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## Frank Oz 'can't bear' to watch 'The Muppets'

**T**he 77-year-old actor previously performed the characters of Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear and Animal in the iconic TV series, but he can't watch them anymore after being overlooked by Disney because he "won't follow orders". Frank - who also performed the characters of Cookie Monster, Bert, and Grover in 'Sesame Street' - shared: "I'd love to do 'The Muppets' again but Disney doesn't want me, and 'Sesame Street' hasn't asked me for 10 years. They don't want me because I won't follow orders and I won't do the kind of 'Muppets' they believe in." Frank thinks the franchises have both lost some of their "soul" over recent years. Despite this, he still has a deep-rooted affection for the characters. He told the Guardian newspaper: "The soul's not there. The soul is what makes things grow and be funny. But I miss them

and love them." Asked if his Muppets experience gives him the most pride, he replied: "Pride gets into hubris and I've learned to avoid that. Maybe satisfied is a better word. "I'm satisfied with some of the movies I've done, but I can't say I 'did' the Muppets, because it was always a combination of the writers, the other performers, Jim [Henson, the puppeteer] and me." Frank previously admitted that his involvement in puppetry has made him feel insecure. He also observed that there's a "pejorative attitude towards puppeteering". Frank - who is also known for the role of Yoda in the money-spinning 'Star Wars' franchise - said: "There is always a pejorative attitude towards puppeteering and I became identified with being a puppeteer, but I wanted to be a full human being."

## Jay-Z hails wife Beyonce as 'super talented and inspiring'

**J**ay-Z loves working with his wife Beyonce because she is "super detail-orientated" and "inspiring". The power couple have collaborated musically, toured together, and, most recently, joined forces for Tiffany & Co.'s About Love campaign. And the 51-year-old music mogul has revealed why it's so easy to work with his "super talented" spouse. Speaking in a rare interview with 'Entertainment Tonight' at the 18th anniversary of his 40/40 Club in New York City on Saturday night, the '99 Problems' hitmaker gushed: "She's super detail-oriented, obviously, as you can see from her work. "She's an incredibly hard worker, super talented, very inspiring." The star-studded bash was also attended by the likes of Megan Thee Stallion - who is signed to Jay-Z's Roc Nation label - Swizz Beatz and Busta

Rhymes, to name a few. The high-profile duo's romance is the center of the ad for the luxury jewelry brand, which launches on September 2. In a statement, the 'Crazy in Love' pair said: "Love is the diamond that the jewelry and art decorate." The Destiny's Child star and her other half - who have Blue Ivy, nine, and four-year-old twins Rumi and Sir together - have also created a dazzling film for the brand filmed by Jay-Z on a Super 8 camera, which arrives on September 15. Soundtracked to Beyonce's version of 'Moon River', originally performed by the late Hollywood icon Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 movie 'Breakfast at Tiffany's', in which her character, Holly Golightly, is obsessed with their jewelry, the short was shot at the breathtaking Orum House in Los Angeles. In the clip, Beyonce, 39, is wearing the stunning Tiffany Yellow Diamond - one of the largest yellow diamonds ever discovered - which has only been worn a handful of times. Hepburn wowed in the rare diamond in promo snaps for 'Breakfast At Tiffany's', while Lady Gaga borrowed it for the Oscars in 2019, and Gal Gadot's character, Linnet Ridgeway-Doyle, wears a replica in the upcoming mystery thriller movie, 'Death on the Nile'. Meanwhile, Tiffany's has agreed to donate \$2 million to Black colleges and universities in the US for scholarships and internships.

## CHRISTY CARLSON ROMANO EXPLAINS HOW SHE 'BLEW' ALL HER DISNEY MONEY

**C**hristy Carlson Romano wasn't told how much money she was making as a teenager. The 37-year-old actress started working for Disney when she was just 16 - but at the time, she wasn't aware of how much money she was earning and she wasn't given any advice about how to invest it, either. Christy - who previously voiced the character of Kim Possible - shared: "My biggest thing about child actors, you aren't told that the work is going to slow down. "In fact, I was told the opposite, specifically by my mom, some of my team, even

