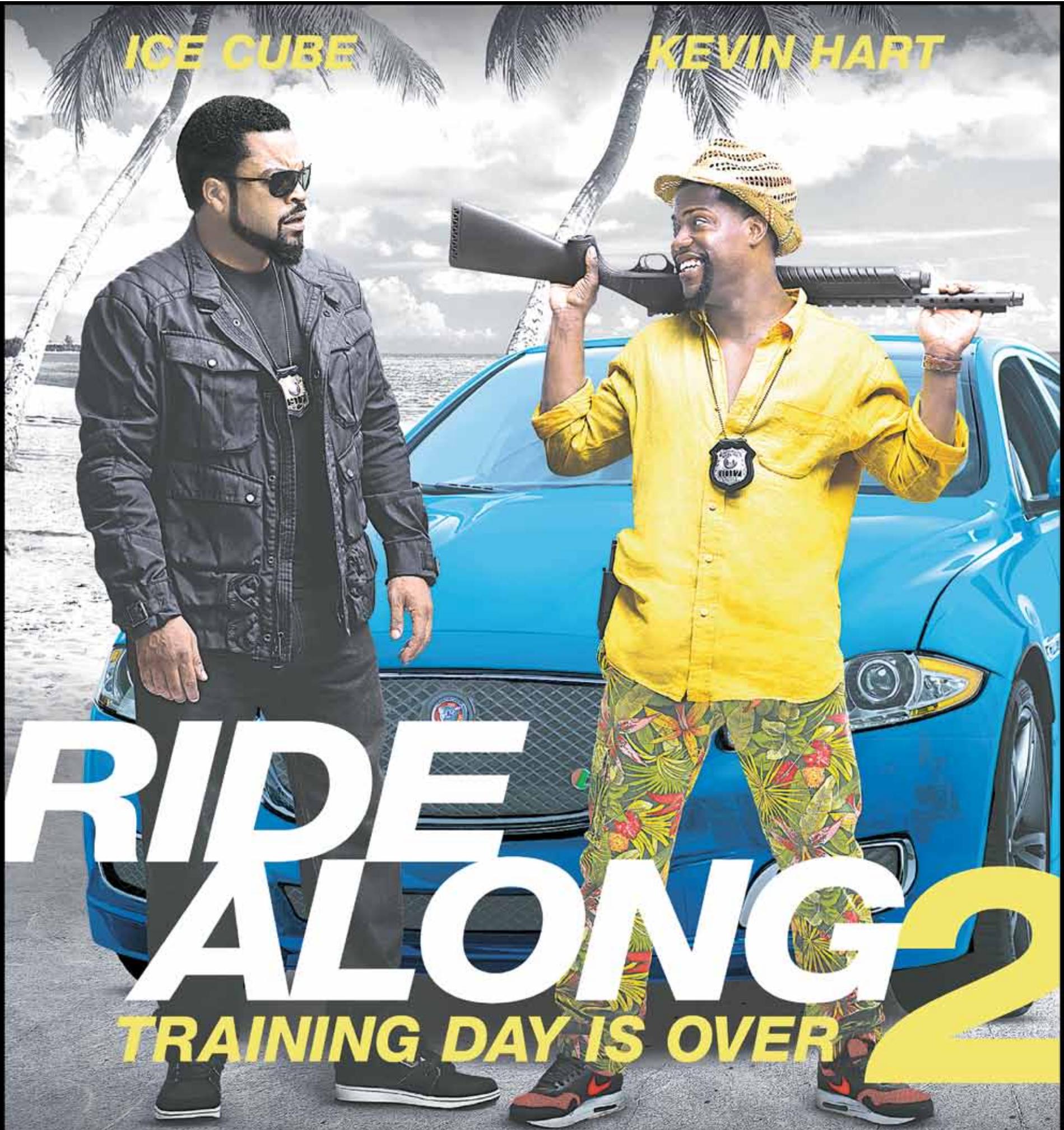
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ICE CUBE

Talks About Family, Music and Iconic Career

By Pamela Broussard



Ice Cube (born O'Shea Jackson) has established himself as one of hip-hop's most proficient lyricist, storyteller, rapper and record producer's of our time – period! As an actor, screenwriter and filmmaker whose films have grossed a billion dollars, Ice Cube is the epitome of success. Beginning his career as one of five members of N.W.A , the group is often attributed to bringing gangsta rap into the mainstream. Ice Cube is considered one of the founding artists in gangsta rap and without question is one of the greatest MCs of all time who has built a successful solo career in both music and films.

