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Angelina Jolie: I haven't felt like myself for a decade

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Angelina Jolie hasn't felt like herself "for a decade".

The 48-year-old actress feels she's in a transitional period in her life, and Angelina admits that she's still struggling to find her own sense of style.

The Oscar-winning star - who was married to Brad Pitt between 2014 and 2019 - told Vogue magazine: "After I went through something where I was hurt, I had a therapist ask if I would try wearing a flowing garment. Sounds silly, but I assumed that pants and boots projected a 'tougher' look, a stronger me.

"But was I strong enough to be soft? At the time, no. I felt vulnerable. Now I wonder if I don't know what my style is because I'm still understanding who I am at 48. I guess I'm in transition as a person.

"I feel a bit down these days. I don't feel like I've been myself for a decade, in a way, which I don't want to get into."

Angelina also revealed that she's still going through a "healing" process.

The actress said: "We had a lot of healing to do. We're still finding our footing."

Meanwhile, Angelina also confessed that motherhood has changed her life.

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The Hollywood star - who has Maddox, 22, Pax, 19, Zahara, 18, Shiloh, 17, and twins Vivienne and Knox, 15, with Brad - admitted that her children have "saved" her.

She said: "I was 26 when I became a mother. My entire life changed. Having children saved me - and taught me to be in this world differently.

"I think, recently, I would've gone under in a much darker way had I not wanted to live for them. They're better than me, because you want your children to be."

Shakira charged with tax evasion for the second time

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Shakira has been charged with tax evasion for a second time.

The 'Hips Don't Lie' hitmaker has been accused by prosecutors in Spain of having defrauded the state of state of 6.7 million in 2018 after she allegedly failed to declare millions in advance payments for her 'El Dorado' world tour, amongst other payments.

The charges are due to the fact Shakira was living with then-partner Gerard Pique and their two sons in Barcelona in 2018 and therefore was required to tax her international revenue there, but she is accused of having instead divert her money to "companies domiciled in countries with low taxation and high opacity".

The investigation was opened in July 2023 but the details have only just been released.

The news comes ahead of Shakira going on trial over six separate alleged tax crimes in the Spanish city this November, having been accused of failing to pay 14.5 million in tax between 2012 and 2014.

She has denied the charges against her.

A representative for Shakira said in a statement when the case first made headlines: "Shakira has always cooperated and abided by the law, demonstrating impeccable conduct as an individual and a taxpayer, and faithfully following the counsel of PricewaterhouseCoopers, a prestigious and globally recognised tax firm.

"Unfortunately, the Spanish Tax Office, which loses one out of every two lawsuits with its taxpayers, continues to violate her rights and pursue yet another baseless case.

"Shakira is confident that her innocence will be proven by the end of the judicial process."

Earlier this month, the 46-year-old pop star expressed her belief she would be exonerated.

She told Spain's Elle magazine: "I am confident that I have enough proof to support my case and that justice will prevail in my favour."

Shakira

'Harry Potter' actor Michael Gambon dies aged 82

AFP | London

British-Irish actor Michael Gambon, best known for playing Albus Dumbledore in six of the eight "Harry Potter" films, has died in hospital aged 82, his family announced Thursday.

Gambon won four television BAFTAs and an Olivier award during a decades-spanning acting career across television, film, radio and theatre, which was capped by his beloved role as the headmaster of the wizarding school Hogwarts in the Potter series.

"We are devastated to announce the loss of Sir Michael Gambon," a statement issued on behalf of his family said.

"Beloved husband and father, Michael died peacefully in hospital with his wife Anne and son Fergus at his bedside, following a bout of pneumonia."

Michael Gambon

Gambon, born in Ireland, began his illustrious acting career in theatre, making his first appearance on stage in a production of "Othello" at the Gates Theatre in the Irish capital Dublin in 1962.

He became well known in Britain for playing a French detective in the ITV series "Maigret", and for his 1986 role as Philip Marlow in screenwriter Dennis Potter's "The Singing Detective".

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Leonardo DiCaprio was being eyed to play Riddler in 'The Dark Knight Rises'.

