



Immigration Attorney
Steven Landaal

- Green Cards Through Marriage and Family
- Employment Visas
- Monthly Payments Available

Tel: (310) 395-2828
 See our ad on Page 3

WORST SOAKING FOR 100 YEARS!

Army called in to bring relief in Somerset ■ More misery forecast for the weekend

PART OF Britain have suffered their wettest January in more than a century, with widespread floods causing havoc in some southern counties and record high tides forecast for the weekend.

A large area from East Devon to Kent and inland across parts of the Midlands has already seen twice the average rainfall for the month, and the armed forces have been sent to Somerset to bring relief to cut-off villages, which have seen the most significant flooding for 20 years.

To pile on the misery for Britons already battered by one of the most brutal winters in recent years, warnings were also in place for rain in the South East and ice in Scotland and the North this weekend, with snow in Scotland on Saturday, and wind in the West on Sunday.

The only silver lining may be that the wet weather has been accompanied by milder

temperatures - with the average across the UK up to January 28 at 40.8F, - a couple of degrees above average.

South-east and central-southern England have already seen the sixth wettest winter since 1910 and the wettest weather since 1995.

Rainfall of 14.6in was recorded that year. The wettest winter on record was in 1915 with 17.2in of rainfall.

As the British Weekly went to press The Environment Agency had 166 flood alerts and 32 flood warnings in place across England and Wales, with most in the South.

And in west London the River Thames burst its banks at Twickenham, flooding a



ALL WET: the River Thames burst its banks at Strand on the Green in Chiswick, London on Thursday and (below) an elderly woman is helped out of the flood zone in Yalding, Kent

nearby car park as motorists desperately tried to retrieve their belongings from their vehicles.

'Take two Hercules'

Some 13 alerts were active inside the M25, with the most central one being for the River Thames from Putney Bridge to Teddington

Weir in West London.

High tides of at least 40ft were expected Thursday evening in Cardiff and Weston-Super-Mare on the west coast of England and Wales, and 31ft in Liverpool.

Surfing forecast website Magic Seaweed has dubbed the weather



cont. on page 3, col. 1

BoE to Scotland: keep the pound, give up power

■ You can't have independence and use our money, bank boss tells Scots

The Bank of England governor has warned an independent Scotland would need to give up some power to make a currency union with the rest of the UK work.

Mark Carney said such a move, proposed by the Scottish government, "requires some ceding of national sovereignty".

He also said the risks of not having a strong agreement had been demonstrated by problems in the Eurozone.

Mr Carney's comments, in Edinburgh, came ahead of the Scottish independence referendum, on 18

September.

Scotland's Finance Secretary John Swinney welcomed Mr Carney's speech, saying it had recognised the benefits of a currency union.

Alistair Darling, leader of the Better Together campaign to keep the Union, argued the governor's remarks were "devastating" for the Scottish government's currency plans.

currency union

In the event of a "Yes" vote, the Scottish government said keeping the pound and retaining the services of the Bank of

England, under a formal currency union agreement, was the best option for Scotland and the rest of the UK.

The UK government had said such an agreement would be "unlikely", and the deal would result in Scotland effectively having to hand over control of interest rates and borrowing levels to a foreign country.

In his speech, Mr Carney stressed arrangements for a currency union in the event of independence would be a matter for the Scottish and UK parliaments.

He added: "If such deliberations ever were to happen, they would need to consider carefully what the economics of currency unions suggest are the necessary foundations for a durable union, particularly given the clear risks if these foundations are not in place.

"Those risks have been demonstrated clearly in the euro area over recent years, with sovereign debt crises, financial fragmentation and large divergences in economic



CARNEY: "A durable currency union requires some ceding of national sovereignty"

performance."

Mr Carney, who was speaking at an event hosted by the Scottish Council for Development

and Industry, went on:

"The euro area is now beginning to rectify its institutional shortcomings, but further,

very significant steps must

be taken to expand the sharing of risks and pooling of fiscal resources."



THE FLOODS and bad weather may have brought gloom and misery to many Britons but the weather was not without its highlights – one of which came on Tuesday as London's Tower Bridge was hit by a spectacular bolt of lightning (above).

Amateur photographer Daoud Fakhri was testing out his new lens by taking pictures of the landmark when it struck.

Fakhri said it had been "pure luck" that he managed to get the shot.

Knox murder charge reinstated

US student Amanda Knox says she is "frightened and saddened" after a court in Italy reinstated her guilty verdict for the 2007 murder of her British flatmate Meredith Kercher.

She said the "unjust" verdict resulted from a "narrow-minded investigation".

Knox, who is currently in the US, was sentenced to 28 years and six months by the court in Florence.

Her Italian ex-boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, also had his guilty verdict reinstated and received 25 years.

Lawyers for both have said they will appeal.

Miss Kercher, 21, from Coulsdon in south London, was stabbed to death in the flat she shared with Knox in the college city of Perugia.

Knox and Sollecito were jailed for her murder in 2009 but the verdicts were overturned in 2011 and the pair were freed.



171 Pier Avenue, Ste. 121 • Santa Monica, CA 90405
Tel (310) 452-2621 • FAX: (310) 314-7653
E-mail: editor@british-weekly.com
www.british-weekly.com • twitter.com/BritishWeekly





MANAGING EDITOR: Neil Fletcher
DEPUTY EDITOR: Nick Stark
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS: Alan Darby Drake, John Hiscock, Eileen Lee, Dave Kershaw, Anthony Matthews, Carolan Nathan, Anne Shaw, Bernard Sidman, Nick Stark, Craig Bobby Young
FEATURES EDITOR: Gabrielle Pantera
ADVERTISING MANAGER: Mark Devlin
STAFF ARTIST: Noel Pugh
LEGAL NOTICES & DBAS: Mirelle Woolf
DISTRIBUTION: Mirelle Woolf, Mercedes Grey
SUBSCRIPTIONS: 6 months: \$33; 1 year \$54 (1st Class)

The British Weekly is published every Saturday and is available at over 250 locations in Southern California. Circulation: 25,000. The British Weekly has been adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in Court Judgement No. SS008371. Copyright: No news stories, illustrations, editorial matter or advertisements herein can be reproduced without written permission of copyright owner. All rights reserved. © 2008 The British Weekly. The British Weekly welcomes your letters and accepts unsolicited articles for publication. All submissions - including photographs - become property of the British Weekly and are subject to editing and/or deletion at Editor's discretion. Submissions and photos will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope.

Hare and the Hounds

We have all your favorites from the British Isles....
 Teas • Candy • Pastries • Bangers Meat Pies • Heinz Beans •
 China Teapots • Tea Cozies • Gifts

Now featuring delicious, traditional handmade pies and pasties from Deli-SA. Chicken curry pasties, Cornish Pasties, steak & kidney...and much more



2995 E Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks CA 91362
 (Parking in Rear)
HOURS: Mon-Sat. 10:3-5:30 • Sun 12-6
Tel: (805) 495-4042

soaking:

cont. from page one

system 'Take Two Hercules', following the Hercules storm on January 6.

Its editor Ed Timberley told reporters: 'The tides are incredibly high. They are right at the maximum range.'

'The peak of the storm is hitting on Saturday in terms of the swell. You're looking at 30ft conditions near the shore, and 50ft-plus out to sea.'

'perfect scenario'

'The tides are at their highest level on Saturday night. This is a storm right up there in the top 1 per cent in terms of swell size.'

'You've got a perfect scenario for storm surges in coastal towns, and a lot of these places are already suffering from the previous set of storms.'

And the Government is already fending off complaints that they were ill-prepared for the latest bout of bad weather, with Environment Secretary Owen Paterson telling reporters: 'The Ministry of Defence and the Department for Local Government are discussing how we could deploy specialist vehicles which could help some of those villages which have been cut off, to help people travel backwards and forwards, to get fuel and food in and out, and to help with transport from dry land.'

hostility

'And secondly, there will also be help with sandbags which could help prevent further flooding.'

Mr Paterson was met with hostility when he visited Somerset on Monday, with farmers, politicians and church

leaders demanding immediate action to alleviate what furious residents described as 'Third World' conditions.

He said on Wednesday the county council had only asked for assistance 'for the first time today'.

But a council spokesman said the authority had been discussing with the military for weeks the possibility of bringing in manpower, sandbags and amphibious vehicles.

John Osman, Conservative leader of Somerset County Council, said military might would give beleaguered residents the chance to repair their battered properties, with the village of Muchelney cut off since the turn of the year because of flooded roads.

rapid action

He said: 'The council had actually planned to get some amphibious vehicles in, paid for by public money, because this situation really needed to be sorted out.'

'People's homes and properties have been under flood water for weeks.'

'We were due to place an order imminently, but the Government saying the military will be involved has saved the public purse that money.'

Mr Paterson's announcement about Army intervention came after Prime Minister David Cameron pledged rapid action to deal with the crisis, promising that dredging of rivers would start as soon as the present waters could be reduced to a safe level.

Pressed by local MPs Jeremy Browne and David Heath at Commons questions, Mr Cameron said more pumps would be brought in to remove



UNDERWATER SINCE CHRISTMAS: the Somerset coastal plain known as The Levels has been hit hard

water as soon as there is capacity in rivers to support it.

