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UK migration hits new record high

“Current flows of people across Europe are on a scale we haven’t seen since the end of the Second World War,”

Net migration to Britain was an estimated 330,000 in the year to March - the highest number on record, official figures have revealed.

The net figure - the difference between the number of people entering and leaving - is 10,000 above the previous highest figure, recorded in June 2005.

It is an increase of more than a third compared to the same period last year.

Immigration Minister James Brokenshire said the figures, from the Office for National Statistics, were “deeply disappointing”.

They prompted UKIP leader Nigel Farage to declare in an interview with Sky News that Britain is now a “borderless country”.

It is the fifth consecutive quarterly rise in the index - raising new questions about the Conservatives’ aim to bring the number below 100,000.

The increase was driven by a record 269,000 EU citizens arriving in Britain.

Statistics also showed that Britain’s foreign-born population has surpassed

eight million for the first time.

The Government insisted it was acting to control immigration, and claimed the figures should act as a “wake up call for the EU” at a time of unprecedented numbers of people arriving into the bloc.

‘wake-up call’

Mr Brokenshire said: “These stark figures are deeply disappointing.”

“While these figures underline the challenges we need to meet to reduce net migration, they should also act as a further wake-up call for the EU.”

“Current flows of people across Europe are on a scale we haven’t seen since the end of the Second World War.”

“This is not sustainable and risks the future economic development of other EU member states.”

“It reinforces the need for further reform at an EU



BORDERLESS COUNTRY? Britain’s foreign-born population has surpassed eight million for the first time.

level as well as within the UK.”

Mr Brokenshire said the Government had cut student fraud, struck off almost 900 bogus colleges and made it tougher for migrants to access welfare and housing.

“But with nearly 100,000

non-EU students remaining in the UK at the end of their courses and British business still overly reliant on foreign workers in a number of sectors, there is much more to do,” he said.

Mr Farage went on the attack, saying the figures show the “total impotence”

of the Government.

He told Sky News: “If open borders are not part of the Cameron renegotiation then what’s the point of it?”

Mr Farage also suggested the true number of people arriving could in fact be higher than the

statistics suggest.

He added: “Given 192,000 from Romania and Bulgaria registered for National Insurance in the year period, how can we believe the ONS figure of 53,000 from the same two countries in the same year?”

News from Britain

Shoreham Airshow horror: 11 dead as vintage plane explodes on busy road

■ Inquiry demanded as retired cop claims he sent over 40 safety warnings to airport

ELEVEN people died and 16 more were injured on Saturday when a vintage Hawker Hunter T7 jet aircraft crashed onto vehicles on a trunk road during a display at the Shoreham Airshow on Saturday. Four people were hospitalised, with one, the pilot, in a critical condition.

The crash is the deadliest air show accident in Britain since the 1952 Farnborough air show crash, which killed 31 people. A Hawker Hunter aircraft in the country have been grounded in response to the accident.

highest standards

Pilot Chris Heames, who has also flown in the Hawker Hunter involved in the crash, said the aircraft was always maintained to the very highest standards.

"The last time I flew it was at the end of July and the aircraft behaved immaculately all day," he said, adding he did not

understand how the crash could have happened.

"The air show rules that we fly to are very stringent and they are specifically designed to protect the public," he said.

Four victims of the crash have been named by their families or those associated with them.

The pilot Andy Hill, a close friend and colleague of Mr Heames, remains in a "critical but stable" condition in the Royal Sussex Hospital in Brighton.

Mr. Hill, 51, was described by colleagues as experienced with over 12,000 flight hours and worked as a captain at British Airways. He had flown Harrier Jump Jets and worked as an instructor for the RAF before joining the airline.

The accident happened around 1pm local time, when the aircraft failed to complete an 'inside loop' aerobatic manoeuvre and crashed onto the A27 road just north of the airport, exploding upon

impact and hitting multiple cars.

And in the days following the crash a retired police officer accused Shoreham Airport of having "blood on their hands" after claiming to have sent 40 letters warning of disaster prior to the crash.

'blood on their hands'

David Searle, 69, claims he sent letter after letter to the airport warning that a fatal accident could occur if planes continue to perform stunts over nearby built-up areas.

The former cop, who lives within one mile of Shoreham Airport, added that he has even fled town during the show each year for the past decade because he was so concerned for his safety.

Mr Searle now believes the airport should face prosecution after the deaths.

He told The Sun: "The airport have blood on their hands after Saturday's tragic



VICTIMS: among the Shoreham Air Show dead were Matt Jones 24, Matt Grimstone, Jacob Schilt (both 23) and Maurice Abrahams, 76



VINTAGE: The Hawker Hunter involved in the crash "was maintained to the very highest standards," said a former pilot

incident.

"I've warned of the dangers and expressed my concerns about their gung-ho attitude to safety for years but they've shown a lack of consideration for those on the ground."

He added: "I've always known it was a very real possibility there would


be a fatal crash. Sadly, what happened last weekend does not surprise me."

A spokeswoman for Shoreham Airport said a new company took over its management in 2013, after the majority of Mr Searle's letters were sent.

She added that the airport has never failed




an annual audit by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and said it would be "inappropriate" to comment further.

A CAA spokesman insisted public safety is their "priority" and added that they carefully review hundreds of letters from the public each year.



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Drone kills top UK jihadist

A British man described as a "top cyber jihadist" has been killed in a military drone strike in Syria, US officials say.

They said Junaid Hussain, 21, a convicted computer hacker from Birmingham who fled to Syria in 2013, had been a "high-value target" within the Islamic State group.

The US called it a serious blow to IS.

Michael McCaul, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said his death sent an "unmistakable message".

"We need to maintain vigilance and good intelligence to stop future plotting, and ultimately we must destroy the group's terrorist sanctuary," Mr McCaul said.

Earlier, a UK government spokesman said: "We are aware of reports that an Isis terrorist of British nationality is believed to have been killed in a coalition air strike in Syria."

Hussain, a skilled computer hacker, was jailed for six months in 2012 for leaking former Prime Minister Tony Blair's private contacts online and making hoax calls to a counter-terror hotline.

In June, the Sun newspaper reported Hussain was also linked to an IS plot to detonate a bomb made with a pressure-cooker at an Armed Forces Day parade in London.

Hussain was married to former punk musician, Sally Jones, and was a known member of a computer hacking group called Team Poison.

The group has claimed responsibility for more than 1,400 offences where personal and private information has been illegally extracted from victims in the UK.

Chris Norman: British hero who helped stop French terrorist on train said 'OK, I'm probably going to die anyway so let's go'

■ Middle-aged IT consultant showed stiff upper lip as he helped US servicemen take down a suspected terrorist

A British man who helped foil a suspected terror attack on a train has been given France's top bravery honour.

IT consultant Chris Norman, 62, received the Legion d'honneur from French President Francois Hollande, alongside three Americans, in Paris.

The passengers overpowered an armed suspected radical Islamist on a high-speed train bound for Paris on Friday.

Mr Hollande said the men "gave a lesson in courage, in will, and thus in hope", during a ceremony at the Elysee Palace.

French authorities are questioning the suspect, Moroccan national Ayoub El-Khazzani, 25.

Mr Norman had told a press conference he decided to act because he thought he was "probably going to die anyway".

"I was facing towards the back and then a stood up to see what was happening. I saw a man

with what I think was an AK-47 or something like a machine gun.

"My first reaction was to sit down and hide. Then I heard one guy, an American, say, 'Go get him.'

