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UK IN CRISIS!

- Cameron on the way out; Boris won't run for top job
- Gove and May lead race of five Tory hopefuls
- Corbyn facing tough leadership battle; MPs want him out
- Spain and France snub Sturgeon's bid for Scotland to remain

IN THE most momentous week in recent British history, the UK has voted to leave the European Union, David Cameron has announced his resignation and the Labour Party has been locked in a titanic power struggle with Jeremy Corbyn refusing to quit despite the resignation of two-thirds of his Shadow Cabinet.

Last Friday's 52%-48% Brexit vote sparked enormous upheaval throughout the country, led by Cameron's decision to resign in the face of his failed campaign to persuade British voters to remain in the EU. His announcement, coupled with the Leave vote, sparked a huge drop in the pound against the dollar and a steep loss in the FTSE stock index, although stock prices have largely recovered this week.

Things looked equally bleak among the Opposition, where long-simmering concern about Corbyn's leadership in general and his unconvincing advocacy for the Remain campaign ignited into open revolt, first with the sacking of shadow

foreign secretary Hillary Benn after the MP informed Corbyn that he should step down. Benn's departure was followed by a series of resignations from the Shadow Cabinet.

strong bid

By Tuesday morning two thirds of Corbyn's colleagues had resigned, yet the party leader steadfastly refused to quit and has declared his intention to stay and fight for his position against a strong bid from popular MPs Angela Eagle and Tom Watson.

To make matters worse for Labour, the issue has highlighted the very real split between rank and file Labour members, the Unions and the parliamentary party, with the members and the unions still strongly

behind Corbyn.

If that were not enough, **Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon** immediately declared her intention of keeping Scotland – which voted overwhelmingly for the Remain campaign – in the EU, hinting at the need for a second referendum on independence if no other mechanism could be sought. But later in the week Sturgeon's hopes were dashed by the leaders of both France and Spain, who publicly refused to consider the idea of Scotland remaining in the EU separately from England.

campaign star

And over in Northern Ireland, which also voted heavily for Remain, the Sinn Fein leadership has claimed that the



CAMERON AND CORBYN: one is going, the other probably is too



TORY HOPEFULS: May, Gove and Fox head a five-person race for the top job

Brexit vote has made the need for a Ireland-wide vote referendum on reunification a necessity.

As one news cycle gave way to the next the British media struggled to keep up, but by the end of the week the focus was firmly on the race to be the next Prime Minister, with Leave campaign star and former London mayor Boris Johnson making a stunning announcement

that he would NOT seek the top job, leaving a five way race between Justice Secretary Michael Gove, Home Secretary Theresa May, Work and Pensions Secretary Stephen Crabb and two other popular Tory MPs, Andrea Leadsom and Liam Fox.

Mr Gove's announcement early on Thursday that he would challenge the leadership was unexpected, as

the justice secretary had been expected to throw his weight behind fellow leading Leave campaigner Mr Johnson for Conservative leader.

Explaining his decision, he said: "I have repeatedly said that I do not want to be prime minister. That has always been my view. But events since last Thursday have weighed heavily with me."

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Leadership battle begins as Corbyn refuses to quit

■ Labour leader defiant despite resignation of TWO THIRDS of his shadow cabinet following Brexit vote

Labour MPs are preparing to launch a bruising leadership contest that will aim to topple leader Jeremy Corbyn after he reacted to an overwhelming vote of no confidence by declaring he had no intention to resign.

Politicians want Angela Eagle, who has stepped down as shadow business secretary, or Tom Watson, Labour's deputy leader, to agree about which of them will trigger the challenge if their leader continues to hold on in the face of massive hostility.

MPs backing Eagle were on Tuesday night collecting names of colleagues who were prepared to nominate her in order to start a contest, but Watson supporters were calling for calm, insisting that Corbyn

could yet stand down. The Labour leader has so far held on despite a dramatic and destabilising coup attempt, started at the weekend, which has now seen two-thirds of his shadow cabinet step down, as well as 28 shadow ministers and 11 private parliamentary secretaries.

no confidence

More than three-quarters of Labour MPs – 172 – voted to show that they had no confidence in his leadership, while 40 voted for him. Corbyn responded by issuing a warning that he had the support of Labour members, and that he was going nowhere.

"I was democratically elected leader of our party for a new kind of politics by 60% of Labour members and supporters, and I will not betray them by resigning. Today's vote by MPs has no constitutional legitimacy," he said.

"We are a democratic party, with a clear constitution. Our people need Labour party members, trade unionists and MPs to unite behind my leadership at a critical time for our country."

His allies said the only way to take Corbyn on would be for another MP to collect the 51 nominations of MPs and MEPs needed to start a contest, warning that he would stand and that they

believed he would win. The standoff marks the start of a potentially bitter battle for the heart of the Labour party that will pitch MPs and local government leaders against pro-Corbyn members and trade unionists.

potential contenders

David Ward said John Smith, the previous leader for whom he was chief of staff, had told him that any leader would have to resign after a vote of no confidence. "You cannot survive," he said, arguing that it was the only mechanism in the party to force a leader out.

