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Taylor Swift turned down Super Bowl halftime offer

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Taylor Swift was reportedly asked to host the 2023 Super Bowl halftime show, but turned down the offer because the timing is not right. According to TMZ, Swift was approached by the NFL to host the next Super Bowl, but she declined, stating she does not want to perform the big event until she finishes rerecording her first six albums. A representative for Swift did not immediately respond to Fox News' request for comment. In 2019, Scooter Braun was part of a group of people who acquired the rights to her first six albums. Braun has sold the master recordings, which led Swift to rerecord her albums in an effort to regain the rights to her music. She has already rerecorded and released "Red" and "Fearless," which leaves "Taylor Swift," "Speak Now," "1989," and "Reputation."

A source told the outlet that Swift would love to perform during a Super Bowl halftime, but it is just not the right time now. Once she finishes her projects, she would be open to the opportunity, a source shared. The NFL declined to comment on the matter when reached by Fox News Digital. The "Swifties," as Swift's fans are often called, went into a frenzy on Friday after the NFL announced Apple Music would be the sponsor of the Super Bowl LVII show. While Swift was not named or used in any of the promotional material, fans took the midnight announcement as a clue. "We are proud to welcome Apple Music to the NFL family as our new partner for the iconic Super Bowl Halftime Show," the league said in the announcement. "We couldn't think of a more appropriate partner for the world's most-watched musical performance than Apple Music."



Taylor Swift

Brad Pitt calls George Clooney 'most handsome man' at present



Brad Pitt calls George Clooney

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Hollywood star Brad Pitt has called George Clooney and Paul Newman the "most handsome men". The 'Bullet Train' star joked that he had to pick his 'Ocean's' co-star and close pal, George Clooney, 61, as the hottest male on the planet right now, while late Hollywood icon Newman, who was 83 when he died in 2008, is his choice for the past because of how he "aged so gracefully".

Asked by Vogue who the "most handsome men in the world past and present" are, Pitt replied: "You know in the acting world because it's my day job...the immediate go-to is Paul Newman. "Because he aged so gracefully. And by all reports (he was) a really special, giving, warm and truthful human being." Speaking about silver fox Clooney, he quipped: "If I was gonna name someone present, well I gotta name that George Clooney f***** because why not?" He added: "Because usually, I'm always taking him out, and he's always taking me out. And this time, I'm gonna go the other way, just this once." The pair are known to poke fun at each other, reports femalefirst.co.uk. Last year, Clooney joked that he was really looking forward to working with "cheap" Pitt again. He said: "He's a friend of mine and we have a really good time together. I'm really looking forward to it." Clooney then quipped: "Brad was obviously the cheapest of the actors available." Meanwhile, the friends look set to reunite with Matt Damon for a new 'Ocean's' movie. The Hollywood trio previously starred together in the 2007 heist movie, 'Ocean's Thirteen', and they're now poised to reunite for the latest film in the money-spinning franchise. A source told The Sun newspaper last week: "Rumours of a film starring George, Brad and Matt have swirled for years but the timing was off and their jam-packed schedules meant that it was just not possible."

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Constance Wu says she was sexually harassed by 'Fresh Off The Boat' producer

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Actress Constance Wu is opening up about her time on 'Fresh Off the Boat' and making allegations that she was sexually harassed by a senior producer of the 2015-20 ABC sitcom.

In an interview with The New York Times, Wu talks about an incident she details in her memoir Making a Scene where a producer she only refers to by an initial showed "controlling behaviours", reports 'Deadline'.



Constance Wu

Kanye West still has 'political aspirations'

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Kanye West "absolutely" has "political aspirations" for the future. The 45-year-old rapper and Yeezy designer had a disastrous bid to become President of the United States in 2020, with the outspoken star rumoured to have lost more than \$14 million on his campaign. Despite this, the 'Stronger' hitmaker hasn't been put off running for president in the future and believes

God didn't feel it was his time. Speaking to ABC's Linsey Davis for 'A Conversation With Ye', the record producer - who legally changed his name to Ye - was asked if he has "future political aspirations," to which he replied: "Yes. Absolutely. You know, it's... That time wasn't in God's time. I'm sure there's lives that were saved. I'm sure God had me fall on the sword and say, 'This is not the time,' but you know, he's a redeemer." In November, Kanye confessed that he "embarrassed"

his then-wife Kim Kardashian with his failed presidential bid and his political views were "hard" on his marriage. The hip-hop legend ran for office as an independent candidate but only appeared on the presidential ballot in 12 of the 50 states.