RSVP NEWS was able to catch up with Ice Cube who graciously accommodated my request to interview him. It was indeed one of the most memorable interviews to date.

RSVP NEWS: Did you always have a goal to become a famous movie star?

Ice Cube: No. I actually thought I would play sports because I loved football. I played football in high school. Then, I met Dr. Dre and got into music.

RSVP NEWS: What did 'Boyz in the Hood' do for your career?

Ice Cube: After meeting 'Boyz in the Hood' director John Singleton, my life changed. I initially wanted to just be a rapper with a little recognition. But, my film debut in 'Boyz

in the Hood' changed my life. A lot of good things happened in that one movie. The film was a huge success and received many awards. The movie is without question a classic and it's still as relevant today as it was when produced in the 90s.

RSVP NEWS: When did you start producing?

I started producing in 1995 and begin controlling my own destiny.

RSVP NEWS: You are labeled iconic and one of the contributing forces behind creating gangsta rap. Are you okay with being called an icon?

Ice Cube: Yes, I'm definitely okay with the term and honored to be considered as an icon. I know who I see and who I try and be. If that turns out to be an icon, then that's cool. I have people who I look at as an icon, so to be considered as one, is a blessing.

RSVP NEWS: You have this very serious persona. Are you always serious?

Ice Cube: I am a no nonsense guy. I know when to joke and play around and when to laugh and relax. My serious persona is probably attributed to how I look.

RSVP NEWS: Are you going to drop another album soon in 2016?

SEE ICE CUBE ON PAGE 18

Shekinah Jo

Talks About Establishing a Trend, Branding and Latest Project

By Pamela J. Broussard

When she is away from the lights and reality TV cameras, Shekinah Jo spends her time at the hair salon. The savvy professional hair stylist, reality television personality and beauty entrepreneur is a trendsetter who has established an impressive roster of celebrity clients in a short span of time, which includes Tameka “Tiny” Harris, Future, Tamar Braxton and Monica. Her outspoken and ‘tells it like it is’ personality makes you feel as though you have known her all your life.

I recently caught up with the busy Atlanta native and she is just as lively ‘in person’ as she is on television. Thank you Shekinah, for being extremely gracious and welcoming to me, while in Atlanta.

Now to the interview...



RSVP NEWS: You have developed quite a following (millions) to be exact (both on and off the camera) since appearing on VH1’s “Family Hustle” starring T.I. and Tameka “Tiny” Harris. Have you always had this infectious witty and fun personality?

SHEKINAH JO: Yes. I feel it’s important to embrace who you are and be you. I like me and who I am. I can’t be anyone else, but me.

RSVP NEWS: You are very close to your grandmother. Has she been a guiding force in your life?

SHEKINAH JO: Yes. I adore my grandmother. She has definitely been a guiding force and one of my greatest supporters in my life.

RSVP NEWS: Have you always been this entrepreneurial-minded business woman?

SHEKINAH JO: Yes. Since I was 12, I realized my passion for styling hair. And, during my high school years, I begin to develop my styling technique and the rest is history. In all your business dealings, I would say make sure you get your money and it’s on the up and up!



RSVP NEWS: You are considered a trendsetter. How do you feel about been associated with that description?

SHEKINAH JO: My ventures come from within. It is also important to brand yourself. From my t-shirt line titled ‘I WORK HARD’ to my hair care line ‘Beautiful Edges’ and receiving my US patented license for the dryer attachment which minimizes clients time spent under the dryer, I contribute all of my ventures to GOD. I thank him for wisdom and guidance and I do not take any of my blessings for granted. GOD is my master!

RSVP NEWS: Who do you most admire?

