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Demi Lovato

Demi Lovato: TV industry normalised my eating disorder

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Singer-actress Demi Lovato says the television industry normalised her eating disorder, sharing that her previous team used to monitor her weight before any photo shoot.

In an interview with Bustle, Lovato opened up about growing up as a Disney star, including how her old management team normalised her eating disorder, reports variety.com.

“I kind of looked around and had a moment where I was like, ‘Wow. This is so terrifyingly normalised,’” Lovato said, detailing that she used to be given “watermelon with fat-free whipped cream” in place of a birthday cake each year.

“I used to have people watching me the night before a photo shoot to make sure that I didn’t binge or eat and be swollen the next day,” she added.

After her first stint in rehab in 2010, Lovato decided not to return to Disney Channel as she was scared that she would be silenced from sharing her challenges.

“I came out of the experience with the choice of talking about my struggles or my journey with the possibility of helping people, or keeping my mouth shut and going back to Disney Channel. And I was like that doesn’t feel authentic to me. So I chose to tell my story,” Lovato said.

Lovato’s eating disorder persisted, along with her opioid addiction that eventually led to a near-fatal overdose in 2018, resulting in a return to rehab.

“I want a career that has nothing to do with my body. I want it to be about my music and my lyrics and my message. And I want a long-lasting career that I don’t have to change myself for,” Lovato said, adding: “Music brought me so much joy when I was younger, and I lost that joy throughout the hustle and bustle of the music industry. I got miserable. And I don’t ever want it to be like that again,” said Lovato, adding that she loves her new management team.

Schumer opens up on her complicated pregnancy

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Comedian-actress Amy Schumer has recalled the hard time she had during pregnancy.

In an interview with etonline.com, Amy, who welcomed son Gene last year, opened up about the joys and woes that came with her pregnancy.

“One of the hardest moments, I think, of my whole pregnancy, was when the doctor asked us to turn the camera off -- and that’s every mother and parent’s worst nightmare, is finding out that something’s wrong. The whole time they thought something was wrong with his kidneys. But there’s that scene in the hospital after they do an ultrasound they go, ‘His kidneys are fine,’ and we were like, ‘What?!’ Like, that didn’t even seem like a possibility... But he’s totally healthy and we’re so grateful,” she shared.

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AMY SCHUMER

Also, the publication reported that Amy suffered from hyperemesis gravidarum, a severe pregnancy side effect. And apparently, it made her feel like she had food poisoning for nine months.

She has now spoken about her pregnancy journey in the three-part docu-series, “Expecting Amy”.

Explaining why she made a docu-series, Amy said: “I feel like people relate to me and I wanna be as open as possible

so that I can help women feel better about themselves.

“Because we all go through (so much). (We) get our periods, we all (go through) all this stuff that we’re not supposed to talk about. And with a pregnancy, we’re supposed to make it look easy and I just really reject that, so I wanted people to hopefully feel better and educate other women about what might happen if they get pregnant.”

Amy Schumer



De Niro’s lawyer says coronavirus has caused the actor financial strain

ANI | Washington

The coronavirus dealt a massive financial blow to veteran Hollywood actor Robert De Niro’s finances his lawyer revealed in court, as his estranged wife Grace Hightower asked for an emergency order to raise her monthly American Express card credit limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

According to Page Six, Hightower’s lawyer told the judge that De Niro had cut her credit card limit from USD 100,000, and also claimed that she and her two children have been banned from the actor’s New York compound.

Attorneys for De Niro said the actor has come under financial strain as the coronavirus pandemic has limited or halted business for the restaurant chain Nobu and Greenwich Hotel, of which, he has stakes in both, resulting in the cut to the credit card limit.

The ‘The Irishman’ star’s

lawyer Caroline Krauss claimed that Nobu lost USD 3 million in April and USD 1.87 in May.

He also recently had to pay investors USD 500,000 on a capital call. To make the payment, Krauss said that De Niro had to borrow money from business partners “because he doesn’t have the cash.”

Additionally, Krauss cited the actor’s prenuptial agreement with his estranged wife, which states that the actor owes his wife USD 1 million each year as long as he’s making at least USD 15 million a year, and the spousal support will be adjusted proportionally should De Niro make less than USD 15 million.

“His accounts and business manager ... says that the best case for Mr De Niro, if everything starts to turn around this year, ... he is going to be lucky if he makes 7.5 million USD this year,” said Krauss.



Cate Blanchett

Blanchett looks forward to more refugee stories

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Actress Cate Blanchett has opened up about the casting criticism around her series “Stateless”, and admitted that this was not the “only way to tell this story”.

