



Swift's album 'Lover' inclined to politics

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American pop-icorn Taylor Swift recently revealed that her latest album 'Lover' is the most politically engaged body of music yet as she was deeply affected by "the 2016 presidential election and the 2018 midterm elections" in the US.

The 29-year-old Grammy winner said in an interview with Rolling Stone

magazine, as reported by Fox News that she consciously made the choice to get her music inclined towards politics because she was so deeply affected by the 2016 presidential election and the 2018 midterm elections.

She specifically touched upon the lyrics in her new song "Miss Americana & the Heartbreak Prince" and its obvious metaphors.

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was thinking about a traditional American high school, where there are all these kinds of social events that could make someone feel completely alienated," she told the publication, as cited by Fox News.

"And I think a lot of people in our political landscape are just feeling like we need to huddle up under the bleachers and figure out a plan to make things better."

Talking about white supremacy and how it is revolting, Swift said, "There's literally nothing worse than white supremacy. It's repulsive. There should be no place for it. Really, I keep trying to learn as much as I can

about politics, and it's become something I'm now obsessed with, whereas before, I was living in this sort of political ambivalence because the person I voted for had always won. We were in such an amazing time when Obama was president because foreign nations respected u."

"We were so excited to have this dignified person in the White House. My first election was voting for him when he made it into the office and then voting to reelect him. I think a lot of people are like me, where they just didn't really know that this could happen. But I'm just

Jennifer Aniston was told to lose 30 lbs to make it big in Hollywood

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Before actor Jennifer Aniston became a successful filmstar gracing countless magazine covers and red carpets, she was just another young, working actor in an industry with high beauty standards.

Before the actress became a household name by starring in the beloved sitcom 'Friends', she was told to lose about 30 lbs to make it big in the film industry, according to a new book in honour of 'Friends' 25th anniversary, reported People.

"She had to lose thirty pounds if she wanted to stay in Hollywood," author Saul Austerlitz wrote in 'Generation Friends: An Inside Look at the Show That Defined a Television Era'.

"Los Angeles was a tough place to be an actress -- it was a tough place to be a woman -- and Jennifer Aniston's agent was reluctantly levelling with her," the author added.

Aniston had gotten a callback and was instructed to wear a leotard. According to 'Generation Friends', she joked, "This'll blow it for me," to her agent, who "responded seriously."

"Aniston was hardly fat --

everyone could see she was beautiful -- but as the show she would one day become indelibly associated with later made a point of noting, the camera added ten pounds," the author added in his book.

In a 1996 cover story for Rolling Stone, Aniston revealed her pre-fame guilty pleasure snack.



Jennifer Aniston

Liam Payne confident about reunion

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Singer-songwriter Liam Payne opened up about the future of the famed band One Direction and revealed that most of the group members are ready to reunite.

Payne shared that his former bandmates Louis Tomlinson and Niall Horan are ready for a One Direction reunion, but he isn't sure about Harry Styles, reported Us Weekly.

The 26-year-old singer revealed in an interview with SiriusXM Hits 1's 'The Morning Mash Up' that he hasn't spoken to Styles "in a while".

On being asked when does he think a One Direction reunion will happen, Payne said it's hard to predict because of his lack of communication with Styles.

"I say different times all the time,"

Payne said.

"It's difficult. I haven't spoken to Harry in a while, so I don't know where his head is at with a reunion. I heard he mentioned it in some sort of magazine thing or whatever the other day, which is cool," he added.

As for Tomlinson and Horan, Payne is sure about where they stand when it comes to the famed boy-band getting back together.

"I think everybody else has been really outspoken. I think they're ready to go whenever. I think Niall was ready the day we decided to stop. He was like, 'I'm sure we're coming back in tomorrow, boys!' He was just ready to go," Payne said.

The 'Stack It Up' singer didn't mention Zayn Malik, who quit the band five months before the group announced its hiatus in 2015, but he did

reference the 'Pillowtalk' singer and Styles when he was asked earlier in the interview about which 1D members were most likely to have a baby last.

Payne is a father of 2-year-old son Bear with ex-girlfriend Cheryl Cole, while Tomlinson is a father of 3-year-old son Freddie with stylist Briana Jungwirth.