"I heard another American say, 'Don't you do that, buddy.'

'rapid reasoning'

Mr Norman, who lives in the south of France, added: "It was rapid reasoning. He had a Kalashnikov, he had a magazine full and I didn't know how many magazines he had.

"My thought was: 'OK, I'm probably going to die anyway so let's go.'

"I'd rather die being active, trying to get him down, than simply sit in the corner and be shot," he said.

Speaking after the ceremony, Mr Norman, who lives in France, said: "I'm just amazed, and I really appreciate the honour I've been given,

this recognition of what we did.

'the power to resist'

"But I really don't know whether I deserve it."

Mr Hollande said Mr Norman, and Americans Spencer Stone, Alek Skarlatos, and Anthony Sadler, showed "that faced with terror, we have the power to resist".

He told the four men the entire world admired their courage and "spirit of solidarity", adding they "must be an example for all, and a source of inspiration".

At a press conference at the US Embassy in Paris on Sunday, Mr Stone said: "We ran down, tackled him and hit the ground.

"Alek tackled him and grabbed the gun out of his hand while I put him in a chokehold. It seemed like he kept on pulling more weapons - left and right.

"He pulled out a handgun. Alek took that. He took out a box cutter and was jabbing at me with that. We let go and all three of us started punching him while he



CHRIS NORMAN: I really don't know whether I deserve it."



COMRADES IN ARMS: Anthony Sadler, Alek Skarlatos and Chris Norman pose with bravery medals from the mayor of Arras

was in the middle of us.

"I was able to grab him again and choke him unconscious while Alek was hitting him in the head with the pistol or rifle."

A spokesman for

Number 10 said the prime minister had praised the "extraordinary courage" of the men, saying "the bravery of Mr Norman and the other passengers helped to prevent a terrible incident".



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News From Britain

Family of four among victims in Canada seaplane crash

A BRITISH family of four were among six people killed when a seaplane crashed during a sightseeing trip in Canada, the Foreign Office has said.

Fiona Hewitt, 52, her husband Richard, 50, and children Harry, 14 and Felicity, 17, died when their aircraft hit a mountainside last Sunday, the Quebec Coroner's Office said.

The family, from Milton Keynes, were reportedly on the last day of their sightseeing trip to part of Quebec when the small aircraft they were travelling in crashed into the side of a mountain.

The impact was so severe nobody could have survived, and pilot Romain Desrosiers and

French passenger Emilie Delaitre also died.

The FCO described the crash as a "tragic incident" and said it was in contact with the Canadian authorities.

'Remote' area

The seaplane had taken off from Tadoussac, on the north shore of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, located about 270km (167 miles) north east of Quebec City, on Sunday evening (local time).

An Air Saguenay official said the flight was supposed to last 20 minutes and flying conditions at the time were "excellent".

Investigators have been hindered by bad weather and the inaccessible terrain.

Ryan Hicks, a reporter with CBC, said the area where the plane went down was "very remote". Authorities had to parachute into the site, he added.

Jean-Marc Ledoux, from the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, said it would be some time before the cause of the crash was known.

"We're taking the time to conduct a thorough investigation, and because it was a smaller plane there was no flight data record, which will obviously make matters more difficult," he said.

'Tragic incident'

A Foreign Office spokeswoman said: "Our deepest sympathies are with their friends and

family at this difficult time. Our consular officers are ready to provide assistance and we will remain in contact with Canadian authorities regarding this tragic incident."

The schools attended by Felicity and her younger brother Harry paid tribute to the two schoolchildren and said pupils and staff are "devastated by this loss".

In a joint statement Aylesbury Grammar School and Aylesbury High School, both in Buckinghamshire, said: "It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the loss of the Hewitt family in the air crash.

"Harry Hewitt was moving into year 10 at Aylesbury Grammar

School and Felicity was due to start year 13 at Aylesbury High School. Both school communities are devastated by this loss.

"Harry was a quiet, humble and unassuming young man who excelled academically. He was a talented squash player and made a hugely positive contribution to the life of the school.

"He was due to start his GCSE courses in September and had a very bright future ahead of him.

"Felicity was a happy member of the school community. She had just completed her first year in the sixth form at Aylesbury High school and had just gained an excellent set of AS results.

"Her contribution to the wider school was valued by all who knew her. She had an infectious smile and was well liked and respected by all who came into contact with her.

"Both will be missed by everyone within the two schools and the wider community."

Headmaster of Aylesbury Grammar School Mark Sturgeon added: "We are all deeply saddened by this tragic news. To lose a young family in such circumstances is devastating for all who knew them.

"The two school communities are coming to terms with this terrible loss. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the Hewitts."

Brangelina eye London move

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are the latest Hollywood megastars looking to buy a home in London, according to reports in US Weekly.

Hollywood's power couple are pricing homes across the pond so the actress and humanitarian can acclimate herself to the politics of the European Union.

Brad, 51, and his stunning wife were said to have recently looked at a \$39 million residence in Westminster, according

to the magazine.

They're househunting in London, a source told the publication, explaining: 'Angie wants to immerse herself in E.U. politics.'

Although the manse they looked at in June must have been impressive at that price, the pair have yet to make a down payment, US Weekly claimed.

'It's a huge investment,' the source conceded.

The pair was said to

have begun their search as early as last year, and reportedly checked out a home in Marylebone.

Brad's pal George Clooney is already a British resident after shelling out £10 million for a riverside home in Oxfordshire for his bride Amal.

Brad and Angelina also own the \$60 million Chateau Miraval in the south of France, which provided the rustic, romantic setting for their 2014 wedding.

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POLITICAL ANIMAL: Angelina Jolie is looking to better acquaint herself with European Union politics as part of her work as a UN humanitarian ambassador

Beckham leads Manchester United Class of '92 mourners at funeral of Neville Neville

MANCHESTER United legend David Beckham was amongst the Class of '92 mourners who gathered to support their former teammates Gary and Phil Neville at their father's funeral this week.

United's former manager Sir Alex Ferguson also attended to pay his respects to Neville Neville at the service in Bury.

Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Nicky Butt were among the mourners along with former Premier League managers Sam Allardyce - who left West Ham over the summer - and Hull City's Steve Bruce.

A crowd gathered outside Bury Parish Church and broke into applause when the hearse arrived.

The football world was shocked when popular Mr Neville suffered a heart attack and died at the age of just 65 earlier this month.

His two devastated sons were among the pallbearers who carried the coffin followed by their tearful sister Tracey, the England netball head coach, who held the hand of her mother, Jill.

Watching on were Manchester United greats Denis Law and Bryan Robson and Manchester City legend Mike Summerbee

Players, management and staff from Bury FC

at the League One club.

He was a hero with Bury fans after leading the Save Our Shakers appeal which saved the club from bankruptcy and oblivion in 2002. His widow, Jill, is still the



BEREAVED: Philip Neville arrives at the church

arrived in a coach to pay tribute to Mr Neville who was a former commercial manager, director and ambassador

club secretary at Gigg Lane.

Joining current Bury boss David Flitcroft at the service were ex-Bury



MOURNING: Gary and Philip Neville were among the pallbearers, while former teammate David Beckham (inset) also attended the service in Bury this week

managers Sam Ellis, Stan Ternent and coach Wilf McGuinness, the former Manchester United manager.

Mr Neville died in hospital in Sydney, Australia, on August 7 after collapsing from a heart problem.

formative part

He was travelling with daughter Tracey for the Netball World Cup when he was taken seriously ill.

