

Historic Advice

As we remember B.I.G., celebrate MLK Day, and prepare for Obama's Inauguration, we still have to hope, pray and struggle against our people's greatest enemy - ourselves.

For example

- let's look at this weekend:

The GOOD

news from the premier weekend of "Notorious" is:

- The movie "Notorious" pulled in over \$20 million this weekend, despite a limited release compared to other major movie premiers. Only Eminem's "8 Mile" pulled in more it's first weekend.

- Jamal Woolard (thanks again for the exclusive) is receiving praise from critics across the nation!

The BAD

news from the premier weekend of "Notorious" is:

- In Greensboro, NC, a man was shot twice at a theater where "Notorious" was being shown.

- In New York, four people were stabbed at a nightclub during a party celebrating the release of the movie.

While it has been established that the shooting at the movie theater was in no way connected to the showing of the movie - the theater has suspended any future showings of the movie.

While these incidents come as no surprise to anyone - they still create sadness in the hearts of black people across the nation. As we prepare to celebrate the historic inauguration of America's first black President, we still have to deal with the fear, the shame, and the humiliation that comes from the fact that one of our own will do something incredibly stupid and ruin this historic event for us all.

Yes! Dammit I said it! One of US is more likely to ruin January 20th than anyone! Before the Klan lynches someone, before a cop overreacts and shoots or plungers someone, before Rush Limbaugh or Don Imus say something stupid, one of US will shoot someone, stab someone, start a fight or just eFF something up in general. I wish this were not the case - but we all know that it is.

In order to avoid any unfortunate tragedies today - I ask everyone that reads this, regardless of where you are or what your plans may be, to do the following:

1. If you feel the urge to carry a gun on you everywhere you go - please STAY THE HELL HOME ON January 20, 2009!!!
2. If you have beef with someone, please, please WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW TO SETTLE IT!!
3. IF YOU ARE IGNORANT- Please ISOLATE YOUR IGNORANT ASS UNTIL AT LEAST 8AM ON JANUARY 21, 2009.

4. Please, please, please
DO NOT WEAR ANY NEW SHOES ANYWHERE!!
THEY WILL GET STEPPED ON!

5. Please, please, please
STAY IN YOUR OWN HOOD, ON YOUR OWN BLOCK, ON YOUR OWN CORNER, OR IN YOUR OWN
BUILDING - or at least DO NOT GO MESSIN' WITH THOSE CATS FROM THE OTHER SIDE
TODAY!

6. Lastly, please DO NOT
SAY ANYTHING TO A WOMAN WHO IS NOT YOUR WIFE, SISTER, MOTHER OR DAUGHTER!! IF YOU MOST
SPEAK TO ANY OTHER WOMAN, PLEASE DO
NOT SAY ANYTHING OTHER THAN "EXCUSE ME" - AND IF YOU MUST SAY THAT - SAY IT THE
WAY YOU WOULD SAY IT TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER!!

If we can
follow these steps, hopefully, the 120 MILLION PEOPLE who voted for Barack
Obama can enjoy this weekend in peace.

So for the
5000 or so INGNORANT AND VIOLENT ASSHOLES OUT THERE (and YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!)
that are capable of messing this thing up - please, please - just give us this
one day - and I promise you - you can go back to 'doing you' without any more
interference from the rest of us than usual.

HOWEVER -
if one of you eFFs this up for the rest of us - I PROMISE YOU - your name will
go down in HISTORY as the most IGNORANT "N" WORD of ALL TIME - and I will make
ridiculing your name my personal mission for the rest of 2009!

Thank you,

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