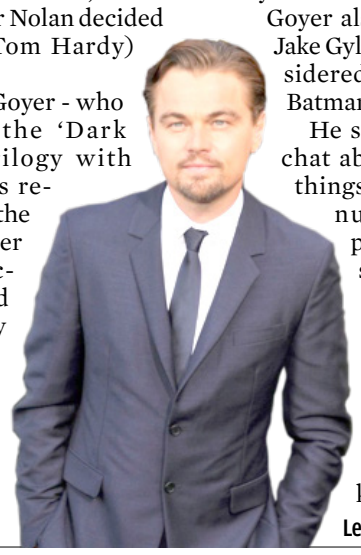
Studio executives were keen for Riddler to be the primary villain in the 2012 superhero movie, however, director Christopher Nolan decided on Bane (Tom Hardy) instead.

David S. Goyer - who co-wrote the 'Dark Knight' trilogy with Nolan - has revealed that the Oscar winner was the actor wanted to portray the supervillain.

Appearing on the 'Happy Sad Confused' podcast, he spilled: "We had all these pitches...I remember at The Dark Knight [premiere], the head of Warner Bros said, 'You gotta do the Riddler. Leo [DiCaprio] as the Riddler.' That's not the way we work – not to take anything away from him."

Goyer also revealed that Jake Gyllenhaal was considered for the role of Batman.

He said: "We would chat about all sorts of things...There were a number of people who had screen-tested, and I had advocated for Gyllenhaal. I mean, Gyllenhaal is amazing, Christian Bale is amazing, so who knows what."



Leonardo DiCaprio

Gwen Stefani: I'm supposed to be with Blake Shelton

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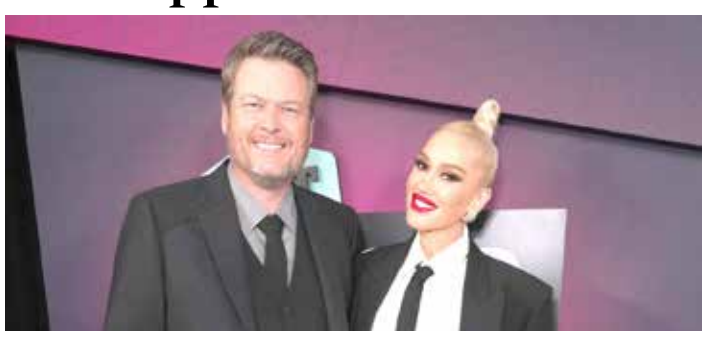
Gwen Stefani feels she's "supposed to be" with Blake Shelton.

The 53-year-old singer - who has been married to Blake, 47, since 2021 - has never had any doubt that he's the perfect man for her.

The chart-topping star - who met Blake on 'The Voice' in 2014 - told PEOPLE: "I didn't see any of this coming with Blake. This was just a big old 'What?' It was an amazing gift to experience love like that for the first time.



Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani

"He's changed my life ... when I [started dating] Blake, that's when I felt home, like, 'Oh, this is where I'm supposed to be, with this guy'."

Gwen and Blake actually love the life they've built together in Oklahoma.

The blonde beauty - who was previously married to musician Gavin Rossdale - shared: "I am not really a dirt person, a bug person, I don't like that much humidity. But it's so beautiful [in Oklahoma], and you kind of feel like you're going into this vortex. Nature - and God - is all right there."

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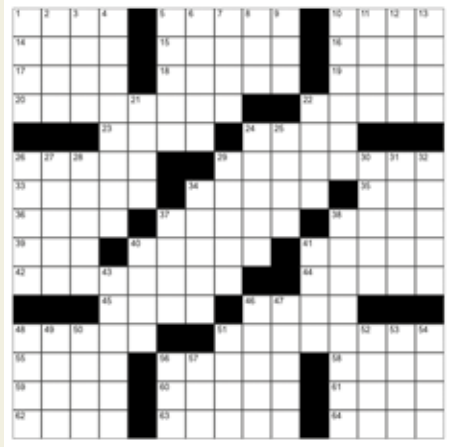

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Down

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