Mr Neville was said to have played a formative part in the early stages of his sons' careers and that of the other four famous members of the so-called Class of '92, who triumphed in the FA Youth Cup of that year and famously went on to win the 1999 Champions League trophy together. Among floral tributes was one in the shape of a football from Bury FC in the club's blue and white colours.



RESPECTS: Former United manager Sir Alex Ferguson

The message simply read: "From all at Bury Football Club".

A red and cream rose arrangement read: "In loving memory of a true gentleman and dear friend. Rest in peace Neville. Committee Members and Manchester United Supporters Club Malta".

Loveable Labrador still Britain's top dog...

THE Labrador retriever has topped a poll as the UK's favourite dog, receiving almost double the votes of second-placed German Shepherds.

The survey showed that the Labrador Retriever is the favourite breed across England, Ireland and Scotland, with only the Welsh preferring the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

A long-running and well-loved ad campaign for toilet paper brand Andrex featuring a cute Labrador puppy may have helped cement the place of the breed in the nation's heart.

"The Labrador Retriever has always been a firm family favourite, so it's not surprising it topped the poll," said Brock Abreu, manager for Frontline Spot On, flea

and tick protection which commissioned the survey.

Border Collies received the third most votes from the 2,000 dog-lovers surveyed, followed by Yorkshire Terriers and Boxers.

Brits are also barking mad for Cocker Spaniels, Golden Retrievers, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Bulldogs and West Highland White Terriers, which all made

the top 10.

The poll, which was coincides with International Dog Day today, showed that the nation is patriotic when it comes to choosing its canines - 80 per cent of the top 10 are British breeds.

Despite the old adage of a dog being a man's best friend, it seems that women are actually closer to their pooches, with 65

per cent of women seeking friendship in dogs compared to 54 per cent of men.

Unsurprisingly, men tend to prefer larger dogs than women, according to the research.

Loyalty, cuteness, cleanliness and discipline are the top qualities Brits look for in their dogs, with half preferring a dog that is quiet, the survey revealed.

TOP 10 BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE DOGS

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd
3. Border Collie
4. Yorkshire Terrier
5. Boxer
6. Cocker Spaniel
7. Golden Retriever
8. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
9. Bulldog
10. West Highland White Terrier

Expats' choice: the world's top spots to enjoy health, wealth and happiness

■ Global survey reveals Ecuador, Singapore and Mexico top the list for expat happiness

FOR many California-based Brits, living in the Golden State is as good as it gets – great weather, great lifestyle and a vibrant economy are among the many attractions of a region that continues to draw more than its fair share of emigrants.

But what about those other places in the world that draw Britons looking for a better life? Just how do they stack up against California? A new survey by InterNations, a networking group for expats with branches around the world, has answered those questions and more with the release of its annual survey. And the results may surprise you.

The organisation asked 14,400 expats in 195 countries a wide range of questions about their life and impressions of their adopted country. These countries came top in six key categories:

Top expat destination overall: ECUADOR

This small South American country topped the InterNations poll for the second year in a row.

Among the reasons for the popularity of the destination were the cheap cost of living (91 per cent of those surveyed were happy with this aspect), good weather and top-class yet affordable health care. Expats qualify for health care by paying a small monthly fee, while those looking for employment will find applying for a work visa much easier than in many Western countries.

The quality of life in Ecuador is another attractive factor – it came top in a section of the

survey asking expats about their personal happiness, and also scored well for leisure activity options, ease of settling in and feeling welcome.

The country that fared worst in the poll overall was Kuwait. Expats there do not think it's easy to settle and make friends, find few leisure options and feel their quality of life and happiness are low, according to the poll.

Top destination for quality of life: SINGAPORE

The south-east Asian city-state jumped six places from last year's InterNations poll to snatch the top spot in this category, which asked expats to rate their leisure, travel and transport options, together with their feelings about health, safety and happiness.

Nearly eight in 10 expats who live in Singapore are happy with their transport and travel opportunities, perhaps due to easy access to neighbouring Indonesia and Malaysia and an excellent local transport network. Expats there also felt very safe and were positive about the level of medical care.

Faring worst in this section was Nigeria. Expats there rated their travel opportunities and the transport infrastructure poorly,



SINGAPORE: the city state rated highest for quality of life thanks to its transport options, safety and medical care

and felt negative about personal safety and political stability too. They also complained about how expensive it is to live there.

Top for ease of settling in: MEXICO

This section of the poll asked people how welcome they feel in their adopted country, how friendly they find it, and whether they found it easy to make friends and communicate in the local language.

Mexico topped this category for the second year in a row with eight out of 10 saying they feel at home and seven in 10 saying it's easy to make local friends. Although half considered it hard to get by without any Spanish, more than six out of 10 expats in Mexico speak it at least fairly well. Worldwide, 48 per cent of expats said they speak the local language in their country at least fairly well.

Bottom overall for ease of settling in was Kuwait.

Top for working abroad: MALTA

For this part of the survey, expats were asked about their careers, job security and work-life balance.

Top-placed Malta displayed a high level of job satisfaction (seven in 10 expats are happy) career prospects (a 67 per

cent positive rating) work-life balance (67 per cent) and working hours (69 per cent).

Around 40 per cent of the expats in this former British colony who responded to the survey were British. Eight per cent of respondents overall are self-employed, with most of the others working in the IT, gaming, hospitality, retail and entertainment sectors.

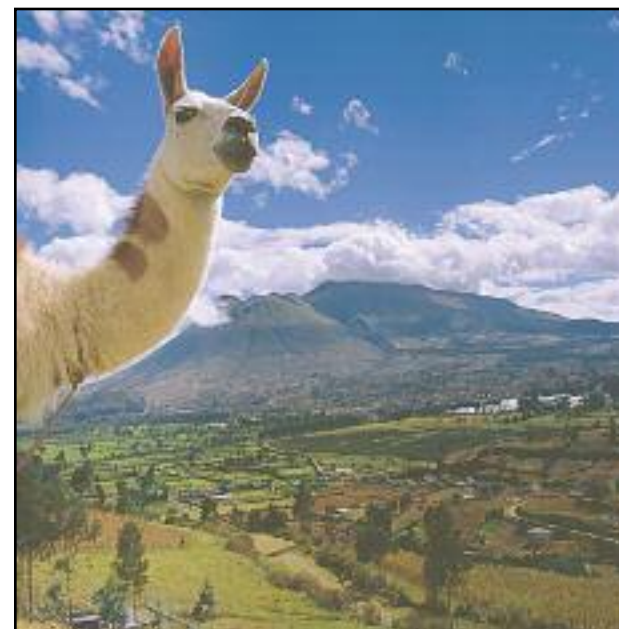
Bottom in the working abroad category – perhaps unsurprisingly given that it's in the throes of an international debt crises – was Greece.

Top for family life: AUSTRIA

Expats with children were invited to tell InterNations about standards of child care and education in their adopted country, as well as their family well-being.

Austria topped the poll, scoring well on childcare (74 per cent approval).

An impressive 92 per cent of expat parents rate Austria's quality of education favourably, compared with a global average of 65 per cent. And when it comes to family well-being, Austria attracted notably good results in the category of children's health and safety, leisure



WE'RE NUMBER ONE: the cheap cost of living, excellent weather and leisure options put Ecuador at the top for the second straight year

options for kids, and family life in general.

