

Antoine Fuqua and Jerry Bruckheimer Want a TV Series

# TRAINING DAY

One of the most rousing films of the 2000s and of modern cinema would have to be the 2001 neo-noir film, *Training Day*. Written by *Suicide Squad*'s David Ayer and directed by Antoine Fuqua, the film was quick to cement its legacy among the best the crime genre had to offer, and now it is being looked at for TV series adaptation. Fuqua has teamed up with power producer Jerry Bruckheimer to take a pitch around to all four major broadcast networks in the coming development season. Currently, it is known that CBS, FOX, ABC and NBC have agreed to hear the pitch, the script of which will be written by *Castle* writer Will Beall. *Training Day* certainly has the properties to play in a television format and it's not a surprise the Oscar-winning film is being looked at for adaptation, when another police drama, Joe Carnahan's *Narc*, is also being shopped around to television networks.



## 'Mortal Kombat' Reboot: James Wan Added as Producer

Fans have been clamouring for a new live-action movie of *Mortal Kombat* for years. The 1995 adaptation, directed by Paul W. S. Anderson earned a respectable \$122 million worldwide while *Mortal Kombat: Annihilation* was universally despised, and did not make half as much at the box office. The short film *Mortal Kombat: Rebirth* gave rise to the web series *Mortal Kombat: Legacy*, and then New Line Cinema began development on a new big-screen adaptation. Despite the struggles faced by the new venture to get off the ground, *Furious 7* and *Aquaman* director James Wan has been hired to produce and bring new life to the reboot. From *Mortal Kombat: Rebirth* writer Oren Uziel and *The Expendables* writer Dave Callahan, the script for the reboot is said to follow "a seemingly harmless guy who realizes his potential when he finds himself caught in the middle of a cross-dimensional battle between the warriors of Earth and the monsters of Outworld. Now, in order to stop the world from total destruction, he must win the martial arts tournament known as *Mortal Kombat*."

# Modern Family

## *Finds Its New Joe*

There's a new member of the Pritchett family. When "*Modern Family*" Season 7 premieres on Wednesday, September 23, we will be seeing a different Fulgencio "Joe" Pritchett, son of Gloria (Sofia Vergara) and Jay (Ed O'Neill). The toddler was played for the past two seasons by Pierce Wallace, but ABC recast the role with Jeremy Maguire. This isn't the first time "*Modern Family*" has aged-up its kids. Aubrey Anderson-Emmons joined the show as older Lily, Mitch and Cam's daughter, in a role that was previously played by twins Ella and Jaden Hiller. Joe's onscreen mom Sofia Vergara revealed the identity of the newest cast member in an Instagram post earlier this week as producers went with a slightly older actor to play Jay and Gloria's newly "rough and tumble" son, portraying a Yin to Manny's Yang.