And he promised that departments across Whitehall, including Transport, Communities and Local Government, and the Treasury, would work together to crack the problem.

Local residents are particularly concerned about an area known as the Somerset Levels, a sparsely populated coastal plain and wetland area running south from the Mendip Hills to the Blackdown Hills.

Many parts of the Levels have been flooded since Christmas and there are fears it could be many months before the water is completely pumped away.

EA teams have been running dozens of pumps 24 hours a day to drain an estimated 1.5 million tonnes of water (equivalent to 600 Olympic-sized swimming pools) off the Levels.

Drainage experts blame two decades of under-investment in flood defence work for turning the Levels into a 'disaster area' and said it was 'very, very urgent' that rivers are dredged to prevent more

damage to homes, livelihoods and wildlife.

The EA has come under fire from MPs and local councils, but insists that increased dredging of the rivers would not have prevented the recent flooding and was 'often not the best long-term or economic solution'.

Flooding experts have also warned that dredging would not have helped the situation.

Mr Heath, the Liberal Democrat MP for Somerset and Frome, welcomed the Army's assistance and the promise of dredging in the future.

He told the Daily

Telegraph: 'It seems that we have a real sense of urgency now from the Government as to what we need in Somerset.'

Mr Heath said he had suggested at the weekend involving the military, adding: 'We have the RNAS Yeovilton, the commando helicopter force, on our doorstep.'

'We have got 40 Commando Royal Marines just up the road and we could certainly use, I think, Royal Engineer support as well.'

Meanwhile officials at Aberystwyth University have issued evacuation orders for some students in advance of a record

high tide expected on Saturday.

The university in mid Wales is evacuating students living at halls of residence along the seafront until 4pm on Monday as a precautionary measure.

Second year geography undergraduate Millie Farmer, 19, said she and course mates were pleased about the decision.

'We've been given plenty of notice,' she added. 'The weather's okay at the moment, but I guess it's better to be safe than sorry. Plus, we get a four-day weekend now and a Monday lie in.'

IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY STEVEN R. LANDAAL

- Green Cards Through Marriage and Family
 - Employment Visas
- Monthly Payments Available
Member, American Immigration
Lawyers Association

1351 Third Street, Ste. 301 • Santa Monica
Tel: (310) 395-2828 • email: SRL@LANDAAL.NET



Queen of darts! Duchess of Cornwall gets stuck into game while Prince Charles pulls a pint as they enjoy day out at Essex pub

Prince Charles and Camilla fitted in like locals at an Essex pub this week as they played darts and enjoyed a pint.

However their mode of transport to The Bell in Purleigh was not one regular to the country pub would usually use - as they arrived via

helicopter.

The pub stop came as the royal couple spent the day carrying out a number of engagements in Essex.

They met staff and customers at the establishment, which dates back to the 14th century. They were shown a sample of local

produce and Charles was even given the chance to go behind the bar and pour himself a drink from the beer pumps.

The prince is patron of the not-for-profit organisation the Pub is the Hub, which supports licensees, rural pubs and community services.

Earlier in the day,



BEHIND THE BAR: The prince pulls a pint

Charles had joked he could offer his services as a singer to a community choir - but doubted his voice would be up to much.

Charles met the chorus as he toured the Royal Opera House's state-of-the-art theatrical workshop in Essex with the Duchess of Cornwall.

The Prince is known to



BULLSEYE: The Duchess of Cornwall played darts at The Bell pub in Essex

be passionate about opera but he played down his musical abilities, saying he had a 'gravelly bass' singing voice.

The Royal Opera House's workshop is part of the High House Production Park in Purfleet, a £60 million centre of excellence for production, technical skills and crafts used in the performing arts and live music industries.

The royal couple were given a behind-the-scenes glimpse at sets for new productions at the Royal Opera House when at the

workshops during their trip.

They arrived in the pouring rain so were both wrapped up against the elements. Prince Charles wore a black overcoat over his smart navy pinstripe suit while Camilla wore a brown check coat with brown boots, a beige scarf and leather gloves.

In the paint workshop, the royal couple viewed huge sets and backdrops being created for the world premiere of Christopher Wheeldon's new production for the Royal Ballet, The Winter's Tale, which opens in April.

US Immigration Lawyer
One Hour free Consultation

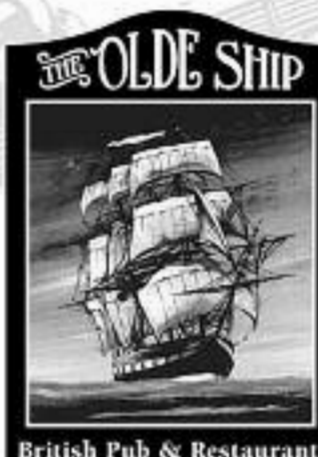
- E3 visas for Australians
- Employment and business visas including E-1, E-2, H-1, L, O, P, and others
- Performing and visual artists
- Fashion models
- Green cards
- Asylum based on sexual orientation, gender, and other bases
- Family petitions and fiancé visas

www.americanvisas.net



Law Offices of Ally Bolour
5670 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1400
Los Angeles CA 90036
323 857-0034

Guinness • Murphy's • Young's Oatmeal • Holy Grail • Abbott Ale
Bab Boddingtons • Magners • Murphy's Red • Newcastle • Spaten • Twisted Thistle •
ella Arois • Fullers ESB • Smithwicks • London Porter



THE OLDE SHIP
British Pub & Restaurant

"You'll be a Stranger Here but Once!"

709 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton CA 92832
714.871.7447

1120 W. 17th St., Santa Ana CA 92706
(between Flower and Bristol)
714.550.6700 • FAX: 714.550.6702

CATERING ALSO AVAILABLE
visit us on the web at: www.theoldship.com
Email: theoldship@adelphia.net

Showing Live English Premier League Football

THE MOST TRADITIONAL PUBS IN SO CAL

Over 20 Beers On Tap
New! Selection of harder-to-find British Bottled Beers
20 Plus Single Malts Too!
VOTED BEST NEIGHBOURHOOD PUB

LIVE MUSIC (Santa Ana Only)
Traditional Jazz Friday Nights 8-11
Tribute Bands Saturdays 8.30-11.30

Quiz Night: Two Tuesdays a month in our Santa Ana location

Harp • Tetley's • Old Speckled Hen • Fullers London Pride

Four weddings star Hugh 'fathers third love child'

Hugh Grant is reportedly the father of another love child.

The actor already has two children - Tabitha Xaio Xi, born in September 2011, and Felix Chang, born in September 2012, both with Tinglan Hong.

And now the star allegedly fathered his third child, a 16-month-old son born to Swedish TV producer Anna Elisabet Eberstein in September 2012.

"They were pregnant with Hugh's children at the same time. It's an unusual arrangement," a source told *The Sun*.

According to the outlet, the third baby was only revealed when Grant was named as father on the birth certificate after it was re-registered in December 2013.

"Anna is being supported by Hugh all the way. She lives in a very comfortable property in West London and knows that Hugh is there for her," the source continued.

"Anna's parents in Sweden know all about the relationship and she has their blessing."

Grant has spoken before about how much he enjoys being a father.

According to the 53-year-old, having children has made him rethink his priorities.

"Everyone was right all these years, saying, 'Hugh, why don't you have some children? It changes your life,' " he previously revealed on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

"Now that I have [a child], it is life changing. I recommend it. Get some! I can't pretend it wasn't a little bit of a surprise. But it's a very nice surprise."

Queen told to rein in spending as she 'reaches final million'

■ Buckingham Palace should be open to the public for longer and 'rented out' to fund repairs

THE Queen has been told to rent out Buckingham Palace to help fund repairs for the "crumbling" royal estate.

The recommendation was made by MPs on the Commons Public Accounts Committee, which this week published an unprecedented report into the royal finances. It comes after a change in law that gives MPs oversight of how the Queen spends her money.

According to the report, the royal household has spent more than it has taken in: its net expenditure of £33.3m in 2012-2013 was seven per cent higher than its income of £31m. That resulted in the palace taking out £2.3m from its £3.3m reserves - leaving the Queen with just £1m in the bank.

leaking roof

On top of that, the royal estate - around 360 buildings including Windsor Castle, St James Palace and parts of Kensington Palace - is in

Public support boost for Charles

A majority of Britons want Prince Charles to take over Queen Elizabeth II's current roles while she retires and prefer that the crown is passed to him than to Prince William, according to a new poll.

According to the poll for *The Sunday Times* by YouGov, 42 per cent Britons want the 87-year-old Queen to let Prince Charles take on her duties after 62 years as heir apparent, compared with 36 per cent who want her to continue. For the first time in a decade, the opinion has also swung decisively in favour of the crown passing to the Prince of Wales (53 per cent) rather than skipping a generation to Prince William.

The results of the poll follow reports last weekend that Charles and the Queen have embarked on what is in effect a "job share", with him taking on more of the Queen's duties. Three-quarters (75 per cent) believe this is a good idea with only 13 per cent opposed to it. The public is ready for Charles to take over some of the Queen's core duties.

