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Selena Gomez sets record straight on her relationship status amid dating rumours

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Actor-singer Selena Gomez has set the record straight on her relationship status amid reports that she's dating The Chainsmokers' Drew Taggart.

According to E! News, an entertainment news outlet, a couple of days after photos of Drew and Selena going bowling surfaced, she cleared air

by sharing an image reading, "I like being alone too much" along with the hashtag #iamsingle in a since-deleted Instagram Story.

The 30-year-old seemed to be responding to the romance rumours that were fueled by her night out with the musician at The Gutter bowling alley in Manhattan on January 15.

Selena—who has previously dated Zedd, The Weeknd and Justin Bieber—recently shared that she's still hoping for love, healing and change in her life. "Of course there are days that



Selena Gomez

I feel so far away... But I would rather continue to get my heart-broken than to not feel at all," Selena said on Jay Shetty's 'On Purpose' podcast in November.

In the meantime, she's giving herself to her craft and has been hard at work on season three of 'Only Murders in the Building'.

In an Instagram post shared earlier this week, Selena revealed that none other than Meryl Streep will be joining the cast for the show's upcoming season, as per E! News.



Bradley Cooper is 'terrified' of Maestro role

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Bradley Cooper has described 'Maestro' as the "most terrifying" film of his career. The 48-year-old star will portray the acclaimed conductor Leonard Bernstein in the biopic and is amazed by how difficult the profession is.

In a Focus Features roundtable with 'Tar' star Cate Blanchett and director Todd Field, Bradley said: "Hav-

Bradley Cooper

ing worked on a project in the same world (as 'Tar'), the level of respect that I have for that world and that podium, it is the most terrifying thing I've ever experienced.

"And it's so odd because so many people - I don't know if you've come across this -

Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese are both serving as producers on 'Maestro', which will be released this year on Netflix

but people that I have met in the last five years have said, 'Well, what is it that conductors even do? Aren't you up there sort of doing like this?'"

Bradley - who is also directing the Bernstein biopic - added: "And my answer is, 'It's the absolute hardest thing you could ever

want to do. It is impossible."

The 'A Star Is Born' actor had high praise for Blanchett and Field for making conducting look easy in 'Tar'.

He said: "Not only did you make the conducting look easy, but the rehearsal. The rhythm of the rehearsal and the way you wrote and filmed it was just so appetising on every level as a viewer. It was truly mind-blowing... There's no one else who could ever play that role (of Lydia Tar)."

Britney Spears shocks fans by changing name to River Red

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Britney Spears says she has changed her name to River Red.

The 41-year-old 'Toxic' singer made the announcement in a rambling Instagram post on Thursday that included a video of her in a bright red mini skirt and matching bandeau, emblazoned with the Coca-Cola motif, while she danced to the song 'Attention' by Omah Lay and Justin Bieber.

She has also changed her name on her Instagram bio to River Red, and used the post to address reports she last week had a "manic meltdown" at a restaurant in Los Angeles - with the update on her moniker leaving many of her fans saying on social media they are concerned for her state of mind.

She told fans: "I've been at my Aunt Suzy's house, we made 3 pies to give at church service this Sunday!!! I hear the men prefer the cherry and the women prefer banana!!!

"Either way ... the news of me



Britney Spears



I changed my name to River Red!!! Yet the fire is where it illuminates ... to stare at it and jump right in with no fear at all

BRITNEY SPEARS

being tipsy in the news then exploiting my past is a clever way to make me look like a pardoned woman that we can look at and say AWWW !!!

Jennifer Lopez was reluctant to star in 'Shotgun Wedding'

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Hollywood star Jennifer Lopez, who leads the cast of Jason Moore's film "Shotgun Wedding", was initially unsure about starring in the project after working on the movie "Marry Me" and was only convinced after reading Mark Hammer's script, media reports said.

Jennifer said: "(I had) just signed on to do 'Marry Me' and was about to do it and was like, 'Ah, I don't want to do another wedding movie'".

"I remember, I was in my tub and was like, 'Let me read it and I was like, 'Oh this is funny, this

could be good; depending on who directed this, it could be really good.' And then when we got (director) Jason Moore I was like, 'OK, this is gonna be fun', and we got this amazing cast," she told 'The Hollywood Reporter', 'Female First UK' reports.

As per 'Female First UK', Jennifer Lopez



the movie tells the story of a couple who gather their families for a destination wedding but the pair must save their loved ones when the guests are taken hostage.

Josh Duhamel plays the male lead in the flick after he replaced the scandal-hit A r m i e Hammer and had no problems with "connect-

ing" with JLo on set.

Rami Malek to play Buster Keaton in new TV series

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Rami Malek is reportedly in talks to play comedy genius Buster Keaton.

The 41-year-old actor has entered negotiations to play the silent movie legend, and will also serve as a producer in the Warner Bros. Television miniseries, Deadline reports.

Rami Malek



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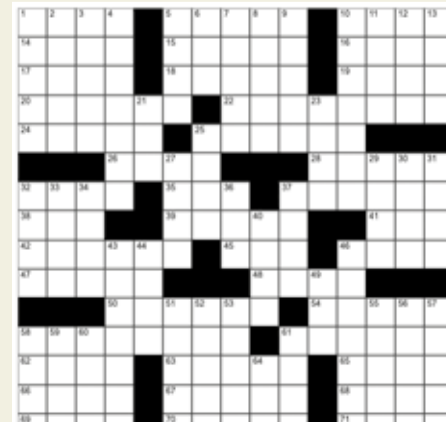
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How to play

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1- ___ metabolism; 2- Sister of Calliope; 3- Maker of Pong; 4- Revival; 5- Tiered shelves; 6- It may come before long; 7- Ornamental coronet; 8- Hardy equestrian creatures; 9- Farm layers; 10- Eighth sign of the zodiac; 11- Ingrid's "Casablanca" role; 12- Monetary unit of Lesotho; 13- Amenable; 21- Use a Singer; 23- "Chicken of the sea"; 25- Canadian gas brand; 27- Dynamic beginning; 29- Stadium section; 30- Queue after Q; 31- Prophetic sign; 32- Falls behind; 33- Pearl Mosque city; 34- Stepped; 36- Great length of time; 37- Pianist Hess; 40- Author Morrison; 43- Large, striped female feline; 44- Abound; 46- Suspiciously; 49- Cave dweller; 51- Grinder; 52- Boiling; 53- Drat!; 55- Marner's creator; 56- Admit; 57- Sports area; 58- Therefore; 59- Vista; 60- Salinger girl; 61- Sun; speeches; 64- Gangster's gum;

Yesterday's solution

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