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Countdown to May 7th

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- Gloves come off as Labour edge into two point lead
- Sturgeon and Farage hammer Miliband over austerity and NHS
- Latest poll reveals public's concern over Miliband's leadership

THE SCOTTISH National Party turned up the heat on Labour leader Ed Miliband Thursday night, with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon telling Miliband he was 'not strong enough' to win power on his own.

Mr Miliband took the high risk decision to appear with SNP leader Sturgeon, Ukip's Nigel Farage, Green leader Natalie Bennett and Plaid Cymru's Leanne Wood despite the absence of both David Cameron and Nick Clegg. It left the Labour leader as the only Establishment figure to suffer an onslaught from his smaller rivals, as he was repeatedly urged to adopt a more left-wing, anti-austerity policy programme.

narrow lead

Ms Sturgeon, who is set to win dozens of seats in Scotland and deprive Labour of a majority, told him bluntly: 'The truth is you're not strong enough.' And Mr Farage repeatedly accused him of 'lying' over the NHS,

but the Ukip leader also faced criticism for 'demonising' immigrants and blaming all of Britain's problems on the NHS.

It was a disappointing end to what had started as a good day for Miliband, with the release of a new poll which showed that with just three weeks to go until the General Election Labour has edged into a narrow lead over the Tories – despite the fact that only a third of the public see Miliband as a 'capable leader'.

David Cameron is seen as a better leader and is also ahead for having 'a clear vision' for the country. But almost two-thirds of the public say the PM isn't in touch with their lives, while 75 per cent think he favours some sections



HAMMER AND TONGS: Ed Miliband, Nicola Sturgeon (right) and Nigel Farage led a robust debate Thursday night

of society more than others.

Thursday's survey by Ipsos MORI also reveals that Ukip has fallen three points and is now languishing on just 10 per cent – only two points ahead of the Greens.

hung parliament

In other headline results from the state-of-play survey, Natalie Bennett's Green Party has moved up two points to eight per cent, pushing Nick Clegg's

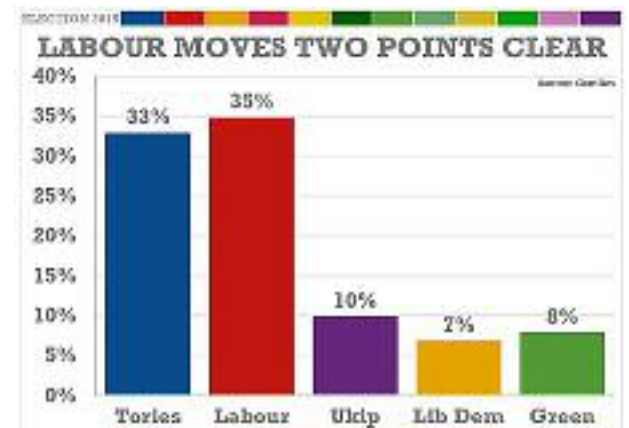
Liberal Democrats into a humiliating fifth place, down one point to seven.

The poll suggests that, three weeks out from the election, the country is heading for another hung parliament, with no party likely to win the 326 seats needed to form a majority in the House of Commons.

Although the Ipsos Mori poll is considered the most reliable guide to voter intentions, its findings are contradicted by polls

from The Guardian, the New Statesman and ElectionForecast.co.uk, all three of which forecast the

Conservatives winning a one-seat lead over Labour, with the Tories winning 274 MPs and Labour 273.



Farage 'insults' debate audience

■ UKiP leader under fire after slamming 'total lack of comprehension' among BBC audience

Nigel Farage was yet again the big talking point at Westminster this week, after claims he "insulted" the audience of the final televised showdown saying they had failed to understand the issues and were too left wing.

During heated debate over the shortage of affordable housing in the UK, the UKIP leader said that "even by the standards of the BBC", the audience was too far left.

He said: "There is a total lack of comprehension amongst this panel and the audience, which is a remarkable audience even by the left-wing standards of the BBC."

'real audience'

The UKIP leader was jeered as he was told by Ed Miliband that it was not a good idea to "insult the audience", who had been selected by an independent polling firm.

Mr Farage responded: "The real audience is sitting at home."

He went on to blame the housing problem on immigration and said: "I just wonder, I'm curious

can I get any recognition from any of you that the demand side of this equation is that a rapidly rising population due to open-door immigration, started by Ed Miliband's Labour parties in the 1990s, has directly contributed towards the housing crisis."

Both Ms Sturgeon and Ms Wood rounded on the Conservatives' manifesto pledge to roll out the Right to Buy policy to 1.3m families in Housing Association properties.

Ms Sturgeon said it was "one of the worst ideas I've ever heard" and added it was a "policy that has had its day". She said it had been abolished in Scotland in favour of help to buy policies.

Ms Wood said Right to Buy had also been suspended in Wales and said it would simply increase the levels of homelessness.

Neither Mr Cameron or Nick Clegg took part in the televised showdown, however, Mr Miliband was on the stage for the 90-minute programme.

As the debate closed Mr Miliband issued a

challenge to Mr Cameron to debate him head to head on live television - as the Prime Minister has repeatedly refused to do.

Looking directly at the camera, the Labour leader said: "Debate me and let the people decide."

In a veiled warning about a UKIP/Conservative coalition, Ms Sturgeon said Mr Farage was increasingly driving the decisions made in Westminster on immigration.

Ms Sturgeon said: "We need strong controls on immigration, of course we do, and we need to make sure people do not get away with abusing the system the rest of us pay for.

points system

"There are parts of the UK where housing and public services are under strain. I think the answer is to build more houses and invest in public services, not to scapegoat immigrants.

"I fear that the debate at Westminster on immigration is driven far too much by Nigel Farage and UKIP"



COMBATIVE: Farage asked Ed Miliband: "If you become prime minister, will you run a National Health Service, or continue it to be an international health service?"

Mr Farage said Britain needed to "take back control of its borders" by leaving the EU and having an Australian-style points system. He said that UKIP was being unfairly abused on the subject of immigration.

He said: "When you lose an argument in politics you resort to abusing your opponent and we have seen quite a bit of this towards UKIP recently."

The most heated exchanges of the night came over the NHS when Mr Miliband demanded Mr Farage came clean over his wish to privatise the NHS.

Mr Farage replied: "Ed is trying to defend a

record that was all that good, was it? You bought the big five equity boys into the National Health Service and privatised a chunk of it, you saw the growth in MRSA, you presided over the Mid-Staffordshire hospital.

"If you become prime minister, will you run a National Health Service, or continue it to be an international health service? That is what voters want to know."

The leaders of the smaller parties had been setting out their credentials for coalition in the final televised debate ahead of the election.

With a majority looking unlikely all the small

parties could play a crucial part in delivering either David Cameron or Ed Miliband to Number 10.

But Mr Miliband said he was not interested in a coalition with the SNP because she wanted to break up the Union.

He said: "I have fundamental disagreements with you Nicola. You have not ruled out having a second referendum on independence in the next five years.

"We have very different views. I respect your view that you want to break up the country but that is not my view.

"I think it would be a disaster for the working people of Britain."



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Injured burglar loses payout bid

- Family of burglar who fell through skylight in school break-in fail in their bid to SUE council
- Thomas Buckett, 21, suffered horrific injuries after breaking into school tuck shop
- Family sued county council saying they should have protected the building and now face £260,000 legal bill

The family of a teenage burglar left seriously injured when he fell through a roof during a school break-in have been left with a £150,000 legal bill after trying to sue the council for not doing more to secure the premises.

Thomas Buckett plunged 15ft on to a concrete floor after friends dared him to jump on a glass skylight, and sustained life-changing head injuries as a result.

A court heard the group of teenagers had broken into the school's tuck shop before scaling the roof on a Sunday in May 2010.

It was originally claimed that Thomas climbed on the roof of Clayton Hall Business and Language College in Newcastle-under-Lyme to fetch a football.

But the court heard that a police officer who investigated the break-in wrote an email of support to the council, stating that he had made the family aware 'this incident was the fault of Thomas and his friends messing around'.