Michael Adebolajo, who was found guilty of the murder of British soldier Lee Rigby, has lodged an application to appeal against his conviction, the Judicial Office has confirmed.

Fusilier Rigby was killed on 22 May 2013 in Woolwich, south-east London.

Adebolajo, 29, from Romford, east London, said he was a "soldier of Allah" and it was an act of war.

He and Michael Adebowale, 22, from Greenwich, south-east London, are currently awaiting sentencing.



UGLY TRUTH: threport says the Queen is "not being served well by the Royal Household in balancing the books"

need of £50m of repairs. The accounts longer stretches of the year and is rented out for commercial events. The boilers at Buckingham Palace are said to be at least 60 years old, some state rooms have not been decorated or rewired since 1952 and one leaking roof requires buckets to be used in wet weather. One report suggests Princess Anne was almost hit by a piece of crumbling masonry in the John Nash quadrangle as she got out of her car.

The committee is demanding that staff "get a much firmer grip" on how they plan to address the repairs backlog, reports *The Independent*. The report says the Queen is "not being served well by the Royal Household in balancing the books", suggesting that even at 87 she needs to keep a closer eye on how her money is spent. It recommends that Buckingham Palace is open to the public for

MPs also noted that royal staffing levels have remained at around 430 for the past seven years, with no apparent cuts. "The Household needs to get better at planning and managing its budgets for the longer term," said Margaret Hodge, who chairs the committee. "With better commercial expertise in place, we think there is room to do more with less."

commercial events

Benefit for Chelsea Mick

CHELSEA MICK, who has been part of our ex-pat community for over 20 years, has unfortunately been diagnosed with cancer. We hope that you can join us in lending him a helping hand with his medical expenses and treatment.

Saturday, February 15th
4pm-2am

Cock N'Bull British Pub • 2947 Lincoln Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90404

ENTERTAINMENT will be provided by our resident 'DJ DANNY' and 'MIXWELL' playing everything from the classics, R n B, to old skool house. Something for everyone's musical taste!



Great prizes to be won in our RAFFLE!
(Prizes will be announced shortly).

FREE BUFFET

PLEASE SHARE AND INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO WHICH WILL BE ANOTHER MEMORABLE AND GENEROUS EVENT!

Corrie's Roache was 'a perfect gent'



ROACHE: described as "kind, warm and open"

Coronation Street's William Roache always behaved impeccably in the company of young women, his co-star Anne Kirkbride has told a court.

The actress, who plays Roache's on-screen wife Deirdre Barlow, said she had known him since joining the soap's cast in 1972.

Roache, of Wilmslow in Cheshire, who has played the role of Ken Barlow since 1960, denies four charges of indecent assault and two of rape and has told the jury he is not sexually attracted to underage girls.

All the offences are alleged to have happened between 1965 and 1971 and all are said to be against girls aged 16 or under.

Kirkbride started giving evidence for the defence by recalling the time when she joined Coronation Street as a "terrified and very

nervous" young actress and met Roache for the first time.

"He was friendly...we had a really nice chat and he offered me a cigarette," she said.

"We shared a lot of the same interests in spiritual things. I just found him very easy to talk to."

Asked to describe the defendant in one word she replied: "Lovely."

With Roache smiling from the dock, Kirkbride, 59, went on to say that he behaved "impeccably" towards her.

"He was always the perfect gentleman," she said.

Defence barrister Louise Blackwell QC asked: "Was there anything about his behaviour towards young women which would worry you?"

The actress replied: "Not at all...never. We have

obviously had several young actresses playing our daughter.

"He has never been anything other than helpful, supportive. Never a suggestion of anything else in all of the years I have known him."

In a brief appearance in the witness box, Chris Gascoyne, who plays Roache's fictional son Peter Barlow in the soap opera, said the defendant was "kind, warm and open" with a great sense of humour.

He told the jury: "Bill kind of sets the precedent for everybody. Decent, time for everybody, not a 'star'."

He went on to say that Roache was a calm and relaxed man.

"He takes every day as a new day which is inspiring to me," Gascoyne said.

The trial continues.

I've been groped by three 'very famous' women, claims DLT



Former Radio One DJ Dave Lee Travis told his trial this week he has been groped by four women, adding three of them were "very, very famous".

The star (above) said the women "stuck their hands down between my legs and squeezed me" but added that he saw each incident as a joke.

Earlier he told jurors it was "absolutely 100 per cent wrong" that he thought it acceptable to grab women's breasts and bottoms during his 1970s and 1980s heyday.

Travis, now 68, has

repeatedly denied indecently assaulting ten women and sexually assaulting another in incidents dating back to 1976.

Taking to the witness box at London's Southwark Crown Court, he told jurors: "If patting somebody's bottom was a crime in the 1970s, then half the country would be in jail by then, I suppose."

Asked by prosecutor Miranda Moore, QC about comments he made to police and the press that "flirtatious" behaviour was the norm during the period,

Travis said although he would have admitted it if he had touched women inappropriately, he had never done so.

He said: "These are things that have happened in the 1970s and 1980s and on that basis I said then, and I'm still saying it, it was just flirtatious behaviour at the time, not that it was just flirtatious at the time and I partook of it, because I still don't like the idea of doing that."

Travis went on to say that he too had been groped.

The trial continues.

I'll get smashed! England women's captain Charlotte Edwards sparks post-Ashes row

ENGLAND'S women cricketers scored a famous victory over Australia this week – then their captain sparked controversy as she announced plans to get "absolutely smashed" to celebrate.

Charlotte Edwards hit 92 not out to help her side succeed where their male counterparts had failed so spectacularly – by retaining the Ashes.

Her magnificent captain's innings was the highlight as England beat Australia by nine

wickets in a T20 match in Hobart on Monday to take the multi-format series.

But jubilant Charlotte, 34, sparked a storm of protests after posting a series of tweets referring to her plans for a big celebration and telling the BBC in an interview: "I've told the girls I'm going to get absolutely smashed because this means everything to us as a group."

One caller, a sports coach, told a BBC Radio 5 Live phone-in:

"Charlotte Edwards has achieved a great deal but sadly she has created defeat out of success. She should use her position to do the exact opposite of what she has done today. She has made a huge mistake."

'deserves to celebrate'

Another caller said: "You see it every Friday and Saturday night in city centres around the country. We just seem to think it's great fun to down 15 pints in a night and not know what

we've done the next day."

Charlotte's defenders hit back, describing critics as sexist and pointing out that male star Andrew Flintoff did not cause outrage when he celebrated England's 2005 Ashes victory with a 24-hour bender.

TV sports presenter Isa Guha, 28, a former England bowler, wrote on Twitter: "You would not question it if it was a bloke!! Unbelievable – that should not be what the story is here!! Ashes



EDWARDS: five time Ashes winner for England

heroine Charlotte Edwards is not a big drinker. But she deserves to celebrate tonight. End of."

Charlotte, an MBE, has played for England for 17 years.

Ms Guha added: "This is the fifth Ashes she has won for her country. I think it's unbelievable the way people are reacting. We're making a massive mountain out of a mole hill."

British theatre company bring classic romantic tale to local stage for brief encounter....



BEST OF BRITISH: Tristan Sturrock and Hannah Yelland star in *Brief Encounter*, playing at the Wallis Playhouse on Santa Monica Boulevard



HERO: David Walsh delivering the annual Cudlipp lecture at the LCC this week

Crusading journalist tells how he brought down Lance Armstrong

SUNDAY TIMES JOURNALIST David Walsh has revealed how he pursued – and brought down – drug taking cyclist Lance Armstrong at the annual Cudlipp lecture in London which honors those representing the best of British journalism.

In a speech which riveted his audience, Walsh detailed his long-running battle to expose the multiple Tour de France winner and the many setbacks, financial and professional, he suffered on the way.

Walsh told the audience that he first developed a hunch that Armstrong was doping in 1999 following allegations a young French rider, Christophe Bassons, had written in a column for the newspaper *Le Parisien* in which he suggested that Tour de France riders were taking drugs.

Walsh, who was already dubious about Armstrong, noted how the American treated Bassons. He pulled him up during one of the Tour stages and told him he had no right to be a professional cyclist and what he was writing was bad for cycling.

"If Armstrong was anti-doping, Christophe

Bassons would have been his friend not his enemy," said Walsh. "Why bully him?" It confirmed his suspicion that Armstrong, who went on to win that 1999 Tour, was a drug-taker.

This prompted a thirteen year crusade for Walsh. His big breakthrough came two years later when he confirmed a connection between Armstrong and an Italian doctor, Michele Ferrari, who was under investigation for supplying performance-enhancing drugs to cyclists. Walsh discovered that Armstrong's name was in hotel registers in the town where Ferrari lived.

He wrote about it. Nothing happened to Armstrong, but in the following years whistle-blowers came forward to provide him with more evidence, notably Armstrong's masseuse, Emma O'Reilly.

Her accusations were the centrepiece of Walsh's book, *L.A. Confidential*, written along with French sports journalist Pierre Ballester in 2004. Armstrong, who went on denying taking drugs, dismissed the accusations and then sued the Sunday Times over a related article, leading to

the paper paying out £1m in a libel settlement.

