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## Liam Hemsworth explains his decision to get married

Los Angeles

Actor Liam Hemsworth says he proposed to singer-actress Miley Cyrus because he felt like it was time.

In an interview to "Sunday Today", Hemsworth opened about his relationship with Cyrus, reports dailymail.co.uk.

"We've been through so much together over the last 10 years, so (I) felt like it was time. I feel really happy and really fortunate to be with such a great person," he said.

Hemsworth said "it was a really special day" in Nashville, Tennessee, on December 23 when they got married, as "it was pretty much just immediate family" on hand for the wedding.

"Wrecking ball" artist Cyrus, 26, took to social media on Thursday with new photographs from her wedding with Hemsworth, calling him, "My Valentine every single day".

Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus



## Gigi Hadid looks sad

Los Angeles

It's her first Valentine's Day since splitting with her on-off beau, One Direction alum Zayn Malik.

And beautiful Gigi Hadid was spotted leaving a party in New York City alone on Thursday.

As ever, the signals about their relationship are mixed as she was spotted leaving 26-year-old Zayn's New York apartment last week.

The pair, who reportedly went their separate ways for a second time in November, have had a famously on-off relationship since they were first linked in 2015.

Last month US Weekly said that the lovebirds are 'done,' with a source adding 'they could get back together' but 'it's over for now.' Rumors started flying after both stars enjoyed separate holidays and they did not appear in each other's social media accounts.



Zayn Malik

Gigi Hadid

### SNIPPETS

**Bruno Ganz who played Hitler in 'Downfall' dies aged 77**  
Zurich

Actor who portrayed Adolf Hitler in Oscar-nominated film "Downfall" and the kindly grandfather in "Heidi", died of cancer at his home in Zurich on Saturday, aged 77, his agent said.

Ganz had been active in German language theater, film and television for more than 50 years and was the holder of the Iffland-Ring, the most important award for German-speaking actors.



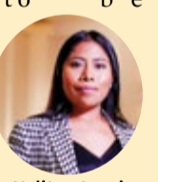
Bruno Ganz

**Mexican actor apologises for racial slur against 'Roma' actress**  
Mexico City

A Mexican soap opera star apologized on Friday for using a racial slur to describe actress Yalitza Aparicio, whose performance in the critically acclaimed film "Roma" made her the first indigenous woman to be nominated for a best actress Oscar.

Video footage surfaced on Twitter on Friday in which actor Sergio Goyri, 60, can be heard criticizing the film community.

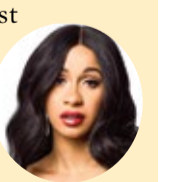
Aparicio, a 25-year-old from the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, played a domestic worker in director Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma," which received 10 Oscar nominations, including a nod for best actress for Aparicio.



Yalitza Aparicio

**Cardi B drops new single with Bruno Mars, 'Please Me'**  
Los Angeles

Cardi B has released her first new song of 2019 'Please Me,' a collaboration with Bruno Mars. The pair has earlier worked together, most notably on last year's remix of Mars' 'Finesse' that they performed at the 2018 Grammy Awards, reported Variety.



Cardi B

## Academy to air all Oscars categories live

Los Angeles

Facing mounting pressure from its members, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced that it will present all 24 Oscar categories live during its broadcast on February 24.

The Academy confirmed on Friday that all four of the categories that were to

be presented during commercial breaks, followed by taped replays later in the show, will instead be presented live during the Oscars telecast, reports the hollywoodreporter.com.

The initial decision was made to address pressure to shorten the show, which last year ran for three hours and 53 minutes.



Ben Affleck

## 2 arrested for attacking 'Empire' actor, released

Los Angeles

Two men who were being questioned in connection with an attack reported by "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett, have been released without charge, the Chicago Police Department said.

The men, who were arrested on Wednesday, were released on Friday "due to new evidence as a result of today's interrogations. Detectives have additional investigative work to complete," said Chicago Police Chief Communications Officer Anthony Guglielmi, reports cnn.com.

Los Angeles

Ben Affleck has explained his decision to depart from the DC Extended Universe, saying he could not "crack" the idea for his solo Batman film.

## I couldn't crack it: Ben Affleck on why he stepped aside from Batman role

The 46-year-old actor first starred as the caped crusader Batman in Zack Snyder's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" and then followed it up with "Justice League".

He also made a cameo appearance as Batman in David Ayer's 2016 dud "Suicide Squad". He was set to once again play the character in a solo Batman film to be directed by Matt Reeves, the man behind two films of Andy Serkis' successful "Planet of the Apes" trilogy.

## Award-winning 'Marvelous Mrs Maisel' stars get a pay hike

Los Angeles

"Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" stars Rachel Brosnahan and Tony Shalhoub have earned sizable pay increases after renegotiating their deals, and Alex Borstein is also close to signing a new agreement.

According to sources, the creative team of the Amazon series is giving its stars a hefty raise following a big haul of awards for its first two seasons, reports hollywoodreporter.com.

Amazon declined to comment. Brosnahan stands to reportedly make as much as triple her previous salary, potentially earning up to \$300,000 (about R4.2 million) per episode, and may also get a piece of the show's back end with her new agreement.

Though she is number one on the call sheet, Brosnahan's starting salary was said to be lower than that for some of her more established co-stars; that has likely been rectified.

Shalhoub's pay will also rise substantially, to a reported \$250,000 (about R3.5 million) per episode, and Borstein's is expected to as well. Regulars Michael Zegen, Marin Hinkle and Kevin Pollak are also likely to get pay hikes.



Rachel Brosnahan

## 'Bond 25' delayed again

Los Angeles

Daniel Craig's "Bond 25" will open on April 8, 2020 now, instead of February 14, 2020.

It's the second delay for "Bond 25".

MGM and Eon originally announced in 2017 that the film would open on November 8, 2019, then removed that back to February 14, 2020 af-



Daniel Craig

ter Danny Boyle exited from the director slot and was replaced by Cary Joji Fukunaga, reports variety.com.

Universal will be handling international distribution on "Bond 25", while MGM handles domestic in partnership with Annapurna through the new United Artists Releasing label.

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