Corbyn's support among members is the reason that Labour MPs, desperate to oust him, want just one candidate to stand against him. People who were being talked about as potential contenders, including Dan Jarvis and Lisa Nandy, have now ruled themselves out of the contest.

Eagle and Watson are now seen as the only two realistic possibilities.

Sources suggested that while Eagle's team had been busily collecting names, Watson's preferred action was to hold tight and wait for Corbyn to step down voluntarily after experiencing the reality of running an opposition with such a thin frontbench.



Gove:

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"I respect and admire all the candidates running for the leadership. In particular, I wanted to help build a team behind Boris Johnson so that a politician who argued for leaving the European Union could lead us to a better future.

"But I have come, reluctantly, to the conclusion that Boris cannot provide the leadership or build the team for the task ahead."



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Race for Number 10: who's in the running?

Home Secretary Theresa May: The 59-year-old has overtaken Boris Johnson as the bookies' favourite to win the contest. She's held the Home Office brief since 2010, and is a former Tory party chairman.

She says she can offer the "strong leadership" and unity the UK needs, and promised a "positive vision" for the country's future. Remain backer.

Justice Secretary Michael Gove: The 48-year-old former newspaper columnist was a key figure in the party's modernisation that led to its return to power in 2010. He was a reforming, if controversial, education secretary between 2010 and 2014, and now holds the Ministry of Justice brief. He was a leading player in the Brexit campaign - which put a strain on his close friendship with David Cameron.

Work and Pensions Secretary Stephen Crabb: The 43-year-old was promoted to the cabinet in 2014 as Welsh secretary, and boosted his profile earlier this year when he took over as work and pensions secretary. A rising star of the Tory party he has promised to unite the party and country following the referendum result and provide stability. Backed Remain.

Energy minister Andrea Leadsom: The 53-year-old former banker and fund manager was one of the stars of the Leave campaign. Made a junior minister in the energy and climate change department in May last year.

Former cabinet minister Liam Fox: It's second time around for the 54-year-old ex-defence secretary and GP, who came a close third in the 2005 leadership contest. His cabinet career was cut short in 2011 when he resigned following a lobbying row. A Brexit campaigner.

Dead end for Sturgeon in EU remain bid

"Scotland does not have the competence to negotiate with the European Union" - Spanish prime minister Mariano Rajoy

NICOLA STURGEON'S hopes of keeping Scotland in the EU received a heavy blow this week as both France and Spain came out against the proposal.

Spanish premier Mariano Rajoy said of Sturgeon's plan that he "believes everyone is extremely against it" and that "if the UK leaves, Scotland leaves".

President Francois Hollande of France insisted the EU would make no advance deal with Scotland.

Sturgeon said Mr Rajoy's comments were not surprising.

'sympathetic'

The Scottish first minister has been in Brussels for a series of talks with senior EU officials, after pledging to protect Scotland's interests in Europe following last week's Brexit vote.

She said she had received a "sympathetic response" but stressed she did not underestimate the challenges.

Ms Sturgeon has raised the possibility of a second independence referendum but said all of the potential options

for keeping Scotland in the single market would be explored.

Any separate deal for continued Scottish membership before the UK completes its two-year withdrawal process would depend on unanimous support from EU member states.

'extremely against it'

But acting Spanish prime minister Mr Rajoy said after a summit of EU leaders in Brussels that he wanted to be "very clear Scotland does not have the competence to negotiate with the European Union".

He added: "Spain opposes any negotiation by anyone other than the government of United Kingdom.

"I am extremely against it, the treaties are extremely against it and I believe everyone is extremely against it. If the United Kingdom leaves... Scotland leaves."

Spain was a vocal opponent of Scottish independence ahead of the 2014 referendum, largely because of the situation in Catalonia where there is a strong independence



SNUBBED: Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is welcomed by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in Brussels on Wednesday

movement.

Meanwhile, Mr Hollande said: "The negotiations will be conducted with the United Kingdom, not with a part of the United Kingdom".

In other developments, David Cameron has told MPs that the best way to secure Scotland's place in the European single market was for the UK to negotiate the "closest possible relationship" with the EU.

Mr Cameron added: "Our membership of the European Union is a UK membership, and that is where we should take our negotiating stance".

The prime minister also said he raised Scotland

with the European Council and he was glad Ms Sturgeon was having meetings in Brussels.

US bank JP Morgan has said it now expects Scotland to vote for independence and introduce its own currency before Britain leaves the European Union in 2019.

JP Morgan economist Malcolm Barr said in a note to clients: "Our base case is that Scotland will vote for independence and institute a new currency at that point (2019)".

Ms Sturgeon met European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker in Brussels, but was told by European

Council president Donald Tusk that a meeting with him would not be appropriate at this time.

She also met EU Parliament president Martin Schulz, as well as Gianni Pitella, the leader of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, and former Belgian prime minister Guy Verhofstadt, who is now an MEP.

Mr Schulz said he had "listened carefully and learned a lot", while Mr Pitella said he was "sympathetic" to Scotland's situation but that it was an issue to be solved within the UK.



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Keanu Reeves sends Twitter into meltdown with Westminster visit

- MP tweets of star: "only he can save us now"
- Actor was spotted posing for selfies with Tories

Hollywood star Keanu Reeves caused a Twitter meltdown after he was pictured wandering around Parliament this week.