Bottom in this category overall was Saudi Arabia, which scored particularly badly for child care and education, leisure activities for kids and children's health and safety.

Top for personal finance: ECUADOR

In terms of satisfaction with one's personal financial situation, 80 per cent of expats in Ecuador said they were happy compared with only 65 per cent globally. Not one expat in Ecuador said they were completely dissatisfied. They reported a good level of disposable income and described

Ecuador as an affordable place to live.

The country is a popular retirement destination, and earlier this year it topped the International Living retirement index for the second year in a row. Bottom in the personal finance category was Greece.

DON'T GO THERE:

The world's bottom 10 for expat life:

- Kuwait
- Greece
- Nigeria
- Saudi Arabia
- Russia
- Kazakhstan
- Italy
- Brazil
- Mozambique
- India

Meet a Member: KT Silvester

Meet *KT (Katy) Silvester from Hampstead, London who moved to the USA nine years ago to pursue a different life... but still in a city that begins with L.*

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

It's a long Hollywood movie-type story but I ended up here on a wing, (well the plane I took actually had two) and a prayer. I actually embarked on a quest which involved a series of adventures that ultimately made me land in L.A. In fact the first time I landed here I felt like I'd 'come home' and knew that I'd found my Shangri-L.A. And wanted to live here come what may...and June, July and August.

What one thing do you miss from home?

One thing is hard to define because there are so many but, apart from my parents, I miss the rain or

at least the four seasons (not the hotel).

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

I think life is a lot easier here in many ways; it's set up for the consumer and it's easier to have a great lifestyle that doesn't cost anything close to what it would in London. I know jaws are going to drop when I say this but I'm not really a fan of the sunshine; I like variety, contrast and seasons! I describe L.A. as one permanent summer day with fragments of moments. I find that L.A. seems to have its own bullet-speed timezone as opposed to London where time seems to tick by at a steadier pace.

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

Apart from my living

room, when people tell me to take a hike, (this happens rather often), I go to my favorite trail that ends up with you having to climb a series of rather terrifying boulders but, when you make your way down to the bottom, you're greeted by the most wonderful waterfall inside an incredible grotto. It beats Santa's Grotto (or grotty) at the mall any day! It's called The Grotto Trail for any of you hikers out there.

What would you suggest to others who are thinking about making the move here?

I'd say have your ducks in a row with a solid plan; don't get suckered in by the blue skies sand palm trees because a holiday is very different to everyday life. My story is rather unique but is made up of 60% determination 20% luck and 20% risk but I would recommend that

anyone uses the '90% plan and 10% surprise' formula.

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

My life is pretty, pretty, pretty close to that of Larry David from *Curb Your Enthusiasm* but, as far as a theme song, I'd have to go with *Eastenders* because it's very drum-atic and perfectly apt for many of my doof-doof moments.

Lastly, how can we find out more about you?

I own two companies; both night and day (literally!) and completely unique. My first one is called **Under Raidar**: the world's first and only speakeasy bar and niche nightlife directory, featuring over 150 secret venues bars across the US and London. We also do private speakeasy events, parties, and rentals as well as L.A.'s only prohibition bar tour experience: prohibitedtours.com or visit www.underraidar.com

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KT SILVESTER: "Life is a lot easier here in many ways"
Photo: Lizzie Frankl

Lounge, Hollywood on the third Wednesday of each month. If you want to find easy, drink easy and speakeasy then check it out!

My other business is called **Arasys Inch Loss**. My Great Uncle, Gerry Pollock, one of the inventors of the pacemaker, also invented Arasys Inch Loss system which is the only machine that uses a 'faradic' wave (as found in the pacemaker) to naturally

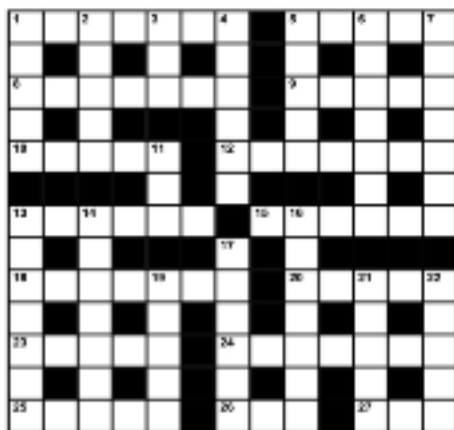
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The British Weekly Crossword #178

Across

- 1 Overactive toddler (7)
- 5 Goggles (5)
- 8 Witness (7)
- 9 Member of a tribe (5)
- 10 Chasm (5)
- 12 Dessert menu phrase (1,2,4)
- 13 Went up and down in the water (6)
- 15 String in a string quartet (6)
- 18 Rocket launcher (7)
- 20 Fuzzy food (5)
- 23 Shoot (5)
- 24 Bedchamber (7)
- 25 Combine with (3-2)
- 26 Flit (3)
- 27 A long period of time (3)

Crossword by Myles Mellor



Down

- 1 Huzzaballoo (3-2)
- 2 Just plain mean (5)
- 3 On behalf of (3)
- 4 Wiggle room (6)
- 5 Old photo (5)
- 6 Chinese appetizer (3,4)
- 7 Oil source (7)
- 11 Any car, affectionately (3)
- 13 Watch Junior (7)
- 14 More than just odd (7)
- 16 Legally seize (7)
- 17 Hodgepodge (6)
- 19 Piano kin (5)
- 21 Cell terminal (5)
- 22 Long necked bird (5)

Solution to Puzzle #177



The British Weekly Sudoku #178

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 #177



Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: Your financial situation could be getting a boost as early September arrives. Look for an opportunity to add to your bank account. This is also a good week for a gamble of sorts.

TAURUS: The sun in your cousin sign of Virgo will bring a situation that is unresolved in some

part of your life to a head. Therefore it's best to deal with this promptly rather than wait.

GEMINI: Time again for your boss Mercury to turn backwards to complete what has transpired in your life these past few months. You will be travelling (emotionally or otherwise) to a place where you can put things to rest.

CANCER: Movement is good for you and this week it's all around you and in the family also. Be strong and understand you are not weak if you admit to a change of mind. You will likely find September a calmer month.

LEO: Health issues (yours or another close to you) could hold you back from enjoying these last weeks of the summer. With this in mind deal with what has to be done and do not worry about the rest.

VIRGO: As this coming month is the start of your new year be sure you are ready and willing to get going on your particular plan for the new year. If lucky Jupiter visiting you currently has any thing to do with it, this will work well. Happy Birthday

LIBRA: With Venus your lovely boss traveling backwards you can expect unexpected visitors or unfinished past business to show up at your door or your work area. Be prepared to be surprised and enjoy every event happening now.

SCORPIO: You have been in search of the right health regime recently and you are determined to achieve a good outcome so do not let anything else take priority. You must not always take everybody else's problems on your own shoulders. It's time to let go of this tendency.

SAGITTARIUS: You could be feeling a bit moody or out of sorts due to Jupiter moving in your area of deep feelings. Know that what you reap is what you sow and this would be a good time to start thinking about what is not working well in your world currently.

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

AQUARIUS: A family member will likely ask for help these next few days. How you handle this situation will determine if they come back for more. It's your decision if you do or not. Just remember to make sure you are not a soft touch.

PISCES: Stop your habit of feeling sorry for yourself as this will not change any time soon and if you waste time nothing can get it back. Life is too short, you may as well have fun on the journey.



