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Dual citizenship Britons exempt from travel ban

Britons with dual citizenship in the seven countries singled out by Donald Trump this week WILL be allowed to enter the United States, the Foreign Office has confirmed.

The US President's administration told Boris Johnson that Britons who share nationality with one of the seven Muslim-majority countries are exempt from the controversial travel ban.

But UK dual citizens travelling to the United States directly from one of the banned countries will face extra checks.

Mr Johnson was ordered to initiate urgent talks with his United States counterpart by Theresa May on Sunday as she faced growing anger over her failure to criticise Mr Trump over the policy.

His officials later issued guidance about what the border clampdown means for the UK.

The statement said:

• The ban only applies to individuals travelling from one of the seven named countries - Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

• Travellers to the US from anywhere other than one of those countries will experience no extra checks regardless of

nationality or place of birth.

• UK nationals travelling from one of those countries are not included in the ban even if they were born in one of the affected states.

• Dual citizens from one of the seven countries travelling to the US from outside those countries are not affected.

• Dual nationals might have extra checks if they travel directly from one of the seven countries

'divisive and wrong'

Mrs May said on Sunday she did "not agree" with the order signed by Mr Trump but refused to attack him directly when repeatedly questioned at a press conference in Ankara.

Downing Street said the move showed how seriously the Prime Minister was taking the issue with Home Secretary Amber Rudd also summoned to hold talks with US aides.

Mr Johnson branded President Trump's controversial policy "divisive and wrong", and criticised the

decision to "stigmatise" people based on their nationality.

He said on Sunday: "We will protect the rights and freedoms of UK nationals home and abroad. Divisive and wrong to stigmatise

because of nationality."

Citizens from seven mainly Muslim countries - Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen - have been barred temporarily along with all refugees.



BORIS JOHNSON: urgent talks

Relief for Olympic hero Mo

Sir Mo Farah is "relieved" after he was given the green light to return to his family in the United States, his spokeswoman said.

It comes after Boris Johnson revealed Brits with dual citizenship will be exempt from Donald Trump's controversial travel ban.

Sir Mo, Britain's most successful track-and-field Olympian, said Mr Trump "seems to have made me an alien" as he slammed the policy on his Facebook page.

He trains in Portland, Oregon, where he lives with his wife Tania and their four children and was said to be unsure how and if he will be affected by the travel ban.

But he has been assured he will not be affected personally. He said while he was relieved by the clarification he still "fundamentally disagrees" with the policy.

A spokeswoman for the star said: "We understand from the statement released this evening by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office that the executive order will not apply to Mo, and we are grateful to the Foreign Office for urgently clarifying the situation.

"Mo is relieved that he will be able to return to his family once his current training camp concludes.

However, as he said in his earlier statement,



Family man: Farah with wife Tania and daughter Aisha

he still fundamentally disagrees with this incredibly divisive and discriminatory policy."

Earlier on Sunday, the four-time Olympic champion, who has **cont. on page 2, col. 1**

It's official: House of Commons votes to trigger Brexit

Bill passes by 384-vote majority • Labour meltdown as 47 defy Corbyn

MPs have voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Government's Brexit bill in the House of Commons.

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Farah:

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a London-born dad and grew up in the UK before moving to the US, said it was "deeply troubling I will have to tell my children that daddy might not be able to come home".

"I have been proud to represent my country, win medals for the British people and receive the greatest honour of a knighthood.

"My story is an example of what can happen when you follow polices of compassion and understanding, not hate and isolation."

Sir Mo spoke out as Mr Trump launched a crackdown on immigration into the US from seven Muslim-majority countries including Somalia where the athlete was born.

Citizens from Iraq, Iran, Libya, Sudan, Syria and Yemen have also been barred from entering the country.

Withdrawal) Bill, which paves the way for the formal Brexit process to begin under Article 50, passed it's first hurdle after being backed by the House in a vote on Wednesday evening.

The House voted in favour of the bill by 498 to 114 - a majority of 384.

But Jeremy Corbyn was unable to contain a revolt on his frontbench that saw two shadow cabinet ministers quit and 47 MPs vote against the Bill.

Shadow environment secretary and York Central MP Rachael Maskell and shadow equalities minister and Brent Central MP Dawn Butler both defied a three-line whip so they could vote in line with their heavily Remain-backing constituencies.

amendments

Former chancellor Ken Clarke was the only Conservative to vote against the legislation.

The Bill will be scrutinised in its committee stage from Monday to Wednesday next week - during which Labour is expected to try and add safeguards.

The party's amendments, which could command some support across the House, include moves to ensure MPs have the first vote on any proposed exit deal.

The Scottish National

Party, which is opposed to Brexit, is expected to table dozens of amendments.

The House voted against an SNP-wrecking amendment that would have stopped Theresa May triggering formal Brexit talks, by 336 votes to 100.

Remain-backers and ultra-Eurosceptics on the Tory backbenches could also attempt to change the Bill.

But with the majority of the Labour Party fundamentally supporting the triggering of Article 50 by April in line with the Prime Minister's timetable, she will be confident of getting the Bill through relatively unscathed.

The third reading, the Bill's final Commons stage, is also expected on Wednesday February 8, giving MPs final chance to say whether they approve of the Bill before it passes to the House of Lords, where the stages are repeated.

The Government could find life more tricky in the upper chamber, where the Bill will be introduced on February 20, because it does not have a majority.

Labour in the Lords has already said it will examine but not block the Government's Brexit plans, although some individual peers are likely to register their



THE AYES HAVE IT: The vote to trigger Brexit passed by a 498-114 margin

opposition.

But the Lib Dems, who are determined to guarantee of a fresh referendum on the final deal, have 102 peers

compared to 253 Tories out of a total 805.

The Bill is expected to complete its passage through the Lords by Tuesday March 7 but

if peers have made amendments, it will return to the Commons, where MPs will debate whether to keep the changes or get rid of them.

Russian hacking aimed at 'destabilizing West'

Russia is carrying out a sustained campaign of cyber attacks targeting democracy and critical infrastructure in the West, UK Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon has warned.

