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Al Sharpton speaks out on race, rights and what bothers him about his critics

Then I did a few other cities with her. DS: What was that like touring with Mahalia Jackson? AS: It was fascinating to me. Here I am a little kid, I'm

Monday, December 3, 2007

At Thanksgiving dinner David Shankbone told his white middle class family that he was to interview Reverend Al Sharpton that Saturday. The announcement caused an impassioned discussion about the civil rights leader's work, the problems facing the black community and whether Sharpton helps or hurts his cause. Opinion was divided. "He's an opportunist." "He only stirs things up." "Why do I always see his face when there's a problem?"

Shankbone went to the National Action Network's headquarters in Harlem with this Thanksgiving discussion to inform the conversation. Below is his interview with Al Sharpton on everything from Tawana Brawley, his purported feud with Barack Obama, criticism by influential African Americans such as Clarence Page, his experience running for President, to how he never expected he would see fifty (he is now 53). "People would say to me, 'Now that I hear you, even if I disagree with you I don't think you're as bad as I thought,'" said Sharpton. "I would say, 'Let me ask you a question: what was "bad as you thought"?' And they couldn't say. They don't know why they think you're bad, they just know you're supposed to be bad because the right wing tells them you're bad."

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Thursday, March 3, 2011

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The iPad 2 is an all new design and has several improvements over the original iPad. The device runs on an dual-core Apple A5 CPU. According to Jobs, the CPU's new dual-core capability enhances multitasking and doubles the processing speed. Apple additionally introduced a magnetic 'Smart Cover' accessory that snaps to the front screen of the device along with several new apps ported from the Mac OS X operating system and the iPhone. These include iMovie, GarageBand, and Photo Booth. The new iPad introduces front and rear cameras which enable FaceTime. The new tablet is 15% lighter and 33% thinner than the previous version - thinner than an iPhone 4 - and has beveled edges. It will be available in black and white. The device continues to be capable of ten hours of battery life on a single charge.

The announcement comes after months of rumors about a successor to the original iPad. Competitors have designed tablets to compete with the iPad such as Motorola's Xoom powered by the Android operating system. One research analyst predicted that iPads would still make up at least 20 million of the more than 24 million tablet computers sold in the United States in 2011. Another analyst credited the Apple's App store for iPad's continued success. The device will become available in the United States on March 11, 2011, available in 16, 32, or 64 gigabytes. iPad 2's 3G models can connect to the wireless networks of AT&T or Verizon

Wireless and Wi-Fi. The iPad 2 will start at US\$499. In tandem with the announcement, Apple reduced the price of its original iPad to US\$399. Shares of Apple inc. rose \$2.81, closing at US\$352.12 the day of the announcement.

IPad 2 goes on sale in United States

2010 "Apple Inc. unveils iPad 2 tablet" — Wikinews, March 3, 2011 CBS News Staff. iPad 2 hits shelves tomorrow! What does it do? — CBS Interactive Inc.,

Sunday, March 13, 2011

The new version of Apple Inc.'s tablet computing device, the iPad 2, has gone on sale in the United States at Apple Stores and a number of other retailers (including Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Club, Best Buy, Verizon, and AT&T), a shift from last year's launch which was only available through Apple's stores. The product will go on sale internationally on March 25.

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Tablet computers have existed for years but, until recently, have not been popular amongst consumers. Tablet sales totaled 90,000 in 2009. Apple sold nearly fifteen million iPads worldwide in 2010, generating US\$2 billion in revenue within three months. In 2010, Apple held a 75% share of the tablet computer market. According to one analyst, even with competition, iPads will still make up at least 20 million of the more than 24 million tablet computers sold in the United States in 2011. An analyst predicted 'conservatively' that 35 million iPad 2s will be sold in 2011. One analyst credits Apple's enormous App Store for the iPad's continued domination. Apple also holds an advantage in price over other tablets, many of which are still first generation devices. An analyst at J.P. Morgan predicts an overabundance of tablets caused by faltering demand. This could have drastic effects on competitors.

The iPad connects to the Internet over Wi-Fi and 3G models of the new device can connect to the wireless networks of AT&T or Verizon Wireless. The iPad 2 will start at US\$499—the same starting price of the original iPad. The equivalent model of the original iPad has been reduced to US\$399.

Timeline of Apple touchscreen devices

US B-2 stealth bomber crashes in Guam

seen rising from the wreckage. It is not yet known what caused the crash, but an investigation is ongoing. The plane was making a visit to the island from

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Two pilots are uninjured after a United States B-2 Spirit stealth bomber crashed at Andersen Air Force Base, a U.S. airbase on Guam. No one on the ground was injured as a result of the crash either.

