

Cosby Is Richest Entertainer

Bill Cosby may face a television challenge from the Simpsons cartoon family this fall, but he leads all entertainers in the money-making ratings, according to Forbes magazine.

Cosby topped the business magazine's list of the world's richest entertainers with \$115 million in estimated gross earnings from 1989 to 1990. The magazine said Cosby made \$60 million last year and projected he would earn \$55 million this year.

In its October 1 issue, Forbes said the 53-year-old Cosby is making an estimated \$4 million a month on syndicated reruns of "The Cosby Show."

Pop singer Michael Jackson, who hasn't released an album or gone on tour this year, fell to second place after holding the top spot for two years. Forbes said Jackson had two-year earnings of \$100 million, \$35 million of that in 1990.

Jackson's singing sister, Janet, was a newcomer to the list, ranked 26th with estimated two-year earnings of \$30 million.

Television personality



Bill Cosby



Prince



Paula Abdul



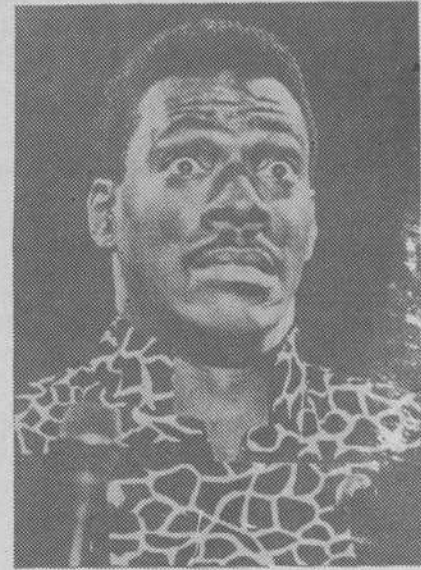
Michael Jackson

Oprah Winfrey rounded out the top 10 with \$68 million.

Oprah was number 6 on the list. Other African Americans on the list included Eddie Murphy, number 18, with \$48 million; Prince, number 20, with \$35 million; and Paula Abdul, another newcomer and number 33 on the list, with \$23 million.



Janet Jackson



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