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Pete Davidson 'grew tired' of focus on his personal life

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Pete Davidson has found the focus on his personal life to be "traumatic".

The 31-year-old comedian has dated a host of famous women, including Kim Kardashian, Ariana Grande, Kaia Gerber, Margaret Qualley, and Phoebe Dynevor, but Pete felt frustrated that people often knew him for his high-profile love life, rather than his comedy talent.

He said on The Breakfast Club: "It just got to a point where I was ... I got really tired of my whole career just being like my personal life. And living through that is it's sort of traumatic. Like not to be like lame, but like it's traumatic to live in your own crap all the time."

Pete also hated the experience of being sexualized by the public.

The comedy star explained: "I don't want to victimize myself in any way because I'm cool, but the sexualization of me — if that was a girl, people would be like, there would be a march for it ... Seriously. You're just talking about my d*** all day."

Pete and his girlfriend Elsie Hewitt are currently expect-

ing their first child together, and the actor recently claimed that his impending fatherhood has given him a new perspective on life.

Pete - who shot to stardom on Saturday Night Live, before turning his focus towards the movie industry - told People magazine: "I'm just excited to take care of the little one. The second I found out the news, I was like, 'Oh wow, what I do is just a job.'"

"I realized I was kind of basing my happiness on work, which is ridiculously unhealthy. So it gave me this weird sense of calmness, where this is just a job and now I have someone to do it for."

The King of Staten Island star is already looking forward to his child enjoying playdates with four-month-old Saga, the daughter of his friend Machine Gun Kelly and Megan Fox.

Pete - who began dating Elsie in March - said: "We're going to have a awesome play dates. Yeah, that's [going to be] a cool play date."



Tom Cruise snubs Kennedy Center Honour

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Tom Cruise reportedly turned down a Kennedy Center Honor.

The Mission: Impossible actor was offered the prestigious award - which "recognises and celebrates individuals whose unique artistic contributions have shaped our world" - but declined due to scheduling conflicts, multiple anonymous current and former Kennedy Center employees told The Washington Post.

Instead, President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday that the ceremony in December will see rockers KISS, stage star Michael Crawford, disco legend Gloria Gaynor, country musician George Strait and actor Sylvester Stallone honoured.

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Chris Hemsworth didn't find playing drums easy

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Chris Hemsworth struggled to get to grips with the "very basics" of drumming ahead of his performance with Ed Sheeran.

The Thor actor joined the Bad Habits hitmaker on stage at a concert in Bucharest, Romania to play Thinking Out Loud in front of 70,000 fans last August for his Limitless: Live Better Now series but footage from the National Geographic series

showed mastering the instrument didn't come easily to him. In a preview clip shared with NME, Chris was shown playing a simple beat and finding it "very, very" difficult.

Drumming teacher Ben Jordan noted: "I'm slowly realising Chris doesn't have much innate drumming rhythm. It's pretty hard to find something he's bad at, but I think we've found it."

The 42-year-old actor recently admitted going on stage to perform with Ed was an "out-of-body experience".

Speaking at a Q+A for the show, Chris said: "[It was] very much a kind of out-of-body experience and there's something about being in unison and in time with, not just a band, but a mass group of people."

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Zoe Kravitz

Zoe Kravitz and Lisa Bonet lost snake in Taylor Swift's house

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Zoe Kravitz and her mom almost lost their pet snake in Taylor Swift's house.

The Big Little Lies actress and Lisa Bonet were staying at her friend's home amid the Los Angeles wildfires earlier this year when they got into a "little bit of a pickle" after the 57-year-old model's beloved reptile Orpheus slithered its way into a tiny hole in the bathroom and they were unable to retrieve her without causing major damage.

Appearing on Late Night with Seth Meyers, Zoe said: "She was

kind enough to let me stay at her house...

"We ended up having to stay there for about two weeks and Taylor has this beautiful house — it's from the '30s, something you want to preserve and take care of."

"So me and my mom are living in this house together, it was the last day - I was gonna leave, my mom was gonna stay longer, but I had to go for work."