But Walsh, who found few friends and supporters among the rest of the journalistic cycling fraternity, would not let go. He obtained more evidence from one of Armstrong's former teammates, Frankie Andreu, and his wife Betsy. He knew Armstrong was lying.

It wasn't until June 2012 that Walsh was finally vindicated when the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) banned Armstrong from competitive cycling for life for doping offences and said he had been engaged in "the most sophisticated, professionalised and successful doping program that sport has ever seen."

Walsh told the audience:

"A good story is always worth pursuing" adding that he never worried about being unpopular with his peers. "A good story is always worth pursuing," he said, "no matter how difficult pursuing it might be."

After Walsh's speech, the Daily Mirror editor, Lloyd Embley, called him "an example and inspiration to us all."

Local News

NEXT MONTH sees a real treat for British theatre fans with the opening of *Brief Encounter* at the Wallis Playhouse in Beverly Hills.

Readers of a certain age will of course remember the classic David Lean film of the same name starring Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson, which launched a thousand hankies. The story centers on the doomed relationship of Laura, a suburban housewife who discovers passion and falls madly in love with Alec, a married doctor, in a railway station tearoom over a series of stolen afternoons.

Remembered as one of the most haunting love stories ever told, the film was based on Noel Coward's 1936 one-act play *Still Life* and memorably featured in the score Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto #2."

Switching seamlessly between theater and film using a combination of the play and the film, this new production from the England's Kneehigh Theatre Company takes you back to a bygone age of romance and the silver screen. Hannah Yelland and Tristan Sturrock star

as Laura and Alec and the show is adapted and directed by Emma Rice.

The original production toured the UK before opening in 2008 at the Haymarket Cinema in London's West End, which was converted into a theatre for this production.

Kneehigh is a Cornwall-based theatre company with a local, national and international profile. For over 30 years, Kneehigh 'has created vigorous, popular and challenging theatre and performs with the joyful anarchy that

audiences have come to expect from this ground breaking company'.

The original British stage production was hailed as "a first-class return to romance" by the Daily Telegraph and The New York Times said "Don't be ashamed if you feel a bit like swooning."

Brief Encounter plays February 15 - March 23. The Wallis Playhouse is located at 9390 Santa Monica Boulevard (between Crescent and Canon Drives) in Beverly Hills. For tickets, visit www.thewallis.org.

The British American Business Council in Orange County have announced a 'Magical Mystery Culinary Tour gala dinner to benefit both the BABC Scholarship program and the teaching platform Pure Game on Thursday, May 1st at the Hilton Anaheim.

Six years ago the BABC OC launched the Scholarship Program to send disadvantaged High School students to the ACS International School – a British Studies Summer Program in Cobham, England. Scholarships are awarded to 16-17 year old students via an essay contest; winners are selected and sent on an all-expense paid trip to England for two weeks. Trip includes airfare, room/board and day trips.

BABC OC believes that this life-altering cultural experience opens up the eyes of students who would not generally have the opportunity to travel overseas.

Pure Game is a teaching platform that infuses a progressive style of sporting play with a character-building curriculum for boys and girls. Their vision is to have children realize their potential and learn how to contribute to the community, and give them the confidence to make positive choices in life that reflect their uniqueness.

To support these programs and enjoy a delicious evening of gastronomy, book your ticket now at www.babccoc.com

Local News/Meet a Member

Meet A Member: Declan-Michael Laird

Meet Declan-Michael Laird from Glasgow, Scotland who moved to LA 2 years ago to study acting and now works full time as a professional actor.

Why did you move to LA?

The reason I moved to LA was because I was offered a 100%

scholarship from the Stella Adler Academy Of Acting in Hollywood. I was the first student to be offered this since Robert De Niro! Previously I was working on BBC show 'River City' so it was a tough decision!

What do you miss most from home?

these bodies of work is possible because of preservation activities. The six glass windows from Canterbury Cathedral have been temporarily removed from the Cathedral's Great South Window for conservation on the architectural framing. The St. Albans Psalter, on loan from the Cathedral Library in Hildesheim, Germany, has been temporarily unbound for documentation and conservation and will soon be permanently rebound.

"It is a unique privilege to be able to exhibit these two masterpieces of medieval English art in Los Angeles," said Timothy Potts, director of the J. Paul Getty Museum.

For opening hours and directions, visit www.getty.edu.

The thing I probably miss most from home is just small. A simple thing like playing 5 asides with my school mate's. And of course, my family.

What is the biggest difference you see between the USA and the UK?

For me, I would say the biggest difference is that the American's have a better attitude in chasing their dreams. However, the sense of humor in the UK and genuine traits of people is far superior.

What hidden gem in LA would you share with us?

Hmmm... 'Aventine' in Hollywood is a great bar/restaurant and it is managed by a Brit!

What advice would you give others planning to make the move?

What I would suggest to others is....come here with you're head up, confidence high in yourself. Get a good group of friends, and don't let anyone tell you that you cant do it.

You can follow Declan on Twitter at: @DMLactor

Last chance for medieval masterpieces at the Getty

This weekend is the last chance for visitors to experience two

masterpieces of medieval English art: six dazzling, monumental stained glass figures depicting the Ancestors of Christ from England's famed Canterbury Cathedral and the St. Albans Psalter, a richly illuminated manuscript that is a landmark of English Romanesque art at the J. Paul Getty Museum.

Canterbury and St. Albans: Treasures from Church and Cloister is on view at the J. Paul Getty Museum through Sunday, February 2, 2014, and unites monumental glass painting with the intimate art of book illumination to reveal how specific texts, prayers and environments shaped the medieval viewer's understanding of these pictures.

APARTMENT FOR LEASE

Single: \$695.
6 mo. Lease.
Partial Furniture,
2 burner stove.
Carpeted. Near shopping center.
Utilities inc.
Call Dolores (310) 473-4016

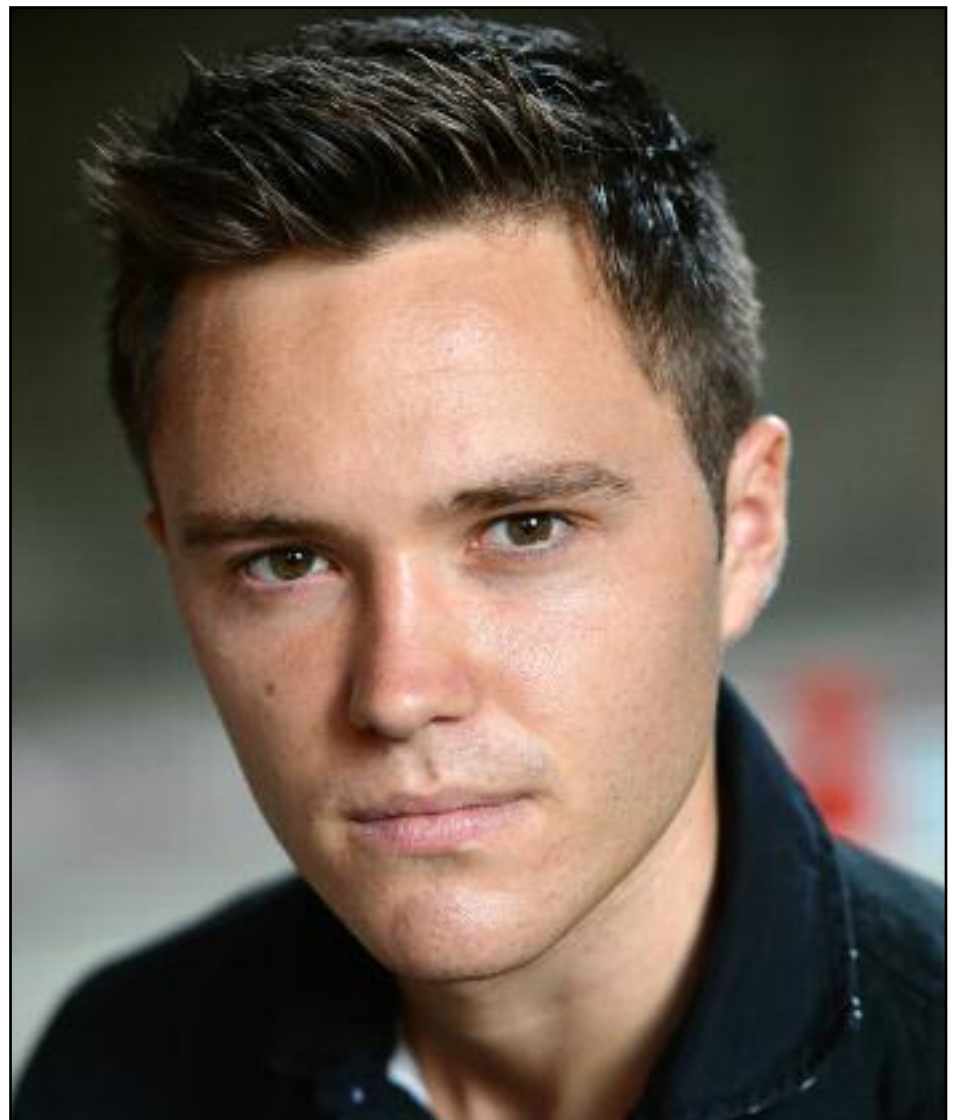
su | do | ku
© Puzzles by Pappacom

				8		1	
3			6	4		8	
	8			3			
8			9		1	7	
	2	6				9	8
	1		5		2		3
				1			2
		2		5	3		4
	6		7				

