

SONG OF THE DAY



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Song: Would've Been The One

Artist: Solange

Album: Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams

Genre: Soul

In short: On St. Dreams, Beyoncé's little sister managed to create an album more consistent and cohesive than her big sister. Solange's feisty modern take on this classic-sounding number is flawless.

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Chelsea Clinton to wed long-time boyfriend



FILE - In this Dec. 1996 file photo, Chelsea Clinton, right, sits with Marc Mezvinsky on the beach at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. (AP)

WASHINGTON: Chelsea Clinton, the only child of former President Bill Clinton and current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has announced her engagement to long-time boyfriend Marc Mezvinsky.

Clinton, 29, the last child to grow up in the White House and who now works at a New York-based hedge fund, said in a mass email to friends that she and Mezvinsky, an investment banker, plan to marry next summer.

The announcement followed widespread but false reports over last summer that the pair had planned an August wedding at the resort island of Martha's Vineyard.

"We're sorry for the mass email but we wanted to wish everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving! We also wanted to share that we are engaged!"

"We didn't get married this past summer despite the stories to the contrary, but we are looking toward next summer and hope you all will be there to celebrate with us. Happy Holidays! Chelsea & Marc," said the email, which was sent out on Friday and provided on Monday by Bill Clinton's charitable foundation.

There were no details on the wedding plans.

Chelsea Clinton has kept a low-profile since her father left the White House in January 2001 but she campaigned for her mother Hillary during her unsuccessful run for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination. -Reuters

Alicia Keys to bring 5 people on trip to Africa

NEW YORK: Alicia Keys says her first visit to Africa was so emotional and inspiring that she is ready to take others there to experience something similar.

The Grammy-winning singer is launching a contest through her charity, Keep a Child Alive, that will give five people an opportunity to visit the continent with Keys. She says her initial trip to Africa totally changed her life.

Keys will announce the contest Tuesday night, when she performs at the Nokia Theatre in New York's Time Square. The concert will air live on YouTube at 8 p.m. EST. -AP



FILE - Alicia Keys. (AP)

Polanski 'not free on bail before Friday'

GSTAAD, Switzerland: Film-maker Roman Polanski, who is fighting extradition to the United States on a child sex conviction, will not be released on bail "before Friday," the Swiss justice ministry told AFP on Tuesday.

Federal Justice Ministry spokesman Folco Galli said Polanski "will not leave jail before Friday, the bail must be posted in the coming days."

The French-Polish film director, who has been hunted by the United States ever since he fled in 1978 after admitting unlawful sex with a 13-year-old girl in California, was arrested in Switzerland on Sept. 26.

He was granted bail of 3.0 million euros (4.5 million dollars) last week, on condition that he remains under house arrest at his chalet in the western Swiss Alpine resort of Gstaad.

Galli had indicated last week that Polanski was expected to be released from Nov. 30.

The French consul general in Zurich, Jean-Luc Faure-Tournaire, said after he visited Polanski in jail at Winterthur in northeastern

Switzerland on Monday that "everything is going normally," although bail had yet to be posted.

Under bail conditions set by Switzerland's top criminal court last week after Polanski's successful appeal, he was ordered to pay a bond and surrender his identity documents to prevent him leaving Switzerland.

The 76-year-old was nonetheless allowed to stay within the confines of his chalet while wearing an electronic surveillance bracelet, under house arrest pending a ruling on the US extradition request.

Polanski has regularly stayed in Gstaad for several years, although he reportedly bought his traditional style chalet, dubbed *Milky Way*, on the outskirts of the quiet upper crust ski resort more recently.

Many journalists, photographers and TV crews were still waiting outside the on Tuesday, watching out for the Oscar winner's arrival as the first winter snow covered the picture postcard mountain village. -AFP



Members of the media follow Polanski's lawyer Lorenz Erni outside the district court prison in Winterthur, 25 kms (15.5 miles) from Zurich, Switzerland, Monday, Nov. 30, 2009. (AP)

Tiger Woods withdraws from tournament, not talking

MIAMI: Tiger Woods pulled out of a golf tournament this week, the latest fall-out from a minor car accident that has left a swirl of mystery and a hint of scandal around the world's top golfer and pushed him into full damage control.

The Florida Highway Patrol said in a terse statement on Monday that it was pursuing the crash investigation but had still not been able to interview Woods, who declined to meet with investigators during the weekend.

Woods pulled out on Monday of the Chevron World Challenge in Thousand Oaks, California, a tournament he has hosted for nine years. He said he could not attend the event that starts on Thursday because of injuries suffered in the accident.

The greatest golfer of his generation and an unparalleled product pitchman whose personal fortune is estimated at \$1 billion, Woods was hospitalized briefly on Friday after his Cadillac Escalade hit a fire hydrant and a tree as he left the driveway of his Windermere, Florida, home after 2 a.m.

Woods met Florida's legal requirement by providing police with his driver's license, car registration and proof of insurance, and is not obliged to volunteer medical records, video from home security cameras or anything else investigators might want, prominent Florida lawyer Roy Black said.

"Any lawyer with a brain in their head is not going to allow him to talk to the police because nothing good can come of talking to the police," said Black, who defended William Kennedy Smith, a member of America's Kennedy clan, against a rape charge, and radio host Rush Limbaugh in a drug fraud case.

