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## Britney Spears denies attending Cade Hudson's birthday party with Paris Hilton

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Britney Spears has denied attending Cade Hudson's birthday party.

The 41-year-old pop star appeared to have celebrated the celebrity agent's birthday over the weekend when heiress Paris Hilton posted a photo of the three of them onto Instagram, but it now appears the picture was old.

Britney wrote on Instagram: "Also have no idea about these pics of me from a birthday party ... I haven't been to a bday party in forever!!! And as for the pics, those have to be from years ago!!! Kind of creepy and weird that no one is talking about that ... makes no sense whatsoever!!!" The birthday party took place



The image shared by Paris Hilton

in California and was thought to have been attended by the likes of Robert Pattinson, Emma Roberts, Demi Lovato, and Tiffany Haddish, and TMZ also claimed

that the '...Baby One More Time' hitmaker spent "all night" with the 'Paris In Love' star but an insider has now confirmed that Britney was not there

at all.

The confusion appears to have come when Paris created a birthday tribute post for Cade, in which she posted the photo in a mix of new and old snaps.

She wrote: "Happy Birthday @CadeHudson22! Sending you so much love on your special day!. So many fun memories together over the years! We always have the best time! You always make me laugh. You are so much fun and you have a heart of gold. Thank you for always being such a loyal and true friend. Feel so lucky to have you in my life! Excited to celebrate you this weekend and make more epic memories togetherLove you forever and always."(sic)

## Hugh Jackman opens up on behaviour on sets of 'X-Men' movies that 'wouldn't happen now'

FIANS | Los Angeles

"X-Men" star Hugh Jackman has admitted that the early "X-Men" movies saw on-set behaviour "that would not happen now."

The Hollywood star has spoken about events behind the scenes on the hit film franchise after co-star Halle Berry previously claimed she had clashed with director Bryan Singer, reports 'The Mirror'.

The Australian star thinks a positive change has occurred in the movie industry since he took on the project - his first big US release. Halle previously told 'Variety' how she had got in a row with Bryan on the set of the 2014 "X-Men" film, "Days Of Future Past", claiming he was "not the easiest dude to work with".

Talking to 'The Guardian', Hugh elaborated further on his own experience of the movie business.

"This was my first movie in America, you gotta understand; it was all so new to me. I think it's fair to say that... there are some stories, you know. I think there are some ways of being on set that would not happen now."

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respectful, marginalising, bullying, any oppressive behaviour. There's zero tolerance for it now and people will speak out, and I think that's great," he added.

'The Mirror' further states that Singer has found himself at the centre of sexual misconduct claims recently, however, the filmmaker has robustly denied the allegations.

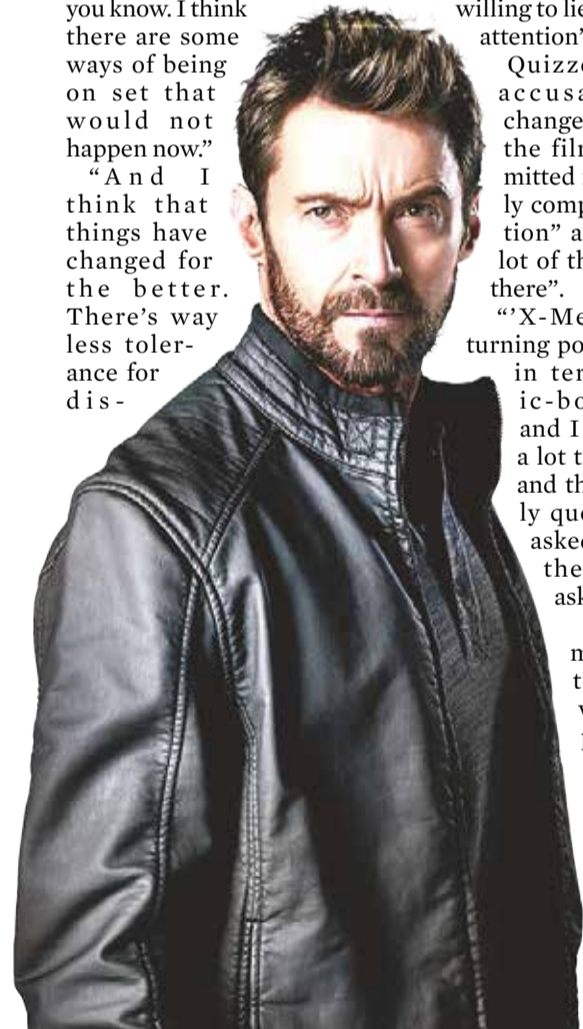
He released a statement to Deadline in 2019 branding the reports "rehashed claims from bogus lawsuits filed by a disreputable cast of individuals willing to lie for money or attention".

Quizzed on if the accusations had changed his view of the films Hugh admitted it was a "really complicated question" and "there's a lot of things at stake there".

"X-Men" was the turning point, I believe, in terms of comic-book movies and I think there's a lot to be proud of and there's certainly questions to be asked and I think they should be asked."

He then admitted feeling the situation was "complex" and that he ultimately looks back "with pride at what we've achieved and what momentum that started".

Hugh Jackman



## Influential rock guitarist Jeff Beck dies at 78, family says



Jeff Beck  
Reuters | Los Angeles

Jeff Beck, the influential, genre-bending English guitarist who rose to fame with The Yardbirds before later embarking on a solo career, has died at the age of 78, his family announced on social media on Wednesday.

