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Dwayne Johnson says political parties approached him to run for president

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Political parties are seriously interested in Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson and are eyeing him for the Oval Office.

The professional wrestler-turned-movie star says he's been approached by political parties to run for President of the United States after a survey from the New York Daily News cited that 46% of Americans would vote for him.

"That was an interesting poll that happened, and I was really moved by that. And I was really uh, blown away. I was really honoured," he told Trevor Noah

on his "What Now?" podcast. "At the end of the year . . . in 2022 I got a visit from the parties, asking me if I was going to run and if I could run," Johnson spilled. "It was a big deal. And it came out of the blue. And it was one after the other."

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"That you'd be a real contender?" Trevor asked.

"Yeah . . . It was all very surreal. Because that's never been my goal. My goal has never been to be in politics. Matter of fact, there's a lot of things about pol-

itics that I hate," he admitted.

When the poll initially came out in 2021, he told USA Today he was open to the challenge.

"I would consider a presidential run in the future if that's what the people wanted," he shared. "Truly I mean that, and I'm not flippant in any way with my answer. . . . That would be up to the people. . . . So I would wait, and



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I would listen. I would have my finger on the pulse and my ear to the ground."

Johnson says it was after he made those comments that the parties pounced.

"But then I really had to double down on this idea, and this is the truth: I've got little ones. I have three daughters."

His daughter, Ava, with first Dwayne Johnson

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wife Dany Garcia is now 22, but he has a seven-year-old and five-year-old with wife Lauren Hashian. "I have a lot of estrogen in my house. And I love it," stressing the importance of being a present father.

"I know what it's like to be in an occupation that took me away...I don't want that for my little ones now. And so, that was my - one of my primary discussions with the parties, who ultimately were like, 'Yeah but, the other ones have done it like this!'"

"Of course I would consider it," Johnson said of running for president, if people were really passionate about his candidacy.

Kim Kardashian plans to remain single for another year

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Kim Kardashian has vowed to remain single for another year.

The 43-year-old star has revealed that she's "not looking" for love for the time being, and plans to stick to her previously-expressed desire to remain out of a relationship for at least two years.

The brunette beauty - who split from comedian Pete Davidson in August 2022 - said on the latest episode of 'The Kardashians': "I've got a year to go. I think that will be really good for me. [I'm] not looking - they seem to find me, but I'm not looking!"

Kim has already been married three times - to Damon Thomas, Kris Humphries and Kanye West - and she's admitted being undecided about the possibility of walking down the aisle one last time.

Kim Kardashian



"That was a dream": Greta Gerwig on success of 'Barbie'

ANI | California

American actor and writer Greta Gerwig and her 'Barbie' co-writer and real-life partner Noah Baumbach recently appeared at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York City for a Q&A moderated by writer Tony Kushner, reported People.

"This definitely feels like a moment that I could potentially wake up from and think, 'No, that was a dream,' " Gerwig said after Kushner began the discussion by calling Barbie a "masterpiece."

"This is incredible and I can't tell you how much it means that you did this," she added,



Greta Gerwig

noting that Kushner recently sent her and Baumbach, 54, an email praising their efforts on the Margot Robbie film that dominated the box office this summer, as per People.

"Noah read [the email] to me out loud and I was like, 'frame it,

frame the computer," she added of the note from Kushner, the writer behind Angels in America, Lincoln and The Fabelmans.

While Baumbach stated in another recent Q&A that he was initially hesitant to take on the project, he later lobbied for Gerwig to direct the film herself when they finished work on Barbie's screenplay.

"There was a point where I was like, 'You have to direct it,' because we have to protect it. Because as we started to really enjoy [writing the movie], and really it was like we're totally mad, we were totally mad," Baumbach said. "We were, as many of us [were] in the pandemic, there was that isolation,

so it kind of gave us this way of connection to a kind of future world where we hoped movies would be back and we'd all be back in a theatre."

Gerwig and Baumbach crafted 'Barbie's' script during the first year of the pandemic; Gerwig was eventually named the movie's director in July 2021. The pair said writing the movie during an uncertain period in the film industry helped them create the film's bold approach to Mattel's iconic toy brand, according to People.

"We were writing it when no one was going to movies and there were no movies and no one was making movies," Gerwig recalled.

