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Prince Charles and Gerry Adams: shaking hands with history

Prince Charles met with Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams this week at the start of his four-day visit to Ireland.

The republican leader and the future king shared an historic handshake to set the tone for the symbolically charged visit before the men held a 10-minute private discussion.

Mr Adams was among a number of politicians to greet the prince at a reception at National University of Ireland in Galway.

It was the first meeting in the Republic of Ireland between Sinn Féin's leadership and a Royal Family member.

Mr Adams and his colleague Martin McGuinness also had a private meeting with Prince Charles.

'Common mind'

That meeting took place after the handshake and was in a private room. It lasted between 15 and 20 minutes.

Afterwards, Mr

Adams said: "We did discuss the need for the entire process to move forward, particularly in regard to those who have suffered, those who have been bereaved."

He added: "Both he and we expressed our regret for what happened from 1968 onwards.

"We were of a common mind and the fact that the meeting took place, it obviously was a big thing for him to do and a big thing for us to do."

However, not everyone welcomed the meeting and the prince's visit.

As Mr Adams was meeting Prince Charles, one of his party's MP's, Paul Maskey, was attending a protest over Parachute Regiment shootings in the Ballymurphy area of west Belfast in the early



NO GREAT SHAKES? Prince Charles presses the flesh with Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams

1970s.

"Sinn Féin have long supported the Ballymurphy families

and will continue to do so," Mr Maskey said.

"Prince Charles represents the Parachute

Regiment who, for many years, murdered innocent civilians in Belfast, including my

father," he said.

"I am totally opposed to him coming to Belfast

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Immigration hits record high as PM vows to get tough

Prime Minister David Cameron has signaled his determination to limit immigration to the UK as part of an "absolute requirement" of his efforts to renegotiate the country's relationship with the EU.

The Conservative leader's comments came as new figures dealt a further blow to his long-held promise to reduce net migration to below 100,000, showing it rose from 209,000 in 2013 to 318,000 last year.

In a speech in London, he outlined new proposals to control immigration that will feature in a bill to be announced in next week's Queen Speech, where his newly-elected government will set out its agenda.

The proposals include making it a criminal offence to work illegally in

Britain, a measure that would allow the police to seize wages from undocumented workers and increase pressure on the firms that hire them.

Cameron also repeated a promise to restrict the right of European Union workers from claiming unemployment and in-work welfare benefits — a controversial measure given the bloc's rules on freedom of movement.

The premier has promised to renegotiate Britain's relationship with the EU before holding an in-out referendum by 2017, and will start face-to-face discussions at a summit with EU partners in Riga on Friday.

European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker has said he is ready to work with Cameron but insists key principles such as freedom of movement

are non-negotiable.

"I support free movement," Cameron said Thursday, but argued that "under the free movement rules, national welfare systems can provide an unintended additional incentive for large migratory movements".

"Changes to welfare to cut EU migration will be an absolute requirement in the renegotiation," he said.

'Smokescreen'

Over the past five years immigration has become a hugely sensitive issue, with opinion polling for the election repeatedly identified it as one of the top three most important issues for voters.

But while Britain remains part of the EU, its ability to place constraints on



Cameron: the Prime Minister has pledged to restrict welfare and benefits for migrants

migration from within the country illegally, and today's appalling immigration statistics".

The prime minister's proposals to clamp down on illegal immigration are also unlikely to affect the official statistics, although they may prove popular.

His proposals include making all banks check their accounts against databases of people in the

country illegally, and satellite tracking tags for foreign criminals awaiting deportation.

However the UK Independence Party (UKIP), which wants Britain to leave the EU to drastically curb immigration, said the proposals were a "smokescreen to mask

today's appalling immigration statistics".

"We can't control our borders if 400 million people have an automatic legal right to come here. And that's the fundamental issue, and everything else is designed to distract us from that," said UKIP MP Douglas Carswell.

Handshake:

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and to the north in general."

Victims campaigner Alan McBride, whose wife Sharon was killed in the IRA Shankill Road bombing in 1993, said the families of some of the victims would find the handshake difficult to watch.

"At the end of the day, it is just a

handshake and I long for the day when these things don't have the sort of significance that they have at present, because of our history and the conflict and all of that," he said.

'a lot of hurt'

"But we're not there yet, and particularly for families that lost people, these can be very emotional and traumatic days."

Mr McBride said he had heard interviews

with some of the Ballymurphy families that he felt illustrated "a lot of hurt there, just underneath the surface".

In a speech at the university, Prince Charles paid tribute to the "magic about Ireland that is totally unique".

"Having first had the great joy of coming to Ireland 20 years ago now, for the first time in 1995, then again in 2002, each time I have been so overwhelmed and so deeply touched by the

extraordinary kindness, the welcome, the enthusiasm and indeed the fun of being in Ireland," the prince said.

He said of the Irish people: "You raise our spirits in so many ways."

private dinner

He also joked that he was "a little too old to be able to learn some of the steps from the Irish dancing routine" performed for the Royal couple after their arrival.

Following the visit to the university, Prince Charles visited Galway's Marine Institute and the Burren area of County Clare, while Camilla attended a number of events in Galway city centre.

The couple also attended a private dinner with Irish President Michael D Higgins and his wife Sabina at Lough Cutra in County Galway on Tuesday night.

Prince Charles, who is

a pioneer in organic and sustainable farming, visited the farm of Patrick Nagle near Corofin in the Burren. He also met Brendan Dunford of the Burren Life project, which has helped farmers to work successfully in the unique landscape.

Duchess of Cornwall visited the Druid Theatre in Galway, watching a short performance of the opening scene of "Richard II".



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Mike Oldfield mourns son's sudden death

COMPOSER Mike Oldfield has thanked fans for their messages of support after the sudden death of his eldest son Dougal.

The 33-year-old collapsed and died while working as an editing assistant at a film production company in Soho, central London, on Sunday.

Police initially treated the death as unexplained, but a post-mortem examination has reportedly confirmed he died of natural causes.

The 62-year-old musician has released a family statement, which said: "The family are touched by the messages of love and support. They do ask that the family's privacy be respected at this difficult time."

Oldfield had Dougal with his second wife Sally Cooper. He had an elder sister Molly, a younger brother Luke and four half-siblings.

Oldfield had two children with Norwegian singer Anita Hegerland and two sons with Fanny Vandekerckhove, a French horse breeder, who he married in 2003. They have since divorced.

Oldfield is best known for his 1973 instrumental hit Tubular Bells, which featured in horror film The Exorcist.

It was the first album to be released by Sir Richard Branson's Virgin label and its success helped contribute to that of the Virgin empire.

It remained in the British Top Thirty for almost five years and sold 16 million copies worldwide.

Bring back National Service, says Harry

"I dread to think where I'd be without the army," says Prince

Prince Harry has said National Service should be brought back while describing how 10 years in the army kept him out of trouble.

Speaking at the end of a week-long trip to New Zealand, Harry reflected on his time in the Armed Forces and suggested a new policy - days after his father's secret "black spider" letters to ministers were published that showed him encouraging the government to take particular stances on issues.

Bring back National Service - I've said that before," he said.

He added: "It does keep you out of trouble. Different people do it for different reasons.