PC David Stubbs added: 'I have made the family aware that if any claims are made against the school my report will show the school is not at fault.'

Judge Peter Main told Telford County Court: 'There were few measures, reasonably achievable within the likely school budget, [which] it could have

taken to prevent all acts of trespass outside school hours.'

He acknowledged that the school should have risk-assessed the likelihood of youths gaining access to the flat roof.

However, he ordered the Buckett family to pay the council an interim payment of £150,000 in costs by May 4, a figure which could climb as high as £260,000 after further assessment

skull fractures

TaxPayers' Alliance spokesman Jonathan Isaby welcomed the court's ruling, saying: 'It's good to know that despite our ever-creeping compensation culture it is still possible for vexatious cases like these to be thrown out.'

Thomas spent two

weeks in a coma following the fall and suffered ten skull fractures. Doctors removed half his skull and repaired it 'like a jigsaw' in a revolutionary procedure involving specialists from Italy.

He lives with his mother, 48, who is now his full-time carer, father Andrew, 50, a supervisor for a maintenance firm, and older brother in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Mrs Buckett said her son had suffered life-changing brain injuries, although she declined to elaborate on the extent of his recovery yesterday.

However, Thomas, who is now 21, was listed as a 'protected person' on court paperwork, a term used to describe somebody who lacks capacity to conduct proceedings for



INJURIES: Mr Buckett had to undergo invasive surgery when he fell through the roof of a school after breaking in to the tuck shop and stealing

themselves.

His mother was listed as his 'litigation friend', somebody with the power to make decisions about the case on behalf of the protected person. Mrs Buckett said the family had funded both the legal action and her son's care.

Asked if she may have to sell the family's bungalow to pay the council's costs, she said: 'I don't know what's going to happen yet. I need to speak to my solicitor.' She declined to comment further.

The family sued the council under the Occupiers Liability Act 1984, which covers the duty of care owed by a landowner or occupier of premises to persons on site 'other than their visitors', who suffered injury as a result of the



HAPPIER TIMES: Thomas Buckett with mum Mandy. The family faces financial ruin.

'state of the premises'. Lawyers argued the council had ignored a long-term problem of trespassing at the site during weekends and holidays. Judge Mann acknowledged that Thomas had been 'very seriously injured as a consequence' of his actions, but said he had to be guided by evidence, not sentiment.



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U-turn for Top Gear star after urging internet trolls to 'kill themselves'

■ Latest twist in BBC saga sees outgoing presenter defending Clarkson's heir apparent

THE LATEST twist in the Top Gear roadshow has seen James May forced to backtrack for suggesting Top Gear viewers who sent threatening tweets to Sue Perkins should 'kill themselves'.

Perkins, who became a favourite to replace the ousted Jeremy Clarkson after a flurry of bets, recently announced she was leaving Twitter as a result of the horrific abuse.

In response, May said: 'If you're one of the people sending death threats to Sue Perkins, could you please do the world a much bigger favour by killing yourself.'

The presenter quickly clarified: 'Obviously I don't actually want people to kill themselves but, really, we don't want them as fans.'

James May @TheJamesMay · 17h

If you're one of the people sending death threats to @sueperkins could you please do the world a much bigger favour by killing yourself.

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May is currently getting ready to tour a Top Gear spin-off around the UK alongside Clarkson and Richard Hammond, following the BBC's sacking of Clarkson for punching a producer.

They will be stripped of all BBC branding and instead be presented as 'Clarkson, Hammond and May Live', meaning the show will not be able to use clips from Top Gear - or even feature the Stig.

May's comments were made after Perkins finally decided to take a break from Twitter in response to the barrage of abuse.

She had earlier stated: 'Guys, post the utterly fabricated story about me and Top Gear, my timeline has been full of blokes wishing me dead. This morning, someone



TRADING PLACES? James May will be touring the UK with a Top Gear spin-off while Sue Perkins, best known for The Great British Bake-Off, is the bookies' favorite to replace Jeremy Clarkson

suggested they'd like to see me burn to death.

'All of which goes to say that I am off Twitter for a bit. Love and peace x.'

The Great British Bake Off host was said to be the front-runner for the job, according to bookmakers Coral, with Dermot O'Leary second favourite at 2-1.

Actor Philip Glenister,

famed for his role as the neanderthal detective in Life On Mars, has also been rumoured to replace the ousted Clarkson.

Perkins said on Twitter last week: 'Just back from night shoot in Kolkata sewers to find my timeline busy with middle-aged man-trolls. General gist: Man do cars, woman do cake.'

Clarkson was the

subject of an internal BBC investigation after he attacked Top Gear producer Oisín Tymon, splitting his lip and verbally abusing him in a 30-second assault on March 4.

He was suspended by the broadcaster on March 10 before it announced his contract would not be renewed.

The star received

widespread public support - including from his friend Prime Minister David Cameron - in the aftermath of the fracas, and one million people signed a petition calling for the BBC to reinstate him.

But director-general Tony Hall said 'a line has been crossed' and 'there cannot be one rule for one and one rule for another'.

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'Spend, spend, spend' football pools winner Viv Nicholson dies aged 79

■ Nicholson and her husband lived up to her promise, taking just three years to spend the £152,000 – the equivalent of £3.5m today – they won in 1961

Viv Nicholson, the football pools winner of "spend, spend, spend" fame whose life story became a West End musical, had died aged 79.

Nicholson and her husband, Keith, from Castleford, West Yorkshire, lived up to her pledge, taking just three years to spend the £152,000 jackpot they won in 1961 – the equivalent of £3.5m today.

They splashed out on cars, jewellery, furs, champagne parties and a sprawling ranch-style home, but after her

husband was killed in a car crash four years later, a huge tax bill left her bankrupt.

Her son Howard said she had died after being diagnosed with dementia in 2009. In a statement posted on her website, he said: "We are saddened to announce the death of our much loved mum, Viv Nicholson. After suffering with dementia for five years, she died on 11 April at Pinderfields hospital with her sons by her side.

"Viv was a one-off in all ways – a loving and loved mother, a glamorous great

grandmother and a friend to many."

After Keith's death, she struggled with alcohol and depression. In the years that followed she moved to Malta but was deported for fighting a policeman.

She once got a job singing Hey Big Spender at a Manchester strip club, but was swiftly fired for refusing to take off her underwear.

She married three more times.

'sad and frustrating'

In an interview with the Observer in 2003, she recalled that at the time



ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE: Vivian Nicholson gets her check from Bruce Forsyth (right), and husband Keith

they won, her husband, a miner, was working on a night shift for £7 a week while she earned the same in a cake factory, the bills were piling up and they had three children to clothe and feed.

Of her famous quote she said they travelled by train to London to collect their winnings and she was surprised as they pulled in to King's Cross to see a crowd surge towards their

compartment. "They were reporters, and they all asked: 'What are you going to do now?' And there I was, wearing a pair of tights I had to borrow from my sister, and I said I was going to 'spend, spend, spend,'" she said.

She later worked in a perfume shop in Wakefield and became a Jehovah's Witness.

Of the 1999 musical Spend Spend Spend,

based on her autobiography and which starred Barbara Dickson, she said: "It was very sad and frustrating to see my life on stage like that. It was very well done. The musical director and the cast were fantastic people, but I don't think they really understood the reality of what I went through."

Her family requested donations to Dementia UK in her memory.

Who's a silly girl then?

■ Pippa in hot water after chowing down on whale meat in Norway jolly

The Duchess of Cambridge's sister, Pippa Middleton, has been criticised by an animal welfare group for admitting to eating whale meat.

Ms Middleton has written about dining on smoked whale carpaccio in a travel review about a Norwegian skiing holiday that appeared on a national newspaper's website.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (Ifaw) said she was "unwittingly setting a bad example" for other tourists.

In the article which appeared on the Daily Telegraph's website this week, Ms Middleton, writing about day three of the trip, said she and a

companion stayed in designer accommodation by the River Valdolla.

She said: "We dined on smoked whale carpaccio (which tastes similar to smoked salmon but looks more like venison carpaccio), followed by a signature rustic Norwegian dish of salted cod in tomato, with hunks of fresh homemade bread to mop up the sauce."