Kanye West

Kelly Clarkson felt 'freaked out' by her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

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Kelly Clarkson felt "freaked out" to be "cemented in history" on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The 40-year-old pop star shot to fame back in 2002 when she won the inaugural series of 'American Idol' and

has been given the prestigious honour of a spot on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles located outside the Dolby Theater where the reality singing competition was filmed. Asked what it felt like to be "cemented in history", she told 'Entertainment Tonight': "Wow, how you just said it kind



Kelly Clarkson

of freaked me out, that's crazy. I didn't really think about it like, that but it's incredible. I mean, you know, you've seen these pictures since you were a kid, with all these major people that influenced you artistically in your life, and it's cool to be a part of that."

The 'Behind These Hazel Eyes' hitmaker is the 2,733rd person to be honoured with the star on the landmark tourist destination, joining the likes of screen legends Marilyn Monroe and Judy Garland as well as fellow pop icons Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera but thinks it is "awesome" to have been cemented in between 'Harry Potter' actor Daniel Radcliffe and 'Deadpool' star Ryan Reynolds. The 'Because of You' songstress - who has sold more than 25 million records since her victory on the ABC show - was reunited with original 'American Idol' judges Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul, and Randy Jackson for the ceremony on Monday and gave a speech where she thanked the three music moguls for being "honest" with her as they guided her to stardom.

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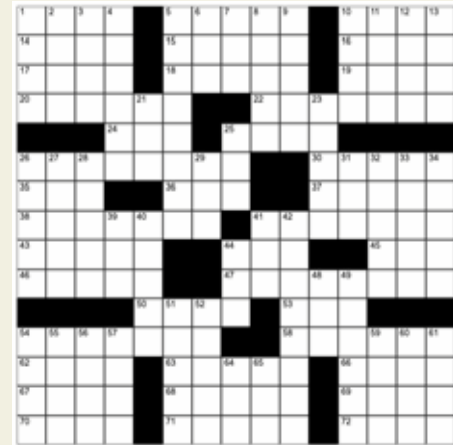
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Yesterday's solution

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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.

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Across

1- Puppeteer Tony; 5- Heron, usually white; 10- Gaucho's weapon; 14- Disaster; 15- Currency unit in Nigeria; 16- Defeat decisively; 17- Actress Heche; 18- Mission-stopping command; 19- As to; 20- Mad confusion; 22- Bread-like item made of Quaker product?; 24- Altar words; 25- Slips up; 26- Magician; 30- John of 'The Addams Family'; 35- Letter before omega; 36- LAX info; 37- Geneva's river; 38- Destruction of the natural environment; 41- Spirit; 43- Burdened; 44- Slangy negative; 45- Director Browning; 46- Woody inhabitants of forests; 47- Cause of a disease; 50- Fort, captured by U.S. forces in 1814; 53- Never, in Nuremberg; 54- Modernised; 58- Bleach; 62- Actor Julia; 63- Part of TNT; 66- Adverse fate; 67- High level of satisfaction; 68- Memento; 69- Ticklish doll; 70- Additional; 71- Rock; 72- Steals;

Down

1- Swedish auto; 2- 'Judith' composer; 3- Rip apart; 4- Irish tongue; 5- Captivated; 6- Shoot the breeze; 7- Grande; 8- Diamond flaw; 9- Golden Horde member; 10- a-brac; 11- The last Mrs. Chaplin; 12- Hide in the shadows; 13- To (perfectly); 21- Summer drink; 23- Former Russian ruler; 25- Historical period; 26- European wheat; 27- Academy award; 28- Janeiro; 29- Hot time in Paris; 31- Yonder yacht; 32- Scout master?; 33- Disguised, briefly; 34- Wanting; 39- Bee follower; 40- Atlas feature; 41- Chow down; 42- Tibia; 44- Maiden name indicator; 48- Lubricate; 49- Chief; 51- Leases; 52- Dostoyevsky novel, with 'The'; 54- Goad; 55- Dark cloud; 56- Membership fees; 57- Sheltered, nautically; 59- contendere; 60- Search thoroughly; 61- Med. care providers; 64- Ring result; 65- Cartoon Chihuahua;

Yesterday's solution

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