"I did it because since I was a kid I enjoyed wearing the combats, I enjoyed running around with a rifle, jumping in a ditch and living in the rain, and stuff.

"But then when I grew up, it became more than that, it became an opportunity for me to escape the limelight.

"amazing things"

"I've had an epic ten years, I've had great fun. The army keep giving me great jobs, and I can never thank them enough for that."

He also spoke of the "amazing things" that the army had done for those around him, especially the 11 men who were under his command at Windsor.

"I dread to think where I'd be without the army," he said.

"But I put my hand up, as I said to the kids today, you can make bad choices, some severe, some not so severe.

"You can make bad choices in life, but it's how you recover from those and which path you end

up taking.

"And the army has done amazing things for me. And more importantly to me, what I've seen the Army do to other young guys.

"You know, I was a troop commander in Windsor for three and a half years, but I had 11 guys under my command.

"And some of those guys were - I mean naughty's not the word - they were on a different level. And their backgrounds and the issues they had.

charity work

And then over those three years to see the way that they changed is huge, absolutely huge."

"I would definitely encourage George, and Charlotte if she wants to as well, to have some sort of involvement in the Armed Forces guaranteed," he said.

"And I know that William and Catherine would probably echo that as well, depending on the situation for them in those years to come.

"It's done no harm, just good, for me, and I know it's the same for William. It's hard to say anything else on that, because as a parent, it's your choice.

"As an uncle, you know, I would say enjoy the role, because at first it's just pressure, pressure, pressure.

"And it's like any job - you've got to learn how to do it. And I think everyone seems to think that, when you grow up in this position it comes naturally."

Harry is now looking forward to spending several months in Africa where he plans to do charity work, although he remained guarded about his precise plans or



Harry on National Service: 'it does keep you out of trouble'

destination.

"Half of it is sort of up in the air. And I don't want people really knowing where I'm going, I think that's fair enough. But to put it to bed, it's not a gap year," he said.

"It will weirdly feel like that for me because, as I said, I feel more myself in Africa, so even if people write it I sort of laugh it off because for me, it's three months of hard grafting, up early mornings, late nights, working with animals, every single

animal you could possibly imagine.

"I've been wanting to do it for the past five years, and being in the Army I just never ever had the opportunity to do it.

"With my interests in conservation which I've had all the way through, and for William's as well, it's nice for me to be able to actually get the opportunity to work with people on the ground where the truth is.

"So to actually get the chance to go to Africa,

embed myself with the number one top vet in southern Africa, travel with him for three weeks and every job he gets called up to do, I follow him.

"That's like my dream. It's going to be amazing, whether it's darting a lion or going into a community to see how they are changing the way they are working, and for the local culture to accept that an elephant means more to them money-wise alive than shooting it."

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News From Britain

London cabbie guilty of Baghdad IED killings

■ Anis Abid Sardar joined insurgents in Iraqi capital shortly after US invasion, London court hears

A British bomb-maker has been found guilty of building improvised explosive devices to kill American soldiers in Iraq.

Anis Abid Sadar, 38, is facing a lengthy prison sentence for his part in the bloody Iraqi insurgency, in what is believed to be a legal first.

Sardar, from Wembley in northwest London, made the bombs as part of a "deadly" campaign to kill Americans fighting in the country.

The devices were planted in or around the road west out of Baghdad in 2007, Woolwich Crown Court heard.

One killed 24-year-old Sergeant First Class Randy Johnson, of 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment when it hit the armoured vehicle he was travelling in on 27 September 2007.

Sardar, a black cab driver, was caught some seven years later when officials at the FBI's Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Centre (TEDAC) found his fingerprints on some of the bombs.

'highly dangerous man'

A jury of seven women and five men took 11 hours and 16 minutes to convict him of murder and conspiracy to murder.

He was found guilty by a majority of 11-1 on the murder charge and unanimously on the conspiracy to murder count.

A count of conspiracy to cause an explosion was ordered to lie on file.

Sardar, who was due to be sentenced on Friday morning after press time, remained calm as the verdicts were read out.



Sgt First Class Randy Johnson, of 2nd Stryker cavalry regiment, who was killed when his armoured vehicle struck an IED, in September 2007.

Sue Hemming, head of Special Crime and Counter Terrorism at the Crown Prosecution Service, said: "Anis Sardar is a highly dangerous man who created bombs so large that not only did they tragically kill Sgt Randy Johnson, but they put other lives in danger and caused significant damage to heavily armoured US military vehicles.

"Although Anis Sardar's fingerprints were found only on two of the bombs, it is beyond doubt that he was part of a joint enterprise to make four such devices, and potentially many others, given their similarity and location.

"He knew precisely what he was doing and was working with murderous intent against coalition forces."

Sardar had originally denied being "directly or indirectly" involved in making bombs.

But on the second day of his trial Sardar admitted that fingerprints found on two out of four devices linked to the case were his.

Sardar, who denied all the charges, told the jury he had become involved

in the insurgency to protect his fellow Sunni Muslims from Shia militias.

He claimed the target was not American soldiers, and blamed instead "the likes of Dick Cheney, George Bush and Tony Blair" for their deaths.

bombmaking manual

The bomb that killed Sgt Johnson did not have Sardar's fingerprints, but all four devices had prints from his co-conspirator, Sajjad Adnan, who is not a British citizen.

Prosecutors said the pair had worked together and with others to build and plant the bombs.

Adnan was arrested after the bombings and handed over to Iraqi authorities. His whereabouts are not known.

Sardar was stopped at Heathrow on his way back to the UK from Syria and had his fingerprints taken two months after Sgt Johnson was killed.

Five years later, officers searching his home as part of a separate investigation found an Arab language bombmaking manual with references to Islam on a computer disc.



Anis Abid Sardar has become the first person to be convicted in a UK court for playing a role in the Iraqi insurgency. (Photograph: Metropolitan Police)



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The sad decline of Rhys Meyers

■ Actor sparks concern as he stumbles on London street while drinking vodka straight from a bottle

Troubled actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers has sparked concern after shocking images emerged this week showing him looking worse for wear as he drunk straight from a bottle of vodka on a London street.

The actor - who has publicly battled alcohol addiction in the past - appeared to stumble as he struggled to keep his eyes open, while carrying the bottle by his side.

The 37-year-old, well known for his roles in films from Bend It Like Beckham to Dracula, exposed his belly as he lifted a stained grey t-shirt up, before emerging from a shop with a blue carrier bag and a full bottle of vodka.

The unshaven star poured some of the spirit

into the bottle cap before downing it in the middle of the street on Friday.

He appeared unbalanced and had his trousers open as he walked past cameras, seemingly unaware.

rehab

According to the Sun on Sunday, Jonathan had initially been turned down in the shop when he tried to buy the alcohol, but the newspaper claims they changed their mind with him "eventually leaving with two bottles".

The star has battled alcohol problems for years, and had had a series of stints in rehab to try and battle the addiction.

From being banned from a flight at JFK after allegedly turning up drunk, to being arrested

at Dublin Airport in 2007 for drunkenness and even being rushed to hospital in an ambulance in 2011 after a suspected suicide attempt with pills, he's continuously fought the problem.