MEDIUM

95

For solution, go to: www.sudoku.com and click on solutions, pick British Weekly from publication list

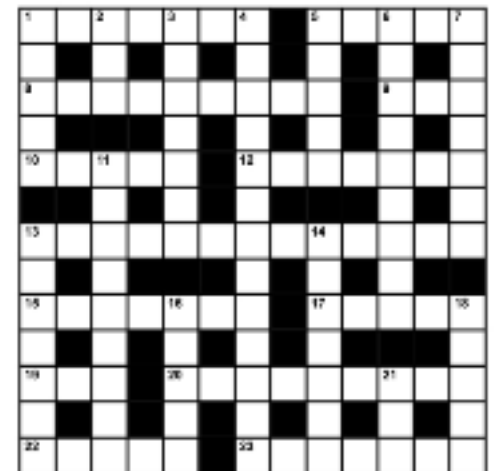


LAIRD OF GLASGOW? Declan Michael Laird (Photo Bjoern Kommerell)

The British Weekly Crossword #101

Across

- 1 Area in the center of the body (7)
- 5 Not irrelevant (5)
- 8 Famous, like Ian Botham (9)
- 9 Genetic stuff (3)
- 10 Lowest point (5)
- 12 Compose (7)
- 13 Backbenchers often form one (8,5)
- 15 Luck (7)
- 17 Illustrious (5)
- 19 Relative of an ostrich (3)
- 20 One who doesn't wait for the police (9)
- 22 Yellow shade (5)
- 23 Cheap shot? (7)



Down

- 1 Honeydew, for one (5)
- 2 Unearth (3)
- 3 Outs (7)
- 4 Boxer of a kind (13)
- 5 Check word (5)
- 6 Third wheel (3,3,3)
- 7 Radical reorganization (5-2)
- 11 South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia (4,5)
- 13 Sugar pill (7)
- 14 Section of railroad track (7)
- 16 "When bell freezes over!" (5)
- 18 Add vinaigrette to (5)
- 21 Pricess (3)

Solution to Puzzle #100



Compiled by Myles Mellor

Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: Please be kind to another who may be feeling sorry for themselves this week. This person is really not having a good experience in life and needs your support and the reward will be knowing you helped.

TAURUS: You need to look long and hard this week ahead at where you are heading. Do you think it is the right direction or do you need to make a detour? Only you can figure this out and you will now that Venus your boss is going forward.

GEMINI: What you can achieve this week is up to how willing you are to make the right moves. Holding back for the right time is wasting time and you can always be relied on to think too much. Your rascal ruler Mercury starts to stroll backwards soon.

CANCER: It is a month of makeover...either you or your home or (if you can afford it) both. Either way get moving as it's the right time to let the winds of change move swiftly through the old and worn out.

LEO: As this month begins you could find yourself stretched beyond your limits in a couple of areas of life, one is work (or the lack of it) and of course following on is cash flow. It's going to get easier before the end of the month.

VIRGO: Any task you take on will be easier to deal with and as this will last until the end of this month make it a priority to complete anything outstanding because new ideas and opportunities will come up next month.

LIBRA: Travel is much on your mind and this can make you stressed or feel limited. The clue is to make an effort to keep busy or to take short trips to visit interesting places. Your lovely boss Venus is helping by moving forward instead of backwards.

SCORPIO: You have been in search of a more peace-filled existence for some time now. This has been difficult in a lot of ways. Be calm and positive in thought and deed and life can be much better from now on. Saturn in your life now will bring rewards long overdue.

SAGITTARIUS: You could be feeling a bit moody or out of sorts due to Jupiter moving into your area of deep feelings. Know that what you reap is what you sow and this would be a good time to start thinking positive in all of life.

CAPRICORN: Your financial situation is still not what you want, however in order to achieve a positive cash flow you have to assume it is already here. This means to not act or think in lack of anything in life.

AQUARIUS: A family member will likely ask for help these next few days. How you handle this situation will decide if they come back for more. It's your decision if you decide to help them out. Either way, have a Happy Birthday.

PISCES: Stop that feeling sorry for yourself as this will not change anytime soon and if you waste time nothing can get it back. Life is to be enjoyed so go for it and know that your boss Neptune in your life now will bring many Karmic rewards.



Jolly Good

MEAT PRODUCTS

- Bangers
 - Melton
- Mowbray Pies
• Ready-to-Bake
Sausage Rolls



"Always the Best"

Tel: (323) 290-2265

A Very Psychic Tea

.....with Annie Shaw

In the new Tea room at Ye Olde kings head with famed star-gazer and psychic Annie Shaw

For bookings call Annie:

310 392 1681

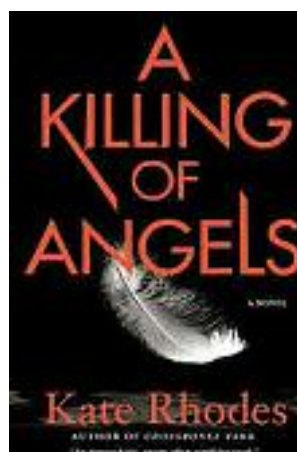
A Killing of Angels: Death on the wing?

■ Exclusive interview with author Kate Rhodes and a review of her latest Alice Quentin crime novel

Rating ★★★

"The serial killer in A Killing Of Angels believes that all bankers are worthless, and the world would be a purer place without them," says author Kate Rhodes. "Many people feel that bankers get paid a ridiculously high wage for the work they do, so I decided to let that idea spiral out of control. What if someone grew so angry about bankers' crazy bonuses that started killing the city's top financiers?"

This is the second book



by Kate Rhodes featuring psychologist Dr. Alice Quentin, who grudgingly helps the police solve murders. Alice is fantastic at work, but her personal life is a mess. Rhodes uses the city of London as one of the characters. A few more twists and turns in the plot with some questions left unanswered might have added a bit more suspense. You don't have to read the first book to read this one.

In A Killing of Angels, police investigator Don Burns needs Quentin's help with a new case. This time, a banker's death looks like a suicide, but in his pocket are a picture of an angel and a handful of white feathers. There's a killer loose in the financial district killing off people related to Angel Bank. Quentin doesn't want to get involved, but owes Burns a favor. Quentin's cold fish mother and her brother (who's always on drugs) flit in and out of her life.

Rhodes interviewed many successful bankers during her research for A Killing Of Angels. "They were helpful and surprisingly candid," says Rhodes. "But, none of them would let me acknowledge them in my book. Banking continues to be a closed and secretive world, where

honesty is often actively discouraged."

"My writing career has followed quite an unusual trajectory, so a lot of weird and wonderful things have happened after each of my books," says Rhodes. She first wrote two poetry collections. Then her husband dared her to try a crime novel. "I've always adored crime fiction, so it seemed like a great challenge," says Rhodes. "For me the loveliest thing to happen is that I've been asked to write four more books in the Alice Quentin series, which was a marvelous confidence boost."

"My most enjoyable prize was a Hawthornden Fellowship," says Rhodes. "It allowed me to live in a Scottish castle for free for an entire month. Bliss! The castle was more than slightly spooky, but it was so remote that I could

immerse myself in my writing every day without hearing a sound, apart from birdsong and wind whistling down the glen."

Rhodes first novel was Crossbones Yard, a story about sex workers being targeted by a serial killer. Rhodes is completing writing her fourth crime novel, River Of Souls which she has "just sent....to my agent, and I'm having a few weeks break before launching into the fifth novel in my series," says Rhodes. "I get twitchy on days when there's no writing to do, so my spare time is being spent brushing up some short stories which will be published in anthologies this year. Short stories make a great change of pace after completing a novel."

Rhodes lives in Cambridge with her husband, Dave Pescod, a



BY

Gabrielle Pantera

short story writer and filmmaker. She has three stepsons who are all musicians. She was born in Greenwich in south London.

www.katerhodes.org

A Killing Of Angels Alice Quentin Series (Book 2) by Kate Rhodes. Hardback, 336 pages, Publisher: Minotaur Books (February 25, 2014).

Language: English ISBN-13: 978-1250014313

\$19.25 available for pre-order.

Who looks good? Peter Capaldi's new duds revealed!



In Cardiff this week, actress Jenna Coleman was seen emerging from the TARDIS before an emotional first embrace with telly's new Doctor Who Peter Capaldi during filming.

And after months of only tiny drips of information on Capaldi's incarnation as the 12th Doctor – we've seen pictures of him in Matt Smith's old costume and in a puffy white shirt – the BBC has released the first photo of him in his Time Lord costume with Capaldi wearing a dark blue Crombie coat with red lining, dark blue trousers, a white shirt and black boots.

