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## Got thrown on a car's bonnet: Rami recalls facing racism in US



I don't know how you ever get over that. I'm what's called 'white passing,' but I have very distinctive features, and we definitely didn't fit in  
— Malek on the encounter

Oscar-winning actor Rami Malek has opened up about experiencing racial profiling in the US, revealing he was once "thrown" onto the hood of a police car after being mistaken for a robbery suspect in California. The Egyptian-American actor, known for roles in *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Oppenheimer* and *No Time To Die*, recounted the incident during an interview with *The Guardian*.  
"I got thrown on the bonnet of an LAPD

cop car because someone had robbed a liquor store and stolen a woman's bag. They said the (thief) was of Latin descent and, 'You fit the description.' I remember how hot that engine was ... it was almost burning my hands," Malek said. "I remember laughing on the cop car, thinking, 'OK, this is a very precarious situation. I may well be going to jail for something I've not done,'" he added.

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## WANT SOMETHING JUST LIKE THIS: COLDPLAY'S MAGIC IN MUMBAI



Renuka Vyavahare

It was truly a "Sky Full of Stars" as Coldplay brought their feel-good Music of the Spheres tour to India with their first show in Mumbai. Around 50,000 fans gathered at the DY Patil Stadium to witness the British band perform in what was



their first concert in the country since 2016. While the band's trademark production of LED wristbands, fireworks and lasers created a spectacle, it was Chris Martin's cheeky Marathi that had the fans cheering. "Kasey aahat? Tumhi sagle aaj chaan distay (How are you? You all are looking so good today)," Chris said to the crowd.

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We have to finish the show because Jasprit Bumrah wants to come and play cricket with me backstage

— Chris Martin

### Buzzstop



#### HENRY CAVILL WELCOMES FIRST CHILD WITH NATALIE VISCUSO

Henry Cavill, best known for his role as Superman in *Man Of Steel*, and his longtime partner Natalie Viscuso welcomed their first child. The couple was recently spotted in Australia, pushing a baby stroller during a family outing, according to *People*. Cavill first shared the news of their growing family back in April 2024.

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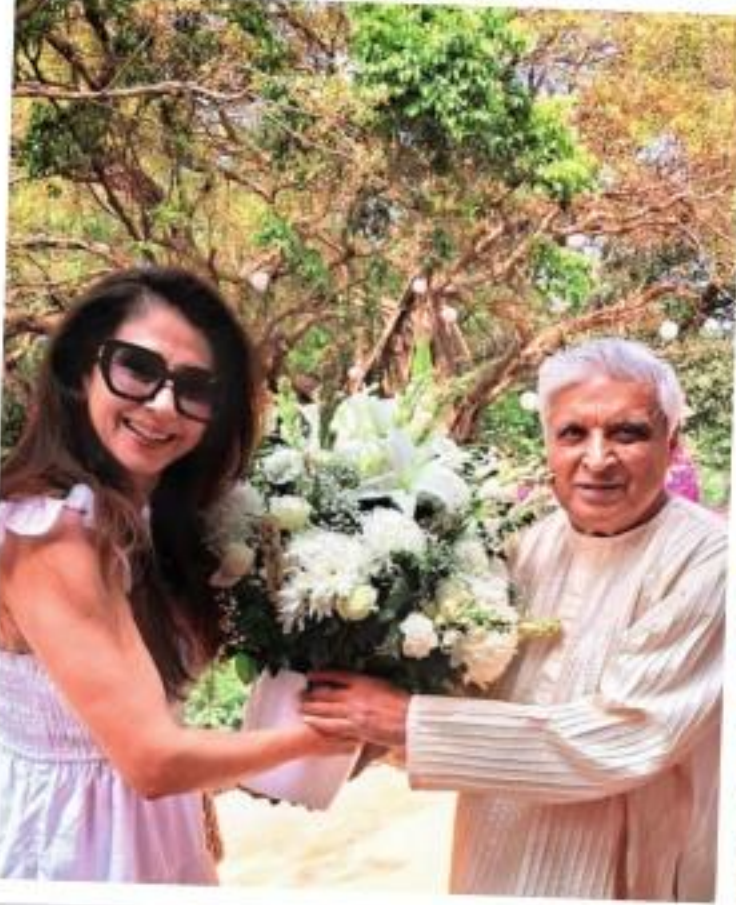


#### B-TOWN'S WEEKEND HIGHLIGHT: A 42K RUN!

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## Javed Akhtar's star-studded 80th celebration

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"An absolute epic day that it was...with some of the best talents our industry has!! Afternoon full of love, laughter, affection, admiration and great camaraderie. Because it was a Special Birthday of someone very special to all us...Jaadu" in real sense as the entire nation is spellbound with his words for decades," wrote Urmila Matondkar as she shared pics from Javed Akhtar's birthday celebration

>> The birthday turned into a nostalgic Bollywood reunion, with stars like Aamir Khan, Farhan Akhtar, Shankar Mahadevan and more joining the industry veteran



## Darshan weds longtime partner

Pics: @darshanravalid



Darshan Raval has married his long-time girlfriend and "best friend", Dharal Surelia, in an intimate ceremony. The *Teri Aankhon Mein* singer, on Saturday evening, took to Instagram to post a series of pictures from the wedding and wrote, "My best friend forever." While Darshan opted for an ivory sherwani, Dharal donned a classic red lehenga.

