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Nicole Kidman gets slammed after skipping Hong Kong quarantine for 'Expats' shoot

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Hollywood star Nicole Kidman has recently sparked a backlash in Hong Kong after skipping the country's strict COVID-19 quarantine to shoot the Amazon series 'Expats' in the city.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Kidman took a private jet from Sydney to Hong Kong on August 12 and was exempted from the city's seven-day hotel quarantine for vaccinated people arriving from Australia, despite Sydney going into lockdown following a surge in Delta variant cases.

From Friday, vaccinated people arriving from Australia will have to quarantine in a hotel for

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14 days as the country is reclassified from a low-risk to medium-risk country.

A local news outlet reported that Hong Kong's Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, "under mounting public pressure" to explain Kidman's preferential treatment, confirmed that the Australian actors and other film crew had been granted an exemption "to carry out designat-

ed professional work."

The Oscar-winning actors' presence in Hong Kong after dodging some of the most stringent quarantine rules in the world has caused consternation in the press and on social media.

Despite the draconian nature of the quarantine rules, they have generally been viewed outwardly at least, as Nicole Kidman

equally applied until the Kidman incident. In recent weeks, Mark Tucker, the chairman of HSBC, one of the world's largest banks, was required to undergo three-week hotel quarantine after flying in from the UK.

The same outlet reported that Kidman had been seen out and about shopping in Hong Kong, in the last week, and has been a source of discussion in the city's tabloid press.

On social media, the reaction has been uniformly negative. "Dear #HongKong friends and family, While you are locked into a hotel room for three weeks, how does it feel to know that if you are from Hollywood, you are exempt from the barbaric

quarantine rules HK residents are subjected to?" wrote a user on Twitter.

"Olympic medalists are required to quarantine in HK but Nicole Kidman doesn't because she is a Hollywood star and needs to film 'EXPATS'", tweeted another one.

In July 2018, Amazon handed out a straight-to-series order for 'Expats', starring and executive produced by Kidman. The series is based on Janice Y.K. Lee's book 'The Expatriates' about a group of close-knit wealthy women expatriates in Hong Kong. Australian scribe Alice Bell has penned the script for the series which is directed by Lulu Wang and co-stars, Jack Huston.



Nicole Kidman

Kate Hudson reveals whether her kids will someday join the entertainment industry

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Kate Hudson's children may just continue the family legacy.

The 42-year-old actress is part of an acting dynasty being the daughter of Goldie Hawn and sister of both Oliver Hudson and Wyatt Russell - not to mention Hawn has been in a long-term relationship with actor Kurt Russell for decades.

In a recent interview with Entertainment Tonight, the "Music" actress revealed that some of her kids are likely to follow in her footsteps.

Hudson is mother to three: Ryder, 17, who she shares with ex-husband Chris Robinson, Bingham, 10, who she shares with Matt Bellamy, and Rani Rose, 2, who she shares with her current boyfriend Danny Fujikawa.



Kate Hudson

Kanye West announces third 'Donda' album-listening event next week

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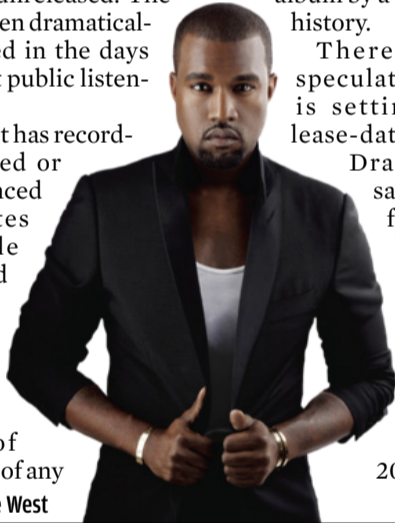
American singer and songwriter Kanye West, has announced a third public listening session for his still-unreleased 'Donda' album at the 60,000-plus-capacity Soldier Field stadium in his hometown of Chicago on Thursday, August 26.

According to Variety, the event will be held at 10 p.m. ET/9 p.m. CT/7 p.m., with tickets going live for sale on Friday. If the structure of this third installment follows the first two, then the event will be live-streamed on Apple Music, and the album

will remain unreleased. The album has been dramatically overhauled in the days since the last public listening session.

While West has recorded and teased or even announced release dates for multiple unreleased albums over the years, 'Donda' has had the most public gestation of them all, and of any

Kanye West



album by a major artist in history.

There have been speculations that he is setting up a release-date battle with Drake, who has said he's finally finished his long-awaited 'Certified Lover Boy' album, similar to his release-date face-off with 50 Cent in 2007.

