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McConaughey quietly making calls about potential run for Texas governor

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Matthew McConaughey is reportedly further exploring a potential pivot to politics in Texas.

The 51-year-old actor has been publicly toying with the idea of throwing his hat into the upcoming race for governor in Texas against the incumbent candidate, Gov. Greg Abbott. While it has been all talk so far, a new report indicates that the "Dazed and Confused" star is taking the temperature of prominent figures in the state to assess the viability of his candidacy.

Politico reports that the Academy Award-winning star has been quietly making calls to influential people in the state's political and business circles to see if he would have enough legitimate backing to unseat Abbott if he were to run a race for governor.

The outlet reports that McConaughey has been in talks with "a deep-pocketed moderate Republican and energy CEO" so far.

Representatives for the actor did not immediately respond to Fox News' request for comment.

However, before people start getting too excited about a "McConaughey for governor" campaign, the outlet notes that most political strategists in the state doubt the star would sacrifice his status as a Hollywood icon in favor of getting into politics. Furthermore, even if he did, his support might not be enough to carry him to a win against the incumbent.

The Texas native has been teasing a potential run against Abbott for weeks. He recently told the host of "The Hugh Hewitt Show" that "it would be up to the people more than it would



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me" whether or not he pivots his career into politics.

However, many believe that, despite some wind at his back ahead of any real political aspirations, the star would have to define his political stance in a big hurry given the election is rapidly approaching. At the moment, the star has taken a moderate view of political issues, often finding himself on one side of the aisle in one statement and the other side in another.

McConaughey has previously criticized both parties and has come across as more of a moderate who condemns the entire political system as the problem rather than any one party. For example, in December he criticized what he called "illiberals" and the "extreme" right during an appearance on "Good Morning Britain."

The star has also previously spoken out in favor of gun control, calling gun violence an "epidemic" in 2018 in a call for both sides of the issue to unite and talk out a solution.

Matthew McConaughey

Henry Cavill addresses 'speculation' about his personal life

ANI | Washington

Hollywood star Henry Cavill has addressed some recent fan speculation about his personal life, affirming that he is "very happy in love" with his girlfriend Natalie Viscuso.

According to People magazine, the British actor asked people to stop making negative assumptions about him on social media, noting that such assumptions cause harm to his loved ones.

Cavill wrote, "Dear fans and followers, I wanted to make a wee community announcement. I couldn't help but notice that there has been some social animosity of late. It's becoming increasingly prevalent on my feed. There has been lots of, let's

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The 'Justice League' star continued, "Now, while I do appreciate the passion and support by those very people who are 'speculating', It has come to such a point that I needed to say something, which in itself, is a bad thing. We are living in an age of social enlightenment. More and more, people are realizing that their views may have been blinkered and that they need to expand them to encompass others."

Cavill did not go into specifics about the speculation he was addressing. "So, to you out there who are expressing your disdain and showing your displeasure through a surprising variety of ways, it's time to stop," he continued.

Henry Cavill



Seth Rogen recalls getting 'humiliated' by Beyoncé's bodyguard

Fox | Los Angeles

Although Seth Rogen did co-star in "The Lion King" with Beyoncé in 2019, the comedian did not make the best first impression the first time they met.

In an interview with E! News' "Daily Pop" talk show, Rogen recalled trying to meet Beyoncé backstage at the 2011 Grammy Awards but was physically stopped by the singer's protective bodyguard.

"I was at the Grammys, and I saw Beyoncé with Gwyneth Paltrow actually and they were together," Rogen told E!'s Justin Sylvester. "And I charged over. Instinct took over and I was like I got to go say: 'Hi!'"

Unfortunately for Rogen, who was 29-years-old at the time, he hadn't gotten the chance to introduce himself properly.

"I was hit so hard by her security guard that I spilled a drink. I was drinking a screwdriver, which is a bad drink. I deserved what I got," Rogen joked. "But, I spilled it all over myself and then a second later someone came up to me and was like: 'You now have to present a Grammy.'"

Billie Piper sought therapy to help deal with teen pop star fame

Daily Mail | London

Billie Piper has revealed she sought therapy to help her recover from the 'very adult' situations she found herself in as a teen pop star.

The actress, 38, enjoyed meteoric fame as a singer after debut single Because We Want To was released when she was just 15.

In The Big Issue's Letter To My Younger Self, she wrote: 'I was

very often in strange, very adult situations that I wouldn't subject my own kids to [at the age of] 16.

'I was going through everything a teenager goes through, but very publicly. It has been crucial to my getting better.

'If you can get your kids any sort of mental health support, get it.'

Billie found success with her debut album Honey To The B in 1998 which was followed by her second album Walk

of Life two years later.

The star confirmed in 2003 that she had abandoned her music career in favour of pursuing acting.

Billie previously told how she battled through similar mental health issues to Britney Spears.

Britney, 39, famously suffered a public breakdown in 2007 after checking out of rehab, which saw her shave her head and attack paparazzi with an umbrella. Billie recalled how working 18-hour days and having a 'lack of control' over everything had a very 'negative impact' on her life.



