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Beastie Boys  
refute live show  
rumours

The Beastie Boys have denied rumors of a live reunion that began after surviving members Michael 'Mike D' Diamond and Adam 'Ad-Rock' Horovitz filed a trademark application for the Beastie Boys name in conjunction with 'live performances by a musical group.'

A representative for the band, however, reiterated the group's stance on the matter: "There will never be Beastie Boys live performances without Adam Yauch," the rep told Rolling Stone magazine.

Yauch, known as MCA, died in 2012 after a battle with cancer. Both Diamond and Horovitz have gone on to new projects since the loss — including a co-written memoir — essen-



tially placing the Beastie Boys on a permanent hiatus.

Yauch, in his will, stipulated that his music not be used in any advertisements, and both Diamond and Horovitz have been litigious in this regard. The band recently sued Monster Energy Drink for \$1.7 million for unauthorized use of their music, and was recently awarded an additional \$668,000 to cover legal fees.

Source: Rolling Stone

IT'S  
TRUE!



The name Elsa has rocketed in popularity for US newborns, according to records collated by the Social Security Administration, and the numbers of children being given the name is at its highest level as far back as the SSA's data is available. As reported by the New York Times, this surge in popularity is undoubtedly due to the enormously successful Disney animation "Frozen", which was released in the US in November 2013. As a result, 2014 saw 1131 girls given the name, landing at number 286 in the popularity list — up from 528 the year before.



PHOTO: STAR

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--- Tisha

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Nusrat Imrose Tisha, popularly known by her last name, is busy ahead of Eid and will be shooting for Eid plays all the way up to the festival. The star talked about Eid shopping, plays and other subjects in a recent conversation with The Daily Star. Excerpts:

Tell us about your Eid plays...

Tisha: Audiences will get to see me in several good plays this Eid. Some are off-beat while others are comedies and romantic plays.

Do you manage time to watch your own plays during Eid?

Tisha: I do. Even if I do miss one, my mother doesn't forget to watch it. She is a very serious and great critic of my works.

What is your favourite attire on Eid day?

Tisha: I love wearing sarees in the morning, after which I head to my in-laws' house.

Have you begun your Eid shopping?

Tisha: It is already done. I shop for everyone, even Farooki's family. I've spent three days at the mall to pick up stuff for Eid.

What about your own Eid shopping?

Tisha: Farooki shops for me. I do the same for him.

How will you celebrate Eid this time?

Tisha: Eid is a family celebration for me. It is a celebration with my mother, father-in-law, uncle and other elders as they too enjoy the day along with the children.

Do you cook during Eid?

Tisha: All the year round, I'm busy with my work. Sometimes I have to cook, but my mother and sister-in-law don't allow me in the kitchen that day. I'm still like a new bride for everyone.

What make up do you wear on Eid day?

Tisha: I like wearing a simple and natural look on the day which is very relaxing for me.

What is the best part of Eid day for you?

Tisha: It is a great feeling to buy new dresses, shoes and henna for all the children of our family. Their enjoyment is the greatest reward for me.

Do you still get Eid salami?

Tisha: Not any more. Now it's my turn to give salami to the youngsters.



Mosharraf Karim's grand reception

A CORRESPONDENT

"Ekta Birat Songborthona", a single episode TV play featuring Mosharraf Karim, Faria Shahrin, Monira Mithu, SM Mohsin and Tarik Swapan, will go on air on Rtv this Eid. Written by Sagor Jahan and directed by Sheikh Selim, the play revolves around Iran Ali (Mosharraf), who returns to his village after coming up 17th in a singing TV reality show. He asks his friend to organise a grand reception, but the plan fizzles out to his dismay. To impress the girl of his dreams, Sabina, Iran decides to arrange a massive reception for himself, and gives his close friends Taka one lakh to organise it. But when they run away with the money, things turn sour.



EID GIFTS

Great options

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saris and suits are popular Eid gifts. For those willing to shell out that extra taka, little pieces of jewellery will do the trick, while perfumes and cosmetics are great options.

Ornate quilted rugs for best friends are welcome. For that personal touch, home-made halwa, micro-oven cooked fat-free shami kababs, cooked meals



such as shepherd's pie or some trifles made from jello and fruit are always relished. Some friends of Persian origin love to put many almonds and currants in shemai, a popular dessert always relished.

A short trip to Cox's Bazaar, or to Sylhet doesn't mean a drastic dip into the family savings. Giving cookery books or even handing an uncle a set of books on the two World Wars are warmly received

as are sets of pens and pencils. Also welcome are caged mynahs, a pair of rabbits or even potted cactus.

For the more imaginative, a bottle of branded eau de cologne will do just as well. What could win hearts are also small objects like handmade dolls, fashioned from bits of fabrics and some leftover wool.