Moscow was "weaponising misinformation" in a bid to expand its influence and destabilise Western governments and weaken Nato, he said.

Vladimir Putin had chosen to become a "strategic competitor" of the West.

Sir Michael said it was

vital alliance members strengthened cyber defences.

His speech, at the University of St Andrews, came hours before Theresa May was scheduled to use an informal summit in Malta to press EU Nato members to boost defence spending.

Sir Michael said Nato needed to do more to tackle the "false reality" being propagated by the Kremlin.

"Nato must defend itself as effectively in the cyber sphere as it does

in the air, on land, and at sea, so adversaries know there is a price to pay if they use cyber weapons," he added.

The defence secretary pointed to a "persistent pattern of behaviour" by Moscow, highlighting a series of cyber attacks that had been linked to Russia.

Suspected Russian attacks included France's TV5Monde broadcaster being taken off in April 2015, and the targeting of Germany's lower house of parliament, he said.



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How brand Beckham nets the taxman £153,000 A WEEK

HIS football playing days may be over but David Beckham is still Golden Balls as far as the taxman is concerned.

He, his wife Victoria and their business partner between them hand the Inland Revenue an astonishing £22,000 a day.

Accounts filed last month showed the couple's global business empire raked

in £47.1million in 2015, with profits of nearly £40million.

It meant the Treasury took a whopping £8million in tax over 12 months from their company Beckham Brand Holdings, equivalent to £153,000 a week.

The firm employs more than 140 staff who were paid nearly £8million last year.

And the couple do not stint on themselves.

The latest accounts lodged with Companies House show former England captain Beckham, 41, and his wife, 42, the former Posh Spice, each received £11million from their company – equivalent to more than £30,000 a day.

Beckham and Victoria, who once revealed her pet name



THAT'S RICH: the Beckhams paid themselves £11m each last year

for her husband is Golden Balls, have paid themselves the same amount for the past two tax years.

But in 2014 the firm's profit was only £9.9million on £51.5million of revenue.

The couple own two thirds of Beckham Brand Holdings while talent agent Simon Fuller, who used to manage Victoria's group the Spice Girls, owns the other slice.

The business oversees Victoria's fashion firm and DB Ventures, which rakes in money from "licensing and other forms of commercialization of the 'David Beckham' brand". DB Ventures brought in almost £37million in 2015, through advertising deals with the likes of Breitling watches and Haig Club Whisky.

By contrast, Victoria's high-end clothing brand

is making multi-million pound losses and is £21million in debt.

But friends pointed out that while Beckham makes money mainly out of his image, his wife employs most of the firm's staff and needs cash as she is still establishing her start-up fashion business.

The couple married in 1999 and have four children, Brooklyn, 17, Romeo, 14, Cruz, 11 and their sister Harper, five.

Changing the Guard is AXED amid fears of a Nice-style terrorist attack

Changing the Guard ceremonies at Windsor Castle have been cancelled amid fears of a devastating Berlin or Nice-style lorry attack by terrorists.

The time-honoured military tradition will no longer take place on Saturdays because police believe jihadis could target soldiers and the thousands of tourists who gather to enjoy the spectacle.

Twelve people were killed and 50 more were injured when a terrorist drove a heavy truck into a packed Christmas market in Berlin at 40mph. And last July, 86 people were killed and another 434 were hurt when a jihadi drove a 19-ton lorry into crowds celebrating Bastille Day in the French city of Nice.

Following the Berlin attack, Thames Valley Police ordered Army top brass to change their ceremonial timetable in Windsor to avoid the busiest times of the week.

As a result, troops will only march through the town in their red tunics and bearskins on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



The tradition (pictured) will no longer take place on Saturdays because police believe jihadis could target soldiers and tourists who gather for the spectacle

Security has also been stepped up with armed police checkpoints and road closures.

But the move, which will be trialled for three months, has been attacked by local residents and traders, who fear they will lose money if the Saturday ceremonies are axed permanently.

Islamic State is already thought to have terror cells in the UK. The jihadis are believed to be plotting a massacre on the scale of the atrocities in Berlin and Nice.

Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace has also been switched to fixed days as part of the shake-up, with armed police following the soldiers as they parade

along the Mall.

In December 2014 Royal Guards were removed from posts including Clarence House and St James's Palace amid fears of a 'lone-wolf' attack.

The world-renowned ceremonies involving the Guards regiments have taken place since the 17th Century but are now under unprecedented threat.

A Thames Valley Police spokesperson said: 'Security measures have been increased in relation to the Changing the Guard in Windsor.'

These measures have been put in place as part of a review in order to reassure and increase the safety of the public and military.'

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News From Britain

Court setback for McCanns

THE search for Madeleine McCann was dealt a huge blow this week after her parents lost a major legal battle.

Judges ruled in favour of a former police chief who claimed Kate and Gerry McCann faked their daughter's abduction. The couple now face a huge legal bill.

The official fund set up to find the youngster is thought to have less than £300,000. A source close to the couple said: "It's not good news. We don't know what to do. We need to sit down with our lawyer and discuss it."

"We've gone to the pinnacle of the Portuguese legal system and we've lost. We now have to pay a sizeable amount in costs."

The ruling by Supreme Court judges in Lisbon is a double blow for the couple as they will no longer receive the £430,000 in damages which was awarded to them in 2015.

The payout would have been plowed into the official Find Madeleine Fund, set up through public donations to finance the world-wide hunt for the missing girl.

But under Portuguese law, this cash was never handed over while proceedings were ongoing.

On Monday the judges upheld a lower court's



Kate and Gerry McCann: huge legal bill

decision to reverse a libel award the McCanns had originally won over claims in a book written by police chief Goncalo Amaral, 56.

damages

It paves the way for the former detective to rake in a fortune from his controversial book *The Truth Of The Lie*, in which he made his allegations against the couple.

The judges said Amaral's "exercise of his freedom of expression was not considered abusive" and "was within admissible limits in a democratic and open society, which excludes the illegality of possible damage to the honour of the McCanns".

It also means Amaral, will not now have to pay the McCanns the damages awarded to them two years ago.