Woods said in a written statement on Sunday that the accident was his fault and was "obviously embarrassing to my family and me." He called irresponsible the "many



A photo released by the celebrity website TMZ.com shows a Cadillac Escalade that Tiger Woods crashed into a tree outside his Florida home in the early morning Nov. 27, 2009. (Reuters)

false, unfounded and malicious rumors that are currently circulating about my family and me."

Tabloids awash with speculation

Tabloid media and celebrity websites are awash with speculation that Woods and his wife, Elin, had been arguing before the crash. The National Enquirer has reported that Woods had an extra-marital relationship with a "New York City party girl." The woman named in that report has denied a relationship.

The Florida Highway Patrol said it had

not made any comments on Woods' medical information, an apparent reference to a published report that investigators were seeking a search warrant for the hospital where the golfer was treated to obtain his medical records.

Under Florida law, Woods has a right to keep medical information private, but Black said under certain circumstances police have been able to seize hospital records.

"Unfortunately, yes. That was the issue in Rush Limbaugh's case and the court upheld the use of a search warrant to seize medical records," he said. "But they (police) would

have to convince a judge that there was probable cause to believe a crime had been committed."

One of the world's most recognizable figures, Woods has lucrative endorsement deals with companies such as Nike and AT&T. So far, signs are that companies are standing by the popular golfer.

The chatter about the greatest golfer of his generation and, according to Forbes magazine the world's first billionaire athlete, was fueled in part by the circumstances - why was he leaving home at 2:25 a.m.? - and in part by a hint of trouble in the Woods household.

The Enquirer report said that a New York nightclub hostess Rachel Uchitel, had been "telling friends about a jet-set liaison" with the golfer. Uchitel has issued a denial.

"I did not have any involvement with him," E! News quoted Uchitel as saying.

Woods' handlers have done the right thing by keeping their client away from the police, Black said, citing the recent case of US television talk show host David Letterman, who two months ago revealed he was the target of a \$2 million blackmail plot, then admitted having affairs with women on his staff.

"By reporting that blackmail attempt to the police, all he did was guarantee that all his dirty laundry would be played out in the news media," Black said. "Tiger Woods is a lot smarter, so far at least."

But William Moran, an attorney whose practice with the New York office of McCarter and English includes crisis management, said Woods would have been wiser to meet with the police. "His problem that he's now facing is that he's possibly running the risk of turning himself from a victim into an offender here, if the police determine that he is obstructing justice or tampering with evidence," Moran said. -Reuters

Taped beating outside New Jersey club probed by police

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: Police plan to file charges against several bouncers who were videotaped beating two men outside a nightclub co-owned by hip-hop star Jay Z.

A video was shot by a disc jockey who had just finished performing early Saturday inside the 40/40 Club and shows about nine security guards kicking and punching two men in a parking lot.

"Stop! Stop! Stop!" one of them yells. "I didn't do nothing!"

The video shows one of the two men being kicked while he was lying on the ground, and also shows as many as six

bouncers swarming and punching the other man, Tyrell Durant, 26, of Neptune.

"We came down to Atlantic City to have a good time, not to have the crap beat out of us," Durant told The Associated Press on Monday. "We did not do anything to deserve this."

Durant and his friend, Leonard Clark, have been charged with disorderly conduct.

Durant said he and Clark, 25, also of Neptune, were at 40/40 to celebrate Clark's birthday. Clark was at the bar, having just ordered a \$15 plate of chicken, when a bouncer who had just ejected

someone else from the club told him to move, Durant said.

Clark protested, saying he was waiting for his food, and a bouncer began escorting him from the club, Durant said.

Durant said he followed Clark, asking why he was being ejected. He said security grabbed him and led the two of them down a steep staircase where Durant felt like he was about to fall and grabbed the closest person to him to keep his balance.

The club manager told police someone ripped his collar during the altercation inside the club, and police said Durant punched a security guard in the face.

The video was shot and posted to YouTube by a Staten Island, N.Y., disc jockey who calls himself DJ Zeke. It starts when security and the two patrons are outside the club in a parking lot.

Durant denied he or Clark did anything wrong, but both were charged with disorderly conduct and released pending a Dec. 11 court date. An ambulance was called for Durant, who said he was sprayed in the face by a fire extinguisher. He was treated at the scene.

Durant also said bouncers stole his watch and some cash from him.

A woman who answered the phone at the club Monday referred inquiries to a publicist who did not immediately return a message seeking comment. Jay Z was not present when the encounter took place, police said.

Detective Thomas Holton said police are reviewing the video to try to identify the bouncers who would face charges stemming from the assaults on Durant and Clark.

DJ Zeke, who declined to give his real name, said he did not see either of the men inside the club. He said he was walking behind the club when he saw what was happening and began filming.

"I was disgusted by it," he said. "As a DJ, you see fights all the time. But to see bouncers lose it like this - they just lost it." -AP



FILE - Hip-hop artist Jay-Z while performing. (AP)

Actor-comedian Tom Arnold weds for 4th time

LOS ANGELES: Tom Arnold is married again.

Arnold's spokeswoman, Staci Wolfe, said the *True Lies* and *Happy Endings* actor-comedian wed Ashley Groussman on Saturday in Maui.

It is Arnold's fourth marriage. He was first married to actress-comedian Roseanne Barr from 1990 to 1994. He was married to second wife Julie Lynne Champnella from 1995 to 1999 and third wife Shelby Roos from 2002 to 2008.

Arnold currently hosts the weekly *Laughing With The Stars* comedy show at The Laugh Factory in Los Angeles. -AP



FILE - Tom Arnold and Ashley Groussman