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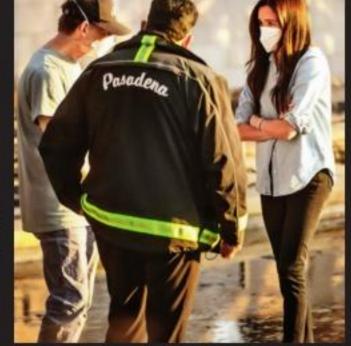
# Grateful that we are safe as of now: Preity on LA wildfire



reity G Zinta, who lives in LA with husband Gene Goodenough, addressed the devastation that has consumed the city. In a post on X, the actress wrote, "I never thought I would live to see a day where fires would ravage neighbourhoods around us in LA, friends and families either evacuated or put on high alert, ash descending from smoggy skies like snow and fear and uncertainty about what will happen if the wind does not calm down with toddlers and grandparents with us. I'm heartbroken at the devastation around us and grateful to god that we are safe as of now. My thoughts and prayers to people that are displaced and have lost everything in these fires. Hope the wind dies down soon and the fires are contained. A big thank you to the fire department, fire fighters and everyone else helping to save lives and property. Stay safe everyone."

Meghan and Harry visit wildfire victims

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, visited California to help distribute food and supplies to victims of the Eaton Fire on Friday. The couple connected with the affected families, as per People.



**Angelina Jolie** with son Knox aid wildfire victims

Angelina Jolie and son Knox were seen shopping for supplies to assist those affected by the devastating fires. "Right now, I'm taking care of people close to me and having them at my house,"





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their millennial and Gen X managers. The latest trend to emerge from these newcomers to the 9-5 grind is an act of defiance known as "career catfishing". It refers to individuals accepting job offers but deliberately failing to appear on their first day, without notifying the employer apparently in an act of protest against corporate practices.

According to a small survey by CVGenius, an online resume building platform, 34% of 20-somethings skipped Day 1 of work, sans communicating with their new employer, as a demonstration of autonomy. "Our survey found that Gen Z workers, in particular, reported opting for creative ways to put themselves first before their jobs," explained the UK-based experts, who polled 1,000 employees across all generations.

Career catfishing is in keeping with the many anti-corporate work trends that emerged over the last couple of years from quiet quitting (doing the bare minimum) to coffee badging (being in the office for long enough to have coffee and swipe their badges).



Other popular trends to emerge from the survey

Resenteeism: Two-thirds (64%) of workers admit to resentfully staying in jobs they dislike due to a lack of better opportunities. Career cushioning: 63% of employees are quietly preparing for potential job

loss by preemptively exploring other job opportunities.

Bare Minimum Mondays: 59% of workers start the week by easing into their tasks with minimal effort, aiming to avoid burnout.

# ₹1.5 crore Al robot girlfriend designed to offer companionship

As per the report, generative artificial intelligence powers the robot's capability to engage in real-time conversations. enabling "more emotional" interactions than traditional robots

technology company has unveiled its AI robot girlfriend, available for purchase at \$150,000 (approximately ₹1.5 crore). As reported by the CNET news website, the robot, named Aria, boasts "facial expressions" and "realistic human features." Equipped with 17 motors in its head and neck, Aria can create mouth and eye movements. Users also have the option to customise Aria's appearance, including her face, hairstyles, and colours.

The company behind Aria focuses on "social intelligence,

customisability, and realistic human features," according to statements made by the robot during an interaction with CNET. Aria also highlighted that the robots are "designed specifically for companionship and intimacy."

Aria is available in three versions. The first is a bust, which includes only the neck and head, priced at \$10,000. The second is a modular version. which can be disassembled and costs \$150,000. The third and most sophisticated option is a full-standing model with a rolling base, priced at \$175,000.

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(Fig A)

Not allowed

(Fig B)

# It's reunion season and everyone's invited

isa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino, playing twin losers in the road-trip classic Romy And Michele's High School ■ Reunion, borrow a Jaguar sedan and tell their batch mates a bizarre lie - that they invented the Post-It note. It's just one of the many desperate things they do to fit into the universe they would have happily left behind.

It's a sentiment that feels familiar. After all, it is that time of the year, when many of us will either face our worst fears or relive our fondest memories. Depending on how we spent the most colourful years of our lives.

