



UKIP BOSS FACES BOOT FOR GIRLFRIEND'S RACIST TEXTS

- Henry Bolton dumps girlfriend over Meghan Markle messages
- 25-year-old model said Markle would "taint" the royal family

The leader of the U.K. Independence Party (UKIP), Henry Bolton, is facing being fired by his party after racist comments by his girlfriend about Meghan Markle were published by The Daily Mail.

Bolton claimed to have broken things off with his 25-year-old model/journalist girlfriend Jo Marney after she wrote in a series of messages that Markle, who is biracial, will "taint" the royal family. She also called her a "dumb little commoner" and continued on to say, "This is Britain, not Africa."

When the person Marney was conversing with implied that she was racist, Marney said, "lol so what."

"I don't defend these comments whatsoever," Bolton, 54, said on "Good Morning Britain" Monday. "As of last night the romantic side of our relationship is ended."

Nonetheless Bolton's future remains in doubt and will be the subject of an meeting of the party's executive committee this weekend.

Bolton was desperate to distance himself from Marney's remarks, adding: "At the moment,

it is obviously quite incompatible to continue the relationship," he stated, adding that he's "going to be continuing to support her family because Jo is absolutely distraught by this."

On Sunday, Marney told TheDailyMail that she was sorry for the "reckless and unnecessary" comments and added that they were "taken completely out of context."

"I was appalled"

Regarding the messages, which were reportedly sent three weeks before Marney started a relationship with Bolton, the UKIP leader told Sky News that they were "never meant to be in the public eye. She wasn't hiding them, but they were part of a direct message exchange with somebody else."

"When I saw them, I was appalled," Bolton continued. "She's a member of the party ... and she has never, never

expressed her views in such a way that she did in those messages."

Bolton is reportedly not legally separated from his wife Tatiana, and he told the BBC that she knew about the relationship with Marney three days into it. The relationship only reportedly started in December, as Bolton told "Good Morning Britain" that the two had only just met at a UKIP lunch on the 16th of December. Bolton went on to say that he split from his wife before Christmas, just after he met Marney, which he describes as "pure coincidence."

However, Bolton's wife said in a statement read on "Good Morning Britain" that she was unaware of the relationship. "When you've been with someone for so long, have supported him through so much, and have always been there for him, you feel so betrayed on every single level. What makes



NO FOOL LIKE AN OLD FOOL? Henry Bolton, 54, with 25-year old Jo Marney

it worse is the lies. He told journalists his wife is fully aware of what's been going on — no, I am not."

Party chairman Paul Oakden told The Daily Mail that he suspended Marney's UKIP membership after he was made aware of the messages, stating, "UKIP does not, has not and never will condone racism."

In response to a Twitter user Monday morning who showed support

for her, Marney wrote, "Many thanks for your kind words. We all make mistakes. It's how you deal with those mistakes and conduct yourself in the future that matters."

Bill Etheridge, a UKIP Member of European Parliament for the West Midlands region, tweeted he was resigning from Bolton's "spokesman team" and was "calling for UKIP members to petition" for his removal.

On Sunday he also called on Bolton himself to resign.

Bolton was the fourth leader in a year to be appointed head of UKIP.

Bolton told "Good Morning Britain" that he is not intending to resign "at all."

"This will be in question of the party, so it's up to the party what happens in relation to my leadership, but I'm not going to resign," Bolton continued.

News from Britain

May and Macron proves there's still life in the entente cordiale

■ UK to contribute another £44.5m to beef up border security

Theresa May has paid tribute to the "strong and deep relationship" between France and the UK as President Macron began his first visit to Britain.

The prime minister said both leaders remained committed to the "Le Touquet" border agreement in Calais and had agreed extra security measures.

It comes as the UK announced an extra £44.5m to be spent on beefing up Channel border security.

She stressed cooperation was vital on economic matters, defence and security.

The £44m will be spent on fencing, CCTV and infrared detection technology in Calais and other border points.

Britain is also expected to commit to taking more migrants from Calais, especially unaccompanied children.

The summit between Mrs May and Mr Macron, at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in Berkshire, also featured the first meeting of the heads of Britain and France's five intelligence agencies, and was attended by UK cabinet ministers and their French counterparts.

While Britain and France are heading in different directions as

a result of Brexit, both governments seem keen to show that they will continue to work closely together.

During last year's French election campaign, Mr Macron said he wanted to renegotiate or scrap the 2003 Le Touquet agreement, which established French border controls in Britain and UK controls in Calais.

The agreement means undocumented migrants barred from entering the UK stay in France - many in makeshift camps. Up to 700 migrants are in the area, despite the camp known as the "Jungle" having been dismantled in 2016.

'tangible way'

The UK government is already thought to have spent over £100m on security in the area over the last three years, and officials said the number of illegal attempts to enter the UK fell from 80,000 in 2015 to just over 30,000 last year.

A UK government spokeswoman said the latest investment was "about investing in and enhancing the security of the UK border".

Other "juxtaposed" border controls are in operation at Eurostar stations in France and

Belgium.

Dover MP Charlie Elphicke said the UK should not be "footing the entire bill for the French border at Calais" after it leaves the EU.

Fellow backbencher Andrew Rosindell said: "It is their problem as much as it is ours and it should not be a situation where we keep funding France every time they demand more cash.

"I'm all for cooperation with our neighbours, with our friends in France but, at the end of the day, this is British money and it has to be used in a tangible way to benefit Britain."

Mrs May and Mr Macron had lunch at a gastro pub and then inspected a guard of honour from the Coldstream Guards, in the freezing rain, at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, the venue for their talks.

Senior ministers Boris Johnson, Philip Hammond and Amber Rudd also endured a soaking as they looked on.

Speaking ahead of the summit, Mrs May said: "Today's summit will underline that we remain committed to defending our people and upholding our values as liberal democracies in the face of any threat,



COLD WEATHER, WARM INTENTIONS? Macron and May at Sandhurst

whether at home or abroad. always gone far beyond discussions represents defence and security its broad and unique nature."

"But our friendship has and the scope of today's nature."



Famed Bayeux Tapestry to be loaned to Britain

■ French President to allow Battle of Hastings embroidery to leave France for first time in 950 years

The Bayeux tapestry will be loaned to Britain after Emmanuel Macron agreed to let it leave France for the first time in 950 years.

The president announced at an Anglo-French summit on Thursday that the artefact depicting the the Norman buildup to, and success in, the Battle of Hastings in 1066 will be loaned to the UK, probably in 2022.

Theresa May used the decision, which has involved lengthy talks between each country's respective culture departments, to

highlight the strength in UK-French relations after Brexit.

An Elysée official said the loan was agreed in principle but would not happen for several years because work needed to be done on the tapestry to ensure it was safe to move it. "It's very symbolic for France and maybe even more for the UK," he said.

'deep ties'

The date of the loan would probably be 2022 when, it is understood, the Bayeux Museum closes for refurbishment.

