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Ben Whishaw game for more 'Paddington' movies

LOS ANGELES, JULY 16 /-/. English actor Ben Whishaw, who plays Peruvian bear Paddington, says he wants more films in the live-action franchise. "Paddington 2", which released earlier this year, has been termed as one of the best live-action movies of 2018 by critics and audiences across the globe. "I absolutely love being Paddington. It takes a lot of time, and each time I've done it, it's taken the better part of a year. But I would love to do another one," Whishaw told Entertainment Weekly. The 37-year-old actor, however, will only return to the duffel-coat-wearing bear, if writer-director Paul King is on board. "I can't imagine what it would be like without him, so I think it's really down to whether he wants to or not," he said. (PTI)

Irfan changes Twitter display picture

MUMBAI, JULY 16 /-/. Actor Irfan Khan, who is currently in London undergoing treatment for neuroendocrine tumour, has updated his display picture on Twitter. In the picture, which the 41-year-old actor shared today on the microblogging site, he appears slightly weak but happy. In the latest photo, Irfan is seen in a yellow T-shirt standing next to a glass window with earphones around his neck and a smile on his face. In March, the actor announced that he has been diagnosed with neuroendocrine tumour, a rare form of cancer that can target various parts of the body, and is out of the country for treatment. (PTI)

Miley Cyrus deletes Instagram pictures

LOS ANGELES, JULY 16 /-/. Miley Cyrus has deleted all her Instagram posts. The 25-year-old singer has wiped off every photograph she ever uploaded to the picture-sharing site, including the images of her pets and fitness, actor Liam Hemsworth. No explanation has been offered or found on the development as yet. The "Malibu" singer is currently following 619 people and has 76.2 million followers on Instagram. Three days ago, some of her fans on the platform started noticing the number of her photos dipping. By the next day, her entire catalogue of thousands of photos was completely gone. (PTI)

New documentary exploring David Bowie's early career in works

LONDON, JULY 16 /-/. Legendary singer David Bowie's early career is set to be the focus of a new documentary titled, "The First Five Years". The new film will act as a prequel to "David Bowie: The Five Years" and "David Bowie: The Last Five Years", which both aired on the BBC. According to David Bowie News website, the documentary will air next year. The late rock icon tragically passed away in 2016, aged 69, following a secret battle with cancer. (PTI)

Developing scripts, but acting is top priority: Kunal Kapoor



MUMBAI, JULY 15 /-/. Lack of good offers has made Kunal Kapoor develop his own stories, ranging from a romantic-comedy to a biopic, but the actor said that acting would remain his top priority. "I felt the content that I was looking for was not coming my way. So I decided to develop things in which I had my heart. I am working on four scripts and I am very excited about it," Kunal told PTI. The actor said that the four stories are different from each other and he might even act in them. "There is an out-of-out action film, an ensemble film set in Varanasi, another ensemble romantic-comedy set in Punjab and a biopic," he said. He added that an official announcement would be made soon and he might act in all four of them. "I enjoy every aspect of filmmaking. I did start as an assistant director so, at some point, I would like to direct. But today acting is my top priority and I would like to focus on that," the 38-year-old actor said.

He may not be seen frequently in films as the exciting offers are few and far between but the actor said that he tries his best to display his versatility in his work. "In the recent past, I had the chance to work with directors like Rigmanshu Dhulia, Gauri Shinde, Reema Kagti and Jayaraj. From playing a soldier (Kaagdeh) or a hockey player (Gold) or a producer (Dear Zindagi) or an 18th century warrior (Veeram), I feel great that the work has been diverse. It is essential to be seen as an actor but there is no point in doing work that you do not believe in. Even if it is one film a year, I am OK with it. I never approach films as big or small. If the script is interesting, I do it," he said. Meanwhile, Kunal and Soha Ali Khan have roped in to raise funds for NGOs dedicated to the welfare of animals in India by Animal Planet. The two actors have launched the campaign "Be Kind to All Kind". "I have always been an animal lover. I felt something like this needs to be highlighted. It was an easy decision as it is in sync with what I believe in. (PTI)

We're all a little bit gay: Harry Styles



with huge cheers by the crowd at the show, which was the final concert of his solo world tour. The moment was captured on video by fans and posted across various social media platforms. During the show Styles also thanked his fans for supporting his solo career. "I'm getting emotional now. Thank you to my friends, my family, my manager, who is here tonight. You brought me here on January 14 of 2014 and I walked through that tunnel there and The Eagles were sound checking. It was beautiful. Since then, I've always wanted to play here. To everyone out there who has come to any shows, come to see us on this tour. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have changed my life. I love you so much. Thank you," he said. (PTI)