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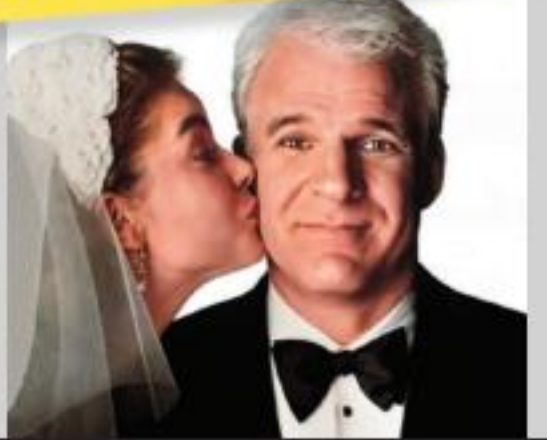






Steve Martin was signed for Father of the Bride even before the film's script was written

Steve Martin was signed on to play Father of the Bride's titular role before the makers had even started working on the script of the remake of the 1950 comedy. In an interview, producer Nancy Meyers said, "(With) Steve Martin, you know you can be funny and loose."



## Art thrives on frozen Minneapolis lake



The goal of the event is to foster joy, community, and connection amid the Minnesota cold

**B**raving bone-chilling temperatures, thousands gathered on Minneapolis' frozen Lake Harriet for the Art Shanty Projects – a beloved winter event featuring whimsical art installations. From knitting pavilions and ice biking to a cat-themed world and DIY film studios, the event transformed the icy lake into a vibrant hub of creativity.

With lake ice 13 inches thick, the event welcomes about 25,000 visitors over four weekends, 10-25% of whom experience walking on a frozen lake for the first time.

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## Kevin Costner's not looking for romance post divorce



Kevin Costner

**W**hile there was buzz that there is romance blooming between Kevin Costner and Jennifer Lopez, reports say that he is in a good place and is not looking for a serious romance after his divorce. The 70-year-old actor and his ex-wife Christine Baumgartner

officially divorced in February 2024. A source told an international publication, "Kevin is not seriously involved with anyone and not necessarily looking for anything more than that right now."

Kevin has seven children and is determined to spend as much time with them as possible.

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## Hands on your food! The world wants to see them

**A** recent study published in a leading retail research journal validates an age-old tradition many Indians have always embraced: Eating with your hands enhances the dining experience, making meals more satisfying than using cutlery. This isn't just cultural nostalgia; science backs it up. The tactile engagement of our hands with food primes our brain to perceive the meal as more flavourful and fulfilling.

Globally, the trend of eating with hands is gaining traction, from long-table communal feasts in New York's Greenwich Village to the resurgence of Filipino kamayan meals, where banana leaves replace plates and hands replace cutlery. For Indians, this 'new-found' discovery feels like a full-circle moment. After decades of being ridiculed for eating 'the messy way,' there's a quiet validation in watching the world savour flavours through their fingers.

In fact, Anthony Bourdain, the late culinary icon, often extolled the virtues of eating with hands. During his travels, he celebrated the connection between food and culture, famously stating, "The more you eat with your hands, the closer you are to the food and the people who made it." In season 2 of his legendary series *Parts Unknown*, Bourdain can be seen tearing apart a butter-smothered Amritsari *kulcha* and enjoying his baked *tandoori* chicken, both in Amritsar. And who can forget Aishwarya Rai schooling *Al Jazeera* correspondent David Frost on eating a *samosa* the authentic way – with his hands – during an interview. A moment that sparked global curiosity about India's tactile dining traditions.

Scientific research further highlights that eating with hands activates nerve endings that enhance sensory perception and satisfaction. A study by a peer-reviewed psychology journal found that this tactile engagement can also help with mindful eating, allowing individuals to savour each bite and avoid overindulgence.

Some foods, contrary to modern etiquette, are simply meant to be enjoyed by hand. Think of tearing apart flaky *Malabar porotas*, scooping *dhal* with soft *phulka*, or devouring juicy mangoes. The tactile connection adds an irreplaceable layer of indulgence. Even during the pandemic, when hygiene concerns heightened, people found ways to rediscover this intimate act of eating, cherishing its ability to bring a sense of comfort and rootedness.

As global dining trends lean toward authenticity and diversity, the next time someone hesitates to ditch their fork, we can gently remind them: some flavours are best enjoyed finger-first.



