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# Selena Gomez says she is no longer haunted by her Disney past

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American actor and singer Selena Gomez, who rose to global fame as the star of Disney Channel's 'Wizards of Waverly Place' but was restricted from expressing her views publicly, has stated that she no longer feels haunted by her Disney past.



Selena Gomez

According to Variety, an American media company, the 'Only Murders in the Building' actor has told Vanity Fair as part of its 2023 Hollywood Issue that she is feeling more liberated after the release of her 2022 Apple documentary 'My Mind and Me'.

"I definitely feel free of it... Sometimes I get triggered. It's not that I'm ashamed of my past, it's just that I've worked so hard to find my own way. I don't want

to be who I was. I want to be who I am," Gomez said about her Disney past.

On being questioned whether she was prevented from speaking her mind during her child acting career, "Of course. I wasn't a wild child by any means, but I was on Disney, so

I had to make sure not to say 'What the hell?' in front of anyone."

"It's stuff that I was also putting on myself to be the best role model I could be. Now I think being the best role model is being honest, even with the ugly and complicated parts of

yourself," she added, reported Variety.

In 'Selena Gomez: My Mind and Me', the singer discusses her mental health challenges in greater depth than ever before.

While Gomez was concerned about exposing such vulnerability to the public, she claimed the response to the documentary's premiere has been nothing but liberating.

"Now I don't feel like I'm lying to people... It's not that I was lying... I was scared of what people would think or that people wouldn't hire me. Now I don't think that way. I understand that if it doesn't feel good to me, then I need to step back and evaluate. Is this friendship giving me something? Is this project a really good one?" Gomez said, as per Variety.

# Emma Roberts was 'almost best friends' with Diane Keaton

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Emma Roberts was "almost best friends" with Diane Keaton.

The 31-year-old actress stars alongside Academy Award-winner Diane in the new romcom 'Maybe I Do' and revealed that her on-screen mother had written down her phone number for her while they were on set but she has now lost the piece of paper and joked that it "keeps her up at night."

Speaking on 'The Late Late Show With James Corden', she said: "She is my queen and I love her and we DM sometimes. We were almost best friends in the whole wide world but I lost her phone number because she wrote it down for me on a piece of paper and gave it to me. I treasured it so much that I put it in my pocket and it fell out. And I was too embarrassed to ask her for it again. I don't know, maybe she thinks I just never texted her or may-

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EMMA ROBERTS

be she wrote something else on the piece of paper. I don't know, but it keeps me up at night! Diane?"

The former 'Unfabulous' actress also stars alongside 'Pretty Woman' actor Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon and William H. Macy in the new comedy about two sets of in-laws who are all having affairs with each other and her comments come just days after 'Rocky Horror' star Susan explained that the whole cast had a "connection" with each other.



Emma Roberts

# Idris Elba rules out James Bond as a future character for himself: 'I'm not going to be that guy'

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Idris Elba has made it clear that he will not be playing James Bond.

Elba brought up the persistent discussions about him taking over as Ian Fleming's famed British spy, while he spoke Tuesday to the World Government Summit in Dubai.

When he was asked about his upcoming film based on the British series "Luther," Elba took himself out of the running to play 007.

"It's very dark," Elba said of the series. "We've been working on the television show for about 10 years, and so the natural ambition is to take

You know, a lot of people talk about another character that begins with 'J' and ends with 'B,' but I'm not going to be that guy

IDRIS ELBA

to be John Luther. That's who I am."

James Bond was most recently played by Daniel Craig. However, the actor's character died in the last installment of the franchise, "No Time To Die."

A producer for the film claimed that the next 007 could be "non-binary" during a podcast episode. "Non-binary" is defined as someone who doesn't identify as being male or female, usually choosing to go by "they" or "them" pronouns.

# Hilary Duff 'embarrassed' herself at Harry Styles' concert

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Hilary Duff is a "massive fan" of Harry Styles.

The 35-year-old actress - who has son Luca, 10, with ex Mike Comrie and four-year-old daughter Banks and 19-month-old daughter Mae with husband Matthew Koma - bought her eldest daughter tickets to the concert to the 'As It Was' hitmaker's concert but is such a huge fan herself ended up

"embarrassing" her husband and family during the show.

She said: "She got a lot of cool presents but I think the most exciting one for her is that she's a massive Harry Styles fan. And so am I! So when we bought the tickets I was like 'This is for me!' And I have to tell you, Matt, my husband watched the show and I'm like 'Are you having good time? Are you enjoying it?' and he's having the time of his life because he's just

absorbing it and staring and I'm over here like 'Yeah! We're partying!' and I'm singing along and he's like 'I can't hear because you're singing so loud and embarrassing all of us!' And Banks did the same thing."

Hilary Duff



# Christine Taylor says Ben Stiller was a 'rebound' romance

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Ben Stiller and Christine Taylor's relationship started off as a "rebound" romance.

The couple first met while working on the 1999 pilot episode of TV show 'Heat Vision and Jack' which Ben directed and Christine starred in - and 'The Craft' star has admitted it was very casual at first



Ben Stiller and Christine Taylor because they had both just gone through break-ups.

Speaking on her podcast 'Hey Dude ... The 90s Called!', Chris-

tine explained: "We were both each other's, I would say, like, sort of rebound relationship a little bit."

Ben made a guest appearance on his wife's show and he also opened up about the beginning of their relationship, saying: "We weren't taking it seriously ... We had a fun time making the show and then Christine and I connected and then I went off to do a movie in New York and I invited her to come hang out."

## SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells and empty boxes for solving.

Yesterday's solution

Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid from the previous day.

How to play Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

Across

- 1- Scarpia's killer; 6- Deli side; 10- Make haste; 13- Expected; 14- Actress Hatcher; 15- Like a mix; 16- Cross the goal line; 17- Kitchen addition; 18- More than one female sheep; 19- Animistic god or spirit; 20- Kneecap; 22- Vulgar person; 24- Make a contribution; 28- Complicated; 31- Deadens; 32- Past tense of will; 34- Regulus's constellation; 36- New Mexico art colony; 37- Ingot; 38- Boastful person; 41- Cat; 42- Make-up artist; 44- Comedian Phillips; 45- Facet; 47- Collection of maps; 49- Caught; 51- Semitic language; 53- Indicate; 56- Thrifty management; 59- Voting-pattern predictor; 61- Distribute cards; 64- Royal Indian; 65- Wander; 66- Covetousness; 67- Knot in wood; 68- Chairs; 69- Nabokov novel; 70- All there; 71- Titter;

Down

- 1- Protruding tooth; 2- Academy award; 3- Finnish name of Finland; 4- Reindeer of North America; 5- Schooner fill; 6- Stable; 7- Riga resident; 8- Commedia dell'arte; 9- Brandish; 10- Fell; 11- Rage; 12- Aliens, briefly; 15- Goober; 20- Promise; 21- First name in horror films; 23- Skilled; 25- Collect; 26- Steak order; 27- Canadian gas brand; 29- John of England; 30- Agnus Dei; 32- Ralph of 'The Waltons'; 33- Toothbrush brand; 35- Feathered fisher; 37- Drab; 39- Mantric syllables; 40- At that time; 43- Seldom; 46- Person with new parents; 48- Fairly dry, when describing champagne; 50- Regard with approval; 52- Factory; 54- Law of Moses; 55- Overjoy; 57- 'Peter Pan' dog; 58- Son of Judah; 60- Dissolve, as cells; 61- Narc's org; 62- Conclusion; 63- Humphrey's costar in 'The Barefoot Contessa'; 65- Fast flier;

Yesterday's solution

Completed crossword puzzle grid from the previous day.