High school and college reunions, almost always, elicit mixed responses. From the incredulous: 'Are you mad?' to 'Of course, I will!' And everything in between. And while there is no official data on this, it could be safe to assume that even for those who do RSVP in the affirmative, there would be a fair amount of panic attacks mixed with jovial all-encompassing joie de vivre as D-Day draws near.



There has always been a certain anxiety about school reunions (more so over the college ones). On one hand there is that pervasive need to hold up our lives against that of celebs, friends, peers, even family. On the other, there are those awkward moments as spouses and exes meet, and notes exchanged on chapters that you would rather not revisit.

The most daunting aspect of reunions is the possibility of being 'judged' based on past selves, and an assessment of recent 'achievements' - a busy Linkedin profile, an upscale home, a startup to your name and kids doing summer camps in Europe perhaps? It is a report card which many of us could do without.

But then again, this could be the exact therapy we need: to face these fears, once and for all. Like farewells, reunions tend to be bittersweet. The bitter bit cannot always be changed. The sweetness lingers in the carrying-on, in the despite-whatever, in the right spirit.

If nothing else, there would always be those silly, laughaloud moments, blurry group photos and the sweet mist of nostalgia to hold on to.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

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# Aria's appearance, including her face, hairstyles,

and colour can be customised by users

Level: Medium

# **SUDOKU CHALLENGE**

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Games

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HOW TO PLAY Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every

vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

or column. Unmarked

HOW

TO PLAY

A number

may appear

just once in

each row

or column.

Eliminate

numbers by

darkening

cells. (see

example)

Darkened

cells must

never be adja-

cent in a row

repeat

6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6 6 6

# **LEISURE TIMES HITORI**

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Example

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**EELOVV** 

# LOOP THE LOOP

# RULES Connect adjacent dots with vertical

or horizontal lines, creating a single

loop (Fig A).

 Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).

· Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of

 You can't draw lines around zeroes. Each puzzle has just

one unique solution. **HOW TO** 

BEGIN:

SCRAMBLE

Example (Fig A) -Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero. mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

# WHAT COULD POSSIBLY IMPROVE A DAY LIKE TODAY?

I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE FINAL BELL TO RING EACH DAY!

**ENJOY A HOST OF** 

**ENGAGING PUZZLES** 

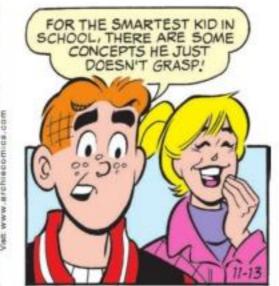
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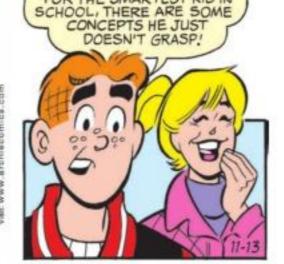






**DENNIS THE MENACE** 

# IT MEANS I CAN GET HOME AND START STUDYING!



# **SPELLATHON**

CAN I!

**Today's Ratings:** 14-average 116-good 1 18-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

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create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells. 4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated. 5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 6 4 6 )

Rearrange the

letters in the

jumbles, one

letter to each

square/circle,

to make four

**HOW TO PLAY** 

ing word as indicated

Now arrange the letters in the

circles to form the answer to

the riddle or to fill in the miss-

ARIES: People will en-

lighten you, making a

significant impact on

your life. Be cautious,

however, as you could be

misled about what is

rightfully yours, leading

to potential losses. Fi-

nancial matters may feel

restrictive, but a shift in

attitude could lead to

ordinary

words

four word

# **EVENTS**

EXHIBITION India Habitat Centre: Limitless Vision - A solo exhibition of paintings. Till January 14.

Marriages, like careers, need constant nurturing... the secret of \_\_\_\_ it all is \_\_\_ it all - Joyce Brothers (6.6)

# Central Atrium, IHC



positive transformation. TAURUS: Fun and enjoyment are on the way, but be mindful of self-destructive behaviours disguised as fun. Question your values and rights, and take

this time to organise your affairs. GEMINI: You may face challenges in both your personal and professional life. However, this is an ideal time to plan for the future and get organised, particularly in your communications. This could be nity to lay the groundwork for progress.