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## LEISURE

### SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

			5		3			
	7			2			5	
5	4		7		3			1
		7	2		4	1		
		8				2		
		9	1		8	7		
7	1		8		4		3	
	9			1			7	
			6	7				

#### 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.

### TIMES HITORI

#### HOW TO PLAY

1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example)  
2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.  
3. Unmarked cells must 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. 646)  
6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 666)

4	4	9	4	3	2	3	6
2	9	2	7	6	2	3	8
2	3	2	7	9	1	4	3
3	1	9	2	3	5	8	4
6	6	5	4	1	6	2	7
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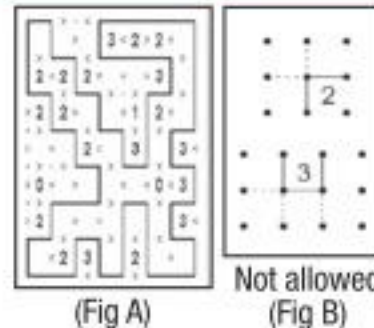
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2	7	5	5	1	7	2	7
1	6	6	6	4	3	5	7
7	8	4	6	2	3	3	7
8	4	5	2	3	5	7	1

Example

### 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 lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

Not allowed (Fig B)

				2			
				2	2		
3							
3	1	1		0	1	2	
				3			
2	1	2			2		
2						1	
	2	1	3	1			

#### HOW TO BEGIN:

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).

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD

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By John Michael Currie

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#### ACROSS

- 1 - dab in the middle
- 6 Smartphone downloads
- 10 Paper money
- 14 City west of Venice
- 15 Shave (down)
- 16 Spanish eight
- 17 Campy photo booth accessory
- 19 Comics icon Lee
- 20 Epitome of slowness
- 21 - acid
- 22 "Oorah!" military org.
- 25 Southern California's June Gloom, essentially
- 28 10-Across, slangily
- 30 Fish eggs
- 31 Assumed name
- 32 Gravy vessel
- 34 Goes (for)
- 38 Candy treat shaped like a chick or bunny
- 41 Some fidelity offerings, for short
- 42 Fades to black
- 43 Snorer's affliction
- 44 Gut punch reaction
- 45 Trademarked pastry creation
- 46 Sleeper hideaway
- 52 Weightlifter's units
- 53 Furnish with gear
- 54 For starters
- 56 Skeet shout
- 57 Trial period for a new product, and what 17-, 25-, 38-, and 46-Across all have?
- 62 Flowerpot spot
- 63 Mideast canal
- 64 Battery terminal
- 65 "The \_\_\_-billy spider"
- 66 Lean and muscular
- 67 "Heavens to \_\_\_!"

#### DOWN

- 1 Beach bottle no.
- 2 Actress Whitman

#### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

V	O	T	E	S		G	L	A	S	G	O	W
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G	E	S	T	U	R	E		M	A	N	E	T
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### SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:  
06-average | 07-good |  
09-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.

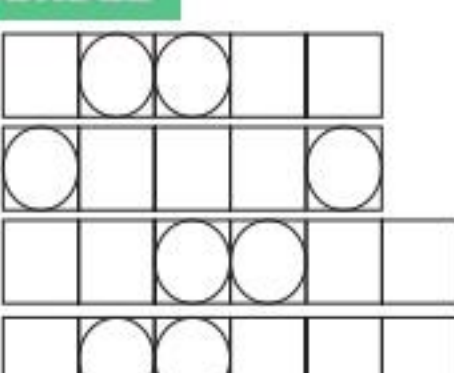
### DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M GIVIN' MY MARBLES TO MR. WILSON, CAUSE I THINK HE KEEPS LOSIN' HIS."

### SCRAMBLE

HSTIO  
EOSNY  
ELOTDD  
EELMBM



A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the \_\_\_ as well as the \_\_\_ - Benjamin Franklin (4,4)

**HOW TO PLAY**  
Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

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### EVENTS

**EXHIBITION**  
India Habitat Centre: Confluence - A painting exhibition by Sony Thokchom and Bernard Cargay. Till January 21, Convention Centre Foyer, IHC

**DANCE**  
India Habitat Centre: *Nayika* - a Kathak recital by Shubhi Johari, disciple of Pt Jaikishan Maharaj. January 21, Stein Auditorium, IHC

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**ARIES:** Today is a great day for getting things done with minimal disruptions, but don't let your drive lead to isolation. You may need the support of colleagues to reach your full potential, so share your goals and work together.

**TAURUS:** Right now, it's tricky to prioritise your concerns. You're focused on your own plans, but take extra time to fine-tune them. Passion and enthusiasm will be your allies, but avoid making any significant financial decisions today.

**GEMINI:** It's wise to pause before making any big calls today. You may feel confident in your approach, but balance your vision with practicality for better results. Avoid risky financial ventures, as things may feel uncertain.

