



ONE'S DELIGHTED!

Queen's joy at Meghan and Harry baby news

THE Queen has spoken of her delight after the Duke and Duchess of Sussex revealed they are expecting a baby in the spring.

Harry and Meghan broke the happy news to the Royal Family while they were gathered at Windsor Castle for Princess Eugenie's wedding to Jack Brooksbank last Friday. Meghan, 37, has had her 12-week scan and is believed to be due near the Queen's birthday on April 21. On Monday the couple told the world five months on from their wedding, after arriving in Sydney at the start of a tour of Australia, Fiji, Tonga, and New Zealand.

"The Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince of Wales, Duchess of Cornwall, and Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are delighted for the couple," Kensington Palacesaid, before adding a pointed reference to the Duchess's mother, Doria Ragland. "Ms Doria Ragland is very happy about the lovely news and she looks forward to welcoming her first grandchild," the palace added, without mentioning Meghan's father, Thomas Markle, who she has not spoken to since she married

Harry, 34, in May. The baby will be seventh-in-line to the throne and the Queen's eighth great-grandchild. They will be titled a Lord or Lady but are unlikely to ever undertake official royal duties. Friends said the pair decided they could not keep their secret after speculation became rife over the weekend when Meghan wore a loose-fitting Givenchy coat to Eugenie and Jack's wedding.

Prime Minister Theresa May congratulated the couple on Twitter: "My warmest congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on the happy news they are expecting a baby in the spring. Wishing them all the best."

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, tweeted: "Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their happy news! Prayers for them in the months ahead."

Kensington Palace said the couple would press ahead with plans to visit Fiji and Tonga next week after taking medical advice, even though



THE LOOK OF LOVE: Harry and Meghan in Victoria Park, Dubbo, outside Sydney this week

there is a risk of catching mosquito-borne diseases, like the Zika virus, which causes birth defects. Foreign Office travel advice warns pregnant women to delay trips to Fiji and Tonga if possible. Men are also warned they can carry the virus for months and should not have unprotected sex with their pregnant

wife. Jonathan Ball, professor of molecular virology at Nottingham University, said: "If it could be postponed, then I would suggest a postponement because you can't guarantee you won't be exposed to the virus." However, he said the risks could be minimized by covering up in the day and using

a mosquito repellent. "There's a risk but it is not a high risk, not like it would have been a couple of years ago to visit Brazil," he added. The couple have spoken of wanting children. When they became engaged last year, Harry said: "Hopefully we'll start a family in the near

future." Bookies have made Diana among the favourites for the baby's name. The royal couple announced Meghan's pregnancy Monday, just hours after she and Harry landed in Sydney as part of a 16-day tour which will also take in New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga.

News from Britain

More Brexit agony for May as new Cabinet mutiny looms over EU deal

THERESA May's fragile grip on power grew ever weaker over the past few days as it emerged that as many as 10 members of her Cabinet are ready to quit if she bows to EU demands on Brexit.

Another third of all her ministers are said to be ready to go, too. The Brexit Secretary, Dominic Raab, could lead a mass exodus after Brussels rejected a compromise on the Northern Ireland border he had tabled on Monday. And in worse news for the Prime Minister, one of the Brexiteers organising attempts to remove her as party leader said the 48 letters needed from MPs to trigger a vote of no-confidence should be in place next week.

On a dramatic day, Mr Raab was sent to Brussels for unplanned talks with the EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier to resolve the future of the Northern Ireland border. At the same time, all 27 ambassadors of the other EU member states were called in by the European Commission for a surprise briefing leading to heavy speculation that a deal was close. But the talks ended with no deal and senior Tory sources made it clear that time may be

running out for Mrs May who had been hoping to unveil an agreement at the European council meeting of heads of governments on Thursday.

'collective authority'

The threat to Mrs May's authority came as Mr Raab's predecessor David Davis, who resigned over the Chequers proposal, called on pro-Brexit ministers in her 21-strong Cabinet to quit. He said her latest Brexit plan was "completely unacceptable" and urged Cabinet ministers to "exert their collective authority".

A source close to Mr Raab pointed out that his statement to Parliament last week specifically ruled out supporting the idea of the UK staying in the customs union under EU rule without an end date. It is understood that this was the favoured option that Mrs May tried to get a select group in her Cabinet to agree.

"It was politically quite useful for Dominic that he made that clear," a source said.

Along with Mr Raab another nine Cabinet ministers, including some Remainers, could quit. These

include International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt, a potential leadership contender, Leader of the House Andrea Leadsom and Work and Pensions Secretary Esther McVey.

All have failed to publicly back Mrs May's Chequers proposals in the last week. Also suggested as a possible quitter is International Trade Secretary Liam Fox.

customs union

Another name was a leading Remainer, Scottish Secretary David Mundell, who is concerned that a proposal which allows Northern Ireland separate status in the UK will stop him from fighting off Scottish independence.

It is understood that in a joint message Mr Mundell and Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson told the Prime Minister: "Having fought just four years ago to keep our country together, the integrity of our United Kingdom remains the single most important issue for us in these negotiations."

There were also suggestions Tory Leave supporters are manoeuvring to remove Mrs May. One ex-minister said: "There's a good



ENDGAME? The Prime Minister is staggering from crisis to crisis as Brexit looms

chance we will hit 48 letters this week. Lots of constituents are writing to MPs urging them to put them in."

MP Mark Francois, vice-chairman of the European Research Group, said: "The Cabinet has by and large been kept out of the whole process." But he insisted: "We are not going to bring down the

Government. We want to change the policy." He said Mrs May would not be able to get her Chequers proposals through Parliament with up to 80 Tory Brexiteers ready to vote it down along with the Northern Ireland Democratic Unionists.