Reeves, 51, was spotted posing for selfies at Portcullis House on Tuesday – but no one seemed to know why he was there.

After a turbulent week in British politics, Reeves' visit to Westminster appeared to lift the public's spirits with some joking that the actor had arrived to "save us" after Brexit.

Twitter users called for Reeves to be 'put in charge' while another called for him to take over as Prime Minister following David Cameron's resignation.

Others couldn't resist cracking jokes about Brexit with one tweeting: "Keanu Reeves is in Parliament to film his upcoming movie 'The Matrixit'."

Ed Vaizey, Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy, also



joked: "#Brexit explained - it's the matrix."

One source claimed the actor was invited to Parliament as a guest of Conservative MP for Stratford-on-Avon, Nadhim Zahawi, although it is unclear what for.

Reeves is currently working on Bill & Ted 3, which is rumored to be set largely in London, so he could have been visiting the capital ahead of filming.

Conservative MP Mark Pritchard appeared to confirm this, tweeting: "Met Keanu Reeves today to discuss expanding film production in west midlands not just in London."

Fans have been awaiting a sequel in the cult franchise, and Reeves recently revealed that a script is in the making.

"We're closer and we're not closer," he told IGN. "We're



'SAVIOR': Keanu Reeves with Ed Vaizey Twitter/ Ed Vaizey



expecting another draft and hopefully we'll get closer."

The new film will follow on from 1989's Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure and 1991's

Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey which starred Logan alongside Alex Winter as Bill S. Preston, Esq.

Petition makes fun of Remain camp by calling for REMATCH of England vs Iceland game

A JOKE petition has called for the result of England's match against Iceland in Euro 2016 to be overturned.

The Three Lions were swallowed up by Iceland's minnows on Monday, seeing them lose 2-1 to the nation with a population the size of Enfield, sending them crashing out of the competition.

The humiliating defeat on Monday saw coach Roy Hodgson resigning nearly immediately, as England got ready to pack their bags for the disappointing journey home.

The petition was started after the launch of another one calling for a second EU

referendum.

It has so far been signed by nearly four million disappointed Remainers.

It is the most successful petition on the site to date, but Prime Minister David Cameron has ruled out a second referendum.

Football fans reacted with both horror and anger at the abysmal score after Monday's match

But the joke petition was started on the government's official site days before it - in a dig at the Remain camp.

The football motion was signed by more than 10,000 unhappy fans, but was soon rejected and removed from the site.

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Brexit's silver lining? cheaper pound makes London property a little more affordable

London Mayor Sadiq Khan this week criticized his predecessor Boris Johnson for his "embarrassing" failure to stop overseas investors buying London homes – but now the capital is set to become even more attractive to international buyers.

Mr Khan described prominent Leave campaigner Johnson's Concordat as "toothless". The agreement, which the then London Mayor made with 50 property developers, was designed to stop them advertising London homes abroad months before they went on the market in London.

But following Friday's referendum, property values in London's emerging prime areas are 20 per cent cheaper in US dollar terms, according to a report released this week by Douglas & Gordon, making them "increasingly attractive" and potentially undermining Mr Khan's own bid to reduce the number of London

properties being sold to overseas investors.

Britain's decision to opt for Brexit will create bargain opportunities for foreign property investors over the next three months in some of the most expensive areas of London such as Fulham, West Putney and Clapham, according to the report.

The value of sterling plummeted to its lowest level for 31 years this week before recovering to \$1.34 by week's end, but this still means houses in some of the most desirable parts of London are a fifth cheaper for anyone buying with US dollars.

"[Following Brexit] the Governor of the Bank of England has said that he will not hesitate to take additional measures required to avert a recession by keeping interest rates lower for longer," said James Evans, CEO of leading London real estate company Douglas & Gordon.

The Premiere's here...and it's AbFab, sweetie darling!



LADIES WHO LAUNCH? Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie premiered in London Wednesday night at a red carpet event in attended by stars including (from left) June Whitfield, Jennifer Saunders, Joanna Lumley, Julia Sawalha, Jane Horrocks and Kate Mos. The film, based on the 1990s TV show, features more than 60 cameos from celebrities.

"In this deflationary climate the yields on offer from residential property in certain parts of London will become increasingly attractive to investors."

And Andrew Monteath of D&G Asset Management

predicts that the "in/out circus" will spread to other countries in the EU making London prime property a "safe haven" for overseas money during financial volatility, even if the pound recovers to its pre-referendum levels.

Biggest diamond in century fails to sell

The largest diamond found for 100 years this week failed to meet its reserve price in a London auction.

Roughly the size of a tennis ball, the 1,109 carat *Lesedi la Rona* is

the second-largest gem-quality rough diamond ever discovered. It was unearthed in a Botswana mine in November. Bidding reached only \$61m (£45m), under the \$70m (£52m) reserve.

Police seek boy of 11 over sexual assault

Police are looking for a boy, thought to be just 11 years old, who sexually assaulted a woman at Stockport railway station on Friday. Detectives say the woman, who was

waiting for her friend to arrive at the station, was inappropriately touched by the boy, who laughed and spat at staff as he left the scene. A saliva sample was collected.