**CANCER:** This is a time for emotional fulfilment and strengthening both personal and professional relationships. It's important to focus on your obligations and apply extra effort now to set yourself up for happiness.

**LEO:** Today brings a chance for positive change, whether in your lifestyle or career. However, double-check your details before committing to anything. Be mindful of balancing your time and efforts between work and personal life.

**VIRGO:** Your words carry weight today, so stay focused on consistency and integrity. This is an excellent time to define realistic financial goals and work towards them, but don't overlook your responsibilities.

day. Stay grounded and focus on the present, as your dreams could feel more vivid than usual. Avoid impulsive financial risks and take the time to listen to your inner voice.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Today requires flexibility, as you may be pulled in multiple directions. While your friends may have demands, make sure to express your feelings clearly and find a way to connect. Your ideas will find their way out eventually.

**CAPRICORN:** Let your dreams guide you, but remember to share them with someone you trust. This will help turn your vision into reality, as your creativity is heightened by the beauty around you.

**AQUARIUS:** Your thoughts have more power than you realise today, so stay focused and avoid making long-term decisions that could have unforeseen consequences. Take care with your finances, as stress might cloud your judgment.

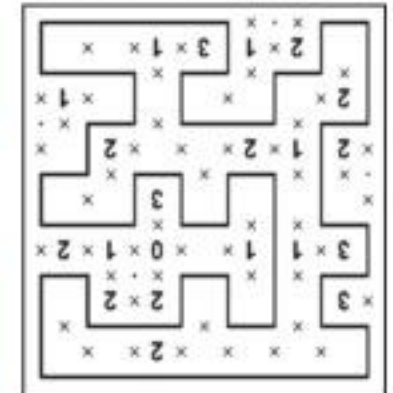
**PISCES:** Let go of past emotional baggage and avoid avoiding difficult truths. Pay attention to your self-worth and how it shapes your interactions. Embrace simple pleasures, as they will help you regain clarity and purpose.

### SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

#### TIMES SUDOKU

2	1	6	7	4	9	5	8	3
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#### LOOP THE LOOP



#### TIMES HITORI

1	8	6	2	6
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4	2	1	5	9
7	8	5	2	1
1	6	2	6	2
8	6	9	7	6
9	2	6	6	4

#### SPELLATHON

POLITIC, toilet, plot, plot, coil, optic, plot, plot.

#### SCRAMBLE

Words: Hoist, nosy, toddle, emblem contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body - Benjamin Franklin



## Dakota's spiritual darshan



After her visit to the Babulnath Temple in Mumbai on Friday with partner Chris Martin, Dakota Johnson made a visit to the Siddhivinayak temple. The actress was accompanied by Sonali Bendre and Gayatri Joshi

## My acting journey began at school, says Rajinikanth



Rajinikanth shared a heartfelt message for his alma mater's 90th year celebrations, and credited a Bengaluru school for making him an actor. In a video message, the star informed that he couldn't attend the celebrations because he's currently shooting in Bangkok. He said, "I feel very proud to have studied at APS High School and College. I did my primary and middle school at the government school in Gavipura. It was a Kannada medium school, and I used to study very well; I was the best student. I was the class monitor and passed with 98%. So, my brother enrolled me in APS, which was the popular English medium school in the locality."

(When I switched to an English medium school) I was very depressed and found it difficult. My teachers understood my plight and showed me a lot of empathy

The actor also credited the school for him becoming an actor. He recalled, "At school, inter high school drama events used to be held annually. It was quite a big event. I used to narrate stories and enact them to other students when the teacher was late for class. So, they asked me to act in the play *Adi Shankarar* and *Chandala*. I played the character of Chandala, and our drama won the shield and I won the Best Actor award – a big cup. My journey towards becoming a professional actor began at the school, and I feel proud to state this."

## 'I DRIVE MY E-RICKSHAW LIKE A TRUE DILLIWALLAH'



Kaspar Meyer, spokesperson for the German Embassy, shares his experience of driving an e-rickshaw on the roads of Delhi

'I made the decision to get the rickshaw at 2am'

Talking about how he came up with the idea of getting an e-rickshaw, he shares, "When I came to Delhi two years ago, I was pretty scared to drive here. I started with a normal car and the first week I was sweating all the time. Once I hopped on the Vespa of one of the colleagues, I felt the wind, was in direct touch with the streets and then at night, I thought of e-rickshaws. I thought they were cool, I should research if I can get one and I made this decision at 2 in the morning that I will get this rickshaw."

Riya Sharma

Spokesperson of the German Embassy, Kaspar Meyer, has two jobs. The first one being the official spokesperson of the embassy and the second one – being the cool e-rickshaw driver for his family and friends from Germany and colleagues at the embassy. With a diplomatic number plate, logo of the country's national football team, additional mirrors and his true swag, you can spot Kaspar zooming around like a true Dilliwallah. "I am a part-time rickshawallah. I have two jobs – I do this before I get to work," he says.

