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### Tom Hardy snuck into a jiu-jitsu tournament and beat everyone

Fox | Los Angeles

Critically acclaimed actor Tom Hardy shocked the internet after he snuck into a martial arts competition and beat all of his opponents over the weekend. The 45-year-old entered the 2022 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Open Championship using his less-known first name, Edward, according to The Guardian. The competition was hosted by the Ultimate Martial Arts

Championships in Milton Keynes, approximately 90 minutes north of London. Hardy surprised attendees with his entrance and won the competition by defeating all his opponents. A spokesperson for the tournament praised the "Dark Knight Rises" actor, calling him a "really nice guy." Pictures of Hardy's weekend performance went viral on social media, showing him dressed in a blue gi with a patchy gray beard.

Last month Hardy competed and also won the REORG Open Jujitsu Championship, which helped to raise charity funds for veterans and emergency service workers. "Everyone recognized him, but he was very humble and was happy to take time out for people to take photographs with him," the tournament's spokesperson told the Guardian. "It was a real pleasure to have him compete at our event."



Tom Hardy in action during the event

### Shakira speaks up about her split from ex-Gerard Pique

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Almost three months after singer-songwriter Shakira and Gerard Pique confirmed their split, she has now spoken up and shared how their kids are coping with the breakup.

According to E! News, recently she told a magazine, "I've remained quiet and just tried to process it all. Um, and yeah, it's hard to talk about it, especially because I'm still going through it, and because I'm in the public eye and because our separation is not like a regular separation. And so it's been tough not only for me but also for my kids. Incredibly difficult."

"I have paparazzi camping outside, in front of my house, 24/7. And there's not a place where I can hide from them with my kids, except for my own house. You know, we can't take a walk in the park like a regular family or go have an ice cream

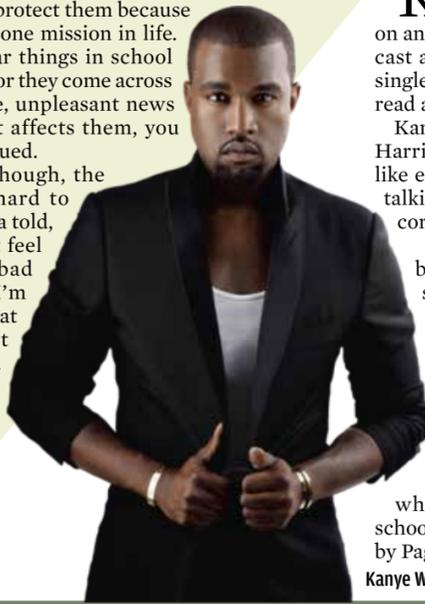
or do any activity without the paparazzi following us. So it's hard," Shakira added.

However, she is doing her best to shield her kids from the breakup and the media attention. "I try to do it and to protect them because that's my number one mission in life. But then they hear things in school from their friends or they come across some disagreeable, unpleasant news online, and it just affects them, you know?" she continued.

Months later, though, the breakup is still hard to process. As Shakira told, "Sometimes I just feel like this is all a bad dream and that I'm going to wake up at some point." But that's not the case. In fact, Gerard has seemingly moved on from their relationship, reported E! News.



Shakira



Kanye West

### Kanye West says he has never read a book in his life!

ANI | Washington

Kanye West has given yet another unusual remark! West appeared on an episode of the 'Alo Mind Full' podcast and revealed that he hasn't read a single book. He said, "I actually haven't read any book".

Kanye West further told hosts, Danny Harris, and Alyson Wilson, "Reading is like eating Brussels sprouts for me. And talking is like getting the Giorgio Baldi corn ravioli".

His statement has shocked many because ironically, Kanye runs a school in California - DONDA Academy.

Also, the statement comes right after a Page Six report that revealed Kanye West's "secretive school" called Donda Academy makes parents sign an NDA or non-disclosure agreement for enrolment.