"I was kinda going around packing up my things and saying to my mom, 'I wanna be a good houseguest'. I leave places better than I found them. I don't

want her to even know we were here."

"I'm going around cleaning up. I'm downstairs and she's upstairs and my phone rings and it was my mom. I'm like, 'That's weird, we're in the same house.'"

"She goes 'Hi' and I'm like, 'Your voice is super high'. And she goes, 'I'm in a bit of a pickle. Can you come upstairs?'"

"I go upstairs, the bathroom door is closed, so I open [it] and she's crouched in the corner in this weird way. She says, 'So I was washing my face and I had Orpheus, and I just put her

down for a second, closed the door, and she found this little hole in the corner."

"There was a little hole, that you wouldn't even know was there, right in the corner of the bathroom. The hole is next to a banquette that is built into the wall."

"My mom is holding the snake's tail. Snake's tail, they're all muscle and very, very strong. I'm like 'Maybe this hole goes into the drawers [underneath]'. I get down on the ground, take the drawers out, no."

Zoe began "freaking out" as the snake got further and

further into the hole and called for help from the house manager, who began "tearing apart" the banquette.

She continued: "We're ripping up the tile. We're scratching the walls. We destroyed her bathroom."

"I was like, 'Either we destroy her bathroom or I have to tell her that there's a snake somewhere in her house.'"

"I said to her house manager, 'Obviously, I'm

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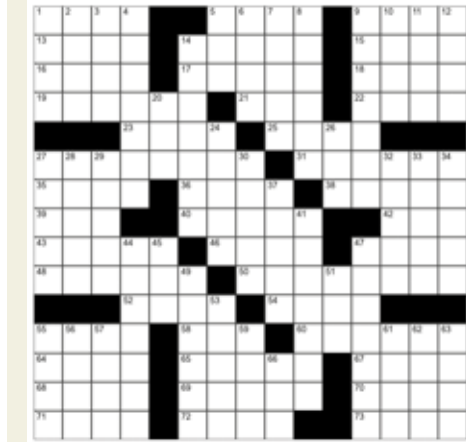
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Yesterday's solution

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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.

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Across

1- Thick slice; 5- Arthur of tennis; 9- Teen hangout; 13- Opera set in Egypt; 14- In the lead; 15- Winglike parts; 16- Perceived; 17- ... Gras; 18- Trent of the Senate; 19- Ice cream topped with syrup; 21- DDE opponent; 22- Matures, as wine; 23- Bushy do; 25- Fly; 27- Sure; 31- Sounds; 35- Cornerstone abbr.; 36- Order into effect, such as a strike; 38- Done for; 39- Chem. or biol.; 40- Shady recess; 42- Intense anger; 43- Country singer Tucker; 46- Indian exercise method; 47- Winter fall; 48- Church instruments; 50- Speechless; 52- Phooey!; 54- Shrivelled, without moisture; 55- Trampled; 58- Qty.; 60- Exceptional intellect; 64- A Chaplin; 65- Sporty Mazda; 67- Writing table; 68- Hang-up; 69- Preminger et al.; 70- ... saw Elba; 71- Having all one's marbles; 72- Leak slowly; 73- Comic Foxx;

Down

1- Smart talk; 2- In ... of; 3- Arabian gulf; 4- Makeshift solution; 5- I've got it; 6- Antitoxins; 7- Mythical hell; 8- Prolific inventor; 9- Swampfever; 10- Sleep like ...; 11- Behind schedule; 12- Permits; 14- "A Horse With No Name" band; 20- Sternward; 24- Egg producer; 26- Fine; 27- Green pasta sauce; 28- Movie award; 29- Undercover operation; 30- Arm joint; 32- Backbone; 33- Continental cash; 34- Crockpot concoctions; 37- Company emblems; 41- Krypton, for one; 44- Running back's pursuit; 45- Santa ... Calif.; 47- Thin; 49- John of "Full House"; 51- Rap's Dr. ...; 53- Strike; 55- Prepare a salad; 56- Gossipy Barrett; 57- ... epic scale; 59- London gallery; 61- Able was ...; 62- Second hand, took advantage of; 63- Slip; 66- Best;

Yesterday's solution

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