According to a statement released by the U.S. Air Force, the two pilots from the 509th Bomb Wing were able to safely eject from the plane before it crashed into the ground at around 10:45 a.m. local time (00:45 GMT) and are said to be in good condition. Witnesses say a large plume of black smoke could be seen rising from the wreckage.

It is not yet known what caused the crash, but an investigation is ongoing.

The plane was making a visit to the island from Missouri's Whiteman Air Force Base which is home to all of the U.S.'s 21 B-2 bombers. Each plane costs about 1.2 to 2 billion U.S. dollars to build. Some of the bombers along with B-1B's are sometimes switched from Guam to the AFB in a routine rotation.

Bangladesh beat hosts Myanmar 2–1 to qualify for 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup

this story? Share it! Tribune Report. History as Bangladesh women qualify for Asian Cup after stunning Myanmar — Dhaka Tribune, July 2, 2025 AFC Media.

Thursday, July 3, 2025

On Wednesday, Bangladesh defeated hosts Myanmar 2–1 in their second Group C match of the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 qualifiers at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar.

Ritu Porna Chakma scored both goals for Bangladesh, striking first in the 19th minute by converting a rebound after a free-kick, and adding a second in the 72nd minute with a solo effort from the edge of the box. Myanmar pulled one goal back through Win Win in the 89th minute, but Bangladesh held on for what Dhaka Tribune and others called a historic win.

The victory marked Bangladesh's second consecutive win in the qualifiers, following their 7–0 win over Bahrain, and secured their spot in the final tournament of the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup in Australia. It was Bangladesh's first-ever qualification for the continental finals.

Bangladesh's starting eleven featured Rupna Chakma, Sheuli Azim, Afeeda Khandaker, Shamsunnahar, Kohati Kisku, Sapna Rani, Maria Manda, Monika Chakma, Shamsunnahar Jr., Ritu Porna Chakma, and Tohura Khatun. The team was coached by Peter Butler.

With the win, Bangladesh topped Group C with one match remaining against Turkmenistan on July 5. Myanmar had earlier defeated Turkmenistan 8–0 in their opening game.

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Tuesday, August 2, 2005

Attorney Jack Thompson, fresh from the "Hot Coffee" controversy, has set his sights on the Electronic Arts (EA) video game The Sims 2 for a mod that removed the blur on nude character models in the game.

Thompson was quoted as saying "Sims 2, the latest version of the Sims video game franchise ... contains, according to video game news sites, full frontal nudity, including nipples, penises, labia, and pubic hair." Factually, the characters resemble that of a child's dolls. Thompson also accused EA of being in collaboration

with the mod makers.

In Electronic Arts' defense, EA spokesman Jeff Brown said, "Reasonable people understand there is nothing improper in the game. Reasonable people recognise what mods are. A consumer who chooses to use a mod does so without any kind of agreement with the company. There is no nudity. There is nothing improper or vulgar in the Sims 2."

A mod is third-party add-on to a game. Mods range from minor and subtle changes to the game, to full-fledged "total conversions" which merely use the original game engine to create a very different game.

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led the restaurants to close in early January 2007. "What Church's chose to do, I do believe, was not honest competition," said Ken Keymer, CEO of AFC

A compilation of brief news reports for Friday, March 2, 2007 .

"What Olympics?" say 34 percent of Canadians about 2010

Olympic and Paralympic Games. Sam Sullivan, mayor of Vancouver, was asked by CTV whether he was concerned with the results of the poll, commissioned by the

Friday, December 7, 2007

While the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games may be hard at work, constructing stadiums, building roads, and launching the event's mascots, a third of Canada remains oblivious.

When polled by Decima Research, 34% of Canadians could not name the location of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Sam Sullivan, mayor of Vancouver, was asked by CTV whether he was concerned with the results of the poll, commissioned by the federal government. He remained confident of their abilities as an international host, saying the Games will bring "us together as a country."

Pollsters accepted either Vancouver or Whistler as correct answers. In the host province, British Columbia, all but 3% were aware. But other major provinces didn't fare so well. Only 68% of Albertans and 60% of Ontario residents knew. Quebec remained the least aware, with only 43% giving a correct answer.

Only 2 in 5 Canadians think the Olympics will positively affect those facing social issues. That question fared even worse in B.C., where just 29% agree.

Mine collapses in West Virginia; 2 reported dead

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Saturday, January 13, 2007

At least 2 coal miners in Cucumber, West Virginia were killed inside an underground mine after the roof collapsed when a pillar fell over. The collapse happened approximately 1.5 miles away from the entrance to the mine and it is not known what caused the pillar to fall.

"There's no need for rescue teams, the individuals have been recovered," said Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training director, Ron Wooten.