The EU continues to play hard ball with a demand that Mrs May agrees to a

so-called Northern Ireland backstop which will keep Britain under Brussels rule in a customs union for a period with no time limit and no ability for the UK to leave unilaterally. The alternative is to allow Northern Ireland to be hived off from the rest of the UK in a bid to solve the problem of the land border.

Hard Brexit, Soft Brexit, No Deal, Norway Model, Chequers Plan. What does it all mean?

Chequers Plan:

This plan for Brexit was agreed by the Cabinet at the Prime Minister's country residence, Chequers, in July 2018. It proposes tax or tariff-free trade with the EU, while leaving the UK free to pursue trade deals outside the EU. Under the plan, the UK would collect tariffs on the EU's behalf for any goods entering the country but destined to be sent on to EU countries. Because EU tariffs had been collected, there would not need to be a separate border between Northern Ireland and the Republic. But the UK would have to follow EU rules, "the common rule book", on things like food standards to avoid unnecessary border hold-ups. The plan also proposes ending the free movement of people, giving back the UK control over immigration rules. Former Brexit secretary David Davis and former foreign secretary Boris Johnson both resigned their posts over the Chequers plan because they believe it means the UK would still be too closely tied to the EU.

Hard Brexit

A hard Brexit would be one where few of the existing ties between the UK and the EU were retained, so it would mean Britain giving up membership of the EU's single market, and the benefits of being part of a free trade area with the EU, and setting up its own trade deals and rules. It is a phrase often used by critics of Brexit who think it will harm the UK economy.

Soft Brexit

Leaving the European Union but staying as closely aligned to the EU as possible. It could keep the UK in the single market or the customs union or both. It could involve British compromises on free movement of people, allowing European Union citizens rights to settle in the UK with access to public services and benefits.

Norway model

The UK would remain in the EU single market, able to trade freely, but in return it would have to allow free movement of people - which has been a key sticking point for many in the Brexit debate who want to be able to control immigration from the EU. The UK would also have to make a contribution to the EU budget - smaller than it currently makes - and abide by many of the EU's rules.

No deal

Britain leaving the European Union with no formal agreement on the terms of UK's withdrawal or future trade relations.



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Border violence threat 'very real' says Taoiseach

The Irish prime minister has said fears over threats of a return of violence in Ireland in the event of a hard border are "very real".

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar was speaking after meeting with European leaders in Brussels on Thursday.

Mr Varadkar said he wanted to ensure other leaders knew the Irish government was not "in any way exaggerating".

He added that Brexit was preventing a return to power sharing in Northern Ireland.

The taoiseach said he took a copy of The Irish Times to dinner with the leaders to demonstrate his point about a hard border.

Wednesday's edition of the paper featured a front page interview with the daughter of a man who was killed in an IRA bombing of a customs centre.

Mr Varadkar said: "I thought it was a useful prop to demonstrate to all of the European leaders the extent to which the concerns about the re-emergence of a hard border and of a return to violence are very real.

"I just wanted to make sure that there was no sense in the room that in any way anyone in Ireland, or in the Irish government, was exaggerating the risk of a return to violence in Ireland."

In her post-summit press conference Theresa May said the idea of having the option to extend the transition period could be "a further solution" to the search for a "backstop" to ensure no hard border.

Northern Ireland's devolved government at Stormont collapsed in January 2017 following a bitter row over a flawed green energy scheme and attempts to restore it have stalled.

Seaplane crash likely caused 'by blow to pilot'

■ Company owners says investigators are looking at whether tragic accident, which took six lives, may have been caused by passengers taking photos

A SEAPLANE crash which killed a British family of five in Australia may have been caused after one of the passengers knocked out the pilot while taking a photograph, it was claimed this week.

Air crash investigators believe pilot Gareth Morgan lost consciousness after he was accidentally struck on the back of the head by the front-seat passenger. It is thought he was hit by an elbow as a member of the party took photos of the scenery.

Tycoon Richard Cousins, 58, died with fiancée Emma Bowden, 48, her daughter Heather, 11, and his sons Edward, 23, and Will, 25, when the aircraft plunged into the Hawkesbury River in Sydney on New Year's Eve last year. Canadian-born Mr Morgan, 44, was also killed. The group had been flying back to Sydney in the single-

engine De Havilland DHC-2 Beaver after lunch at a waterside restaurant.

Mr Cousins, of Hyde Heath, Bucks, was due to retire as chief executive of Compass, the world's biggest catering firm, in March. He and Ms Bowden, OK! magazine's art editor, had planned to marry in July. Wedding guests received their invitations days before the tragedy.

'inexplicable'

On Monday surgeon Dr Jerry Schwartz, who recently became a partner of Sydney Seaplanes which owned the doomed aircraft, said: "The current belief is the passenger at the front actually knocked out the pilot.

"The investigation has shown that safety is good and it's believed to not be pilot error."

Aaron Shaw, managing director of the firm, added: "Something



VICTIMS: (from top left): Richard Cousins, Will Cousins, Emma Bowden, Heather Bowden, Edward Cousins and pilot Gareth Morgan

definitely happened to the pilot to incapacitate him."

Investigators have focused on an "inexplicable" steep right-hand turn the aircraft made before veering off course and nosediving into the water. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau is due to present a final report on the crash early next year. A preliminary report found

the aircraft had no obvious mechanical problems and the pilot was healthy and well-qualified.

The tragedy struck while the group were in Australia to watch the Ashes. Mr Cousins was rebuilding his life after the death of his wife Caroline from cancer two years earlier. Friends told how shortly before her death she had urged him "to

find someone new". In August it was revealed Mr Cousins left £41 million of his fortune to Oxfam. A clause in his will stated that in the seemingly-unlikely event he and his sons were killed together, the charity should be the main beneficiary. The bequest came weeks after Oxfam chiefs warned they needed to cut jobs and find £16 million in savings.