SHEKINAH JO: The two people who I have great admiration for would be: Oprah Winfrey. She without question is ‘holding it down’ with her mission of touching and changing lives. Oprah has worked hard and deserves everything she has worked for. Tyler Perry is also another person who I greatly admire. He is a great man of faith who I share similar beliefs. He stresses the importance of treating people right. I think it’s important to be nice and treat people fair. I don’t mean any harm, if I come across misunderstood. My heart is right and I mean well.

RSVP NEWS: If you had to complete this sentence, how would you respond. People don’t know that I am?

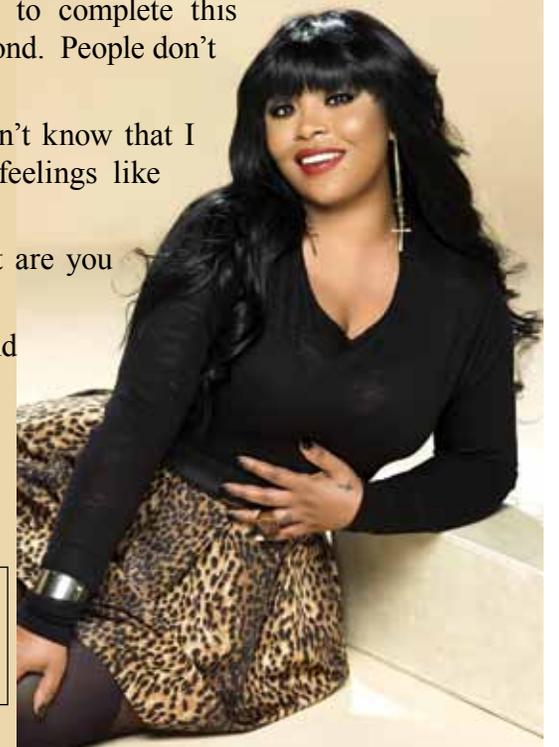
SHEKINAH JO: People don’t know that I am very sensitive and have feelings like everybody else.

RSVP NEWS: What project are you currently working on?

SHEKINAH JO: Tiny and I are currently working on another show. It’s in the development stages right now, but we are excited and will keep you posted.

Be sure to follow Shekinah’s journey on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Beauty Tips

BY ADRIAN ANDERSON

Shimmering Days and Arabian Nights

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When eyes are smoldering lips can be iridescent or matte and nude.

Plan well for 2016!

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Adrian*



BOBBY BROWN

Works His Culinary Magic in the Kitchen And Shares Top Tips for Cooking and Signature Dish

For many years, Bobby Brown has been known as “The King of the Stage.” Only his friends and family knew that he was also “The King of the Kitchen.”

Growing up in Boston, Bobby spent plenty of time with his mom in the kitchen learning her recipes, cooking styles, and family stories. As an adult Bobby has always been the cook in the house, creating dishes all his friends know, like “Shrimp a la Bobby” and his famous Ribs and Fry. Bobby and his wife Alicia, also focus on creating and serving healthy dishes to their friends and family. With a focus on reducing sugar, sodium, and preservatives from their diet, healthy cooking has become a staple in the house.

Bobby works his culinary magic in the kitchen with a passion of cooking that has led him to create his own seasonings, and sauces.

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“Cooking has always been something I loved to do. Sharing my food with family and friends was the way I could show them I really cared. To this day, it is something I continue to love and learn how to do,” says Bobby.

The multi-talented talent artist shares his cooking tips and favorite recipes with our readers and more.

RSVP NEWS: Do you cook while on tour for your band mates?

BB: No, but many of my band mates have enjoyed coming over for my home-cooked meals.

RSVP NEWS: What is considered to be your signature dish you enjoy cooking for your family and friends?

BB: My signature dish and recipe is: “Shrimp Ala Bobby.”

