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"I wouldn't be caught dead marrying a woman old enough to be my wife" - Tony Curtis

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>> Lott of bottle <<
Konnie Huq wants to leave like a crab

Pixie Lott held a party this week for high street fashion label, Lipsey, at Gilgamesh in Camden.

It was attended by such luminaries as Kristina from Strictly Come Dancing, Imogen from Big Brother, Danielle Lloyd (from Spurs footballers fame), Tinchy Stryder and Professor Green. All mingled quite happily, but one TV celebrity asked organisers if there was a "side entrance" she could use. Which A-Lister would need such a thing? Step forward, ITV2's Xtra Factor host, Konnie Huq.

Tony Wilson's son Olly is a reporter on Radio 1 Newsbeat. (Ed Miliband's media adviser, Polly Billington, used to be a Newsbeat reporter too.)

>> Cole v Coyle <<
War at the heart of Girls Aloud?

Nadine from Girls Aloud is really splitting opinion with her solo career. It seems that whenever someone writes something nice about her, certain other papers feel obliged to run something negative.

For example, The Sun gets first listen to her new single, Insatiable, and writes a fairly positive review. Then, the very next day, The Mirror responds with this:

"Nadine Coyle has reportedly been snubbed by singer-songwriter Labrinth, because he'd prefer to get the chance to work with Cheryl Cole."

Only LA-based Nadine didn't really know who Labrinth was - much less that she'd asked him to work with her. (Her album's more Bonnie

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Tyler than Tinie Tempah anyway. And in a good way.)

Must be coincidence that Labrinth shares the same PR company as Cheryl. And is on Cheryl's sponsor Simon Cowell's label. And that the Mirror and Mail journalists who seem to write the anti-Nadine pieces are the ones who seem to get all the Cheryl Cole exclusives.

 RIP: Jorge "Giant" Gonzalez, former WWF wrestler. He died, aged 44, due to "issues from being 7 ft 7 in".

>> Big Questions <<

What people want to know this week

Which ultra-ambitious TV-turned-film star blonde is at the forefront of plastic surgery innovation by trialling a new method of fat transfer breast augmentation? As obvious implants are starting to be considered déclassé, so young actresses are looking at ways to conceal they've had them done. A New York surgeon offers a win-win - he goes to town on the fat from the thighs and then injects it up top to give a subtle makeover!

 A Popbitcher who met Kid Rock in Bungalow 8 this week said he was "the most right wing person I've ever met". Not bad for someone who lives not far from the Camerons.

>> Keep Holden On <<

Amanda and the bionic questions

Piers Morgan's keen journalistic sense has obviously rubbed off on Amanda Holden.

On stage at last week's Olympic Ball - in front of an audience comprised of Olympic medalists, captains of industry and a few royals - she interrupted a discussion between Ben Shepherd and Jonathan Edwards about how charitable donations can help grassroots athletics, so that she could ask the world record holding triple-jumper about the issues that really matter. She asked whether he'd prefer bionic arms or bionic legs.

When the clearly rattled Edwards decided to sidestep the question, Holden was undeterred. She tried again. "Well, OK then, would you rather have x-ray eyes or the ability to hear for, er, miles?"

She was ushered off stage shortly afterwards.

FYI The bionic arm v bionic leg debate is one that is discussed in the Les Dennis episode of Extras... Has Amanda been watching and learning from her ex-husband?

 Rupert Everett loves Maltesers.

>> Working 9-5 <<

Bit of a stretch for old woman

Gloria Stuart was in her mid-80s when she was offered the part of the 101-year-old Rose in Titanic, but she wasn't sure whether or not she should accept it.

A friend she called for advice claims that she'd have been happy to play a 95 year old, but playing a centenarian

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would have been "a bit of a stretch".

FYI: Gloria was the first non-Asian member of the California Bonsai Society.

As if life wasn't miserable enough... The films sent down to the Chilean miners: Troy, The Mask and The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button.

>> Don't mess with the Becks <<
...'Cos the Becks don't mess

So, David Beckham didn't shag a hooker - as you can hardly fail to have learned from constant tabloid headlines. The usual way to fight untrue claims is demand a retraction, refuse to dignify the story, possibly end up in court. Yet, according to The Sun, Beckham's reaction was to call in the SAS. "The elite fighting specialists were told: This woman must be hunted down, her hideout identified and kept under constant surveillance. A source said: 'A former SAS man in London was asked to feed information to other operatives - including a former British policeman - that had been scrambled in Los Angeles and New York'."

Calling in Special Forces to kidnap Bin Laden seems reasonable. But to hand over a piece of paper to a prostitute living in a New York hotel? Besides, a Bosnian hooker is unlikely to be able to pay even a fraction of the \$25million the couple claim to be hounding her for.

But one thing these loud demands for money and tales of scary soldiers might do is deter anyone else out there thinking of going to the papers. Remember the Tiger Woods scandal started off as a largely ignored piece in the National Enquirer about an affair. It took the emergence of a dozen others, smoked out by the first story, to turn it into an event.

Of course, there's no chance of that happening in this case. Perhaps this over-reaction is a clever way to buy himself a quieter life, or just what the super-famous super-rich consider normal.

Robbie Williams' favourite cake is the Red Velvet, from LA's Bluebird Bakery.

