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Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer Lopez feels 'grateful' for Ben Affleck's support

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Jennifer Lopez feels "grateful" to have Ben Affleck by her side for her new short film.

The 54-year-old star recently announced plans to release 'This is Me...Now: The Film' in 2024, and Jennifer enjoyed working on the project with her husband.

A source told Us Weekly: "He helped her feel safe to share parts of her nobody has ever known."

The eagerly-awaited new film has been described as a "visual reimagining of her publicly scrutinized love life".

And Jennifer - who married Ben in 2022 - "wouldn't have wished for anybody else" to work with her on the project.

The insider added: "Nobody knows her better than Ben."

'This is Me...Now: The Film' will offer an honest insight into Jennifer's high-profile love life.

The project will stream globally on Amazon's Prime Video platform, and will feature a nod to Jennifer's high-profile romance with the Hollywood

star. A press release recently explained: "Although an astonishing vivid spectacle, the film is ultimately a heartfelt ode to JL's journey of self-healing and everlasting belief in fairytale endings. Audiences will be captivated and leave hopeful that true love can be more than a dream."

Meanwhile, Ben previously joked that Jennifer looks like she's "20 years old".

The 51-year-old movie star - who first dated Jennifer between 2002 and 2004 - revealed that his wife's exceptional "work ethic" is one of the keys to her youthful appearance.

During an appearance on 'The Drew Barrymore Show', Ben explained: "She works out. I mean, I work out, too. But I don't magically appear to be 20 years old, you know what I mean?"

"There's no taking away the work ethic. The work ethic is real, the discipline is very real. But also the superhuman thing is real. She's the most gorgeous woman in the world, she looks spectacular."

Julia Roberts reveals the advice she would give her younger self

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Julia Roberts wishes she could tell her younger self that everything was going to turn out okay.

The 56-year-old actress has been a mainstay in Hollywood since starring in classics like 'Steel Magnolias' and 'Pretty Woman' and has since gone on to win an Oscar but if she could go back in time, she would reassure herself about the future and joked that she would advise herself to "not pluck" her eyebrows.

Asked what advice she would give her younger self, she told this week's edition of People: "Stand up straighter. It's all going to be okay, and don't pluck your eyebrows."

The 'Erin Brockovich' star appears

alongside fellow Academy Award winner Mahershala Ali in the new Netflix thriller 'Leave the World Behind' and in the joint interview, he admitted he wishes he could tell his younger self to be "patient" about things.

He said: "Be patient because things will unfold as they should. I always tell myself to be prayerful, patient, and persistent. Those three things and I feel you've got it all, in my humble opinion."

Meanwhile, the thriller - which focuses on a family whose rental home is subjected to a cyberattack that takes out their devices before two strangers arrive at the door - may fit into the genre of horri but Mahershala admitted that these days he

"doesn't like to be scared" by a movie.

He said: "Not anymore. I loved it as a kid. I watched 'Friday the 13th' at eight or nine years old. Horror films and creature features. Then I got in my teens and drifted away from all that, and just as an adult I'm not that interested in being scared. ... Roller coasters, I'm good."

Julia added: "I used to like roller coasters when I was a kid growing up in Georgia; the Scream Machine at Six Flags was pretty

Julia Roberts



Halle Berry 'bonded' with Angelina Jolie over their divorces

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Halle Berry has "bonded" with Angelina Jolie over their "divorces and exes".

The Oscar-winning actress will star alongside Angelina, 48, in her new film project 'Maude v Maude', and Halle has revealed that they actually spent some time together discussing their love lives.

The 57-year-old actress - who was previously married to David Justice, Eric Benet and Olivier Martinez - told Variety: "We've been talking a lot about divorces and exes. We bonded, let's say that."

Despite this, Halle acknowledged that their friendship actually got off to a "rocky start".

The Hollywood actress - whose co-star has also been married three times - shared: "We had a rocky start and I think that is going to serve us well in our screen time together."