The mine is called the Brooks Run Mine and owned by Alpha Natural Resources LLC. The mine is located in McDowell County, in the southern part of the state.

A call to 911 was placed at approximately 11:00 a.m. [EST].

Officials say that an investigation is being conducted.

Players line up for the launch of the Nintendo Switch 2 in New York City

waiting for so long. ChickenDog was the first to buy the Switch 2 at the New York store. At first, at the start of April, it was just him waiting. But within

Thursday, June 12, 2025

On June 4, Nintendo fans gathered at the Nintendo New York store in New York City, United States to celebrate the launch of Mario Kart World and the Nintendo Switch 2 console, the successor to the Nintendo Switch that came out in 2017. A volunteer reporter from Wikinews, SWinxy, attended the event.

In the afternoon, players were given a demo of Mario Kart World, which was about to be released at midnight. World is the first new original Mario Kart game since Mario Kart 8 released more than a decade ago on the Wii U (and re-released on the Nintendo Switch in 2017 as Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, and have added expansion packs to it).

"[I've] been playing the same Mario Kart with my friends for a decade, so [I'm] excited to have something new and try and convince them to buy a \$400 game system," said an attendee named Blake.

Under a pair of tents in Rockefeller Center, the company set up 24 stations where players could play the new game mode, Knockout Tour, where a series of interconnected segments are played to eliminate the worst-performing players. Though the game supports 24 players in the same match, the setup split people into two groups of 12. ("I would be pretty surprised if it wasn't [all] connected," Blake said before people were let in.)

A couple, Jasmine and Valery, were at the front of the line. They arrived around 11 AM, and waited more than four hours to experience the game. Nintendo didn't allow people to line up until noon, at which point fewer than a dozen people had arrived, according to Jasmine. Though Jasmine didn't initially care for buying World, after the demo she excitedly said "I might change my mind now. I might want Mario Kart [World]" and get a Switch 2.

Fans were excited to play, and people enjoyed it. Some recorded their play sessions, took selfies, or vlogged. Many people wore Nintendo-branded shirts for the occasion. Some dressed up as characters from the Mario franchise. A few wore YouTuber merch, such as the Nintendo YouTuber Etika who died in 2019.

"It was really fun," and "so fast," said Alvaro, an attendee who traveled from Mexico. "It feels really polished, it feels really good," he added. "No matter what it is, I feel like there's going to be excitement for it," said Matt, another attendee, who came with his girlfriend but didn't end up playing.

"I had so much fun just watching the chaotic gameplay unfold" despite being eliminated quickly, said a player with a group of friends. "I think that they've really outdone themselves with this Mario Kart formula in a way that everyone can have fun regardless of if they're winning or losing."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the street, people were lined up for the midnight release of the new console. Christopher Evangelista, known as ChickenDog, had staked his position out for two entire months, uploading daily vlogs to his YouTube channel. By the time the line for the World demo petered out, just before 5 PM, Nintendo staff ushered people across the street—keeping the same line order.

By 11:30 PM, the line resembled the one earlier in the afternoon, with many people going to both demo the Mario Kart game and who were picking up their Switch 2.

A few minutes before midnight, mascots for Mario, Luigi, Peach, and Yoshi came out with Nintendo of America CEO Doug Bowser, who thanked the crowd for coming and waiting for so long.

ChickenDog was the first to buy the Switch 2 at the New York store. At first, at the start of April, it was just him waiting. But within a week a few more people started appearing, taking shifts during daytime hours.

"Come Memorial Day, more people aggregated, like 15–20 individuals showed up, so that's when we doubled down in our shifts," said Rinaldi Gomez, one of the very first people in line. "Some of us stayed overnight and we took turns." "It was a group work," Gomez added.

The second to buy, Alex, had been only out for around 20 days. "Me and ChickenDog, who's in first, have been planning to do this for two years since we met at the Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom launch." Alex added, not negatively, that when he came to line up, "I started pulling night shifts while he did all of the fun stuff."

Those who came to line up had acquired a "Warp Pipe Pass" from a lottery system Nintendo had introduced for these launches. Evangelista, Alex, Gomez, and everyone else in line were those lucky enough to be chosen to get it at the launch event.

Nintendo invited celebrities, including YouTuber Scott Wozniak and comedian Bowen Yang. Yang left briskly, but Wozniak stayed and chatted with fans. A long-running joke in Wozniak's series, Scott the Woz is the video game series Gex. A fan brought a physical copy of Gex 3 that Wozniak signed. (Wozniak, who is from Ohio, reported being very tired.)

By the time this reporter left, a little after 1AM, more than 100 people were still in line for the Switch 2. The wave of people after this, drawn from the Warp Pipe Pass, were to get their consoles when the store reopened in the morning.

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