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Will Smith says he'll 'consider' running for political office 'at some point'

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Will Smith isn't ruling out running for political office "at some point." The actor -- best known for his roles on "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "Men In Black" -- said in a new interview that he's not opposed to entering the world of public office. "I think for now I'll let that office get cleaned up a little bit and then I'll consider that at some point down the line," Smith, 52, said on the "Pod Save America Podcast." The actor continued that he plans to "certainly do my part, whether it remains artistic or, or, at some point ventures into the political arena."

Smith also discussed his experiences with racism and shared that he has been called the N-word "fix or six times." "Fortunately for my psyche, I've never been called N-word by a smart person. So I grew up with the impression that racists and racism are stupid and they are easy to get around, I just had to be smarter," he shared. He said that once he started in Hollywood, he began to notice "a difference between ignorance and evil." "Ignorance is more prevalent than blatant evil, so I've always been encouraged that the process of education and understanding

could alleviate some of the more dangerous and difficult aspects of racism that have unfortunately been embedded in the very fibers of our country," he said. Smith is currently promoting his new Netflix series, "Amend: The Fight For America."



Will Smith

Jessica Alexander in live action remake of 'The Little Mermaid'

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British actress Jessica Alexander has joined the cast of the live-action remake of the 1989 animated classic "The Little Mermaid". Alexander joins a stellar line that includes Melissa McCarthy as the evil sea witch Ursula, Javier Bardem as King Triton and Halle Bailey as Ariel the mermaid, reports Deadline. The upcoming film is directed by Rob Marshall and written by David Magee. It will feature songs from the original film version, as well as new music from composer Alan Menken and the lyrics provided by "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda. Miranda and Marshall are

also producing the project. Alexander is known for her role in the teen drama, "Get Even". Apart from "The Little Mermaid", Alexander will also be seen in the upcoming film "Glasshouse".



Jessica Alexander

Anne-Marie Duff: After first acting job, I thought everybody would be best friends

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English actress Anne-Marie Duff, best known for her roles in films such as Enigma, Nowhere Boy and Before I Go To Sleep, said after her first job she thought everybody would become her best friends. The reality, of course, was different. "After my first job in acting I believed everybody would be best friends for ever. We'd all become so close. You realise quite quickly that it's like lots of passionate love affairs. Along the way you collect people and they stay with you. You might not see each other properly for five or six years then you're back in

rehearsals together and it's as if you never left," Marie Duff said, female-first.co.uk reported. She added: "That's the nature of actors -- they're generally very open, funny and forgiving people." The London-born actress still remembers shedding tears of joy upon getting her first break. She told the Guardian: "I remember getting the bus home from my very first job. I was skint, on Equity minimum, it was a small part. I cried with happiness. I thought: My god, I'm actually doing this. I'm actually acting for a living!" Britain's theatre industry is in crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The actress can't wait for the pandemic to ease and for the industry to return to something like normality. She said: "Being in a room when a

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ANNE-MARIE DUFF

dancer holds another dancer or an actor makes themselves vulnerable is going to be so potent. We've been behind masks for ages. It's very powerful psychologically what that does to us -- you can't see me smile, can't hear me properly. It will be amazing to hear someone play a guitar in front of you."



Anne-Marie Duff

Ashley Benson: I keep my relationships private

FIANS | Los Angeles

Actress Ashley Benson is not someone who likes to reveal details about her personal life. The "Pretty Little Liars" star says this helps in protecting one's relationship. Benson says that nothing can be done if you are photographed together but is best not to be "overexposed". "I usually keep my relationships private. You obviously can't help if you get photographed together. [But] it's more sacred that way. Those private moments are for you and your partner, and I think it's best not to be over-exposed, and you can really protect your relationship if you're not exploiting it," the actress said in a recent

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ASHLEY BENSON

interview with Cosmopolitan, according to eonline.com. The actress, who was dating model Cara Delevingne, broke up last April. Then, she dated rapper G-Eazy but did not give out details even when they parted ways in February 2021.



Ashley Benson

Dolly Parton receives coronavirus vaccine she helped fund

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Dolly Parton has received her first dose of the coronavirus vaccine. On Tuesday, the country music legend, 75, posted a photo and video of herself at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center getting the injection from a medical professional.



Back in April 2020, Parton announced that she was donating \$1 million to researchers at the university to help develop a vaccine

"Dolly gets a dose of her own medicine," the "Jolene" singer captioned the video. "I'm finally going to get my vaccine, I'm so excited!" Parton exclaimed. "I've

been waiting a while, I'm old enough to get it and I'm smart enough to get it." Parton then sings a "vaccine" version of her famed hit, "Jolene," before she is later seen putting on a blue mask as the doctor enters the video to administer the shot. Parton then bravely takes the shot without a flinch.



Dolly Parton

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Yesterday's solution

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Yesterday's solution

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