Britain 'open to business', says Osborne



OSBORNE: upbeat assessment after the vote

The pound had a tough week following the Brexit vote, slumping to a 31-year low against the dollar, despite Chancellor George Osborne insisting that Britain remains "open to business".

The value of sterling dropped as low as

\$1.2186 during the week, before recovering to \$1.34 by week's end. By contrast, the pound stood at \$1.41 the week before the Brexit vote.

low profile

The FTSE 100 also recovered during the week after the collapse on Friday following

Britain's decision to leave the European Union when £100 billion was wiped off within minutes before a partial recovery.

But banks continued to be hammered, with Barclays down 6.7 per cent, RBS falling 5.1 per cent and Lloyds slumping 4.4 per cent.

The Chancellor said the UK was "equipped" to deal with any challenge ahead.

Mr Osborne, who has kept a low profile since the vote, said: "It will not be plain sailing in the days ahead. But let me be clear - you should not underestimate our resolve.

"We were prepared for the unexpected and we are equipped for whatever happens.

"And we are determined that, unlike eight years ago, our financial system will help our country deal with any shocks and dampen them, not contribute to those shocks or make them worse."

Mr Osborne said he would address his future role for the Conservatives "in the coming days" as the party begins its search for a new leader following David Cameron's decision to resign.

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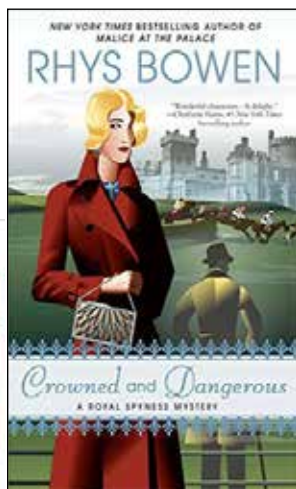


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The Daisy Dalrymple Mysteries, Books 1-20 Kindle Edition by Carola Dunn. File Size, 11545 KB, Publisher: Minotaur Books (July 12, 2016), Publication Date: July 12, 2016, Sold by: Macmillan, Language: English, ASIN: B01GNYVOHY

Crowned and Dangerous (A Royal Spyness Mystery) by Rhys Bowen



Lady Georgiana Rannoch is thirty-fifth in line for the British crown. Her life seems complicated. How will she make a living? Can she marry Darcy O'Mara, the man she loves, when he's a Roman Catholic? Georgie thinks Darcy is taking her on a trip to have some time alone. But, he has other plans. They're to elope. They plan to break the rules, to marry without the royal dispensation they need. Darcy will inherit an Irish title, but his father sold the castle to a wealthy American, who is now dead and Darcy's father is accused of murder and thrown in jail. Darcy and Georgie must prove his innocence, postponing their elopement.

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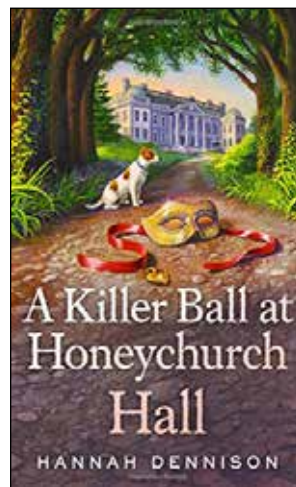
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A Kate Shackleton Mystery: A Woman Unknown (Book 4) by Frances Brody. Trade Paperback: 384 pages, Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin; Reprint edition (January 26, 2016), Language: English ISBN: 9781250087171 \$15.99.

A Killer Ball at Honeychurch Hall (Book 3) by Hannah Dennison

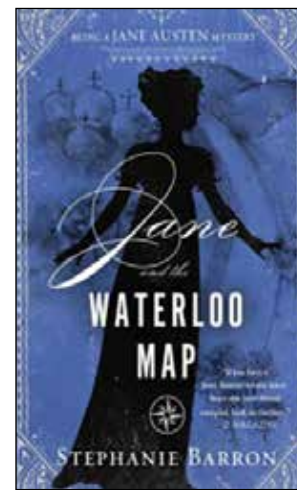


Antique dealer Kat Stanford is poking through the abandoned wing at the English country pile of Honeychurch Hall when she comes across the partially mummified body of a young woman. The former residents are suspect and Kat's mom

Iris knew the victim. The house has its own secrets,, with hidden rooms and possibly hidden treasure. Adding to the turmoil, Bryan Laney shows up to declare he's in love with Kat's mom Iris. She does not reciprocate. The characters are eccentric. That Kat's mom is bestselling romance author Krystalle Storm adds a touch of embarrassment for Kat that is fun to read. Kat is smart, but her taste in men is not.

A Killer Ball at Honeychurch Hall (Book 3) by Hannah Dennison. Hardcover: 304 pages, Publisher: Minotaur Books (May 3, 2016), Language: English ISBN: 9781250065506 \$24.99

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Gabrielle Pantera**

"Waterloo Map". Jane hunts for his killer...and a treasure.

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Meet a Member: Mary Cruz

Meet Mary Cruz from West London who moved to LA two years ago to pursue acting.

is also massive, I have been in commercials for Acer, Budweiser, Tecate and NarcAnon.