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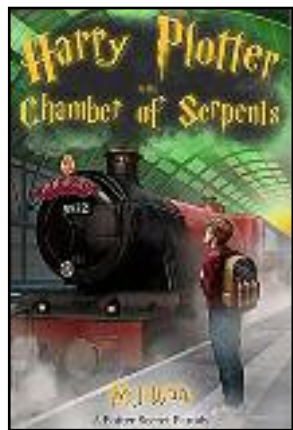
Potter Parody: wizard fun to be had...

Exclusive
interview with
MJ Ware and a
review of a
Harry Potter
parody

Rating: ★★★

"The book actually came about thanks to writer's block," says Harry Potter and The Chamber of Serpents author MJ Ware. "I found myself thinking about what it would be like for any student unlucky enough to sorted into Slytherin house. Would they really be destined to become evil? Were all the kids there actually evil? I began to feel that maybe those kids were getting a bad rap."

Serpents revisits scenes similar to those in Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. The names of characters are changed,



with Dumbledore as Dumblesnore, Snape as Smape and so forth. The idea of telling the Hogwarts story from the point of view of an out-of-place student is fun. As a parody though, Serpents isn't funny or clever enough. If you'd never read Harry Potter you probably wouldn't read it. Austin has no hero's journey of his own, what he does helps others. For those missing Harry Potter, Serpents provides a fun way to hear the story

from another viewpoint.

Austin Winter is a boy whose father has been transferred to the U.S. consulate in London. An owl flies into his room at the American Embassy with a letter saying he's been accepted at Hogwarts School of Magic and Mystery. His father is pleased to hear that his son has been accepted to any school, but Austin leaves out the detail that it is a magic school. At Hogwarts Austin is cast into the most despised of all the houses. As the only American at Hogwarts, Austin struggles to keep up and to find his place.

"I never intended to write a Harry Potter parody," says Ware. "I was working on a novel called Second Class Magic, about kids from underprivileged families who discover they possess magical gifts. But, I was having trouble getting going. So to get the

creative juices flowing, I put the main character, Austin, into Hogwarts. At some point I decided Austin would end up in Slytherin, and from then on the Parody sort of wrote itself."

While writing the book, Ware met with Harry Potter film director Chris Columbus. "His home office is decked out with HP memorabilia including a set-used broom," says Ware. "He was very gracious and signed my copies of the movies. I think it's because of this that I tried to honor the movies whenever they didn't conflict with the book, such as the colored linings for the house robes."

When Ware abandoned the book he was working on to write a Harry Potter parody instead, he found he had a lot of research to do. "I knew that people love Harry Potter so much

that any little thing I messed up would be pointed out," says Ware. "I wore out the binding on my hardback copy of Chamber of Secrets. There were times when say, I wanted Austin to meet up with Hermione, but he couldn't because she was off with Harry and Ron. So I had to substitute another character or change my timing to make things fit. On top of that, I had to work with lawyers to make sure I stayed within the bounds of fair use laws."

Ware says he spent a lot of time at Muggle.net cross-checking Harry Potter facts. As a self-published author, Ware uses independent editors.

"I admire the Harry Potter books so much I wanted to make this novel free," says Ware. The book is free under a Creative Commons license. The



**Book Corner with
Gabrielle Pantera**

audiobook version, to release in a couple weeks, will also be free.

Ware lives in Folsom, California, on the edge of the Sierra Mountains. He was born in Anaheim, California.

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Musings on Marmite, music...and cheese

FIRST OFF A BIG thank you to everyone who wrote in telling me where to buy Red Leicester cheese locally - it seems everywhere from Whole Foods to select Ralphs/Pavilions carry it. Ye Olde Kings Head in Santa Monica also have it

in stock along with many other British cheeses. So that is one less thing for Craig to bring back from the UK for me! I quite fancy trying the 'Cornish Pasty Scotch Egg' that Tesco's have just launched though (hint hint!). Did you know that

Marmite is the second most confiscated food item at London City Airport? Clever old Marmite cashed in on this recently published fact by issuing a 70g travel jar; which meets the official allowance standards for hand luggage. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the confiscated food items at the airport are not wasted, but given to a local food bank - perhaps Marmite should consider donating a jar every time a travel size is purchased... or maybe the food bank recipients are rather relieved? Which camp are you in Love It or Hate It?

Music to our ears

One of my favourite British imports which can't be packed into a suitcase has to be the music - there currently seems to be a great revival of old and a fantastic influx of new British bands playing in Los Angles this year - we have had visits from Spandau Ballet, Culture Club, The Rolling Stones, The Vamps and many more. If you are a music fan make sure to visit our Facebook page (which can also be found



Photo: Frank Le Sanford

IN THE MONEY: the Wear Black for Cilla team savor victory at The Pikey

via www.Britsin.LA) as we have partnered up with concert promotor Goldenvoice. The Who, Motorhead, Rita Ora, Public Image Ltd, The English Beat and Paul Weller, are just a few of the acts that Brits in LA members have won tickets to recently. Next time it

could be you... but you've got to be in it to win it! **Playing a Pikey blinder** Big congratulations to our Pub Quiz at the Pikey winners this week, who were topically named "Wear Black for Cilla". Our host Sandro Monetti awarded the runners-up

Disney prizes from his recent jaunt to D23 Disney Convention. Our next quiz is on September 8th - visit our website for all the info. We can even find a team for you if you are coming alone - it's a great way to meet new people. As is our weekly Brit Breakfast Club presented with Air New Zealand. If you are planning to join us over the next few weeks please make sure to check our website first, as there will be a venue change. Our usual home, Cecconi's is having a bit of a revamp and will not be open weekday mornings (still open for lunch and dinner though!), so make sure to check in with us before you head over.

Lastly a big shout-out to those of you who have been doing your bit for the drought - Mayor Garcetti announced this week that we are surpassing our targets and water usage is down by 21% for this time of year, so keep up the good work. That means you too, Tom Selleck!



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Hayley wants to play you-know-Who!

British star Hayley Atwell has contributed to the long-running debate over whether the Doctor in Doctor Who should be a woman by indicating that she would be keen to play the timelord.

In a Twitter Q&A session the actress, who currently appears as Peggy Carter in the Marvel series Agent Carter as well the Captain America films and Avengers: Age of Ultron, was asked by a fan whether she would like to appear in the BBC sci-fi series. "I'd like to BE Doctor Who," Atwell replied.

That will have many fans reaching for their sonic screwdriver!

While Doctor Who



showrunner Steven Moffat has been ambivalent about the prospect of a female Doctor both Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman recently called for a female Doctor at San Diego's Comic-Con festival last month.

Coleman said at Comic-Con, "I'm sure it will happen at some

point. I think it's just about casting the right actor."

'Doctor Who' author AL Kennedy has controversially remarked that she has absolutely no desire for the character to be played by a woman.

I quite agree, I love Hayley Attwell...but 'our' Doctor should never be played by a woman!

Facial fuzz: Simon says he'll soon have it off...

Just days after Ed Miliband's scruffy new look went viral, Simon Cowell has adopted his own face fuzz, which he debuted at the (UK) X Factor press launch earlier this week.

The talent show boss and usually clean-cut star showed off his whiskery new look as he arrived in baggy jeans and a white t-shirt, and smiled for the cameras...but then if anyone can get away with under-dressing it's good ol' Si'. I have to say he wears it pretty well!