BVt in November 2013 the star opened up about his troubles, keen to put them behind him as he promoted his film Dracula.

'insanity'

"I was wild, I was as wild as you can get," he admitted at the time. "When you are on the front of newspapers for stupidity, getting drunk at airports, fighting with cops and stuff like that, you wake up the next day and you can hardly f***ing remember it. Responsibility gets diminished."

But he also revealed he



DECLINE AND FALL: Jonathan Rhys Meyers (left), looked in a sorry state as he was captured on a London street this week, in stark contrast to his role as Henry VIII in the Showtime series The Tudors (right) just eight years ago

battle the problem at the time.

"As you get older you see the stupid things you have done," he said. "It is not the consequences for yourself but your family get hurt, your friends get hurt."

"At some point you come to a place - and I was lucky because some of my friends have never

got to that place - where I saw it as something that was separate from me. It is kind of insanity to do it to that level. I was able to come to that realisation and I look for different things in life now.

"I had a good chat with my really close friends and I came to the end of whatever, going out, getting p***ed,

getting into trouble. It got really boring because I knew where I was going to go the whole time. I knew where I was going to end up.

"Now I don't do nothing. Once you make the decision you have had enough of something, the decision is made you have had enough..."

Gascoigne and Sadie Frost get big payouts from Mirror hacking case

Paul Gascoigne and Sadie Frost were among the big winners this week as the High Court in London handed out hefty damages against Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) for their role in the phone hacking scandal.

Thursday's £188,250 payout to the former England footballer was one of eight announced at London's High Court after a three-week hearing in March to determine the extent of the wrongdoing at the group and what level of compensation was appropriate.

Mr Justice Mann awarded £260,250 to actress and businesswoman Frost, and £155,000 to soap star Shane Richie.

He also awarded

£117,500 and £157,250 respectively to soap actresses Shobna Gulati and Lucy Taggart.

'painful experiences'

A statement from Gascoigne's lawyer Gerald Shamash said he was "delighted and relieved with today's result".

"Paul would have much preferred not to have come to court to relieve painful experiences, which he was prepared to do.

"He was frustrated that MGN chose not to cross-examine him so that he could explain in detail the awful impact the hacking of his phone has had upon him, his family and close friends, his health and general well-being."

In March, Gascoigne

told the court that hacking had contributed to his alcoholism.

'very distressing'

Leaving the court after learning he would not be questioned by MGN's lawyer, he said: "I would like to trade my mobile phone in for a coffin because these guys have ruined my life. I have no life."

A lawyer for Frost said the ruling offered closure after what had been "a very distressing and upsetting" time of her life.

TV producer Robert Ashworth, who was married to actress Tracy Shaw, received £201,250, and flight attendant Lauren Alcorn, who had a relationship with soccer star Rio Ferdinand, was awarded £72,500.



GAZZA ON THE MIRROR: "these guys have ruined my life. I have no life."



SADIE FROST: said the ruling offered 'closure'

News From Britain



Prosecco shortage: UK running out of its favourite fizz

CALIFORNIANS may think they have it tough with a severe drought and tough new watering restrictions on the way, but the British (or at least the middle classes) have really serious issues to confront - a shortage of prosecco.

The Italian tittle has recently become the nation's favorite bubbly, with 2015 sales exceeding that of champagne for the first time. In fact the country's thirst for the fizzy favorite has now exceeded that of its native country, with more prosecco drinkers in the UK than in Italy.

The Italian beverage, which hails mostly from the Veneto region was the big winner from the recent recession, which caused drinkers to abandon champagne in large numbers due to prosecco's lower price - not to mention the fact that it is easy drinking and quaffable.

Sadly though, prices are set to rise after growers suffered the worst harvest in half a century, with yields down by as much as 50 per cent in some parts, bringing the very real possibility of a global shortage.

But bad news for Italy could spell good news for Spain. Last year's harvest of Cava - the Spanish dry sparkling wine long considered an 'alternative alternative' to champagne - was robust, meaning sales this summer are expected to be....bubbly.

Hatton Garden: Eight charged over heist

■ Men were arrested on suspicion of multi-million-pound burglary from safety deposit box vault in capital's diamond district on Easter weekend

Eight men have been remanded in custody after appearing in court over the Hatton Garden jewellery raid.

The men, aged between 48 and 76, appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Thursday morning charged with conspiracy to burgle.

The contents of at least 56 safe deposit boxes were stolen from Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Box Ltd over the Easter weekend.

The men are due to appear at Southwark Crown Court on 4 June.

Prosecutor Edmund Hall said that while the total value of the goods stolen was not yet known, it ran "in excess of £10m" and 73 safe deposit boxes in total had been opened.

It was a packed court

room, illustrating the interest in the case, not least because of the age of the defendants.

Most had grey or white hair. Two of them had to have questions repeated to them because they were hard of hearing.

But all have been charged with involvement in the theft of what the prosecution said was around £10m worth of valuables.

Flying Squad apology

The charge states that together, between 1 April and 19 May, they conspired to enter as a trespasser a building, namely The Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Ltd at 88-90 Hatton Gardens EC1, with intent to steal.

Detectives from the Met's Flying Squad arrested the men on



DIAMOND GEEZERS: attention was focused on the age of the defendants at Westminster Magistrates' Court, which ranged from 48 to 74

Tuesday after a series of police raids in properties in London and Kent.

Two of the men charged are believed to be father and son.

Brian Reader, 76, and Paul Reader, 50, who is also known as Brian, were both arrested at an address in Dartford, Kent.

The Met's Flying Squad has also apologised after it emerged a security firm's call about an intruder alert at the premises

The men in court were:
 Terry Perkins, 67, of Heene Road, Enfield
 John Collins, 74, of Bletsoe Walk, Islington
 Daniel Jones, 58, of Park Avenue, Enfield
 Hugh Doyle, 48, of Riverside Gardens, Enfield
 William Lincoln, 59, of Bethnal Green, east London
 Brian Reader, 76, of Dartford Road, Dartford
 Paul Reader, 50, of Dartford Road, Dartford
 Carl Wood, 58, of Elderbeck Close, Cheshunt

shortly after midnight on Good Friday was deemed not to require a response.

In total 10 men have been arrested over the raid, including a 42-year-old man arrested

at an address in Essex on suspicion of conspiracy to burgle on Thursday.

Another man, who was arrested on Tuesday, has since been released on bail pending further inquiries.

75 years on: 'little ships' revisit Dunkirk

One of the most dramatic events of WWII has been commemorated by a flotilla of tiny vessels sailing from Ramsgate in Kent for Northern France to mark the 75th anniversary of the Dunkirk rescue.

The historic episode saw dozens of "little ships" press-ganged into action to rescue hundreds of thousands of troops who were stranded and facing death on the beaches of Northern France in 1940.

Allied forces were in disarray after being disastrously pushed back by the advancing German army.

The soldiers were trapped and isolated but as the German warplanes strafed the beaches the

'little ships' bravely entered the shallow waters after crossing the channel to carry out what was the largest military evacuation in history.

Sgt Edward Oates, 95, remembers the chaotic day back then when, as a 20-year-old, he was saved during the daring rescue as bombs fell on the beach.