The organisation, Whale and Dolphin Conservation, reports on its website that Norway hunts minke whale under an "objection" to the International Whaling Commission's moratorium on commercial whaling.

An spokesman for the

International Fund for Animal Welfare said that in Norway whale meat was eaten by local people but their concern was if people in the public eye consumed the product it may encourage tourists to follow suit.

Philip Mansbridge, UK director of Ifaw, said: "It's likely that Pippa Middleton wasn't aware of the horrific suffering caused by commercial whaling nor the devastating damage that it causes to whale populations.

"By eating whale meat, she is unwittingly setting a bad example that may encourage other tourists to do likewise.

"We would hope she acknowledges her



PUTTING A FOOT WRONG: Pippa dined on 'whale carpaccio' on a press junket

mistake and will promote whale watching true to the slogan 'Meet us, don't eat us.'

Earlier she had enjoyed a steam bath and rubbed ice on her body in a 'snow spa' at the upmarket hotel, where she spent the night in a £170-a-night 'designer pod'.

The hunting and importation of whale meat is banned in Britain,

as it is in most parts of the world, by both the International Whaling Commission and by the international wildlife convention CITES.

But Norway – as well as Japan and Iceland – has exploited legal loopholes that allow it to opt out of regulations. Last year it killed around 730 Minke whales, the highest number since it broke the

moratorium on commercial whaling in 1993.

Campaigners have long called for a crackdown, arguing the hunting process is 'unimaginably cruel and inhumane'.

Even with modern harpoons powered by explosives, the mammals often died a 'slow and painful' death.

News From Britain

Developer takes colourful revenge after being denied planning permission

Take a walk down South End in Kensington in London, home to the world's super-rich, and one house will catch your eye.

Painted in bright red stripes, the controversial £15m (\$22m) home has been causing quite a stir. It was allegedly painted in protest at a council planning decision and has infuriated neighbours by Zipporah Lisle-Mainwaring, a wealthy Swiss-based property developer.

Residents surrounding her stripy townhouse in a cobbled cul-de-sac told reporters they are "horrendously unhappy" with the new exterior of the three-storey terraced

home in South End, Kensington, and likened it to a "beachside hut".

Saskia Moyle who lives opposite the house with her father described it as an eye sore.

"I think most of us think it's a bit of an eye sore and aren't all that happy about it to be honest. Because especially when it's bright, it's glaring and it's quite distracting. As well as the fact that it's unfinished in the corner, drives me absolutely mad," she said.

The house owner's application to demolish the building and rebuild it with a two storey basement was turned down by Kensington and Chelsea council.

The stripes followed soon after the council's decision, prompting neighbours to speculate that the paint job was intended to make a point.

The plans were initially turned down by Kensington and Chelsea Council but approved on appeal.

However, a neighbour then lodged a legal challenge which means the case will go to the High Court in June where a final decision will be made.

Residents now believe that Mrs Lisle-Mainwaring, a property developer, ordered the garish paint job - which took place under the cover of



FIT OF PIQUE: a wealthy homeowner painted her house with red candystripes in dead of night after the local council refused permission for a teardown and rebuild

darkness - as an act of revenge for the legal challenge.

"Yeah I think everyone's view is that it's a kind of childish retaliation against the opposition for not getting her way. It's sort of

stamping her foot and 'I'll make your lives hell if I don't get what I want' kind of thing," said Saskia.

Despite their opinions on the bright red stripes, local residents could be powerless to force the

owner to redecorate after the council said no planning laws had been broken because it is not a listed building.

Meanwhile, the house is now becoming a tourist attraction.



Farmer loses bid to keep castle

A farmer has been ordered to tear down a mock Tudor castle that he built after losing a seven year-legal battle.

Robert Fidler, (above) 63, says that it will be hard to demolish the four-bedroom castle at Honeycrook Farm, in Salfords, Surrey, but he now accepts: "I don't think I have any choice really."

Mr Fidler, who built the property without permission, has been fighting to save it from

demolition since Reigate and Banstead Borough Council ordered it to be knocked down in 2008. The Government backed the council after an appeal last year.

'quite difficult'

Mr Fidler told the BBC: "Obviously it would be quite difficult to demolish something you are very proud of. I don't think I have any choice really.

"What they are saying now is if I don't demolish

it within 90 days, they can put me in prison."

In a statement, the council ruled out suggestions that the castle could stay, saying it would set an unacceptable precedent for development in the green belt.

It said: "The construction breached national and local planning rules designed to protect the green belt, which local authorities like ours have a duty to uphold."



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Good news for wrinklies!

■ Middle age now lasts until 74 as baby boomers refuse to grow old

Collecting the state pension and bus pass at 65 has traditionally been seen as a watershed moment where middle age ends and the twilight years begin.

But new research suggests that old age now starts at 74, with middle age lasting at least nine years longer than current estimates.

Academics from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Vienna, Austria, argue that old age should be measured not by age, but by how long people have left to live.

In the 1950s a 65-year-old in Britain could expect to live a further 15 years.

But today's baby boomers are expected to live far longer after retirement. A recent estimate by the Office for National Statistics suggests that the average retiree can look forward to drawing their pension for up to 24 years – as much as 50 per cent longer than their parents'

generation.

Researchers say that old age should be defined as having 15 or fewer years left to live, which for the baby boomers means that they are still middle aged until their 74th year.

'healthier lives'

"If you don't consider people old just because they reached age 65 but instead take into account how long they have left to live, then the faster the increase in life expectancy, the less aging is actually going on," said Sergei Scherbov, World Population Program Deputy Director, at IIASA.

"Older people in the future will have many characteristics exhibited by younger people today. "What we think of as old has changed over time, and it will need to continue changing in the future as people live longer, healthier lives. 200 years ago, a 60-year-old would be a very old person.

Someone who is 60 years old today, I would argue is middle aged."

Categorising the point at which 'old age' begins is important for policy makers because it used as an indicator of increased disability, dependence and decreased labour force participation.

It is why the government is predicting a pensions black hole as more and more people retire and dip into savings pots.

'out of date'

Alan Walker, professor of social policy and social gerontology at the University of Sheffield, agreed that old age now begins much later than traditional assessments, but said there was a huge disparity in how long people could expect to live for.

"Our conceptions of 'old age' are hopelessly out of date because of population ageing," he said.

"For many people, 70 is the new 50 and



NOT GOING QUIETLY: baby boomers are expected to stay active into their 70s

signifies the quiet revolution that has taken place in longevity.

"However I would not want to pin an arbitrary age, such as 74, because there is such huge diversity in later life. There is a massive nine-year difference in average life expectancy between the poor and the affluent and a shocking 19 year difference in healthy life expectancy.

"But certainly the research is right in pointing to the fact that society has to catch up urgently with the new demographic reality, for example in the labour

market."

An average man who retired in 2012 can expect to live until the age of 86.2 years while a woman who turned 65 last year would have 23.9 years still to live on average, the ONS estimates.

Additionally one in seven 65-year-old women and one in 12 newly retired men will live to celebrate their 100th birthday.

Professor Peter Ellwood at Cardiff University said that older people were increasingly fit and healthy well into their 80s.

He has been conducting a ground-breaking 35-year study which shows adopting a healthy lifestyle dramatically cuts the risk of cancer, diabetes, heart-attack, stroke and dementia.

"It is important not just to live longer but to live healthier," he said, "It should not just be about adding years to life, but adding life to years.

"We have found that living a healthy lifestyle is better than any pill and have proved that it is possible to fit and active after the age of 65."

Tiny 5ft wide London house sells for a whopping £750k

■ The cosy dwelling is squeezed between two other properties in Islington, north London

IF FURTHER evidence were needed that London's red-hot property market had reached boiling point, it came this week with the sale of a tiny 5ft-wide house wedged in between two other properties in Islington for a whopping £750,000.

The pint-size north London property has

two bedrooms, a living room, a small study, a shower room, cloakroom, kitchen and a garden.

