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## Dwayne Johnson convinced 'Black Adam' makers to onboard Henry Cavill

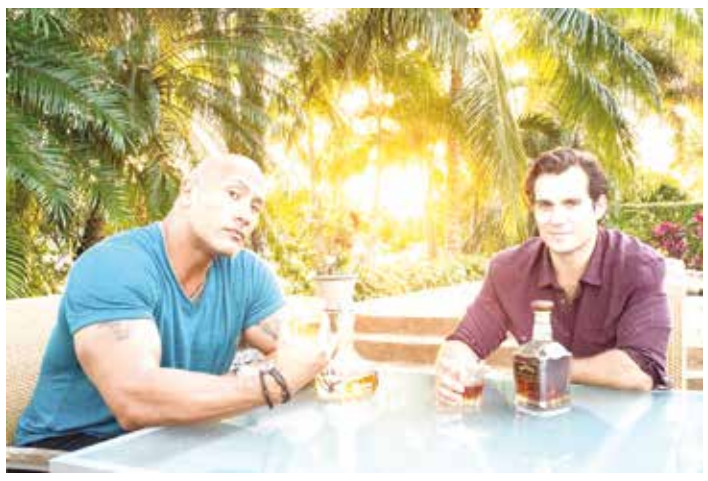
**IANS** | Los Angeles

Dwayne Johnson, who is celebrating the success of 'Black Adam', fought hard for Henry Cavill's cameo as Superman as Warner Bros was not initially keen on bringing back the actor.

In a video posted on Twitter, the DC star said that he wanted to establish 'Black Adam' "as the most powerful, unstoppable force in the DC universe," reports Deadline.

To manage the latter, Johnson said: "We have to bring back the most powerful, unstoppable force of all time in any universe. And you guys know who I'm talking about? Of course, that is Superman. And that's Henry Cavill."

According to Deadline, Johnson then revealed that the studio "inexplicably and inexcusably" did not want to bring back Cavill but he was not going to take no for an answer and his team got to work.



Dwayne Johnson and Henry Cavill

"This has been years in the making regarding bringing Henry Cavill back and years of strategic conversations and we were not going to take no for an answer," he said, as quoted by Deadline.

"There was no way, there's no viable logical way that you can attempt to build out the DC Universe without the most powerful force and the greatest superhero of all time sitting on the sidelines. It's impossible to do," he added.

Johnson continued: "It all comes back to where Superman you have to have Superman in the mix. So that's why we fought hard to bring Superman back, Henry Cavill, and there was no other Superman, by the way, to bring back Henry Cavill is our generation Superman and in my opinion, the greatest Superman. And I mean that respectfully to the other actors, especially Christopher Reeve, but the greatest Superman of all time."

Deadline notes that with Cavill back in the DC Universe, the 'Black Adam' star said that they can "now build out the DC Universe, properly, strategically and smartly."

Johnson also pointed out that since the film came out, the "hierarchy of power in the DC Universe has changed and, of course, now we have new leadership at DC and at Warner Bros."

## Adele amazed after Shania Twain is spotted at her show

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Adele was amazed to find out Shania Twain had come to see her Las Vegas show.

The pop star is currently performing her 'Weekends With Adele' residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and she shared a picture which showed the 'Man! I Feel Like A Woman!' singer sitting in the audience over the weekend - and Adele admitted she was glad she didn't spot her while she was on stage.

Shania Twain

In a post on Instagram, Adele wrote: "Thank god you had a hat on @shaniatwain I would have self combusted had I seen it was you!! I adore you, I can't believe you came to my show."

Adele

The picture showed Shania sitting in the front row wearing a wide-brimmed hat as Adele performed without realising she was there.

It came after Adele dedicated a song to a friend's late mother during her Saturday night concert. Raven Varona - who is the official photographer for Adele's residency - lost her Leigh recently so Adele dedicated her song 'Make You Feel My Love' to her.

According to The Sun newspaper, Adele told the crowd to hold up their phones as she belted out the track. She said: "I would really appreciate it if you could all put on your torches on your phone and shine them like stars so I know her mum can see us."

A source added to the publication: ":For the past 12 months Adele's focus has been on these Vegas shows but despite being under serious pressure herself, when Raven lost her mum she rushed to offer support.

"Family is a massive thing for Adele and she was keen to make it clear that she could take all the time she needed away before returning to work, the passing has hit them both hard."

## Catherine Zeta-Jones wishes she could have played James Bond

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Catherine Zeta-Jones regrets not playing James Bond.

The Oscar-winning actress is convinced that she had the acting "chops" to be the first female 007 and recalled how she dreamt of being a female spy when she was a child.

Catherine told Telegraph magazine: "I had the chops to be a female Bond. For many years I was Bond material. Actually, I used to dream of being a female spy when I was a kid – if I didn't make it as an actress. Then, later, I had big aspirations, and this was before there was even a female 'Doctor Who'."

