

celebs

Don't call me Chris

Chris Pratt

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Chris Pratt doesn't like being called Chris. The 43-year-old actor - who has son Jack, nine, with ex-wife Anna Faris and daughters Lyla, 22 months, and five-week-old Eloise - with spouse Katherine Schwarzenegger - insisted no one close to him ever uses his first name and it "feels weird" when people address him that way, as he usually answers to his surname or his initials.

During an appearance on SiriusXM's 'Pop Culture Spotlight', host Jessica Shaw asked him: "What do they call you? Pratt?"

He replied: "Yep. Pratt. CP. You know, CP. 'Hey, CP.' But no one calls me Chris.

"My friend, Chad. I went golfing with my friend, Chad, my pastor the other day and he

was like, 'No one calls you Chris? I'm gonna call you Chris. Alright, Chris. You're up.' And I was like, 'No, it feels weird. It's not my name. Don't call me Chris.'"

Two years ago, the 'Jurassic World' actor's friends - including Robert Downey Jr. and Mark Ruffalo - sprang to his defence after he was branded the "worst Hollywood Chris" by Twitter users in response to a question from filmmaker Amy Berg, with many citing his political beliefs as a reason to single him out ahead of the likes of Chris Pine, Chris Evans, and Chris Hemsworth. Robert insisted his friend is a "real Christian" who always displays "positivity and gratitude", as well as praising Chris' wife and her famous family.



Avril Lavigne says Travis Barker gets her 'as an artist'

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Avril Lavigne says Travis Barker gets her "as an artist" and she can always call him.

The 'Com-

plicated' hitmaker has opened up on her bond with the Blink-182 drummer - who was rushed to hospital on Tuesday due to an unspecified health scare - after working together on her latest album 'Love Sux' and 2007's 'Best Damn Thing'.

Speaking before news of his hospitalisation, Avril told Mix 104.1's 'Gregg, Freddy and Danielle' radio show: "Travis and I worked together on the 'Best Damn Thing' album, he played on a couple of songs and then we wrote songs and he produced songs on this album. "He signed me to

his label DTA and we've done a bunch of performances together. It's been fun, it's great just collaborating with other artists.

"He understands me - he's been on the road, he's toured, he's gone through it all. I just pick up the phone and call him and he's there for me, and gets me as an artist."

The 37-year-old singer is currently on the road celebrating two decades since the release of her debut album 'Let Go', and she reflected on her first tour when she dreamed of being able to play a show full of hits.

She said: "Seven albums - when I made my first album and did the first tour, I remember thinking, 'I only have three

singles. I can't wait till my entire setlist is all singles!' It's so wonderful, it's so cool. This whole tour has been really magical."

And Avril is "really grateful" when she gets on stage and hears such great reactions for her new and old hits alike.

She added: "I feel like I've grown as a performer. This tour that I'm doing now with my new album 'Love Sux' - I just feel, like, really grateful. I think that's the main feeling.

"And just to be able to sing my old songs and to still get the response that they get, and along with the new songs... It feels so good to still be making new music and having people just excited about it today."

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Emma Roberts joins cast of Sony's Marvel movie 'Madame Web,' co-starring Dakota Johnson, Sydney Sweeney

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Actor Emma Roberts is the latest addition to the cast of 'Madame Web,' the latest movie set in Sony's Universe of Marvel Characters.

The actor is joining a star-studded ensemble, which includes Dakota Johnson as the title hero and 'Euphoria' breakout Sydney Sweeney in an undisclosed role. As previously announced, Celeste O'Connor, Isabela Merced and Tahar Rahim are also a part of the

Marvel film, as per Variety.

'Madame Web' serves as the origin story for the comic book character, a psychic whose abilities allow her to see into the spider world itself. In the comics, her abilities prove highly beneficial to Spider-Man and his allies, but given her condition, she's never fought villains herself.

S.J. Clarkson, whose Marvel bonafides include Jessica Jones' and 'The Defenders,' is directing 'Madame Web.' Matt Sazama and Burk Sharpless, who previously collaborated on Jared Leto's

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vampire thriller 'Morbidity,' is set to write the screenplay for the film, scheduled to release in theatres on July 7, 2023.

After breaking out on Nickelodeon's sitcom 'Unfabulous,' Roberts cultivated a film career in teen movies like 'Aquamarine,' 'Nancy Drew' and 'Valentine's Day.' She parlayed her young stardom into roles in 'Scream 4,' 'We're the Millers,' and FX's anthology series 'American Horror Story.'