### 'I AM THE MESSI OF THE TRAFFIC'

Kaspar shares that he has been studying Hindi for two years and in a distinct accent, he says, "Jab main sadak pe rukta hoon, main doosre rickshaw wallon se baat karta hoon. They have questions and they ask things like, 'Aap kahan se ho?'. Sometimes people try to hail the rickshaw, I just politely wave back. But I drive like a Dilliwallah now." Kaspar decided to buy the e-rickshaw one night after driving for a week in the city. "Delhi traffic is a little unpredictable. Lots of spaces open up all of a sudden like a football arena, so I am like the quick Messi of the traffic. I can go wherever there is some space coming up. I am the quickest because I have the acceleration of most vehicles, and the electric engine is powerful. It helps to move around and

squeeze in at all places," he says.

### 'IT IS SO MUCH COOLER THAN THE TUKTUKS'

Kaspar points out that he uses the rickshaw a lot. "It is pretty light and with an electric engine, it is so much cooler than the tuk-tuks. It is silent, super stable, clean and we can charge it with the solar panel that we have in

the embassy. I have driven around some Germans in the city. I had a Science influencer so we spent the day discovering Delhi. I shuttled the ambassador to an appointment, it was super cool. You are so much in touch with what is happening on the street so it is completely different from driving a car," says the spokesperson.



## A marathon Sunday for B-Town celebs



Celebs took to the streets of Mumbai, running that illustrious 42K run in the annual marathon