The McCanns first issued a writ against Amaral in June 2009. Tuesday night they issued a statement:

"What we have been told by our lawyers is obviously extremely disappointing."

The latest setback came just before the 12th birthday today of their younger children, twins Sean and Amelie. The McCanns, of Rothley, Leicestershire, could now also be sued for damages by Amaral, who led the initial hunt after Madeleine vanished aged three from their holiday apartment in the Algarve in May 2007.

Appeal judges reversed the initial ruling in April last year, siding with the former police chief and overturning a ban on his book.

That sparked a fresh appeal by the McCanns to Portugal's highest court. It was lodged by their Portuguese lawyer Isabel Duarte last May.

But on Monday, in a private hearing, the appeal was thrown out.

A spokesperson for Ms Duarte said: "This is very bitter for us and for Mr and Mrs McCann."



HURT: a reformed hellraiser

Farewell Sir John: the versatile actor who specialized in playing outsiders

THE LONG LIST OF entertainers who have left us in recent months grew a little longer this week, with the death of veteran star John Hurt, who has died aged 77.

The actor was equally at home on the stage, the TV and the big screen, and he specialised in playing characters on life's margins, said the *Daily Mail*: he was the emaciated heroin addict locked up in a brutal Turkish jail in *Midnight Express*; the outrageous "stately homo of England" Quentin Crisp in *The Naked Civil Servant*; and the grotesque but tender-hearted John Merrick in *The Elephant Man*. Yet with his expressive eyes, and rich, instantly recognisable voice, Hurt could be as imperious as he was vulnerable, said *The Independent*. He played an astonishing variety of roles: he was often cast as chancers and roués (he was a brilliant Alan Clark), and was very much at home in John le Carré's "seedy double-dealing world", yet he was just as convincing as a kindly wandmaker (in three Harry Potter films),

and as the voice of a plucky rabbit (*Watership Down*). He even played Bob Champion, the jockey who beat cancer to win the Grand National, in *Champions* (1984).

Born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, John Hurt was the son of a vicar and an engineer. Although he loved acting as a child, his parents wouldn't countenance a career on the stage, and insisted he go to art school, with a view to becoming an art master. It was at St Martin's that he first set eyes on Quentin Crisp, working as a nude model. Living on a pittance in a basement in Earls Court, Hurt was miserable, until a friend persuaded him to defy his parents, and audition for Rada. He won a scholarship, and joined a class that included Sarah Miles and Ian McShane.

"You want to act in order to show people that you are more than you appear to be," he later said, "that you have more to offer than had been allowed at school or within the vicarage."

He was signed by an agent before graduating, and was soon making his

name in the West End. In 1966, Fred Zimmermann saw him on the London stage and cast him in his film version of *A Man for All Seasons*. After that, Hurt was rarely out of work, said *The Daily Telegraph*. People warned him not to do *The Naked Civil Servant*, but it won him a Bafta. He was the astronaut who dies when an alien bursts out of his stomach in Ridley Scott's *Alien* (1979), and in 1984, played Winston Smith in Orwell's *1984*.

For many years, Hurt was almost as famous for his drinking as he was for his acting. His first marriage, in the early 1960s, lasted just two years. He later lived for 16 years with the French model Marie-Lise Volpeliere-Pierrot – and was devastated when she was killed in a riding accident in 1983. He began to drink even more heavily, which put paid to his second marriage; his third, to Jo Dalton, produced two sons, but ended in 1995. Finally, he found lasting happiness with Anwen Rees-Myers. After their marriage, in 2005, he gave up drinking and smoking.



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We'll Meet Again...Dame Vera launches new album aged 100

DAME Vera Lynn will celebrate her 100th birthday with the release of a new album next month.

The forces' sweetheart, who buoyed spirits in the Second World War, is marking the milestone with re-orchestrated versions of her most beloved songs alongside her original vocals.

It also features a previously unreleased version of Sailing.

It is thought the collection – to be released on March 17 three days before her birthday – will make Dame Vera the first singer to have released a new album as a centenarian.

The record comes eight years after Dame Vera became the oldest living artist to land a UK No1 album and also marks her 93 years as a professional singer.

Dame Vera is joined by a line-up of chart-topping British singers on the album, including Alfie Boe on We'll Meet Again, Alexander Armstrong on The White Cliffs Of Dover and Aled Jones on As Time Goes By.

Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart, with which she became the first British singer to top the official US chart in 1952, also appears on the record.

Of the release, entitled

Vera Lynn 100 which will be released by Decca Records, Dame Vera said: "It's truly humbling that people still enjoy these songs from so many years ago, reliving the emotions of that time. It's so wonderful for me to hear my songs again so beautifully presented in a completely new way."

She will also celebrate her birthday with a charity concert at the London Palladium.

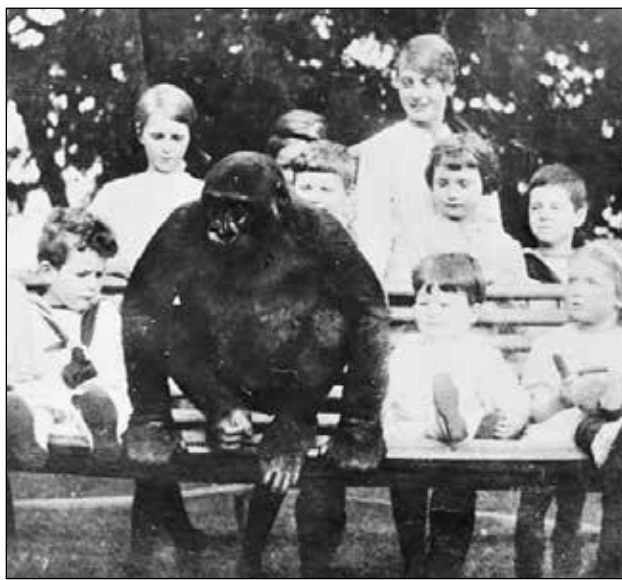
The March 18 show will raise funds for her children's charity and features Armstrong, Blake and the New Zealand classical singer and crossover artist Hayley Westenra.