One leading contender to show the tapestry would be the British Museum. Its director, Hartwig Fischer, said it would be "honoured and delighted" to display the tapestry.

"This would be a major loan, probably the most significant ever from France to the UK. It is a gesture of extraordinary generosity and proof of the deep ties that link our countries. The Bayeux tapestry is of huge importance, as it recounts a crucial moment in British and French history, 1066."



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30,000 pensions vanish as giant UK contractor goes bust

The Government was scrambling this week to contain the fallout from the collapse of one of its biggest contractors, amid fears that up to 30,000 would be left without pensions.

The demise of Carillion, - which was engaged in the building and maintenance of schools, hospitals and defence sites, - marks Britain's biggest corporate failure in a decade. It went into liquidation on Monday after costly contract delays and a slump in new business left it unable to support its £1.3bn in debts and £587m pension deficit.

The Government refused to bail out the firm, but is underwriting the cost of Carillion's public-sector contracts to ensure the continuation of vital services. Ministers came under fire for having awarded the company nearly £2bn worth of new contracts, including a role in the so-called HS2 project, the planned high-speed railway which is aimed to be the new backbone of the national rail network, linking London, Birmingham, the East Midlands, Leeds and Manchester, after the firm issued profit warnings last year. Carillion bosses, meanwhile, were criticised for having rewarded shareholders with higher dividends even as the firm's pension deficit grew.

The collapse is likely to intensify public debate over the wisdom of privatization of key services, with Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn calling Carillion's collapse a "watershed moment", saying it was time to end "rip-off privatisation policies".

The collapse also means huge uncertainty now hangs over a handful of other huge projects,

including Aberdeen's £750m western bypass, Sunderland's biggest ever regeneration project and a new hospital in Liverpool. Carillion's portfolio also extended into the management of Army housing, the cleaning of trains and the delivery of school dinners. Private contracting accounts for around a third of government spending today, and this money goes to just a handful of giant companies, including Carillion's main competitors Serco, Capita and G4S.

The newspapers have had a field day with the collapse: Questions need to be asked about why ministers "placed so many public-sector eggs in one private-sector basket", said **The Daily Telegraph**. Carillion had 450 government contracts. Ministers promised a few years ago to seek out more, smaller bidders for taxpayer-funded contracts. "That pledge needs to be delivered." There are many lessons to be learnt from Carillion's demise, said the **Daily Mail**. But it's not an indictment of the principle of outsourcing. "Even the bills for Carillion's collapse pale beside the colossal sums squandered on government-run schemes, such as the aborted £12bn IT project for the NHS."

Contrary to myth, government contracts are not a licence for parasitical outsourcers to print money, said Ben Wright in **The Daily Telegraph**. The margins in this highly competitive market are in fact very slim - which is precisely why Carillion came unstuck. The company pushed its luck too far. As a result, its "shareholders have been wiped out and its banks are nursing huge losses".

The Cranberries lead singer Dolores O'Riordan has died suddenly at the age of 46, her publicist has confirmed.

The Irish musician, originally from Limerick, led the band to international success in the 90s with singles including Linger and Zombie.

A statement from her publicist said: "The lead singer with the Irish band The Cranberries was in London for a short recording session.

"No further details are available at this time."

A Metropolitan Police spokesperson said the police were called to a hotel in Park Lane at 09:05 GMT on Monday, where "a woman in her mid-40s" was pronounced dead at the scene.

The police have confirmed that the death is not being treated as suspicious and said a report was being compiled for the coroner.

'extraordinary talent'

Her current band mates in The Cranberries - Noel Hogan, Fergal Lawler, and Mike Hogan - paid tribute to the lead singer on social media.

The message said: "She was an extraordinary talent and we feel very privileged to have been part of her life from 1989."

Her publicist added: "Family members are devastated to hear the news and have requested privacy at this very difficult time."

The parish priest from her home town Friarstown, in Limerick, said her funeral would take place in Ireland.

"Her family are still waiting for more details to come from London about her death," said Ballybricken and Bohermore parish priest Fr James Walton.

"The plan is for her to be buried here at home.

Cranberries singer Dolores O'Riordan found dead at 46



O'RIORDAN: found dead at her London hotel room on Monday morning.

When that will be will depend on when her body is released."

The Cranberries shot to international fame with their 1993 debut album *Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We?* and went on to sell over 40 million records worldwide.

In 2017 The Cranberries announced a tour including dates in Europe, the UK, and the US.

However, in May - shortly into the European tour - the group had to cancel the remainder of the European dates as a result of O'Riordan's health issues.

The official Cranberries website cited "medical

reasons associated with a back problem" preventing singer Dolores O'Riordan from performing.

But just before Christmas O'Riordan had posted on Facebook saying she was "feeling good" and had done her "first bit of gigging in months", leading fans to believe she would soon be performing again.

O'Riordan tweeted a picture of herself with her cat to fans in early January saying she was "off to Ireland".

O'Riordan split from her husband of 20 years, Don Burton in 2014. She and Burton, who is the former tour manager of Duran

Duran, have three children together.

The singer was arrested over an alleged air rage incident in 2014 but was released without charge, after a stewardess was reportedly attacked on a flight from New York to Shannon, County Clare.

O'Riordan was taken to hospital in Limerick after being questioned by police and later discharged.

Two years later, O'Riordan was ordered to pay 6,000 euros (£5,300) to charity for headbutting a police officer after an alleged air rage incident.

She had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2015.



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News from Britain

To end 'whining and moaning' over Brexit, Nigel Farage proposes referendum re-do

■ Former UKIP leader said second referendum would stop EU debate 'for a generation'

Talk of a second referendum in the charged aftermath of Britain's decision to leave the European Union has picked up steam here in recent days from an unlikely quarter: Mr. Brexit himself, Nigel Farage, the former leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP).

The man who has made a career out of hating the European Union from the inside, as a member of the European Parliament, floated the idea as a way of ending the debate once and for all in a recent television interview.

"[Remain supporters] will go on whingeing and whining and moaning all the way through this

process," he told Channel 5's The Wright Stuff.

"So maybe, just maybe, I'm reaching the point of thinking that we should have a second referendum on EU membership. I think that if we had a second referendum on EU membership."

European Union politicians in Brussels - fat-cat "Eurocrats" according to Nigel Farage - were quick to follow up on his comments by pointing out that from their point of view, the door has not yet shut on the UK.

"Wasn't it David Davis" - the man responsible for negotiating Britain's exit from the EU - "who said a democracy isn't a democracy if you can't

change your mind?" asked Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council at a session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg this week.

"We here on the continent haven't had a change of heart. Our hearts are still open to you," Tusk said.

The president of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, said that he hoped London had heard the message clearly that "our door remains open."

But Brexit supporters have reacted to the prospect of a second referendum with a certain amount of horror, some accusing Farage of seeking attention. It would be an



FARAGE: "Remain supporters will go on whingeing and whining and moaning..."

undermining of democracy," said John Longworth, a former director general of the British Chambers of Commerce who also co-chairs the Leave Means Leave group.

