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Humko aisi Ingliss aave

Lalu Prasad Yadav has expressed a keen interest in appearing in a Bollywood flick. No, not as a farmer, but as a wily politician! He's offered his services in SRK's next film that requires the services of an MP or otherwise, so be on the lookout for Mr. Yadav starring as himself! BTW, did anyone catch his speech in Parliament on YouTube.com? He began in Hindi and after rather vehement protests by other MPs, he translated his speech by himself into English! Quite hilarious!

Brand Bachchan

The Cannes Film Festival and IIFA awards in Bangkok are over and Brand Bachchan was there in full force. Now, with the release of Sarkar Raj and the launch of their Unforgettables world tour, they're all over the place! Unfortunately for Floridians, the tour doesn't seem to be stopping in the panhandle. The venues are Toronto, LA, San Francisco, Houston, Atlantic City, NYC, Vancouver, and London. Don't worry; I won't be attending, either. They'll be close to Philly in August, but being the guilt-ridden mother that I am, I won't be able to leave a newborn behind to go see my idol. Has anyone done the needful and told him of my plight?

Mehendi lagaa ke rakhna ... magar kis ke liye??

According to Rani Mukherjee, she's still waiting for the right guy to come along. With her upcoming release of Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic with Saif Ali Khan, Rani clarified the latest rumor about her impending marriage. Mind you she never mentioned it or Aditya Chopra by name, but she claims she doesn't have a boyfriend, wishes she did, and would want to date before marriage.

And explaining her absence from several visible events over the past year, not to mention very few releases, she says she was busy building her dream home. Now that it is complete, she can finally concentrate on her work.

Rajkumar ka bulava aaya

Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar have received an official invitation from Prince Charles to visit

two and a half months for each. This year his plate is full with projects for YashRaj, Vishal Bhardwaj, Ken Ghosh and his father, Pankaj Kapoor.

Rambo chala Bollywood

Sylvester Stallone has been signed up for a special appearance in Sajid Nadiadwala's next flick, Kambakht Ishq, starring Akshay Kumar and Kareena Kapoor. Akshay is supposed to be working as Stallone's stunt double in Hollywood. Umm, yeah. I don't think their physiques quite match up. Or their skin tones. But in inimitable Bollywood fashion, there's a story in there somewhere!

Chhutti!!!

Now that summer is here and we have nothing to do but figure out ways to entertain our kids, here are a few upcoming movies you may want to check out:

Love Story 2050: starring real life boyfriend-girlfriend Harman Baweja & Priyanka Chopra

Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic: inspired by Mr. India and Mary Poppins with Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukherjee

Sarkar Raj: with the Bachchan clan; did you know that a sequel is already being planned where Jr. B plays a ghost? What will RGV think of next?!

De Taali: a young comedy with Aftab Shivdasani, Riteish Deshmukh, Rimi Sen and Ayesha Takia

Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na: heavy promos courtesy of Aamir Khan, starring his nephew Imraan Khan

I'll be signing off for the next couple of issues pending the arrival of little girl #3. In the meantime, if anyone runs into Mr. Bachchan, please let him know that there is an ardent fan in Philadelphia who is desperate to meet him. Make me sound as pathetic as possible and, don't forget to mention the Bong connection! Have a great summer!



Buckingham Palace as his personal guests. Also invited are Mukesh Ambani, Laxmi Mittal, and Ratan Tata. On the agenda during this visit are discussions with the Prince and various joint Indo-UK organizations on how to improve charity work, global warming, and children's health issues.

Ishq vishq pyaar vyaar

Shahid Kapoor made it to the big league with the resounding success of Jab We Met and has actually been turning down offers from the likes of Ashutosh Gowariker and Rajkumar Santoshi. He prefers to work on one film at a time and allots

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