Revealed: the bizarre story of the Gloucestershire gorilla

The astonishing story of a gorilla who was brought up in a Gloucestershire village a century ago has been uncovered by an amateur historian.

The ape was captured as a baby in Gabon, and shipped to London. In 1918, Major Rupert Penny found him on sale in the London department store Derry and Toms, and bought him as a present for his sister, Alyce Cunningham.

From then on, John Daniel – as he was known – spent much of his time at her home in the village of Uley. He had his own bedroom, made his bed, and helped with the washing-up. Beloved by the local children, who pushed him around in a wheelbarrow, he attended many of their lessons at the village school. He liked a cup of tea, and would also wait outside the pub for villagers to give him cider. But his story, pieced together by Uley resident Margaret



ONE OF THE LADS: John Daniel at the village school

Groom, has an unhappy ending: by 1921, John Daniel weighed almost 15st and was still growing, and Cunningham felt she could no longer cope. She sold him, thinking he was going to a home in Florida. Instead, he ended up in a circus. When she heard he was ill, she set sail straight away to tend to him – but he died, aged four, before she could get there.

Ethical caviar spotted in Yorkshire...

A Yorkshire sturgeon farm is producing the world's first ethically sourced caviar. Normally, the fish – which are endangered in the wild – are killed to get their prized eggs. But at KC Caviar, near Leeds, the sturgeon have their eggs pumped out using an apparently harmless massage technique. In later life, the fish – which live for 50 to 60 years, on average – will be sent to retire in lakes in Hungary and Bulgaria, while their offspring are raised in Yorkshire.

Passings: Tam Dalyell, veteran Labour firebrand, 1932-2017



DALYELL: 'ancient Labour'

Principled MP who was never afraid to be "a bore"

He was the Old Etonian with an ancestral pile who ended up representing a mining constituency; the former Tory who moved to the left-wing of the Labour Party; the self-described "single issue" politician whose persistence could exasperate even his friends.

In short, Tam Dalyell was different. He was a maverick and such a thorn in the flesh of the Establishment, he never once held ministerial office during his 43 years at Westminster (he was Father of the House by the time he retired, in 2005). But it was not a role he sought out. The MP for West Lothian – famed for framing the so-called West Lothian question – genuinely believed in the rightness of his causes, and in pursuit of them, he was willing to risk unpopularity; as he said, if your campaign is worth fighting, "you must not be afraid to be thought a bore".

Born in Edinburgh in 1932, Tam Dalyell was educated at prep school in Cumbria, and

then at Eton. At King's College, Cambridge, he was chairman of the Conservative Association, but had a change of heart after the Suez Crisis of 1956. Returning home to West Lothian and the House of the Binns (the Dalyell family seat, inherited from his mother's family), he became a teacher at a local secondary school. With his background, he had little chance of being endorsed as a Labour candidate by the National Union of Mineworkers, but a unionist whose troubled grandson he had taught

put in a good word for him, and he was duly selected to fight a 1962 by-election. He fought off a strong challenge by the Scottish National Party candidate William Wolfe – whom he would stand against a further six times. A committed opponent of devolution, Dalyell first asked his question in 1977: why should Scottish MPs be able to vote on matters that pertain only to England, when English ones cannot vote on areas

that are devolved? Enoch Powell dubbed it the West Lothian question.

In the 1960s, Dalyell fought a long campaign to stop Aldabra, an unspoilt coral atoll in the Indian Ocean, from being turned into an air base. In the early 1980s, he became known for his opposition to the Falklands war, and his relentless pursuit of Margaret Thatcher over the sinking of the Argentine warship the General Belgrano. New Labour's election victory in 1997 didn't quiet him: a former member of the left-wing Campaign Group (probably the only one, it was memorably observed, "to own peacocks"), he described himself as "Ancient Labour". He voted against the intervention in Kosovo in 1999; and opposed the Iraq invasion of 2003. One of his final acts as an MP, said The Daily Telegraph, was to table fresh questions about the Belgrano, "the last of thousands". He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and their two children.

Turing Law pardons thousands

Thousands of posthumous pardons were issued this week to men convicted of homosexual offences that have been removed from the statute book. The so-called Turing Law, named after the wartime codebreaker Alan Turing, who was granted a posthumous royal pardon in 2013, is a clause in the Policing and Crime Bill, which came into force this week. The automatic posthumous pardon applies to 50,000 men. People still alive who have been convicted of, or cautioned for, homosexual acts that are no longer illegal – an estimated 15,000 – can now apply for pardons. A spokesman for Stonewall, the gay rights charity, hailed it as “another important milestone of equality”.

Ambulance delays

Ambulance crews spent 500,000 hours waiting outside hospitals last year because A&E staff were too busy to take in their patients, according to the National Audit Office. Ambulances are meant to take 15 minutes to hand over a patient, but in 2016 the target was met in just 58% of cases; over the past two years, the time spent waiting beyond this 15 minutes has increased by 52%. The report also found that 10% of paramedic posts are empty.

Poll watch

68% of British people think Nato still has an important role to play in defending Western countries. 62% of Germans and 52% of French people think the same. In the US, the figure is 46%. 46% of Americans also think the US has a duty to protect Europe; however, only 33% of British adults and 25% of French adults do. Source: YouGov

Media watch: Papers roast May as Trump switches tack

■ Overnight the PM's visit – ‘hailed a triumph by friendly newspapers’ – became a liability”

THERESA May's first meeting with Donald Trump seemed to be going so well. He called her “my Maggie”, and held her by the hand. He assured her that he was “100% behind Nato” (days after declaring it obsolete) and reaffirmed his commitment to striking a trade deal with the post-Brexit UK.

They may have seemed an oddly matched pair but the flamboyant billionaire and the vicar's daughter seem to have found surprising common ground during their meeting at the White House last week. At a press conference, the normally abrasive president was calm and even playful. And over their private lunch, the conversation was said – by Downing Street – to have been “warm, free-flowing and unscripted”. Trump declared that Brexit was going to be “a fantastic thing” for the UK, and that “our relationship has never been stronger”. He showed off the bust of Winston Churchill that Barack Obama had removed, now restored to the Oval Office; and told the PM that when he comes to Britain for a state visit

later this year, “I want to see you first”.