While fellow judges Nick Grimshaw and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini looked like they'd pulled out all the stops with their smart outfits, Cowell wore baggy bootcut jeans and a loose white T-shirt. The fourth panellist, Rita Ora, is currently on a promotional tour in America and had to miss



the launch.

Speaking on stage at the launch event at the new Picturehouse Central Cinema, the music mogul claimed that he was growing a beard in a bid to 'go back to his roots' before admitting that he just couldn't be 'bothered to shave.'

Insisting that it wasn't an attempt to be 'down with the kids', Cowell described his new beard as a symbol of his 'sense of freedom.' He told press: "I actually got lazy while I was on holiday and I thought I'd keep it. I'm sure it will come off in about a week."

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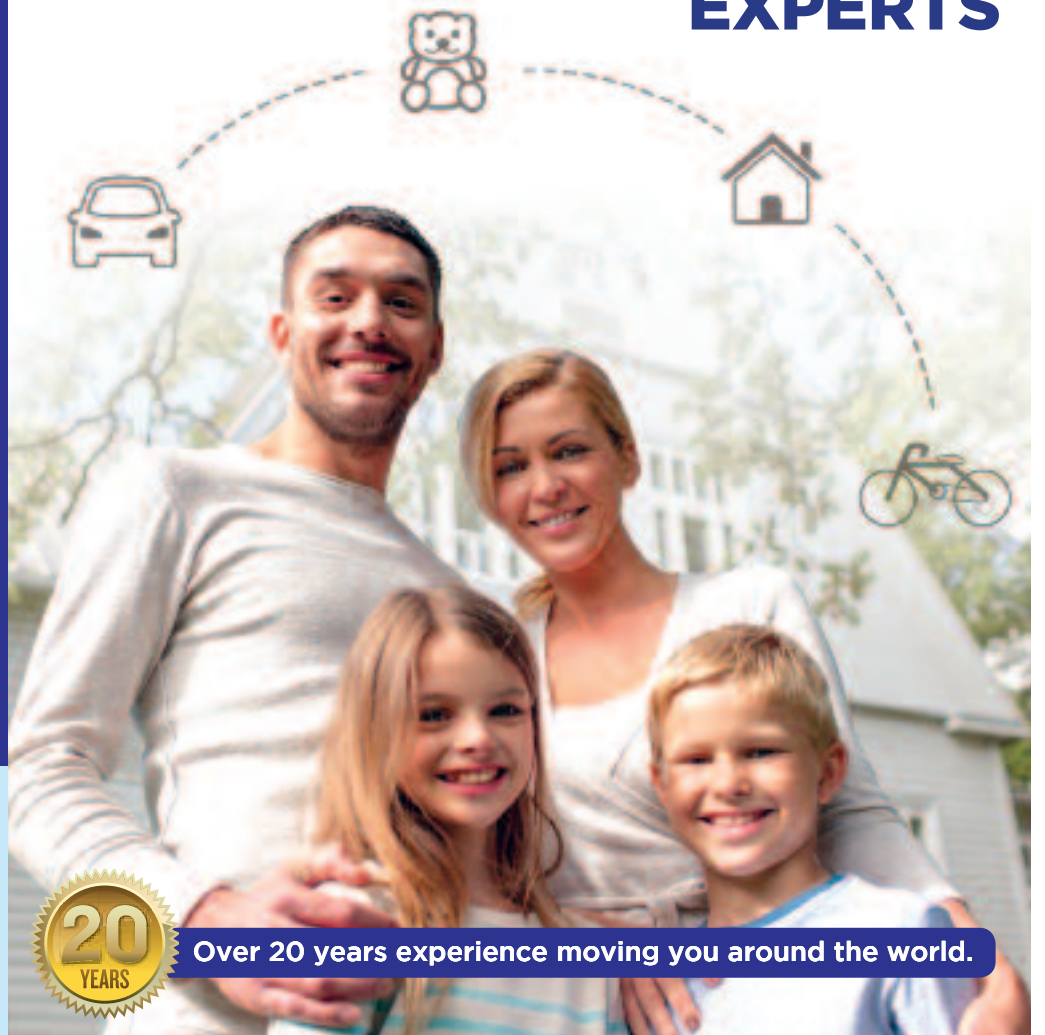


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GREG RUTHERFORD: World Championship gold in Beijing this week

British long jumper joins a very elite group

Long jumper Greg Rutherford joined a very exclusive club this week when he grabbed gold at the World Championships in Beijing to become only the fifth Britain to hold all four major titles simultaneously.

The 28-year-old's fourth-round leap of 8.41m saw him finish well clear of Australian Fabrice Lapierre's 8.24m and the 8.18m of China's Jianan Wang to add world gold to his Olympic, European and Commonwealth titles.

Only four other Britons - Daley Thompson, Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell and Jonathan Edwards - have ever held all four titles at the same time, but Rutherford deserves that illustrious company after another display of superb jumping under pressure.

No Briton had ever won any long jump medal at a World

Championships, but despite feeling so ill earlier in the day that he wondered if he could even compete Rutherford produced the second longest jump of his life as his rivals cracked under the final pressure.

"I'm a bit lost for words. What an incredible night. It's been unreal," Rutherford told reporters.

"It's unbelievable. This was my best ever performance. The stresses this year, I can't even express to you. I can't wait to get home and see my family."

Heptathlon gold

And there was more gold for another British veteran as Jessica Ennis-Hill produced a display of immense focus and fortitude to be crowned world heptathlon champion once again and complete a remarkable sporting return.

The 29-year-old Olympic champion only decided to compete in Beijing within the past month, having returned to training only last autumn after the birth of her son Reggie.

But she steadily built a near-unassailable lead over the first six events and then stormed through to win her 800m heat in two minutes 10.13 seconds to amass 6,669 points and leave Canada's Brienne Theisen-Eaton trailing 115 points down in silver.

Latvia's Laura Ikauniece-Admidina was 38 points further back in bronze.

The British one-two that had seemed a genuine possibility after the first day of competition disappeared when Katarina Johnson-Thompson dramatically fouled out of the long jump, the fifth event.

Johnson-Thompson

slogged through the final two events under duress but was in tears at the end, her hopes of a first senior global medal dashed by a combination of inexperience and inaccuracy.

Ennis-Hill was clearly stunned with her win and claimed that she would have been happy with third place.

"This is definitely one of the greatest moments of my career, I still can't believe it," she said. "Me and coach Toni (Minichiello) spoke about coming here, and we only wanted to come if I was able to compete for a medal.

"We spoke about the bronze medal and that it would be amazing for a silver medal, but we never spoke about gold. I kind of thought it was a little beyond me this year."

disappointment

But there was no joy for Christine Ohuruogu, who failed in her bid to win a third world title as she finished last in the women's 400m behind gold medallist Allyson Felix of the United States in Beijing.

It was Felix's ninth world title, just one behind Jamaican Usain Bolt's record of 10 gold medals at the Championships.

Felix, 29, dominated from start to finish to win in 49.26 seconds - the best time in the world this year.

Bahamian Shaunae Miller took silver with Jamaican Shericka Jackson third.

Defending champion Ohuruogu, 31, racing on the track she won Olympic gold seven years ago, faded on the home straight and finished in 50.63.

Felix, the Olympic 200-metre champion held a commanding lead by 150m and off the final bend she was clear of her nearest rival Miller, who ran a personal best.



