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### Chris Hemsworth teases Hulk Hogan transformation

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Chris Hemsworth is preparing himself for one of his most distinctive transformations yet. The Marvel Cinematic Universe cornerstone is set to shave his beard into a the iconic handlebar moustache to encompass famous WWE wrestler Hulk Hogan in a biopic on the performer and reality star's life, which was first announced by The Hollywood Reporter (THR) in February 2019.



Chris Hemsworth

Now, Hemsworth, 36, is providing a bit of insight into the project, which is already underway on the brainstorming side, in a recent interview with Games Radar for its "Total Film" series, where the actor touched on the roadmap he will need to follow in order to become the now 66-year-old Hogan. "This movie is going to be a really fun project," Hemsworth said (via Comic Book). "As you can imagine, the preparation for the role will be insanely physical. I will have to put on more size than I ever have before, even more than I put on for Thor. There is the accent as well as the physicality and the

attitude." The "Thor" star said he was particularly eager to take a "deep dive" into the inner world of wrestling and described the research as something he was "really looking forward to" adding that he'll be pulling out all the stops in order to ensure his portrayal of Hogan is spot on - including dying his hair blonde and switching up the look of his facial hair. In an interview promoting his recent Netflix film release "Extinction," Hemsworth told ScreenRant in April that while he didn't have much knowledge of the progress of the announced Hulk Hogan project, he knows that "it's being written now and worked on," and added "I know very little about that. It's sort of in the process now."

### Halle Berry withdraws from transgender role

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After facing backlash online, actress Halle Berry has pulled out of a transgender role she was supposed to play in an upcoming film. Over the weekend, the Oscar-winning actress revealed she would "probably" play a transgender man in her next film. "(The film is about) a character where the woman is a trans character, so she's a woman that transitioned into a man. She's a character in a project I love that I might be doing," Berry said during an Instagram Live interview. The news was met with a wave of criticism on social media, some slammed Berry for repeatedly using the wrong gender while talking about the character in the interview. On Monday, Berry apologised and tweeted that she was no longer considering the role, re-

ports hollywoodreporter.com. "Over the weekend I had the opportunity to discuss my consideration of an upcoming role as a transgender man, and I'd like to apologise for those remarks. As a cisgender woman, I now understand that I should not have considered this role, and that the transgender community should undeniably have the opportunity to tell their own stories," she wrote on Twitter. "I am grateful for the guidance and critical conversation over the past few days and will continue to listen, educate and learn from this mistake. I vow to be an ally in using my voice to promote better representation on-screen, both in

front of and behind the camera," she added. Berry's decision to pull out was met with praise from GLAAD, with the organisation tweeting: "We are pleased that @halleberry listened to the concerns of transgender people and learned from them. Other powerful people should do the same. A good place to start is by watching @Disclosure.Doc to learn about trans representation in media." Many Hollywood stars have faced similar backlash because of not giving opportunities to transgenders. In 2018, Scarlett Johansson dropped out of "Rub & Tug", the movie that would have seen her play a transgender man.



Halle Berry

### Shia LaBeouf accused of 'brownface' in latest movie role, director David Ayer responds

Fox | Los Angeles

Actor Shia LaBeouf was accused of appearing in "brownface" to play a gangster character in the upcoming movie "The Tax Collector," prompting director David Ayer to respond. The movie sees LaBeouf playing a hardened organized crime boss responsible for collecting "taxes" from gangs throughout

Los Angeles. Shortly after the trailer was released, many critics took to Twitter to debate if LaBeouf, who is the only white actor on the main cast, is doing a form of brownface by appearing as a His-



panic gangster. "It's so sad we don't have enough Chicano actors who were in the gang life for roles like this. Thank God for that little white boy stepping in and saving the day," one user wrote. Whoops! We couldn't access this Tweet. "Oh hey, another movie Shia LaBeouf

w/ Latinos and Blacks in glorified gang culture on steroids that reinforces stereotypes & fears for white folks & promotes the cop mentality that "it's a battlefield out there." Sigh..... Hollywood, come on. We don't need this right now," someone else noted. "Oh hey, another movie w/ Lati-

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"Shia Labouf in a new movie and I'm really hoping he's not playing brownface," someone else wrote. The controversy caused Ayer to step in and defend his movie's star. The director explained that LaBeouf's character is not intended to be Latin, merely someone who grew up in "hood" culture.

### McConaughey urges fans to wear masks

ANI | Washington

Posting a short video message on Instagram, American actor Mathew McConaughey urged people to use a mask to prevent the spread of coronavirus. "I think we gotta look each other in the eye... look ourselves in the eye, we gotta look in the mirror and ask ourselves, 'How can I be better? How can I expect more of myself and others? How can I be more responsible?'," he said. "How can I have more compassion? How can I have more courage? How can I be fairer? How do I make sure that I wear the d--n mask?" Fox News further quoted him as saying,

### Chris Evans, Lily James spotted together in London

ANI | Washington

Hollywood stars Chris Evans and Lily James were spotted enjoying each other's company together in London. According to photos published by The Daily Mail and subsequent People Magazine's report, the two visited Mark's Club in Mayfair and shared a taxi together. The 31-year-old English star was seen wearing a red dress with brown heels under a navy trench coat for the evening while Ev-



ans wore an all-black suit with grey boots. While the 'Wrath Of The Titans' star lives in North London, Evans had been isolating stateside before heading to London, where several film and television projects have resumed production. Representatives for both actors could not immediately be reached for comment. James was last linked to 'The Crown' actor Matt Smith, who she reportedly split from in December. They first started dating in 2014.

