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Desperately Seeking Saifu ...

Okay folks, I need to rip my hair out momentarily. It seems that *Saif Ali Khan*, *Kareena Kapoor* and *Vivek Oberoi* have been in the city of brotherly love (aka Philadelphia) for the past few weeks shooting another *K.Jo* flick. So I tried to find them. I had an actual shooting location. I packed hubby and three sniffing kids in my minivan (which, btw, I refuse to be associated with). I even blow-dried my hair!! And what happens?? *Thenga!!!* Needless to say, I was *maha* upset. They'll be here until Christmas, so I'll find them! I promise to show all you loyal CityMasala readers irrefutable proof!!

China Mein Chowkidaari

Akshay's latest, *Chandni Chowk to China*, promises loads of action and fun, per his usual self. It is semi-autobiographical, according to *Akshay* ... about a simple chef who's mistaken for a martial arts expert. *Deepika Padukone* has another double role of a desi girl and umm ... a Chinese girl. Apparently they were able to make her huge

eyes look like huge Chinese eyes. Four interpreters were hired to bridge the communication gap, but there were still many retakes with all the dance and action sequences. Everyone had to learn to count in both English and Chinese, for one. Not to mention making the Chinese extras

familiarize themselves with the inimitable Bollywood style of dancing. Word has it, though, that the storyline in *CCtC* is similar to *Kung Fu Panda*. hmm...

Suri ... Naam to yaad rahega?

SRK wants his latest character, Surinder Sahni, to be the new romantic icon – the everyday, ordinary man. No more dashing Raj or Rahul that make women weak at the knees, but the plain, simple man who loves simply. And this simple man with simple aspirations decided not to charge for his work in the movie. Don't worry, he's not that noble. *SRK* decided to take a cut of the profits instead. Well, hopefully it will be more than a simpleton could hope for!

Two cheese burritos munch munch ...

That's not a typo. That's what my cousin would call "*Tu cheez badi hai mast mast*" The object of that song, *Shilpa Shetty*, has been in the news yet again for strange reasons. Firstly, her over the top sun-

glasses apparently contributed to a nasty cut on her foot. Granted, she looks great in them, but they were a little too big for her face, she held her nose in the air, and headlines screamed "*Shilpa's never-ending legs fall prey to evil eye.*" She has also joined the world of blogging, so any of you out there dying to know her innermost thoughts and blow by blow details of her life can log into what is known as *Shilpa's* channel, shilpashettylive.com.

Blogging, anyone?

Along with *Aamir*, *Aby Baby* and *Shilpa Shetty*, *Karan Johar* has been a part of the blogging world for some time now. His site is my-nameiskaran.com. He hasn't been on there for some time, but it's great to see everyone making themselves so accessible to the public. Now I can make my voice heard and give my two cents worth regarding portrayals of "ABCDs" in Bollywood flicks.

Just a trim

Remember when George Clooney's Caesar-cut on NBC's *ER* became the rage?

Seems *Aamir Khan's Ghajini* pate is quite the fashion. Employ-ees and ushers of various multiplexes have all buzzed their hair in the same way. Whether this is a marketing ploy to counter *SRK's Rab Ne Bana di Jodi* or just an "event" as *Aamir* put it, is yet to be seen. So far



the numbers for *SRK* are pretty darn good, but *Aamir* and company are fully expecting a successful turnout for his latest. What's the likelihood that audiences will be going just to see his buffer bod? Heck, I would! He's got an 8-pack, for heaven's sake!! My hubby doesn't even have a two pack!!

Speaking of bods, I'm sure all you Floridians took in *John Abraham's* incredible physique in *Dostana*. I wasn't sure how family friendly the movie would be; the opening scene was enough for me to shoo my older girls out of the room and enjoy the *nazara* all by myself. Well, I couldn't gush as much as I would have liked; my mother was watching with me!

There were plenty of pictures on the 'net of people who met *John* and *Aby's* baby during the shooting of the film. I don't know how I'll react when, correction, *if* I ever get to meet a Bollywood star. So anyone who's had better luck than me, please tell me how it feels!