"We kept trying to go out into the sea, it was a fairly shallow beach," he said.

"We kept trying to get on these little boats that kept coming in and out and half of them got sunk by too many people trying to get on them."

There are not many veterans still alive but a small number like Sgt Oates will make the



NOT FORGOTTEN: Hundreds of small vessels crossed the Channel between 26 May and 4 June 1940 to rescue hundreds of thousands of Allied troops

journey to Dunkirk to take part in what is an act of remembrance.

The boats making the voyage have all been lovingly restored. Some still have the scars of war - bullet holes sealed up and

made watertight but still visible on the hulls.

Spokesman for the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships, Jason Carley, says the bravery of the people involved is hard to imagine.

"In 1940 they had engines that weren't very reliable, they had no radios or navigation equipment and they were being bombed and they still managed to rescue 338,000 soldiers," he said.

Meet a Member: Jackie Mellor-Guin

MEET JACKIE MELLOR-GUIN from Rhos On Sea, North Wales. She moved to the USA 23 years ago and made the move from Dallas, Texas to LA 17 years ago to pursue her writing/acting career. (Crikey that went quick!)

Tell us a little bit about you?

I hail from North Wales, English by birth, Welsh by Nature. Avid cyclist. I write and produce



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children's shows for Theatre Britain, a non-profit theatre company based in Dallas. I am still the chair and write new plays and adaptations of fairy tales for our yearly pantomime. We have a great following in Dallas. You can learn more about them by visiting their website at www.theatre-britain.com. They are currently performing Old Time Music Hall, devised by Sue Birch, another Brit.

We also do other British plays during the year, but hire the most suitable actor. You do not have to be a Brit, just a good actor! I also help our local arts council here in my hometown, by putting on our pantos to raise money for other children/adult programmes.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I suppose the same as

everyone. We dream, we yearn, so you follow that dream. I sold my house in Dallas, threw the dog in the car, put my foot down, and here I landed.

What do you hope to achieve by living in Los Angeles?

I am blessed to have achieved so much already. I was lucky enough to be cast in a play within two weeks of being here with two well-known actors. Then came an international commercial. All the while I continued to be a full-time realtor while writing and acting. I got married, raised three stepchildren and dogs galore.

What one thing do you miss from home?

There isn't just one thing is there? But the one that pangs the heartstrings most is our humour. Spelt correctly of course!



WALES TO LA, VIA TEXAS: Jackie Mellor-Guin

What do you find the biggest difference is living here versus the UK?

I believe our hard work pays off here. There is no way I would have what I have here if I had stayed in the UK. The weather isn't bad either!

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

I don't think its hidden, but if you don't know about Newhall Refinery (owned by a fellow Brit) well worth the drive for their micro beers and shaved beef and chips (our chips).



SHE'S A FAN: Jackie loves the brews and gastro-cuisine at the Newhall Refinery in Santa Clarita

Where can people find you in the social media sphere?

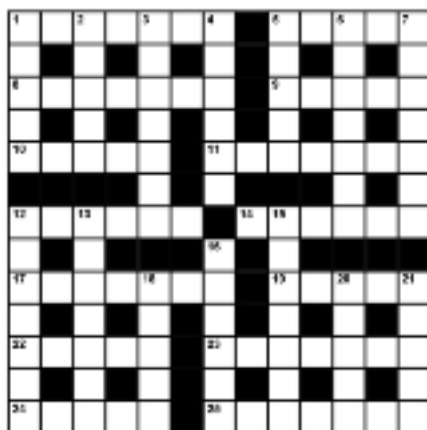
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- 12 Indian village (5)
- 14 Handy's partner (6)
- 17 A bit flushed (7)
- 19 Disgusted (3,2)
- 22 Bush, e.g. (5)
- 23 Arctic (7)
- 24 Vassal (5)
- 25 Give a false warning (3,4)

Crossword by Myles Mellor



Down

- 1 London apartments (5)
- 2 California roll, for example (5)
- 3 Unscupulous (7)
- 4 Withstand (6)
- 5 Apprehension (5)
- 6 Acon related (7)
- 7 Not plant or animal (7)
- 12 Protection from the sun on the beach (7)
- 13 Back (7)
- 15 Amiably (7)
- 16 Laxative (6)
- 18 Instill (5)
- 20 Because of (3,2)
- 21 Spirits' measurement (5)

Solution to Puzzle #164



The British Weekly Sudoku #165

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 Sudoku #164



Legal Notices



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3381

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 3381 through 3385, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers...

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that real property taxes and assessments on the parcels described below will have been defaulted five or more years, or in the case of nonresidential commercial property, property on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded...

The parcels listed will become subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell on July 1, 2015, at 12:01 a.m., by operation of law. The Tax Collector will record a power to sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or an installment plan of redemption is initiated...

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the power to sell, but it terminates at 5:00 p.m. on the last business day before the scheduled auction of the property by the Tax Collector.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made to Joseph Kelly, Treasurer and Tax Collector...

The amount to redeem, in dollars and cents, is set forth opposite its parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of June 30, 2015.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 30th day of April, 2015.

Signature of Joseph Kelly

JOSEPH KELLY, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block.

The real property that is the subject of this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows: PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2012 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

- List of parcel numbers and descriptions: 2129 \$39,498.63 BHPO22 LLC C/O KAMROUZ FARHADI SITUS:11861 SANTA MONICA BLVD...

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015088649. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Fermo, Fermo Investment Consulting Services, Fermo Advisors, Fermo Asset Management...

- 2144 \$85,190.44 1512 COMFORT LLC SITUS:1845 BENECIA AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90025-5011 AIN: 4319-009-023

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015088963. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TKO Enterprises; Taylor Kennedy, 4041 Arch Dr. #101, Studio City CA 91604...

- 2115 \$56,841.10 MESSNER, GARRET TR MESSNER PROPERTY TRUST SITUS:14 DRIFTWOOD ST NO 4 LOS ANGELES CA 90292-7805 AIN: 4225-006-080

Published: 05/02/15, 05/09/15, 05/16/15 and 05/23/15.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015088996. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Kovanska Style, 1714 N. Ivar Ave., Unit C, Hollywood CA 90028.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015091551. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: A Million Ways Media, 5832 W. 76th St., Los Angeles CA 90045.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015093746. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Playhaus, 1850 W. 254th St., Lomita CA 90717.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015096340. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ASW Properties, 761 E. Green Street, Ste. #8, Pasadena CA 91101/456 W. Front Street, Covina CA 91723.



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- 2245 \$2,640.45 AGER HOLDINGS INC AIN: 4443-003-028

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015096397. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Kiyomi Bank, 3861 Montrose Ave. #6, Los Angeles CA 90023/2540 County Hills Rd. #204, Brea CA 92821.

