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Sandler details how he battled stage fright

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Comedian, movie star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Adam Sandler opened up in a recent interview about the early days of his career when his dreams of stardom were almost shattered by stage fright and a lack of funds.

The 53-year-old comedian sat down for an interview with "60 Minutes" to discuss everything from his upcoming movie, "Uncut Gems," to his early days as an ambitious and broke stand-up comedian.

In the interview with Sharyn Alfonsi, Sandler revealed that going to NYU for college had the added benefit of allowing him to frequent New York City's many stand-up comedy venues to try out new material and sharpen his skills as a performer. However, it meant that he had to take on the classic mantle of a broke college student.

"Oh, money?" he said in the interview. "I think it was 10 bucks a

night, 10 bucks. That was good. Didn't care."

In addition to making very little money before getting his big break on "SNL," Sandler revealed that stage fright posed a problem for his performing career early on. Fortunately, he could rely on another talent of his to pull through — the guitar.

"I was so nervous every time. Then I'd get up there and I wouldn't remember what I was supposed to say and go blank," he explained. "And you have the guitar in your hands, and that way I was at least doing something."

He agreed with Alfonsi's assessment that putting comedy to music was his "security blanket."

The move worked and Sandler stacked up several fun comedy tracks throughout his career, such as "Lunch Lady Land," "The Hanukkah Song" and his most recent hit, a tribute to his late "SNL" cast member and friend Chris Farley.

Sandler said that he thought his path to success at the be-



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ginning of his career was to do his best to emulate Eddie Murphy, which meant getting on the popular late-night sketch show first and foremost.

Brad Pitt clears up dating rumours

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Brad Pitt is putting a lid on speculation surrounding his dating life.

The "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" star opened up to The New York Times for the outlet's "The Great Performers" issue and discussed everything from smoking marijuana in the 90s, overcoming the barriers life throws at you and those pesky dating rumours.

Since Pitt's ex-wife, actress Angelina Jolie, filed for divorce from him in September 2016, the public has seen many female companions reportedly linked to the bankable box office draw.

According to Entertainment Tonight, while still embattled in the former couple's divorce proceedings, Pitt, 55, saw himself fielding rumours he was seeing MIT professor Neri Oxman. In September, it was jewellery designer Sat Hari Khalsa, who was the subject of rumours. Most recently, Pitt was spotted with actress Alia Shawkat on multiple occasions, prompting

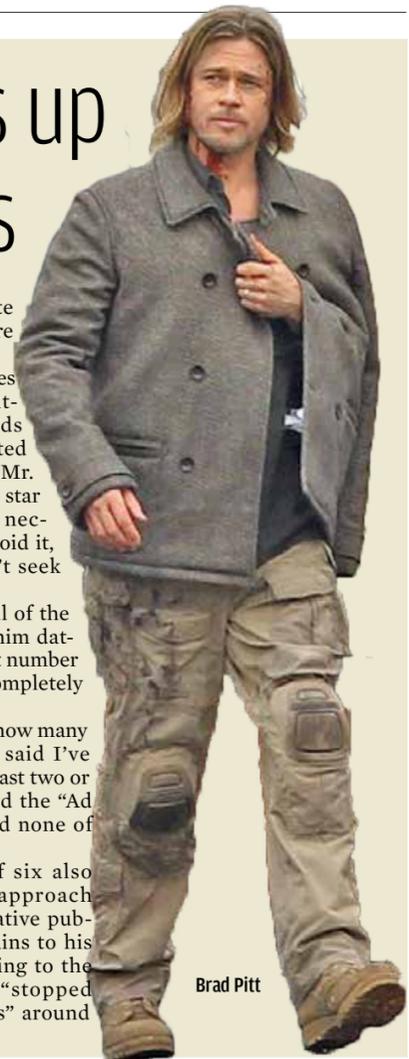
fans to speculate whether they were an item.

When the Times asked Pitt point-blank if he reads the stories printed about him, the "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" star said he doesn't necessarily try to avoid it, but: "I just don't seek it out."

Pitt insisted all of the rumours about him dating an exorbitant number of women are completely false.