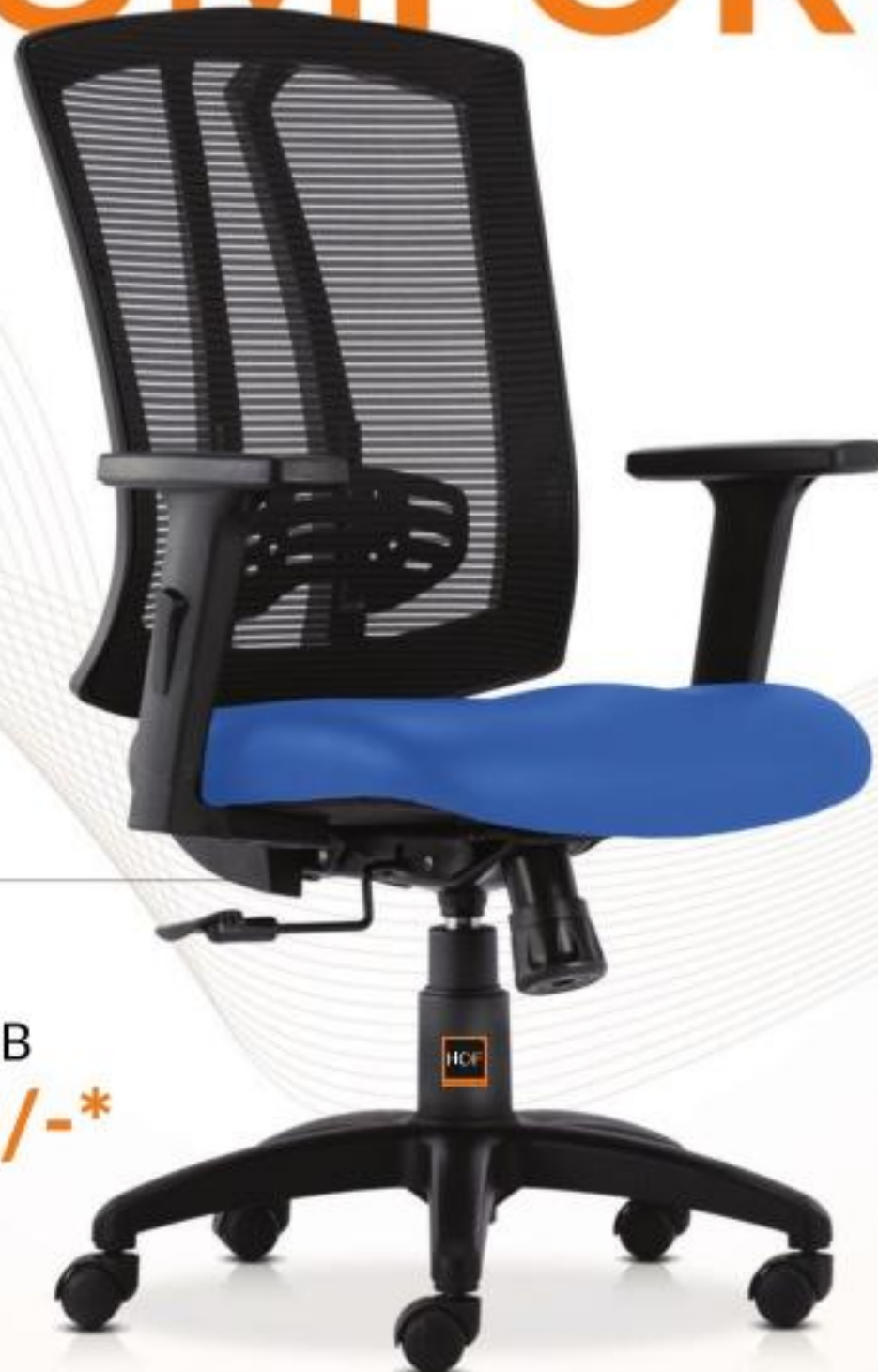


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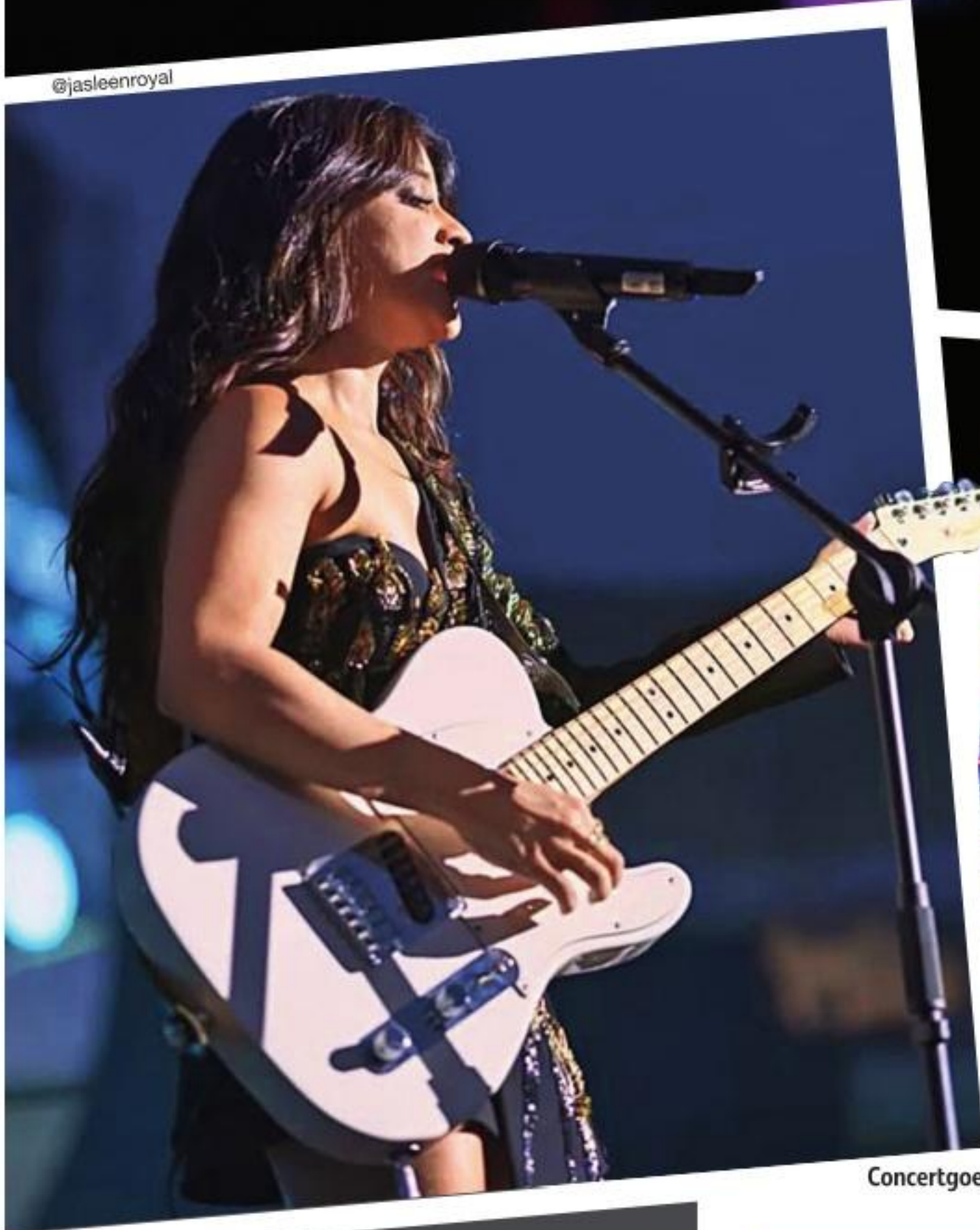
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# COLDPLAY'S ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME IN MUMBAI



Concertgoers were enthralled by iconic Coldplay hits

## Coldplay's feel-good music for Mumbai

- Fix You
- Yellow
- Paradise
- Viva La Vida
- Adventure Of A Lifetime
- Hymn For The Weekend
- A Sky Full Of Stars