Anthony Mackie to star in Marvel's 'Captain America 4'

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Actor Anthony Mackie has been roped in to star as the lead in the Marvel Studios' upcoming superhero film 'Captain America 4'.

As per Variety, further details of the movie have not been disclosed yet, keeping it unclear if the fourth film in the 'Captain America' franchise will feature Sebastian Stan, who starred with Mackie in the much-acclaimed Disney Plus series 'The Falcon and the Winter Soldier'.

Mackie first appeared as Sam Wilson (aka the Falcon) in 2014's 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier', and reprised the role in five subsequent movies in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Mackie as Falcon assumed Captain America's shield over Anthony Mackie

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the course of the Disney Plus series 'The Falcon and the Winter Soldier' after the superhero handpicked him as his successor.

Back in April, Variety reported that a fourth 'Captain America' movie was in development, with Malcolm Spellman penning the script alongside 'The Falcon and the Winter Soldier' staff writer Dalan Musson.

Selena Gomez talks life after bipolar disorder diagnosis

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Selena Gomez said after she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in April 2020 she felt like "a huge weight" was lifted off of her.

The 29-year-old singer/actress told ELLE magazine for its September issue that, "I could take a deep breath

and go, 'Okay, that explains so much,'" regarding her mental health.

"There were all things that honestly should have taken me down," Gomez admitted. "Every time I went through something, I was like, 'What else? What else am I going to have to deal with?'"

The "Lose You to Love Me" singer went through a tough time

after she was diagnosed with lupus in 2014 and then underwent a kidney transplant and chemotherapy.

"There could have been a time when I wasn't strong enough and would have done something to hurt myself," she admitted.



Selena Gomez



Anthony Mackie

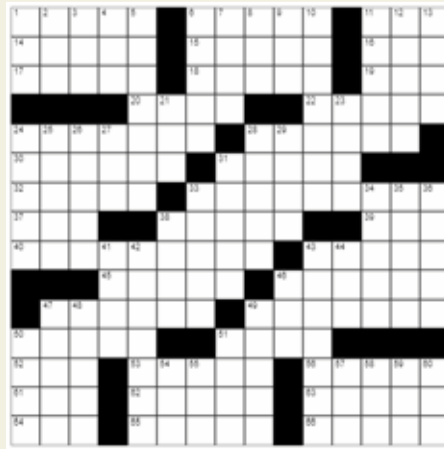
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How to play
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Across
1- Rustle, as silk; 6- Tribunal; 11- Mediterranean isl.; 14- Capital of Yemen; 15- Mikhail's wife; 16- Snake eyes; 17- Other side; 18- According to; 19- Exclamation of relief; 20- Order in the court; 22- Pithy; 24- Reclusive; 28- Earth table; 30- Recollection; 31- Grassy plain; 32- 1980s attorney general; 33- Lifelike; 37- Abby's twin; 38- District in Tokyo; 39- Al Jolson's real first name; 40- Homeliness; 43- Leaves port; 45- Beer mug; 46- Gold lump; 47- To affix; 49- Striped; 50- Light wood; 51- Sphere; 52- 100 square meters; 53- Mammal of Madagascar; 56- Under way; 61- Feather scarf; 62- Due (to); 63- Castle water pits; 64- Hill dweller; 65- Fluff, as bangs; 66- Black tea;

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1- Compass dir.; 2- Pallid; 3- Chemical ending; 4- Newsman Donaldson; 5- Out of control; 6- Easily broken; 7- Kiln for drying hops; 8- Tear; 9- Employ, utilise; 10- Cocktail; 11- Square one; 12- Covered with water; 13- Architect Mies van der ...; 21- Beam of light; 23- Slaughter in Cooperstown; 24- Capital of Jordan; 25- ... evil...; 26- Portents; 27- Long-leaved lettuce; 28- Public square; 29- In ... land; 31- Russian revolutionary leader; 33- Stiff; 34- Coniferous evergreen forest; 35- Atoll unit; 36- Class of Indian society; 38- Singer Campbell; 41- Dosage abbr.; 42- Piggled out; 43- Tanning salon purchase; 44- What Dorian Gray didn't do; 46- Zip; 47- Biblical brother; 48- Fold; 49- Big; 50- Small yeast cake; 51- Bread rolls; 54- Female sheep; 55- Actress Farrow; 57- Opponent; 58- Acorn dropper; 59- Siouan speaker; 60- "Cats" monogram;

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