

Angelina Jolie breaks silence on Bell's palsy diagnosis and divorce

Things got bad with Brad Pitt last summer, actress says

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Angelina Jolie is opening up about her difficult year, from a Bell's palsy diagnosis to her split from Brad Pitt.

In a *Vanity Fair* cover story, Jolie reveals that in addition to hypertension, she developed Bell's palsy, a condition resulting from damage to facial nerves, which caused one side of her face to droop.

"Sometimes women in families put themselves last ... until it manifests itself in their own health," Jolie said, who credited acupuncture for a full recovery.

Jolie, 42, also said she has been dealing with drier skin and more gray hairs.

"I can't tell if it's menopause or



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Angelina Jolie praises her six children for being "very brave" during the couple's divorce.

if it's just been the year I've had," she said.

The year in question is when "things got bad," as Jolie terms it to *Vanity Fair*, with Brad Pitt, saying trouble began in the summer of 2016 when her upcoming film *First They Killed My Father* was in post-production.

"I didn't want to use that word," she told the magazine. "Things became 'difficult.'"

She is adamant, however, that the A-list couple's jet-set lifestyle with their six children was not "in any way a negative."

"That was not the problem," she said. "That is and will remain one of the wonderful opportunities we are able to give our children. ... They're six very strong-minded, thoughtful, worldly individuals. I'm very proud of them."

Jolie praised her children

Maddox, 15, Pax, 13, and Zahara, 12, Shiloh, 11, Vivienne, 9 and Knox, 9, for being "very brave" in times during the divorce when they needed to be.

Divorce negotiations are still ongoing between the couple. As a family, Jolie says, she and the children are still recovering.

"We're all just healing from the events that led to the filing. ... They're not healing from divorce. They're healing ... from life, from things in life," she explained somewhat cryptically.

But the actress-director stays stoic in front of her children, Jolie said.

"I do not want my children to be worried about me. I think it's very important to cry in the shower and not in front of them. They need to know that everything's going to be all right even when you're not sure it is."

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NONSPECIFIC

ACROSS

- Seize forcibly
- Entry after "Bats" on a baseball card
- X's on frat houses
- Before curfew
- Golden-___ (senior)
- Put to the grindstone
- Home plate umpire's concern
- Many a Club Med locale
- Prefix with byte or hertz
- Pinched pennies
- Feature of a viol, but not most violins
- Kennel call
- Mars, Venus or Jupiter
- Butler, to Gable
- Overrun, as vermin
- No longer mint
- ___ Bread (bakery-cafe chain)
- Shoemaker's tool
- Abbr. near an audio input
- Word that can precede the first parts of 17- and 60-Across and 11- and 25-Down
- Elder, the first African-American to play the Masters
- Adoptee from a shelter
- Does more than talk about
- Village Voice bestowal
- Salon supplies
- Societal goofball
- "Nothing ___!" ("Forget it!")
- Pothook shape
- Tacks on
- Protects, as in a museum
- Fastball, slangily
- Site of a shipwreck, perhaps
- Sam's Choice, to Walmart
- "Pretty please?"

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- DOWN**
- Craven who directed "Scream" movies
 - Mob turncoat
 - Drop an easy one
 - Opened, as with a box cutter
 - Day care enrollee
 - Talent agent ("Swift")
 - Braggart's trait
 - Marshy areas
 - Boers' migration
 - Clock tower sounds
 - Furniture unit with safety rails
 - Fjord, for example
 - Like a fleabag hotel
 - Baseball's dead-ball ___

- Best imaginable
- Dowdy sort
- Riveter painted by Rockwell
- Device on an automatic door
- Diplomatic skill
- Adopted son of Claudius
- Drescher of "The Nanny"
- Neighbors of delts
- "I'm in" indicator
- Off-the-wall
- City on the Aire
- Jets and Sharks of moviedom
- Abroad, perhaps
- Up the proverbial creek
- Stuffed ___ (Jewish dish)
- Hoopster who starred in "Kazaam"
- Reduce to confetti

Wednesday's Answer

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WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

- Find and Circle:
- Five four-letter fish
 - Five words ending with US
 - Three nine-letter words
 - Two types of barbecue ribs
 - Two four-letter metals

Wednesday's answer: HYDROGEN METHANE HELIUM NEON / STORK CRANE RAVEN HERON / CHIPMUNK ELEPHANT HEDGEHOG / PUMPKIN CHERRY APPLE / TRAVERSE

QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes

Barber's tool

Barber's subject

German king

Exclamation of relief

Hack

Vow

Little bug

Furrowed spot

Wednesday's Answer

C	O	B	B
A	W	A	Y
V	E	N	T
E	D	G	E

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).

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UP & DOWN WORDS

By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt

1. EXTRA

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

HERO

Clues:

- T-shirt size
- Tarantula, for example
- Type of primate
- Shenanigans
- Airplane option
- Type of lawsuit
- The Rock, often

Wednesday's Answer

KNOWS	BEST
BEST	MAN
MAN	CAVE
CAVE	IN
IN	LOVE
LOVE	INTEREST
INTEREST	RATE

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Across

3. 782883
6. 3824
8. 3326
9. 332537

Down

1. 86776
2. 68742
3. 72363
4. 2873653
7. 4256
8. 393

Today's theme

Art

Use the phone keypad to decode the clues. For example: 2 could be A, B or C ... and 5/6/7 could be LOST

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Yesterday's solution

DON'T QUOTE ME

Music star Madonna thinks about her childhood.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.

AGAINST ALL DIDN'T OLD-FASHIONED REBEL TURNED VALUES WAY

I WOULDN'T HAVE _____ OUT THE _____ I AM

IF I _____ HAVE _____ THOSE _____

_____ TO _____

Wednesday's Answer: "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." - David Lloyd George

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