my money manager at the time." Christy ultimately used some of her money to pay for a college education, before she decided to drop out. The actress also "made just about \$1 million" through a book deal and record deal, but she's admitted to having a "complicated" relationship with money. She told 'Entertainment Tonight': "Over time, the value of money and the influence it had on me, it just got more and more complicated." Christy eventually started to accept movie roles that she "didn't want to do" simply because she needed to earn money. And the actress has confessed to feeling "exploited and marked and horrible" at one point in time. She explained: "Basically, I did a nude scene. I had never thought in a million years that I would ever do something like this. I was America's sweetheart, morally sound in my mind. I believed in the Disney magic, I still do. And then I felt so exploited and marked and horrible." Now, however, Christy insists she's "made peace" with what she's been through in her life. She said: "Obviously, I'm OK now. I promise you I'm OK. I have made peace



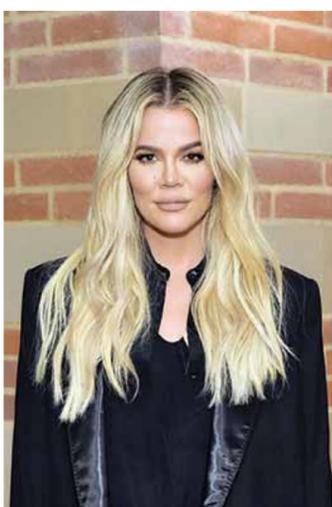
with this. But there are some realities that come to play. "The truth is that I did this movie for the money, because I was desperate to feel that feeling that I had when I was making tons of money and everything was OK."



## Khloe Kardashian feels 'terrorized' by fake rumors

**K**hloe Kardashian has gone on a Twitter rant, slamming those making up "fake news" about her personal life. The 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star fumed that she feels "terrorized" by false rumors spreading online about her, though she did not pinpoint what exactly. She began: "HA! some of y'all really just make up anything and swear it's the truth as if you know what's going on. "The truth is never good enough... or juicy enough. So you create a narrative that fits what you choose to believe. In another tweet, she said: "It is so old at this point. It's always something about people creating fake news about me and actually terrorizing

me about something THEY ARE CREATING. Without anyone knowing any facts. It's some weirdo thing." She went on: "It's pathetic but also infuriating all at the same time. People coming at me as if they know anything. She added: "It's outrageous how people feel they have the right to spread such trash and lies about other people. They do it so many people and it's terrible." Seemingly referring to being accused of photoshopping her thighs and waist in a recent Instagram snap, the Good American co-founder - who has three-year-old daughter, True, with Tristan Thompson - hit back: "Facts!!!! Because they give so many other people a different type of grace and understanding. I get critiqued and judged for anything. I guess I got to start snapping a little more." The 37-year-old reality star's latest rant comes months after she clapped back at a troll who told her she looks like an alien. Commenting on Khloe's appearance in an ad for migraine medicine Nurtec, the Twitter user wrote: "Does research indicate that the more plastic surgery someone has the more likely they are to suffer from migraines? What kind of pharmaceutical company chooses someone who has had so much plastic surgery they look like an alien, as their spokesperson?" To which she hit back: "sorry you feel that way. You have every right to block/mute me. I am trying to help many out there who suffer in silence. [U] R completely entitled to your opinions. Just as I am mine. I don't think you should refer to yourself as a feminist if you are attacking a woman unprovoked. (sic)" It was previously claimed Khloe doesn't care what anybody thinks about her appearance after she was slammed by fans for being unrecognizable on Instagram. A source said last year: "Khloe doesn't care about the backlash she's been getting from fans saying she doesn't look like herself in her recent photos. "She thinks she looks great. And actually [she] does not care what people think as long as she's happy." And Khloe can see the funny side of the situation, as she clapped back at a fan who asked why she looked so different by joking: "My weekly face transplant clearly."



