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Ben Stiller meets with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a UNHCR Goodwill ambassador

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Ben Stiller met with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a Goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on Monday to commemorate World Refugee Day.

Stiller toured occupied settlements in the Kyiv region of the war-torn country and spoke with survivors of the occupation in Irpin before meeting with Zelenskyy.

"It's one thing to see this destruction on TV or on social networks. Another thing is to see it all with your own eyes. That's a lot more shocking," Stiller said.

"What you saw in Irpin is definitely dreadful. But it is even worse to just imagine what is happening in the settlements that are still under temporary occupation in the east," Zelenskyy responded.

At one point during the meeting, Stiller told Zelenskyy, "You're my hero."

Stiller was joined by UNHCR representative in Ukraine Karolina Lindholm Billing during the visit at the president's office.

Ben Stiller with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

During their meeting, Zelenskyy "emphasized the violation of the rights of Ukrainians forcibly deported to Russia, including children."

The group also discussed the needs of the people displaced from their homes, including people in Poland.

"It was an honour to meet President @ZelenskyyUa on #WorldRefugeeDay as part of my visit with UNHCR @Refugees to stand in solidarity with people forced to flee in Ukraine and worldwide, and bring more attention to the humanitarian situation," Stiller tweeted to his millions of fans.

"I'm meeting people who have been impacted by war, and hearing how it's changed their lives," he said in a separate video for UNHCR.

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Last week, President Joe Biden announced $1.2 billion in security and humanitarian assistance will be granted to Ukraine in the form of artillery, coastal defences and advanced rocket systems as the deadly war with Russia continues.

The funds will also include $225 million for humanitarian aid to supply "safe drinking water, critical medical supplies and health care, food, shelter, and cash for families to purchase essential items," the White House said in a statement.

Dakota Johnson baffled bride when she crashed wedding

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Dakota Johnson left a bride very confused when she crashed her wedding.

The 32-year-old actress had drank "a lot of wine" while on vacation in Italy and was persuaded to join a friend at a nearby marriage celebration, and though she thought she would be able to party undetected, she was soon spotted by the newlyweds.

Speaking to Jimmy Fallon on 'The Tonight Show', she said: "I did it once. I was in Italy with my sisters and in Italy they have a lot of wine there.

"My friend was at this wedding and he was like 'come this is a really big wedding no one will know'.

"And then all of a sudden I'm making eye contact with the bride as she's being bounced in a chair. And she was like 'What! Why is she here?' "

Dakota Johnson

It isn't only weddings the 'Persuasion' star turns up to without an invite as she recently gatecrashed a "staff party" in Los Angeles.

She added: "And the other day here in LA I crashed a birthday party too that I wasn't invited too.

'It wasn't even a birthday party it was a staff party and they really were like 'what are you doing here?'

Dakota - who is in a relationship with Coldplay frontman Chris Martin - previously claimed gatecrashing weddings had turned into one of her favourite pastimes.

Asked if she had turned up uninvited to a wedding, the 'Lost Daughter' actress said: "I feel like I've done that a lot. It's one of my number one hobbies."

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Nicole Kidman to star, produce thriller feature 'Holland, Michigan'

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Hollywood actress Nicole Kidman is re-teaming with Amazon Studios for the Mimi Cave directed thriller 'Holland, Michigan'.

The feature, based on Andrew Sodroski's (Manhunt) script, topped the 2013 Black List, and involves secrets that lurk beneath a Midwestern town with a Hitchcock bent. Kidman will star and produce with Per Saari under her Blossom Films, reports 'Deadline'.

Kidman starred in Amazon's 'Being the Ricardos' as Lucille Ball, a role which earned her a Best Actress Oscar nomination, a Golden Globe Best Actress-Drama win, and a SAG nomination.

The actress is also starring in and producing the Amazon drama series 'Expats'.

According to 'Deadline', 'Being the Ricardos' launched worldwide on Prime Video December 21, 2021 and was No. 1 on the service its opening week and among the highest debuts of any movie drama release on Prime Video.

Nicole Kidman

Jennifer Aniston clears up rumours over viral Friends salad recipe

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Jennifer Aniston has ended years of speculation over the salad she was supposed to have eaten for lunch every day while filming 'Friends'.

The Hollywood actress was said to have regularly enjoyed a modified Cobb salad while filming the hit sitcom and a recipe purporting to recreate the dish later became a viral sensation after it emerged on TikTok in recent years.

Jennifer Aniston

However, Jennifer is adamant the recipe is not her salad, telling Shape: "I'm sorry, I feel like I'm disappointing everybody, but that's not my salad. It looks delicious, but it's not the salad that I had on 'Friends'."

The dish known as the Jennifer Aniston Salad is featured in thousands of social media posts and consists of bulgur wheat, cucumbers, parsley, mint, red onion, chickpeas, feta cheese and chopped pistachio nuts.

However, Jennifer says her salad was "totally different" and actually consisted of lettuce, chicken, egg whites, garbanzo beans, bacon, and a vinaigrette dressing while she sometimes added pecorino cheese to the dish.

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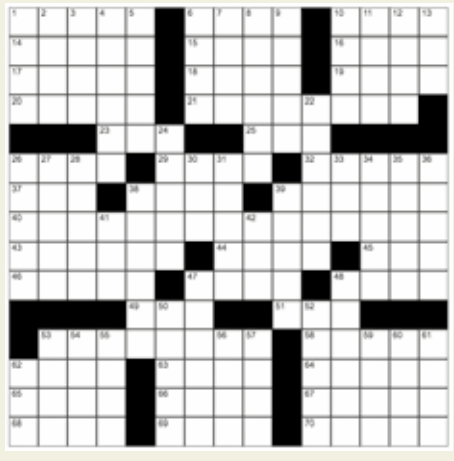

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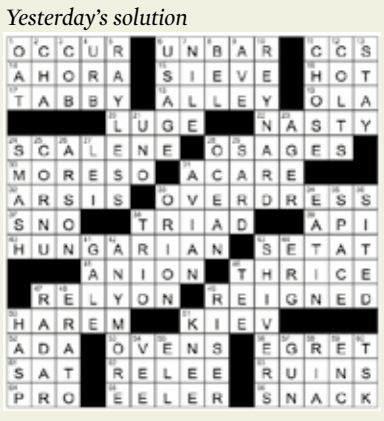
1- Swedish auto; 2- Writer Bombeck; 3- The wolf __ the door; 4- Successor of Moses; 5- Atlas feature; 6- Barbershop request; 7- Mother of Ares; 8- Saws; 9- Ancient region of Asia Minor; 10- Actress Singer; 11- It's a thought; 12- Hero; 13- Affirmative answer; 22- Weird; 24- Plant problem; 26- Hickory-nut; 27- Compadre; 28- Blender setting; 30- Nitwit; 31- Cruising vessel; 33- Hill builder; 34- Stench; 35- Uneven; 36- Capital city of Yemen; 38- Jumble; 39- Dimensions; 41- MSNBC rival; 42- Go, team!; 47- Light; 48- Right-leaning?; 50- Narrow street; 52- Diciembre follower; 53- German Mister; 54- Buck follower; 55- Brass component; 56- __ Bator, Mongolia; 57- Uses a shuttle; 59- Miami's county; 60- Swenson of "Benson"; 61- Mideast gulf; 62- Spasm;

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