@jasleenroyal

## Here's to manifesting dreams!

Jasleen Royal, who opened for Coldplay's tour, dropped pics from her performance, with the caption, "Kicking off the India leg of @coldplay Music of the Spheres tour has been nothing short of surreal! Here's to manifesting dreams! And here's to living mine with all of you"

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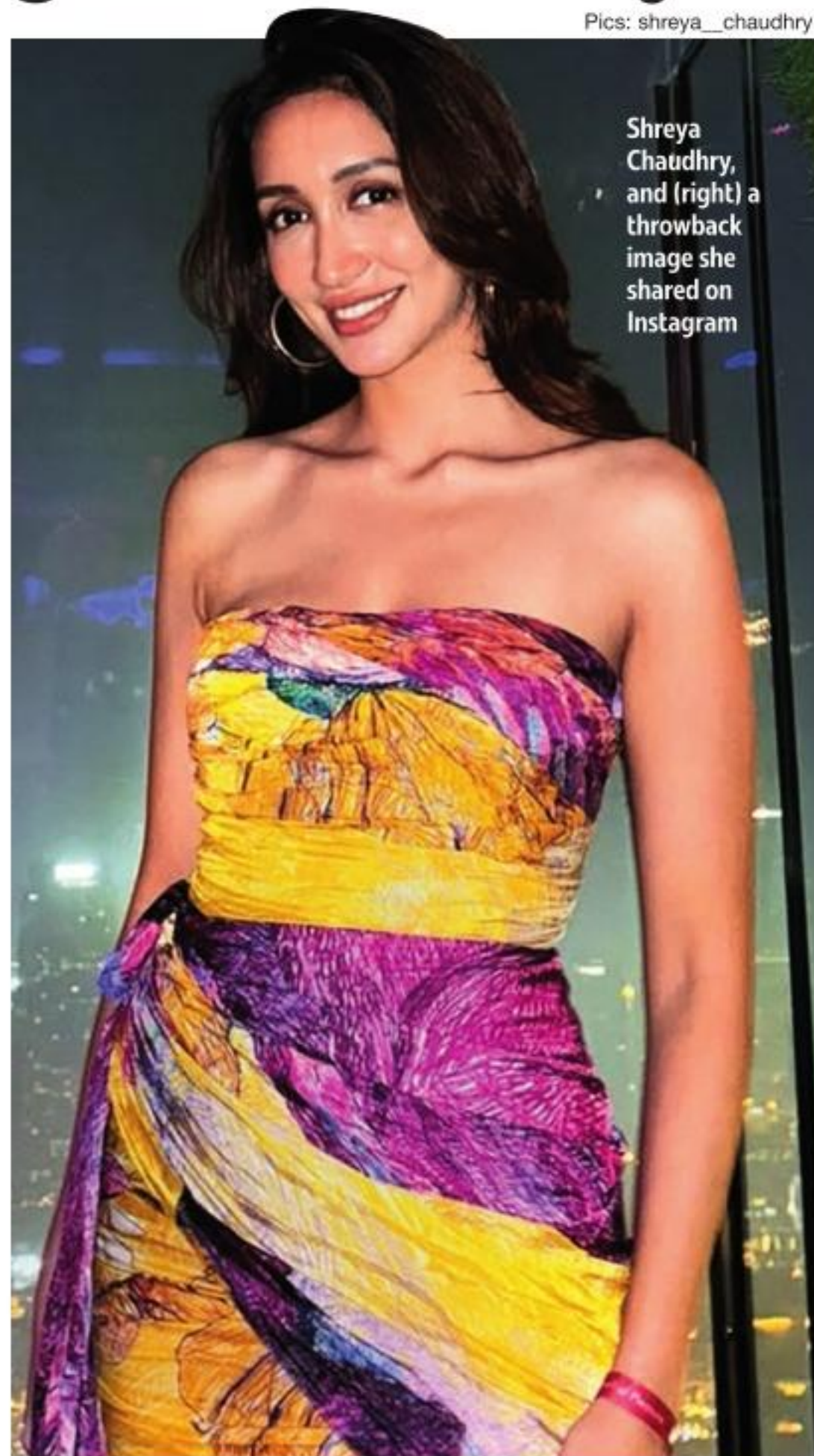
Coldplay's performance was preceded by Elyanna, who wowed the audience with her Arabic version of *Deewani Ho Gayi* from *Bajirao Mastani*. Jasleen Royal entertained with her songs, which included *Kho Gaye Hum Kahan*, *Love You Zindagi* and *Ranjha*. Chris later invited Jasleen and Elyanna to sing *We Pray* with him.

Another highlight of the evening was Chris Martin teas-

ing cricket fans. He abruptly stopped and said, "We have to finish the show because Jasprit Bumrah wants to come and play cricket with me backstage," he said midway. While Bumrah wasn't present at the concert, the friendly shout-out to the bowler had fans cheering. It was also a reminder that band was performing at a cricket stadium. Chris even read aloud fan placards. He made a 15-year-old fan's day by singing *Everglow* with him and reading out his placard, which had *Om* written in Devanagari script.