And then May found out “what it's like to be Tangoed”, said Alex Massie in *The Spectator*. No sooner had she left the building than her new friend signed an executive order banning the residents of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the US temporarily, and Syrian refugees indefinitely; and overnight, her visit – “hailed a ‘triumph’ by friendly newspapers” – became a liability.

Unseemly rush

As anger grew around the world, in Britain more than 1.78 million people signed a petition calling for Trump's state visit to be cancelled; and the PM's critics demanded that she denounce the man she had just wooed. Had May not been in such an unseemly rush to be the first foreign leader to visit Trump at the White House, she'd have seen this coming. Allies need to be reliable: the new US president has done nothing to suggest that he might be a partner the UK, or indeed any, country could rely on.

The PM no doubt thought she was

“doing her pragmatic duty” by going to the White House, said *The Guardian*. But in currying favour with Trump, a president she cannot control, she's in danger of making the same mistake Tony Blair did with George W. Bush. When Trump was merely a candidate, she condemned his anti-Muslim plans as “divisive, unhelpful and wrong”. She must stand alongside Britain's allies, in France, Canada, Germany and elsewhere, and speak as plainly now. It is not in Britain's interest “to be, or to be seen as, a lackey of possibly the worst president the US” has ever had.

‘phoney outrage’

Yet there is something hysterical about the current outcry, said *The Daily Telegraph*. If the British government does not like US policy (and evidently, in this case it does not), it should let its feelings be known – through diplomacy, not the kind of “frenzied virtue-signalling and phoney outrage” we've seen this week. To snub Trump by ripping up his invitation would be a “monumental exercise in national self-harm”,



Trump with May: “My Maggie”

agreed Robert Hardman in the *Daily Mail*. And those who demand it are being “wilfully naive”. Trump's policy was a manifesto promise; he is doing what he was elected to do. Moreover, Obama also restricted travel to the US from these same countries. It's also worth noting that six of the countries on that list ban Israelis. As for the claim that it's wrong to drag the Queen into this, she's had far worse visitors foisted on her – including the Romanian tyrant Nicolae Ceausescu – and she has taken them in her stride. She knows it's a “mucky old world”. May's job is to represent our national interest, and it's in that interest to have the US on our side.

‘ruthless dealmaker’

Brexit is the problem, said *The Economist*. May rushed to Washington because she is desperate to sign a trade deal with the US that can be closed as soon as Brexit takes place. The irony is that leaving the EU was supposed to give Britain more control, to restore its autonomy and

independence. Instead, it is forcing our leaders to prostrate themselves before a foreign ruler they find odious, a ruthless dealmaker who knows he has the upper hand.

Britain, post-Brexit, finds itself in a strange place, agreed Anne Applebaum in *The Washington Post*. Isolated, and desperate for trading partners and political friends, it is rushing into the arms of a president who is “drifting away” from transatlantic institutions. Searching for a positive message about Britain's future at Davos, May lit upon the idea of a “global Britain” that is an advocate of global free markets, and the “rule-based global order”. But if these are British ideals, why is Britain leaving the wealthiest free trade zone in the world, and cosying up to a protectionist for whom the international rules mean nothing? She may or may not be able to strike a trade deal with the US, but while Britain is tied to the US president, her broader vision is doomed.

The Spirit of the Age....

Doctors have been urged not to refer to pregnant women as “mothers”, to avoid offending trans or intersex men who become parents, and to “celebrate diversity”.

A leaflet issued by the British Medical Association suggests NHS doctors should adopt the gender neutral term “pregnant people” instead. There is only one known case of a transitioning person in the UK becoming pregnant: Hayden Cross is in his second trimester.

• Taking cakes to work could be a “public health hazard”, civil servants have been told. An official responsible for “well-being” advised Treasury staff to only bring in cakes occasionally – so as to be “mindful” of colleagues who have “difficulty resisting” processed sweet treats.

Meet A Member: Nicole Neto

It may come as a surprise to some, but not all Brits in LA members are British. Our ever-growing community is made up of people from all over the world, including America, hence our motto, "you don't have to be British, you just have to like us".

This week's Meet a Member subject is Nicole Neto from Connecticut, who moved to LA more than three years ago to pursue a career in hairstyling.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I first came to Los Angeles when I was 10 years old on a family vacation. I remember being in the backseat of the car driving up and down the Hollywood Hills and loved it. We went to Universal

Studios and I couldn't believe my eyes! I loved the behind-the-scenes movie making and props. I told my mom "someday I will live in Hollywood"....I've been obsessed ever since.

What do you miss most from home?

I miss having PARKING SPOTS! I also miss the first snowfall of winter, and of course, most of all family.

What was your first impression of LA and has it changed since? If so why?

My first impression of LA was "WHOA this is madness! I don't know how to parallel park, will I ever get used to this traffic? Almost 4 years later and I have mastered parallel parking, I avoid the 101

altogether and I listen to podcasts to entertain myself in traffic.

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

GLUTEN FREE options LOL. I have a gluten free diet (not by choice) and almost every restaurant here has tons of delicious gluten free options.

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

Hmmm yes! I have two. Coffee at the Bourgeois Pig in Hollywood-delicious lattes, and you can sit in a little tree house; and Night + Market Song in Silverlake for amazing Thai food that won't break the bank.

What would you



NICOLE NETO: "Be in the moment. All you have is right now."

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

Download Marc Maron's WTF podcast for listening in traffic. Take advantage of free movie screenings. Don't let traffic scare you. Don't ever listen to the naysayers, I'm glad I didn't! Moving across the country was one of the best things I have ever done for myself. Don't feed into the fear of the unknown, take

that leap and know the net will always appear to catch you.