Offenses against elderly may be reclassified as hate crimes

CRIMES COMMITTED against the elderly in the UK could soon be classified as hate crimes with the perpetrators facing longer jail terms.

Responding to rising grass roots pressure the Government announced a review will examine whether age and misogyny should be considered alongside other strands of hate crime. This would mean courts can impose tougher penalties on those who target older people. A leading charity estimates there are around one million elderly victims of abuse every year, with sufferers neglected and abused physically, financially and psychologically.

Speaking to the Daily Express this week, Action on Elder Abuse chief executive Gary FitzGerald said: "This

is excellent news. We have been campaigning towards this for almost three years.

"It is excellent for all of those elderly people suffering every single day and not getting justice. "Criminals are regularly and increasingly targeting some of the most vulnerable people in our society, people who can't fight back. People should be able to rely on our criminal justice system to protect them. We need that deterrence.

"We need that protection which says if you want to target our old people, it is going to cost you dearly. You're not going to get away with it with a suspended sentence or community service.

"Even when it is theft, people die from the trauma of what has happened."

The Home Office on Tuesday confirmed the Law Commission will review current hate crime laws and consider ways to strengthen the legislation. Law Commissioner, Professor David Ormerod QC, said: "We are pleased to have this opportunity to identify more effective

ways of tackling hate crime in all its forms." Among possible changes include "additional protected characteristics such as misogyny and age".

Currently, hate crimes are based on a victim's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or

transgender identity. Experts hope tougher sentences will act as a deterrent to criminals. At the moment there is no statutory definition of a crime against an older person or specific legislation and prosecutors cannot seek a tougher sentence.



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News From Britain

Khan throws in towel over Wembley bid

SHAHID KHAN has stunned the FA week by pulling the plug on his £600 million bid to buy Wembley.

The Fulham owner decided to ditch the deal before a key vote next week because it did not enjoy enough support in the corridors of power. Khan, who also owns the Jacksonville Jaguars NFL franchise, made a series of concessions to try to win over the doubters. But the 127-member FA Council was expected to back his proposal by only the slimmest of margins.

Khan said: "It appears there is no definitive mandate to sell Wembley and my current proposal, subsequently, would earn the backing of only a slim majority.

"Until a time when it is evident there is an unmistakable directive from the FA to explore and close a sale, I am respectfully withdrawing my offer to purchase Wembley Stadium."

It came as a shock to the FA, though chief executive Martin Glenn admitted the bid had become "more divisive than expected".

Khan's bid could have provided an estimated £1.5 billion funding boost for grassroots football over the next 20 years.

But it became clear at a meeting last week that many on the Council had doubts, with some willing to vote against on principle.

Insiders were predicting just over half of members were prepared to back the deal, well short of the majority sought by FA chairman Greg Clarke.

Khan's bid was worth up to £900m once the Club Wembley hospitality rights the FA would have retained were taken into account.

Two PCs could be charged over footballer's Taser death

Two police officers could face criminal charges over the death of former footballer Dalian Atkinson who was shot with a Taser.

The ex-Aston Villa striker, 48, died in August 2016 after contact with officers at his father's house in Shropshire.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) said it had referred a file of evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

West Mercia Police said it "understands the need for answers".

Mr Atkinson started his career at Ipswich Town before moving to Sheffield Wednesday, Real Sociedad, Aston Villa and Fenerbahçe in Turkey.

The IOPC said during its investigation, three

West Mercia Police officers were interviewed twice under criminal caution and served with gross misconduct notices.

The actions of the third officer have not been referred to the CPS.

The IOPC said the officers attended Meadows Close in Trench, Telford, and were "involved in detaining Mr Atkinson outside" an address at about 01:30 BST on 15 August 2016.

It said the former footballer was taken by ambulance to the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford where he later died.

"The investigation gathered evidence which indicates that police contact with Mr Atkinson involved the use of a Taser, followed



DALIAN ATKINSON: the former Aston Villa star died after a confrontation with police

by a period of restraint and other uses of force," the IOPC added.

An inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death has yet to be held amid a delay in the testing of toxicology samples.

West Mercia Police Assistant Chief Constable Martin Evans confirmed a Taser was deployed while responding to an incident involving Mr Atkinson.

"We understand the need for answers by

those directly affected by this tragedy and also by the wider community that West Mercia Police serves," he added.

"It would be inappropriate for us to comment further at this time."

British cyclist killed after hunter confuses him for animal

A HUNTER was this week under investigation after allegedly killing a British mountain biker with a single bullet on an isolated path in the French Alps.

Marc Sutton, originally from Caerphilly, in South Wales, is thought to have died instantly as he cycled in fading light near the ski resort of Montriond on Saturday evening. The 34-year-old ran the Wild Beets Kitchen restaurant in nearby Les Gets. His alleged killer, who has not been identified, is believed to have mistaken Mr Sutton for a "fastmoving animal".

The hunter, 22, who has a gun licence, went into "deep shock" after the accident, and is now being investigated for aggravated manslaughter, it has been claimed.

"The victim is thought to have died instantly after being hit by a bullet fired by a 22-year-old hunter," said an investigating source.

"The accident happened on Saturday in thick woods close to the ski

resort of Montriond at about 6pm. The shooter went into deep shock when he realised what he'd done."

Philippe Toccanier, prosecutor for the Thonon-les-Bains region, said the death was believed to be an accident. He said the cyclist certainly "couldn't be confused with game, as he had a coloured helmet and a coloured mountain bike".