Like his predecessor, played by Matt Smith, the new Doctor is a pretty slick dresser. He steers short of the half-mast skinny trousers worn by 31-year-old Matt, but the

navy chinos show that the cadaverous pin-up definitely still has it at the age of 55.

The classic Dr Martens brogues add to the youthful, hipster edge, suggesting that this Doctor could be a real rebel.

Just like the announcement that the *Thick Of It* actor was to become the 12th Time Lord, this outfit is surprising but somehow just works.

Coleman's Clara Oswald, pictured stepping out of the Doctor's trusty blue box was wearing a navy blue cardigan and short tartan skirt as she hugged the regenerated Time Lord.

Hinting at the dynamic union between the duo, Capaldi's Doctor can be seen responding to Clara's hug by awkwardly flailing his arms and then clenching

his fists.

Speaking about Capaldi taking over from Smith, Coleman said at the recent National Television Awards: "[Peter is] great – of course, we all know he's going to be wonderful.

"It's been great to get up on our feet and get started – we just seem to have taken off like a rocket."

Head writer and executive producer Steven Moffat has penned Doctor Who's eighth series premiere, which will be directed by *Kill List* and *A Field in England* filmmaker Ben Wheatley.

Earlier this month, Capaldi was pictured on the back of a horse in the dramatic first on-set photographs.

Doctor Who will return to BBC One in late 2014.



Rosie's so posey

I reckon Rosie Huntington-Whiteley is obviously a fan of the mantra – the bigger the hair the closer to heaven!

And the stunning supermodel demonstrated just that as she appeared on the cover of Harper's Bazaar's annual spring fashion edition wearing a particularly voluminous look.

The British-born babe recently returned from a Hawaiian break with her actor beau Jason Statham (yes, they are still together... just) where she posted several sultry Instagram pictures of herself in bikinis.

Rosie, Karl Lagerfeld and Carine Roitfeld have collaborated on a retro styled "Think



Pink" cover for the coveted March issue of Harper's Bazaar, where she takes centre stage on the cover for the special issue of the magazine.

Rosie recently launched her latest lingerie collection for

British store Marks & Spencer, showing her stunning figure in a variety of vintage-inspired bras and panties in shops just in time for Valentine's Day.

Our Rosie, in a word, is bloomin' HOT!

Did SuBo apply for £6/hour job at bookies?

I almost fell off my chair at this one when I first heard it; according to the UK's Sun on Sunday singer Susan Boyle has applied for a minimum £6.00 an hour wage job as a cashier at a branch of bookmakers Ladbrokes.

Despite earning an estimated £20 million since finishing as runner-up on 'Britain's Got Talent' in 2009, Boyle reportedly filled out an application for the job in the Blackburn, Lothian branch of the chain.

The paper claims that 'SuBo' saw the advert for the job on Thursday and immediately inquired

about taking the role.

Deputy manager David Corr said he was shocked to see the singer in the shop and for her to then speak to him about the job.

He told the Sun: "Susan Boyle walked into the shop and inquired about the job advertised in our window. We were all in shock. She explained she was really keen on working there and she lives nearby.

Obviously she doesn't need the money so I think she saw it as a way of getting her out of her house and taking her mind off things."



A spokesperson for Ladbrokes confirmed: "Susan came in to the shop and asked about the part-time position. She had previously applied for a job with us before she was famous. There must be

something in the Britain's Got Talent water as [BGT judge] Alesha Dixon worked for Ladbrokes before finding fame."

Boyle was told if she wanted the job she would have to apply online. Oo-er!





KING'S SPEECH: TV's Ross King gave the toast at the Brits In LA Burns Night celebration last Saturday

Burn, baby, Burn!

The Scots came out flying last Saturday night for a wonderful shindig!

Brits in LA hosted its first-ever Burns night supper at the aptly-named Bedford and Burns in Beverly Hills. (Kindly sponsored by Glenfiddich and The Balvenie).

Guests got to enjoy some very fine whiskeys paired with their meal of Haggis, cock-a-leekie soup and roast beef. It was my first time trying and haggis and I have to say I was pleasantly surprised. **Lorne Cousins** piped in the haggis, while Skotti Collins blessed and welcomed the majestic dish. TV's own **Ross King** gave a smashing toast followed by some cracking comedy by member Wendy Wason. Member **Ewan "Mc" Chung** won the Scottish accent poetry competition and Lorne once again piped us all out. It was very nice to have in presence our own deputy general consulate, **Bernie Greene** who gave a heartfelt speech validating the Scottish presence in LA. Also in tow was a lot of the staff from the consulate including our very own **Caroline Beddie** who led us quite the Scottish dance.

Impressive!!!! And Liz Sterling's Mum happened to be in town and had a grand time, saying "How great it is that we have a community that cares so much about each other."

Too right!

Still a Starr

The past week also saw the Grammy awards at the Staples Center where our beloved Sir Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr were honored. I myself was very honored along with the artist Keaton Simons to work with the Starkey Foundation's Grammy mission of helping fit over 60 local kids with the gift of hearing. Starkey do such incredible work and I'm so proud of the work they do globally. Their mission is "So the world may hear." And they do just that by going into impoverished countries worldwide and helping these young kids hear with the power of hearing aids. It's pretty remarkable. Check them out to see how you can help: www.starkeyhearingfoundation.com.

Key values

Brits in LA key members were treated to special events this week, a private

screening of the new Kate Winslet movie 'Labor Day' and Aston Martin's exclusive VIP event with whiskey and nibbles to preview the Bespoke Vanquish Volante VIP Event at Aston Martin Beverly Hills, yet another reason to become a key member.

Pilot season is just about to start which means more Brits descend on the land of opportunity in hopes of getting discovered and landing a coveted TV pilot. We wish you all lots of luck out there and hope you land something.

Thank you to lots of sponsors who have come aboard our annual film making event the Toscars Geek Eyewear, Beltran Brito Immigration Services, Upakweship shipping company, Pollution Studios (see advertisement this page) and The Camera House for all your camera needs. We still have some sponsorship opportunities available, contact me at craig@britsin.la for more information. Also tickets go on sale Monday Feb 3rd, 2014. Check out www.thetoscars.com for ticket info.

See you at the Breakfast Club at Cecconi's, sponsored by Next Stop LAX or our weekly Pub !uiz at the Pikey both events happen every Tuesday.

**Cheers!
Craig**



This week's
exchange rate:
£1 = \$1.649
updated 6pm
1/30/14



stages. equipment. content. production.

POLLUTION studios

two **stages** | 9000 square feet
grip, lighting and camera **rentals**
set building & production **services**
creative **suites** | editorial

www.pollutionstudios.com

323.981.1520 | 3239 union pacific avenue LA 90023

British Weekly SPORT

Reds underline top four status with commanding victory in lopsided Merseyside derby

Liverpool maintained their pursuit of a top-four place in magnificent style as Everton were thrashed in the Merseyside derby at Anfield on Tuesday.

Billed as the most crucial league meeting between the sides in 30 years, the contest was all over inside 35 minutes as Liverpool raced into a three-goal lead courtesy of Steven Gerrard's header and two goals in three minutes from striker Daniel Sturridge.

Everton's agony was increased as Romelu Lukaku was taken off on a stretcher with ankle ligament damage after Gareth Barry slipped and slid into the striker as he attempted to block Gerrard's opening goal.

Luis Suarez added a fourth for the hosts when he cashed in on Phil Jagielka's mistake and Sturridge wasted the opportunity to secure a derby hat-trick when he blazed a penalty over the top after Raheem Sterling was fouled by keeper Tim Howard.

This emphatic victory, Liverpool's biggest derby triumph since November 1982, allowed them to open up a four-point gap over their neighbours - but the biggest worry for visiting manager Roberto



DYNAMIC DUO: Sturridge and Suarez were again on the scoresheet for Liverpool Tuesday night

Martinez may be the psychological damage inflicted, as well as the worry over the stricken Lukaku.

It left the Toffees still searching for their first win at Anfield since September 1999 - and there was never any serious hope they might alter that miserable record on a night of Reds dominance.

For Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers, this win will be further evidence that his side can seal a top-four place and maybe achieve even greater things with Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester City still to come to Anfield this season.

After this moment of optimism it was all downhill for Everton, however, not only in the manner in which they were dismantled by Liverpool's attacks but

with the crucial loss of Lukaku.

Howard had already saved from Jordan Henderson, Suarez and Sterling before Liverpool went ahead after 21 minutes in an incident that had short- and long-term consequences for Everton and Martinez.

Barry slipped as he tried to track Gerrard at Suarez's corner, allowing the Anfield captain to head in powerfully but also taking out Lukaku, who was carried off on a stretcher with ankle damage after lengthy treatment.

Everton were at last sparked into action as Jagielka's shot was saved by Mignolet and Kevin Mirallas was just off target - but the home side were a constant threat and swiftly added a second.

Youngster John Stones lost Sturridge and the

England forward raced on to Philippe Coutinho's pass to loft a cool finish over Howard, a chance the in-form striker never looked like missing.

The visitors were in defensive disarray and Sturridge added another two minutes later, taking advantage of open spaces to accept Kolo Toure's pass and lob Howard brilliantly.