He passed away peacefully on Tuesday after suddenly contracting bacterial meningitis, the family said.

## Margot Robbie says she shocked Brad Pitt with her improvised kiss in 'Babylon'

FIANS | Los Angeles

Actress Margot Robbie insists she improvised her kiss with Brad Pitt in 'Babylon'.

The 32-year-old 'The Wolf of Wall Street' actress previously claimed it wasn't in the script of her latest film, in which she plays self-destructive silent film star Nellie LaRoy in the debauched Hollywood of the Roaring Twenties, reports aceshowbiz.com.

But Brad said in December that he asked its makers to write in his screen kiss with co-star Robbie.

Robbie told the new issue of W magazine: "In 'Babylon', Nellie kisses a lot of people. I actually improvised a kiss that wasn't in the script. We were doing a party scene, and Nellie goes up to Brad Pitt's character and Katherine Waterston's character, and I was like, 'F\*\*\*

it."

"I'm just gonna kiss them and see what happens. They were a little bit shocked. I don't know if it made it into the movie."

Pitt said during an interview with Australian news show 'The Project' it was him who didn't want to pass the opportunity to kiss Margot. He said: "No (it wasn't scripted.) I had asked for it, if we can

Margot Robbie



write that in. You know, when was I going to get a chance to do this again? And we did it. I might add too that Nellie (Margot's character) kisses 15 people in this movie."

Pitt is said to be dating jewellery executive Ines de Ramon, 32, after divorcing Angelina Jolie in 2019, while Margot has been married to 32-year-old film producer Tom Ackerley since 2016.

Margot told E! News about the kiss at the start of December: "That wasn't in the script, but I thought, 'When else am I gonna get the chance to kiss Brad Pitt? I'm just gonna go for it.' I said, 'Damien (Chazelle, the director), I think Nellie would just go up and kiss Jack (Brad's character)."



Ben Affleck takes orders at a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through in Boston

## Ben Affleck serves coffee at doughnut joint

FIANS | Los Angeles

'Argo' star Ben Affleck has landed the job of serving customers at a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through in Boston.

The Oscar-winning actor was snapped taking orders and serv-

ing up coffee at a drive-through window, with his wife Jennifer Lopez pulling up in a white SUV to order her own takeaway, reports 'The Mirror'.

But things weren't as they seemed, as 50-year-old Ben was

actually shooting a commercial for his beloved Dunkin' Donuts, with JLo acting alongside him. According to 'Mirror', it's the first time the pair have acted together since their 2003 film 'Gigli'.

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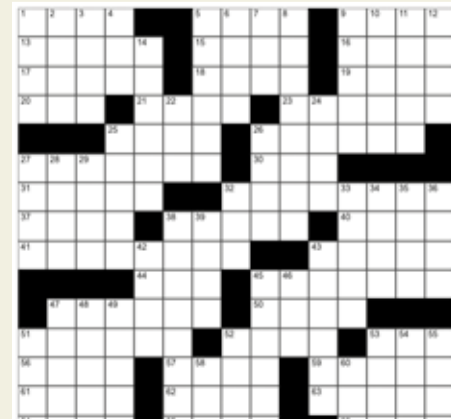
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Yesterday's solution

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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.

### CROSSWORD



Across

1- Islamic chieftain; 5- Pig; 9- Clock face; 13- Domesticates; 15- Israeli round dance; 16- ... want for Christmas...; 17- 1836 siege site; 18- Are you ... out?; 19- Narrow inlets; 20- Metal, often used as a container; 21- Volcano shape; 23- Trattoria treats; 25- Adjutant; 26- Marquis ...; 27- Danced at Oktoberfest, perhaps; 30- Guido's high note; 31- Disney mermaid; 32- Deceitful; 37- Type of phone; 38- Port near Hong Kong; 40- Romance lang; 41- Entirety; 43- Knowledge gained through meditation; 44- Boxer Laila; 45- Become more muscular; 47- Idle talk; 50- Soviet news service; 51- Floor covering; 52- Factual; 53- Part of HRH; 56- Verdi opera; 57- Bern's river; 59- Trick; 61- Husky burden; 62- Hwys; 63- Rush; 64- Fictional Jane; 65- Tibetan oxen; 66- Apians;

Down

1- Coup d'...; 2- Timbuktu's land; 3- Model married to David Bowie; 4- Sleep stage; 5- Directed a light; 6- Single; 7- Guadalajara gold; 8- Needlepoint; 9- "Our Gang" girl; 10- Greek epic poem; 11- Winged; 12- Actress Virna; 14- Church party; 22- Shelley's "... to the West Wind"; 24- Son of Isaac and Rebekah; 25- Pack leader; 26- Boxer Oscar ... Hoya; 27- Agreement; 28- Black-and-white cookie; 29- Rhythmic swing; 32- Slick; 33- Nasal cavity; 34- Let's just leave ... that; 35- Turbine blade; 36- Dash; 38- Pertaining to war; 39- Take ... from me; 42- Emit coherent light; 43- Son of Jacob and Rachel; 45- Emphasis; 46- 19th letter of the Greek alphabet; 47- Merrily; 48- Command; 49- One in a black suit; 51- Portfolio; 52- Arduous journey; 53- Fabled loser; 54- As to; 55- The ... the limit; 58- ... glance; 60- Chafe;

Yesterday's solution

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