Mr Sutton had been settled in Les Gets for "a number of years", and had many family and friends in the UK, said the source. It is the latest in a series of shooting tragedies in which passers-by have been killed or severely wounded during France's hunting season, which started last month. There have been frequent calls for hunting to be banned in France because of the number of deaths and injuries. In 2016, there were 18 deaths and several hurt. In the latest tragedy, seven hunters were taking part in a shoot. An investigating source said they apparently failed to



VICTIM: Marc Sutton, originally from Caerphilly, settled in Les Gets several years ago.

notice the rider who was wearing bright clothes.

"He was on a popular and well-used track. It may be that he was mistaken for a fast moving animal," the source added. The gunman has been admitted to hospital "in severe shock" and has yet to be interviewed or charged. Prosecutors in Thonon-les-Bains have opened an investigation

into "aggravated manslaughter".

Tributes have been paid to Mr Sutton on Facebook. One wrote: "I met him this summer, real nice chap, such a tragedy." Another said: "This is absolutely devastating. Everyone in our community will be affected by last night's accident. So very sad for Marc and everyone with

him." Last year a hiker, 59, died when he was shot by a wild boar hunter while out walking in Taulignan in Drome. A 13-year-old boy was also mistakenly shot dead by his grandfather. In October 2017, a woman was killed in her garden when a stray hunter's bullet passed through a hedge.

Mad Cow case confirmed in Scotland

A case of BSE - so-called mad cow disease - has been confirmed at a farm in Aberdeenshire.

BBC Scotland reported on Thursday the "isolated" case involves a beef herd in the Huntly area.

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said a movement ban was now in place on the unnamed farm.

Investigations are under way to identify the origin of the disease - the first in Scotland in a decade - which was found after an animal died.

The case involving a five-year-old animal was identified before entering the human food chain.

Four others from the herd were being destroyed as a precaution.

There are understood to have been 16 cases in the UK since 2011, with the last in 2015 when farming officials confirmed a case of BSE in Carmarthenshire, Wales.

The monitoring of BSE has been an important function since the crisis of 1986 when 180,000 cattle were infected and 4.4 million slaughtered in order to eradicate the disease in the UK.

Car theft ringleader is caught after reporting Porsche stolen

Officers find five stolen cars in 'victim's' underground garage

A criminal who handled stolen cars got his comeuppance after calling the police when his own vehicle was stolen.

Chirag Patel, 39, asked police to investigate when his Porsche was stolen on January 31, 2015.

When officers searched his home in Croydon, south London, they found five stolen cars in his underground garage. There was also a suspicious collection of 26 car keys. Nine of the keys had been stolen from Jaguar Land Rover's factory in Solihull in the West Midlands.

Patel, who claimed to operate a legitimate car-rental business, was sentenced to eight years in prison this week after further investigation found a total of 19 stolen cars including a Porsche Cayenne, Range Rovers and Mercedes. The total value was estimated at £728,000.

The Porsche that Patel reported as stolen was bought legitimately.

His collection of cars

had all been stolen in "keyless thefts" across London between October 2012 and January 2015, the Metropolitan police said. Officers searched through the accounts of his car rental business and found £440,000 in "unexplained cash deposits". Police also found a laptop that had been reported stolen from an address in Streatham.

Patel was arrested 20 days after his phone call, on February 19, 2015. He was found guilty of conspiracy to handle stolen goods and possession of criminal property after a five-week trial at Croydon crown court and was jailed for eight years.

Police said that Patel had tried to keep officers away from his home by giving details of his parents' address.

"When he finally gave his own address, officers attended the property as part of their investigation into the stolen car," the Met said.

"Here they discovered a number of high-value vehicles in the basement



RICH HAUL: Police found a total of 19 cars stolen by Mr. Patel's gang, which included Range Rovers, Mercedes and a Porsche Cayenne



FAST COMPANY: Chirag Patel told police he operated a legitimate car rental business

car park. Officers identified that one of cars had a personalised number plate identical to one seen earlier on a vehicle outside Patel's parents' address.

"Further inquiries by officers established that the five vehicles in the car park had false number plates and all were later confirmed to have been stolen."

The Met said that Patel had been running an "off-the-books" car rental business in which he loaned vehicles to his friends and business contacts.

"The vehicles had been stolen by unknown individuals during burglaries and keyless thefts across London between October 2012 and January 2015 and were stored at or near addresses owned by Patel and his family, or with associates who looked after the vehicles for him or rented them from him. The identities of the cars were concealed using legitimate insurance details of vehicles which had been written off."

Acting Detective Sergeant Billy Clough said that Patel, who claimed to be a legitimate car rental operator, was motivated by "sheer greed".

Keira bans daughter from watching some Disney films

Keira Knightley says she has banned her three-year-old daughter from watching Disney films whose portrayal of women she disagrees with.

Edie Knightley Righton is not allowed to watch Cinderella or Little Mermaid.

Knightley (right), who starred in the Disney blockbuster Pirates of the Caribbean series, told Ellen DeGeneres this week that 1950's Cinderella "waits around for a rich guy to rescue her. Don't! Rescue yourself. Obviously!"

She said of Little Mermaid: "I mean, the songs are great, but do not give your voice up for a man. Hello!"

The actress added: "And this is the one that I'm quite annoyed about because I really like the film. I love The Little Mermaid! That one's a little tricky - but I'm keeping to it."

Knightley said not all Disney films were barred from her home.

Finding Dory, which was voiced by DeGeneres, "is a big favourite" and "Frozen is huge, Moana is totally fine."