He accused Brussels of trying to undermine Britain's decision.

"The British people have voted, but of course it's normal of the EU to try and do this. They have done it in the past when peoples

of Europe, for example in France, the Netherlands and Ireland, have voted against European treaties, the EU have engineered further referendums until they get the answer they want."

Not surprisingly, Remain campaigners also seized upon Farage's words.

"I think [a second referendum is] more than a slight possibility. I think it's now emerging as a real option," said the British

philosopher A.C. Grayling, who chairs an umbrella organization of groups campaigning to remain in the EU.

"And from all sides of the political spectrum. It's being recognized that this is so divisive. It is by no means a done deal. As day follows day, so there's more information about the great damage that Brexit might do and the most important thing is that public opinion is swinging against it."

Rick Jolly, hero medic of Falklands war, dies at 71

A HERO Navy medic who saved hundreds of British and Argentine troops during the Falklands War has died.

Surgeon Captain Rick Jolly, known as "Doc", ran the Ajax Bay Field Hospital on the islands which treated around 580 British personnel. He saved them all, often while coming under fire, and also treated hundreds of enemy troops. It emerged on Sunday that the legendary medic had passed away, aged 71, at his home near Torpoint, Cornwall. Captain Jolly is the only person to have been decorated by both Britain and Argentina following the 1982 conflict.

Falklands veteran Simon Weston said: "I can only thank him for saving my life, and many others. It's a tragedy for everyone who knew him and a tragedy especially for his family."

Captain Jolly was the senior medical officer for the 3 Commando Brigade unit and ran the field hospital in the east of the island. Describing his heroic actions, Captain Jolly said in 2012: "Our attitude was simple ...to treat the injured Argentinians in a way we would like to be treated.

"People assume you've got to hate your enemy but that couldn't be further from the truth. The only people who know what you're going through are the people on the other side.

"Over the years I've been asked what I'd do if I had to choose who to treat first, an Argentinian or a Brit. "My answer was always whoever needed attention more urgently.

"As far as I am concerned you have to be able to look into your soul and like what you find there."

William embraces the bald truth...

The Duke of Cambridge sported a newly trimmed hairstyle as he visited a children's hospital this week.

Prince William revealed the close-shaven style at the launch of the Step into Health programme at the Evelina London Children's Hospital on Thursday.

He opted for the military-style cut before meeting Armed Forces veterans working in the NHS.

Members of the Royal Family have been known to tease the 35-year-old about his receding hairline.

In 2014, the Duchess of Cambridge suggested a tuft of alpaca wool might be the perfect solution for her husband's growing bald patch.



OWNING IT: Prince William at the Evelina London Children's Hospital this week

As they visited the Sydney Royal Easter Show, she was shown the wool, which was a similar shade of brown to the duke's hair.

The duchess pointed to her husband's head and

said: "You need it more than me."

Prince Harry has also been known to poke fun at his balding brother. While chatting to a World War Two veteran in Barbados in 2010, he

said Prince William "was already bald aged 12".

Step into Health is a programme that helps ex-Armed Forces members and their spouses or partners to take up careers in the NHS.

Britain on alert for polar freeze as snow and gales cause chaos

STORM-HIT Britain is on polar freeze alert this weekend as temperatures plunged, bringing widespread snow and misery from Cornwall to the Orkneys.

A bitter blast from the Arctic swept the nation in midweek, pushing some places below -10C. Wintry showers driven by strong winds left swathes of the country under a blanket of snow Wednesday morning. Drivers were stranded in Dumfries and Galloway,

Scotland, as blizzard conditions ground traffic to a halt. Transport networks around northern Britain battled disruption while severe weather forced school closures.

Fionn became the sixth named storm of the season on Tuesday night after smashing across Ireland and bringing disruption to parts of the UK. The weather is expected to settle over the next few days although it will feel colder with hail,

sleet and snow forecast around the UK.

Met Office spokeswoman Nicola Maxey said: "There is the potential for winds of 70mph in exposed regions with gusts of 50 to 60mph likely more widely into the early hours of Thursday.

"An area of low pressure will also bring cold polar air and the risk of further snow to Dumfries and Galloway where the impact is likely to be greatest. Widespread

Iron Lady loses out in statue battle

Margaret Thatcher looks set to lose out to two pioneering feminists in the battle to be the first woman to have a statue in Parliament Square.

Rival campaigns have battled for years to be first to put a statue of a woman in front of the Houses of Parliament.

The race was won by advocates of suffragist and trade union leader Millicent Fawcett.

She is set to join the 10 men in the square, including Sir Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela, later this year.

A rival campaign, led by former Conservative MP Sir Neil Thorne, and backed by the first female Commons Speaker Baroness Boothroyd, argued Emmeline Pankhurst should have been immortalised in bronze instead, as she is far better known than Ms Fawcett.

Westminster Council has not ruled out a statue to Ms Pankhurst in the square at some stage - provided campaigners move an existing statue of the suffragette leader that stands in nearby Victoria Gardens first, but they seem to be less convinced of the case for a Thatcher monument, even though it has already been created by sculptor

Douglas Jennings.

Advocates of a Lady Thatcher statue stayed out of the Pankhurst/Fawcett battle, despite a planning application for a monument to Britain's first woman prime minister being considered by Westminster Council at the same time.

The council's planning committee is due to vote on the Thatcher proposal next Tuesday, but council officers have recommended refusal.

The Royal Parks Agency, which owns the land, and the Metropolitan Police have expressed concern that a Thatcher statue would attract protests.

'physical risk'

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors also objected to having a statue of the Iron Lady near its Parliament Square headquarters because she was a "controversial character" who would be likely to be a target for vandalism and "abuse".

"This could easily extend to our building and, potentially, to our staff and professional members who use the building.

"There is a physical risk if projectiles are thrown at the statue and hit the building and/or individuals direct," said

RICS in its submission to the council.

But council sources say the biggest factor influencing the decision - apart from there already being too many statues in the area - is likely to be the fact that the Thatcher family had objected to the design.

Officials also cited the "10-year rule", which suggests monuments to leaders should not be erected until at least a decade after their death, although this rule was broken to allow a statue of Nelson Mandela in 2007.

The Millicent Fawcett statue, designed by Turner Prize-winning artist Gillian Wearing, will commemorate the centenary of women winning the right to vote.

The original design had to be amended as councillors were concerned Ms Fawcett - who is carrying a banner reading "courage calls to courage everywhere" - looked like she was hanging out washing, according to the Daily Telegraph.

Ms Pankhurst favoured more radical and militant tactics than Ms Fawcett, who founded the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in 1897, in the battle to win women the vote.



UNLIKELY CELEBRITY: Sir Andy Flurry struts his stuff

frosts are forecast and while the heaviest snow will fall over high ground in the North, there is a widespread risk of wintry showers including hail or sleet and possibly reaching lower levels into the weekend. We expect overnight temperatures in minus double digits and while it will turn calmer it will remain unsettled in parts with an ongoing risk of snow."