'China occupied special place in heart of Netaji Subhas Bose'

KOLKATA, JULY 16 /-/. China had occupied a special place in the heart of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose "who sent a medical mission to the country 80 years back, the Director of the Netaji Research Bureau Professor Sugata Bose has said. "Eighty years ago Subhas Chandra Bose as Congress president had sent a medical mission to China led by Dr M Atal," Sugata Bose, an eminent academician and the grandnephew of Netaji, said at a seminar: "China-India Connections in Modern History" at Netaji Research Bureau last evening. The seminar was attended by many dignitaries from abroad. Pointing out luminaries from Bengal had always kept a special place for China, Sugata Bose also referred to Rabindranath Tagore's visit to China in 1924. That visit paved the path for the long-standing association between China and Tagore. Visva Bharati, he said. Bose also recalled that on the day of the founding of the Peoples Republic of China in 1949, Sarat Chandra Bose had "exchanged congratulatory telegrams with Mao Zedong". Many Chinese and Indian scholars participated in the seminar which explored Sino-Indian relations from 1850 till this date. Academician Arunabh Ghosh of



Harvard University spoke about the visit of Zhou Enlai to the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, in 1956, and P C Mahalanabis's trip to China in 1957. The participants also viewed a special exhibition titled "1943: One Year, One Man and a World at War" which celebrated the 75th anniversary of Netaji's assumption of the Supreme Command of the Indian National Army in July 1943. (PTI)

Visva-Bharati to publish facsimile edition of Gitanjali's first copy

KOLKATA, JULY 16 /-/. The facsimile edition of the first print copy of Rabindra Tagore's 'Gitanjali' in English, which remained with the poet till his death in 1941, will be published by Visva-Bharati University on his 77th death anniversary on August 7. Officiating vice-chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Sabuj Koli Sen, told PTI today. "The Visva-Bharati publication division will bring out this edition of the first print of 'Gitanjali' (Song Offerings), having pencil jottings by the poet in between the lines, on 'Baishya Sraho' (August 7). The Visva-Bharati had been in possession of the original first print copy with Tagore's jottings after Tagore's death and had kept it at the archive at Rabindra Bhavan at Santiniketan, she said. "We had recently gifted one of the five facsimile print editions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the university as its 'acharya' (chancellor) on May 25 and he looked very happy." "We then decided to bring out a facsimile edition of the first copy on a bigger scale for the public and chose 'Baishya Sraho' as the date for launching the first edition," Sen said. It will be a collector's item, to be available from Visva-Bharati outlets and Tagore lovers would feel proud to be in possession of such an edition, she said. "The first print copy of 'Gitanjali' was issued in limited edition in 1912 by the Indian Society. Tagore scribbled some changes in pencil which were then incorporated in the second print copy in 1913 and this was sent to the Swedish Academy for its consideration. In 1913, Tagore won the Nobel prize for literature and the first print copy remained one of the most-loved possessions of the poet. Sen said a facsimile edition of the first copy is also with the Swedish Nobel Museum.

Katrina Kaif's countryside birthday plans

MUMBAI, JULY 16 /-/. Katrina Kaif will be turning a year older tomorrow and the Bollywood star plans to celebrate the day on the countryside in England with her near ones. The 34-year-old actor says she does not like to have elaborate plans on birthday and prefers to keep it low key. "Birthdays for me are about having a good time with your loved ones. I don't believe in reminiscing too much. Every year I try and have a good time. I am at a place in country side with my sister. I am happy about the day. It is all about having fun, chilling and

relaxing," Katrina told PTI. The actor, who was part of the recent leg of Salman Khan's Dabangg Tour, says she has taken a few days off from work to spend time with her family. "When I come back, I have to finish Aanaad L Rai's film 'Zero' for which I have a song to shoot," she adds. On the



work front, her film "Zero" Aamir Khan's "Thugs of Hindostan". (PTI)

Secret Temptation urges women to 'Own Their Temptation'