Brits in LA

Meet a Member: Jeff Leach

Meet Jeff Leach from London who moved to New York three years ago and Los Angeles a year ago to pursue his acting and stand-up comedy.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

As any self-respecting, self-deprecating Brit in America knows, it is of the utmost importance to move to a city with the highest volume of unnervingly attractive people living in it, to really make oneself feel wholly inadequate. Aside from the inevitable love-handle shame, this was also always intended to be the final destination for my acting career. After two years living and performing stand-up comedy multiple times every night at the world famous Comedy Cellar venue in Greenwich Village alongside my

heroes, I finally tired of seeing audience members' brows furrow furiously with lack of recognition as my name was announced in line ups between Dave Chappelle and Dave Attell. I knew it was time to head towards the sunshine and land a few major credits this side of the pond myself.

What do you miss most from home?

Well the usual British staples of course such as penny-farthings, chimney sweeps and an ever-increasing threat of scurvy. Aside from these however I do yearn for the rich cultural history readily available back home. Architecture spanning thousands of years, museums, theatres and galleries celebrating art and literature from every corner of the world.

This daily dose of culture is simply not as readily available in a city that is relatively infantile in its existence. If you doubt the validity of my judgement, you only have to gaze in wonder at the plethora of adult-children blissfully bounding along through life in Los Angeles... myself included.

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

Prior to moving out here to live, I had visited Los Angeles about eight times for work and play. I'd always found it incredibly shallow and rather formulaic in its design and those who live here. However, good people with immense depth do exist here, you simply need to reveal a little vulnerability to have them do the same. I now love



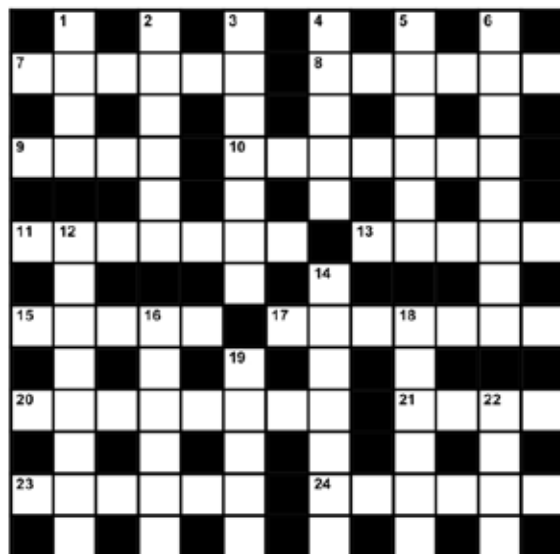
JEFF LEACH: "Good people with immense depth do exist here, you simply need to reveal a little vulnerability to have them do the same."

The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #359

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Across

- 7 Dry (6)
- 8 Way up (6)
- 9 Hurtful sensation (4)
- 10 Language (7)
- 11 Breed (7)
- 13 Cut up (5)
- 15 Pyramids (5)
- 17 In the neighborhood (7)
- 20 Circumscribe (8)
- 21 Seven-day cycle (4)
- 23 Inside (6)
- 24 City Hall big shots (6)



Down

- 1 Hot rock (4)
- 2 Dry (6)
- 3 Went into (7)
- 4 Grammarian's concern (5)
- 5 Glandular output (6)
- 6 Like the Congressional Record (8)
- 12 Meat, fish, eggs all contain these (8)
- 14 Halloween wear (7)
- 16 Be disloyal (6)
- 18 Irving Berlin classic (6)
- 19 Valuable discoveries (5)
- 22 Bring home the bacon (4)

Solution to Puzzle #358



being here. The sunshine feeds my soul and staves off my depression, I am surrounded by decent and genuine people and I've since discovered wonderfully weird pockets of cultural identity across the city.

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

Apart from the fact that homeless people in Los Angeles all have better tans and bicep definition than me? Well London always had a propensity for violence after a few ales... constant challenges are presented with drunken glares and glances on the London Underground during my commute home after a show of a Friday night when I was still there. Instead in Los Angeles, no-one confronts each other in this way. I'm not saying they are any better than the Brits, simply that instead they release frustrations through braggadocious behavior and back-stab gossip.

It's both tiring and also reassuring to appreciate that most humans, no matter their location, are just as insecure and vulnerable as each other. There's something quite comforting to know that we are all as flawed as each other.

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

Well I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Westside Comedy Theatre in Santa Monica, hidden in an alley between 2nd and 3rd Street in the promenade shopping area. However weekend visitors should swing by Hollywood Highgrade and get their buzz on, before heading down to Venice's Hinano Cafe for one of LA's best burgers, cooked on a grill infused with grease flavours from 1973 washed down with a frozen beer mug filled with Ex-Patriate Ale and then round off the night with some dancing at The Mint and a suitable face-stuffing of street tacos at the Mexican truck on the

corner of Sunset Blvd and Weston.

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

Allow yourself to be vulnerable and accept your insecurities. So few are able to do so out here and the desperation is palpable, however if you show people some genuine care and empathy you'll be surprised by how many people flock to be near to you.

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?

Buy yourself a car! I spent almost a year taking Uber and Lyft and absolutely drained my funds. So buy a decent motor and save yourself some serious moolah.

Lastly, how can we find out more about you?

All of my live stand up comedy shows are listed on jeffreyleach.com.

Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: Your financial goal will be in reach by late next week and don't think because it's been dormant for a while that it cannot be resolved. If you can let go of the outcome and what you expect it to be it will manifest quicker than you could hope for.

TAURUS : Lucky Jupiter opposite you in Scorpio will bring a situation that is unresolved to the surface. This can be in any part of your life. Therefore it's best to deal with this in a calm and cool manner. Look forward to this being a more upbeat week ahead.

GEMINI: It's time to clarify your current health and wellness plan and to initiate whatever you need to do to move forward. You will have bills to pay so make it your priority, also what you decided recently in this area will complete by the end of next week.

CANCER: Be strong and all the hard work you put in recently will bear fruit this coming week. Jupiter is in your cousin sign of Scorpio and will enhance several areas in your life that may need a little boost. Take a short trip away by month's end.