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

I would say mostly the weather and vibe. London is obviously slightly colder than LA and also I find that Londoners aren't as inviting as Americans. People here are really friendly and will just casually make conversation when you do not even know them! The energy is just completely different.

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

Franklin and Co on Franklin Avenue do the best Whiskey Cake desert, it is literally the best desert I have ever had, make sure you check it out. Also, for entertainment, I love Cheetahs Hollywood, there are

great performers and also a very cool, hipster energy there.

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

I would say come prepared knowing what you want to achieve. People tend to get lost here and forget what they actually came for, which is a shame, and time goes quickly so make sure you make it count.

Lots of our members join our group Brits in LA seeking out words of wisdom - what is the best piece of advice you've been given?

Preparation and determination is key. Yes, we all love the idea of glamour and partying but remember why you came here. I meet so many people that just lost sight of their goals, that is one of my fears, regretting not doing enough to fulfil my goals. Make every day count, make sure you do something significant to get you closer to your goal.



MARY CRUZ: misses her Mum's cooking

Lastly, how can we find out more about you? Are you working on anything at the moment?

I just recently wrapped two movies with Marcello Thedford and Trina McGee (known for *Boy Meets World*) they will be out this

summer. I'm also set to star in another two in the fall which I am really excited about. Everything is up on my social media and website, so please stay in touch.

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The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #222

Across

- Seafood (6)
- Sticker (6)
- Joni Mitchell: "Big Yellow ___" (4)
- Guy Fawkes night features (8)
- Pals (7)
- Slow as a ___ (5)
- Normal (5)
- Dairy product (7)
- Satellite of a planet (4)
- Hold title to (3)
- Magnetic extreme (4)
- Souvenir item (1-5)
- Put out (6)

Down

- Statistical fodder (4)
- "The ___ strikes back" (6)
- Indefinite person (7)
- "___ of a Woman" movie (5)
- Director's cry (6)
- Above-average (8)
- Answer (8)
- Governing body (7)
- Mame on Broadway (6)
- Optimistic expectations (5)
- Haley's chronicle (5)
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The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor & Susan Flanagan #222

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 #221

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Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: At last your boss Mars is moving forward after months of inertia. If your life recently is not all it could be., look at the positive: as we move into the beginning of the month Mars will bring you plenty to be happy with.

TAURUS: If your life has been a mess in some areas it is more than likely a past situation that has brought things up. The next week are a good time frame to resolve outstanding issues, and it this will be for your highest good come mid-July.

GEMINI: Take time out, maybe with a trusted friend and figure out what direction you need to follow in your personal life for the best long term outcome. Some of your life needs more order but overall you are in a good place.

CANCER: Just when you thought all was in the past it can up and bite you when you least expect. Not only that, the bite might come from someone you didn't expect...but this too shall pass, so stay positive and enjoy your Happy Birthday.

LEO: You may be involved in a family drama that has you tearing around in anger or hurt. Stop! Look at what problems are causing you to feel unhappy then decide to carry on or let go. In the end you are the one who has to take the bull by the horns.

VIRGO: Because everything in life is a lesson you may need teacher who can guide you through this period. Look at someone who has your respect and has been in difficult situations and ask for advice.

LIBRA: Your boss planet Venus is moving into Leo soon. This will brighten life up and will help you get ready for later in the year. You will feel this energy as soon as next week just enjoy the downtime and plan a great holiday weekend.

SCORPIO: Jupiter in the sign of Virgo will bring all sorts of unfinished things to your attention and even a recent disappointment can turn around in a positive and uplifting way. Even better Mars your boss is finally moving in a positive way. It's time to enjoy life in the moment, not stressing about what probably will never happen.

SAGITTARIUS: Just watch that temper if things don't always go the way you planned; life is like that and you need to remember that. You may not be doing what you planned, however you are in the right place as Mars will give you a boost this week ahead.

CAPRICORN: This could be the month that all your hopes come to fruition BUT it is entirely up to you how you make it work. Patience should be your keyword currently and going forward into the summer months life will be calmer.

AQUARIUS: You always get back what you put out so just be careful you don't say too much to another that can upset you and your plans. Keep your life stress-free this week and see the seeds of what you planted earlier in the year grow.

PISCES: This past week has been strange for some of you sensitive souls. You may be concerned about your situation in life not going forward and being held up in some way. Know this: everything happens for a reason and it will always work out for good in the end.

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Brits on the outs..

Of course, I cannot start off out this week's newsletter without first mentioning two massive epic exits this week.

The shocking upset was Brexit (a public vote deciding whether or not Britain should remain in the EU). We all know the vote swung in the favour of the LEAVE campaign in the final few days. Now this is pure democracy and I believe it's very fair to let the public vote on the big issues, like who the leader of the country should be, etc... But the day after "What is the EU?" was the most popular phrase searched on Google by Britons, reminding me that, this is also the country that voted to name a navy vessel "Boaty McBoat Face" (later to be named The Richard Attenborough). A country that makes Mr. Blobby and Bob the Builder Christmas number ones. Why? Because we can and we are very well aware that we like to rock the boat (pun intended) and we have a wicked sense of humour.