Traffic Scotland reported difficulties clearing routes due to jack-knifed lorries and

treacherous conditions on the roads. The M62 trans-Pennine motorway was badly affected while schools were closed in Scotland and Yorkshire. Meanwhile in Scotland gritting lorries sporting names such as Sir Salter Scott, Ice Destroyer, and Jack and Frosty have become an internet sensation. Followers have been able to watch their progress in keeping the traffic moving thanks to a social media app charting their efforts. The fleet of 208 vehicles also includes Sir Andy Flurry, Luke Snowwalker,

Snow Queen, Fred and Ready Spread Go. A spokesman for road maintenance provider BEAR Scotland said: "A few winters ago we got involved with a competition to help name some of our 32-ton gritters, and reached out to local primary schools in our areas to help us come up with some names for the vehicles.

"We now have the likes of Sprinkles, Mrs McGritter, Sir Grits-a-lot and Gritty Gritty Bang Bang out working on trunk roads across the north of Scotland."

It wasn't all bad...

An 80-year-old great-grandmother has become the UK's oldest ballet dancer.

Barbara Peters (right), from Halifax, took her first ballet exam at the age of nine and went on to study at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dance in London - but then missed her final test because she had broken her arm. Later, she opened a dance school in Huddersfield, where she taught thousands of children, but it was only in 2015 that she began studying dance again herself. Last month, she took the academy's highest test (grade seven) and, on the eve of her 80th birthday, learnt that she had passed. "It was the best gift I received," she said.



Local News

Locals prepare for Burns' Night parties

WITH THE FESTIVE season fast disappearing in the rear view mirror, the next big event in the local expat calendar has to be Burns' Night, which will be celebrated by the St. Andrew's Society of Los Angeles on Sat. Jan. 27th at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City.



Tickets are still available for the event, which kicks off at 6pm. Expect traditional Scottish fare, bagpipes and of course the toast to the haggis immortalized by Scotland's greatest poet (pictured, above right). For details contact Ian Skone-Rees at 818 769-5166 or email iskonerees@saintandrewsla.org.

Business Council in Orange County will host a Business After Hours celebration with a Scottish flavor a week later on Friday, February 2nd from 6pm-9.30pm at Gulliver's Restaurant, 18482 MacArthur, in Irvine. Attendees should sport their finest Highland wear be it tammies, scarves, knickers or kilts, and

the evening will feature Scottish Music with piper Cindi McIntosh Behr and a premium whisky tasting. Hors d'oeuvres will be served...plus a ritual haggis sacrifice... what more could you want? Tickets are priced at \$28 for members and \$35 for guests. For details visit babcoc.com or call 949-338-4251.



PRIVATE LIVES: Sally Edwards as Anne and Philip Whitchurch as Will in Shakespeare, his wife and the dog, now playing at the Broad Theatre

Fans of Shakespeare will find much to like in the local production of Shakespeare, His Wife and the Dog, the acclaimed British play featured at the Broad Theatre in Santa Monica.

Playing through January 28th, which debuted at the 2014 Edinburgh festival to critical acclaim, examines (as best it can), the private life of the world's greatest playwright.

Set on the Bard's last night of life, we see Shakespeare returned to Stratford a rich and famous man. But all's not well. Why is he so unhappy? Why can't he sleep? Why is his wife furious with him? And

where is their dog?

As the evening unfolds the secrets, lies, resentments and passions of a marriage are laid bare.

Academics have pondered for two centuries just what kind of man was Shakespeare, thanks mainly to the maddeningly-small amount we know about his personal life. For all his brilliance as an artist, the man remains elusive. Who did he really love?

Was he unfaithful, was he gay? Why did he leave home for London? How did he become an actor... a writer? How could he write these brilliant plays without a university education? Did he like a pint? Was he kind to

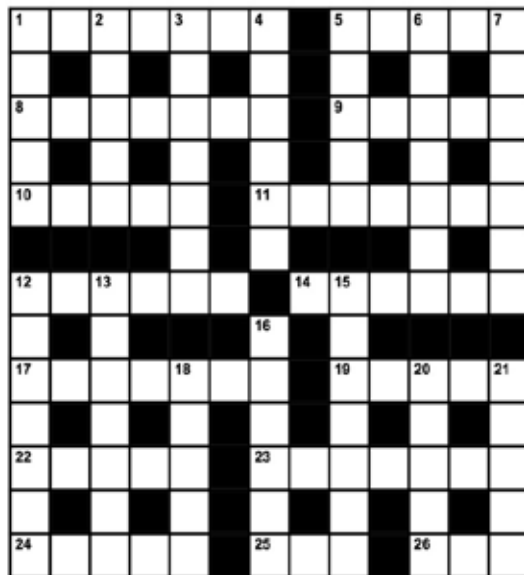
animals? Shakespeare was married to Anne for 36 years, and they had three children together. Starring Sally Edwards as Anne and Philip Whitchurch as Will, the Edinburgh Review said of the play: "Not only is Shakespeare, his wife and the dog a treat for all theatre aficionados, it is also clever, emotional and wonderfully acted. This is not just for Shakespeare geeks, it is at once funny and serious, an exploration of history and fame, but also a poignant portrait of a relationship that is warm, human and extremely satisfying."

For tickets, visit www.thebroadstage.org or call 310 434-3200.

The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #321

Across

- 1 Dear (7)
- 5 Appealed (5)
- 8 It might be next to a bar of soap (7)
- 9 Irrational fear (5)
- 10 Alternate (5)
- 11 Made, as a case (7)
- 12 Catch ___ (6)
- 14 Marshy tracts (6)
- 17 Colossal (7)
- 19 Thunder and lightning event (5)
- 22 Wonder's "years of bad luck" (5)
- 23 Shipping hazard (7)
- 24 Goes (for) (5)
- 25 Succeeded (3)
- 26 Type of welding (3)