CANCER: Bold, decisive action will help you consolidate your aspirations and achieve impressive results. This is an excellent time for creativity and exploring new leisure activities. Spiritual connections could also play a key role.

LEO: Change is constant, and you may soon realise that decisions made earlier were based on incomplete information. New insights will allow you to reassess your situation and lay a stronger foundation for future security. VIRGO: Beware of knee-jerk reactions that could

prevent you from seizing lucrative opportunities. Now is a time to reflect on how certain people have impacted your life, and whether those influences have been beneficial or not. Focus on finding the

## Purvaee - Evoking Pedagogic Lineages, an exhibition Till February 20, KNMA Noida

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inadvertently endorse

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tunities may arise, especially if you collaborate See what the stars have in store for with a business partner. you - according to your moon sign. SCORPIO: You'll instinc-

necessary for better fulfillment.

tively know you've found your life's purpose. Focus on improvements in your work and health, and take time to rest when needed. You'll be able to identify what changes are

SAGITTARIUS: A timely call or email could bring practical, helpful advice. You may feel more comfortable as changes occur, especially in your work life. one of the more difficult days, but it's an opportu- You may have to confront your tendency to see the darker side of things, but the new path will feel right. CAPRICORN: Lingering dissatisfaction with authority figures may reach a turning point now. Unexpected financial surprises may arise, encouraging you to take some risks. A deeper understanding of your life's purpose may also emerge.

> AQUARIUS: Honour your duty in work-related situations, even if they're uncomfortable. Stand your ground and let others express their emotions. This is a time to make bold career moves and consider innovative approaches to your direction.

> PISCES: It's your last chance to address any boundary issues in your relationships. Reflect on whether the dynamics are helping or hindering your goals. Take responsibility for your role in these relationships, and decide if you need to make changes.

# By Christina Bodensiek, Lydia Roth, & Geoffrey Schorkopf 13/01/2025

**ACROSS** Saturday's Puzzle Solved 1 U.K. TV network ACCEDE 4 More than capable LAUREN 9 Leave damaged ITRIED MRNOODLE

13 Hard to find 15 Old-school, but cool 16 Like takeout meals 17 Defiant retort to a vague threat 19 Regrets 20 Peak performance on the field

21 Superficially attractive thing 23 Compilations of acting clips 26 That fella's 27 Costco rival, familiarly

28 Many a business on a Napa Valley tour 31 Female pig 34 Pro's opposite 36 Pilot Earhart 37 Experimental music

can be found in this puzzle's circled letters? 41 Country singer Underwood 42 16th pres. 43 Hi- monitor 44 Nondairy milk source

genre, and what

45 Coup d' 48 Possessed 49 "Out of the office" email message, often 54 Attention-grabbing advertisement 57 Chaotic struggle

58 New Haven Ivv 59 Quality-over-quantity axiom 62 Billie Eilish's "Happier Than 63 Weak- : cowardly

64 Mark on a dalmatian's 65 Detective Monaghan

in Laura Lippman

TIMES SUDOKU

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PRESTON

SITTING

POUNDS

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5 Dawn droplets 6 Neighbor of Lucy and Ricky 7 Performs salah, e.g. 8 Canvas bag 9 Kitchen colander

10 Summer camp staffer 11 like milk: looked bad in hindsight 12 Flushed 14 " World": "Sesame

Street" segment 18 Repeated word in a Doris Day hit 22 Doorbell sound 24 Roasted, hosted, or toasted 25 Spanish "those"

28 Greet from afar

29 and beans 30 Chatters on and on 31 "Adopt, don't shop" 32 Like some thermometers 33 Hypothetical space-

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AIRBALL

ROSE

CENACZIN

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TEDTALK

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ROOKIEMISTAKES

BOSTONPOPS

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TECHSTARTUPS

time shortcuts 35 Org. that oversees a cryptologic museum 38 Dad jokes, often 39 Melon discards 40 Skeptical scoff 46 Upper limbs

47 Is rife (with) 49 Professional dealmaker 50 "Ugh, I'll never be able to that!'

51 Sits (down) 52 "Sleigh Ride" composer Anderson 53 Throws away, slangily 54 Russian refusal

55 Roof overhang 56 Varieties 60 Poseidon's realm 61 "No clue," for short

TIMES HITORI

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# **SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES**

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# SPELLATHON

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all - Joyce Brothers nurturing... the secret of having it all is loving it Answer: Marriages, like careers, need constant Words: Oasis, lying, knight, evolve

# "NOW IF YOU COULD JUST PILE IT ALL IN THE SHAPE OF A SNOWMAN ...

THAT'D BE GREAT!"