But perhaps the narrow home has a Tardis-like exterior, after it was described by estate agents Foxtons as 'well-proportioned'.

An advert called the home a "stylish two bedroom period house"

which "offers beautifully bright living space throughout with characterful touches and a pretty rear garden".

In total the house offer 538 square feet to floorspace over three storeys.

The home met the full £750,000 asking price after being on the market for just five days.



HOT MARKET: the five-foot wide house (ringed) covers just 538 square feet

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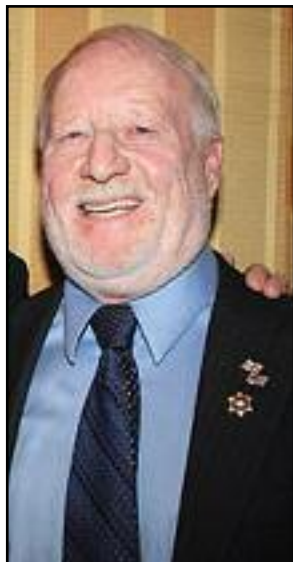
The Channel Islands: an idyllic spot for a brief weekend visit

When the National Park Service invited me recently to cover an event being held at the Robert J Lagonasino Visitor Center and the Park Headquarters of Visitor Center at Channel Island National Park in Ventura Harbor, I considered it an honor.

Not dissimilar to the National Trust in the UK, the NPS are the custodians of some of the most amazingly beautiful land and islands that America has to offer, from the Grand Canyon to the Grand Tetons.

The Channel Islands National Park, referred to as "The American Galapagos," is no exception since it was established as our 40th national park on March 5, 1980. The Park Service saw the need to protect the heritage of this magnificent area for future generations to enjoy its marine life, habitats, historical and cultural resources.

This isolated chain of islands just off the



By Leo Lewis

Southern California coast boasts pristine natural splendor. Half of the Channel Island National Park's 49,354 acres are underwater and the area is home to 2,000 species of plants and animals. Congress actually passed a bipartisan bill to protect these resources while at the same time giving access to the general public.

This event was held at their headquarters on the peninsula by the entrance to Ventura Harbor, with



CALIFORNIA, AS IT WAS: Scorpion Anchorage on Santa Cruz Island, part of the Channel Islands National Park

sand dunes on the Pacific Ocean side and the marina on the other, right next to the delightful Harbor Village. We were introduced to their newest attraction which is part of their magnificent exhibition featuring a native plant garden, a fish pool at waist level that features numerous local marine life (excluding gray whales, sea lions, and dolphins, of course!)

The exhibit takes visitors on an underwater journey through several ocean habitats beginning at ground level with the dark and mysterious deep

sea and ascending to a breaching humpback whale at the third floor lookout tower. The journey is complete with a short dive descent in the tower elevator.

What fun and oh, so educational, and it's FREE for all the family to enjoy. Oh, did I mention Jean, from Middlesbrough in Yorkshire, is there to greet and help answer questions? But don't stop there. Be adventurous. The National Park Service and National Marine Sanctuary oversees all the Islands and surrounding ocean up to six nautical

miles: San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, and Anacapa.

The islands are currently in full bloom. You won't find shops, supermarkets, gas stations, homes, or crowds of people but you WILL find flowers, birds, hiking trails, a very basic campsite and breathtaking views everywhere you look, in every direction. Karen and I have watched schools of whales swimming past the islands on their migration. The islands are also easy to get to. Visit www.nps.gov or call (805) 658-5730, or

visit Channel Islands National Park at 1901 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura at the far end of Ventura Harbor.

Next door at Harbor Village you will find the Connally Family, who since 1968 have run Island Packers boats to the islands. Working hand in hand with the Park Service they have one common goal: to protect the environment for future generations. They run full and half day trips, as well as whale watching year round. Contact (805) 642-1393 or visit www.islandpackers.com

Quite a Fab show...

■ Nationally touring Beatles biography show returns to San Pedro

■ "In My Life" performs on April 19 at the Warner Grand Theatre

In My Life - A Musical Theatre Tribute to the Beatles returns to San Pedro this weekend after playing to capacity audiences in 2011 and 2011.

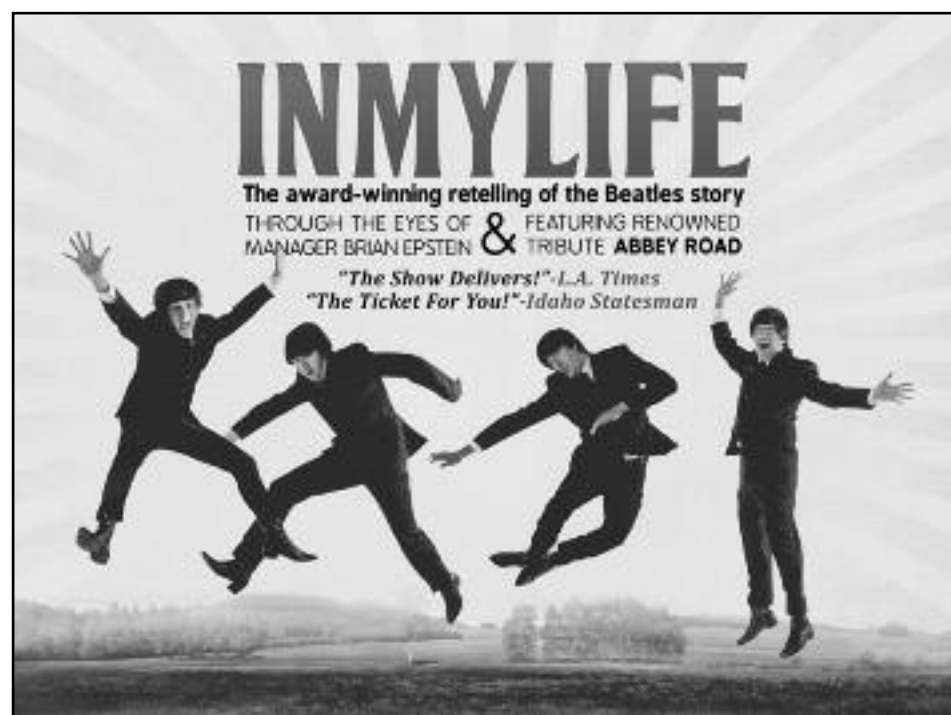
The nationally touring musical biography of the Beatles through the eyes of manager Brian Epstein gives the audience a chance to "be there" at pivotal moments in the extraordinary career of the Fab Four: Liverpool's legendary Cavern Club, The Ed Sullivan Show, Shea Stadium,

Abbey Road Studios and the final live performance on the rooftop of their Apple Corp offices. With Epstein serving as narrator, In My Life allows the audience to get a glimpse inside the world of the Beatles from their point of view, as well as hear some of the greatest songs ever written. Historical settings such as the Cavern Club are established on stage with videos and images which play behind the actors and musicians on

a video screen.

The band are played by Nate Bott (John), Axel Clarke (Ringo), Jesse Wilder (George) and Chris Paul Overall (Paul), who with their tight harmonies, custom-tailored costumes and cheeky banter, do a sterling job in recreating the magic of the Beatles.

In My Life - A Musical Theatre Tribute to The Beatles plays Sunday, April 19 at 2 pm at the Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro. Tickets are \$20 -



\$40, plus ticket fees, and calling 800 -595 -4849. Tickets purchased online with credit or debit cards at www.tix.com and by The Warner Grand Theater is located at 478 W. 6th Street (at Pacific) in San Pedro, CA 90731. The show is appropriate for all ages.

Meet A Member: Owain Rhys Davies

Meet Owain Rhys Davies from Wales who moved to LA a year ago to pursue acting.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I was touring America with a play a few years back and our last venue was here in LA. It was March and the only weather I was used to at this time of year was the blistering cold with drenched Converse, but here in LA it was scorching and thought it wouldn't be the worst thing to live in the sunshine all year round.

Other than the weather LA is one of the most proactive cities with regards to the industry and so with the help of my manager I took the plunge and made the move and I'm very glad I did.

What one thing do you miss from home?