Martinez sent on Leon Osman for Pienaar at half-time and the veteran had a shot well saved by Mignolet before normal service was resumed.

The normally reliably Jagielka was having an unhappy evening and he was the culprit as Everton fell further behind five minutes after the break, conceding possession to Suarez and never having the pace required to catch the striker as he raced half the length of the field to beat Howard.

Liverpool should have inflicted further punishment on Everton when referee Martin Atkinson awarded a penalty after Howard pulled down Sterling. Sturridge took over penalty duties from Gerrard, presumably in search of his hat-trick, but lashed an awful effort high into the Kop.

Stuart Broad 'unharmd' by England's heavy Ashes loss in Australia

England bowler Stuart Broad has described the Test series whitewash in Australia as a "life experience" but says he has come through it unharmed.

The 5-0 Ashes loss - only the third in England's history - was followed by a 4-1 defeat in the ODI series.

"If I've got through this tour OK and I feel like it hasn't harmed my personal experience, I can pretty much get through anything," said Broad.

He added England were confident for the Twenty20 series starting on Wednesday.

Broad, 27, will take charge of a new-look England side for three matches against Australia as they look to end the tour on a winning note.

"If you look at the hard facts - we've been here for three months, we've won one game and Australia have outplayed us in pretty much every single game - you'd expect morale to be pretty low," Broad told BBC Radio 5 live.

"But we've had meetings and, coming into training, the guys are really confident. There's a lot of excitement around this group and, as we know in T20 cricket, if you do have confidence and you do enjoy your cricket, you play pretty well, so that's our plan."

He added that the likes of Luke Wright, Michael Lumb and Alex Hales have been performing well in Australia's Big Bash League.

"Their confidence is high and they've brought a lot of confidence into the group," said Broad. "There's a real nice buzz

around the changing room."

England's limited-overs tour of the West Indies starts on 28 February.

In the absence of Alastair Cook, Broad is likely to captain the team for the three ODIs. "I'm looking forward to getting to the Caribbean," he said.

CRICKET	
Fifth One Day International	
Australia v England	
ADELDAIDE: Australia beat England by 5 runs	
AUSTRALIA	
A Finch b Broad.....	7
S Marsh c Cook b Sturridge.....	36
S Watson c Buttler b Broad.....	5
M Clarke b Sturridge.....	5
G Bailey c Broad b Sturridge.....	55
G Maxwell b Buttler b Sturridge.....	22
M Wade b Broad.....	31
J Faulstich c Morgan b Jordan.....	27
M Coulter not out.....	15
C McKay not out.....	1
X Doherty not out.....	1
LBW.....	13
Total (39 wks, 50 overs).....	317
Fall: 14, 22, 43, 54, 112, 187, 198, 216, 216.	
Bowling: Broad 10-0-31-3, Jordan 10-0-37-2, Sturridge 10-0-50-1, Finch 7-0-28-0, Sturridge 10-0-43-3, Seaman 3-0-18-0.	
ENGLAND	
A Cook b Bailey b Coulter-Mills.....	33
I Bell c Finch b Coulter-Mills.....	14
S Sturridge c Marsh b Finch.....	10
J Root c Doherty b Finch.....	15
C Morgan c Watson b Finch.....	18
R Broad c Sturridge b McKay.....	25
J Buttler c McKay b Coulter-Mills.....	5
T Bresnan not out.....	13
S Broad b McKay.....	7
C Jordan not out.....	4
J Trott c Wade b Watson.....	0
LBW.....	11
Total (40.4 overs).....	327
Fall: 23, 28, 30, 154, 157, 174, 194, 204, 205.	
Bowling: McKay 10-1-36-3, Coulter-Mills 10-1-34-3, Humber 10-0-37-2, Doherty 10-1-35-0, Watson 6-4-36-1, Maxwell 3-0-25-0.	
Umpires: S Fry & R Marne.	

RUGBY UNION						
International Match						
England 5.....6 IRLAND A.....14						
England: C. Wainwright, P. Suro, Ireland: A. E. Ross, Wainwright, C. Wainwright						
Att: 8,200						
LV Cup						
BATH.....24 CARDIFF BLUES.....13						
Bath: T. P. Haslegrave, Young, Horan, Wales: C. Hinchey (12)						
Cardiff Blues: T. Fish, G. Humphreys, P. Humphreys (12), Att: 11,847						
EXETER.....36 OSPREYS.....22						
Exeter: T. L. Davies (12)						
Ospreys: P. Phillips, A. Arnold, C. Swainby (13), Arnold, P. Swainby, Ospreys: T. Wood, A. Jones, Ospreys: C. Morgan, Att: 8,160						
HARLEQUINS.....20 LEICESTER.....6						
Harlequins: T. Stiles, S. Cole, G. S. Cole, P. Hogg, Leicester: P. Lamb (2)						
NEWPORT.....16 NORTHampton.....24						
Newport: G. Diggins (1), L. Jones, C. Toole, P. Toole (2), Northampton: T. Parry, A. Agard, P. Agard, Derman, van Veen, G. G. Stiles (13), P. G. Stiles, Att: 8,033						
SALE.....28 WORCESTER.....6						
Sale: T. Carr, Ingham, G. Ford (2), P. Ford (2), Worcester: P. Davies (12), Att: 8,289						
WASPS.....22 LONDON IRISH.....15						
Wasps: T. Davies, Jackson, Davies, G. Collins (2), P. Collins, London Irish: T. Tugwell, H. Hogg, Att: 8,200						
SARACENS.....41 NEWCASTLE.....8						
Saracens: T. Wise (12), Hogg, Att: G. Spencer (2), P. Spencer (1), Newcastle: T. Griffith, P. A. Hogg, Att: 3,850						
..... P W D L S F A Pts						
Saracens.....3	2	0	2	116	39	15
Gloucester.....3	1	0	2	43	49	3
Newport.....3	1	0	2	49	63	4
Leeds Rhinos.....3	0	3	2	84	90	1
Sale.....3	2	0	1	71	69	18
Cardiff.....3	2	0	1	70	64	9
Leicester.....3	2	0	1	66	54	9
Cardiff.....3	1	0	2	50	58	1
..... P W D L S F A Pts						
Bath.....3	3	0	2	88	48	14
Harlequins.....3	1	0	2	51	69	3
Worcester.....3	1	0	2	45	67	5
Ospreys.....3	0	3	2	51	66	1
..... P W D L S F A Pts						
Northampton.....3	3	0	2	106	40	14
Scarlets.....3	2	0	1	44	71	8
Wasps.....3	1	0	2	51	59	9
Newcastle.....3	1	0	2	40	82	4

City:

cont. from back page

Stevan Jovetic and Vincent Kompany also netted as City moved to 115 goals in all competitions this season. With 68 in the top flight alone, they are on target to break Chelsea's record of 103 during a Premier League season.

Pellegrini said: "It's not easy to score five goals against any team in the Premier League. We are trying always to be a creative team."

Newcastle midfielder Cabaye completes £19m PSG switch

Paris St-Germain have signed Newcastle midfielder Yohan Cabaye in a £19m deal.

The Ligue 1 champions had a £14m bid for Cabaye rejected on Sunday but returned with a larger offer, which could rise beyond £20m with add-ons.

The 28-year-old, who has agreed a three-and-a-half-year

contract, completed a medical on Wednesday.

"I was won over by the ambitious project at Paris St-Germain," said the France international, who will wear the number four shirt.

"I can't wait to join this exceptional squad and help the team reach its

objectives in France and in Europe."

The former Lille player joined Newcastle for £4.3m in June 2011 and scored 17 goals in 79 appearances for the North East club.

He refused to play for the Magpies in August after they rejected a £10m offer from Arsenal, but later apologised and in September insisted he was "happy" at the Premier League club.

PSG are three points clear of AS Monaco in Ligue 1, and will face Bayer Leverkusen in the last 16 of the Champions League.

"The transfer of Yohan Cabaye is further proof of the club's capacity to attract the best French and overseas players," president Nasser Al Khelaifi said.

"We are especially delighted to welcome him to the Paris St-Germain family to help it in its upcoming challenges in the second half of the season."

Al Khelaifi heads Qatar Sports Investments, who became PSG's majority shareholders in 2011.

•Jose Mourinho blasted West Ham following Chelsea's Wednesday night's goalless draw with the Premiership



HOT PROPERTY: Yohan Cabaye

cellar-dwellers, accusing Sam Allardyce's men of playing "19th-Century football".

The Blues had 39 efforts on goal, while the visitors only managed one, having spent most of the match defending.

"This is not the best league in the world, this is football from the 19th Century," said Mourinho. "The only [other] thing I could bring was a Black and Decker [tool] to destroy the wall."

Despite the numerous attempts, the Blues managed only nine on target. Hammers keeper Adrian made three good saves from John Terry, Samuel Eto'o and Frank Lampard.

Brazil midfielder Oscar and substitute striker Demba Ba were also denied by the woodwork.

West Ham's only effort on goal was when James Tomkins's header was comfortably dealt with by Petr Cech. They should have made the Blues keeper work again

moments later, but Andy Carroll failed to connect with Stewart Downing's delivery from eight yards out.

