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Matthew McConaughey had ‘no idea’ son wanted to act

Matthew McConaughey had “no idea” his son was interested in acting.

The Oscar-winning star’s eldest child Levi, 17, makes his feature film debut opposite him in *The Lost Bus* but the 55-year-old actor admitted he initially ignored the teenager’s requests to audition to play his son in the movie.

Matthew - whose mom Kay McConaughey, 93, also appears in *The Lost Bus* - told E! News: “He’s introducing himself and I happen to be alongside him and in some of the same scenes of him which is pretty cool.

“Three generations. My mother has always been a performer and so she’s been films. I had no idea he was even interested.

“He came back four times asking me, ‘Can I

read for it?”

Matthew pitched his son to the casting director and then Levi’s audition was sent to director Paul Greengrass for consideration - but without revealing his connection to the movie’s lead star.

He said: “They got him on camera, read for it and I said ‘Wow, he can hold the frame, he’s got the instinct for it.’

“They send it to the director and they say, ‘If we do that, let’s take the name off—my last name off—to send to

the director. And Paul looks at it and says, ‘That’s the kid!’”

And Levi was stunned to be offered the role.

He said: “I knew it was a good audition and I was like, ‘OK. This is good.’ But I did not think I was going to get the part.

“I’ve never acted before, especially on this level, and so I got the call. I remember my dad gets the call and he handed me the phone and I’m like, ‘Okay?’ And it’s the director

Paul Greengrass and he goes, “Hey bud, how would you like to come over to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and play Shaun?” And I was like, ‘What??’”

Levi tried to play it cool when he got the news but couldn’t hold back his emotions once he got off the phone.

He said: “I was trying not to start crying on the phone so I was like, ‘Yeah, that would be amazing. Thank you so much. This is great.’

“I hang up the phone and I started crying.”

Matthew McConaughey

‘I don’t recognise my country,’ says Angelina Jolie

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American actress Angelina Jolie said Sunday she no longer recognises her country, voicing concern over threats to free expression while presenting her latest film at Spain’s San Sebastián film festival.

Her comments come as worries grow over free speech in the United States, after President Donald Trump’s crack-down on critical media and the recent suspension of late-night host Jimmy Kimmel’s show over comments on the killing of conservative influencer Charlie Kirk.

“I love my country, but I don’t at this time recognise my country,” Jolie said when asked if she feared for freedom of speech in the United States.

“Anything, anywhere, that divides or, of course, limits personal expressions and freedoms and, from anyone, I think is very dangerous,” she added.

“These are very, very heavy times we’re all living in together.”

Jolie, 50, was in San

Sebastian to promote “*Couture*” directed by French filmmaker Alice Winocour, which is competing for the festival’s top prize, the Golden Shell.

She plays Maxine Walker, an American film director facing divorce and a serious illness while navigating Paris Fashion Week and embarking on a romance with a colleague, played by French actor Louis Garrel.

The Oscar-winning actress -- honoured in 1999 for her role in “*Girl, Interrupted*” -- said she related personally to the struggles of her latest character.

Jolie underwent a double mastectomy in 2013 and later had her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed to reduce her high genetic risk of cancer, which claimed the lives of her mother and grandmother.

Angelina Jolie

Taylor Swift launching her own SiriusXM station

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Taylor Swift is launching her own SiriusXM station to promote her upcoming album.

Taylor’s Channel 13 will go on air as the 35-year-old singer’s fans prepare for the release of her 12th studio album, with Taylor set to broadcast across North America from Saturday 20 September to Sunday 19 October.

The pop star, whose full name is Taylor Alison Swift, had the news confirmed by SiriusXM, with the company’s president and chief content officer Scott Greenstein saying: “Taylor Swift continues to not only dominate the music world, but also every aspect of pop culture.

“Her chart-topping, award-winning songs resonate with every generation of listeners, and we are thrilled to deliver our subscribers a place to celebrate their fandom and the new album with the launch of Taylor’s Channel 13.”

He added: “SiriusXM has proudly supported Taylor from the very beginning of her career and championed her art-Taylor Swift

istry every step of the way.

“The channel is a unique destination for fans to connect in a way like never before, hear her music across all eras of her legendary career and celebrate *The Life of a Showgirl* in a uniquely SiriusXM way.”