KOLKATA, JULY 16 /-/. Leading Female fragrance brand from the House of McNROE, Secret Temptation announced its new brand identity today in Kolkata. From spelling confidence through "Own Your Temptation" - the brand now boldly encourages women to pursue their desires with conviction. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Narendra Kumar Daga, MD, McNROE said, "McNROE came into existence because I didn't shy away from my love for fragrances. It's possible to convert ideas to reality if dreams are chased with faith and conviction. I'd like to encourage everyone to own your passions, your wishes and your temptations. That's McNROE's "Secret" success mantra." The event also marked the exclusive launch of a new fragrance to Secret Temptation's deodorant portfolio of Romance, Mystery, Affair, Play & Passion. Aptly christened "Desire", the new variant is a sublime rosey fragrance that completely conquers one's senses. An intricate harmony of intoxicating Turkish Roses, Floral Germanium and lingering Musk- "Desire" is a heavenly promise for lasting freshness packed in a bottle. The brand promises to identify &

encourage women to desire & dream ahead through extensive BTL activity plans across India. Mass rallies and multi-city tours are currently being conducted by the Indian Corporate. Additionally, Secret Temptation has designed comprehensive digital campaigns to identify & recognize real-time instances of women who have seriously adopted their dreams. Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief Business Officer, McNROE said, "Secret Temptation has been McNROE's voice to encourage a progressive brand ideology. Currently, the brand occupies a 5.7 percent market share in West Bengal while Secret Temptation is the strongest deodorant brand in Kolkata with 6.5 percent market share." McNROE is No.2 Deodorant maker in the country and hopes to raise the bar for the industry through its enchanting array of fragrances & new brand ideology. Shaking off the shackles of societal norms, Secret Temptation aims to fuel consumer's desire, increase brand loyalty & acquire new consumer base. The renewed brand portfolio includes aesthetically designed deodorant cans of 150 ml configurations available from 12th July 2018 in the Kolkata market. (EOC)



A light has been turned on: Angela Bassett on post #MeToo world

PARIS, JULY 16 /-/. Women are at the centre of "real changes" in Hollywood after the #MeToo movement, says Angela Bassett, the actor who is all about challenging stereotypes with her roles as a formidable mother in "Black Panther" and now a no-nonsense CIA boss in "Mission: Impossible - Fallout". It is time for women to break open the door and change things, says the actor, whose character Erica Sloane replaces Alec Baldwin's Hunley in the action franchise, led by Hollywood star Tom Cruise. Bassett believes a lot has changed post the #MeToo movement, which began with allegations of sexual harassment and rape against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein and triggered a global movement. "There is something gaining and something afoot. There is a light that has been turned on. An

awareness has been sparked. Voices are speaking out. "Once you unlock the door or the closets and we peak in and we see and (when) we don't like what we see, we can break it open and make some real changes. So I think it's a great thing that's going on," Bassett told PTI in an interview. The actor, 59, believes when women play strong roles in films, it inspires people all over the world. "This is why she has followed her standout performance as Ramonda, queen of the fictional African nation Wakanda in "Black Panther", with her "Fallout" role. "It (Black Panther) was, and still is (a cultural movement)... When women play incredible roles, it is a great inspiration all over the world, not just in America... I hope there is a sort of strength and inspiration that people are gaining from roles like these,

the confidence to do any and all things," she said. The #MeToo movement eventually led to structural changes in Hollywood and the launch of the Time's Up campaign. Bassett is hopeful that change is here to stay. She believes the older generation has to hold fast to the hope for a better future. "You know, hope is the expectation of something good. We have to never lose hope. Never let your spirit die because change may happen slowly, or it does happen slowly. We become aware and we become emboldened. "At times, it happens not from the top but from the bottom. From those who have least to lose and most to gain, our young people. They are the most hopeful. So, I think it is common that we who have experienced it and seen how slow it takes, hold on to our hope and offer our help." The actor believes "Fallout" was a perfect



follow-up to her "Black Panther" role. Having seen other films in the franchise, she knew it would be a fun ride. Also, she loved the way her character is introduced in the film, striding down an airstrip with intent and purpose. "It was exciting, thrilling and fun. When I was asked to come aboard, I could hardly believe it. For a split second, I didn't think that it was THE "Mission: Impossible". I thought it was some other version of it. I am thrilled to be on this journey." The Paramount Pictures film has not one but three strong women characters and Bassett is particularly impressed by Rebecca Ferguson's Isla, (an MI6 agent and Ethan Hunt's friend) who she believes is as

strong as Cruise's Hunt or Henry Cavill's August Walker. "Women have great roles in this film. The character of Isla, I mean, she is as formidable as Hunt and Walker, my field agent that I sent in to keep an eye on Hunt. She is as formidable and physical as either of the two of them. She may even, perhaps, be a little bit better. Also, Erica Sloane is brilliant and she is a tactician. She is thinking steps ahead of these guys," she said. Also starring Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames, Sean Harris, Michelle Monaghan and Vanessa Kirby, Viacom18 Motion Pictures will distribute the film in India. Directed by Christopher McQuarrie, the film is slated to be released in India on July 27.