- 2261 \$9,370.62 SILHOUETTE DAWN LLC AIN: 4448-023-019

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015096427. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: El Camino Real 1975 Reunion Committee, 4312 Colfax Ave., #22, Studio City CA 91604/PO Box 55841, Sherman Oaks CA

- DR LOS ANGELES CA 90272-2915 AIN: 4443-018-009

91413. Eugenia Boyd, 4312 Colfax Ave., #22, Studio City CA 91604. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a.

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name: 2015096800. Current file: 2012061615. The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: S.L. Central Dental, 2421 Whittier Blvd., Ste. 204, Los Angeles CA 90023.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015098033. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Wind-Up Bird Coffee, 4950 Viola St., Los Angeles CA 90041.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015098175. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: McCarthy Physical Therapy, 11835 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 135E, Los Angeles CA 90064.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015099076. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 7 Eggs, 7 Lemons, 15324 Virgil Avenue, Bellflower CA 90706.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015099697. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Promotional Distributor.com, 2825E 17th Street, Long Beach CA 90804.

Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: Expect some good news this week in a matter of your feelings to another. This can be personal or business, but by week's end you will just feel relieved it's over. This week ends on a better note than for some time.

TAURUS: By the end of this month you will be able to see your way to having space in your life for new people or projects - or both. What is definite this coming week is that you must lay to rest any outstanding baggage.

GEMINI: Take a deep breath and understand that it's up to you how you want your life to be now. Your boss Mercury is travelling backwards so take time to smell the roses and spend quality time with people who are good for you and good to you. Happy Birthday!!

CANCER: Well! Now the anticlimax, what happens now after the whirlwind of last month? You have to face up to what is not finished and deal with it this week, otherwise it will pass you by.

LEO: If you look at what the current unresolved situation means to you then the faster you will change it. If you only knew what the other side of this was you would act and swiftly; a clue: it's good news.

VIRGO: This month expect turmoil in several areas, and not all outcomes will be positive. However, no action at all is worse. Stand back and review all options and then move through.

LIBRA: You are ready to clear away all the past dead wood which can mean many things to you - keeping healthy and fit being the most important. Take action to make this a priority for yourself.

SCORPIO: This is the time for you to make decisions regarding your home situation. Whether this be moving or repairs get moving in the most positive direction. The worst that can happen is you will clear out old baggage.

SAGITTARIUS: A problem in your work situation is just a storm in a teacup so lighten up, especially this weekend when you can relax with family or friends. Be sure you follow up on that problem bill that is still not complete until you receive the receipt!!

CAPRICORN: This week get rid of any stuff in your life (and this means all areas) and be ready for a fresh start as next month will bring some clearance for you in the financial area and also an opportunity to spend a little time on your own.

AQUARIUS: You have learned a lot of new ways to make life more peaceful the last few weeks, one being keeping yourself busy and occupied doing what makes you happy. Best to let go of trying to control what is not to be.

PISCES: This week will remind you of what was going on in your life late last year, perhaps a decision not made or a conversation completed to all those involved. Any sense you may have that life is not kind will be only temporary.

Jolly Good

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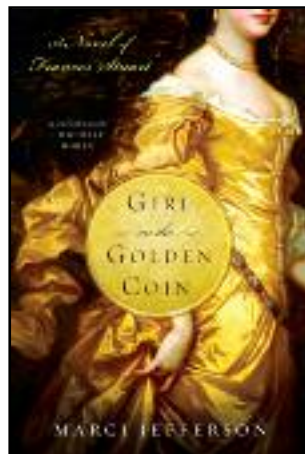
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The Girl on the Golden Coin: tender tale

■ Exclusive interview with author Marci Jefferson about Frances Stuart, a maid sent to seduce a king, who becomes the symbol of Britannia

Rating: ★★★



"I was on the top level of a red double-decker bus when somebody pointed out the Banqueting House and said Charles the First had been beheaded there," says *Girl on the Golden Coin* author Marci Jefferson.

"This surprised me. I thought kings had ordered all the beheadings. As a history lover, I decided I needed to read everything about the Stuarts that no one bothered to teach me in nursing school. Years

later, when I read *The Other Boleyn Girl*, the idea for *Girl on the Golden Coin* struck me."

In 1660, Charles Stuart is returned to the British throne following the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. Which is good news for our book's central character, Frances Stuart, who is related to the royal family and is picked by the Queen Mother to become the king's mistress in the hope of

lessening the influence of his current favorite, a Protestant. Frances and her family stay with the queen mother in France and their new influence means an end to their impoverished existence threadbare gowns. When Frances arrives at the English court she's dressed to impress. But she must walk a tightrope between palace intrigue and protecting her family. At Fontainebleau Palace, King Louis is intrigued by this Stuart girl and also seeks to make her his mistress. She refuses. So the French monarch sends her to London, demanding she seduce King Charles II, to help France form an alliance with England. She captivates King Charles II. But can she survive the Great Fire, the plague and the general debauchery of the

Restoration Court?

Jefferson's writing offers rich historical details. Frances' dilemma is choosing between duty, loyalty, family and love. Jefferson paints a picture of a woman who is intelligent, beautiful and compassionate. Frances' image was on gold coins, medals and statues in Britain for centuries.

"I learned about the Stuarts years ago on a trip to London," says Jefferson. "I researched the Restoration Period for years before I wrote a word. This provided my foundation, but more detailed research was required for each scene. At times I felt I couldn't write a single sentence without having to look up some fact or another. I read dozens of biographies, architectural guides, studied art from the

period, read journals and diaries, and of course recalled what it felt like being in certain locations from my trip to England. Fortunately, in this digital age, I was able to access a number of historical documents through a contact at the National Archives in Great Britain. In this way I was able to read wills and letters written by a number of characters in the novel."

"While researching Frances Stuart, I was gratified to learn she was not the feather brain many assume she was," says Jefferson. "Nor was her life story so simple. She wasn't just a pretty maid of honor at the Restored English Court, which was known throughout Europe for its debauchery. Her letters prove her to be intelligent, kind-hearted, and tolerant. I realized



Book Corner with Gabrielle Pantera

she embodied the spirit of the Restoration era, which, combined with her portrait as Britannia on the coins, made her a compelling subject for a historical novel."

Jefferson lives in the Midwest. She was born in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Girl on the Golden Coin: A Novel of Frances Stuart by Marci Jefferson. Trade Paperback, 336 pages, Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin; Reprint edition (February 24, 2015), Language: English, ISBN: 9781250060945 \$16.99



WHAT A TROOPER: Daniel Craig lands role in new Star Wars saga!

I'm told James Bond star Daniel Craig is heading for a galaxy far, far away as he takes a small part in Star Wars: The Force Awakens...

Oo-er!

It seems that Daniel is a huge fan of the iconic films and was keen for an anonymous small part in the upcoming J.J. Abrams' reboot.

The news was spilled by Craig's big-mouthed pal, Simon Pegg, who spends plenty of time whizzing around in spaceships in his own sci-fi franchise. Pegg plays the engineer Scottie in the latest Star Trek films (which of course, were



famously rebooted by Star Wars director JJ Abrams.

The actor was being asked if he had sneaked in for a secret role in his old director's new franchise and blabbed about Craig instead.

"I wasn't a Stormtrooper. Daniel Craig, he was a Stormtrooper," he blurted out, before desperately adding, "I shouldn't have said that."

Umm, bit late for that now Pegg!

Apparently, Craig filmed a scene as one of the Empire's fearsome white-armoured soldiers last September, but because they are suited and booted head to toe, it will be impossible to actually tell which one he is when the film comes out this December.