In August 2015, Horan, Payne, and Tomlinson announced that the band would be taking an indefinite break. Although the members denied that the hiatus was permanent, a source told Us Weekly in January 2016 that the band was done for good.



Liam Payne

Jada turns 48, recalls journey with husband

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As soon as American actor Jada Pinkett Smith ringed in her 48th birthday today, she took a trip down memory lane and recalled her relationship with husband Will Smith.

"The journey between Will and me... we have come to such a beautiful place," Pinkett Smith told PEOPLE in June. "I feel like we have a stronger bond

than we even had in the beginning."

Jada and her 50-year-old actor husband have come a long way from the near breaking point she experienced years back. The long-time couple started dating in 1995 later tying the knot in 1997.

"It just felt like a loss," she said. "There was too much concentration on what was happening externally, and the family unit itself wasn't getting

the attention and care that I felt we needed."

Jada Pinkett



Jada said that juggling her family's four careers (they're parents to kids Willow, 18, and Jaden, 21) was a lot

draining and she felt suffocated by the conventional marriage standards duo were living by.

"Will's like, 'We just came from Oslo, going to the [2009] Nobel Peace Prize ceremony [for Barack Obama] as a family, you've got a big house with a lake- isn't this amazing?'" And I'm like, 'No,'" Jada recalled.

"By the time my 40th [birthday] came, I was like, 'I can't do it anymore.' I was so depleted," she said.

Brad Pitt to 'abstain' from Oscars campaign

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American actor Brad Pitt is planning to take it easy during this award season. The star says that he will "abstain" from campaigning in the upcoming Oscars race despite being expected to be among the contenders for starring in films 'Once Upon A Time In Hollywood' and 'Ad Astra'.

In a recent interview with Entertainment Weekly, the 55-year-old star revealed that he has no interest in campaigning for Oscar nominations for his roles in Quentin Tarantino's 'Once Upon a Time In Holly-

wood' and James Gray's 'Ad Astra'.

"Oh, man. I'm gonna abstain," the actor told the outlet.

"I mean, you never know, and it's really nice when your number comes up," Pitt added.

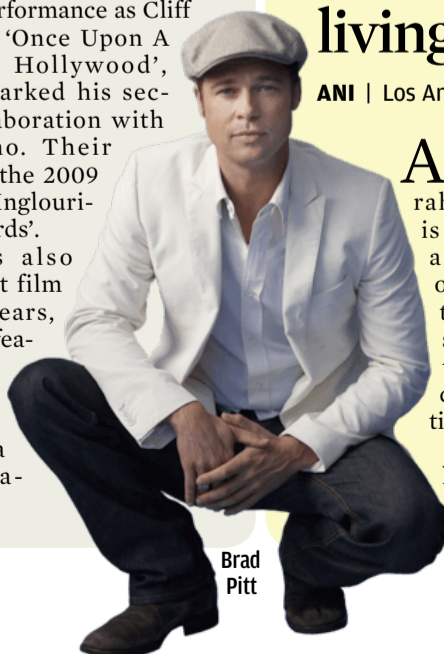
The actor went on to say that campaigning for Oscars nominations is "actually disservice" to the films.

"But the goal is for the film to land, to speak to someone whether it's now or a decade from now. I find chasing it actually a disservice to the purity of your telling a story, and a shacking thing to focus on," he said.

Pitt received rave reviews

for his performance as Cliff Booth in 'Once Upon A Time In Hollywood', which marked his second collaboration with Tarantino. Their first was the 2009 hit film 'Inglourious Basterds'.

It was also Pitt's first film in two years, after last featuring in the 2017 Netflix drama 'War Machine'.



Brad Pitt

Sarah Hyland learned life lessons while living with chronic illness

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American actor-singer Sarah Hyland, who is suffering from a chronic illness, opened up about the life lessons she learned through her course of tough times.

"Everything happens for a reason," says

Hyland, who was born with kidney dysplasia, a condition in which the kidneys don't fully develop in the womb.

"[Struggles are] only going to make you a stronger and more efficient person."

The 29-year-old star underwent her first kidney transplant surgery in

2012, but she discovered four years later that the kidney was failing, reported PEOPLE.

"When I found out, there was a nice cocktail of guilt, fear and a kind of hopelessness. But also it was like, okay, this is now a part of your life," she told PEOPLE exclusively in this week's issue.



Sarah Hyland