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

Be in the moment. All you have is right now. Every thought you have is creating your future. **Lastly, how can we find out more about you?** You can find me at Lucinda

Ellery Salon Beverly Hills although I can occasionally be found at their studios in New York or London too - feel free to contact me for a free consultation if you suffer from fine or thinning hair. At Lucinda Ellery we currently offer the following discounts: 10% off for all Brits in LA members and 20% off for Brits in LA Key Members. Or find us online at lucindaellery.com, and follow me on Instagram @nickyv_n

The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #262

Across

- Blessing (7)
- Charges (5)
- Candid (9)
- Ostrich fly-alike? (3)
- Outfit (5)
- Railroad employee (7)
- Like some hats (5-8)
- Raising taxes (7)
- Kind of ray (5)
- Taken ___ (3)
- Be idle (3,6)
- Lightheaded (5)
- Having enough money to cover expenses (7)

Down

- Surgical dressing (5)
- Boxer, for one (3)
- You may set it (7)
- Spiderlike bug (5,8)
- Kind of press (5)
- Laundry item (5,4)
- Blown away (7)
- Without equal (9)
- Revelatory (7)
- 1, for one (7)
- Dental work (5)
- Sit in on (5)
- Manipulate (3)

Solution to Puzzle #261

The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor & Susan Flanagan #262

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 #261

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



Our very wet winter: but we're still not out of the woods.....

It is hard to believe that after all the rain fall we've had that California is still in a severe drought.

But according to the United States Drought Monitor's last report on January 24th (droughtmonitor.unl.edu) we still have a way to go before we make up the deficit. There are many effortless ways to conserve water; I have now made it a habit to not have the tap running whilst I brush my teeth, and when rinsing dishes I make sure to do them over a bucket which can then be used to water the plants. The easiest one of all is to make sure your sprinklers are turned off. This usually requires no more effort than a flick of a switch, and with the downpours we have had recently it will probably be a couple of weeks before you need to put them on again – unless it rains again in the meantime! It is astounding how many systems are left on, I have even spotted some going when it is actually raining. It looks like we may get another downpour over the weekend so turn them off today!

The chilly weather has given me the perfect opportunity to get out my M&S thermals - I stockpiled them on a recent trip home and was feeling rather foolish until this recent cold snap. I knew they would come in handy eventually! Marks and Spender now deliver to the USA and even offer free express delivery for orders over \$50! Visit marksandspencerlondon.com/us to get your long johns...or anything else that grabs your fancy.

We have some great events and giveaways coming up over the next few weeks. You can always find out what is on offer either by visiting our Facebook page @BritsinLA or via this link www.Britsin.LA - this weekend some of our



WHITE LIES: ticket giveaway for BW readers

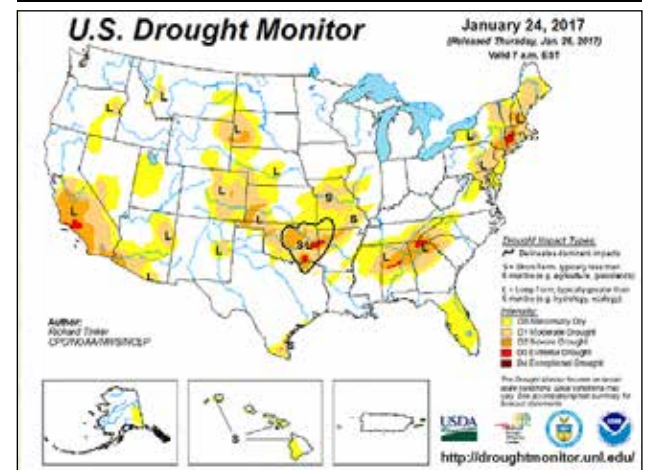
members are off to see a very special screening of Swan Lake performed by the Bolshoi Ballet - the latest from their 'live from Moscow' series - if this sounds right up your street, you can still purchase tickets for the event on Sunday February 5th - it will be aired around the globe, so visit: www.bolshoiballetincinema.com to see if it is at a cinema near you.

I did save a ticket giveaway so that those of you who follow us via the British Weekly can participate too. Goldenvoice have given us a pair of tickets for the White Lies show at El Rey (February 15th) - this show is already sold out, so if you are a ticketless fan, email us at info@britsin.la to enter. We will notify you by Monday February 6th via email if you are successful. Make sure to put White Lies in the subject heading.

Preparations for the 10th Annual Toscars are in full swing. Teams were selected last week and now they are all frantically trying to write, film and score the Toscar-winning movie. The awards ceremony will be held on February 22nd, visit TheToscars.com if you would like to join us and the hopeful Toscar nominees for a fun-packed evening full of glamour and laughter.

We are truly grateful to returning sponsor Beltran Brito Immigration Law Firm, for their continued support of the Toscars and Brits in LA - if you need immigration advice visit beltranbrito.com to book a free consultation.

Our weekly Breakfast Club has been very busy recently. I think the main attraction is our lovely Mayor of Breakfast, Bernard Skibben. He always goes out of his way to make sure everyone is welcomed and finds a seat and a friendly face - we are really lucky to have him. Although the food is extremely tasty too. Eggs Benedict seem to be neck-and-neck with the Full English in the popularity stakes. You can find us any Tuesday from 9.30am-



11.30am at Cecconis in West Hollywood - please note they do stop serving the breakfast menu at 11!

Hope to see some of you soon and keep an eye on our Twitter @BritsinLA for future competitions. And don't forget to turn those sprinklers off!

Cheers!

Eileen

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Baby is a 'miracle', says Geri!

Former Spice Girls singer Geri Halliwell-Horner says it is a "miracle" she conceived naturally.

The 44-year-old star recently welcomed son Montague George Hector Horner with her husband Christian Horner and Geri admitted she feels "incredibly lucky" that she didn't need any medical help in order to get pregnant.

Oo-er!

She told *The Sunday Times*: "I feel incredibly lucky to have conceived naturally at my age, 44. I see it as a miracle. Trust me, I can still moan like the rest of them but, equally, I remind myself every day that this is an absolute gift."

And Geri, who battled bulimia when she was younger, insisted that she will not be a "fanatic" about losing the baby weight.

