

WHAT'S THE 411? 10 BEST MOMENTS IN A&E THIS PAST WEEK

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'SCHOOL DAZE' SEQUEL IN THE WORKS?



It's not everyday that an alumnus of our institution goes on to create a heavily iconic film that predicated the foundation of HBCU life. However, when his name is Spike Lee, anything's possible. Lee's classic Black college film "School Daze" turned 25 last year, and with such a milestone of iconicity being acquired from a project that is still relevant in contemporary times, fans of the film began to question if there will ever be a follow-up. Speaking with BlackSexy TV, Lee confirmed that a script for the movie's sequel is completed and ready to go.

"I had the script for 'School Daze,'" he said, "but what people have to understand is that it's a contemporary version. So it's the same school, Mission College, 25 years later."

The famed director went on to elaborate on his plans for casting characters for the film, which is loosely based on his experiences here at Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Clark Atlanta University.

"Hopefully, I can get Laurence Fishburne to play Dap," he said. "He'll be the president now of the school. And we would deal with issues around historically Black Colleges today."

BEYONCÉ ROLLS UP THE 'PARTITION'



While "Drunk in Love" is being remixed by rappers past and present, Beyoncé is pushing things along, choosing the next single from her platinum-certified album "BEYONCÉ." The entertainer has chosen the sex, bass-heavy fan favorite "Partition" as the next offering from the hugely successful LP. Though most have already seen the intensely seductive music video through purchasing the album, it officially premiered on VEVO on Tuesday.

Currently, the singer is taking the UK by storm as she revamped her highly grossing tour for 2014 with brand new performances of tracks including "Drunk in Love," "Blow," "Haunted," "****Flawless," and "Partition," to name a few.

AFRICAN AMERICANS CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY



Though Black History Month is slowly winding down, African-Americans are continuing to rewrite the history books in the fields of media and sports.

This week, Tamron Hall and Jason Collins, two of the biggest names in daytime TV and sports, respectively, made strides in their particular fields.

Hall was announced as the first Black woman to co-anchor the today show on Monday morning. Speaking with Essence.com about the big news, she revealed her excitement in a few words: "I thought, wow, these big moments at NBC News and now I'm a part of this for women, for Black women, for all of us... I can't even describe to you how it feels."

Also making history this week, professional basketball player Jason Collins became the first openly gay athlete to play in one of the United States' four major professional leagues when he hit the court for the Brooklyn Nets.

Collins made headlines when he "came out" in an open letter published in Sports Illustrated magazine last year.

CNN CANCELING 'PIERS MORGAN TONIGHT'



Notoriously outspoken CNN personality Piers Morgan is soon to be out of a job as both he and the network have agreed to terminate the production of his primetime show "Piers Morgan Tonight."

According to the New York Times, Morgan said that he and CNN president Jeff Zucker had discussed "Piers Morgan Tonight's" "failure to connect to the network's audience," and had ultimately decided to cancel it closer to March.

"I am a British guy debating American cultural issues, including guns, which has been very polarizing, and there is no doubt that there are many in the audience who are tired of me banging on about it," he said. "That's run its course and Jeff and I have been talking for some time about different ways of using me."

Morgan has hosted the show since January 2011. There is no word yet on who will replace him.

RIHANNA FAN ADMITS TO FAKING HOMOPHOBIC IG POST



Bajan pop star Rihanna is notorious for her brash and sometimes offensive comments, but homophobic is not a word that has been used to describe the artist's demeanor in past publicized encounters.

One of Rihanna's fans sought out to prove otherwise last week after she doctored up a homophobic comment allegedly written by the "Four II U" singer. The fan, who goes by the screen name Benvoy Seals, posted what looked like one of Rihanna's "Rihlplies," telling him he's going to hell for being gay.

Before Seals could stir the pot of mess any further, he admitted to his pointless scheme, telling TMZ, "I lied, I don't know why, I just did."

During the fabricated hoopla, Rihanna was unbothered, posting sexy selfies on Instagram while on her birthday trip in Aspen.