May the force be with you Mr. Bond!

Signs of trouble for Leilani!

Former model-turned fashion designer and real estate agent Leilani Dowding has already run into a few problems in her new found career.

Let me explain... Only last Sunday at one of the Brit beauty's open houses in Los Angeles, Leilani had TWO signs go missing from the street outside one of the properties she manages in the space of a few hours.

A fan on the hunt collecting Dowding memorabilia perhaps? It's possible...she was one of Britain's biggest Page 3 girls. Hmm, I wonder...

The ex-glamour girl told me, "It's all going so well, I now have my real estate license, I'm already on my third sale and have a huge property in escrow right now but on the downside someone keeps stealing my street-signs."



The Tough Love Miami star added, "The signs aren't cheap to produce either... I would rather they came to meet me at the open house I would be more than happy to give them a signed photograph. But

whoever you are please stop stealing my signs!"

Poor Leilani. Good luck with trying to catch the naughty buggers!

For information on Leilani's properties visit her on the web at: www.thedowdinggroup.com

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Say hello to Memorial Day and bon voyage to an old BiLA friend

This week has been one of those weeks where I got various reminders not to take things for granted.

The major thunderstorm and the 'chilly' 68 degree weather has certainly got me promising not to complain when we get our next heatwave. And although the Golden State has long been considered a paradise it seems it's finally dawning on Californians that running water is a luxury and the phrase 'on tap' may soon have different connotations! Word on the street is that we may not have it so easy in as little as 20 years time! Which makes it all the more shocking when I see sprinklers on during the rain or (even worse) when they are aimed incorrectly and end up just giving the sidewalks a good rinsing.

Sadly, I think it is time for us to start snitching - Los Angeles County has set up a Conservation Hotline where you can report your sightings of water wastage. Call (626) 614-2536.

Enjoy Memorial Day

With Memorial Day almost upon us it is a good time to reflect and remember those who died whilst serving in the armed forces, many fighting to protect our liberty - I've noticed that the majority of Angelenos are

sometimes less aware of what is going on politically in the rest of the world. I am not quite sure why this is, but I do wonder if it is due to us being on the West Coast, making us slightly disconnected, which enables us to dip in and out of 'real' news as and when we choose. It might explain the lack of worry lines - botox gets the credit but perhaps it is just less stressful here?

One of the best ways to celebrate living in a free society is to make sure to do something fun and liberating this weekend - the possibilities in this town are endless. BBQs are still the number one

choice for Bank Holidays, although outdoor movie screenings and beach days/pool parties are a close second. If you are looking for something a little different how about MAINOPOLY? This Sunday, May 24th, Main Street in Santa Monica will transform into a kind of Monopoly board. All the restaurants and bars are participating and currency is Mainopoly dollars plus Go to Jail beer gardens. This great event benefits Summer Soulstice and Heal the Bay. Visit MainopolySM.com for further details.

Lastly remember to enjoy those around us - I know it sounds a bit clichéd, but Los Angeles is such a transient city. In my 18 years here I have seen people come and go (then occasionally come back for another try) several times - but recently it seems that a lot of mainstays in the British community have packed their bags permanently for Blighty (more water for us!). At this week's Brits in LA Pub Quiz we bid farewell to LA veteran Michael



WINNING! The victorious team at our weekly pub quiz milk the moment

Legge - quizmasters Sandro and Emilie introduced an honorary round called "Good Bye Michael" - it turned into a really lovely sing-along and a fitting send off, a real 'knees up in the local'. It's moments like that which make me so proud of the community we have all built and I think Michael appreciated our singing efforts too!

Visit us on facebook.com/BritsinLA for info on all our upcoming events or

things to do over the long weekend. Lots of great giveaways coming up over the next few weeks, including tickets for Embrace / Starsailor, Russell Howard and the

comedy show One Man Breaking Bad, so don't miss out!

Cheers!
Eileen

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015102533. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Dream N Design, 1124 Huntington Dr. Apt. B, South Pasadena CA 91030.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015103252. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Pranatul, 854 19th St., Apt. A, Santa Monica CA 90403.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015103253. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Dr. Julianne, 22248 Palos Verdes Blvd., Torrance CA 90505.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015103954. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: GreenPlanetLED, Green Planet LED, 219 Saint Francis St. #18, San Gabriel CA 91776.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015104265. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 7 Limes; 7 Limones, 15324 Virgil Ave., Bellowell CA 90706.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015104339. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Who DDUK, 3183 Wishire Blvd., Ste. 196-K38, Los Angeles CA 90010.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015105740. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Sweet Shop Supplies, 9112 Cranford Ave., Arleta CA 91331.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015106501. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: J & M Furniture, 3725 Tweedy Blvd., Suite 100, South Gate CA 90280-6045.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015108129. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: The Courtyard Kitchen, 1211 Montana Avenue Unit C, Santa Monica CA 90403.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015108231. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Cash It Quick, 43535 Gadsden Ave. Suite F, Lancaster CA 93534.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015108259. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Cash It Quick, 18503 Victory Blvd., Reseda CA 91335.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015108767. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Vascular Access Services of CA; IPCC Services, 1551 S. Highland Ave., #G, Fullerton CA 92832.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015108844. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Grounded Kidswear, 7955 W. 1st St., #10, Los Angeles CA 90048.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015109039. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: The Ad & Web Creative, 9036 Duarte Rd., #8, San Gabriel CA 91775.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015109214. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: El Monte Auto Machine Shop, 9852 Alpaca St., South El Monte CA 91733.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015109463. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Flmgear NA, 11078 Fleetwood St., Sun Valley CA 91352.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015109524. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CES Solutions, 936 Huntington Drive, Unit D, San Marino CA 91108.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015109799. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Ric's Corner, 14157 Califa St., Sherman Oaks CA 91401.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015109949. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Cornerstone Property Management, 48 Tesla, Irvine CA 92618.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015110177. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Gehty Consultants, 10323 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 101, Los Angeles CA 90025.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015110363. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Event Joe's; Cleaning Supply Express, 3612 Arlington Ave., Los Angeles CA 90018.

of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.)

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015110404. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Ash Talent Agency, 5332 Veloz Avenue, Tazrana CA 91356.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015111452. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RYLT BRND, 4041 Arch Dr. #101, Studio City CA 91604.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015111545. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CC Productions, 832 N. Croft Avenue #202, Los Angeles CA 90069.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015111546. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Custom Ketchup, 8491 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 368, West Hollywood CA 90069.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015111547. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Plentree, 419 N. Larchmont Blvd. #46, Los Angeles CA 90004.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2015111573. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Business Interruption Services, 5810 W. Olympic Blvd., #204, Los Angeles CA 90036.

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Sunderland:

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whistle as Advocaat joined his joyous players on the pitch in front of their supporters, the veteran former Netherlands coach now a Wearside hero.

And, with survival guaranteed, Sunderland's fans turned up the heat on their Tyneside rivals as they chanted: "Are you watching Newcastle?"

The Magpies, who host West Ham, will fight it out with Hull City, who welcome Manchester United, to avoid relegation on Sunday's final day of the Premier League season.

