

TLC making drama by creator Tyler Perry

Busy entertainment mogul Tyler Perry is producing a drama about a woman involved in a political sex scandal, the first scripted series that will air on the TLC network. TLC said yesterday that the eight-episode series, tentatively titled "Too Close to Home," will air this summer. The lead character is a successful woman from Washington forced to return to her modest beginnings after her affair with a married sena-

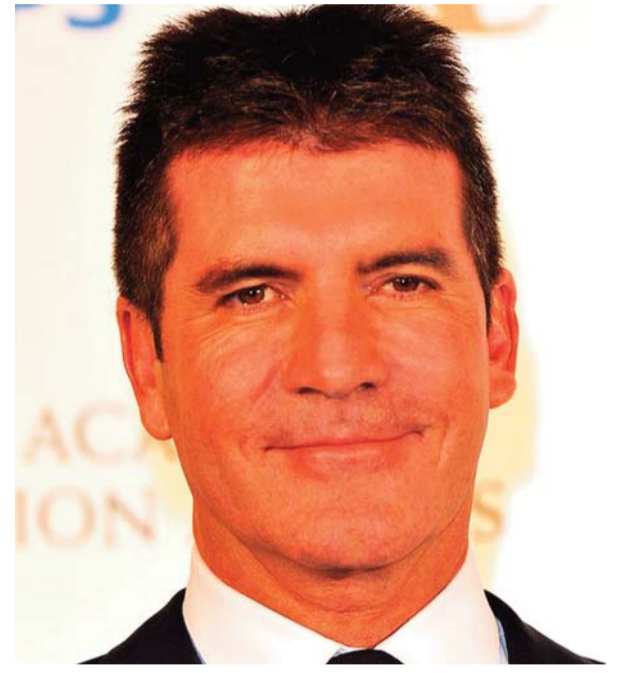
tor becomes public. Perry's successful series on OWN, including "Love Thy Neighbor" and "For Better or Worse," helped turn around the Oprah Winfrey network. Now TLC, at a tough ratings time for cable TV, hopes he can work the same magic.



Simon Cowell: 'American Idol' suffered when Abdul and me left

Simon Cowell thinks 'American Idol' wasn't the "same show" after he and Paula Abdul left. The 56-year-old music mogul was on a judge on the pop star search show from 2002 to 2010 but quit to bring his British show 'The X Factor' to the US. However, he believes the show started to suffer when fellow judge Paula left in 2009 and then got worse after his departure a year later. Referring to the show's downfall as broken body parts, he explained: "Paula was the right leg and I was the left leg. And with both legs gone, it wasn't the same show. "To be honest I think it changed more significantly once Paula left. At least for me, the show was never the same because she and I had such a connection and such a shorthand together." 'American Idol' - hosted by Ryan Seacrest - has seen a num-

ber of famous faces join the panel over the years such as Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj, Ellen DeGeneres, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler and Keith Urban, but Simon believes none of them had the same "fun" chemistry as Paula and himself. The final ever series of the show with judges Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr. concludes on April 7 but Simon admits he doesn't watch it any more. Simon - who has just joined the panel of 'America's Got Talent' - told the New York Daily News newspaper: "I haven't seen it at all, so I wouldn't have a clue as to what it looks like now."



Hayler gets a tattoo in honor of his wife

Kieran Hayler has got a tattoo in honor of his wife. The 29-year-old former stripper - who celebrated his three-year wedding anniversary with the sexy star in January 2016 - has got an inking of his wife needled onto his body by tattoo artist Jay Hutton, who appears on E4 TV show 'Tattoo Fixers'. Kieran was accompanied by Katie's 10-year-old son Junior - her child with ex-husband Peter Andre - for the body art session. Jay took to his Twitter account on Monday to reveal his latest project, posting: "Today was spent doing a tattoo for Kieran of his wife @MissKatiePrice and being entertained by the little man junior (sic)" Katie, 37, was pleased to hear about the new artwork and even asked Jay to work on her. She wrote on Twitter: "Can't wait to see what you have done to my hubby and wNt you to do mine xx (sic)" Katie and Kieran's marriage has survived cheating revelations when the 'Loose Women' star discovered the hunk had bedded two of her close friends. The couple put their troubles behind them after Kieran was treated for sex addiction and they have two children together; Jett, two, and 20-month-old Bunny. Speaking recently, Katie - who also has 13-year-old son Harvey with ex-boyfriend Dwight Yorke and Princess, eight, her other child with Peter - recently revealed she and her husband tell each other they love one another all the time. She said: "Every single day and in a text in the morning and before I go to sleep me and Kieran say 'I love you' to each other and we say it to the kids, all the time, love, love. "I also need the intimacy as well. I need it all because I'm quite needy, all the time. Telling how much you love each other there's nothing better than that."



Ashanti and Ja Rule reunite at birthday bash

Ashanti shrieked with delight when Ja Rule surprised guests at her sister's lavish birthday bash on Saturday night. The 35-year-old singer and reality TV star was reunited with her former Murder Inc. label mate at the party she hosted for her younger sister Shia Douglas and was spotted "screaming" as the rapper strode into Jue Lan Club in Chelsea, New York City. An insider told the New York Post newspaper: "Ashanti jumped up and was screaming when Ja Rule walked in." Ashanti and Ja Rule have been close pals since they collaborated on a string of hits together including the track 'Always on Time' that featured on the rapper's 2001 hit LP 'Pain Is Love' and their hit

'Mesmerize' followed in 2002. The two friends partied until 4am with 50 of Shia's friends and family members and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to the 27-year-old budding fashion designer, who was also delivered an extravagant cake by restaurant staff. Ashanti held the opulent party for her Shia just days after a man convicted of stalking Ashanti was jailed. Devar Hurd had harassed the brunette beauty since 2003 and was found guilty of stalking by a judge in a Manhattan court in March and was handed a four-year jail sentence.