She said: "When it comes to losing my baby weight I am not going to be a fanatic about it. At the moment the stairs in my house are exercise enough. Trust me, I have been there, done it, with all that perfect clean eating, but sometimes it is not sustainable or manageable.



Geri Halliwell-Horner: the former Spice Girl says her pregnancy at age 44 is "an absolute gift"

"For a long time now I have tried to have a balanced attitude towards food and dieting. I am like any other woman, I'll scoff a few chocolates and then I'll think, 'Ooh, I'd better keep an eye on that.'"

Geri also has a 10-year-old daughter Bluebell with her ex-Sacha Gervasi and revealed that the youngster keeps her so busy she didn't have time to worry about getting everything ready for the new baby.

She explained: "Only as my birth began to get

close did I start to think about the reality of it, the preparation, the practical things, getting a nursery ready, and the things that one needs.

'Ginger Spice' Geri then spoke about her love for yoga, explaining: "I found Iyengar yoga...to be really helpful. I really like the pose when you are on all fours and you wiggle your hips... I also love a couple of standing poses, especially the half-moon, but deep down I am like a lazy lion. To me the resting poses are the best."

Capaldi: time to think outside the box!

Hurrah! Let the joyous news be spread...

Doctor Who star Peter Capaldi is quitting his role in the famous science fiction series, telling the BBC, "it's time to go."

The Scottish actor (pictured, right) will step down as the 12th actor to spearhead the much-loved television show at the end of the year.

Who-er!

The 55-year-old star started his stint in 2014.

In an interview on BBC Radio 2, he said: "it's time to move on," before adding: "But I'm still Doctor Who. I've got a lot to do - we're doing epic stuff. I'm not done yet."

Capaldi is the fourth actor to play the enigmatic hero of time and space since the BBC relaunched the series in 2005. He followed in the footsteps of Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant, and Matt Smith.

And Capaldi isn't the only person stepping down from the cult TV show this year. Showrunner Steven Moffat will be replaced by Chris Chibnall (Broadchurch) for the next season.

For the uninitiated (and there must be VERY few of you out there) The Doctor is a member of an alien race called Timelords who travel through time and space in a Tardis, a vehicle shaped like a classic British blue police-box.

The character is recast every few seasons as part of a quirk in which the character dies, then is regenerated in a new body.

"Doctor Who," first broadcast in 1963, is one of the BBC's most popular programs around the world.



Don't get me wrong... I think Capaldi is a great actor, he was just not the perfect Doctor Who. He was excellent as John Frobisher, a civil servant in 2009's *Torchwood: Children of Earth*. In my opinion, he would have fared far better playing the The Master. But then Moffat got it wrong every time, IMHO!

Speculation began Tuesday about

Capaldi's replacement candidates include Richard Ayoade (er, NO), Rory Kinnear (Hmmm, not bad), Miranda Hart (er, NOOOOO), and David Harewood (great in CW's *Supergirl*, but NOT the Doctor!).

My favorite is Ben Whishaw — who plays Q in the James Bond 007 films — please give him the job!

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Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: If life at work is not all it could be, do not assume the worst. It would be wise to look at what you are dealing with currently in other areas of life. In any event life will return to normal by next weekend.

TAURUS: Your emotions are probably in a bit of turmoil in one or more areas. As this will turn out to be unfinished business, it's best to take charge of the situation sooner than later.

GEMINI: Your life is filled currently with all kinds of situations and you are probably wondering which is the most important to deal with now. Look at what can or will impact your long-term life, as this will be the most important. The rest will be easy to resolve.

CANCER: You are carrying way more problems on your shoulders than you should. This is not necessary as no man is an island. You might be dealing with someone you are trying to appease and it is not the first time. Be aware it's time to let it go.

LEO: You may be involved in sorting out a family or work situation currently. You would be wise to keep your opinions to yourself in this matter. You have a big heart and tend to share it. In this case keep a low profile.

VIRGO: Everything in life is a lesson as you (more than anyone) know. Look to someone who you respect and ask for guidance as this can be resolved in a much calmer way. This is especially true in a current life situation,

LIBRA: The lovely and lucky planet Jupiter is well on his way to bringing you at least some of your wishes. If you are in any sort of a tizzy remember to breathe and relax as you will surely benefit from this.

SCORPIO: February will bring all sorts of unfinished things to your attention, even a recent disappointment can turn around in a positive and uplifting way. It's time to enjoy life. And start now to plan the changes you know are inevitable.

SAGITTARIUS: Just watch that temper if things don't always go the way you planned. Life is always a journey and with this in mind enjoy the traveling. If you are currently not enjoying life as you can, remember this; you can change the direction if you really want to

CAPRICORN: This could be the month that all your hopes begin to grow. It is entirely up to you how you make it work, patience should be your keyword and going forward into February life will be kinder.

AQUARIUS: You will always get back what you put out; just be careful you don't say too much to another that can upset your long term plans. Keep your life stress-free these next few days and see how much better life becomes.

PISCES: You are reputed to be the most sensitive and creative of all the signs, so this week proves it, if not to another then to yourself. Jupiter sitting in your money house for the rest of year ahead brings rewards in several areas of your life.



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In Bed with the Georgians: hotter than you'd think

■ Exclusive interview with author Mike Rendell about his new book about sex life in Georgian England

"It was the obscene amount of publicity given to the Kardashians," says *In Bed with the Georgians* author Mike Rendell.

"It got me thinking about how, 250 years ago, the courtesans dressed up like fashion icons. Whereas now the fashion icons seem to dress, well, like streetwalkers. But what intrigued me is how this gets reported in the press...and how it was reported in the Georgian era. Courtesans occupied a sort of parallel universe, incredibly famous, admired, and arbiters of taste and style...and yet of course not allowed in polite households. The caricaturists of the time, especially people like James Gillray and Thomas Rowlandson, had a field day. It was all very open and above board."

In Bed with the Georgians explores the sex lives of people living in Georgian England, that

is, from 1714 to 1830. There were madams, brothels, courtesans, kept women, a demi-monde, houses of pleasure and streetwalkers. The English sex scene was hot, before the backlash of the prudish Victorians that followed.