Sunderland and

Advocaat must now decide whether to continue their successful relationship - but whatever happens he is assured of his place in Black Cats' folklore after taking them to safety. According to reports in the Daily Mirror the next morning, Advocaat has already been offered a lucrative three year deal to stay at the club on a permanent basis.

Former Chelsea defender Robert Huth, 30, is moving closer to a permanent move to Leicester City after Stoke City confirmed the signing of fellow defender Philipp Wollscheid, 26, on a three-year deal.

And former West Ham defender Slaven Bilic will leave Turkish side



Dutch Master: Dick Advocaat was emotional as Sunderland stayed up on Wednesday

Besiktas at the end of the season, increasing speculation that he may replace Sam Allardyce as manager at Upton Park. Big Sam was the target of several demonstrations by unhappy Hammers' fans following a poor finish to the season for the East

London Club. And finally...England Under-21 coach Gareth Southgate has reassured Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino that he will take good care of striker Harry Kane at this summer's Under-21s European Championship.

HOW THEY STAND						
	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
CHELSEA	37	25	9	3	70	84
MAN CITY	37	23	7	7	69	76
ARSENAL	37	21	9	7	67	72
MAN UTD	37	20	9	8	62	69
LIVERPOOL	37	18	8	11	62	62
TOTTENHAM	37	18	7	12	67	61
SOUTHAMPTON	37	18	5	14	54	60
SWANSEA	37	16	8	13	48	56
STOKE	37	14	9	14	42	51
EVERTON	37	12	11	14	49	47
WEST HAM	37	12	11	14	45	47
C.PALACE	37	12	9	16	46	45
WEST BROM	37	11	11	15	37	44
LEICESTER	37	10	8	19	41	38
SUNDERLAND	37	7	17	13	30	38
VILLA	37	10	8	19	31	38
NEWCASTLE	37	9	9	19	38	36
HULL	37	8	10	19	33	34
BURNLEY (H)	37	6	12	19	27	30
QPR (R)	37	8	6	23	48	30

Root and Stokes rescue England

CRICKET, FIRST TEST: Joe Root and Ben Stokes rescued England on an entertaining first day of the opening Test against New Zealand at Lord's on Thursday.

Coming together with England reeling on 30-4, they shared a fifth-wicket stand of 161.

But both missed out on hundreds - Stokes leaving Mark Craig to be bowled for 92 off only 94 balls and Root edging Matt Henry behind to fall for 98.

Jos Buttler fell to the last ball of the day for a patient 67 to leave England 354-7, with Moeen Ali unbeaten on 49.

England are keen to put their mediocre recent form behind them but the Kiwis have been on a tear recently and are expected to provide a very stern test this summer.

Skipper Alistair Cook will be delighted with his team's position of strength, coming in stark contrast to the disarray of the morning session, and it comes thanks to the class of Root and the counter-attacking brilliance of Christchurch-born Stokes.

Their alliance began with New Zealand making best use of their decision to bowl first on a green-tinged wicket with a ball moving in the air.

But Root - England's player of the year who has scored at least a half-century in each of his previous 10 Tests - busily changed the momentum before Stokes, promoted back to number six, dominated with some dazzling strokeplay.

Root, elevated to vice-captain, was strong square of the wicket, particularly on the off side, while left-hander Stokes began by scoring heavily through mid-wicket before playing all round the ground, including one hook for six.

They were parted when 23-year-old Stokes, who seemed certain for a second Test hundred, misjudged the improving off-spin of Craig and played no shot to a delivery that clipped off stump.

At 251-6, the day could still have been New Zealand's, but Moeen, dropped down the order to number eight, was happy to be as watchful as Buttler in a stand of 103.

Their serene late-evening progress was ended when Buttler was trapped lbw by Trent Boult, New Zealand ending the day with the success they enjoyed in the first session.

As Boult and new-ball

partner Tim Southee repeatedly found dangerous areas, England's top order crumbled to a combination of good bowling and loose batting.

Debutant opener Adam Lyth made only seven and was unlucky to get a beauty from Southee that held its line and was feathered behind.

Captain Alastair Cook aimed a hook at a Henry bouncer but could only get a top edge before Gary Ballance's poor footwork saw a Boult outswinger edged to third slip.

When Ian Bell was bowled by a near-unplayable delivery from Henry, England were in a remarkably similar position to their last Test innings, 28-4 in the defeat by West Indies in Barbados.

Since then, they have appointed a new cricket director in Andrew Strauss, sacked Peter Moores as coach and put Paul Farbrace in temporary charge.

It looked like the new era was beginning in the same way the old one ended. Some middle-order character, led by Root and Stokes, ensured that was not the case.

Barca in £50m Ramsay move?

FOOTBALL SHORTS: WITH LEAGUE titles wrapped up all over Europe the transfer gossip bandwagon continued to gather steam on the British back pages, with the Raheem Sterling saga dominating the headlines. But the Liverpool striker is not the only young star who may be on the move this summer. According to a report in The Sun, Barcelona are set to break their transfer embargo with a shock £50m-plus bid for 24-year-old Arsenal midfielder Aaron Ramsey.

At Old Trafford Luis Van Gaal is determined to spend to restore Manchester United's luster, with Bastian Schweinsteiger a likely target following his contract stand-off with Bayern Munich.

And Inter Milan believe they are closing in on a deal for Yaya Toure, although Manchester City have yet to receive an offer for the 32-year-old midfielder.

Also in Italy, champions Juventus are considering a £25m bid for Tottenham's 23-year-old forward Erik Lamela, which may be enough to tempt Daniel Levy to part with the winger, who has only rarely showed glimpses of his potential for Spurs.

Liverpool are willing to listen to offers for midfielder Lucas Leiva, 28, who has been linked with Inter Milan, because England international James Milner, 29, is on his way from Manchester City as a free agent, according to the Daily Mirror.

And Brazil defender Dani Alves, 32, is set to leave Barcelona at the end of the season after failing to agree a new contract with the Spanish club, with Manchester United keen to sign him.

Steve McClaren is set to be dismissed as Derby County manager and is expected to be replaced by Real Madrid coach Paul Clement, according to the Telegraph.

Wednesday's Results

Barclays Premier League
 ARSENAL (H).....0 SUNDERLAND (A).....0
 At: 59,887

Scottish Premiership Play-off Semi-final 1st leg
 RANGERS (H).....2 HIBERNIAN (A).....0
 Clark 44 At: 41,298
 Wiler 63

Monday's Results

Barclays Premier League
 WEST BROM (H).....3 CHELSEA (A).....0
 Berahino 9, 47 (pen) At: 24,760
 Brunt 60

Weekend Results

Barclays Premier League
 BURNLEY (H).....0 STOKE (A).....0
 At: 58,636

LIVERPOOL (H).....1 CRYSTAL PAL (H) 3
 Lallana 28 Punderson 43
 At: 44,673 Zaha 90
 Murray 90

QPR (A).....2 NEWCASTLE (H) 1
 Phillips 54 Ryvers 24
 For 61 At: 17,808

SOUTHAMPTON (H).....6 ASTON VILLA (H) 1
 Wane 13, 14, 16 Bernero 45
 Long 28, 38 At: 31,898
 Pele 81

SUNDERLAND (A).....0 LEICESTER (A).....0
 At: 48,705

TOTTENHAM (A).....2 HULL (A).....0
 Chadi 54 At: 35,867
 Rose 61

WEST HAM (H).....1 EVERTON (A).....2
 Downing 52 Osman 68
 At: 34,977 Luvula 90

MAN UTD (H).....1 ARSENAL (A).....1
 Ander Herrera 30 Blackett 82 (pg)
 At: 75,323

SWANSEA (H).....2 MAN CITY (A).....4
 Sigurdsson 45 Toure 21, 74
 Gomez 64 Milner 36
 At: 20,669 Bony 90

Sky Bet Championship Play-Offs Semi-Final Second Leg
 NORWICH (A).....3 IPSWICH (H).....1
 Hoadley 50 (pen) Smith 60
 Redmond 64 At: 26,994
 Jerome 76
 Norwich City win 4-2 on aggregate.

