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THE AFFAIR
Launch of Latika Tripathi's book, *So Be It*



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August 29, Saturday, Post 91, Koregaon Park

WITH MY COPY: Praful Chandawarkar



FUNNY BONE: Sonia Chandrachud



THREE'S COMPANY: GS Bindra, Sandeep Pusdekar & Saneer Awsarmmel



MIND IT: Minocher Patel



GOING ETHNIC: Sonia Jadhav



SMILE PLEASE: Smita Yadav



IT'S RELEVANT: Gauri Dange



ALMA MATER: Vrinda Ganguly, Latika Tripathi (r)



COLOUR PLUS: Priya Dandekar



BLUE SKIES: Kamini Arora

Latika Tripathi gave the launch of her book, *So Be It*, a nostalgic climax amidst her ex-classmates from the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology and St Helenas School. There were interludes of book reading initiated by Sonali Jadhav and Sonia Chandrachud, while *DNA's* Kavita Kané launched the India Edition of the book. The Dubai-based writer was adulated for putting her feelings and experiences out for the world to read, while Gauri Dange raised some pertinent points on the relevance of what the book has addressed. Minocher Patel expressed his views about the book, and confirmed that every man must read it in order to get an insight into the way women think. While Chandrachud considered Tripathi's book to be honest and insightful. Cherry on top was the cake at the launch, which was adorned with the book's cover, all made of edible paper. Special 100 copies were printed for the alumni of her hotel management college, inaugurated by the principal Vrinda Ganguly.

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1. Rohan Pusalkar and actor Atul Kulkarni at the inauguration ceremony of a branch of Gold Gym at Aundh on Saturday.
2. Rudrani, the latest addition in saree shopping was inaugurated by popular actors Sharvari Jameris (l), Vandana Gupte (centre), and Urmila Kanitkar.
3. Actors Prashant Raj and Ashmit Patel (r) were seen at Inox on Friday, promoting their new film *Toss*.

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How Christina beat her fears?



The pop star credits her hubby for helping her conquer her childhood fears after growing up with an abusive father

Pop singer Christina Aguilera paid an emotional tribute to her hubby Jordan Bratman in a recent TV interview, crediting him for helping her overcome her abusive past.

Aguilera, 28, and music marketing executive Bratman, 32, who are parents to 19-month-old son Max, will be married four years in November. And the singer insists that it is only because of Bratman's loving influence that she has been able to conquer her fears after growing up with an abusive father.

"I grew up not having any real



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Christina Aguilera has said in a few interviews that she has a very difficult relationship with her father, Fausto, who she says was physically and emotionally abusive when she was growing up. She admits that she suffered from her father's abuse while her family was stationed on a military base.

male perspective or role model and Jordan just continuously makes me fall deeper and deeper in love with him everyday," *Contactmusic* quoted her as telling *E! Online*.

"He just exudes such love and is such a great father to Max that it just makes me the happiest woman alive. I'm just lucky to have him in my life... every couple has times when they disagree, but I never allow any arguments to escalate in front of Max," she added.

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GWYNETH 'WANTS TO CREATE AN EMPIRE'



Gwyneth Paltrow

Gwyneth Paltrow is considering launching her own line of lifestyle brands, according to sources. The mom-of-two apparently wants to set an example for women and prove that it is possible to juggle motherhood with business.

"She has become a power multi-tasker, so she'll take meetings while she's sitting around her movie sets. Gwyneth wants to create an empire, but her first priority is always to her family," *Contactmusic* quoted a source as telling *FOX411* blog.

The insider said: "She is finding ways to merge the two so that other women and mothers will be able to do the same."

The *Emma* star is reportedly modeling herself on US entrepreneur Martha Stewart. In fact, her singer husband Chris Martin seems to refer to her as Martha, who was a suc-

cessful TV host, author and magazine publisher, until she was sentenced to five months in prison for certain charges.

A source said: "Chris has even dubbed her meetings about her new direction as her 'Martha Stewart meetings'. Her plan is to stay visible in the occasional film, but to create products for real women. She is working on new products for her own beauty line under Estee Lauder and looking at different products for moms at home that she can tie to her website, GOOP."

IS VICTORIA BECOMING A CHEERLEADER?

It seems Victoria Beckham is turning into a cheerleader, for she was recently spotted shopping in Los Angeles for a cheerleader outfit, complete with pompoms. Apparently, the former Spice Girl became interested in the outfit after her hubby David Beckham was famously snapped on two separate occasions in April last year, having a cheeky squint at the lycra-clad lasses who parade at LA Lakers basketball games.

Earlier this week, Posh was seen asking staff at Beverly Hills store Barneys New York if they could get

her a similar outfit.

"Victoria was absolutely charming and very funny. She was being very self-deprecating when she asked if we could source her a cheerleading outfit," the *Sun* quoted a source at the shop as saying.

"At first we thought she was joking as she was giggling so much, but it soon became clear she wasn't. She asked if we could find a classic all-American outfit, but added it should be tasteful. She also insisted she wanted pompoms," added the source.

ANGELINA JOLIE MAY RETURN FOR WANTED SEQUEL



Angelina Jolie

Angelina Jolie may reappear in the sequel of her film *Wanted*. Her character gets fatally injured at the end of the first film and scriptwriters are apparently trying their best to reprise it.

The director Timur Bekmambetov said a comeback would be 'tough to do', but his writers were 'trying hard', reports the *Daily Star*.

Jolie starred alongside Scottish star James McAvoy in the assassin movie.



Steven Spielberg

Spielberg set to sail with Crichton's tale

The film-maker will produce and may even direct the late novelist's final book *Pirate Latitudes*

AMERICAN film-maker Steven Spielberg has obtained the film rights to late Michael Crichton's final novel, *Pirate Latitudes*. Spielberg, who has previously directed Crichton's *Jurassic Park* and *The Lost World*, is set to produce and possibly direct the adventure film, set in 17th century Jamaica.

Pirate Latitudes, which is set to be published on November 24, is about a daring plan to infiltrate Port Royal, one of the world's richest and most notorious cities, and raid a Spanish galleon filled with treasure.

"Michael Crichton was one of our greatest storytellers who expanded all of our imaginations with his books, films, and television," the BBC quoted Spielberg as saying.

"With the *ER* and *Jurassic Park* series, I enjoyed one of the best collaborations of my career. Now, with *Pirate Latitudes*, I have the chance to be excited about bringing this new Michael Crichton work to

ABOUT THE BOOK

Pirate Latitudes will be published on November 24, 2009. Discovered among Michael Crichton's files after his death in March 2009, it is an adventure tale unlike anything his readers have seen before. The novel was discovered by Crichton's assistant in the writer's computer files after his death. The story, set in the 17th century, features a pirate and the governor of Jamaica, and their plan to raid a Spanish treasure galleon.

the screen," he added.

David Koepp, who wrote the film versions of Crichton's dinosaur novels, has also signed on to adapt the book. Besides *Jurassic Park*, Crichton also penned books like *Congo* and *Disclosure*, all of which were adapted into films.

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