Ingredients:

- Red, green, yellow and orange peppers
- 2 sticks (non salted) butter
- White cooking wine
- (1) white onion chopped
- 2 pounds of large butterfied/cleaned shrimp
- Chopped garlic
- Olive oil
- Bobby’s everyday and Boston blend seasonings.
- (Quick 2 minutes) steamed brown rice
- Fresh lemon

Supplies:

- Large pan / pot with cover



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WILL DOWNING

Talks About Tour, Signature Style & His Greatest Accomplishments

By: Pamela J. Broussard



Ixperience Will Downing ‘live’ for the first time in concert ‘up close and personal’ this month at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta. Let me say, Downing, affectionately known as “The Prince of Sophisticated Soul” did not disappoint his filled-to-capacity audience. He instantly draws you into his ‘music world’ with his natural deep baritone-to-falsetto first tenor vocal range delivering a string of his infectious hits that includes, “I Try,” “Don’t Talk to Me Like That,” “Wishing on a Star,” “A Million Ways,” and many more.

I had the opportunity of interviewing this incredible talent and it was one of my most memorable interviews. His warm and personable demeanor makes you feel instantly at ease and as though you’ve known him for years. Thank you, Will for being so gracious! Now to the interview...

RSVP NEWS: Are you currently on tour?

WD: I’m currently touring with the Will Downing’s Soulful Sounds of Christmas, which features myself and the incredible vocal sounds of Kenny Lattimore.

RSVP NEWS: How would you describe or label your style of artistry?

WD: My style is a mixture of many music genres from Rhythm and blues to Soul to Jazz.

RSVP NEWS: Walk us through your creative process that takes place with you when producing and writing a song?

WD: I would say, for me it’s not one particular process that I go through to create. It’s insulated, and comes when you’re not thinking about it.

RSVP NEWS: You have a signature style that sets you apart from other artists? Who have been the most influential person(s) in your life?

WD: Wow, I cannot single my influences to one person, but many, which include: Luther Vandross, Stevie Wonder, Anita Baker, Maze, and Earth, Wind & Fire.

RSVP NEWS: If you could work with one artist, who would that be?

WD: There are two that come to mind and they include past and present artists: Luther Vandross (past) and Lalah Hathaway (present).

RSVP NEWS: What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment(s)?

WD: My three children or should I say my three grown children (smiles).

RSVP NEWS: Do you feel like you are fulfilling your purpose in life?

WD: Without a doubt.

RSVP NEWS: What project is next for you?

WD: My next CD project will be released in February.

Visit willdowning.com to check tour dates.

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Ice Cube: Yes, I hope to put another album out summer of 2016.

RSVP NEWS: Did you know your son, O'Shea Jackson, Jr. would follow in your footsteps as an actor and artist?

Ice Cube: I know he is very talented and gifted in whatever he puts his mind to do. I also know he was looking to get his feet wet in Hollywood. He came through tremendously in 'Straight Outta Compton' biopic and my family and I are very proud of him.

RSVP NEWS: The first installment of the movie, 'Ride Along' starring yourself and Kevin Hart was extremely successful. And, now the follow-up, 'Ride Along 2' is set to release. What is it

like working with funny man Kevin Hart?

Ice Cube: Kevin is very professional and easy to work with. I never have to worry when I work with Kevin because he is always going to be funny and give 200 percent.

RSVP NEWS: In retrospect, is there anything you would do differently in your life?

Ice Cube: I feel very blessed that I've been able to make the right moves in my life and career. There are always personal regrets, which help you grow. But, I needed everything to happen in my life as it did because it's gotten me to where I am today.

RSVP NEWS: What has your mother instilled in your life that has remained in you?

Ice Cube: My mother, Doris Jackson is an amazing woman. She taught me how to be on time, how to act and figure things out. The world is not easy. I think it's even harder when you are black. There are a thousand excuses you can come up with, but my mother never let me use any excuses for anything. And, I've never seen my mother use any excuses.

RSVP NEWS: What do you attribute your success to?

Ice Cube: I think, it's really attributed to my passion for getting it right and doing the right thing. I don't harbor ill will towards people. I am very open-minded when it comes to people. I don't care how you are and what people think about you. And, being

like this, I think has allowed me to receive my blessings and not judge anyone.

RSVP NEWS: What does family mean to you?

Ice Cube: Family is everything to me. It provides stability and gives everything a purpose. It also provides safety, comfort and love. Your family is the first person that shows you how to love. Without them, you don't know how to love.

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Ice Cube with son, O'Shea Jackson, Jr.