LEO: Financial issues could hold you back from enjoying your life. Do not assume that it seems unlikely to resolve the situation with ease. Do tackle what you can and stop stressing over what you are unable to complete...it's all you can do.

VIRGO: As this coming month unfolds you will benefit from your boss Mercury going backwards. Along with low energy this is not a time to get in any discussions about future situations. If you push too hard your health will suffer.

LIBRA: Any plans you have may not go as you hoped, however it is true that everything happens for a reason. With this in mind expect something from your past wish list to come to the fore. Your lovely boss Venus is heading your way. Happy Birthday!

SCORPIO: There are some things you know and some things you just feel. When you listen to that inner voice you are one of the most intuitive signs and in the next few weeks with Jupiter assisting, you should be ready for opening new doors all round.

SAGITTARIUS: We all deserve the finer things in life, although it is not always possible to indulge ourselves. This week ahead at least treat yourself as though it is. Saturn is blessing you so expect some good vibrations ahead.

CAPRICORN: You may be feeling downcast recently and some of you may be dealing with family and financial problems. This is due in part to Mars in your money house. While this is a setback now it will pass in a few days. Stay away from socializing with some people for a while - you know who they are.

AQUARIUS: If you refuse to acknowledge something it does not mean it will disappear. It will probably not be as bad as you think. Instead take the bull by the horns and get going on sorting out the problem. Doing a good turn for another will help you and them.

PISCES: You have the power this week to transform something into a positive outcome for all. Venus is casting her warm vibes in most areas of your life. Be strong for those who can help. That's all you can do and those who care will support you.

Kirkin' of the Tartans in Beverly Hills

THE SAINT Andrew's Society of Los Angeles will hold its annual Kirkin' of the Tartans on Sunday 28th October, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Beverly Hills Presbyterian church, located at 505 North Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

The traditional service will include the 'Ceremony of

the Sword' the time-honoured 'Calling of The Tartans' when all members with a clan affiliation or ancestry will be invited to have their name, clan, and clan motto announced. This is a time-honoured observation of the time when The Act of Proscription following the Battle of Culloden outlawed the wearing of

tartan cloth. So the story goes highlanders would smuggle bits of tartan cloth into church for the pastor to bless; however the root of this tradition is a little murky.

The Society piper will lead the processional into church playing Highland Cathedral. Following the service and the rendition of 'Amazing Grace' on pipes with choir the

recessional leaves the church to the strains of 'Flower of Scotland'. Readers are encouraged to join the event for this unique and traditional

service that salutes the culture and history of Scotland. No formal RSVP is required. An informal lunch following the service

will be arranged. For more information about the Saint Andrews Society and to join their mailing list, email rees1@mac.com

The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #359

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Solution to Sudoku #358

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8	1	7	4	9	2	3	5	6
7	2	5	9	8	6	4	1	3
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This Week's Pub Quiz Winners



Tap That triumphed at the latest Brits in LA Pub Quiz on Tuesday, seeing off nine other teams to take the \$75 first prize.

But everyone was a winner at the Cat and Fiddle as each player in attendance left with memorabilia from new movie Hunter Killer.

Trivia returns with more fun and prizes on Oct 23 when Tap That, pictured here with quizmaster Sandro Monetti, try to retain their title. (Picture by Glenn Kinsey)

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Don't just complain. Make your vote count!

Are you eligible to vote in the upcoming elections on November 6th?

Then make sure you have registered by the October 22nd deadline. Visit <https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote> to register, confirm or make any changes. My ever-changing work schedule means that I'm not always certain I will be able to physically vote so I've opted to Vote-by-Mail, which means I can send it in if I am away but I can also drop it off at any polling station on the day if I am in town. Another reason I like this method is that it gives me a proper chance to research what or who I am voting for. Most of what we vote on is very standard, but occasionally we get asked to consider what I deem quite unusual matters.

This year Californians have been asked to decide whether we should have year round Daylight Savings Time. Voting yes on Proposition 7 would repeal the DST act that was implemented in 1949, and therefore no more changing the clocks. A "no" vote would keep things the same. And even then we will still need to get Congress to approve this. Federal law allows states to opt out of daylight saving time, but not to keep it all the time.

I don't think I would mind the darker mornings plus more of us would get to see the sunrise, which is a lovely to start to anyone's day. However, the clocks changing is one of the only markers Californians have to acknowledge the seasonal change. At the

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November 6, 2018, General Election	<p>Online or Postmark by October 22, 2018</p> <p>or</p> <p>You can "conditionally" register and vote at your county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.</p>	Must arrive by October 30, 2018	Personally delivered ballots: Must be delivered by close of polls on November 6, 2018; Mailed ballots: Must be postmarked on or before November 6, 2018, and received by your county elections office no later than November 9, 2018.



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moment I'm not sure how I will vote, so would love to hear your thoughts on this. This year it is business as usual so clocks will 'fall back' on November 4th, bear in mind that it happens in the UK on October 28th.

Even if you are not able to vote you might be interested to see what is on the ballot this year. I quite like ballotpedia.org as they also list all the arguments from 'for' and 'against' and even tell you how much money has been spent on campaigning either from either side. Interestingly, Prop 7 apparently has had no campaign contributions.

On a lighter note I was amused to read that Britain appears to have gone Brussel Sprouts mad - half of me wonders if it is Brexit related and directed at Brussels? Walkers have introduced Brussel Sprouts crisps and Sainsbury's are selling Brussel Sprouts tea! Has anyone been brave enough to try these? I love Brussel Sprouts but these sound horrendous...

We always enjoy hearing from you, so if you have any questions or comments you can drop us a line at info@britsin.la

Cheers!
Eileen



Emma Watson packs on the PDA with new beau Brendan Wallace!