"It's very difficult to play a football match where only one team wants to play. It's very difficult," added Mourinho, whose side are now three points behind league leaders Manchester City after they won 5-1 at Tottenham.

"A football match is about two teams playing and this match was only one team playing and another team not playing.

"I told Big Sam [West Ham manager Allardyce] and I repeat my words: they need points and, because they need points, to come here and play the way they did, is it acceptable? Maybe, yes."

Tuesday results & tables

Barclays Premier League	
CRYSTAL PAL [1]...1 HULL [6].....0	Att: 22,619
LIVERPOOL [3]...4 EVERTON [6].....0	Att: 44,460
MAN UTD [1]...2 CARLISLE [1].....0	Att: 75,301
NORWICH [6].....0 NEWCASTLE [6].....0	Att: 28,782
SOUTHAMPTON [1]...2 ARSENAL [6].....2	Att: 51,284
SWANSEA [6].....2 FULHAM [6].....0	Att: 20,004

Sky Bet Championship	
BARNLEY [1]...2 BLACKBURN [2]...2	Att: 9,708
BIRMINGHAM [6]...1 LEICESTER [1]...2	Att: 14,703
BOURNEMOUTH [6]...2 HUDDERSFIELD [6]...1	Att: 7,258
BURNLEY [6].....0 BRIGHTON [6].....0	Att: 31,054
DERBY [6].....3 YEovil [2].....2	Att: 23,615
DOUGLAS [2]...3 CHARLTON [6]...0	Att: 7,289
LEEDS [6].....1 IPSWICH [6].....1	Att: 20,481
MIDDLESBROUGH [6]...0 WIGAN [6].....0	Att: 13,258
MILLWALL [6].....1 SHEFF WED [6]...1	Att: 10,024
QPR [1].....2 BOLTON [6].....1	Att: 16,986
READING [2]...5 BLACKPOOL [6]...1	Att: 16,986

Sky Bet League One	
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888

Sky Bet League Two	
AFC WINDSOR [6]...2 HARTLEPOOL [1]...1	Att: 3,733
BRISTOL BEARS [6]...0 ACCRINGTON [6]...1	Att: 6,067
DAG & RED [6]...1 SOUTHEND [6]...1	Att: 3,222
EXETER [6].....0 OXFORD UTD [6]...0	Att: 2,798
WYCOMBE [6].....0 PORTSMOUTH [6]...1	Att: 3,733
YORK [6].....0 CHESTERFLD [2]...2	Att: 3,222

Sky Bet League One	
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888

Wednesday Results & Tables

Barclays Premier League	
ASTON VILLA [3]...4 WEST BROM [3]...3	Att: 36,071
CHelsea [6].....0 WEST HAM [6]...0	Att: 41,376
SPURS [6].....1 MAN CITY [1]...5	Att: 46,853
SUNDERLAND [1]...1 STONE [6].....0	Att: 34,745

Sky Bet League One	
SHEFF WED [6]...P PETERBORO [6]...P	Att: 12,422
Scottish Premiership	
CELTIC [2]...4 HULLMARCK [6]...0	Att: 12,422
HEARTS [1]...2 ST MIRREN [1]...1	Att: 12,422

Sky Bet League Two	
AFC WINDSOR [6]...2 HARTLEPOOL [1]...1	Att: 3,733
BRISTOL BEARS [6]...0 ACCRINGTON [6]...1	Att: 6,067
DAG & RED [6]...1 SOUTHEND [6]...1	Att: 3,222
EXETER [6].....0 OXFORD UTD [6]...0	Att: 2,798
WYCOMBE [6].....0 PORTSMOUTH [6]...1	Att: 3,733
YORK [6].....0 CHESTERFLD [2]...2	Att: 3,222

Sky Bet League One	
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888
BRENTFORD [3]...3 BRISTOL C [1]...1	Att: 13,888

Weekend FA Cup Fourth Round Results

BIRMINGHAM [1].....1 SWANSEA [6].....2	SOUTHEND [6].....0 HULL [6].....2
BOLTON [6].....0 CARDIFF [6].....1	STEVENAGE [6].....0 EVERTON [2].....4
BOURNEMOUTH [6].....0 LIVERPOOL [1].....2	SUNDERLAND [1].....1 HIDDERSFIELD [6].....0
MANCHESTER CITY [6].....4 WATFORD [2].....2	WIGAN [1].....2 CRYSTAL PALACE [6].....1
PORT VALE [1].....1 BRIGHTON [2].....3	HIDDERSFIELD [6].....0 CHARLTON [6].....1
ROCHDALE [6].....1 SHEFFIELD WED [6].....2	WOLVES [2].....1 BRISTOL C [1]...1

Weekend SkyBet

sky BET
CHAMPIONSHIP

BLACKBURN [6]...1 DERBY [6]...1	Att: 12,706
BLACKPOOL [6]...1 DONCASTER [6]...1	Att: 13,468
IPSWICH [6]...2 READING [6]...0	Att: 15,323
LEICESTER [6]...2 MIDDLESBROUGH [6]...0	Att: 26,047

sky BET
LEAGUE 1

NOTTS CO [6]...1 WALSALL [6]...5	Att: 10,120
OLDHAM [6]...5 PETERBORO [3]...4	Att: 26,081
ROTHAMHAM [1]...2 CRAWLEY TH [1]...2	Att: 6,813
SWINDON [1]...3 SHREWSBURY [1]...0	Att: 9,642
TRANMERE [1]...1 CREWE [6].....0	Att: 10,120

sky BET
LEAGUE 2

AFC WINDSOR [6]...2 EXETER [6]...1	Att: 40,848
BRISTOL BEARS [1]...3 NEWPORT [6]...1	Att: 16,224
BURTON ALB [6]...2 FLEETWOOD [1]...4	Att: 24,079
DAG & RED [6]...3 SCUNTHORPE [1]...3	Att: 16,224
HARTLEPOOL [6]...2 YORK [6].....0	
MANSFIELD [6]...2 WYCOMBE [1]...2	
NORWICH [6]...1 PORTSMOUTH [2]...2	
NORTHAMPTON [1]...1 CHESTERFLD [1]...3	
OXFORD UTD [1]...1 TORQUAY [6].....0	
PLYMOUTH [6]...1 CHELTENHAM [6]...1	

Played Friday: Arsenal 4 Coventry 0, Hattrick For 0 Preston 0.

ALL TOO EASY: Vincent Kompany celebrates Manchester City's fifth goal Wednesday night



CITY 'BEST ON THE PLANET'

■ Table-toppers 'best team in the Premier League' says Spurs boss after 5-1 midweek rout

Manchester City are playing the best football in the world, according to Tottenham boss Tim Sherwood.

City climbed above Arsenal to the top of the Premier League on Wednesday as they thrashed Spurs, who had Danny Rose sent off, 5-1 at White Hart Lane.

The 2011-12 champions remain in the hunt for an unprecedented quadruple.

"They are the best team on the planet, certainly the best team in the Premier League. We've played the champions today," Sherwood told BBC Sport.

"It was difficult with level numbers, but once we were down to 10 it was over as a spectacle."

Match of the Day pundit Alan Hansen agreed with Sherwood's assessment,

describing Manuel Pellegrini's team as "mesmeric".

The former Liverpool defender said: "Tottenham were playing against possibly the best team in the world, with some of the greatest players in the world.

"They have gone away from home against a team who have taken 16 points from 18, and are going for the top four, and dismissed them with consummate ease.

"In the first half-hour they could have had five - their fluency, passing and movement was just mesmeric."

City have qualified for the last 16 of the Champions League for the first time and are still in contention for four trophies.

Next Monday they host third-placed Chelsea in the league before a fifth-round FA Cup tie against Jose Mourinho's side, with a two-legged European tie against Barcelona to follow.

City have already reached the Capital One Cup final, with Sunderland their opponents in the Wembley showpiece in March.

Wednesday's victory was their second of the season against Tottenham after a 6-0 demolition of the Londoners at Etihad Stadium in November.

Top scorer Sergio Agüero scored the opener, his 26th goal of the season, but was replaced after injuring his hamstring.

Yaya Toure, Edin Dzeko, **Cont on page 19, col. 1**



RESTAURANT:
116 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica CA 90401
(310) 451-1402
Happy Hour
Mon-Fri 4-7
(food specials)

SHOPPE: 132 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica
(310) 394-8765
Open Sun-Thurs
10am-8pm • Fri. & Sat.
10am-10pm

Join Us Superbowl Sunday:
Sun. Feb. 2: at 3pm
Denver Broncos v Seattle Seahawks

Sat. 2/1	Sun 2/2
630am Wales vs Italy 6 Nations PPV	7am Ireland vs Scotland 6 Nations PPV
7am Stoke v Man. Utd.	8am Arsenal v Crystal Palace
7am Hull vs Spurs	
7am Everton v Aston Villa	Mon 2/3
9am France vs England 6 Nations PPV	Noon Man City v Chelsea

Valentines Day - Friday Feb 14th - Now taking reservations.
Valentine's Afternoon Tea also available Fri 2/14 and Sat 2/15.



King's Head 12969 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Tel: (818) 990-9055
www.yeoldekingshead.com