Delicacies like fruit cake or a small, elegantly wrapped gift will do for the occasion of Eid. A boneless hilsa, cooked in the pressure cooker and eaten for days, is welcome as are bottles of achar (pickles), chutney or jam. Similarly, paper lanterns and a set of beads — neatly arranged in a cute gold and silver box, collected from left-over perfumes from overseas — can be ideal Eid gifts.

Popping in to friends to sample biryani or hapshe halwa or even coconut barfi and gajrela spells fun as does delicious alu-puri.

Yes, Eid is for prayers. But it adds a touch of fun to visit family and friends, and let one's hair down after weeks of fasting.

"Paglu" on Asian TV



A CORRESPONDENT

Special seven episode television serial "Paglu" will go on air on Asian TV at 7:30pm from the first to the sixth day of Eid. Written and directed by Hasan Zahangir, the serial casts ATM Shamsuzzaman, Nirob, Badhon, Hillol, Mimo, Sangeeta, Shabnam Parveen and Hasan Zahangir in the lead roles.

The plot encircles ATM Shamsuzzaman and his three unmarried sister-in-laws. The three women dream of marrying a television hero, cricketer and businessman respectively, but their elder sister doesn't agree with them. Then the three prospective grooms come up with stratagems to convince ATM Shamsuzzaman and his wife to marry their sisters to them.

"Ek Dupurer Bhalobasha"  
on ATN Bangla

A CORRESPONDENT

Special six-episode television play "Ek Dupurer Bhalobasha" will air on ATN Bangla during Eid. Written and directed by Mohon Khan, the play encircles four university friends and the story of their happiness and sorrows. Four friends get together after three years at their favourite hotel, and they start sharing the stories of their success. Meanwhile they realize that despite being best friends they are not sharing their sorrows.

The play casts Kalyan, Sujana, Tanvir, Soma, Somapri and Namira in the lead roles.



NO MORE  
ITEM SONGS  
... Shamita Shetty

Actress Shamita Shetty, known for her performances in films like "Mohabbatein" and Zeher, says she will not do item numbers again in movies.

The actress, whose item repertoire includes "Sharara Sharara" from "Mere Yaar Ki Shaadi Hai" and "Chori Pe Chori" in "Saathiya" (2002), said she hates the tag of item girl.

"I am tired of saying no to item songs. I don't want to be known as an item number girl. Fortunately, we actors get tagged easily," the younger sister of Shilpa Shetty told PTI.

"I am looking to do something that challenges me as an actor. Now people are experimenting with various roles and subjects. I am open to doing everything. I don't want to do a film where I am just a show piece," Shamita said.

"If there is fantastic character that comes my way which will shine either ways, then I am open to doing supportive roles as well. I don't want to restrict myself," she added.

During her ten-year long career as an actress, she has also worked in a few Tamil and Telugu films but Shamita is not happy with the quantity of work she has done. "I have barely done something in my career. I was happy with the work I did, but I was not happy with the amount of work that I did," she said.

"The wait for good work kept getting longer, I chose to learn something new - interior designing. I started getting more work there. So people thought I quit acting, but that was never the case, I was still waiting for something good to come my way. Acting has always been my first passion and it will always be," she said.

The actress also hopes that her stint in Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa would give her a new lease of life in Bollywood.

Source: TOI

Ellie Goulding tipped for  
new Bond theme

Singer Sam Smith has denied reports suggesting he will perform the theme tune for the new James Bond movie "Spectre", tipping Ellie Goulding to instead get the call from 007.

Appearing on Capital FM radio, Smith ruled himself out of the running to follow in the footsteps of luminaries such as Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey and Nancy Sinatra on the 24th official Bond movie.

"People seem to think I'm doing it but I have no idea what's going on," he said. "I'm being deadly serious. I think I would know by now. I heard Ellie Goulding was going to do

it, it's definitely not me."

Smith was previously the favourite to sing the new theme tune, ahead of Ed Sheeran, Lana Del Rey, Rita Ora and One Direction. But bookmakers are no longer taking bets, suggesting that a decision has already been made at Bond production company Eon. Sheeran ruled himself out in December, suggesting that his voice was too "wet" and "lacked balls" to pull off a 007 theme tune.

"Spectre" stars Daniel Craig in his fourth outing as Bond. Double Oscar-winner Christoph Waltz plays likely

villain Franz Oberhauser, and the cast also features newcomers Monica Bellucci, Léa Seydoux and Stephanie Sigman, as well as the returning Ralph Fiennes (as the new M), Naomie Harris (Moneypenny) and Ben Whishaw (Q). The new adventure, to be released on November 6, sees 007 visiting Mexico City, Rome and Sölden in the Austrian Alps.

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