MICHAEL B. JORDAN FIRES BACK AT RACIST CRITICS



"Fruitvale Station" has catapulted Hollywood newcomer Michael B. Jordan into new heights as he is currently gearing up for his highest-profile role yet. Jordan is set to portray Johnny Storm (Human Torch) in the reboot of "Fantastic Four." While this is indeed a sweet moment for the actor, many have taken to social media to express their distaste for him fulfilling the super hero role citing their disappointment with the fact that the comic book's version of the character is not Black.

"Why is it okay when a Black actor is hired to play a white character, but they'd NEVER hire a white actor to play a Black character?" one fan said on Twitter. Another added, "I'm not racist, but don't cast a Black guy to play a white super hero. [It's] just not right."

When asked of his opinion of the unwarranted backlash, Jordan kept it short and sweet: "Eh, they're still going to see it anyway," he said.

'FANCY' DISSES BEYONCÉ... THEN RETRACTS



When the Beyhive attacks, there's no turning back. Actress Garcelle Beauvais, best known for her role as Fancy on "The Jamie Foxx Show," learned this the hard way when she revealed her distaste for Beyoncé's sexy image to HelloBeautiful.

"I love Beyoncé. But I think there has to be a fine line where you have to take responsibility for what you do," she said. "I think it's good to be sexy... it doesn't have to be everything showing out grinding, all of the time."

The actress, who posed fully nude for Playboy magazine in 2007, quickly retracted her statement after being brutally attacked by Beyoncé's legions of fans on social media.

"I love Beyoncé! What I said was taken out of context, and of course I support women being sexy," she tweeted.

LUDACRIS BLAMES CHILD SUPPORT TROUBLES ON PAUL WALKER'S DEATH



Atlanta-born rapper Ludacris has been in hot water lately as it was recently announced that he has a 2-month-old daughter who was conceived outside of his relationship with longtime girlfriend Eudocio Agnan. Failing to pay child support for his infant daughter, he was summoned to court on Feb. 19 where he revealed that his payments have been delayed due to the untimely passing of his "Fast & Furious 7" costar Paul Walker.

According to TMZ, Luda appeared in court alongside Tameka Fuller, the mother of his infant daughter, to lay out his financial woes. The rapper wants to pay \$1,800 a month, and argued that he cannot cover Fuller's monthly demand of \$15,000 as he was relying on a paycheck from the highly anticipated movie, which is now pending due to Walker's passing.

The judge agreed to cut the child support payments down to \$7,000 a month until his financial record has been reviewed.

BIG WINS AT THE NAACP IMAGE AWARDS



The 45th annual NAACP Image Awards recently wrapped up its early broadcast with winners ranging from Beyoncé to Lupita Nyong'o.

Hosted by comedian Anthony Anderson, the show was indeed a star-studded affair with attendees including Oprah Winfrey, who honored the late Nelson Mandela; Lupita Nyong'o who won Best Supporting Actress for her role in "12 Years a Slave"; Kevin Harte, who won Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series for his role in BET's "Real Husbands of Hollywood"; and Gabrielle Union, who won in the category of Outstanding Actress for her role in "Being Mary Jane."

On the music front, Beyoncé and John Legend won top honors for Female and Male Outstanding Artists of the Year. K. Michelle was awarded the trophy for Best New Artist, and Robin Thicke, T.I., and Pharrell dominated the category of Outstanding Duo or Collaboration for "Blurred Lines."

LILY ALLEN NAMES NEW ALBUM 'SHEEZUS'



In what may be considered either the cleverest or the most peculiar musical decision of the year thus far, pop star Lily Allen revealed on Feb. 21 that her third album will be called "Sheezus" as a nod to Kanye West's latest LP.

While visiting The Graham Norton Show in the UK, Allen explained her rationale for this decision. "It's a confident title choice and a little nod to Kanye West," she said.

The British singer has released three singles from "Sheezus" thus far: "Somewhere Only We Know," "Air Balloon," and the controversial "Hard Out Here." An official release date for the album is yet to be announced.