Billie Piper

Robert De Niro updates fans about injury sustained on set of Martin Scorsese's film

ANI | Washington

Hollywood veteran star Robert De Niro, who recently injured his leg on the set of Martin Scorsese's 'Killers of the Flower Moon' in Oklahoma, gave fans an update regarding his injury, saying that the "pain was excruciating."

But according to People magazine, the two-time Academy

Award winner believes the show must go on, even amid the "excruciating" pain.

Giving an update on his recovery, De Niro said "I tore my quad somehow. It's just a simple stepping over something and I just went down. The pain was excruciating and

now I have to get it fixed. But it happens, especially when you get older, you have to be prepared for unexpected things. But it's manageable."

The actor also noted that he didn't think the injury would affect his performance as cattleman William Hale.



Robert De Niro

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 5, 7, 4, 8, 4, 2, 6, 3, 4, 5, 7, 2, 6, 3, 8, 5, 4, 2, 7, 5

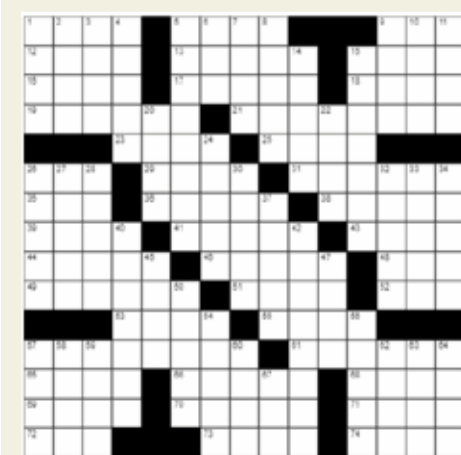
Yesterday's solution

9x9 grid with numbers 6, 8, 7, 2, 3, 1, 9, 5, 4, 5, 2, 3, 7, 4, 9, 8, 6, 1, 1, 4, 9, 6, 5, 8, 2, 7, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 8, 7, 5, 9, 6, 8, 9, 5, 4, 2, 6, 3, 1, 7, 7, 3, 6, 1, 9, 5, 4, 8, 2, 9, 6, 4, 5, 7, 2, 1, 3, 8, 3, 7, 8, 9, 1, 4, 6, 2, 5, 2, 5, 1, 8, 6, 3, 7, 4, 9

How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

CROSSWORD



Across

1- Mower brand; 5- Yard tunneler; 9- 1959 Kingston Trio hit; 12- Jump lightly; 13- Blow one's top; 15- 365 days; 16- "Is so!" rebuttal; 17- Puzzled; 18- Prod; 19- District; 21- Vulnerable; 23- Musical epilogue; 25- Blackthorn fruit; 26- Frozen Water; 29- Fervor; 31- Egg yolk; 35- Actress Joanne; 36- Slip; 38- Bullwinkle, e.g.; 39- Actor Stoltz; 41- Sub system; 43- Grating; 44- Ditto; 46- Sherpa's home; 48- Bit of film, to a photog; 49- To-do list; 51- Confirmation, e.g.; 52- Trick ending?; 53- City on Norton Sound; 55- Clock face; 57- Starlike symbol; 61-Speaker; 65- Camaro model; 66- Severe; 68- Track event; 69- Harangue; 70- Capital city of Yemen; 71- Lawyer Dershowitz; 72- Dallas-to-Houston dir.; 73- Basin; 74- Eye sore;

Down

1- Nicholas II was the last Russian one; 2- Depression-era migrant; 3- Circular band; 4- Pertaining to the eye; 5- Doesn't stay on topic; 6- Meal crumb; 7- Succulent; 8- Sporting blades; 9- Slight; 10- License plates; 11- Mars' Greek counterpart; 14- Reckoning; 15- Christmas item; 20- Exude slowly; 22- Composition in verse; 24- Biblical brother; 26- Plant problem; 27- Like some vbs; 28- Connected series of rooms; 30- Hermit; 32- TV producer Michaels; 33- Bendable twig, usually of a willow tree; 34- Like cake slices; 37- Swift; 40- Link; 42- Lucid; 45- Scent; 47- Cordelia's father; 50- Off-track; 54- Cornerstone abbr.; 56- Actor Lorenzo; 57- Melodies; 58- Ladies of Sp.; 59- Muscle quality; 60- Vegas game; 62- Slant; 63- Oil of ; 64- Actor Auberjonois; 67- Uncooked;

Yesterday's solution

Grid with words SKID, HAITI, LAST, ANTI, EDGAR, ALOE, PALS, ADOBE, MARE, SPLATTER, PESTS, BOHR, SRAS, REALM, CAESAREA, AGREE, SALES, IAN, BRED, RURAL, EDGE, BEA, OHGOD, STEER, TSADEAL, TERRA, LIAR, VEER, APACE, CALMNESS, SAGO, OKAPI, LIVES, KIEV, METOO, TOGS, ALEE, SNORT, YEAS