Catherine Zeta-Jones

## Will Smith says he would 'understand' if audience shun his new movie 'Emancipation'

**ANI** | Washington

Actor Will Smith said he would 'totally understand' if moviegoers are not 'ready' to see his new movie, 'Emancipation' after he slapped comedian Chris Rock on stage at the Oscars earlier this year.

According to Fox News, a US-based news outlet, the first new Smith movie to be released after the actor hit Chris Rock in the face on stage at the awards ceremony in March 2022 is Antoine Fuqua's new drama 'Emancipation'.

Will Smith

Fuqua directed Training Day, which won Denzel Washington an Oscar.

After the comic made a joke about his wife Jada Pinkett Smith, Will Smith hit Rock.

Smith has apologised twice and quit as an Academy member since the event, for which he was chastised.

In a recent interview with a FOX 5 DC reporter, the actor stated that he would understand "if folks were not prepared to see his film" as a result of his slap at the Oscars.

## Dua Lipa granted Albanian citizenship

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Dua Lipa has been granted Albanian citizenship.

The 27-year-old pop star was born in London to Albanian parents and moved with her family to Pristina after Kosovo declared independence in 2008 but later relocated to London as a teenager to pursue a career in music and President Bajram Begaj described her as a "simple girl" who has given "great pride" to the country.

He said: "It is a special pleasure to welcome the great artist Dua Lipa today. I say great artist, but she is also a simple girl, who has given the greatest pride to us, Albania, Kosovo and wherever there are Albanians in the world. Albanian youth is an example and a source of inspiration for you and you have shown that dreams can be achieved by working harder. Tomorrow we celebrate the 110th anniversary of the declaration of independence and today the joint meeting of the Assembly of Albania and the Assembly of Kosovo took place. Although art is not related to politics, it brings all people together and with your art, you have brought us together in this jubilee year! On this occasion, I am pleased to grant you Albanian citizenship."

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Following the ceremony, the 'Levitating' hitmaker took to social media to alert her millions of Instagram followers of the news as she thanked the President and the Mayor.

Alongside a snap of herself on the day, she wrote: "Thank you President Bajram Begaj and Mayor @erionveliaj for this honour ~ got my Albanian citizenship!!"

Dua Lipa

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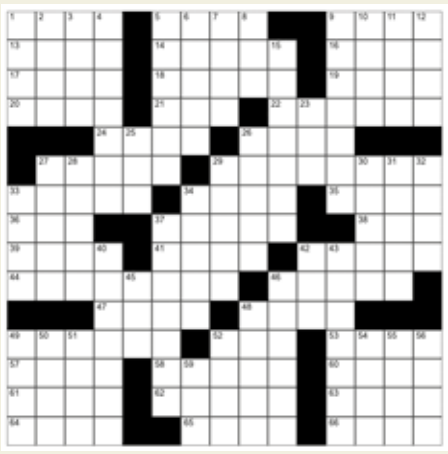

**Across**

1- Cpls.' superiors; 5- Gentle creature; 9- Horton Hears __; 13- Trim; 14- Inclined; 16- Goon; 17- On top of; 18- Later, dude!; 19- Sharpen; 20- Start from scratch; 21- Transgression; 22- Whip up; 24- Undoing; 26- Portico; 27- Buy alternative; 29- One who brings change for the better; 33- Light wood; 34- Ballerina's skirt; 35- Mah-jongg piece; 36- Bit of resistance; 37- Disinfectant brand; 38- Inc., overseas; 39- Romance lang.; 41- Ready for business; 42- Cream-filled cookies; 44- Ancestry; 46- Get to know; 47- Dry and waterless; 48- DEA agent; 49- Early computer; 52- Suffix for human; 53- Andy of the comics; 57- Wine choice; 58- Needed liniment; 60- Lubricates; 61- Make __ for it; 62- Cavalry weapon; 63- Lyric poems; 64- Swimmer's regimen; 65- Go-getter; 66- Cool!;

**Down**

1- Boot attachment; 2- Open wide; 3- Stepped; 4- Ladies of Spain; 5- Timmy's dog; 6- Had dinner at home; 7- Appearance; 8- Journalist Nellie; 9- Deep down; 10- Rider's command; 11- Search thoroughly; 12- Gothic-type arch; 15- Diplomatic; 23- Friend of Tigger; 25- Dos Passos trilogy; 26- Attack; 27- Christine of "Chicago Hope"; 28- Violinist Mischa; 29- Tricks; 30- Distance runner; 31- John of England; 32- Beatty Oscar film; 33- Seethe; 34- Keyed in; 37- Reasonable; 40- Adds yeast; 42- Done, to Donne; 43- Nocturnal carnivore; 45- First name in Notre Dame football; 46- Climbing device; 48- One who cries "uncle"?; 49- Orsk's river; 50- Asta's mistress; 51- The jig __!; 52- Horrors!; 54- Assistant; 55- This can be guilty or not guilty; 56- Hey, over here!; 59- Vulgar, ill-bred fellow;

*Yesterday's solution*