Taylor’s Channel 13 will be available to listeners in their cars on satellite channel 13 and via the SiriusXM app.

It goes live 13 days before the release of Taylor’s upcoming record *The Life of a Showgirl*, due on 3 October.



Pamela Anderson working on Barb Wire reboot

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Pamela Anderson is working on a *Barb Wire* reboot with her sons.

The 58-year-old actress - who starred in the 1996 cult classic film - is joining forces with her children Brandon Thomas Lee, 29, and Dylan Jagger Lee, 27 for a TV adaptation of the movie.

According to Deadline, the project will be the first from Anderson and her children’s production company, And-Her-Sons Productions. Mike Richardson and Keith

Goldberg will executive produce the TV series for Dark Horse, along with Pamela and Brandon for And-Her-Sons.

The 1996 movie was based on the Dark Horse Comics character of the same name.

Both Brandon and Dylan - whose father is Motley Crue star Tommy Lee - appeared in reality series Pamela’s Garden of Eden and Pamela’s Cooking with Love; while Brandon produced the 2023 Netflix documentary Pamela: A Love Story and 2024’s *The Last Showgirl*.

Meanwhile, Pamela previously admitted she couldn’t watch the movie - in which she starred as bounty hunter Barbara “*Barb Wire*” Kopetski - for 27 years.

The role came when Pamela was at the height of her blonde bombshell fame, which started with her role as lifeguard C.J. Parker in smash hit TV show *Baywatch*.

Pamela Anderson



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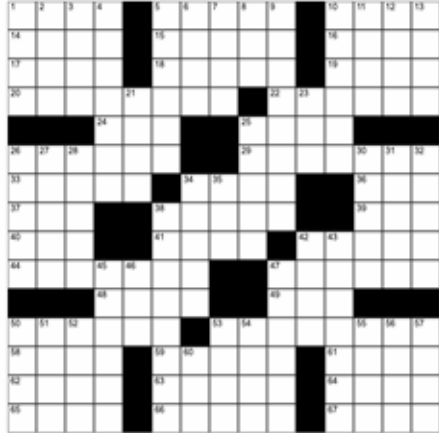
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How to play

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Across

1- Hgt.; 5- Pond scum; 10- Engine parts; 14- Actress Moore; 15- Implements; 16- Word-of-mouth; 17- Black cuckoos; 18- Capital on the Atlantic; 19- Sleuth Wolfe; 20- Newcomer to Hawaii; 22- Sheath; 24- the season...; 25- Linebacker Junior; 26- On the job; 29- “A Horse With No Name” band; 33- It’s a trap; 34- Destiny; 36- Dachshund doc; 37- Luau dish; 38- Beg; 39- Infamous Amin; 40- “The X-Files” extras; 41- Acquire through work; 42- Alloy of iron and carbon; 44- Bedroom mosquito protection; 47- In the thick of; 48- Phooey!; 49- Ump’s call; 50- Capital of Cuba; 53- Variety of pear; 58- Etcher’s need; 59- Wraith; 61- Like ___ not; 62- Clarified butter; 63- D-Day beach; 64- Specify; 65- Sun. speeches; 66- Short letters; 67- Merriment;

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1- Cheese; 2- Singer Horne; 3- Actor Jannings; 4- Guest; 5- In danger; 6- Bank transaction; 7- Asian desert; 8- ___ king; 9- Highly regarded; 10- Agree; 11- Calculus calculation; 12- Milky Way maker; 13- Gin flavoring; 21- Bring on board; 23- Not for a Scot; 25- The devil; 26- Colorado skiing mecca; 27- Govt. security; 28- Belt site; 30- Like some college walls; 31- Surrenders, as territory; 32- Leaning; 34- National symbols; 35- ___ Lingus (Irish carrier); 38- Polygon having five sides; 42- Porn; 43- Naming; 45- Swaps; 46- 007 creator Fleming; 47- Main arteries; 50- Witches; 51- Dull pain; 52- Contender; 53- Fishing vessel, perhaps; 54- Wimbledon winner, 1975; 55- And others. Abbr.; 56- Big book; 57- Hammock holder; 60- Med. care option;

Yesterday’s solution

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