



# Entertainment Page

Twinkle twinkle, babies. It's your favorite "starchild" buzzin' among the stars with a little chitterchat...

Soooo....everyone's talking about Kanye West's rant on stage in London recently when he took a shot at "Suit & Tie," Jay-Z's collaboration with Justin Timberlake. The 10-minute rant consisted of the artist coming out in a strait-jacket and spouting some soul-searching and purging expletives. Now some would say maybe someone is a little jealous. But those of us who know the industry to be what it be would say perhaps it's an artist melting down from all the harsh realities of the biz. In any event, it's was typical "Kanye" — raw, uncut and over the top as usual. Well, I guess I would know a little about that myself, huh? LOL

On another note, Justin Timberlake hosted Saturday Night Light recently and appeared to subtly respond to Kanye's rant by switching up his lyrics a bit. While performing "Suit & Tie," JT changed the lyric "S\*\*t so sick got a hit and picked up a habit" to "My hit's so sick got rappers acting dramatic." WELL! Jay-Z also made a cameo appearance on the song on SNL. No doubt, JT rocked the SNL skits as usual. However, Kanye might not be to far off about the Jay-Z/JT collaboration as it is of the opinion of this writer that the songs from the new collaboration really do SUCK! Unfortunately, Justin is starting to sound more like a watered-down version of Robin Thicke than his usual style. Sometimes you just need to leave the recipe alone when it works. Just saying.....

Looks like "The View" is changing up their recipe as well. Sources reports that Elisabeth Hasselbeck is being fired from "The View" after internal research found that her political views are turning away audiences. NOOOOOO!! Co-host Joy Behar announced this month that she will leave the show when her contract is up at season's end. And my question is: IS ANYBODY STILL WATCHING THE VIEW?! Moving on.....

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" gets a facelift and tan. Filmmakers, Re'Shaun Frear and Kip Konwiser describe their new take on MACBETH - titled MACBETT - as such: Terrence Howard



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will take on the role of 'General Macbett' who will have an encounter with the 'Weird Sisters,' the spirit daughters of Africa that control the elements. The trio is often teasing Macbett and predicting his future as king. Sanaa Lathan will play the role of 'Lady Macbett' and Blair Underwood and Evan Ross (son of Diana Ross) are also cast in the movie. Filming in Jamaica and Puerto Rico in the fall. Actually looking forward to seeing this!

Gotta love Tina! The cover of the April 2013 issue of Vogue magazine says it all: "Simply The Best!" It marks Tina Turner's first time gracing the glossy. The legendary singer is seen rocking her signature honey blonde-highlighted hair, a silky navy blouse and what appears to be a black skirt for Vogue's German edition, which was shot by Claudia Knoepfel and Stefan Indlekofer and styled by Nicola Knels. And let's talk about the fact Tina is 73 years old and looks like she just stepped on the stage at the "The Ed Sullivan Show" in 1970 to perform "Proud Mary." U GO TINA!!!

Basketball legend Michael Jordan appears ready to get married again. The former NBA star and Charlotte Bobcats owner and his fiancée Cuban-American model Yvette Prieto appeared at the main Palm Beach County courthouse recently to apply for a marriage license. They have until May 9 to use their marriage license. So, congrats (and wondering if Juanita will send a wedding gift. I mean, what's a few China plates when you got millions?! LOL)

We continue to lose more noted celebrities in 2013. Recent passings include actress Bonnie Franklin, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, wrestler legend Paul Bearer and beloved Lou Myers — famous for playing Mr. Vernon Gaines on the 80s show "A Different World." Many may not know that Lou was also an excellent stage performer, activist and poet. One of my most treasured memories was meeting him and seeing him live and in action at the National Black Theatre Festival in Winston Salem. Lou...you were indeed one of a kind. Totally lovable, totally real, totally wise and totally entertaining...just like the irascible Mr. Gaines. You will truly be missed.

That's it from your favorite "Starbuzzer." Wanna see where I will be "pflowing" next? Hit me up on my website at www.iamvaljones.com. And remember, if you're looking for that speaker or poet that could turn your crowd out and teach them at the same time...well, you know what I do. LOL. Until the next time we chat, my EYE is on the stars so you can see what they're doing. Twinkle twinkle babies!

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