Halle Berry and Angelina Jolie

'Maude v Maude' marks Halle's first directorial project since 'Bruised', the 2020 MMA drama.

Halle has described making 'Bruised' as "hell" and she thinks it was a "miracle" that Netflix ever bought the movie.

She added: "Because I was a woman, and a black woman, the treatment I received and the things I had to put up with were unconscionable."

"If I were a white man or even a black man, it would have been easier. It's amazing I even made it and a miracle Netflix bought it."

Halle previously described directing as the "hardest thing" she's done in her career. She told The Hollywood Reporter: "It was harrowing."

"It was the hardest thing I've done in my professional career, because the character was a big, huge character that required a lot of my time and attention and preparation, and then directing for the first time also required a lot of my time, attention and preparation. So I was burning the candle at both ends, which made for super long days, really stressful days."

Taylor Swift didn't leave her house for a year after Kim Kardashian 'frame job'

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Taylor Swift didn't leave her house for a year after Kim Kardashian's "fully manufactured frame job".

The 33-year-old pop star went to ground after a dispute between her and Kim's then husband Kanye West went public and led to the reality TV star releasing a private telephone call between Taylor and the rapper which led to her being branded a snake and a "liar" - and the singer says she left the US and became a recluse after the highly-publicised drama.

She told Time magazine: "You have a fully manufactured frame job, in an

illegally recorded phone call, which Kim Kardashian edited and then put out to say to everyone that I was a liar.

"That took me down psychologically to a place I've never been before. I moved to a foreign country. I didn't leave a rental house for a year. I was afraid to get on phone calls. I pushed away most people in my life because I didn't trust anyone anymore. I went down really, really hard."

Taylor and Kanye fell out in 2016 over his song 'Famous' which included the lyric: "I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex / Why? I made that **** famous."

Kanye claimed the singer had

approved the words, but Taylor insisted she didn't and Kanye's partner Kim later released a phone call between the pair which suggested the pop star had indeed given the rapper permission to use those lyrics.

Taylor is believed to have subsequently decamped to London where she spent time with her then-boyfriend, actor Joe Alwyn, and she claims the incident ruined her career.

Taylor Swift



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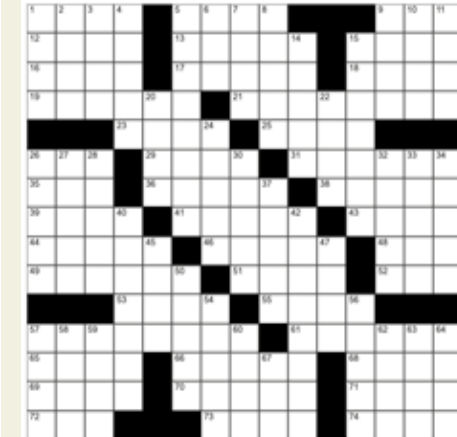
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How to play

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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1- Capital of the Ukraine; 5- Sale sign; 9- Minute; 12- Et ___ (and other men); 13- Clogs, e.g.; 15- Units of resistance; 16- "All The Way To ___", song by REM; 17- Actress Berger; 18- Disfigure; 19- Ultimatum words; 21- Foreign film feature; 23- What's more; 25- Scheme; 26- Wall St. debut; 29- Serpents; 31- Bars legally; 35- ___ Quentin; 36- Recurring theme; 38- Have a feeling about; 39- Busy as ___; 41- Bill attachment; 43- Like a noted Norwegian Blue parrot?; 44- Warning; 46- Assert as a fact; 48- After; 49- Lure; 51- Catch sight of; 52- K-O connection; 53- Whispers sweet nothings; 55- Small gull; 57- Theoretical; 61- Oppose; 65- Crown of the head; 66- Dike, Eunoia and Irene; 68- Pip; 69- Go downhill fast?; 70- Erupts; 71- "A Jug of Wine..." poet; 72- Frozen Wasser; 73- Squeezes (out); 74- Me neither;

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Yesterday's solution

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