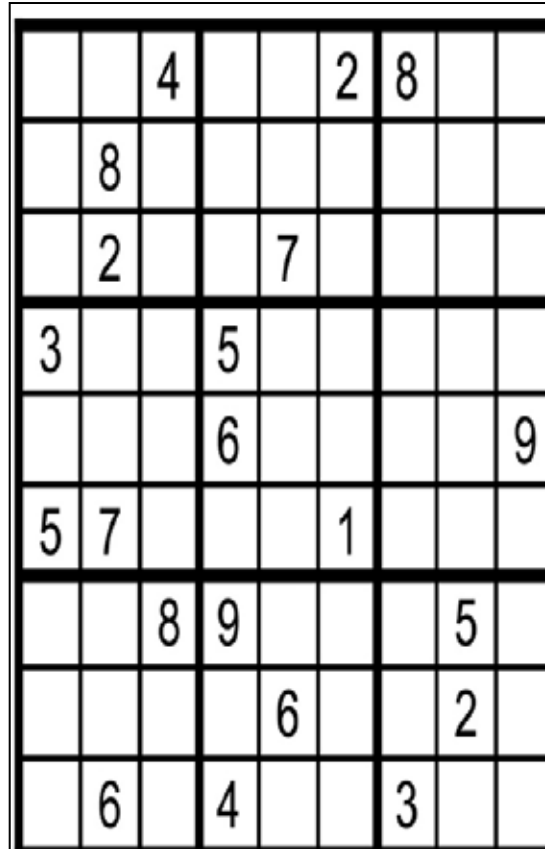
Down

- 1 Dance club (5)
- 2 Get to (5)
- 3 Foreign products (7)
- 4 Rock bands, e.g. (6)
- 5 Fruit (5)
- 6 "... my ___ for a horse!": Shak. (7)
- 7 Pretty long time (7)
- 12 Men of the cloth (7)
- 13 Dismissal from office (7)
- 15 Kind of sandwich (7)
- 16 Critique, as a film (6)
- 18 Front and back, at Pebble Beach (5)
- 20 Works (5)
- 21 Criss Angel's forte (5)

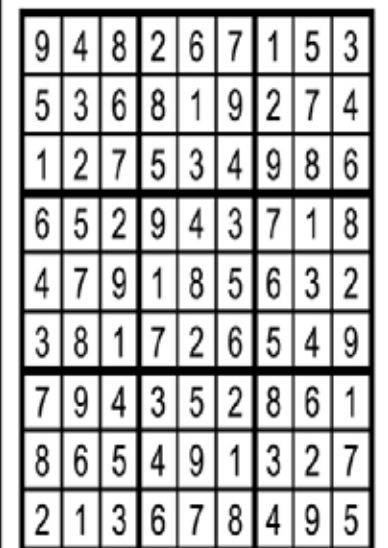
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The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #321



Solution to Sudoku #320



Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: It's time to plan ahead for a trip in early spring. This may also be a move and it's best planned at least in part before mid-February. Make sure you are setting things in order in any other areas of your life before you make changes.

TAURUS: Your priority should be taking care of YOU in any area that requires attention as your lifestyle is somewhat hectic lately. This time in your life brings opportunities that require your attention. With seven planets in your cousin sign Capricorn, the world is your oyster.

GEMINI: You could be thinking about a move to settle some kind of financial situation and perhaps you have cold feet. You would be wise to check all the details. Once you are sure then proceed and know you did the right thing. Then it is time to follow up on any other commitments.

CANCER: You will have to be aware that in order to change your course in life you have to change your attitude. It is your tenancy as a watery crab to hide away in your shell when life is difficult to deal with. This week ahead peep out of your shell and move onward and upward. **LEO:** Be careful about what you put in writing these next few days, also be sure you trust the people who could read this. You can make a lot of headway if you are cautious. The time has come to pick the fruits of your long labor, also to help others move forward.

VIRGO: There is not going to be a better time to move swiftly forward than this next week or so with a lot of powerhouse planets in your cousin sign of Capricorn. Just be sure you have caught up with whatever is unfinished, especially at home.

LIBRA: Relationships are of all kinds can be fun these next few days. Make sure you are not too busy to enjoy as your Ruler Venus is going in a positive direction currently and loves making you happy. Be certain you have paid all your bills and spend a little on fun.

SCORPIO: You are still on a roller coaster emotionally these past few days. This is so hard for you to keep feeling like this over and over. It is something that although difficult is necessary for you to let it go eventually. Nothing lasts forever and what stands out in this situation is you are worthy of peace of mind.

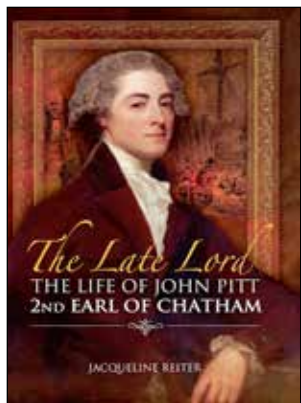
SAGITTARIUS: Without the recent visit of Saturn in your life your new attitude would not be so upbeat. The lessons you learned along with the ups and downs of recent months are truly life changing. You can look at life now as a better place to be than for some time past. Happy days ahead.

CAPRICORN: With several planets visiting your life right now be sure to accept what needs to change. Saturn your boss living in every part of your life is going to be sure you follow through on this. Take a short break and meditate on what is ready to change now and leave the rest to Saturn.

AQUARIUS: Your boss Uranus is acting erratically these past few days. While you cannot change what is happening with that you can be ready to make some moves of your own. Just be sure you are on an even keel overall and know what you want to achieve.

PISCES: What you see is what you get these next few days. The clue to handling this is easy; if you do not like it do not accept it. Early next week brings a slew of new beginnings and endings as well. Just in time to set a good pattern for the next month or so.

The Late Lord: Pitt's elder brother



■ Exclusive interview with author Jacqueline Reiter discussing her new book about the life of John Pitt, the second Earl of Chatham

"The research often felt like I was proceeding along an unmade road without a map, because this was the first biography ever written of the second Earl of Chatham," says *The Late Lord* author Jacqueline Reiter.

Nobody has previously written a biography before about the elder brother to Britain's youngest prime minister, Pitt the Younger.

John Pitt, 2nd Earl of Chatham had a twenty-year career in government. He held a number of cabinet posts including First Lord of the Admiralty and Master-General of

the Ordnance. He was commander-in-chief of the 1809 Walcheren expedition. Expected to be an easy victory, it was a disaster. Pitt had strong diplomatic skills, was close to the Royal family and the Prime Minister. But, he had rivals in politics and made many enemies. After Walcheren he was viewed an incompetent commander. He became known as the late Lord Chatham, not because he was dead, but for being slow and too late.

Inspiration for *The Late Lord* sprang from a novel Reiter wrote about the tense relationship between John Pitt, 2nd Earl of Chatham and his much more famous younger brother.

"I was originally attracted to Chatham's story by the fact he's a refreshingly human member of his over-achieving family," says

Reiter. "I imagine people would sympathise with his efforts to live up to his family's reputation, and his ultimate failure to do so. It was this story of the highly-intelligent, flawed man doomed to be forever compared unfavourably with others that first drew my attention. While not a success story, I think it speaks to the streak of humanity in all of us."

Reiter uses different manuscript sources to show who John Pitt really is, to reveal the struggles within his political family. In writing his biography, Reiter found more emotion, nuance and tragedy than she had expected.

"If I collected every reference made to him in the secondary literature up till I published my book, I'd probably have rather less than a chapter of a material, a lot of it anecdotal," says Reiter.

"A military history friend persuaded me there was enough for a full-length book, and he was right. The material I was turning up was fascinating and, in my opinion, shone a very new light on late 18th century British political and military history."

Reiter faced challenges finding Chatham's letters.

"Chatham's personal papers are scattered," says Reiter. "They were divided between his two heirs, and became even more split up over time. A lot of what survives is down to chance, partly because of the usual process of archival attrition and partly because of this process of dispersal."