Miley Cyrus has been mauled by a cat

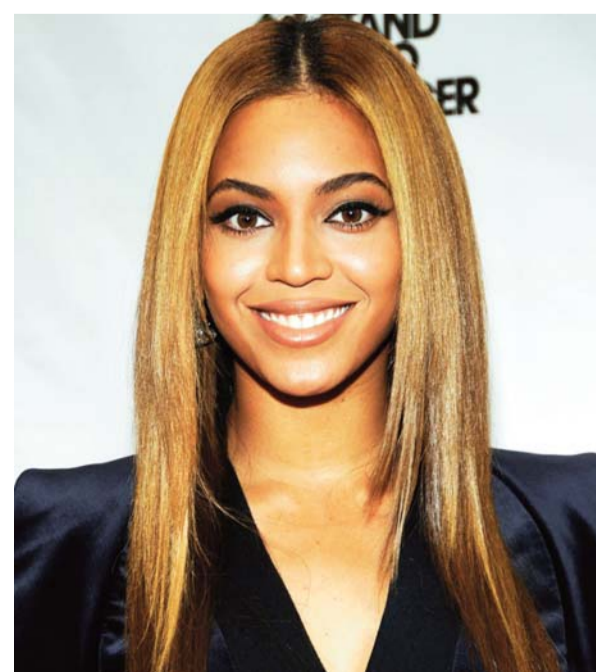
The 'Wrecking Ball' hitmaker - who currently has four feline friends, Harlem, Shanti Om Bb, KiKi and LiLo - has been left with painful claw marks across her forehead, horrific bloody scratches along her arms and a gouge out of her head after she came face-to-face with a very angry kitten. Taking to her Instagram account last night, the 23-year-old singer uploaded photos of her wounds. It's unknown whether it was one of her pet kitties who caused the lacerations or if the animal belonged to someone else. However, Miley - who also owns several dogs and a pet pig - unlikely took the squabble to heart as she's known for her love of animals and regularly takes to her social networking sites to promote animals rights, including praising veganism, the use of faux fur and encouraging the end of animal testing. Meanwhile, the soon-to-be 'Voice USA' coach has had a tricky few days as she remembered the two-year anniversary of the death of her beloved pet dog Floyd, who was brutally murdered by a vicious coyote two years ago.



Beyonce Knowles leisure range inspired by parks

Beyonce Knowles says public parks inspired her at leisure range. The 34-year-old singer unveiled her debut Spring/Summer 2016 sportswear collection Ivy Park with Topshop mogul Sir Philip Green on Thursday and has admitted that the collaboration was inspired by the "commonality" of public green spaces. Speaking to Elle magazine about her active wear line, Beyonce - who named the collection after her four-year-old daughter Blue

Ivy, her child with Jay Z - revealed: "It's really the essence: to celebrate every woman and the body she's in while always striving to be better. I called it Ivy Park because a park is our commonality. We can all go there; we're all welcomed. It's anywhere we create for ourselves. "For me, it's the place that my drive comes from. I think we all have that place we go to when we need to fight through something, set our goals and accomplish them." The former Destiny's Child vocalist's brand boasts 200 active wear pieces; from clothing and footwear to accessories, including leggings, crop tops, sweatshirts and jackets, designed to suit her need for an athletic brand to complement her curvaceous physique. Speaking previously about Ivy Park, she said: "When I'm working and rehearsing I live in my work out clothes but I didn't feel there was an athletic brand that spoke to me. "My goal with Ivy Park is to push the boundaries of athletic wear and to support and inspire women who understand that beauty is more than your physical appearance." However, Beyonce has admitted that the authority involved in her 50/50 partnership with 64-year-old Arcadia group boss Green is both exciting and overwhelming. She said: "It's exciting, but having the power to make every final decision and being accountable for them is definitely a burden and a blessing." Ivy Park will be available in high street stores Topshop, and JD Sports, as well as luxury retailers Selfridges and Net-A Porter from April 14, although it is available to browse online, where Beyonce can be seen in the campaign draped along gymnastic hoops and flaunting a curvaceous body in the labels swimming costume.



Seymour ordered to attend AA meetings

Stephanie Seymour has been ordered to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings twice a week. The 47-year-old supermodel was arrested by police in Greenwich, Connecticut, for driving under the influence when she was seen at a stop sign at an off-ramp on the Interstate 95 highway putting her Range Rover into reverse and struck a Mercedes behind her, she then drove the wrong way up the road. Seymour appeared at Connecticut Superior Court on Monday to face charges of driving under the influence, unsafe backing and leaving the scene of an accident. After offering a sincere apology for her actions, Judge Auden Grogins told her he would drop the charges but that he was ordering her to complete a state alcohol program and attend AA meetings twice a week. Speaking in front of the judge, Seymour said: "I am incredibly ashamed that I did something that could have come out much worse." Judge Grogins told her: "This could have turned out a lot worse. Someone could have been seriously hurt or killed, including yourself." Prosecutor Steve Weiss said the mother-of-four was "severely intoxicated" and "didn't perform well on any of the roadside sobriety tests" when police stopped her. A date has not yet been set as to when Seymour must begin her state alcohol program and AA meetings.