# **CONTINUED FROM 8 1**

# **'EVERY FESTIVAL IS ABOUT GETTING THE FAMILY** TOGETHER'

Rakul says, "Every festival is about getting the family together and enjoying the festivities. Today, on Lohri, I am looking forward to spending time with my family. I am going to miss my maa ke haath ka khaana. There is some magic in mom-made food. Every time I visit my parents in Delhi, I tell my mom what to cook for breakfast, lunch and dinner so I can relish it to the fullest," says Rakul, who loves indulging in garma-garam sarson ka saag and makki ki roti on this occasion.

# 'JACKKY IS A DILKHUSH PUNJABI'

The De De Pyaar De actress shares that her husband Jackky, who is Sindhi, is more Punjabi than she is. "My brother (Aman Preet) always jokes that Jackky is Punjabi and I am Sindhi. I, too, think that Jackky is a dilkhush Punjabi... he is more like khule dil khaana peena. I have also taught him some Punjabi words like khota (silly), siyapa (problem) and meesana (cunning). That has become our language when we have to communicate something when others are present," she says. **'LOHRI REMINDS ME** 

# OF MY CHILDHOOD **CELEBRATIONS WITH** MY GRANDPARENTS'

Rakul gets nostalgic and fondly remembers her childhood memories of celebrating

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> Lohri in her Delhi home. She recalls, "On Lohri, I always remember the celebration we had as a kid with our grandparents. We used to sing songs like Sunder Mundrive, and in return, they would give us gifts and money. My brother and I would compete to see who gets the most gifts. We would have a big bonfire

on the terrace or lawn, which was perfect as it would be very cold in Delhi."

# 'REMEMBER SHOOTING FOR AIYAARY ON LOHRI'

During all these years, even with a busy working schedule, the actress has mostly tried to be home during the festival. However, she recounts the time when she celebrated Lohri on a film set on Lohri. "I remember shoot-

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ing for Aiyaary (2018) on Lohri. We had a bonfire on set and threw moongfali, gud and other things into the fire as offerings," she says. Talking about the custom of dancing around the bonfire, she adds, "I can't do gidda, maybe I can see others and copy a step or two, but yes, I can do bhangra."

bonfire. We dance, laugh, and share special food like til ke laddoo, bugga, gajak, revadi, popcorn, and peanuts. It's a feast that brings everyone together. Circling around the bonfire, enjoying traditional dishes like sarson ka saag with white butter, often prepared by my mom or *maasi*, and everyone taking part in the preparation of the food - that is how I have celebrated Lohri since childhood,"

she adds. Reflecting on her fondest childhood memories of Lohri, Shehnaaz recalls, "As a child, Lohri meant a day off from routine, a time to play and enjoy the festivities without a care in the world. That feeling remains unmatched even today."

# 'LOHRI IS ABOUT GROWTH' "Lohri, to me, is like the New

Year," she says, adding, "The bonfire symbolises more than just warmth; it represents a cleansing fire where we let go of past grievances and negativity. As an artiste, I strive to surThat feeling remains unmatched even today

round myself with positivity and carefully consider the projects I take on. So, Lohri signifies growth and embracing new beginnings."

## 'PATIENCE IS MY MANTRA NOW'

Looking ahead in her career in 2025, Shehnaaz, whose last Bollywood project was the sizzling dance number Sajna Ve Sajna from the film Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video, shares her newfound perspective and says, "I am getting a lot of offers, but quality is of utmost importance to me now. I've learned to be patient, waiting for the perfect script that aligns with my vision. I am running a marathon and aiming for longevity in the industry with meaningful work. I am in no rush to get somewhere."