BOBBY BROWN FROM PAGE 16

- Small pot with cover
- Metal spoon
- Knife
- Hand gloves

Directions:

Take (2) sticks of butter and melt them in a large pan or pot. Add chopped onions and green, yellow, and orange peppers and season with Bobby's Boston Blend. Then add (2) cups of white wine and the chopped garlic, and let simmer. Add (1) tablespoon of olive oil. Season your cleaned shrimp with Bobby's Everyday and Boston Blend seasonings. Add the shrimp to the pan and cover. Cook for (10) minutes or until the shrimps are plump and completely cooked through. Once done, squeeze lemon over everything, to your liking, and serve over the steamed brown rice. Enjoy!

RSVP NEWS: Is a cookbook in the works?

BB: Yes, we hope to have it published some time next year!

RSVP NEWS: What do the holidays mean to you?

BB: To me, the holidays mean love, family, and good food.

RSVP NEWS: Can you provide a

recipe for the holidays?

BB: One of my favorite holiday recipes is: Cornish Hen stuffed with Spinach

RSVP NEWS: What can we expect in 2016 from Mr. Bobby Brown?

BB: In 2016, look out for my memoirs and cookbook to be published, new products being developed for the Bobby Brown Foods line, and many performances, as I will be touring the US.

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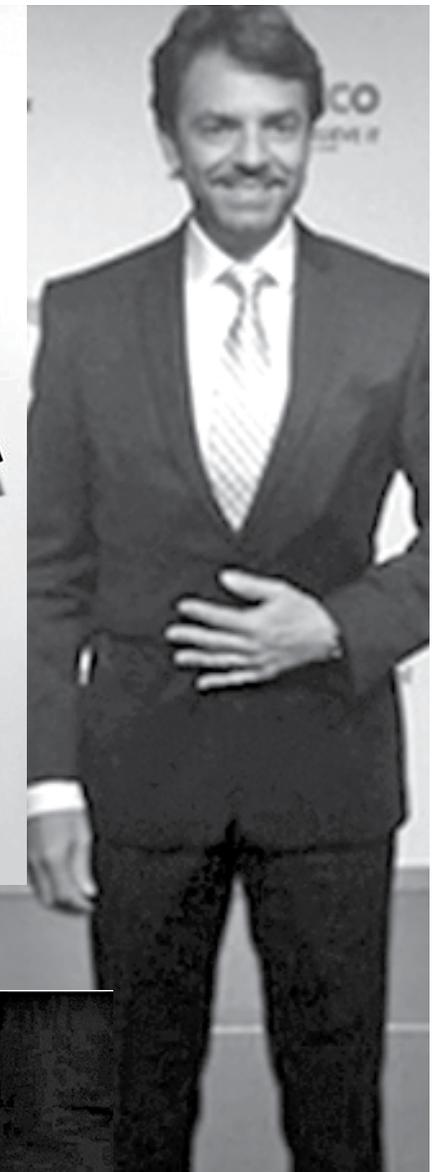
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The elegant Roselyn Sánchez.



Juanes saluting his fans.



The beautiful and graceful Thalia.



Paulina Rubio on the red carpet.

Eva Longoria Engaged to Boyfriend Jose Antonio Baston



Eva Longoria and longtime boyfriend and businessman Jose Antonio Baston have announced their engagement.

“Ummmm so this happened...” Longoria captioned a photo of the two of them in Dubai, complete with a shiny new ring on her left hand. The pair were in Dubai to support the Global Gift Foundation.

The pair began dating in 2013. “I’m attracted to humor and intellect in a man,” Longoria shared. “Let me tell you, I’m very lucky in life.”

Jose is the president of Televisa, which is the “hottest media brand in the Latin American entertainment industry. He has even been on the company’s board of directors since 1998.

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Longoria is the former *Desperate Housewives* star who now headlines the new NBC comedy Telenovela

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Latino News is proud to feature Antonio Banderas on the cover of our January 2016 issue.

Internationally known for his charisma and smoldering good looks, Antonio Banderas is the ultimate manifestation of the Latin heartthrob. Born in Málaga, Spain on August 10, 1960, Banderas wanted to become a professional soccer player until a broken foot sidelined his dreams at the age of fourteen. He went on to enroll in some drama classes, eventually joining a theatre troupe that toured all over Spain. His work in the theatre, and his performances on the streets, eventually landed him a spot with the National Theatre of Spain.