"I don't know how many women they've said I've been dating the last two or three years," said the "Ad Astra" star. "And none of it's true."

The father of six also dished on his approach to avoiding negative publicity as it pertains to his projects, revealing to the outlet that he "stopped reading all press" around 2004.



Brad Pitt

Elizabeth Hurley, Queen Elizabeth have the same stalker, actress claims

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The Queen of England and Elizabeth Hurley have more in common than just the same first name.

Hurley appeared on "Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen" on Monday, alongside actor Stephen Dorff, where the 54-year-old mod-

el, actress and swimsuit designer claimed that she and Queen Elizabeth II are being stalked by the same person.

"In the office in London, we have a file called 'nutters,'" Hurley explained when asked about her strangest fan encounter, "and every time, well, particular people send letters -- they still send, you know, mail -- they have to go into the nutter file."

"There's one nutter who -- I don't even know if I'm allowed to say this -- but he only stalks two people: I'm

one of them and the other is the Queen of England," she said.

Hurley even claimed that the Scotland Yard -- the headquarters of London's Metropolitan Police Service -- keeps her abreast of the movements of her and the Queen's alleged snooper.

Aware that she was probably divulging more than she needed, Hurley added, "I probably shouldn't be saying any of this on TV," before quipping: "Take it all back!"



Elizabeth Hurley

Kevin Hart reflects on 2019: 'My appreciation for life is the highest that it's ever been'

Kevin Hart

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Kevin Hart is reflecting on what has been a whirlwind 2019 for the beloved funnyman.

The "Jumanji: The Next Level" star was honored with a Hand and Footprint Ceremony at the famed TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood on Tuesday, and took to Instagram after the

fact to share the momentous occasion with the world.

"Words can't explain my emotion right now...2019 has been a hell of a year for me. I appreciate the Ups & the downs...to be honest I appreciate the downs so f--king much because they help build character," Hart, 40, began the lengthy caption.

He continued: "My appreciation for life is the highest that it's ever been....I am forever a work in progress...I'm always looking for ways to improve or better myself...the best way to receive anything is to be willing to listen & accept or learn....I am all of the above. I am also thankful....I'm thankful for my family/friends/CoWorkers/Fans...Without you guys none of this would be possible."



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Jenna Jameson reveals she's 'back on track' on keto diet after gaining 20 pounds

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Jenna Jameson is saying goodbye to carbs once again.

The adult film star-turned-lifestyle and fitness maven revealed on Instagram on Monday that she was back on the keto diet after sharing last week that she ditched the diet, albeit briefly, and went carb-heavy.

"Eternal summer here in Hawaii!" Jameson, 45, captioned a photo of herself sitting poolside in a white swimsuit, her long blonde locks cascading down her back. "So excited to go back to the mainland for a week soon! Update on #keto... I'm back on track and I'm taking you on my journey!"

Kourtney Kardashian heats up Instagram: 'In case you forgot'

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Kourtney Kardashian is reminding the world who she is with some sultry new photos on Instagram.

On Monday, the eldest Kardashian sister took to Instagram to flaunt her curves in a set of photos on the popular social media site.

"In case you forgot..." Kourtney captioned the image, which shows her donning a form-fitting burgundy dress. Posing along a white wall, the 40-year-old Kardashian sister rocked a high ponytail and stared seductively into the camera while showing off plenty of skin.

The set of photos received an overwhelmingly positive recep-

tion from fans.

"So beautiful," one user wrote. "My favorite Kardashian," another user wrote.

"The Real" host Adrienne Bailon even chimed in, saying, "Well damn..."

In early November, Kourtney revealed that she's planning to take a step back from the show

to focus more of her time on being a mother to her three children. Speaking to Entertainment Tonight, Kourt-

ney revealed that she'll have a more limited role in Season 18, but that it doesn't mean she's leaving the show for good.

"I just decided to spend more time as a mom and put more of my energy there," she explained. "But I'm not saying goodbye."

"I think you'll have to see more of it on the new season, season 18," Kourtney continued. "It isn't airing yet, but it's being filmed. Currently, in this room."



Kourtney Kardashian

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