"I don't think I could have written this book half so well even ten years ago," says Reiter. "The Internet was a massive boon. The British Library

resources were invaluable...the 18th century Burney Collection and the 19th Century Newspaper Database. I found much material by searching various archive catalogue collections...particularly the National Archives' Discovery in the UK, and ArchivesHub in the U.S. I managed to track down one archive collection through a chance discovery on Google Books."

The Late Lord is Reiter's second book. Her novel version of Chatham's story, *Earl of Shadows*, was published by Endeavour Press in October 2017. She has several forthcoming articles with the *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research*.

Reiter is currently writing two non-fiction books on British political and military history in the Napoleonic period. She



BOOK CORNER with Gabrielle Pantera

is co-writing a chapter for the forthcoming *Cambridge History of the Napoleonic Wars*. She will be at the East Midlands Napoleonic Weekend 3-4 March 2018 and the Helion Books Reason to Revolution Conference in York on 29 April 2018. She is speaking on a non-fiction panel at the Historical Novel Society conference near Glasgow in August.

Reiter lives in Cambridge, UK. She was born Dubai, UAE. Her father was a British diplomat.

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BRITS IN LA



Renewing your UK passport? Now it's easier than ever....

Hands up if you vowed to be more organized in 2018!

I really did mean it when I said it, but I have already fallen at the two-week hurdle. And horror of horrors, it is one of those things us expats all fear we will forget.... Yep, my British passport is set to expire!

I find this especially mortifying as I often remind others that they can renew their passport up to nine months in advance. I don't think a week goes by without a few Brits in LA members asking us questions on the topic. So there really isn't any excuse for my lapse in memory; I think it might be time for me to dig out my Christmas gift from 2016 'The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: the Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing'!

A lot has changed since I last applied for a passport back in 2007. First off, it no longer gets processed at the embassy in Washington D.C. It is all done back in Britain now. In spite of the location there is now a faster turnaround and it is slightly cheaper (£102.86 including shipping). Fellow members report that they have received their new document in approximately 2-3 weeks!

The application can all be completed online now - and is pretty much idiot proof. I started mine this morning and was surprised that there were no forms to fill in, just a few simple questions to be answered. It took me about 15 minutes to complete - and I think 10 of those were spent double checking

everything as I couldn't believe how easy it was.

You can even pay for it online. However, you do still have to print it all off and mail it in. And of course you need to get the dreaded photos taken. Which isn't as straightforward as you think. The United Kingdom has slightly different specs to the USA so you have to shop around as not everyone can issue the required 45mm high by 35mm wide (the standard size used in photo booths in the UK).

If you are a fairly decent photographer you can take one at home and upload it to IDphoto4you.com - they have drop down tabs that allows you to select the country and size - then you can either print off at home or send the digital file to your local photo lab (Costco, CVS, Walgreens all do it). Apparently Walgreens can also take UK passport photos in store. I usually recommend Photo Lab (photocenter.biz) who are able to follow most countries requirements. They can be found at 7961 Beverly Boulevard in



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Los Angeles just west of Fairfax.

If, like me, you are a dual citizen, you will need to send in a color photocopy of your other passport, (This means every page including the front and back and ALL of the blank ones.) You will also need to add the foreign passport number to the 'Additional Information' box. I recommend that you include a color copy of your California ID and a bank or bill statement with your name and address on

it. This just helps speed up the process as they can verify your identity faster.

I'm sending my completed forms and old passport back via the Post Office using USPS Registered Mail which will cost approximately \$15. I will let you know how long the whole process takes. If you have any questions don't hesitate to drop me a line at eileen@britsin.LA also check out our 'How To' guide which can be found on our blog (www.Britsin.LA).

Don't forget this is your final chance to sign up for our annual film competition The Toscars, where Brits in LA members get together and make five minute parodies of this years Oscar-nominated films (think French and Saunders' marvelous version of Titanic!) Team selection night is on Wednesday January 24th at The Cat & Fiddle - visit thetoscars.com for full details.

Cheers!
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Make-up-free Adele spotted on WeHo date night with hubby!

British singer Adele and husband Simon Konecki are rarely spotted together, but they stepped out in Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

The Hello singer, went makeup-free for the low-key date night with Simon, at BOA Steakhouse in West Hollywood.

Adele has been living in L.A. for the last two years, but rumors are swirling that she could be moving back to London.

Oo-er!

A close source has revealed that Adele was currently looking at swanky properties, saying that, "All of them were high-spec and fit for a superstar. She seemed pleased with the properties she was shown and said she'd go away and have a think about them."

Adele has been keeping a low-profile since cutting her tour short after damaging her vocal cords in the summer.

During her tour, Adele confirmed she is married to Simon. She told the crowd before performing her hit song "Someone Like You" in Brisbane, "I was trying to remember



how it was I felt at the beginning of the relationship that inspired that record because as bad as a breakup can be."

She continued, "as bitter and horrible and messy as it can be, that feeling when you first fall for someone is the best feeling on earth, and I am addicted to that feeling. Obviously, I can't go through with those feelings because I'm married now. I've found

my next person."

Adele first confirmed she had married Simon when she called him "husband" in her Grammys acceptance speech last February.

However, reports at the time said the couple's families were hurt and upset that they didn't know about the wedding.

The award-winning singer gave birth to a Angelo, the couple's only child, in 2012.



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Butler confesses: Jennifer Aniston 'a better kisser' than Angelina Jolie!

Over the years hunky actor Gerard Butler has been the on-screen love interest to some of the world's most beautiful leading ladies ... But now the star has finally come clean declaring that Jennifer Aniston a better kisser than her love rival Angelina Jolie.

Oo-er!

The 48-year-old actor has got up close and personal with both actresses – Jennifer in 2010's The Bounty Hunter and Angelina in Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life in 2003.

And during an appearance on Watch What Happens Live With Andy Cohen earlier this week, host Andy asked Gerard who was better in the smooching department as part of the game 'Plead The Fifth,' where the celebrity can choose to "plead the fifth" rather than answer the question.

However, as Gerard had already used his plead the fifth during the segment, he had no option but to answer – telling Andy: "Jennifer Aniston. I'm just going, you know, I'm just taking you by surprise."

While Gerard looked nervous about his answer, the show's other guest 50



Cent looked delighted by the answer, and grinned as he said: "No no no this is good!"

Jennifer and Angelina's feud is one of the biggest in Hollywood history, amid claims that Angelina and Brad Pitt fell in love while making the movie Mr & Mrs Smith in 2005 – when he was still married to Jennifer.

While Jennifer is now happily married to Justin Theroux, the bad blood between the pair still appears to exist, judging by Angelina's eyes-down glance when Jennifer presented a gong in front of her at the recent Golden Globes. Angelina and Brad confirmed

their relationship in 2006 when they announced she was pregnant, they married in 2014 but split in September 2016.

Meanwhile, Gerard's other confessions on 'Watch What Happens Live' included the most bizarre places he has had sex.

