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Hilary Duff



Hilary Duff declares she is not secretly married

Los Angeles

Contrary to speculation, actress Hilary Duff says she has not exchanged vows with Matthew Koma in a secret ceremony. The pair made headlines last month when Koma referred to Duff as his “wife” on Instagram. Now, Duff is setting the record straight on her relationship status with Koma. “No, we are not secretly married, but we are basically married. So you know, sometimes those little things slip out,” *etonline.com* quoted her saying when asked about the speculations. Duff and Koma got engaged in May, but haven’t started wedding planning yet. “We’re really excited and we’re torn between, “Are we just going to go to the chapel and do it?” or “Are we going to have a little more thought put into it?”. I think our families would kill us (if we eloped). And we want the kids to be involved,” she said. Duff has a lot on her plate, managing four dogs, two kids and two TV shows. Koma is getting ready to head off on tour, but Duff said her music career has taken a back seat.



Phoebe Waller-Bridge

Phoebe Waller-Bridge not sure about having kids

Los Angeles

“Fleabag” star Phoebe Waller-Bridge says she is unsure about having children. In an interview to *Vogue* magazine, Waller-Bridge, who began dating playwright Martin McDonagh after splitting from husband Conor Woodman in 2017, loves spending time with “good” kids but hasn’t fully made up her mind as to whether she wants to raise a family of her own, reports *dailymail.co.uk*. Asked if she wants to have children, Waller-Bridge said: “I don’t know. It’s weird. I love kids. No, I feel like there’s so much happening... I guess I’ve become quite a see-what-life-throws-at-you kind of person. I think I would like to. I love hanging out with kids – you know, good ones.” The star doesn’t like talking about her personal life. She admitted: “I’m much braver in my writing life.”

But she thinks women no longer “freely” share romantic dramas with friends when they hit their 30s. “Because the stakes are so low. But then you choose someone who is in some ways going to define your life, and is probably defining or moulding who you grow to be because you’re with him all the time. And you want the best. You want the best possible.” Waller-Bridge believes people spend the first half of their lives working out who they are and the rest trying not to be changed by others. She said: “I think the first half of your life, you’re trying to find out who you are, and you’re kind of knocking yourself against things, and testing things the whole time, to help kind of sculpt yourself. Then later, when you’ve got as close to sculpted as possible, you’re like, Don’t touch anything, in case it changes me.”

Kristen Bell set to be back in the “Gossip Girl” universe

Los Angeles

Hollywood star Kristen Bell will be back as a narrator in the upcoming “Gossip Girl” reboot, and she looks forward to returning to the world of the teen drama. The hit and subversive drama “Gossip Girl” is getting new life with a revival series on HBO Max. Bell will again take on the role of the narrator, which she did throughout the run of the original series. While Bell only appeared on screen one time, playing herself in the series finale, the actress served as the voice of the anonymous author of the “Gossip Girl” website that served as the centre of the show’s premise. The original “Gossip Girl”, which ended in 2012 after six seasons, was based on the novel series written by Cecily von Ziegesar. It was about the antics of a group of teens from the Manhattan.

Kristen Bell



Nobody takes serious speeches of movie stars seriously: SRK



Shah Rukh Khan

Kolkata

Bollywood Badshah Shah Rukh Khan on Friday said nobody takes serious speeches of movie stars seriously, and at the end of it all he was just considered a good-looking face. Shah Rukh made the comment at the inauguration of the 25th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) when the audience clamoured to hear some peppy dialogue from his movies after he finished his speech. The actor in his address had spoken of the need to celebrate the country’s diversity, the great heritage of films in Bengal, his experiences of attending the festival’s inaugurations over the past ten years and the rapport he enjoys with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly. “I know, I know, I know nobody takes serious speeches of movie stars seriously. At the end of all, I am just a good looking face. Ya, that’s it,” said a smiling SRK.

Want to work with Arbaaz Khan, says girlfriend Georgia Andriani

Mumbai

Georgia Andriani has mostly been referred to as Arbaaz Khan’s girlfriend in B-Town so far, but the Italian model is now all set to make her Bollywood debut with a comedy titled “Welcome To Bajrangpur”. Georgia says her true desire is to work with boyfriend Arbaaz in the future, whenever the right script comes along. Asked when the audience can expect to see her opposite Arbaaz in a film, Georgia said: “Whenever a



nice narration comes to us and if we both like it, we will definitely work together in a film.” Does Arbaaz give her career tips? “He has a lot of experience working in this industry. I talk to him about how things work over here, what works in a film and what makes a film do well in this country, because I have come here from another country,” replied Georgia, while interacting with the media at the announcement of “Welcome To Bajrangpur”, along with Shreyas Talpade.

Yami Gautam says “Bala” tested her ability as an artiste

Mumbai

Actress Yami Gautam, who is being lauded for her role of a TikTok star in the just-released “Bala”, says the film has tested her abilities as an artiste. “It’s really been years in the making for me. The reason I say this is that as actors we constantly thrive to do parts that are wholesome. I have been through the highs and lows and I loved every part I have played, but I have truly sunk into the world of Pari and that has been such an amazing thing for me. Some roles push you, test your abilities and makes you put your best forward, and Pari was that part for me. To have this love come my way with such abundance is truly emotionally gratifying and I’m humbled with all this appreciation,” she said. Directed by Amar Kaushik, “Bala”, which revolves around a man who is balding prematurely and how he deals with it, features Ayushmann Khurrana in the titular role.



Yami Gautam

Christian Bale loves his quest to achieve perfection

Los Angeles

Actor Christian Bale says having a challenge in life which “seems insurmountable” is exciting and fun. “Nowhere near it, no. But I’m not sure that achieving perfection is really the goal, even though it might feel like that’s the goal. I feel like if you try to achieve it, that’s more fun, isn’t it? That’s the challenge,” Bale said when he was asked whether he has ever achieved perfection. “You need a challenge in life that seems insurmountable, to keep yourself excited. And then, of course, there’s the question of, “What is perfection?” It’s not like what I do is like a car race, when you know a bend and you can’t do that corner any better, it’s more abstract than that. I suspect perfection is totally unattainable, but that the trying is what brings us the quality in our lives,” he added. On the film front, Bale is looking forward to “Ford v Ferrari”. Bale along with Matt Damon will be seen bringing alive a great track rivalry on the screen in “Ford v Ferrari”.



Christian Bale

Zoe Saldana, Reese Witherspoon join hands for Netflix series

Los Angeles

Hollywood stars Zoe Saldana and Reese Witherspoon are teaming up to adapt Tembi Lockes memoir “From Scratch” as a series for Netflix. Saldana will star in and executive produce the limited series, which is being described as an autobiographical romance that



Zoe Saldana, Reese Witherspoon

follows an American woman as she falls in love with a Sicilian man while studying in Italy then builds a life with him in the US,

reports *variety.com*. It is about how she comes to terms with his death, and raise their daughter. Saldana will executive produce along with Witherspoon and Witherspoon’s producing partner Lauren Neustader under Witherspoon’s Hello Sunshine banner. Saldana’s sisters Cisely Saldana and Mariel Saldana will also serve as co-producers.