Chris Evans

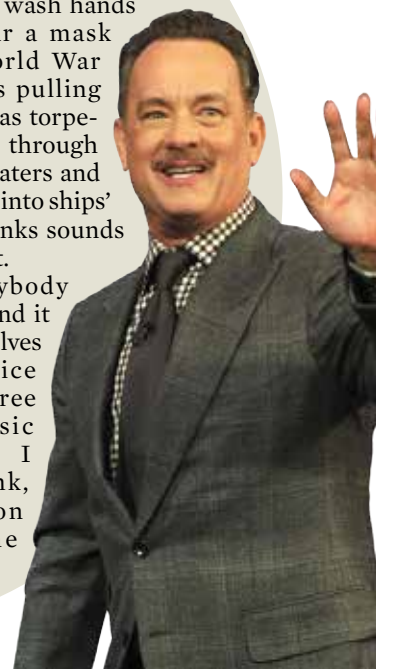
### 'Do your part': WWII film 'Greyhound' teaches virus lesson, says Hanks

AFP | Los Angeles

Tom Hanks is "heartbroken" that his World War II thriller must skip the big screen due to the pandemic -- but hopes it can still teach audiences at home a thing or two about acting decently in a global crisis. "Greyhound," out on Apple TV+ Friday, was written by and stars Hanks as a rookie captain escorting a convoy of Allied ships as they cross the freezing North Atlantic, hounded by Nazi U-boats. The movie follows a destroyer's terrified young crew crossing the treacherous ocean beyond the range

of air cover, bound together in life-and-death responsibility for protecting the fleet and each other. "Those guys on the ship... all they can do is what's expected of them, and hope for some combination of providence and serendipity to see them through," said Hanks. "COVID-19, no one knows how long it's going to go on, no one knows who's going to die because of it... you don't have to go very far to see the correlations and the similarities to the war years," he told a virtual news conference. Hanks should know. The "Saving Private Ryan" star and "Band of Brothers" producer in March became the first Hollywood A-lister to contract the deadly virus, which has killed around 130,000 in the United States as a fresh surge brings 50,000 new cases a day. Contrasting today's sim-

ple instructions to socially distance, wash hands and wear a mask with World War II sailors pulling together as torpedoes tore through the icy waters and slammed into ships' hulls, Hanks sounds indignant. "If anybody cannot find it in themselves to practice those three very basic things, I just think, shame on you," he said.



Tom Hanks

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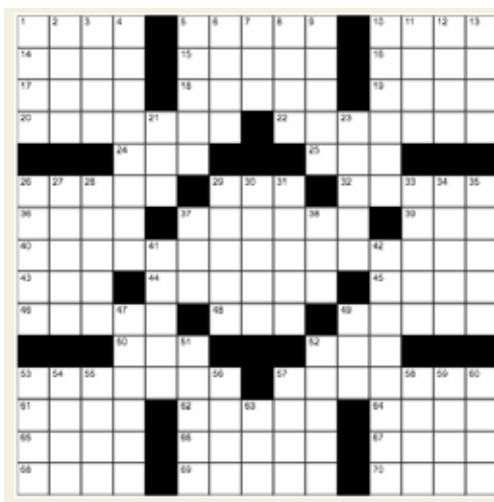
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How to play

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Across

1- Camaro model; 5- Madame de ...; 10- Radio switch; 14- Unit of currency in Iran and Yemen; 15- Cleave in two; 16- Han ... was a "Star Wars" character; 17- What's more; 18- Girder; 19- Bad time in the Senate; 20- Lounges; 22- Kernel of a filbert, e.g.; 24- "Alibi"; 25- Sellick film; 25- 17th letter of the Greek alphabet; 26- Satan; 29- Female bovine; 32- Skirt; 36- Netman Nastase; 37- Most cunning; 39- Limb of a felled tree; 40- Make urban; 43- Bambi's aunt; 44- Capital of Lesotho; 45- Nights before; 46- Chip dip; 48- Hall or Byrnes; 49- Hound's trail; 50- Howler; 52- Tibetan beast; 53- Shining; 57- Ululant; 61- Shake (hurry); 62- Measured with a watch; 64- Sunburn soother; 65- Skelton's Kadiddlehopper; 66- Idolize; 67- Support for a broken limb; 68- I could ... horse; 69- Flower segment; 70- Organs used for sight;

Down

1- Some nest eggs; 2- Stir up; 3- Kiln for drying hops; 4- Suit and dress retailer; 5- Less outgoing; 6- Bar bills; 7- Pub choice; 8- Author Hunter; 9- Ring-tailed primate; 10- "I, Robot" author; 11- Method; 12- Type of market; 13- The majority of; 21- Crown elver; 23- Iota preceder; 26- Small change; 27- Actress Verdugo; 28- Key; 29- Shut; 30- Greased; 31- Off-the-wall; 33- In play; 34- Group of 12; 35- Discharge; 37- Hot tub; 38- Poker legend Ungar; 41- City on the Missouri; 42- Love beads' locale; 47- Stain; 49- Tool with teeth; 51- Scheduled; 52- Warble; 53- Speed contest; 54- ... breve; 55- Insect-repelling chemical; 56- It may turn; 57- Mother of Ares; 58- Now ... me down...; 59- Centrepiece of the human face; 60- Comprehends; 63- Bon ...;

Yesterday's solution

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