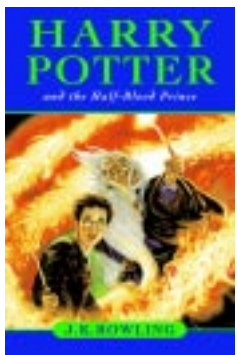




American actress Cameron Diaz has won another court case, this time against The Sun. The 32 year-old star filed a claim against News Group Newspapers, for defamation of character. An article printed in May, 2005 claimed that Diaz was having an affair with a married man. Following an investigation The Sun has admitted "any suggestion of a romantic involvement is entirely untrue and without any substance whatsoever". Cameron Diaz, who has been dating Justin Timberlake since 2003, was awarded a substantial financial settlement, as well as having her legal fees paid by News Group Newspapers.

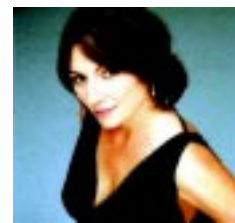


Newsreader Michael Buerk has said, "almost all the big jobs in broadcasting are held by women" who "decide what we see and hear". The former Nine O'Clock News presenter told the Radio Times that the "shift in the balance of power between the sexes" had gone too far. "The result is men are becoming more like women," he said. He cited Tim Henman and David Beckham as examples. He added he felt men were being given a lesser role in society. "All they are is sperm donors, and most women aren't going to want an unemployable sperm donor loafing around and making the house look untidy."



In case you hadn't heard, the new Harry Potter book has beaten sales records on both sides of the Atlantic, selling almost nine million copies in its first 24 hours. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince sold 6.9 million copies in the US and more than two million copies in the UK, beating all previous Potter records. The sixth installment in JK Rowling series was released worldwide in July. Less than two days later the news-wires were full of stories of 'fake' copies on the streets of India. Three persons allegedly involved with printing pirated copies of the book were arrested in Delhi when the police seized 8,000 copies. Book stalls were offering the book at \$6 compared to the legitimate store price of \$20. Although J.K.R was born near Bristol and spends much of her time in London, it has emerged that the Harry Potter author has a legitimate claim to Scottish ancestry. Rowling is believed to be the great-granddaughter of Dugald Campbell, a pioneering doctor from Arran who helped establish the national health service in Hawaii. The surprising discovery follows months of research by Anthony Adolph, a genealogist, who claims to have traced Rowling's roots back as far as the early 19th century. Rowling, who is joint 96th in The Sunday Times Rich List is now reported to have a personal fortune of £500m.

There aren't many celebrities who would admit to being a slapper. But Davina McCall has called herself just that. The 37-year-old married mother-of-two is



of course not talking about her penchant for sleeping around... but rather about the fact that she'll work for any old TV channel that'll pay her. She's admitted that although she hasn't signed up to present a further series

of Big Brother, "it would have to be something catastrophic to get me to leave". And she did have one thing to say to those who slag off the reality TV show: "Most of the people who put Big Brother down are pseudo-intellectuals who have never really watched it. If you do, it's a fascinating insight into life."

In other 'Charts', Sir Anthony Hopkins has been named the greatest British actor of all time, beating Lord Olivier and Sir Sean Connery into second and third. Sir Anthony, who won an Oscar for playing Hannibal Lecter in Silence of the Lambs, was born in south Wales but became an American citizen in 2000. Dame Judi Dench, an Oscar-winner for a seven-minute role as Queen Elizabeth I, was named best British actress. More than 6,000 people were polled for the wine label Mouton Cadet. Julie Walters came second and Dame Elizabeth Taylor third.



In other gos-columns Nicole Kidman admits she has experienced, "deep loneliness" since splitting from husband Tom Cruise. But the screen beauty believes, although she struggled being on her own, she is stronger knowing she can survive by herself. Nicole says the single life does have its advantages including being able to scoff junk food in front of the TV and have the privacy of your own bathroom. But she adds, "there's a lack of intimacy that you sometimes crave."



And here's another snippet you might have missed, Angelina Jolie has become an honorary citizen of Cambodia. The country's King Norodom Sihamoni has signed a decree granting the Hollywood actress, who has an adopted Cambodian son, Maddox, citizenship.