Old farts

I guess what baffles me most is why on earth would you allow the British public to vote on something that some are clearly not versed or educated on. Let's face it, politics can be hard to understand at the best of times.

Live TV of the House of Lords or the House

of Commons shows us a bunch of old farts behaving like naughty public school boys (the female of the species for the most part tend to come across more serious and sensible) heckling, calling of names, laughing at each other, they can be disrespectful, sleeping on the job or on their mobile phones (yes we see it all). My point is by no means is politics a walk in the park, especially when it comes to understanding the legalities and what's at stake. So the fact that Cameron even promised a referendum in the first places is utterly baffling on its own accord. One

thing it has been proven is that most of Britain is divided and Scotland, Northern Ireland and London, (places that voted overwhelmingly to stay) aren't very happy about this decision. Now don't get me wrong, there seemed to be some pros and cons on both sides of the vote and it was a really difficult decision and one I know I didn't make or take lightly.

Hope for healing...

I have to say now we are living in interesting times my Breeps and only time will tell whether it was the right or wrong thing to do. My only hope is that Britain heals swiftly and quickly and whatever the effects will be remain to be seen. But on a good for some note the GBP is at the lowest for 31 years and having just arrived in London, it finally feels like I can afford to have fun in London, spending my USD that is!

Oh, and before I forget, the second major exit this week was England booted out of the Euros, defeated by Iceland (who for the most part have remained totally under the radar) and mirroring Cameron's move after BREXIT, the English



HAPPY JULY 4TH: no matter where you stand on Brexit...

manager Roy Hodgson followed suit and quit too!!! IMHO this quitting business when your team/ party loses doesn't set a very good example to our future generations. Should we just NOT try then? It seems to be the way. No wonder there is so much fear in the world if failure in trying to reach for your dreams is met with such great disappointment.

Summer bodies

Finally screenwriter and Brits in LA member Lisa Marks was in town this past week, where we were lucky enough to have a read

through of her latest script "Jeannie Miller". Casting director and actress Victoria Hoffman assembled a fantastic ensemble of actors to read the roles which took place at Ridley Scott's company RSA films. And I bit the bullet this month and joined uber gym Equinox as I'm determined (at age 42) to finally get a summer six pack. So I've been hard it at almost everyday prepping for the body I have always imagined. If you are interested in joining they have a great special on right now where they give you \$100 for joining and to

be transparent they also give me \$100 if you join too. So it's a #winwin. For details email beaujones@equinoxgym.com and tell him Craig Young sent you.

There are so many great things happening this week including Brits Brekkie sponsored by Air New Zealand at Cecconi's in West Hollywood this Tuesday then later that same evening CNN's Sandro Monetti (Brexit expert) will be hosting our pub quiz at the Pikey.

Have a great fortnight!

Craig

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“Swiddleston” push a ploy to land Bond role?

Ok Tom, we get the point... You so badly want to be James Bond!

I've been saying it to anyone who'll listen since the first pictures of "Swiddleston" - um, that's short for Swift and Hiddleston - surfaced in the press. This is just a PR ploy put together by the geeky British actor's people to help secure the role of Bond!

As someone who understands the power of PR, I instantly recognize it when the machine goes into overdrive.

So when I look at pictures of Tom Hiddleston and his new girlfriend Taylor Swift making their latest rounds in Rome - kissing and holding hands at

the Coliseum in front of paparazzi - excuse me if don't scream: 'oo-er'!

And if you haven't already seen them, check out the recent pics of skinny beanpole Tom, posing in his boxers with nowhere to hide his, um, Beretta.

So ridic'! Even American talk show host Wendy Williams slammed our Tommy as "an opportunist" on her show Monday, adding, "I'd never heard of this guy before - so how do you drum up votes [to become Bond]?"

Hiddleston was spotted with Bond franchise producer Barbara

Broccoli in May. And while others rumored to be under consideration to take over for Daniel Craig include Idris Elba and Damian Lewis, outgoing Bond director Sam Mendes recently said, "Barbara Broccoli chooses who's going to be the next Bond: end of story."

I recognize a media campaign when I see one because in the past I have been a part of many campaigns just like this.

I call it playing the "fame-game"... It can also be described as playing with fire.

Tom Hiddleston take note, be careful you don't wind up shooting yourself in the foot!



Could Daniel Radcliffe return as Potter in 'The Cursed Child'?

It's been a couple of weeks since the new Harry Potter play 'The Cursed Child' started previews and we're still just about a month away from opening night, which means we're all wondering...when's the movie coming?!

The good news is British actor Daniel Radcliffe isn't ruling out a return as everyone's favorite English wizard should the new play ever become a film.

Oo-er! The young star, who rose to fame as a child playing JK Rowling's iconic wand waver, has since

gone on to carve a career playing varying roles from beat poet Allen Ginsberg in 'Kill Your Darlings' to, most recently, a farting corpse in 'Swiss Army Man'.

Radcliffe's next flick sees him take on the role of a magician in 'Now See You Me: The Second Act,' but he has not completely shut the door on Hogwarts.

"It would depend on the script," Radcliffe told *Radio Times* recently when asked if he could be tempted to take the role as an adult Potter.