Something I never thought I'd say; but the London Underground. I would take simply jumping on a train, play a bit of spider solitaire, and partake in some muted musical chairs with some angry commuters over 5pm rush hour traffic any day. Oh, and Jaffa cakes.

What do you find the biggest difference is living here versus St.Clears?

I'm from a small town in west Wales where the grass is green, unspoiled land as far as the eye can see and the sheep to people ratio is 3:1. So other than clean air and hiking trails that you actually have to hike the biggest difference living here to living in St.Clears is that here I get to eat sushi, and it's goooood.

Do you have a hidden gem in LA that you want to share with us?

Other than sushi, coffee is a bit of a vice of mine. It took me a while and far too many bad cups, but a friend of mine introduced me to Alfred's on Melrose Place. It's a very popular place to grab a coffee and sit outside to work on the old laptop or moan that you've got another parking ticket, but the hidden gem is their smaller branch around the corner that's literally hidden in an alley on Melrose Avenue. You can take your coffee and sit in the alley that's filled with plants and couches and if you need to get rid of the coffee shakes there's a cycle house right next door.

What would you suggest to others who are



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WELCOME IN THE VALLEY? Welsh expat Owain Rhys Davies loves his sushi...and his coffee (photo: Ross Ferguson)

thinking about making the move here?

The first thing I would say is come out and visit this sun-filled city before the move. LA isn't for everyone and everyone has a different experience of the place so the best way to truly know if it's for you is to experience it for yourself. If like me you're hell bent on moving over make sure that you have a good

amount of dollars behind you as it isn't a cheap city to live in and you will have to buy a bed, no one told me about the bed thing.

If your life was a TV show what would be the theme tune?

The show would be a half hour comedy written by Tina Fey and Ruth Jones, Welsh references are a must, and so the theme

tune would have to be Do Your Thing by Basement Jaxx. Not only is it a cracking song, for which I've done many a backflip to, but it pretty much sums up how I was brought up and have lived my strawberry blonde life.

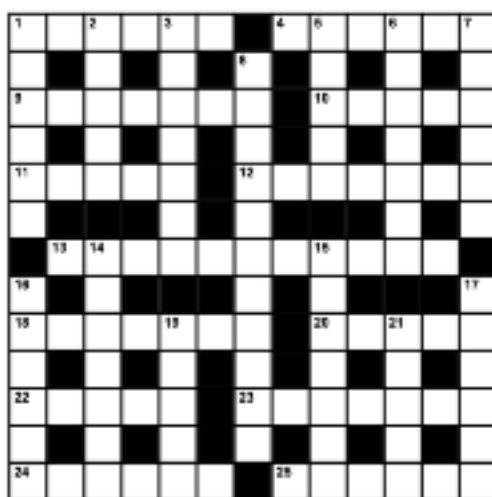
Lastly, how can we find out more about you?

Hit me up on twitter @owainRdavies or find me on IMDB.com

The British Weekly Crossword #160

Across

- 1 Stab in the back (6)
- 4 Look (6)
- 9 Yield flowers (7)
- 10 Petrify (5)
- 11 Consumed (5)
- 12 Name (7)
- 13 Disturbed (11)
- 18 Reviews (7)
- 20 Take place (5)
- 22 Antlered animal (5)
- 23 Heartfelt feeling (7)
- 24 Taste (6)
- 25 Well-being (6)



Down

- 1 Pampers (6)
- 2 Cutthroat or brown (5)
- 3 Lack (7)
- 5 On the dot (5)
- 6 Analyze (7)
- 7 Marinara requirement (6)
- 8 Chagrined (11)
- 14 Make contacts with a purpose (7)
- 15 Suggest (7)
- 16 One of Eric Burdon's band? (6)
- 17 Division (6)
- 19 G-rated (5)
- 21 Relax (5)

Solution to Puzzle 159



The British Weekly Sudoku #160

SUDOKU by Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium



Solution to Puzzle #159



Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: If life at work is not all it could be look at the positive side. As we move into mid-month the planets will open new doors which should please you. You will be still celebrating your birthday the rest of this month.

TAURUS: Your emotions are probably in a mess regarding some area of family life. It is more than likely a past situation that has brought things up and this should be resolved once and for all now before your birthday.

GEMINI: You would be wise to not use up all your energy before mid week as then life gets hectic. Mars and Venus in your sign makes you feel emotional over the past. If this is the case best to resolve it now.

CANCER: You may be letting go of what you consider the past. It may be for you, not for others, so be cool when asked to explain something It wont go away and so it is always best to face things head on. It will be easier for you in the end.

LEO: You may be in the mood to get far from the madding crown and you will as soon as what you must take care of is finished. By then you will have sorted out your priorities and will be in a much better head space.

VIRGO: This past week or so for you has not been as easy going as you would like or need. This is because everything seems overwhelming to you, however next week starts out better. You will be glad to take the time to relax.

LIBRA: This is spring cleaning time for you and it can be in any area of life. A new business venture or job will lighten you up overall by the end of May. In the meantime be at peace that all will be as you had planned.

SCORPIO: With Mars and Venus in Gemini you will be feeling a bit frazzled and before this gets too much for you take time out with good friends and relax this weekend. If you are ready to make long term changes next month is better.

SAGITTARIUS: Your boss Jupiter is sitting in Leo your cousin sign, so be good as he will be watching your latest adventure. At some social gathering expect to receive a work-related opportunity.

CAPRICORN: The sun in Aries will assist you to get the job done as this week ahead is a great opportunity to complete an overdue project that has been neglected; it's probably in your home base. Start to plan now any new project for May.

AQUARIUS: You are probably feeling like a break away, so even if you can't get out of town take time out in the garden or enjoy a walk on the beach. If you can swing a weekend away this is the time.... as next month will be much busier.

PISCES: The family is much on your mind and if you learn to live in the moment things will work out quicker and with less stress. A situation you were worried about is not going to be so bad as you expected If you are worried about anything you are simply wasting your energy!



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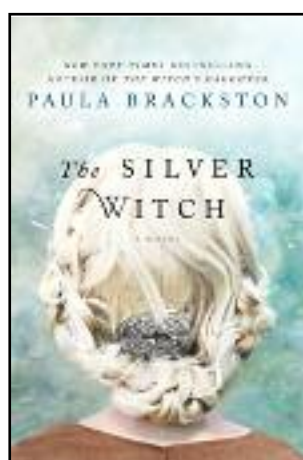
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The Silver Witch: tales by a Welsh lake

Exclusive interview
with author Paula
Brackston and a
review of her new
novel about Welch
witches living at
Llangorse lake
Rating: ★★★



"Llangorse lake has always fascinated me," says The Silver Witch author Paula Brackston, of the principality's largest natural lake, which is set amid the splendor of the Brecon Beacons and is the setting for her latest work.

"There are lots of legends and stories told about the lake, which is not surprising given that there has been a settlement on its shores for over a thousand years. There is thought to be a mythical creature

living in the deep, cold water. The place has always attracted spiritual people and religious foundations. There are several churches and a retreat on its shores to this day. It seemed to me quite plausible that witches would also have been drawn to such a place."

The Silver Witch is two stories in the same book. It moves back-and-forth

between the past and the present, which can be confusing until you adapt to the book's rhythm. The story of the past belongs to Seren, a shaman or witch. The modern story is about Tilda, a descendant of Seren who was drawn to the area when she and her husband bought a small home there. Tilda hopes to find solace in the calm surroundings after losing her husband in an accident. She starts seeing visions. Seren lived in the same area in an earlier time. She has visions. She warns a prince there's danger to him in his own house.

"I grew up living on a farm on the hill a few miles to the east of the Lake," says Brackston. "As a child I used to ride my pony across the mountain and look down on it. It was never

the same twice. There was either mist, or ice, or sun glinting off it. Some days there were boats, other days a flock of geese, or some seagulls driven inland by storm. Even the colour of the water was ever changing...dark blue in summer, silver under low sun, opaque with ice some months, whipped up into waves at other times. There is a medieval record of it turning blood red."