British actress Emma Watson and her new boyfriend packed on the PDA during a romantic Mexican getaway!

The Harry Potter star and her tech CEO boyfriend Brendan Wallace were spotted in Cabo San Lucas on Saturday grabbing lunch together.

At the end of the meal, the couple shared a sweet kiss. Watson was dressed casually in a striped shirt, jean shorts and a snapback cap, while Wallace, the co-founder and managing partner of Fifth Wall, paired a navy tee and brown shorts.

"They kissed across the table and seemed passionate about each other," a source told E! News. "She had a big smile

on her face and seemed to really love being with him. They chatted a lot and spent time laughing together. They seemed like a very happy couple enjoying their vacation."

Prior to Wallace, Watson was linked to "Glee" actor Chord Overstreet. The pair called it quits in May 2018.

The star also made headlines this week when she shared a photo of herself on Twitter wearing a white t-shirt that read 'Trans Rights are Human Rights'.

Alongside a love heart and a raised fist emoji, Watson tagged leading LGBTI and trans advocacy groups in the tweet.

Watson is set to star in Greta Gerwig's star-studded remake of "Little Women."



Beckham admits his marriage to Victoria 'is complicated'

David Beckham and Victoria Beckham were thrown into the spotlight again this summer amid rumours their marriage was coming to an end.

Bookies suspended bets on the pair getting divorced in June, increasing speculation the stars would head

their separate ways. They quickly rubbished the claims, labelling them a "crock of s***", "ridiculous" and "nonsense".

And now, David has spoken publicly about his 19-year marriage in an interview with Australian TV show The Sunday Project.

In a trailer for the show, he says: "To have been married for the amount of time we have, it's always hard work."

"It becomes a little bit more complicated."

Oo-er!

The former Manchester United star married Victoria, former member of the Spice Girls and now a fashion mogul, in 1999 at Luttrellstown Castle, Ireland.

The couple have four children together - Brooklyn, 19, Romeo, 16, Cruz, 13, and Harper, 7.

David was part of United's famous "Class of '92", winning the Treble in 1999 under Sir Alex Ferguson.

The Englishman made nearly 400 appearances for the club and captained the national team 59 times.

He met Victoria after a game at Old Trafford when she was still with the Spice Girls, known at the time as "Posh Spice".

The Spice Girls are still one of the best-selling female groups of all time, with millions of records sold worldwide.

Any thoughts on this one, Victoria!?

The Sunday Project airs on Australia's Network Ten at 6.30pm on Sunday.



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José Mourinho set for ban over obscene rant

Even Messi would struggle at United, says Scholes

José Mourinho has been angered by the FA's decision to charge him for swearing into a television camera. He faces a touchline ban but could delay it and be free to take charge of Manchester United against Chelsea on Saturday.

The FA announced on Wednesday that it had charged the United manager with using abusive, insulting or improper language. He was filmed mouthing words into a camera shortly after his team's 3-2 victory over Newcastle United on October 6.

Using lip readers and language experts to study footage of the incident, the FA alleges that Mourinho said "fodas filhos de puta", which translates as "F**k off, sons of a bitch".

The rant could have been directed at pundits such as Paul Scholes, who continued to criticise Mourinho and the United board this week, claiming that they are turning the club into a laughing stock.

"I feel like people at Liverpool and Manchester City are looking at us and laughing like we did at them many years ago," the former United midfielder said in an interview with ESPN. "If you look across

the road, they're doing everything right."

Scholes cast doubt on Mourinho's future at Old Trafford with United eighth in the Premier League.

"It feels like every player who comes into the team struggles," he said. "I feel like we could sign Lionel Messi at the moment and he'd struggle in this team."

He also suggested that some players may have given up playing for Mourinho.

"I'm not saying that any Man United player has ever done that but you hear so much stuff now that you think it could be possible," he said.

Scholes was dismissive of the manager's achievements at United. "The reason we finished second last year was because of [David De Gea] the goalkeeper," he said, before describing Alexis Sánchez, whom Mourinho signed from Arsenal, as "a bit selfish".

"The signing felt like it happened just to stop Man City signing him," he said.

Mourinho is understood to be upset with the FA and considers the charge for swearing unfair. He has until 6pm on Friday to accept or deny it. The punishment is likely to be

a fine or a touchline ban of at least one match. Wayne Rooney, the former United striker, was banned for two matches for the same offence in 2011.

While a ban seems the more likely sanction, there is a way that Mourinho can delay the ruling and be pitchside at Stamford Bridge. A three-man commission will hear evidence from those involved regardless of whether he accepts or denies the charge. It is understood that if he delays his response until the last possible moment on Friday evening, there will not be enough time for the commission to hear the case and pass judgment before Saturday's lunchtime kick-off away to Chelsea.

This would leave Mourinho free to stand on the touchline for the crucial match against his former club.

Wilson steps up again to give Wales victory

HARRY Wilson showed his star quality with a trademark free-kick winner on Tuesday night to leave Ireland manager Martin O'Neill fighting for his job.

Not for the first time this season, Wilson pinged home a spectacular free-kick in a huge stadium. The Liverpool star, on loan at Derby, netted a classic cup strike at Old Trafford last month. At the Aviva, the 21-year-old, winning his sixth cap, gave Wales a 58th-minute winner they well deserved. Harry Arter left a leg in late to foul Connor Roberts 25 yards out and Wilson curled over the wall left-footed.

Wilson said: "We knew it wasn't going to be easy, but we tried to get on the ball and cause them problems and we did that in the second half.

"It's always nice to score a free-kick but the pleasing thing was it gave us three points. I hope I can keep scoring."

