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Birthday
- Jack McBrayer

May 27, 1973

Played the role of Kenneth on the Emmy-nominated TV series *30 Rock* alongside Tina Fey and later played the eponymous character, Wander, of Disney's *Wander Over Yonder*.

Rosario Dawson in talks for 'X-Men: The New Mutants'



Los Angeles

Actress Rosario Dawson is in talks to join "X-Men" spin-off "X-Men: The New Mutants".

Dawson, who has already played Claire Temple and Night Nurse on Marvel and Netflix's series including "Daredevil" and "Luke Cage", is in talks to join the X-Men spin-off, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

Dawson will play Dr. Cecilia Reyes, a trauma surgeon who has the ability to generate a protective bio-field around herself. After she was outed as a mutant by a government Sentinel programme called Operation: Zero Tolerance, she serves as a mentor for the group of fledgling heroes.

Newcomers Blu Hunt and True O'Brien will play Danni Moonstar and Mirage respectively.

Maisie Williams will play Wolfsbane, who is a girl struggling to reconcile her religious beliefs with her power to turn into a wolf. (IANS)

MIDDLE EAST MOVIE BUZZ

Encounter Point

At first glance, there isn't anything unusual about the Bereaved Families Forum. Fathers, mothers, spouses and siblings gather to talk about their loved ones who have died and the sometimes agonizing process of working through their grief.

But in this support group some members are Israeli, and some are Palestinian, holding hands both literally and figuratively, mourning deaths on opposite sides of a long, bloody conflict.

It isn't often that you see a film about Israelis and Palestinians that can be called hopeful, but Ronit Avni's assured, thoughtful and clear-eyed "Encounter Point" certainly qualifies. Ms. Avni; her co-director, Julia Bacha; and their crew took their cameras to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and wherever else they could find men and women urging and working toward reconciliation.

One is Robi, whose son was killed by a Palestinian sniper. She sees frightening parallels between Israel's stance today and the language of apartheid in South Africa, where she spent her childhood.

Another is George, who was driving home from the supermarket with his family when Israeli soldiers opened fire on their car. His 12-year-old daughter was killed.

The documentary also includes scenes that illustrate just how difficult reconciliation can be. Ali, a Palestinian pacifist whose brother was killed by an Israeli soldier, is seen visiting his wounded nephew in the hospital and sitting in the cafeteria there, talking to a group of Palestinian civilians who were attacked and injured.

Yousef, who lost his leg in the attack, tells Ali angrily, "With Jews there's no peace." Then a little boy with the group adds firmly, "We don't want peace." But as "Encounter Point" skillfully reassures us, a lot of people on both sides do. Their organizations, publications and vigils offer some hope that what happened in India, an example of nonviolent resistance that is mentioned frequently, could happen here. (*nytimes*)



Fatherhood changed my life: Liam Payne

London

Singer Liam Payne says his life changed forever when he became father to his son, Bear, whom he has with his girlfriend Cheryl.

The "Strip that down" singer and his 33-year-old girlfriend Cheryl welcomed their son Bear Grey Payne two months ago. Payne says his life changed when the baby looked into his eyes for the first time, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"The moment that little boy or girl looks in your eyes, your life is changed forever," he told Australian radio show "The Kyle and Jackie O Show".

The 23-year-old says he did struggle a little when he first entered fatherhood, as he had never had any younger siblings and therefore he had no idea how to change a nappy. (IANS)



Now & Then



Kate Winslet

Kate Winslet is an English actress and singer. She is the recipient of an Academy Award, three BAFTA Awards, a BIFA Award, four Golden Globe Awards, a Grammy Award, a Primetime Emmy Award, an AACTA Award and three Screen Actors Guild Awards. Winslet is the youngest person to receive six Academy Award nominations, with seven nominations in total, and is one of the few actresses to win three of the four major American entertainment awards (EGOT). In addition, she has won awards from the Australian Academy of Cinema.