The statements of two parents, whose kids have been attending the school, confirming the news were quoted by Page Six. However, Tamar Andrews, a

consultant to the school, tried to debunk the families' claims.

Page Six further quoted a Rolling Stones report wherein Tamar revealed that "the parents of each student only have to sign an informal agreement -- but didn't specify what that agreement was."

"Honestly, we don't care if people know about the school," Andrews added.

"The people that want to come to the school are looking for a good Christian school in that area and they know that we're there ... there is also certain notoriety that comes with being affiliated with Donda. So, I don't know that we have to advertise, which is a blessing and a curse."

Malik Yusef, Kanye West's longtime friend and collaborator, agreed, saying the school provides students with opportunities that other institutions do not.



Mariah Carey

### Mariah Carey has a 'themed album' on the way

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Mariah Carey has a number of projects in the pipeline, including a "themed album".

The 'Hero' hitmaker has revealed she's been working on lots of music, including brand new tunes for what looks set to be either a "scripted series or documentary".

Speaking on the 'Rolling Stone Music Now' podcast, she spilled: "It's about three or four different things. One is a project that I'm almost finished with that I was do-

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"It's something that people have been asking me to do for years, but it's not done in the traditional sense. It's not done yet, but I'm really excited about it. I'm working (on that album) with some very eclectic, newer artists, as well as some legendary folks."

The 53-year-old pop icon also admitted it did her voice good to have a rest amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as it had been "damaged" and started sounding "hoarse".

She said: "Travelling and getting

hoarse and doing this and doing that did damage my voice for a minute.

"But having that moment to kind of get it back to a place where I felt really good about it was its own gift. I mean, none of us were thrilled to be dealing with Covid, but that did give me a chance to get back into the studio and just strictly focus on music."

Last week, the Grammy winner celebrated the 25th anniversary of her seminal 1997 LP 'Butterfly'.

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**How to play**  
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**CROSSWORD**

Across

1- Former Russian rulers; 6- Terra ...; 11- Attorney's org.; 14- ... who lived in ...; 15- The Little Mermaid; 16- Armed conflict; 17- Attack on all sides; 18- Water vapor; 19- Prince Valiant's son; 20- Makes lace; 22- Buddy; 24- Spider's traps; 28- Crescent-shaped; 30- Concurs; 31- The devil; 32- Snow conveyances; 33- Having bristles; 37- French possessive; 38- Long hard seat; 39- Hot tub; 40- Institute; 43- Long-winded speech; 45- Feed on grass; 46- Governor; 47- Writer; 49- Entrails; 50- Country album?; 51- Golfer Aoki; 52- "Fancy that!"; 53- Fulcrum for an oar; 56- Gathers; 61- One-million link; 62- Coherent light beam; 63- Very, to Verdi; 64- ... gloom of night...; 65- Give the slip; 66- Gravy, for one;

Down

1- Decorative flap on a garment; 2- Vane dir.; 3- Sighs of relief; 4- Fish eggs; 5- Lounges; 6- Play groups; 7- Table scraps; 8- Bind; 9- Leaves in a bag; 10- Annual reference book; 11- Anticipate; 12- Vessel; 13- Florence's river; 21- Bodybuilder's pride; 23- Long luxurious hair; 24- Class of Indian society; 25- Leers at; 26- French port; 27- Tie the knot; 28- Gate fastener; 29- Mormon state of western USA; 31- Have a feeling; 33- Grab; 34- Bendable twig, usually of a willow tree; 35- Overturn; 36- Smelling ...; 38- Spill the beans; 41- Pearl Mosque city; 42- Stiff coarse hair; 43- Ladies of Spain; 44- Links org.; 46- Genetic messenger; 47- Pad user; 48- Lucid; 49- Grenoble's river; 50- Not "fer"; 51- Three Lives; 54- Actor Linden; 55- Buckeyes' sch.; 57- Conductor ... Pekka Salonen; 58- Tempe sch.; 59- Lobbying org.; 60- Sprechen ... Deutsch?;

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