Brackston says she's lucky to live close to the lake again, to make lots of visits for research. "I took heaps of photos, wrote down vital facts, drove about the area drawing maps, went into the church on the far side, studied the wildlife, and walked the paths around the lake. And sometimes I just went and sat by the

water and watched and listened."

The Silver Witch is Brackston's fourth historical fantasy featuring witches. The others are The Witch's Daughter, The Winter Witch, and The Midnight Witch. Under the name of PJ Brackston she writes a historical, crime fantasy series set in 18th century Bavaria about Gretel (of Hansel and Gretel) who is grown up and working as a private detective.

Brackston was shortlisted in the Crème de la Crime search for new writers. Her early book Nutters, written as PJ Davy, was shortlisted for the Mind Book Award. The Silver Witch has not yet been optioned for film or TV.

Brackston's next book, being released in August, is Lamp Black,



**Book Corner with
Gabrielle Pantera**

Wolf Grey, another story with a Welsh setting. She is currently writing the sequel to The Witch's Daughter, her first witchy book. In September she's writing book four in the Gretel series.

The Silver Witch by Paula Brackston. Hardcover: 320 pages, Publisher: Thomas Dunne Books; First Edition (April 21, 2015), Language: English, ISBN: 978-1250028792 25.99



Victoria Beckham celebrates her Barney's debut in LA!

Victoria Beckham is no stranger to Los Angeles. She once called it home, and in many ways, the private dinner at Freds in Los Angeles on Tuesday night celebrating her debut spring 2015 season with Barneys New York was an inauguration of the designer's influence over the fashion landscape, well beyond L.A.



As people took their seats among the long tables adorned with white linens and blooms, Victoria with hubby David Beckham sat beside her raised a glass thanking her dinner guests, who included close friends and supporters, and familiar faces, many of whom were fellow Brits, including Burberry's Christopher Bailey, Kate Beckinsale, and the most recent L.A. transplants, James Corden with his wife, Julia Carey.

The dinner, which was a decidedly spring fare of heirloom tomatoes,

halibut with fresh local corn, and truffle fries, took place outside on the terrace.

Other guests such as Gwyneth Paltrow, Eva Longoria, Rose Byrne and Rachel Zoe enjoyed conversations outside in the rather mild April weather. LA Galaxy soccer player Robbie Rogers also caught up with former player, David, about the season (soccer that is).

Victoria, dressed in a white long-sleeved sheath from her own collection, of course, has solidified her point of view and aesthetic as a mixture of sophistication and timelessness with attention to construction and quality.

She fondly recalled one of her first-ever shopping memories at Barneys when she came to Los Angeles with the Spice Girls. "One of the first trips that Virgin Records ever took us on was to Los Angeles and it was just five girls, we had never been here; they gave us money, a styling budget, and they sent us out to Barneys to go shopping."

Needless to say her trip has stuck with her over the years, and perhaps there is no better way to celebrate her long history and personal connection with Barneys than selling the Victoria Beckham Collection right here in the very store where she got her very first taste of the L.A. shopping experience!

GOTG2 won't be so hair-raising for Karen Gillan!

One of our favorite Scottish exports, the red-headed beauty Karen Gillan, will return for Guardians Of The Galaxy 2...but this time she will be able keep her hair according to director James Gunn.



In a recent Twitter-chat, Gunn – the writer and director the first movie – confirmed his treatment for GOTG2 has been completed and that filming will begin in February next year.

He said, "I turned in my treatment. I'm going to meet about it on Friday and we will start working on the screenplay next week."

Now the hit-movie maker has taken to social media once again, this time to confirm, among other things, that Inverness-raised Gillan will reprise her role as

Nebula – the adopted daughter Thanos – in the sequel to the smash hit comic-book flick.

The former Doctor Who star – who played the bald villainess in the last film – will be pleased to hear that Gunn has come up with a way for her to take on the role without being follicly denuded.

Oo-er! In the announcement made by the 44-year-old director it was also made

clear that the villain from the first movie – the recurring villain (in the comic books at least) Ronan, who was played by Lee Pace, will not be returning despite being a prominent figure in the comic-books.

He said: "Ronan is a bad guy, we killed him. Not everything is going to happen in the movies the same as the comics." Guardians of the Galaxy 2 is slated for release on May 5, 2017.

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We all need a good Birch-ing

Eye Up Breeps!

Seems like we have a slew of Midlanders descending on the golden coast recently and being from Nottingham myself, this makes me happy!

Eileen and I took visit to Birch, the new restaurant from star chef and fellow Midlander **Brendan Collins** which opened recently on Cahuenga just south of Hollywood Boulevard. A step in the right direction to gentrifying the skanky part of town, the restaurant's clean lines and Scandinavian style interior drew us in immediately. We started with the Hamachi, followed by the sweetbreads and chicken liver paté and we both shared the succulent pork shank, where the meat just fell off the bone. I should note that all of Birch's food is locally sourced and with a glass kitchen you can watch exactly what is going on. The place has a very mixed crowd - from Hollywood hipsters to some serious foodies taking pictures of every well-presented meal. We ended with a delicious rhubarb and custard dessert....must for those with a sweet tooth. The service was impeccable, from a staff that clearly knows a thing or two about food. Ideal for private parties too, or your birthday - ask about their secret garden for private dining. I also tried out their

reasonably priced happy hour about a week ago. With a great selection of beers and handcrafted cocktails and a few appetizers, Birch is the restaurant where I'll be swinging out more frequently. (1634 Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028. Website: www.birchlosangeles.com)

I love 99

There is a rumbling currently within the theatre community in Los Angeles due to a referendum proposed by the actors' union Equity. Basically it will abolish the 99-seat theatre contract that has been in place for over 30 years. There is a massive cry from members who

oppose this bill, and rightfully so. I was fortunate enough to be nominated for an award this past week by Stage Raw for best male lead in a play for my role in the Vortex, which we were able to just about afford under the 99-seat plan. If what equity are proposing had already passed our budget size would have to have doubled and there is no way we would've been able to raise the funds to put on our show...and the same is true for many other theatre companies around town. 99-seat theatre is where a lot of people get their start, or the seasoned get to try new stuff and exercise their craft. So many of the bigger theatre houses in LA now are full of touring shows, or actors hired from New York. It would be a shame to see such an amazing community and talent fall by the wayside. With backers such as French Stewart, Frances Fisher, Noah Wylie and Tim Robbins, who are all such great supporters, I for one hope the bill doesn't pass and we



BIRCH: a spare Scandinavian interior highlights British chef Brendan Collins' new restaurant on Cahuenga Boulevard in Hollywood

can come to the table and look at a new plan that suits all and doesn't kill our vibrant community of passionate, dedicated, talented humans. If you are an equity member and a participant and avid supporter of intimate theatre houses I urge you to vote no. For all the facts please join Pro99 on Facebook.

Finally, a Happy Birthday Shoutout to my dear friend Victoria Hoffman...

Have a great week!

Cheers
Craig



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Sport



BEFORE THE FALL: Capello and Terry in training ahead of the 2010 World Cup

Capello blasts FA over Terry

■ Former England boss re-ignites old feud by claiming Chelsea skipper should still be playing international football

John Terry should still be playing for England as he is among the best defenders in the country, according to former Three Lions boss Fabio Capello.

The Italian resigned from his position with England after Terry was stripped of the captaincy by the Football Association in February 2012 over allegations the centre-half had directed racist abuse towards QPR's Anton Ferdinand the previous year.

Terry was acquitted of the charge following a trial in July 2012 but was banned for four matches and fined £220,000 by the Football Association for 'using abusive language related to colour' a few months later, shortly after the Chelsea man had

announced his international retirement.

He has remained a key figure at club level for the Blues and Capello, who is now in charge of the Russian national team, thinks the 34-year-old would still excel in England's backline.

Yet the former AC Milan, Real Madrid and Juventus boss admitted the chances of a shock recall for Terry are slim.

'not guilty'

Speaking at the Laureus World Sports Awards in Shanghai, Capello told several national newspapers: "He is one of the best. [England] haven't got a lot of defenders but they sometimes have problems.