Jennifer Garner: 'There's trauma in poverty!'

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Jennifer Garner thinks there is "a lot of trauma" for children growing up in poverty.

The 51-year-old actress returned to the state of Kentucky one year on from mass floods that destroyed the Robinson Elementary School building and various other locations in the area and has donated 500 books to the new building to replace ones lost in the flood.

Speaking on 'The Today Show', she said: "My little elementary school library totally shaped my life. The kids' faces turned when we started talking about the floods. They wanted me to know how scary it was, what it was like to lose their school, what it was like to lose their homes, where their family went..."

Jennifer Garner



Zac Efron details 'shocking' transformation for The Iron Claw

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Zac Efron underwent a "shocking" transformation for 'The Iron Claw'.

The 36-year-old actor plays real life wrestling legend Kevin Von Erich in a new biopic about his family's rollercoaster dynasty, and he threw himself into the role of getting in ridiculous shape to rocking a bowl cut in revealing attire.

He told Entertainment To-

night: "It was shocking at every point of the transformation.

"I remember Harris [Dickinson] and I were walking out of hair and make-up and it was like the first time we had to wear the full kit, and we were both thinking, 'What the hell are we doing here, man? How did we get into this?'"

"But I think it ended up looking really good and we had a great crew helping us out with that. The hair and make-up team was epic."



Zac Efron

Efron took inspiration from Von Erich himself as it came to

making sure he did him and his family proud.

He added: "This movie's a true story, and that man, Kevin Von Erich right there, he really motivated me to get in shape for this movie.

"The physicality he brought to the ring every single day was really unique. It changed wrestling."

"I knew that was going to be the hardest [thing] for me to master and get right. So, I put everything I had into it."

SUDOKU

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

Yesterday's solution

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

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

Crossword grid with black squares.

Across

1- Yard tunneler; 5- Finely ground meal of grain; 10- Mah-jongg piece; 14- Getting ___ years; 15- Utah's ___ Mountains; 16- Russian river; 17- Leave in, to an editor; 18- Satisfied; 19- Financial institution; 20- Hawaii's largest industry; 22- Nasal cavities; 24- Ref's counterpart; 25- Feel unwell; 26- Sawbuck; 30- Theoretically; 34- Put a lid ___; 35- Spoil; 37- Capital of Italy; 38- Balderdash; 39- Sandwich initials; 40- Sprechen ___ Deutsch?; 41- "Hard ___" (sailor's yell); 43- Girder; 45- Factory; 46- Accord; 48- Roman household gods; 50- ASCAP rival; 51- Calendar abbr.; 52- Parched; 56- Most strange; 60- Vintner's prefix; 61- Herbert Hoover, for one; 63- "Twittering Machine" artist; 64- Painter of limp watches; 65- Give it ___; 66- Troubles; 67- Like some history; 68- Brought on; 69- Tidy, without fault;

Down

1- The majority of; 2- Aware of; 3- Stead; 4- Confide; 5- Idealist; 6- Actor Neeson; 7- Mich. neighbor; 8- Western Native Americans; 9- Shining; 10- Like penne or ziti; 11- Nest eggs, briefly; 12- Alley; 13- Lodge members; 21- Little devil; 23- Pinch; 26- Law of Moses; 27- ___ Gay; 28- Gunpowder ingredient; 29- Domestic cat; 30- Available; 31- Put forth; 32- "South Pacific" hero; 33- Stagger; 36- ___ de France; 42- Embrangle; 43- First; 44- Souvenir; 45- Little man; 47- Mantric syllables; 49- And not; 52- List heading; 53- Listen to; 54- To Live and Die ___; 55- Long ago; 56- 3:00; 57- Fashion mag; 58- Actress Ward; 59- Dry run; 62- Marry;

Yesterday's solution

Grid with words: VERA, LARGE, RENA, ASEC, ALIEN, EVAN, SAAR, TIGER, LEND, TUPOLEV, ROMANCE, BUSES, LAPSES, DECANT, ARLES, AORTA, EPEE, EERO, RNA, REMINDS, RIB, ESME, SMEE, NAIVE, TRICORN, MONKEY, SALINA, SCION, TRICORN, ESTUARY, AINU, GEODE, ISEE, LEER, OSCAR, TEEN, ELSE, TSARS, YAKS.