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CRUSHED BY REJECTION



TAYLOR LAUTNER (pix) would be crushed if a woman turned him down. The 19-year-old, who portrays werewolf heartthrob Jacob Black in the *Twilight* franchise, explained his alter-ego is rejected by his love interest Bella Swan, portrayed by Kristen Stewart, in the latest instalment in the series, *Breaking Dawn*.

He told *Seventeen* magazine: "I can relate to Jacob's feelings in *Breaking Dawn*. When he gets the invitation to the wedding, he doesn't handle it very well. I don't think I would either. If I were in love with a girl and she told me she was marrying somebody else, it would crush me. That's what it does. It destroys Jacob."

ADELE'S PUKEY PROBLEM



ADELE (pix) pukes a lot before she goes on stage. The *Someone Like You* hitmaker admitted although vomiting prior to her gigs can be a problem, she sees it as a good luck charm as it often "guarantees a great performance".

The 23-year-old singer – who is currently single – also told Britain's *Vogue* magazine: "I do get massively distracted when I've got someone in my life, which I can't afford to do right now.

Besides, no one treats me as well as I do."

The curvy star also spoke out about her body image. "I enjoy being me, I always have done. I've seen people where it rules their lives, who want to be thinner or have bigger boobs, and how it wears them down. And I don't want that in my life. I've body insecurities, of course, but I don't hang out with anyone who points them out to me."

ENVIIOUS OF BEYONCE'S SUCCESS



BLONDIE frontwoman Debbie Harry (pix) is envious of the success of Beyonce Knowles. The 66-year-old singer wishes she could have escaped some of the shackles of the rock genre.

"I'm very happy with ... what we've done. I always felt I was more comfortable being a cult [figure], but the temptation to be such a great entertainer and performer like Beyonce is so fantastic. I would adore doing some of that stuff.

"Her track record with songs is phenomenal; I wish we had as many hits. We've always walked a sort of delicate line, between pop fodder and having an underground identity. But we're definitely a rock band more than anything else."

However, Debbie – who along with her bandmates recently released Blondie's ninth studio album, *Panic of Girls* – is very proud of the part she played in pioneering women in pop and rock.

TRIBUTE TO FREDDIE MERCURY



KATY PERRY (pix) has filmed a video tribute for Freddie Mercury's 65th birthday on Sept 5. Perry has called the deceased Queen frontman her "biggest influence".

She said: "Happy 65th birthday Freddie, we love you so much. Even though you're gone, you're not really gone – you've inspired us all and you inspired me especially. Without you I wouldn't be making music or doing what I do because your lyrics inspired me as a 15-year-old girl. I heard *Killer Queen* and I wanted to be a killer queen!

"Thank you so much for all of your amazing music, for Queen the band, for your whole persona, for your character and personality, which was larger than life. We love you and we'll never forget you."

Freddie died of bronchopneumonia brought on by AIDS on Nov 24 in 1991.

CYNDI'S HOMELESS SHELTER



CYNDI LAUPER has opened a shelter for homeless lesbian and gay youths in New York. The True Colors Residence – named after her 1986 hit single – offers accommodation for gay, bisexual and transgender people aged 18 to 24 who have been forced onto the streets by their disapproving families.

Lauper, 58, said in a statement: "Kids are coming out in greater numbers as they see themselves accepted and represented on TV and in movies, but they're still being kicked out of their homes or running away and living on the streets. We need to make sure we're taking care of them."

Cyndi will serve as an honorary chair of the board of directors at the True Colors Residence, and those living there will be responsible for paying affordable rent based on their income. They will also be helped to find jobs, and given emotional and educational support. – Bang Media