On Wilson's goal, Wales boss and former Manchester United great Ryan Giggs said: "I fined him for the goal at Old Trafford! He is a special talent to be able to do that. I have seen David Beckham over the years with his free-kicks, and he practises like that.

"I am so proud. They dug in to the end and it was a brilliant second-half performance.

O'Neill is facing questions over his future, although it is a struggle to think of who would do any better with a limited squad. Five defeats in

England:

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give you confidence for the future.

"They have to take tremendous belief from that. We won't get carried away - we still conceded two goals - but it will give them huge belief."

Asked about the 'statement' victory over a major side he had sought, Southgate replied: "It's one less question we have to answer. There'll be something else. Tonight the players have gone a step further which is fantastic for them."

Manchester City winger Sterling converted a low finish and tapped in from close range to end a run of 1,825 minutes and 27 games without scoring for England.

He told BBC Radio 5 live: "It's an incredible night. The boys showed real confidence to go out there against a really good side and not just play, to compete. We had a good World Cup and could have done even better but we are going in the right direction.

"I haven't scored for a while for England so it was frustration, all the pressure, it all comes out in the celebration. There is nothing better than scoring in an England shirt. We showed energy, effort and courage to get on the ball.

"As a forward you go through patches but I am

their last nine games is miserable for Ireland and they were jeered off the pitch.

O'Neill said: "I felt we should have scored early on. We're not renowned for

forgetting about looking nice, getting in behind and causing havoc."

In his media briefing before this game, Spain coach Luis Enrique was asked whether he could believe how well his early days had gone after thrashing Croatia at home and Wales away - but the party came to an abrupt end in Seville.

The whistles at half-time were as much from disbelief as disappointment as a Spain side used to having it all their own way at home were being run ragged on their own turf.

England were devastating; Spain were stunned.

This country has been an impregnable football fortress in the modern generation and this was the end of a 38-game unbeaten run, and the first time in their history they had conceded three goals at home in a competitive match.

It was the first time they had conceded three goals at home in the first 45 minutes of an international since Scotland scored four in their 6-2 win at the Bernabeu in June 1963.

All these glorious statistics came tumbling down around Spain as England restored the feelgood factor that sustained them through the World Cup.

This was a memorable night and one of the finest in England's recent history.

scoring a lot of goals so we need to take our chances. It was a grandstand finish and we could have got something, but there were a lot of positives despite the result."

Friday/Saturday UEFA Nations League Results

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Southgate lauds English 'courage'

■ England's young guns notch first Nations League victory with astounding win in Spain

England manager Gareth Southgate praised the "courage" of his side after they beat Spain to claim their first Uefa Nations League victory.

Monday's 3-2 loss was Spain's first at home in a competitive match for 15 years.

A superb first-half showing from England produced two goals from Raheem Sterling and one from Marcus Rashford, with Spain responding through Paco Alcacer and Sergio Ramos.

Southgate said his side "showed quality" and were "brave".

He told BBC Radio 5 live: "The quality of the performance - we played with courage and used the ball with courage. If you

come and defend for 90 minutes they will unlock you.

"We really showed some quality and a good mentality to play out of their pressing. Spain are very aggressive in the way they press. All our players, right through the team, were brave enough to play the way we wanted to play.

"It's fine to have an idea of how you want to play but to do it is a huge credit to them."

The Three Lions became the first team to put three goals past Spain in a competitive home international, and won in the country for the first time since 1987.

Southgate, whose side reached the semi-finals



WHO DARES WINS? England stunned the Spanish with a 3-2 victory in Seville Monday night

at the World Cup in the summer, also named the youngest England team

this century.

Former Middlesbrough manager Southgate said:

"It's a great reference need wins and positive experiences to refer to, to a young player you cont. on page 19, col. 5

Shaw bullish on United future

Injury-blighted defender signs new £150k/week deal

Luke Shaw says "it is only a matter of time" until Manchester United thrive again after signing a new five-year deal worth a reported £150,000 a week.

The 23-year-old's current contract was set to expire next summer, with poor form and injury limiting him to 75 appearances for the club.

Shaw admits a new deal looked "impossible" at times in the last year.

However, the left-back has been a regular this season with his form prompting an international recall.

"I can't wait to continue my progress under Jose Mourinho," Shaw said.

"I personally think it's only a matter of time until the success is going to be coming back.

"We have an amazing group of players and the talent we have is scary. There are a lot of young lads that are hungry for



"We have an amazing group of players and the talent we have is scary," - Luke Shaw on Manchester United

trophies."

The England defender joined United for £27m in 2014 after establishing himself as one of the most promising full-backs in the Premier League at Southampton.

But after struggling to prove himself under former manager Louis van Gaal, he was sidelined for the majority of the 2015-16 season after breaking his leg in two places during a 2-1 defeat to PSV Eindhoven in the Champions League.

Shaw has also

previously faced public criticism from current boss Jose Mourinho but has become his first choice left-back this term with a run of fine displays.

"Luke fully deserves this contract," said Mourinho, adding he "has worked really hard at every level" and "always believes in himself".

He said: "I am delighted that we are keeping such a talented young English player with a bright future ahead of him."



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930am Huddersfield v Liverpool

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10am Bills v Colts
10am Texans v Jaguars
10am Lions v Dolphins
10am Vikings v Jets
105pm Saints v Ravens
125pm Cowboys v Redskins
125pm Rams v 49ers
520pm Bengals v Chiefs

10/22 Mon EPL

Noon Arsenal v Leicester

NFL

515pm Giants v Falcons

10/23 Tue Champions League

Noon Manchester United v Juventus
Noon Shakhtar Donetsk v Man City
Noon Real Madrid v Viktoria Plzen

10/24 Wed Champions League

Noon Liverpool v FK Crvena Zvezda
Noon Barcelona v Inter
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