"The circumstances would have to be pretty extraordinary. But then I

am sure Harrison Ford said that with Han Solo and look what happened there! So I am saying 'No' for now but leaving room to backtrack in the future."

'The Cursed Child' opened for previews in London earlier this month, but Radcliffe is unlikely to attend. "It would be a weird one. I could be completely wrong in this but I feel like if I went to see it, there's going to be a lot of Harry Potter fans there and would that then become a thing?" he told *E! News*. "I would never want to do anything that would distract or take away from the show."

Co-written by Rowling, 'The Cursed Child' is the first new Harry Potter story in nine years. Little is known about the plot, bar that the story is set 19 years after characters of Harry, Ron and Hemione waved goodbye to Hogwarts. Harry's son Albus takes the starring role, left "struggling with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted" while learning with his father that "sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places".

Touts are currently pushing resale ticket at prices up to \$3,700, with the sold-out play running until next May.

'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' officially opens at the Palace Theatre London on 30 July, with the script hitting stores in book form the following day.

Good luck getting a ticket to see it...!



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Zlatan nears United switch

Zlatan Ibrahimovic was expected to complete his long-anticipated move to Manchester United by this weekend.

The Swedish striker, 34, is a free agent after leaving Paris St-Germain and is expected to sign a one-year deal with the Old Trafford club.

He will become the second signing for United boss Jose Mourinho, who replaced Louis van Gaal as manager in May.

Ivory Coast defender Eric Bailly, 22, has already completed a £30m move to United from Spanish side Villarreal.

United have also made an improved offer for Henrikh Mkhitaryan, 27, and are now waiting for his German club, Borussia Dortmund, to make a decision on the Armenian playmaker's



IBRAHIMOVIC: 13 titles in 15 seasons

future.

Ibrahimovic removed the final barrier to his switch to the Premier League when he said he did not wish to be considered for Olympic duty at the 2016 Games in Rio following Sweden's exit from Euro 2016.

It will be his first spell in England after winning titles in four countries.

Although the Swede repeatedly refused to

confirm his plans during the Euros, Old Trafford was widely assumed to be the next destination in a career that has seen him win league championships in 13 of the last 15 seasons.

Ibrahimovic was top scorer in France's Ligue 1 last term with 38 goals but did not score as Sweden went out of Euro 2016 at the group stage.

We're on another level, says Bale

Gareth Bale says Wales have lifted their game to "another level" before their European Championship quarter-final against Belgium.

Bale, 26, scored the winner as Wales beat Belgium 1-0 in a Euro 2016 qualifier on their way to reaching a first major tournament for 58 years.

Before Friday's rematch in Lille, the Real Madrid forward believes Wales have improved since their last meeting.

"From that night, we have gone up to another level," said Bale.

"We've taken our game on with playing more games in our system, gelling even more. It was a changing moment for us.

"It was my most

important Welsh goal, especially at the time of qualifying.

"It was an important goal for me personally on my 50th cap and for the team. It also gave us that belief that we can take on and beat the big teams."

Wales' second-round win over Northern Ireland and England's defeat against Iceland means Chris Coleman's side are the only home nation left in the last eight in France.

Wales' only previous appearance at the quarter-final stage saw them beaten by Brazil in the 1958 World Cup.

With a first semi-final at a major tournament just one win away, Bale says he and his team-mates grasp the

significance of Friday's match against Belgium.

"We know about the quarter-final in 1958 but since then it's definitely the biggest game in Welsh football," he added.

"This is our time to shine. We're the only home nation left in the competition, which is an amazing achievement in itself.

"We're very happy, very proud and we'll be flying the flag for Wales."

Belgium are currently second in the Fifa world rankings, as they were when they lost to Wales in Cardiff in 2015.

Coleman's men have since slipped to 26th but are riding the crest of a wave at Euro 2016, only their second appearance at a major tournament.

Roy the hero as England win again



JASON ROY: his match-winning knock of 162 clinched the ODI series for England

Sri Lanka, 305-5 (42 overs); England 309-4 (40 overs). England won by six wickets

ENGLAND's excellent cricketing summer was cemented on Wednesday as they clinched the one day series against Sri Lanka by beating the tourists by six wickets at the Oval.

Jason Roy was the hero, scoring a second century in three games to give England victory in the fourth one-day international. Roy made 162, the second-highest score by an England batsman in an ODI.

It led England to 308, their second-highest successful ODI chase, with 11 balls to spare in a match reduced to 42 overs because of rain at The Oval.

Sri Lanka posted 305-5, a total increased by the Duckworth-Lewis method, but could not stop England taking a 2-0 lead.

It is a third one-day

series win in five since the awful World Cup campaign of 2015. The two defeats, against Australia and South Africa, were both in deciding rubbers.

Sri Lanka are still searching for their first win over England on this tour, with only Sunday's fifth ODI at Cardiff and a Twenty20 in Southampton on Tuesday remaining.

Opener Roy, brought into the England side immediately after the World Cup, has epitomized the improvement which has seen them score one-day runs faster than any other international team since the tournament in Australia and New Zealand.

Following his record-breaking stand of 256 with Alex Hales to win the second ODI, the Surrey right-hander could not be contained on a perfect batting surface at his home

ground.