"It's better to have a

player like John Terry than not have him. But I don't think he has the chances to play with the national team any more."

Of the incident that led to his resignation, Capello added: "[The FA] decided he could not play with the national team and I didn't understand because he was not guilty.

"When it happened I said to [then FA chairman David Bernstein], 'You decided he's guilty? No, he's not guilty'.

"I fought for this and they said, 'No, you can't decide about the player, you need to wait for the court decision and everything'. I said, 'Why have you decided before I've asked you?'"

Spurs book date with MLS All Stars

■ Match set for July 29th in Colorado

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR will hope to continue their inroads into the lucrative American market with a headline-grabbing showcase match against an MLS All-Star team comprising the best players from the league at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Colorado on Wednesday, July 29th.

This will be the 20th edition of the MLS All-Star Game with the first contest taking place at Giants Stadium in 1996 when the Eastern Conference faced the Western Conference.

The fixture eventually evolved into the current

system where the league annually invites a club from overseas to participate. Previous opponents have included Bayern Munich, Chelsea, Manchester United and AS Roma.

Head Coach Mauricio Pochettino said: "We'd like to thank Major League Soccer for the invitation to take part in the 2015 All-Star Game.

"The fact that this will be our only fixture outside of Europe during pre-season says a lot about how we view this game.

"We enjoyed three tough matches last summer in North America and the quality

of football in MLS continues to grow every year.

"Pre-season is an important time for us and we are looking forward to being a part of one of the biggest events on the US football calendar.

"We know the quality of the facilities will be top-class and we see this fixture against the best players from MLS as good preparation."

A dedicated area of the stadium has been set aside for Spurs fans to purchase tickets for the match. These can be purchased by visiting www.rapidstix.com/tottenham.

Rangers fined £5,500 under SFA 'ownership' rules

Rangers have been fined £5,500 by a Scottish Football Association judicial panel for breaching "dual ownership" rules relating to Newcastle owner Mike Ashley.

Ashley, who has a 9% stake in Rangers, was himself fined £7,500 last month for the same offence.

A disciplinary tribunal deemed Ashley had influence in the Ibrox boardroom.

The bulk of Rangers' fine was imposed for failing to act towards the SFA with the utmost good faith.

Rangers were also fined £500 as Ashley was deemed to have influenced the management or administration through the appointment of business associates Derek Llambias and Barry Leach to the club's board.

Ashley has made cash loans to the cash-strapped Scottish Championship club, holds commercial contracts and had Llambias and Leach operating as chief executive and finance director, respectively, on the Ibrox board until they were removed at an extraordinary general meeting called by Dave King.

Wenger:

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2017 last summer, seem unrealistic. Wenger was certainly not keen to entertain the idea on Friday.

"I'm not an agency to place managers and I like every manager and respect everybody," he told reporters when asked if he would like to

see Klopp in the Premier League. "I find that circus a bit ridiculous, honestly."

On whether Klopp would suit Arsenal, Wenger said: "I already answered this question."

Wenger does not believe Dortmund players will necessarily look to follow the charismatic 47-year-old out of the Westfalenstadion.

"It's down to every club to make the right decision and to respect Dortmund," he said.

"Dortmund is a massive club and will survive, and has the ability to keep their best players.

"They have a big history linked with great results and great achievements, so I don't think that will stop for Dortmund."

Sterling:

cont. from back page

and his agent, Aidy Ward, and it is thought it would take an offer of around £50m for the club to even consider selling him.

Ayre said: "Raheem's agent has asked that we park all discussions regards his future until the summer. We respect that.

"Raheem is a Liverpool player and has two years left on his contract. We expect

Raheem Sterling to be here for a long time."

Sterling scored his 11th goal of the season in Monday's 2-0 win over Newcastle United on Monday, which lifted Liverpool to within four points of fourth-place City.

Kane on shortlist for double award

Tottenham's Harry Kane is one of four players to make the shortlist for both the Professional Footballers' Association Player and Young Player of the Year prize.

Manchester United keeper David De Gea, Chelsea forward Eden Hazard and Liverpool attacking midfielder Philippe Coutinho could also win both awards.

Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez and Chelsea's Diego Costa complete the senior list.

Hazard makes the senior shortlist for the third successive year, having previously lost out to Gareth Bale and Luis Suarez.

Bale's triumph in 2013 meant he emulated Andy Gray in 1977 and 2007 winner Cristiano Ronaldo by winning both prizes.

De Gea is aiming to become the first goalkeeper to win the award since Peter Shilton in 1977.

Liverpool's Raheem Sterling and Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois have also been nominated for the Young Player prize.

Manchester United

will defend their International Champions Cup title, the competition in which they set a USA attendance record for a football match this summer, where the competition will include Chelsea, Barcelona, Fiorentina, Porto, PSG, LA Galaxy, New York Red Bulls, San Jose Earthquakes and Club America.

United and Real Madrid attracted a crowd of 109,318 to Michigan Stadium during last year's tournament.

Louis van Gaal's side went on to beat Liverpool in the final on 4 August.

None of the fixtures, dates and venues have yet to be confirmed by

organisers. Last summer's tournament, which featured Manchester City, finished 12 days before the start of the Premier League season.

Newcastle United owner Mike Ashley wants to strengthen his squad by signing Queens Park Rangers striker Charlie Austin, 25. Ashley hopes the move for Austin will show the club's ambition and encourage Derby manager Steve McClaren to take charge. Also at St. James's Park, current Newcastle United manager John Carver will "review" the club's captaincy this summer and could take the armband away from defender Fabricio

Coloccini, 33, to give it to 25-year-old right-back Daryl Janmaat.

PSV Eindhoven midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum, 24, has prompted speculation over a move to Manchester United after telling the Dutch media that he is keen to work with his former Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal again.

Tuesday's Results

UEFA Champions Lge Quarter-final First Leg	SCUNTHORPE (0)... 1 PORT VALE (1)... 1
AT MADRID (0)... 0 REAL MADRID (0)... 0	Woolton 90
JUVENTUS (0)... 1 NAPOLI (0)... 0	Duffy 43
SKY Bet Championship	Att: 3,002
BIRMINGHAM (0)... 2 BLACKBURN (1)... 2	WALSALL (1)... 5 CRAWLEY TN (0)... 0
BOLTON (0)... 1 CHARLTON (1)... 1	Havard 16, 66
BRIGHTON (0)... 0 HUDERSFELD (0)... 0	Mama 67, Taylor 81
DERBY (3)... 4 BLACKPOOL (0)... 0	Clark 90
IPSWICH (2)... 3 CARDIFF (1)... 1	YEDAL (0)... 1 SHEFF UTD (0)... 0
LEEDS (0)... 0 NOTTINGHAM (1)... 2	Arthurwemy 67
MIDDLESBRO (2)... 2 WOLVES (0)... 1	
MILLWALL (0)... 2 WIGAN (0)... 0	
READING (0)... 0 BOURNEMOUTH (1)... 1	
SHEFF WED (0)... 1 BRENTFORD (0)... 0	

Wednesday's Results

UEFA Champions Lge Quarter-finals First Leg	FC PORTO (2)... 3 BYN NURICH (1)... 1
PSO (0)... 1 BARCELONA (1)... 3	
SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP	CELTIC (0)... 4 KILMARNOCK (1)... 1
SKY Bet Championship	FALMOUTH (0)... 1 ROTHERHAM (1)... 1
MOTTN FOR (0)... 1 WATFORD (2)... 3	

Sky Bet League Two	BURY (0)... 1 SHREWSBURY (0)... 0
SKY Bet League One	BRADFORD (0)... 0 BRISTOL C (2)... 6
CHESTERFELD (0)... 0 COLCHESTER (0)... 0	
COVENTRY (0)... 1 OLDHAM (1)... 1	
FLEETWOOD (0)... 0 MK DONS (0)... 3	
LORIENT (0)... 0 DONCASTER (0)... 1	
NOTTS CO (0)... 1 BARNLEY (1)... 1	
PETERBORO (0)... 1 CREWE (1)... 1	
PRESTON (2)... 2 GILLINGHAM (0)... 2	
ROCHDALE (1)... 2 SWINDON (4)... 4	