"I'm trying to think, I've had sex in some pretty places," he said as he answered the fan-submitted question. "I had sex on the side of a volcano once. That was pretty cool. Actually, it was pretty hot. And on a glacier."

Um, I guess that's one Hollywood Kiss-Tery SOLVED!

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Cyrille Regis, former West Brom and England striker, dies aged 59

- Regis was a pioneer for black footballers in the late 1970s
- The striker suffered a heart attack on Sunday night

TRIBUTES from across the football world have flowed in following the death of black footballing pioneer Cyrille Regis following his untimely death at the age of 59.

The former West Brom and England striker, who endured grotesque abuse from the terraces in the 1970s and 80s, blazed a trail for black footballers in England through his spellbinding goals and iron will, which transformed attitudes on and off the field, in concert at Albion with Laurie Cunningham and Brendon Batson.

Regis, who died following a heart attack on Sunday, won five England caps between 1982 and 1987, having been one of the shining lights at West Brom from

1977-1984. He scored 112 goals in 297 games for Albion before moving on to Coventry, winning the FA Cup with the Sky Blues in 1987. He was appointed an MBE in 2008.

'iconic figurehead'

After the shock and sadness at Regis's death there was, however, universal celebration of his legacy within the game and the significance of his immense contribution.

A statement from the Hawthorns read: "West Bromwich Albion are today deeply saddened and shocked to confirm that one of our greatest players, Cyrille Regis, has passed away. Cyrille, the iconic figurehead of the club's legendary 'Three Degrees' team of

the late 1970s, was taken ill late last night. Cyrille lit up the Hawthorns with his thrilling brand of forward play.

"He also became one of the great symbols of the fight against racism in Britain as a pioneer for black footballers across this nation and beyond. Cyrille is survived by two children Robert and Michelle and three grandchildren Jayda, Renée and Riley."

'beautiful man'

His widow, Julia, said: "Cyrille and I were soulmates, he was the perfect man for me and we had a wonderful life together. He was a beautiful man and a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Losing him has turned my whole



REGIS: enjoyed a productive career at West Brom from 1977-1984

world upside down. It is a void that will never be filled.

"He came into football the hard way and never lost his passion for the game. He was a role model for so many because he always treated everyone he met with kindness and respect."

Viv Anderson, the first black player to play for England, offered his own tribute, saying: "Cyrille was a demon on the

pitch but off it he was a kind and warm-hearted person. All three of them [the Albion trio] were pioneers. I still look up to them. They forged a way for everybody and were admired by all, not just West Brom fans."

Ron Atkinson, who managed Albion from 1978-81, told the BBC: "He got five international caps but today he would get 60 or 70 at least. I think he was the best

centre-forward I've ever had and I've had some top players. But I also think he was a better bloke than a player.

"In full flow there wasn't a better sight in football. Visiting fans took to him. I can remember us playing at Leeds and we were all getting abuse, but he scored two wonder goals and afterwards he got a standing ovation from the Leeds crowd."

I'm second choice and I don't care, says new Potters boss Lambert

New Stoke City boss Paul Lambert said he was not concerned by the club trying to recruit other managers ahead of him.

The Scot was brought in after the Potters failed to land any of their top three targets to replace Mark Hughes.

"Other people being linked with the job, didn't bother me," said the former Aston Villa and Norwich City boss.

"I've been to this club many a time and it's a fantastic place. It didn't matter if I was 15th choice, I'm delighted to be here."

On Sunday, Republic of Ireland manager Martin O'Neill rejected the chanceto take over at the bet365 Stadium, after

Gary Rowett signed a new contract at Derby County and former Watford boss Quique Sanchez Flores decided to remain with La Liga side Espanyol.

Lambert, who has been out of work since leaving Wolves at the end of last season, has signed a two-and-a-half-year contract after Hughes was dismissed.

"I never thought I would get the chance to get back to this level," said the 48-year-old, who has also had spells in charge of Colchester, Wycombe Wanderers and Blackburn.

Stoke are 18th in the Premier League table, a point away from safety,

and were knocked out of the FA Cup by League Two side Coventry City.

But Lambert, who formally took over on Tuesday after watching Monday's 3-0 defeat at Manchester United from the stands, said he was confident they could avoid relegation.

"I'm 100% sure that we have enough to stay up. The club shouldn't be in the position we are in. If we can get a togetherness with the team, as well as fans' backing, we should be fine," he said.

His first match in charge will be Saturday's home Premier league game against fellow strugglers Huddersfield.

"In the Premier League



LAMBERT: "I never thought I would get the chance to get back to this level."

every game is hard whether at home or away. We need to get ourselves up the table and I intend on doing just that," added Lambert.

As a player, he won the Champions League with Borussia Dortmund in 1997 and claimed four Scottish titles with Celtic, as well as earning 40

Scotland caps.

"This is not new to me. I've played and managed at the highest level before and am looking forward to it again," he said.

I'll bring United spirit to Wales, vows new boss Ryan Giggs

RYAN GIGGS has vowed to bring the winning spirit of Manchester United to his new role as Wales manager after the former winger was confirmed as Chris Coleman's successor.

United legend Giggs fought off competition from Craig Bellamy, Osian Roberts and Mark Bowen to land his first full-time job in management.

Giggs, 44, has signed a four-year deal worth £300,000 a season and has set his sights on leading

Gareth Bale and Co to the Euro 2020 and the 2022 World Cup.

He could also offer the No 2 job to former United team-mate Paul Scholes.

With only four interim games in charge of United on his managerial CV, Giggs has a big task. But after seeking the advice of his former boss Sir Alex Ferguson, he is confident he will be a success.

"When I was interim manager at United I felt comfortable, it felt right," said Giggs, whose first game in charge will be

at the China Cup against the host nation on March 22.

"Training the United team – big players and big personalities – was a great experience for me.

"I played at a club for a number of years where often the training was harder than games. Come Saturday it was easy. That's the sort of environment I want to create. The experience of working under someone like Louis van Gaal was brilliant for me too.

"I was at a huge



HIGH HOPES: Giggs has signed a four-year deal worth £300,000 a season

club with a massive expectancy, but now I'm ready to go out on my own and I'm going to do that with Wales."

Giggs never made it

to a major tournament with Wales and missed 18 consecutive friendlies after his international debut in 1991. But he is out to prove his detractors

wrong.

"The criticism is something I've got to deal with by winning games," said Giggs. "I'll give it my all."

Toon takeover falls through after Mike Ashley walks away from 'frustrating' talks with Amanda Staveley

Mike Ashley has ended the possible takeover of Newcastle United by Amanda Staveley amidst claims the talks were "exhausting, frustrating and a complete waste of time".

Those close to the Newcastle owner claim despite Staveley and PCP Capital Partners' interest in buying the club in October of last year, when Ashley officially put it up for sale, a firm enough offer was never tabled.