Emma Roberts



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Russell Crowe to star in supernatural thriller 'The Pope's Exorcist'

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'Robin Hood' actor Russell Crowe is all geared up to feature in the latest supernatural horror-thriller 'The Pope's Exorcist'.

Crowe would be playing the role of the real-life chief exorcist of the Vatican City, Father Gabriele Amorth, who performed over 100,000 exorcisms in his life, reported The Hollywood Reporter. He also wrote two memoirs titled 'An Exorcist Tells His Story' and 'An Exorcist: More Stories' which recorded his experiences of battling demons that possessed people. Father Amorth passed away in 2016 when he was 91 years old.

'The Pope's Exorcist' is helmed by Julius Avery, known for his 2018 super-hit horror film 'Overlord' while Screen Gems would be the official producer of the movie. The script of the film is written by Evan Spiliotopoulos.

Screen Gems has acquired the life rights of Father Gabriele Amorth from producer Michael Patrick Kaczmarek and production company, Loyola Productions. The

rights include access to the two best-selling memoirs of Father Amorth alongside some of his other troves which host detailed accounts of his acts of exorcism.

Talking about Crowe, Avery revealed in a statement that working with the actor on this project was a 'dream come true,' reported The Hollywood Reporter.

"It's been a goal of mine to work with Russell. "To collaborate with him on the amazing Pope's Exorcist is truly a dream come true," confessed Avery.



Russell Crowe

Austin Butler kept black leather Elvis outfit

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Austin Butler kept the black leather jumpsuit he wore in 'Elvis'.

The 30-year-old actor portrays the late Elvis Presley in Baz Luhrman's new musical and though he wore numerous costumes throughout the film, the outfit he donned to recreate The King's 1968 TV comeback was particularly special to him because it was part of the first musical number he shot for the project.

Austin said: "That was a big one for me. It was a monumental time, so I took one of those."



Austin Butler

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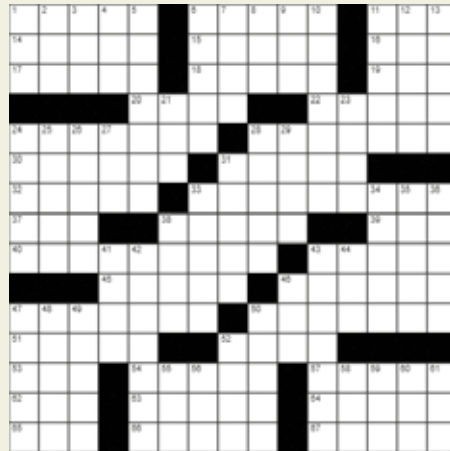
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How to play

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.

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Across

1- Fold; 6- Top story; 11- Firearm; 14- Latin stars; 15- Mislead; 16- Verse starter?; 17- Employees; 18- Yellowish citrus fruit; 19- Bass, e.g.; 20- Nourishment; 22- Honda model; 24- Something nutritious; 28- Set apart; 30- Italian ice cream; 31- Armistice; 32- Mikhail's wife; 33- Flattery; 37- Period of history; 38- Having some prominent blood vessels; 39- Coal container; 40- Stamina; 43- Pursue; 45- Deputised group; 46- Something of very little value; 47- Follower; 50- Article of personal property; 51- Actress Verdugo; 52- "It's ___ real"; 53- Swiss river; 54- Fungal infection; 57- Grenoble's river; 62- Mil. officers; 63- Smells; 64- Overturn; 65- Visit; 66- Crest; 67- Mr. Magoo, for one.

Down

1- de deux (ballet dance); 2- Day craft; 3- LAX posting; 4- Comics bark; 5- Lustrous fabric of silk; 6- Dole out; 7- Bound; 8- Pro ___; 9- Skater Midori; 10- Contrive; 11- Tropical fruit; 12- Dark; 13- One who cries "uncle?"; 21- Plastic ___ Band; 23- Belinda Carlisle's "Should ___ You In?"; 24- Come to a consensus; 25- Pick up; 26- Greek epic poem; 27- Bell and Barker; 28- Peace goddess; 29- Chop ___; 31- More than once; 33- Have a feeling about; 34- Toward the stern; 35- Hosiery thread; 36- Use a prie-dieu; 38- Still life subject; 41- On top of; 42- Revolving part; 43- Skull; 44- Strike; 46- Common article; 47- Trades; 48- Delight; 49- Poem; 50- ___ and desist; 52- Titanic's undoing; 55- Despot Amin; 56- Sign of approval; 58- Engage in espionage; 59- That, in Tijuana; 60- Agt.; 61- Hot time in Paris;

Yesterday's solution

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