HOPING TO REPEAT: The All Blacks beat France in the Rugby World Cup 2011 final, edging Les Bleus 8-7 in a dramatic encounter in Auckland

Rugby World Cup kicks off September 18th

■ All games available via live streaming

September 18th sees the kick-off of the Rugby World Cup in England and with a little bit of ingenuity fans can see all the games as the world's top teams compete for the Webb Ellis Trophy. The six-week long tournament runs through October 31st with the final to be held at Twickenham Stadium.

Ye Olde Kings Head in Santa Monica will be showing many of the games, although you should check with the pub (or see their ad on the back page of this paper) for their exact schedule. If you would rather not leave the comfort of your couch NBC Sports will be showing nine of the tournament's 48 matches, but for full coverage you can also opt for a complete package or a-la-carte pricing from UniversalSports.com, which offers rugby fans the ability to purchase and stream all 48 Rugby World Cup matches in HD on their WatchRWC2015 platform.

The WatchRWC2015 service will be available via the web on desktop and mobile devices from a single online destination, as

well as select connected TV, iOS and Android apps. The complete tournament package is priced at \$199.99 and individual matches at \$27.95 per game through an easy-to-navigate interface.

"Universal Sports Network will offer more access points to watch the Rugby World Cup in the United States than ever before," said Scott Brown, President of Universal Sports Network. "This new over-the-top product enables us to deliver one of the biggest sporting events in the world across multiple platforms allowing fans to follow every minute of the action from England."

The Rugby World Cup is one of the largest and most avidly watched sporting events in the world, drawing an estimated 3.9 billion cumulative global TV audience in 207 territories during the 2011 event in New Zealand. The 2015 tournament field consists of 20 different nations, including all the Six Nations teams, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, South Africa, Namibia, Uruguay, Argentina and the United States.

Arsenal handed trip to Spurs in Capital One Cup third-round draw

Arsenal will travel to Tottenham in the stand-out tie of a strong third-round draw for the Capital One Cup.

It will be the fourth time in 10 years the north

London rivals have met in the competition, with Arsenal victorious in a two-leg semi-final in 2007, Spurs gaining revenge at the same stage the following year with a 6-2 aggregate scoreline and Arsenal winning 4-1 after extra time in the third round in 2010-11.

The pair were drawn together moments after the draw offered up a second city derby which will pit the five-time champions Aston Villa against

Birmingham.

League Two Carlisle's reward for upsetting QPR 2-1 was a glamour trip to Anfield to take on Liverpool.

Manchester City will travel to Sunderland, who survived a scare to beat Exeter 6-3, while Manchester United host Ipswich and Chelsea go to Walsall.

There are two more all-Premier League ties as West Ham, entering the competition after their exertions in Europa League qualifying, travel to Leicester and Norwich host West Bromwich, who needed penalties to get past Port Vale.

Crystal Palace host nearby Championship side Charlton while Newcastle are at home to Sheffield Wednesday.

The remaining Premier League sides remaining in the competition were drawn away from home as Stoke will travel to Fulham, Swansea face Hull, and Watford's conquerors, Preston, get a visit from Bournemouth and Southampton go to MK Dons.

Everton will travel to Reading while the Championship sides Middlesbrough and

Wolves were drawn together.

Southampton failed to reach the Europa League group stage as they were beaten by Danish champions Midtjylland on Thursday.

A first-half goal from former Celtic striker Morten Rasmussen secured a 2-1 aggregate win - and with it a place in Friday's group stage draw.

The Saints saw an early Jose Fonte effort cleared off the line but were then punished by Rasmussen's angled shot following a Jay Rodriguez error.

Southampton rarely looked like getting an away goal to force extra time.

After finishing seventh in the Premier League last season, this was a disappointing end to Southampton's first entry into Europe since 2004.

Monday's results

Barclays Premier League
ARSENAL (H) 0 LIVERPOOL (A) 0
Att: 60,000

Tuesday's results

UEFA Champions Lge Play-off 2nd Leg
MALMO FF (I) 2 CELTIC (H) 0
Goals: 23
Boyan 55 (lg)
Att: 4-8

Capital One Cup 2nd rnd
ASTON VILLA (H) 3 NOTTS CO (A) 3
Goals: 24
Straker 51, 75 (pen), 95
Barnard 111
Att: 21,480

BIRMINGHAM (H) 2 GELLINGHAM (A) 0
Goals: 2
Thornhill 35, 72
Att: 5,275

BURTON ALB (H) 1 NIDOLESBORO (A) 2
Goals: 24 (lg)
Att: 3,424

BURY (H) 1 LEICESTER (A) 4
Goals: 49
Att: 4,914

CRYSTAL PAL (H) 4 SHREWSBURY (A) 1
Goals: 41 (pen)
Att: 10,978

DONCASTER (H) 1 IPSWICH (A) 4
Goals: 23
Att: 3,729

FULHAM (H) 3 SHEFF WED (A) 0
Goals: 57 (pen), 75
Att: 5,027

HARTLEPOOL (H) 0 BOURNEMOUTH (A) 4
Goals: 30
Att: 4,890

HULL (H) 1 ROCHEDALE (A) 0
Goals: 9
Att: 10,430

LUTON (H) 1 STONE (A) 1
Goals: 50
Att: 6,099

MK DONS (H) 2 CARDIFF (A) 1
Goals: 10
Att: 5,617

NEWCASTLE (H) 4 NORTHAMPTON (A) 1
Goals: 8, 30, 38, 88
Att: 9,923

PETERBORO (H) 1 CHARLTON (A) 4
Goals: 90
Att: 3,771

PORTSMOUTH (H) 1 READING (A) 2
Goals: 40
Att: 18,190

PRESTON (H) 1 WATFORD (A) 0
Goals: 8
Att: 8,250

QPR (H) 1 CARLISLE (A) 2
Goals: 40
Att: 5,501

ROTHAM (H) 1 NORWICH (A) 2
Goals: 80
Att: 5,848

SHEFF WED (H) 1 OXFORD UTD (A) 0
Goals: 55
Att: 11,799

Wednesday's results

UEFA Champions Lge Play-off 2nd Leg
CLB BRUGGE (H) 0 MAN UTD (A) 1
Goals: 20, 49
Att: 1-7

APOEL NICOSIA (H) 1 ASTANA (A) 0
Goals: 1-2
Att: 1-2

BAYER LEV (H) 3 LAZIO (A) 0
Goals: 3-1
Att: 3-1

CSKA MOSCOW (H) 3 SPORTING (A) 1
Goals: 4-3
Att: 4-3

P BELGRADE (H) 2 BATE (A) 1
Goals: 2-2
Att: 2-2

Capital One Cup 2nd rnd
BARNESLEY (H) 3 EVERTON (A) 0
Goals: 22
Att: 26,800

Scottish League Cup Second Round
AIRDRIEONANS (H) 0 RANGERS (A) 3
Goals: 5
Att: 7,006

HIBERNIAN (H) 1 STRANRAER (A) 0
Goals: 54 (lg)
Att: 5,224

SCOTLAND

Ladbrokes Scottish Premiership
ABERDEEN (H) 2 DUNDEE (A) 0
Goals: 68, 80 (pen)
Att: 13,621

DUNDEE UTD (H) 1 CELTIC (A) 3
Goals: 48 (pen)
Att: 18,857

HEARTS (H) 3 PARTICK (A) 0
Goals: 20
Att: 18,857

INVERNESS CT (H) 0 HAMILTON (A) 2
Goals: 18
Att: 3,003

KILMARNOCK (H) 0 ROSS CNTY (A) 4
Goals: 20
Att: 3,604

ST JOHNSTONE (H) 2 MOTHERWELL (A) 1
Goals: 62, 79
Att: 3,361

Hearts
Goals: 5
Att: 18,915

West Brom
Goals: 5
Att: 18,915

Ladbrokes Scottish Championship
DUMFRIES (H) 0 QH OF STN (H) 2
Goals: 68, 80 (pen)
Att: 13,621