With a bottom-hand technique that saw him take 120 of his runs on the leg side, Roy three times shimmied down the pitch to hit sixes over long-on.

After Moeen Ali, opening because Hales had a stiff back, edged behind, Roy shared 149 with Joe Root, who cut and pulled his way to a much-needed 65.

Dropped by bowler Suranga Lakmal on 133, Roy seemed certain to better the 167 not out made by Robin Smith against Australia in 1993 when he missed a swipe at a Nuwan Pradeep slower ball and was bowled.

That left Jonny Bairstow and Jos Buttler to complete only England's fifth successful chase in excess of 300 and third in the past year - a feat once remarkable for this team is now becoming routine.

Southgate:

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manager in place for the opening World Cup qualifier against Slovakia on 4 September.

However, if the right man was not available by then he said former England defender Southgate would be the "obvious choice" as an interim boss - and did not rule out appointing a foreign manager.

Earlier on Wednesday, West Ham co-chairman David Gold said Hammers boss Slaven Bilic would not be tempted by the England job.

The selection process will be led by Glenn, FA board member David Gill and technical director Dan Ashworth. They plan to conduct a widespread consultation process before narrowing down the contenders.

Southgate, who has been in charge of the Under-21s since 2013, has also

managed Middlesbrough.

But according to The Times, the man the FA really want is Arsene Wenger.

The Arsenal manager is reportedly ready to hold talks on the job despite a two-year contract offer on the table from Arsenal.

The Gunners boss has been unwavering in his loyalty to the club over the years, supposedly rejecting an approach from the Three Lions in the past, as well as top clubs like Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain.

Roy's gone: who's next?

■ **England tumble out of Euro 2016; beaten 2-1 by mighty Iceland**

Roy Hodgson resigned as England manager after his side suffered a shock 2-1 defeat by Iceland to crash out of Euro 2016 at the last-16 stage on Monday night.

The 68-year-old had been in charge for four years after replacing Italian Fabio Capello but has won just three of 11 games in major tournament finals.

Iceland - with a population of just 330,000 - were among the lowest-ranked teams in France at 34 in the world.

"I'm sorry it will have to end this way but these things happen," Hodgson said.

"Now is the time for someone else to oversee the progress of a hungry and extremely talented group of players.

"They have done fantastically and done everything asked of them. I hope you will still be able to see an England team in a final of a major tournament soon."

Hodgson, who won 33 of his 56 games as England boss, would have been out of contract at the end of the tournament.

The former Liverpool and West Brom boss was due to discuss a possible contract renewal but Football Association chairman Greg Dyke said he would only stay on if England "do well" in France.

In a statement issued following Hodgson's resignation, the FA said: "Like the nation, we are disappointed to lose this evening and that our run in Euro 2016 has come to a premature end.

"We had high hopes of progressing through to the latter stages of the competition and accept that we have not met our own expectations or those of the country.

"We back Roy Hodgson's decision to step down as England manager and will discuss next steps imminently."

England qualified for Euro 2016 with a 100% record in their group.

They started the finals with a 1-1 draw against Russia before beating Wales 2-1 and drawing 0-0 with Slovakia in their final Group B game - results that left them in second place and in a tougher half of the draw.

Hodgson faced heavy criticism following the Slovakia game for making six changes to the side that had beaten Wales.

Under Hodgson's guidance, England had reached the quarter-finals of the last European Championship, losing to Italy on penalties, before a dismal showing at the 2014 World Cup.

They went out at the group stages without winning a game.

Speaking to reporters



SAME OLD STORY: England produced their most dismal performance of Euro 2016 on Monday night, being out-thought and outplayed by Iceland. Roy Hodgson resigned immediately after the match

following Monday's defeat, Hodgson confirmed that assistants Ray Lewington and Gary Neville would also leave their posts.

BBC Match of the Day pundit and former England striker Alan Shearer said of the Iceland defeat: "That was the worst performance I've ever seen from an England team. Ever.

"We were out-fought, out-thought, out-battled and totally hopeless for 90 minutes. It looked to me like Roy was making it up as he was going along."

Shearer, who revealed he wanted to become England manager before Hodgson was appointed, added: "Our players caved tonight. They caved and the manager caved."

Fellow BBC pundit Jermaine Jenas said Hodgson "didn't know" what he was doing, adding: "He didn't know his best team or system.

"His loyalty to players has cost him his job. It was a horrible way to go out of the tournament."

Captain Wayne Rooney insisted tactics did not play a part in England's loss.

"I can't stand here

and say exactly why it's happened," said the striker. "There are

always upsets in football. It's just unfortunate.

"We know we're a good team. It's a sad day for us. It's tough."



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Southgate turns down long-term England job

England manager Gareth Southgate has no interest in succeeding Roy Hodgson as boss of the senior national team.

The 45-year-old has not been offered the role or spoken to the Football Association since the weekend.

Hodgson resigned

after four years in charge following the shock Euro 2016 last-16 defeat by Iceland on Monday, but the FA was considering Southgate in an interim role as it searches for Hodgson's successor.

On Tuesday, chief executive Martin Glenn said the FA wants a new

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