There are several critics who have questioned the choice to make a show about refugees by casting white people for three of the four main characters. The mini-series is

about a flight attendant who mysteriously ends up at an immigration detention center in a desert in Australia with a passport identifying her as German.

While acknowledging the criticism, Blanchett encouraged people to watch “Stateless” all the way through.

“We’re in no way saying this is the only way to tell this story,” Blanchett said.

“I look forward to many more refugee stories being told on television, film or documentary. It is very much about trying to capture a wide audience, because often the reality is that you start talking about refugees and asylum

seekers and the global displacement crisis ... and (people) turn off because it’s too huge. So we wanted to create a sense of, ‘It could be me, it could be you,’ and so often, that is the white experience. But then you get inside the series, and there’s a multi-various array of characters,” she added.

The 51-year-old, who has worked and travelled overseas as a goodwill ambassador to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) since 2016, shared that she hopes she has captured the “profound resilience” of refugees in “Stateless”.

Javicia Leslie is first Black actress to play Batwoman

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Actress Javicia Leslie has been cast as the new Batwoman in the superhero series, becoming the first Black actress to portray the superhero in a live-action television or film production.

Leslie’s casting comes after the makers announced they will introduce a new title character following Ruby Rose’s departure from the show after the end of season one. Leslie will make her debut in the cape and cowl when “Batwoman” returns for its second season in 2021. Leslie, who starred in “God Friended Me”, “The Family Business” and “Always A Bridesmaid”, will portray a new character on the show named Ryan Wilder.



Javicia Leslie

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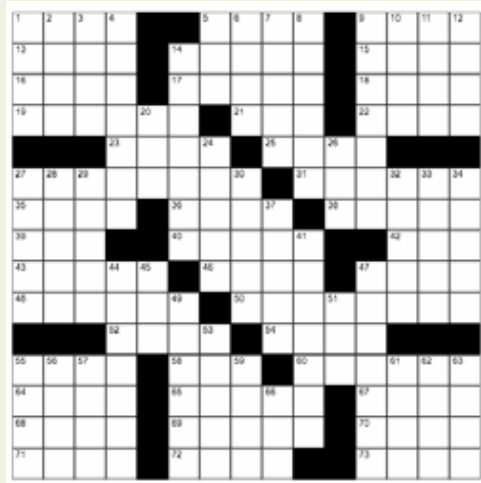
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Yesterday’s solution

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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.



Across

1- Gillette brand; 5- Diamond cover; 9- Biblical land; 13- Simpleton; 14- Home movie medium; 15- Campbell of “Scream”; 16- From a distance; 17- Bumbling; 18- Encounter; 19- Interment; 21- Filming locale; 22- Florence’s river; 23- Dunce; 25- Staying power; 27- Eyeglasses with tinted lenses; 31- Uttered gratingly; 35- Leg joint; 36- Openings; 38- Arrive at; 39- Highest mountain in Crete; 40- “All My Children” vixen; 42- -mo; 43- Continental cash; 46- Spanish muralist; 47- Come again?; 48- Oppose; 50- Clerisy; 52- Fall faller; 54- Soccer legend; 55- Chilly powder?; 58- Corn holder; 60- Of occult character; 64- Church center; 65- Chaplin persona; 67- New Ager John; 68- Iridescent gemstone; 69- Dostoyevsky novel, with “The”; 70- In _ land; 71- Sphere; 72- Poultry enclosure; 73- _ out a living (barely got by);

Down

1- Simple rhyme scheme; 2- Beancurd; 3- Laugh loudly; 4- Diminish; 5- Like some ears; 6- Citrus quenchers; 7- Drive away; 8- Hogwarts attendee; 9- All together; 10- Antlered animal; 11- Baking chamber; 12- Take _ your leader; 14- Small community; 20- “You’ve got mail” co.; 24- Former Russian rulers; 26- Long-jawed fish; 27- One on slopes; 28- Unwarranted; 29- Approaches; 30- Long-winded speech; 32- Turkish bigwig; 33- Dazzling display; 34- Loincloth worn by Hindu men; 37- Temporary paper currency; 41- Try; 44- Drilling result; 45- Compass dir.; 47- Use a full nelson, say; 49- Plan; 51- TV Tarzan Ron; 53- Kill; 55- Stuffed shirt; 56- The _ Valley is a Californian wineland; 57- Roundish shape; 59- Scott of “Charles in Charge”; 61- Durable wood; 62- Any of the Antilles; 63- Niger neighbor; 66- Swab;

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Yesterday’s solution

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