Vanarama Conference Play-off Final
 BRISTOL RWYS (H) 1 GRIMSBY (H).....1
 Harrison 29 John-Lewis 2
 At: 47,029
 AET - Score after 90 mins 2-1
 (Goal: Flowers win 5-3 on penalties.)

RYMAN ISTHMIAN—Prem Play-off Final: Histon 0 Margate 1.

Scottish Premiership
 DUNDEE (H).....1 ABERDEEN (H).....1
 Turkulic 43 Rooney 90
 At: 6,434

INVERNESS CT (H) 3 DUNDEE UTD (H) 0
 Mackinnon 55
 At: 3,508
 Hogg 83
 Warren 83

PARTICK (A).....1 NIMBARCK (H) 4
 Hibernian 87 Hemsil 25
 At: 4,608 O'Shaughnessy 37, 63
 Maguire 71

ROSS CNTY (A).....2 HAMILTON (H).....1
 Gardner 58 Tagliapietra 27
 Boyce 85 At: 3,881

ST MIRREN (H).....2 MOTHERWELL (H) 1
 Nelson 84 Sutton 75 (pen)
 Nelson 90 At: 3,912

	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Celtic	37	28	5	4	79	89
Aberdeen	37	23	6	8	57	75
Inverness CT	37	19	8	10	57	65
St Johnstone	37	15	9	13	34	54
Dunfermline	37	16	5	16	55	53
Dunfermline	37	11	12	14	45	45
Hibernian	37	14	8	15	49	50
Partick	37	12	9	16	44	45
Nimbarck	37	11	8	18	43	41
Ross County	37	11	8	18	44	41
Motherwell	37	10	5	22	38	35
St Mirren	37	9	3	25	30	30

Scottish Premiership Play-Off Quarter Final Second Leg
 RANGERS (A).....1 QUN OF STH (H).....1
 Rangers win 3-2 on aggregate.

Scottish Championship Play-Off Final Second Leg
 ALLOA (H).....3 FORFAR (A).....0
 Alloa Athletic win 4-3 on aggregate.

Scottish League One Play-Off Final Second Leg
 STENHOUSEMUR (H) 1 QUEEN'S PARK (H) 1
 Stenhousemuir win 2-2 on aggregate.

Scottish League Two Play-Off Final Second Leg
 MONTROSE (H).....3 BRORA (A).....1
 Montrose win 3-2 on aggregate.

Sterling hits a new low!

- Anfield exit looming as star's agent claims £900k A WEEK not enough to keep him
- Aidy Ward also blasts Reds legend Carra

RAHEEM STERLING now looks certain to leave Liverpool after the star's agent said this week said that 'not even £900,000 a week' would keep him at Anfield.

The startling claim from Aidy Ward will likely prompt both Manchester clubs to make big-money bids to secure the services of the young striker, with several top European clubs also monitoring developments.

The news confirms the growing acrimony between the player and the club, which culminated this week in Ward telling the London Evening Standard that he "didn't care" about the club or its image, dismissing criticism by former players as "irrelevant" and branding Liverpool legend and Sky Sports pundit Jamie Carragher "a knob".

20-year-old Sterling, one of English football's brightest young prospects, has already turned down a £100,000-a-week deal and was set to have a crunch meeting with manager Brendan

Rodgers and Liverpool chief executive Ian Ayre on Friday.

The protracted and bitter negotiations have reignited the debate about the effect of big money deals on young football players and former Liverpool stars and pundits have queued up to attack Sterling and his advisers.

But Ward was in defiant mood, saying: "I don't care about the PR of the club and the club situation. I don't care.

He is definitely not signing. He's not signing for £700, £800, £900 thousand a week. He is not signing.

"My job is to make sure I do the best with them (my clients). If people say I am bad at my job, or they are badly advised it does not matter."

Sterling's relationship with Liverpool has deteriorated since giving an unauthorized interview to the BBC in which he insisted he was not a "money-grabber".

Many have blamed his agent Aidy Ward for allegedly giving him

"terrible advice" over the handling of contract negotiations and for orchestrating the interview as leverage.

Sterling, who was booed as he collected the club's Young Player of the Year award this week, is rapidly falling out of favour with Liverpool fans, with one apparently kicking his car as he drove away from Liverpool's training ground on Wednesday.

Pundits and former players including Graeme Souness and Mark Lawrenson have criticised the striker and Ward, while Carragher told the England star to "keep your mouth shut" and "get on with playing football".

The former defender lambasted Sterling for demanding a move away from Liverpool, and said he needed to dump Ward.

But in an extraordinary attack on one of the club's most respected former players, Ward said: "Carragher is a knob. Everybody knows it. Any of the criticism from current pundits or



TURNING HIS BACK ON ANFIELD: relations between the star and the club have turned sour, and a big money move to one of Liverpool's rivals looks imminent

ex-Liverpool players - none of them things matter to me. It is not relevant."

But Ward added that Sterling would not move

to Real Madrid, Barcelona or Bayern Munich, and suggested Chelsea or Manchester City were the most likely destinations.

He added: "I am not

worried. Worried is making a decision not knowing what is going to happen. Every Premier League club will make a bid for him."



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Dick weeps as Black Cats stay up

Sunderland manager Dick Advocaat cried tears of joy Wednesday night as the Black Cats secured Premier League safety with a goalless draw at the Emirates that gave them the point they needed for survival.

Arsenal's own point from the goalless draw effectively means they will finish third behind champions Chelsea and Manchester City - but the celebrations all belonged

to the veteran Duch manager, who completed the recovery he has engineered since succeeding the sacked Gus Poyet.

On a night low on quality but high on the sort of tension these relegation struggles provide, Sunderland missed chances - with striker Steven Fletcher the main culprit - to avoid the desperate closing phase that saw them survive a series of

last-ditch penalty box scrambles.

Goalkeeper Costel Pantilimon was a heroic figure as he produced a series of fine saves and handled with complete assurance in what must have been an excruciating last few minutes for the thousands of Sunderland fans who had travelled to north London.

All the worries disappeared at the final

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7am Hull vs Man Utd
7am Chelsea vs Sunderland
7am Arsenal vs WBA
7am Everton vs Tottenham
7am Man City vs Southampton
7am Stoke vs Liverpool
7am Newcastle vs West Ham
7am Leicester vs Qpr

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