While performing with the theatre, Banderas caught the attention of director Pedro Almodóvar, who cast the young actor in his film debut, *Laberinto de Pasión* (Labyrinth of Passion). Banderas has went on to play a wide variety of characters during his career, which includes, *The Mambo Kings*, *Philadelphia*, *Interview with the Vampire*, *Desperado*, *The Mask of Zorro*, *Crazin in Alabama*, *Play It to the Bone*, *Spy Kids*, *Puss In Boots*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *Machete Kills*, *The Expendables*, *Rovi and The 33*.

Antonio Banderas talks about his latest film, "The 33, fatherhood and his career.

Notable Quotes from Antonio Banderas

- Everything changes as you get older – your mind, your body, the way you view the world."
- "I remember in 'Law of Desire,' where I played a homosexual, that people were more upset that I kissed a man on the mouth than I killed a man. It's interesting to see how people can pardon you for murdering a man, but they can't pardon you for kissing one."
- "I mean, the Constitution of this country was written 200 years ago. The house I was living in in Madrid is 350 years old! America is still a project, and you guys are working on it and bringing new things to it every day. That is beautiful to watch."
- "I'm a complete hypochondriac. If my heart starts beating a little faster than normal, I think I'm having an attack."
- "Sometimes I have wrinkles, in the morning. It depends on what kind of night that I had. I accept myself and the way that I am growing older. I have eye bags and some people have proposed to me to take them out but I said no."
- "The man who doesn't want anything is invincible."
- "I love the diversity of America. I love the plain, normal sense of humor Americans have. It is not wicked, like in some countries. And I also love how new America is."
- "This may sound a little harsh, but I don't care about my career. Really, I don't like actors who are always planning what they're going to do next or always worrying about doing something that will go against the image they've created. To me, that's almost like an attack of narcissism."
- "In my personal life, I am very contemplative."
- "When you go to the movie theater and the opening of this movie and you see the kids just cracking up with a character you are giving your voice to, you get goose bumps. It's so beautiful."
- "I think Shrek makes an effect in older people. And there are many things in the movie that you saw that are not for kids. Kids would not understand certain things."
- "You see a woman, 22 years old, going out with a guy over 60 – and it's kind of natural. But if it happens in the opposite direction everyone says, 'What is going on there?'"
- "I drink a bucket of white tea in the morning. I read about this tea of the Emperor of China, which is supposedly the tea of eternal youth. It's called Silver Needle. It's unbelievably expensive, but I get it on the Web."
- "There are some movies that I would like to forget, for the rest of my life. But even those movies teach me things."

Juntos en unidad,

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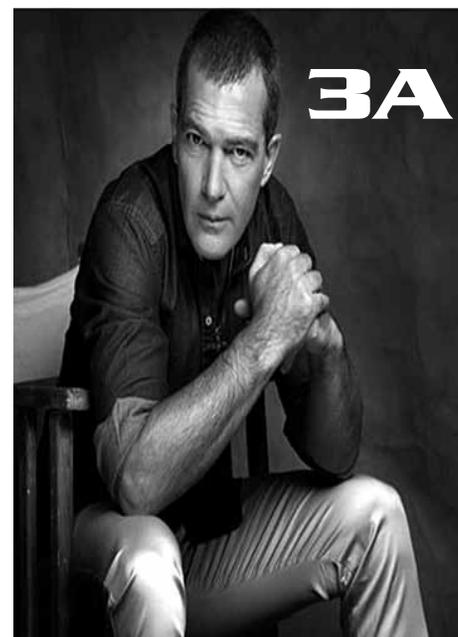
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Antonio Banderas

On Latest Film, *The 33*, Fatherhood and His Career



Internationally known for his charisma and smoldering good looks, Antonio Banderas, 55, is the ultimate manifestation of the Latin heartthrob. Málaga, Spain on August 10, 1960, Banderas wanted to become a professional soccer player until a broken foot sidelined his dreams at the age of fourteen. He went on to enroll in some drama classes, eventually joining a theatre troupe that toured all over Spain. His work in the theatre, and his performances on the streets, eventually landed him a spot with the National Theatre of Spain.