## Iggy Azalea has been sleep deprived 'for over a year'

**T**he 31-year-old rap star - who has a 16-month-old son called Onyx with ex-boyfriend Playboi Carti - admits she's barely slept over the last year because she's been juggling her parental responsibilities with the launch of a new album and her own make-up brand. In response to a fan praising her work ethic, Iggy wrote on Twitter: "It's been literally 3 hours a night of sleep for over a year. But worth it. (sic)" Iggy's new make-up line is called Totally Plastic and she's received positive feedback about her brand on social media. The 'Work' hitmaker has admitted to being flattered by the response from her fans. She said: "I love you guys so much and Thank you for being just as excited as I am about this! "It really hyped me up and I can't wait to see all your looks with the products! (sic)" Iggy recently announced she's taking a break from music for "a few years" to focus on "other creative projects". The blonde beauty revealed that her most-recent album, 'End of an Era', would be her last for a while. She tweeted: "'End of an Era' is so special to me because after I drop my album next month I am going to take a few years to focus on other creative projects and things I'm feeling passionate and inspired by, beyond music. "I'm excited for you guys to see different sides to me in the future. "Shifting my energy and focus to what I'm most excited about is what is right for me and I hope you'll continue to support whatever creative projects I'm out here doing! "I really love this album and I just want my fans to enjoy this with me. I hope I see so many of you on tour! (sic)".



## Simone Biles: Tokyo 2020 didn't go the way I wanted

**S**imone Biles says it was bitter-sweet that she had to sit out several events at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The Team USA gymnast had to pull out of the individual all-around, vault, bars and floor finals earlier this month, due to mental health issues and the twisties - which causes gymnasts to become disoriented mid-air. And although she was gutted the games didn't go "the way [she] wanted", the 24-year-old gymnast "helped a lot of people and athletes" speak out about mental health. Biles also explained that she didn't want to let her team down, which is why she decided to withdraw herself from some of the competitions. Speaking to her mom Nellie Biles in an interview on



AthletaWell, she said: "I definitely had the team in my best interest, and that's why I decided to pull out. "I didn't want to potentially lose a medal spot for them. Because the girls were more than prepared to go in and to do their job, which they did." Biles - who was a gold medal favorite heading into the Games, but left Tokyo with a team silver medal and a bronze on the balance beam - admitted that the stress had been building up before she arrived in Japan. She added: "Even I didn't know I was going through it until it just happened. "It just sucks. Like, train five years, and it doesn't go the way you wanted. But I know that I helped a lot of people and athletes speak out about mental health and saying no. Because I knew I couldn't go out there and compete. I knew I was going to get hurt." The superstar recently insisted she has no regrets about how everything unfolded. She explained: "Obviously, there are still a lot of feels and emotions behind it, but as far as my Olympic experience goes, it was very unique and there is nothing like it. "I believe everything happens for a reason, so I wouldn't take it back for the world."

## Bridge made husband write a will after mid-flight anxiety attack

**F**rankie Bridge made her husband, Wayne Bridge, write a will after an anxiety attack on a plane. The former Saturdays star - who has Carter, six, and Parker, seven, with the 41-year-old former footballer - has recalled becoming overwhelmed with a "sense of terror and fear" while leaving their youngest son behind to jet off for their honeymoon in 2014, as she was concerned that if either of them died, their then-nine-month-old boy wouldn't have any provisions in place. In her self-help tome, 'Grow: Motherhood, Mental Health & Me', the 32-year-old singer wrote: "I burst into tears. The stress of leaving Parker behind had been building up. "I had tried to overcome the sense of terror and fear that engulfed me throughout the days leading up to this moment and suddenly, when I realized I couldn't turn back, I was here, on a plane, with no exit, it hit me. "At a time we were supposed to be at our happiest, I realized that if we both died Parker would be alone and

without parents for the rest of his life. "Not only that, but we had made no plans in case this happened, we had left no will or provisional plan for how we would be cared for. "No one would know what our wishes were for him. I made Wayne call his lawyer. "The type of crisis moment is something I had dealt with throughout my life, but I had never been responsible for someone else and this compounded my paranoia and exacerbated my fears to the point of, well, making my will." Frankie, who has always been open about her battles with her mental health, also details her struggle with weight gain during her pregnancies in the honest book. She wrote: "On one hand I felt immense pride in the fact that my body was growing another human. "On the other hand I also carried the immense weight of underlying shame. I was so ashamed and if I'm honest, shocked that I wasn't a gorgeous, glowing, neat and tidy pregnant woman. "My bum was bigger than my bump most of the time." — Bang Showbiz