It is believed Ashley had wanted a figure in excess of £350m for the club he bought from Sir John Hall back in 2007 for £134m. Talks were believed to have fallen way short, with the highest figure suggested at around the £250m mark, although there were thought to be a series of clauses – including one for relegation – in those talks.

Senior Newcastle figures became increasingly frustrated by the lack of progress in negotiations, and were concerned about the validity of the potential bidder. As such, any sale to Staveley has now been called off.

A source close to Ashley has said: "It is only right to let the fans know that there is no deal on the table or even under discussion with Amanda Staveley and PCP. Attempt to reach a deal have proved to be exhausting, frustrating and a complete waste of time."

But Staveley responded to Ashley's words by claiming she was still in the hunt to buy the club.

"I'm very much still interested," Staveley told The Times.

"Our bid remains on the table. This is an investment, but it has to be a long-term investment. Newcastle would be run as a business, but we want it to be a successful, thriving business that is an absolutely integral part of the city."

She also added that manager Rafael Benitez was fundamental to her bid, adding: "Rafa is doing an incredible job. We want Rafa to be part of this project."

Staveley had led a prolonged PR campaign since late October last year to suggest she is willing, with her investment company PCP Capital Partners, to take over from

Ashley, who officially put Newcastle on the market on 16 October in 2017.

A non disclosure agreement was signed by Staveley, but she was never able to enter the exclusivity period, which would have let her go through the club's books with increased diligence.

The club had said in an official statement when it was first put up for sale that "Newcastle United requires a clear direction and a path to a bright and successful future" and that "To give an incoming owner the maximum possible flexibility to make meaningful investment in the club, including in its playing squad, the sale process will give interested parties the opportunity of deferring substantial payments."

• **Scotland's pursuit of Michael O'Neill took a step forward on Thursday as the Scottish FA held "productive" talks with the Northern Ireland manager.**

The 48-year-old has been the SFA's number one target since Gordon Strachan's exit, with a compensation package agreed with the Irish FA.



THEO ON BIG SAM: "The manager is very hungry and it's just what I need."

Walcott seals Toffees switch

Everton have completed the signing of Theo Walcott from Arsenal in a deal worth more than £20m on a three-and-a-half year contract.

Walcott, 28, becomes Sam Allardyce's second signing of the January transfer window following the £27m paid for striker Cenk Tosun from Besiktas.

The move brings to an end Walcott's 12-year stay at Arsenal, where he scored 108 goals in 397 appearances.

"There's something about this move I've just felt good about," he said.

Walcott's former club Southampton were also interested in a deal.

But Walcott, who has not started a league game

for Arsenal this season, believes Allardyce can reignite his career.

"It felt like it was time for me to move on [from Arsenal]," he said.

"It was sad but it's exciting at the same time and I want to reignite my career and push Everton to win things as they have done before.

"The manager is very hungry and it's just what I need. I've had a couple of chats with him and straightaway I felt that hunger and that desire that he wanted from me."

In a statement, Arsenal said: "We all thank Theo for his contribution to the club and wish him well for the future."

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger admitted he did

not want Walcott to leave but said he could not guarantee the England international game time and admitted that was a "sensitive subject" in a World Cup year.

Walcott, who has 47 England caps, has not featured for his country since the friendly against Spain in November 2016.

Arsenal plan to reinvest the funds, with concrete interest in Borussia Dortmund striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Bordeaux forward Malcom.

They are also hopeful of signing Manchester United midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan in a deal that would involve Alexis Sanchez going the other way.

Sanchez close to mega money Manchester move



ALEXIS SANCHEZ is reportedly close to a mega-money move to Manchester United in a four year deal worth about £180 million.

At press time Sanchez was just waiting to find out if Henrikh Mkhitaryan will give the green light on a switch in the other direction to Arsenal, which would trigger his move to Old Trafford.

The 29 year-old will be paid £14m a year after tax - just under £27m a year before tax - to join United, on top of his £30m valuation, £20m signing-on fee, and an agents' fee worth more than £10m.

That all adds up to around £180m for a player who had entered the final six months of his Arsenal contract and goes some way to explaining why Manchester City walked away from negotiations.

But although Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger said the deal was 'very likely', Jose Mourinho remained tightlipped about the deal, telling reporters: "There is no news on Alexis Sanchez, he is an Arsenal player. If he stays it's great

for Arsenal. If he comes to us, great for us. If he goes to another club, great for them."

He added that he was 'not confident' the deal would be done until all the paperwork was complete: "I'm not confident but also not - what is the opposite? - unconfident. I'm just relaxed. "If he moves I think we have a chance but most probably a player like him has other big clubs interested and who knows?"

It is understood Sanchez has agreed personal terms with United.

But what may yet derail the deal is that Mkhitaryan's apparent reluctance to move to the north London club.

The 28-year-old Armenian is believed to be deliberating over the move and is in no rush to make a final decision.

United pipped Arsenal to the signature of Mkhitaryan from Borussia Dortmund for £26m in July 2016.

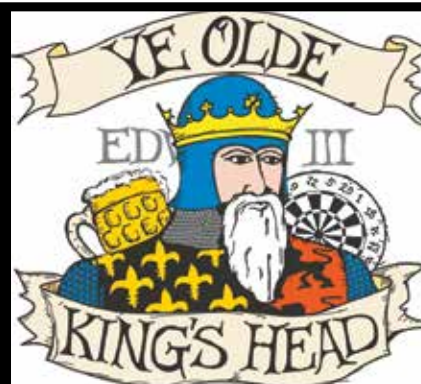
He is not demanding to leave Old Trafford at all costs but has a different footballing philosophy to manager Jose Mourinho and that has raised the possibility of his departure.

There are said to be alternative options on the table and that it is not entirely out of the question that he opts to stay at United, where he is under contract until 2020.

It is also understood Dortmund have ruled out making a bid to re-sign Mkhitaryan.

The German side inquired about Mkhitaryan before the transfer window opened but they felt the transfer fee was excessive.

While they have previously bought back a number of players who have left the club, including former Manchester United player Shinji Kagawa, it is understood they have no intention of bidding for Mkhitaryan.



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We have Haddock and Kippers on the 'Specials' menu - come and try them!

Sat 1/20 English Premier League:

7am Burnley v Man Utd
7am Arsenal v C. Palace
7am Everton v WBA
7am West Ham v Bournemouth
930am Man City v Newcastle

Sun 1/21

8am Southampton v Spurs

NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

12.05pm Jacksonville Jaguars vs New England Patriots

3.40pm Minnesota Vikings vs Philadelphia Eagles

Mon 1/22 English Premier League

Noon Swansea v Liverpool

Tue 1/23 EFL CUP

1145am Bristol City v Man City

Wed 1/24 EFL CUP

Noon Arsenal v Chelsea

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Mon-Thurs 4-7pm • Fri: 4pm-8pm
Thursday: Late Happy Hour
10pm-midnight
\$2 off draft, \$5/well, \$5 Margaritas/
\$5 House Wine/ \$2 off pub grub



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