>> Danan Watch <<
Paul expands his property portfolio

Property owners of Maida Vale, you've had a lucky escape.

Paul Danan made an uncredited appearance on an episode of Homes Under The Hammer last week, making some serious bids on a flat in the area. He was eventually outbid by a young Romanian woman, who has since moved in.

You all owe someone a very, very large muffin basket.

See Danan:
<http://bit.ly/cNSozs>

Anyone else seen Danan?
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Sean Wright-Phillips has just bought a £200,000 Rolls Royce Ghost.

>> Mock the geek <<
Massive tool in boring controversy

Now he's left Mock The Week and isn't being hauled up in the papers every other day for making jokes about the Queen's vagina, Frankie Boyle is obviously missing all of the attention that his edgy and offensive "jokes" used to get him.

So, in what is probably the most deliberate and desperate attempt we've ever seen to stir up a bit of controversy, Boyle has written a new comic strip in which he portrays God as a rapist, who forcibly has his way with both Eve and Jesus. This causes everyone in human history who has ever had a problem with God to go back in time to lynch him and let him dangle from the Tree Of Knowledge.

All he really needs now is for someone to say that comic books cause cancer and he might get an entire issue of the Daily Mail dedicated to him.

More:

<http://bit.ly/9IDx53>

FYI: Boyle's contract with The Sun says they can't change a word of his column without his permission.

The NBA has its own version of the John Terry's Mum/Jamie Carragher's brother rumour. This time it's LeBron James' Ma and ex-team-mate Delonte West. Surely not!

>> Noises off <<
Battlefields will be shit

We recently got the chance to talk with a weapons expert at MIT who claimed that the mythical, but much talked about, brown noise weapon is in development. Fed up with having to deal with pockets of insurgents? Well, just set off the Brown Noise machine and everyone in the village will have so much uncontrollable diarrhea they just won't want to put up much of a fight.

FYI: Also big in weapon gossip - microwaving. Dispatch your opponents with style. They'll still look perfect on the outside, but their internal organs will be burned to a crisp.

Complaints in Iraq about the BBC's Secret Iraq programme. The word "muqawama" was translated as "insurgency", rather than the more accurate "resistance".

>> Popbits <<
Songs you might like this month

1. Joe X Factor finally has a single out. The good news: it's great. The bad news: it's more karaoke, this time a note-for-note cover of Donkeyboy. The weird news: the video seems to borrow heavily from a Same Difference promo:

<http://bit.ly/diDvIS>

2. Armand Van Helden's new Duck Sauce tune is inspired by Boney M:

<http://bit.ly/9Y6pkX>

3. Soulwax's remix of Saturday Night Fever's Fifth of Beethoven:

<http://bit.ly/9Y6pkX>

4. Proto Scandi-Bieber Ulrik Munther's track, Boy's Don't Cry is getting a lot of buzz. It has one of the worst openings to a song ever but stick with it:

<http://bit.ly/9Y6pkX>

5. Ultra Bra from Finland - Sina lahdit pois. When only a Euro sound will do:

<http://bit.ly/9Y6pkX>

6. The Cher original of Sophie EB's Take Me Home. You can never have too much Cher.

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Still haven't read the Hoff's autobiography? Not to worry, Ugly Betty's Michael Urie will be acting out sections of it live on stage along with many other embarrassing celeb anecdotes in Celebrity Autobiography. A huge hit in Edinburgh, get 10GBP tickets on 4-5 Oct. Book on 0844 847 2475 quoting "First Chance to See".
<http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com>

>> Things that make you go hmm <<
Polari Bible, Obama, drinking is good

Want internet cinema but need an antidote to the Fincher/Facebook worship?

<http://bit.ly/dySMXR>

Heavy drinkers live longer than non-drinkers. Oh yes:

<http://bit.ly/domVuK>

Polari Bible. Just brilliant:

<http://bit.ly/aBTCHR>

Obama interview:

<http://bit.ly/cFmPFt>

A piece of Popbitch real estate is up for sale (it was our one-time seaside writing retreat). Want to buy?

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>> UK Top 40 <<
This week's new entries/high climbers

++ Number One
TINIE TEMPAH Written In The Stars
Selling masses of copies - as will the album in October. Watch the video:
<http://bit.ly/dyIyci>

++ Top Ten
LABRINTH Let The Sunshine

ADELE Make You Feel My Love
Someone sings it on X Factor - people rush out to buy the good version:
<http://bit.ly/cfiRkl>

KYLIE MINOGUE Get Outta My Way
Say what you like about her, she knows what her fans want -
<http://bit.ly/bX8RLF>

++Top Forty
WOMBATS Tokyo (Vampires and Wolves)
MORRISSEY Everyday Is Like Sunday
STATUS QUO In The Army Now 2010
Yes, really.
<http://bit.ly/cjSrs1>

OASIS Stop Crying Your Heart Out
RADIOHEAD Creep
<http://bit.ly/bytkBD>
ROBERTA FLACK First Time Ever I Saw Your Face

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Old Jokes Home:

Q: What goes across the Periodic Table?
A: The Periodic Tablecloth.

Still Bored?

'Nam Ben. Best thing we've seen this week:
<http://i38.tinypic.com/2nauteq.gif>

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