LIVINGSTON (H) 1 FALKIRK (A) 2
Goals: 48 (pen)
Att: 18,857

RATH (H) 3 ALLAN (A) 0
Goals: 20
Att: 18,857

RANGERS (H) 1 HIBERNIAN (A) 0
Goals: 5
Att: 7,006

Stranraer
Goals: 54 (lg)
Att: 5,224

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge One
BRECHIN (H) 1 AIRTONIANS (A) 2
Goals: 68, 80 (pen)
Att: 13,621

COWDENBTH (H) 1 ALBION (A) 0
Goals: 48 (pen)
Att: 18,857

Forfar
Goals: 5
Att: 18,915

Weekend Football League

sky BET CHAMPIONSHIP
BOLTON (H) 1 NOTTAM FOR (A) 1
Goals: 90
Att: 10,342

BRIGHTON (H) 1 BLACKBURN (A) 0
Goals: 35
Att: 22,859

BURNLEY (H) 1 BRENTFORD (A) 0
Goals: 26
Att: 14,928

CARDIFF (H) 2 WOLVES (A) 0
Goals: 44
Att: 14,820

CHARLTON (H) 2 HULL (A) 1
Goals: 22
Att: 10,342

FULHAM (H) 1 HULLERS (A) 1
Goals: 60
Att: 10,342

LEEDS (H) 1 SHEFF WED (A) 1
Goals: 61
Att: 22,857

MIDDLESBRO (H) 0 BRISTOL C (A) 1
Goals: 9
Att: 22,298

PRESTON (H) 1 IPSWICH (A) 2
Goals: 37
Att: 10,310

QPR (H) 4 ROTHERHAM (A) 2
Goals: 42, 50
Att: 15,009

READING (H) 0 MK DONS (A) 0
Goals: 47
Att: 18,947

Ipswich
Goals: 4
Att: 10,310

Capital One Cup Third Round Draw

Middlesbrough v Wolves	Crystal Palace v Charlton
Norwich v WBA	Fulham v Stoke
Hull v Swansea	Sunderland v Man City
Leicester v West Ham	Newcastle v Sheff Wed
Aston Villa v Birmingham	Reading v Barnsley/Everton
Tottenham v Arsenal	Preston v Bournemouth
Man Utd v Ipswich	Walsall v Chelsea
Liverpool v Carlisle	MK Dons v Southampton

Weekend Premiership results

CRYSTAL PALACE (H) 2 ASTON VILLA (A) 1	
Dunn 71	Souare 77 (lg)
Sako 87	
LEICESTER (H) 1 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (A) 1	
Mahrez 62	Alli 81
	Att: 31,971
MANCHESTER UTD (H) 0 NEWCASTLE (A) 0	
	Att: 75,354
NORWICH (H) 1 STOKE (A) 1	
Martin 28	Drauf 11
	Att: 26,771
SUNDERLAND (H) 1 SWANSEA (A) 1	
Dafoe 62	Gomis 45
	Att: 39,198
WEST HAM (H) 3 BOURNEMOUTH (A) 4	
Noble 48 (pen)	Wilson 11, 28, 79 (pen)
Kouyate 53	Pugh 66
Malgo 82	Att: 34,977
EVERTON (H) 0 MANCHESTER CITY (A) 2	
	Kolarov 60, Nasri 88
	Att: 38,523
WATFORD (H) 0 SOUTHAMPTON (A) 0	
	Att: 20,166
WEST BROM (H) 2 CHELSEA (A) 3	
Morrison 35, 58	Pedro 20, Costa 30
Att: 23,256	Aplisuecta 42

Not for sale?

■ With transfer window closing, battle for Stones and Berahino goes to the wire

WITH JUST days to go before the transfer window closes, John Stones and Saido Berahino are dominating the British back pages as their respective clubs fight a desperate rearguard action to hold onto them.

Highly-rated central defender Stones has been the target of an escalating series of offers from Chelsea, who are believed to have upped their offer to \$30m for the Everton star, who has also had a transfer request rejected by the Merseyside club.

Meanwhile striker Berahino is the subject of a tug-of-war between two of football's toughest negotiators, West Brom's Jeremy Peace and Tottenham's Daniel Levy. The Midlands clubs have rejected offers of £18m and £22m for the player, and insist he will now not be sold during this transfer window because they have so little time to replace him.

The England Under-21 international was dropped last weekend, with boss Tony Pulis saying the player was not in the right frame of mind

to play.

Peace said: "I have informed Saido that he will not be transferred during this summer window and that he is staying."

The Burundi-born forward, who progressed through the youth ranks at West Brom, scored 20 goals last term.

And despite Peace's words, if West Brom can sign Charlie Austin from QPR a last-minute deal to let Berahino leave is still possible, say sources close to the club.

Apart from the dramatic swoop made by Chelsea to secure the services of Pedro from under Manchester United's nose, the biggest deals this summer seem to be the ones that have NOT gotten done.

Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has been repeatedly linked with a £40m move to Arsenal, while Sergio Ramos and Neymar were both linked with moves to Manchester United before signing lucrative new deals with Real Madrid and Barcelona, respectively. Juventus star Paul Pogba is allegedly about to be the

target of a last minute £50m bid from Chelsea, and Kevin DeBruyne is rumored to be the target of a similar bid from Manchester City to sign him from Wolfsburg.

Meanwhile Barcelona could beat Arsenal and Everton to the signing of Dynamo Kiev's Ukraine winger Andriy Yarmolenko, and Hammers boss Slaven Bilic is looking to sign Italy striker Simone Zaza, 24, on a season-long loan from Juventus.

Newly promoted Premier League side Watford have opened talks with French club Rennes over a £8m move for their 22-year-old midfielder Abdoulaye Doucoure, while Championship side Wolves have put a £14m price tag on England Under-21 striker Benik Afobe, 22, who is wanted by Norwich.

Everton have bid £5m for Tottenham's Argentina defender Federico Fazio, 28, while Turkish club Besiktas claim they have agreed to sign Spain goalkeeper Victor Valdes, 33, from Manchester United.

Tough dates for Arsenal and City

■ Champions League Draw: Gunners, City, Chelsea and United learn group opponents

ARSENAL will face Bayern Munich in the group stages of the Champions League while Manchester City take on finalists Juventus.

Manchester United return to the competition with a testing group - PSV, CSKA Moscow and Wolfsburg - and Jose Mourinho takes on

former club FC Porto.

After all the Group of Death talk, each Premier League side will be fairly confident of progression.

Arsenal's group looks the toughest on paper with Bayern, Olympiacos and Dinamo Zagreb.

While Chelsea's with Porto, Dynamo Kiev and Maccabi Tel-Aviv is probably the easiest.

City face Juventus - beaten by Barcelona in last year's final - Europa League winners Sevilla and German side Borussia Monchengladbach.

The first matches take place September 15-16 and the final is scheduled for May 28 at the San Siro, home of AC and Inter Milan.



WANTED MEN: John Stones (top) and Saido Berahino are the targets of big-money bids from Chelsea and Spurs, respectively



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