While performing with the theatre, Banderas caught the attention of director Pedro Almodóvar, who cast the young actor in his film debut, *Laberinto de Pasión* (Labyrinth of Passion). Banderas has went on to play a wide variety of characters during his career, which includes, *The Mambo Kings*, *Philadelphia*, *Interview with the Vampire*, *Desperado*, *The Mask of Zorro*, *Crazin in Alabama*, *Play It to the Bone*, *Spy Kids*, *Puss In Boots*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *Machete Kills*, *The Expendables*, *Rovi* and *The 33*.

Banderas shares about his latest movie, *The 33*, Fatherhood and His Career.

On his latest movie, 'The 33,'

The movie is about 33 Chilean coal miners who survived the 2010 mine collapse by staying nearly 200 stories underground for 69 days.

After filming in the mines for almost two months, Banderas shared he was inspired by his real-life character's "tremendous love of life" and

will to survive during those harrowing days.

"My kids, my family – the people I love is all we have in the end." Banderas adds that it's in times of crisis that people realize what's most important in their lives. "Death is the only certainty we have. Everything else is royalty," he says. "I have seen that in people that are diagnosed with a terrible sickness. And you see a sudden reaction of how much they appreciate life, immediately."

On Fatherhood

Well, my children live under different circumstances probably than other kids. Hollywood is not probably the best place in the world to raise kids. You have to be very careful for many different reasons.

One of the reasons is the perception that they may have about what life is all about. Life is not Beverly Hills. There are other people around the world that live in completely different circumstances. And so their mother and I, when I was working at the beginning of our relationship and I was working a lot outside of the country in Argentina, in Mexico and some other countries, we used to take them with us.

It was very interesting for us to put our kids in the position that they can see how other kids live in different cities, you know, where they don't have so many opportunities, where they live under strong political or social circumstances, in the outskirts of the city where they don't have any schools, sometimes. It's important that our kids see all the realities so they can compare to the reality that they live.

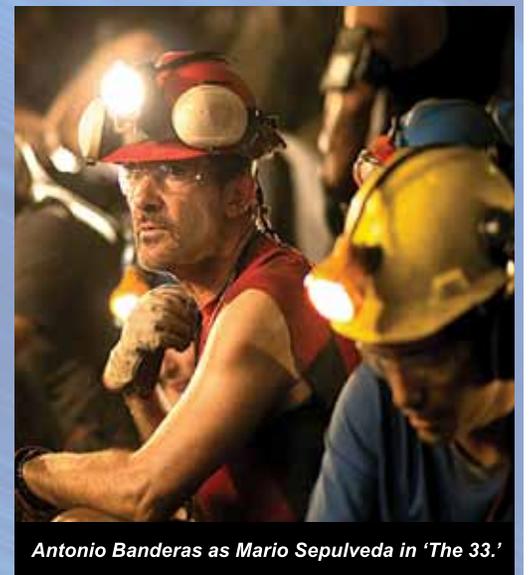
At the same time, I feel a little bit guilty because I spend a lot of time – because my professional life – outside of the house, so it's difficult sometimes just to keep up with the kids as a normal family. Sometimes they spend two, three, four months outside of the house. So what we try to do is just keep a line open with their mother so I can always receive information about their studies, whatever they're doing, and try, in a way, to establish our principles, which are not based so much in strong discipline but in dialogue. That's what we try to do as much as we can, you know, because Hollywood is a wrong perception of the world that we don't want them to have.

The best advice I give on parenting is...Building a world in which being famous is the result of something that you do. Whether it's in the acting world, you can be a celebrity also because you're a great doctor or you are a great architect or you are a great journalist. Because you are deserving. You're professional at tasks.

Concentrate in that love what you do without thinking so much in the result of it.

On Career

"This may sound a little harsh, but I don't care about my career. Really, I don't like actors who are always planning what they're going to do next or always worrying about doing something that will go against the image they've created. To me, that's almost like an attack of narcissism."



Antonio Banderas as Mario Sepulveda in 'The 33.'

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