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP	DUNDEE UTD (0)... 1 HAMILTON (0)... 0
IMVNESS CT (1)... 1 CELTIC (1)... 1	
PARTICK (0)... 2 MOTHERWELL (0)... 0	
ST JOHNSTONE (1)... 1 DUNDEE (0)... 0	
KILMARNOCK (0)... 1 ABERDEEN (1)... 2	
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP	ALLOA (2)... 3 DUNBARTON (0)... 0
CONDENBETH (0)... 1 LIVINGSTON (0)... 2	
HIBERNIAN (1)... 2 HEARTS (0)... 0	
QN OF STH (1)... 1 FALKIRK (0)... 0	
RANGERS (2)... 4 RAITH (0)... 0	
LIVINGSTON (0)... 1 RANGERS (0)... 1	

SCOTLAND	SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP	SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE	SCOTTISH LEAGUE TWO
HEARTS 33 21 3 3 30 22 84	DUNDEE UTD (0)... 1 HAMILTON (0)... 0	ABERDEEN (1)... 2 PETERHEAD (1)... 4	BERWICK (0)... 0 CLYDE (0)... 0
HIBERNIAN 33 18 7 8 60 33 61	IMVNESS CT (1)... 1 CELTIC (1)... 1	BRECHIN (1)... 2 STIRLING (0)... 1	EAST FIFE (1)... 1 ALBION (0)... 0
RANGERS 32 18 7 7 61 33 61	PARTICK (0)... 2 MOTHERWELL (0)... 0	DUNFERMLINE (0)... 1 STRANRAER (0)... 0	E STIRLING (0)... 0 MONROE (1)... 1
QUEEN OF SOUTH 32 14 10 16 45 43 52	ST JOHNSTONE (1)... 1 DUNDEE (0)... 0	FORFAR (1)... 2 ARRERMOY (0)... 0	ELGIN (0)... 2 ARBROATH (0)... 1
ROBROATH 32 12 6 15 39 57 42	KILMARNOCK (0)... 1 ABERDEEN (1)... 2	MORTON (0)... 3 STEVENAGE (1)... 2	QUEEN'S PARK (2)... 2 ANNAN ATH (0)... 0
SCHEFFIELD 32 7 5 23 30 41 25	SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP		
ALBION 30 5 8 26 28 20 33	ALLOA (2)... 3 DUNBARTON (0)... 0		
UNION 32 6 7 18 34 49 20	CONDENBETH (0)... 1 LIVINGSTON (0)... 2		
	HIBERNIAN (1)... 2 HEARTS (0)... 0		
	QN OF STH (1)... 1 FALKIRK (0)... 0		
	RANGERS (2)... 4 RAITH (0)... 0		
	LIVINGSTON (0)... 1 RANGERS (0)... 1		

Weekend Premiership

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE												
	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
1 Chelsea	31	12	3	0	30	7	10	4	2	34	19	73
2 Arsenal	32	11	3	1	37	12	9	3	5	26	20	66
3 Man Utd	32	14	1	2	40	13	5	7	3	19	17	65
4 Man City	32	10	3	2	31	12	8	4	5	34	22	61
5 Southampton	32	10	3	4	29	10	7	2	6	15	12	56
6 Liverpool	31	8	5	3	25	16	8	1	6	20	20	54
7 Tottenham	32	9	3	6	29	23	7	3	5	21	23	54
8 Swansea	32	8	5	4	23	18	5	3	7	15	22	47
9 West Ham	32	8	4	5	23	18	3	6	6	19	24	43
10 Stoke	32	7	2	6	20	19	5	5	7	18	21	43
11 Crystal Palace	32	5	3	7	19	21	6	6	5	23	22	42
12 Everton	32	5	7	3	23	18	4	4	9	17	25	38
13 Newcastle	31	6	4	6	20	20	3	4	9	13	28	35
14 West Brom	32	6	3	6	21	26	2	6	7	9	20	33
15 Aston Villa	33	3	6	7	14	22	5	2	10	10	23	32
16 Sunderland	32	3	7	7	14	26	2	7	6	11	22	29
17 Hull	32	4	4	7	17	20	2	6	9	12	25	28
18 QPR	33	5	4	8	21	23	2	1	13	17	36	26
19 Burnley	32	4	6	7	14	20	1	5	9	12	30	26
20 Leicester	31	3	5	6	15	18	3	2	12	17	33	25

sky BET CHAMPIONSHIP	sky BET LEAGUE 1	sky BET LEAGUE 2
BIRMINGHAM (1)... 2 WOLVES (1)... 1	BARNLEY (0)... 1 CHESTERFELD (1)... 1	AFC WIMBORNE (0)... 0 OXFORD UTD (0)... 0
BOLTON (1)... 1 NORWICH (1)... 2	COVENTRY (1)... 1 COLCHESTER (0)... 0	CAMBRIDGE (1)... 2 ACCRINGTON (1)... 2
LEEDS (1)... 1 CARDIFF (1)... 2	CREWE (1)... 1 L ORIENT (1)... 1	CARLISLE (0)... 1 DAG & RED (0)... 0
MIDDLESBRO (0)... 2 ROTHERHAM (0)... 0	DERBY (0)... 1 BRENTFORD (1)... 1	LUTON (0)... 0 BURTON ALB (0)... 1
MILLWALL (0)... 0 WATFORD (1)... 2	IPSWICH (2)... 3 BLACKPOOL (1)... 2	MORECAMBE (1)... 3 PORTSMOUTH (0)... 1
SCUNTHORPE (1)... 2 CRAWLEY TN (0)... 1	LEEDS (1)... 1 CARDIFF (1)... 2	NEWPORT (0)... 0 BURY (1)... 2
WALSALL (0)... 5 CRAWLEY TN (0)... 0	MIDDLESBRO (0)... 2 ROTHERHAM (0)... 0	PLYMOUTH (1)... 2 MANSFIELD (0)... 1
WOLVES (0)... 1 BLACKBURN (1)... 2	PRESTON (0)... 1 BRISTOL C (0)... 1	SHREWSBURY (1)... 4 EXETER (0)... 0
YORK (0)... 1 HARTLEPOOL (0)... 0	READING (0)... 0 BLACKBURN (0)... 0	STEVENAGE (0)... 2 NORTHAMPTON (1)... 1

Wenger blasts Klopp 'circus'

■ Arsenal boss dismisses speculation as German announces Dortmund exit

Arsene Wenger has blasted speculation linking Jurgen Klopp with Arsenal, which has reached fever pitch since the German announced he would be leaving Borussia Dortmund at the end of the season.



WENGER: Looking over his shoulder?

Klopp revealed on Thursday that after seven years, two Bundesliga titles and a Champions League final appearance at the Westfalenstadion, it was time to move on.

Having stated that he does not plan to take a break from the game, speculation has been rife over his next move, with Arsenal among those seen as a potential new home for

the highly rated coach. The 47-year-old has always been among the first name on the lips of fans whenever things haven't been going smoothly under Wenger. However, things are currently going rather well at the Emirates,

Reds play hardball on Sterling contract

LIVERPOOL expect Raheem Sterling to remain at Anfield for "a long time" despite his contract stand-off with the club.



Sterling: recently rejected a £100,000 a week deal

Chief executive Ian Ayre this week intimated the England winger would not be sold in the summer, which will disappoint the Manchester clubs, City and United, Arsenal and Chelsea.

Sterling has turned down a £100,000-a-week deal and pushed negotiations back until the summer.

He has since become embroiled in more

controversy with pictures showing him smoking a shisha pipe and inhaling laughing gas.

Manager Brendan Rodgers is expected to sit down with Sterling this coming week to remind him of his responsibilities to the club, but his contract situation will cause more concerns. Liverpool are determined to play hardball with the player

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KLOPP: Glittering record at Borussia Dortmund before this season's slump

with an FA Cup semi-final against Reading this weekend and qualification for the Champions League and even a late, but probably too late, push for the title. That situation has

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