Rendell, who's a member of the British Library, says most of his research was done online. "many of the 18th-century books which comment on prevailing prostitution are available online. These include the early kiss-and-tell memoirs. I also use the online facilities offered by museums and galleries in the United States, including the ever-helpful Lewis Walpole Library at Yale University, and places like the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Library of Congress, which bought a huge collection of 18th-century prints off the Royal Family shortly after the

First World War."

In Bed offers details about different areas of London, each with its own scandalous beauties. It describes how they dressed, with illustrations. It covers how courtesans became famous and for which of their aristocrat or royal lovers. A glossary describes the world of the London sex trade at the time. If you're a writer, the letters from the time, newspapers, caricaturists, and details on royal and aristocratic scandals, would be great to use to write about the times.

While writing the book, Rendell mentioned on his blog the high cost of obtaining permission to use high definition museum prints for a book cover. "A total stranger in Montreal contacted me and asked if I would like the original of the print I was thinking of using... and sent it to me free of charge. As he put it, he

had acquired it in a job lot with a Gainsborough, and had no use for it. Nevertheless it is incredibly generous, and much appreciated."

Rendell's first book was *The Journal of a Georgian Gentleman*, based on the diaries journals and memorabilia belonging to his ancestor who was born in 1729. "I have virtually every bit of paper he ever wrote, as well as his chairs, his cutlery, even his bed-warming pan," says Rendell. "I wrote up his story. It is what got me interested in the entire period of 18th-century history. It is an era I love. I am just so fortunate to have trunkloads of papers from my ancestors which are an endless source of interest and delight."

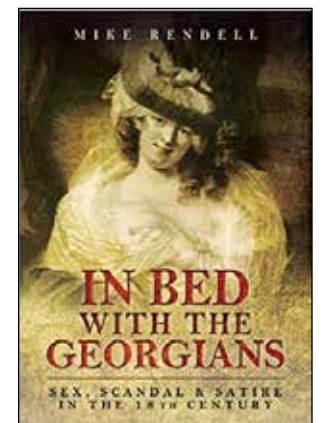
Rendell also wrote a book about Phillip Astley, who started the very first circus, what became a hugely popular form of entertainment in the Georgian and

Victorian period. Rendell has published books on Bristol Blue Glass, and on 18th Century paper-cuts. He's written illustrated introductions to the Regency and Georgian periods.

Rendell who worked in an office for 30 years as a lawyer, says he loves the freedom that goes with being a historian. He doesn't have an agent. He approached Pen & Sword because he knew the editor. "I came up with a synopsis and title and submitted it. They said, fine, go off and do it."

Rendell is currently writing the book *Petticoat Pioneers*, about women who defied male prejudice and legal restraints to succeed in a man's world. Pen & Sword will be publishing in 2018.

Rendell lives in the southwest of England and spends several months of each year in Spain. He was born in Bristol in 1947.



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Book Corner with Gabrielle Pantera

British Weekly Sport

Former Chelsea and England midfielder Frank Lampard has retired, bringing to an end a 21-year professional career.

The 38-year-old, who spent last year with New York City in Major League Soccer in the US, announced his decision on social media on Thursday.

Lampard made 649 appearances for Chelsea and won 106 England caps.

"Whilst I have received a number of exciting offers to continue playing, at 38 I feel now is the time to begin the next chapter in my life," said Lampard.

"I'm grateful to the Football Association for the opportunity to study for my coaching qualifications and I look forward to pursuing the off-field opportunities that this decision opens."

He won 11 major trophies, including three Premier League titles and the Champions League in 2012. Lampard also won four FA Cups, two League Cups and the Europa League.

Lampard joined Chelsea from boyhood club West Ham for a fee of £11m in 2001.

His club-record 211 goals helped the Blues win the Champions League, three Premier Leagues, four FA Cups, two League Cups, the Europa League and a Community Shield.

He played a pivotal role as Jose Mourinho's side delivered



And it's goodbye from him.....

Lampard brings down curtain on 21-year professional career

Chelsea's first top-flight championship in half a century, scoring 13 goals including both in the title-winning 2-0 victory at Bolton in April 2005.

He added 16 league goals the following season as Chelsea retained their title, finishing runner-up to Barcelona forward Ronaldinho in both the

Ballon d'Or and Fifa World Player of the Year awards.

Lampard scored 10 or more Premier League goals in 10 successive seasons for Chelsea, reaching 22 as he collected a third Premier League winner's medal in 2009-10.

Champions League success finally followed

in 2011-12 as Lampard captained the side to a penalty shootout win over Bayern Munich in the absence of the

suspended John Terry. "He was definitely a world-class player for a long period of time," said BBC football

analyst and former Chelsea winger Pat Nevin. "I don't think we rate him as highly as we should do."

First transfer window profit for Premier League clubs

Premier League clubs have recorded a transfer window profit for the first time - despite spending reaching a six-year January high of £215m.

Southampton and Burnley made late deadline-day deals, while Odion Ighalo moved from Watford to China for £20m.

Saints paid about £14m for Napoli's Manolo Gabbiadini, and the Claret's signed Robbie Brady for up to £13m.

However, top-flight sides brought in £40m more than they paid out, according to finance analysts Deloitte.

Premier League teams have spent a record £1.38bn on transfers in the 2016-17 season, after a summer outlay of £1.165bn.

Spending in January 2017 is the second highest - behind the record mark of £225m six years ago - and dwarfs the £35m spent in the first January transfer window in 2003.

While the window is now closed for the major European leagues, there could still be departures as big-spending China has an official deadline of 28 February.

Deadline-day sales were led by Nigeria

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Sun 2/5 Six Nations Rugby PPV

6am Italy v Wales

English Premier League

8am Leicester v Manchester United
Wed 2/8 FA CUP 4th Round Replay
11.45am Leicester v Derby Co.

Sat 2/11 6 Nations Rugby PPV

6.25am Italy v Ireland
8.50am Wales v England
English Premier League
7am Man Utd v Watford
7am West Ham v WBA
7am Middlesboro v Everton
9.30am Liverpool v Tottenham

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