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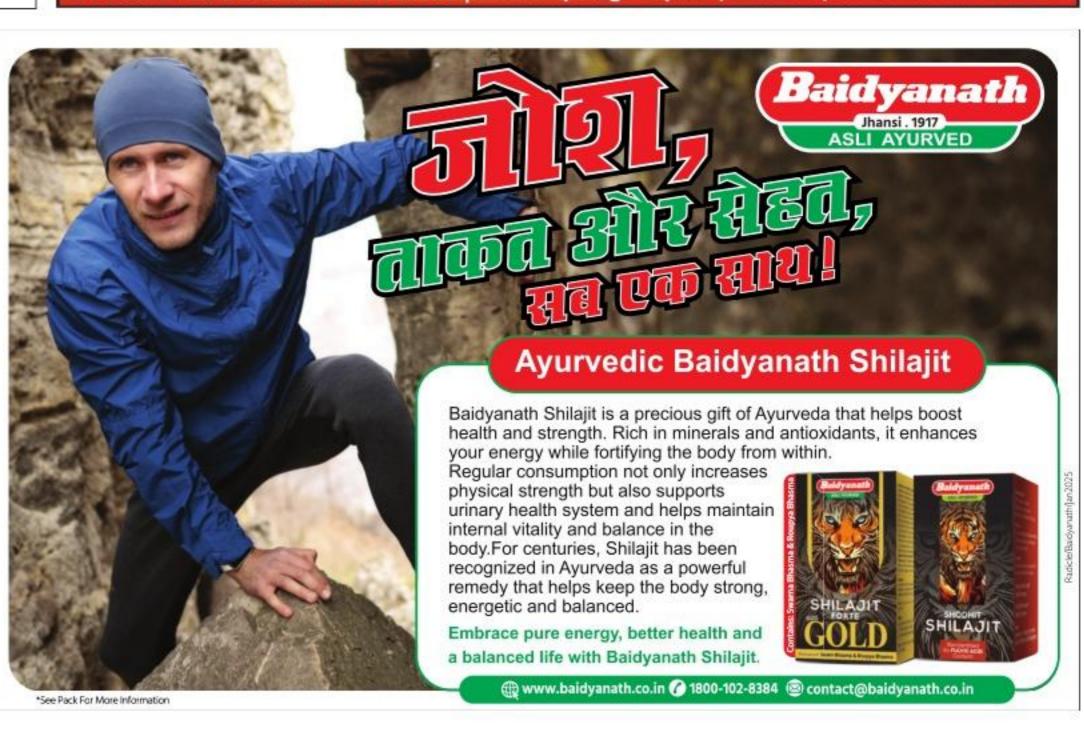
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ami Gautam is marking six years of the hit film Uri: The Surgical Strike. In a post, the actress talked about the character she played and wrote in a post, "Uri: The Surgical Strike celebrated more than we can think - the valour of the Indian army, the spirit of our nation and the power of

cinema. It was an honour for me to be a part of a gem like this which continues to be celebrated. Pallavi Sharma was a dream come true role for me and to be able to portray another fine female character was truly a blessing. Beyond grateful for all your love and to the entire team that help create this marvel."



Jude Law to play Vladimir Putin

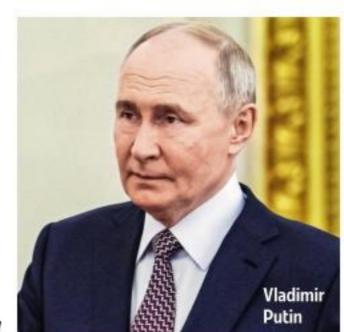


ude Law has taken on a daunting challenge in his latest role as Russian President Vladimir Putin. The 52-year-old actor recently revealed in an interview that he will portray Putin in the upcoming film The Wizard of the Kremlin, directed by French filmmaker Olivier Assayas.

The movie will depict Putin's early years in power, offering a glimpse into his rise as a world leader. Law admitted that the role feels overwhelming, describing it as "an Everest to climb." Although he has started preparing for the part, he confessed to feeling nervous. "I'm in the foothills looking up, thinking, 'Oh Christ, what have I said?" he remarked, acknowledging that he often feels this way after committing to chal-

lenging roles. The film, based on Giuliano da Empoli's book of the same name, will also feature Paul Dano, Alicia Vikander, and Zach Galifianakis. Dano will play Vadim

I haven't really started work on it yet... I mean, I have, but at the moment it looks like an **Everest to** climb - Jude Law









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