

BOLLYWOOD

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Kareena "Saif" with new love?

She may have shed the weight, but it looks like *Bebo* has lost her mind as well! It seems like only yesterday that her exclusive liaison with *Shahid Kapur* was the talk of the town. In fact, they were even dubbed as the cutest couple in celeb world. But after a string of flops, things turned sour and it comes as no surprise that the aspiring heartthrob was dropped like a hot potato - despite the recent success of *Jab We Met*. Her latest squeeze is the ever charming and 'more established' *Saif Ali Khan*. Judging by his track record with the ladies, let's just hope he remains *Fida* about the *Kapoor* lass!

Hrithik - Hollywood's new Rambo ...

First a mentally challenged retard, then a super hero and still later, a slick and sexy villain in the 2006 hit *Dhoom 2!* Now, it looks like the gorgeously talented hunk will be heading for the glitz and glamour of Hollywood. Yes folks, India's very own 'Superman' has just signed up with *Brillstein Grey* - the numero uno management firm in the world. Apparently *Brillstein Grey* whose clients include the likes of *Brad Pitt*, were so impressed with his huge fan base that they jumped at the chance to sign up the award winning actor. If rumours are correct, *Hrithik* has been ear marked for the next *Rambo* movie. So, it won't be too long before he casts his *Jaadoo* in the West!

Ash's charitable birthday.

Looks like married life is having a very mellow and charitable effect on the newlywed *Mrs. Aishwarya Rai-Bachchan*. The actress recently opted for a low key 34th birthday celebration in Agra instead of a glamorous bash. She made a surprise, generous donation to a local hospital. The C-Arm image intensifier was a much needed gift for the *K Bhabha* hospital in Mumbai to treat the poor. Not just a beautiful face but a beautiful human being too is our *Ash!*

Ranbir, Kareena end RK family feud ...

Both hail from one of the most legendary families in Bollywood but are poles apart. At one end of the spectrum, we have the forgotten actress *Babita* and her two star daughters *Karishma* and *Kareena* and at the other end, we have the entire *Kapoor* clan. Despite the coldness, *Kapoor* cousins *Kareena* and *Ranbir* have managed to break the ice. *Bebo* gave a show of solidarity at the premiere of cousin *Ranbir's* debut film *Saawariya* and happily chatted with *Rishi* and *Neetu Kapoor*. *Ranbir* reciprocated offering appreciative statements on *Bebo didi's Jab We Met*. - Ah! sweet brotherly love!

SRK beats 'Saawariya' hype.

Shah Rukh Khan's Om Shanti Om and *Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Saawariya* may have gone head to head at the box office, but it looks like *SRK* had the last laugh as *Om*

Shanti Om has gone on to become a commercial blockbuster. This may have had a setback on director *Bhansali*, especially after the huge success of the critically acclaimed *Black*. Releasing a film with newcomers opposite the *badshah* of Bollywood proved to be suicide - Oh well... they don't call *SRK* 'King Khan' for nothing!

Shilpa phone fiasco ...

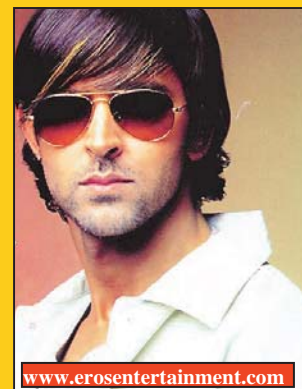
It looks like the honeymoon period is finally over for celebrity *Big Brother* winner *Shilpa Shetty*. This leggy beauty cannot seem to stop creating headlines for herself. First, there was the debacle of the infamous *Richard Gere* kiss and then the alleged affair with a London based businessman. Now *Shilpa* finds herself in hot water again after an obsessed fan leaked her personal phone number on to the Internet! The star, who is currently on tour in Europe performing her stage musical *Miss Bollywood*, was so disturbed by the anonymous phone calls and messages that she filed a complaint with the local police citing harassment - as they say fame comes with a price!

Dia Mirza's cheeky slap

Actor *Manoj Bajpai* bore the brunt of *Dia's* back hand after the lovely lass 'accidentally' smacked him a tight slap on the sets of *Dus Kahaniyan*. Apparently the rather ambitious actress was so engrossed in her character that she earned herself the new name '*Deepak*' for her funny and 'manly' mishandling of a very shocked *Manoj Bajpai* - not so sweet and innocent now, are we, *Ms Mirza?*



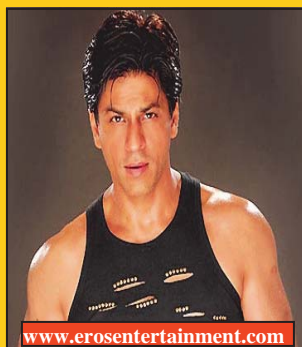
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