# I couldn't believe I took myself for granted: Shreya

Pics: shreya\_chaudhry



Shreya Chaudhry, and (right) a throwback image she shared on Instagram

Shreya Chaudhry, who was seen in the web show *Bandish Bandits*, shared a note about her fitness journey. She suffered a slipped disc at 19 and had gained over 30kg. She wrote, "During this time, I put on a lot of weight, which took a toll on my fitness and health. I stopped doing any physical activity, and that made things worse. What struck the final nail was me getting a slip disc at that young age! I couldn't believe I had taken myself for granted (sic)."



Talking about bouncing back, she said, "It took me many months, but I focused on my fitness and well-being, and by the time I was 21,

my body and mind were in a brand-new mode. I slowly became fitter, lost 30 kilos and there was no relapse of the slip disc, which meant I could be carefree and focus on becoming even fitter (sic)."

# I had to seek therapy after playing Golu, says Shweta

Akash Wadhwa

Shweta Tripathi, in a conversation with us, shared her views on the mixed reactions of the viewers on *Mirzapur*'s latest season, how she handled online trolling, her love for reading books and more. Excerpts...

**The latest season of *Mirzapur* got mixed reviews. Do you agree something went wrong with this season?**

For me, *Mirzapur* Season 3 was the most mature season. *Jab pehla season aaya tha tab usmein women ka itna role nahi tha*. And in this season my character of Golu gun chala rahi thi and jab koi gun chala raha hota hai na toh uska size nahi dekhte. People were not able to accept a female *bahubali* and hence the trolling. People in our society will accept a man with similar body type as being fit for the role but not a woman. Why? I am ready for being trolled if those are the reasons you are trolling me for. The trolling didn't bother me at all. Golu is very different from who I am as a person. And twice I have gone into a spiral which has been a very dark space psychologically. Infact I had to seek therapy after playing Golu in this season. The character was very dark. I have worked with the makers and I feel they are so evolved. I have respect for them who believe in me. I know people got used to a lot of shock value from Season 1 and 2 and that's why perhaps they found this one slow.

**Were you affected, mentally, with the kind of trolling you were subjected to?**

I definitely was, because my director and writer were affected. Because they thought that I am getting so much hate and trolling online for my character because of them. But, I don't read trolls and reviews from the release of my first film. People around me were more worried about my trolling. There are serious mental health issues cropping up because of the online trolling. However, my thing as a girl, as an artist is that I want to



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As Gajgami Gupta alias Golu in *Mirzapur*

make a dent, and I did that by being a female *bahubali*. If you ask me that, can we do something better? 100%! We will always try to do something better rather than taking it personally. As a math equation maybe there weren't many wins as characters. All the feedback have been taken for season 4 to make it even better.

**With OTT Taking over movies and TV shows' viewership, do you feel that we will ever see OTT's saturation?**

TV ka saturation nahi aaya abhi tak toh OTT ka kahan aayega? My TV producer friends are making so much money with their shows. OTT is here to stay and so are other mediums.

## 'I love the feeling of carrying a book with myself'

*Aajkal main kitabon mein kaafi zyada ghus chuki hoon*. I am reading four books simultaneously. I am trying to shift to the online reading option, but I didn't enjoy that much. I love the feeling of carrying a book with myself, keeping it in my car and on my bedside. The only thing that is motivating me to switch to online reading is to save nature. I feel so terrible for not reading for so many years and I now want to make up for the lost time.

# Are Paul-Gracie breaking up?

Paul Mescal and his girlfriend Grace Abrams sparked breakup rumours after a video, showing a visibly emotional Abrams, surfaced online on Sunday.

The *Normal People* actor, 28, and Abrams, 25, were reportedly dining in a London restaurant when onlookers spotted what was possibly a breakup with singer bursting into tears before storming out of the eatery.

As per *Mirror*, Paul and the *Tough Love* singer were apparently enjoying a spot to eat at North London bakery before things took a dramatic turn, with fellow diners claiming Paul had his

"head in his hands as Grace just sat there crying" at one point.

"She was crying so much that he then started to cry too", one onlooker claimed. "She eventually got up and walked out of the restaurant while they were halfway through their meal and he was left to pay the bill before leaving shortly afterwards". Diners in London claimed the exchange between Paul and Gracie "looked like a breakup". Before they broke up in December 2022, Paul was romantically involved with Phoebe Bridgers, an American musician, for around two years.

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Paul Mescal and Grace Abrams



DWAYNE JOHNSON gets a fun makeover from his daughters. "What started off with my two tornadoes, Jazzy & Tia asking, 'Daddy can we just put some eye shadow on you' and me saying 'yes but make it quick, because I gotta go to the gym,'" he wrote

