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Only one sprog more at Frogmore!

■ Harry's pledge: no more than two children to help save the planet

PRINCE HARRY has announced that he and the Duchess of Sussex will have no more than two children as part of their commitment to saving the environment.

While talking to world famous environmentalist Dr Jane Goodall in the much-anticipated September issue of Vogue, guest edited by his wife Meghan Markle, the royal spoke about his commitment to the environment in a conversation about family planning. Talking about saving the environment, Harry said: "I view it very differently now, without question. But I've always wanted to try and ensure that, even before having a child and hoping to have children..." Jane then interjected: "Not too many!" to which Harry replied: "Two, maximum!"

are things that are happening now. We are already living in it. We are the frog in the water and it's already been brought to the boil. Which is terrifying." Harry acknowledged his attitude towards the planet had changed after the arrival of baby Archie in May. "But I've always thought: this place is borrowed," he went on. "And, surely, being as intelligent as we all are, or as evolved as we all are supposed to be, we should be able to leave something better behind for the next generation." The Duke and Duchess of Sussex became first-time parents in May, following the arrival of baby Archie. And while the couple have chosen to keep Archie out of the public eye for now, their baby son has made a few appearances with his



HARRY WITH WIFE MEGHAN AND BABY ARCHIE: "We should be able to leave something better behind for the next generation," the Prince said this week

parents, most recently at a charity polo match at the beginning of July. Meghan was pictured holding Archie as she watched Harry compete in the game. The pair were also joined by the Duchess of Cambridge, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, who were there to support Prince William –

who too was playing in the match. The Prince and Goodall also discussed how her studies of primates have informed her feelings on human beings. "From studying the chimps and seeing all the similarities it was obvious to me that we have inherited aggressive tendencies," she said.

"When you look around the world, they're everywhere. They're not learned. They're just... there." The Duke went on to draw parallels to racist behavior, which he said can come from the manner and environment in which someone has been brought up. "It's the same as

an unconscious bias -- something which so many people don't understand, why they feel the way that they do," he said. "Despite the fact that if you go up to someone and say, 'What you've just said, or the way that you've behaved, is racist' -- they'll turn around and say, 'I'm not a racist.'"

News from Britain

Brexit done by October, vows BoJo in Ulster visit

BORIS Johnson insisted Brexit will be wrapped up by the end of October as he clashed with Sinn Fein in tense talks this week.

During a gruelling first visit to Northern Ireland as Prime Minister on Tuesday, Johnson he pledged to honour the "letter and spirit" of the Good Friday Agreement. But the visit concluded in a stand-off over a poll on Irish reunification which might be triggered by a no-deal Brexit. Mr Johnson arrived in Belfast on Tuesday and had a private dinner with DUP leader Arlene Foster, deputy leader

Nigel Dodds MP and chief whip Jeffrey Donaldson MP. He sat down at Stormont House with the five Northern Ireland parties trying to reach agreement on a new powersharing deal after two-and-a-half years of stalemate, saying: "I'll be helping the parties in any way I can."

'potential crash'

He denied the DUP dinner would lead to questions over the UK government's impartiality.

Mr Johnson's Europe adviser, David Frost, will be dispatched to Brussels

soon for talks with key EU officials. He will pass on the premier's message that any Brexit agreement must see the controversial Irish border backstop "abolished".

Sinn Fein leader Mary Lou McDonald said she had told Mr Johnson that a no-deal Brexit "will be catastrophic for the Irish economy, for Irish livelihoods, for our society, for our politics and for our peace accord."

"The extensive planning he's carrying out in respect of a potential crash Brexit has to include the issue of a border poll here in



Northern Ireland Secretary Julian Smith with Boris Johnson at Stormont on Wednesday

Ireland."

The DUP's confidence and supply agreement which keeps the Tories in power had "poisoned the groundwater" she said, and warned him

not to be the "DUP's gopher".

DUP leader Arlene Foster hit back: "The Prime Minister said he would never be neutral on the Union. He will,

of course, be neutral on government here in Northern Ireland. "Talk of a border poll, he told us, was not something that he was entertaining."

Javid in £4.2bn giveaway to ease Brexit transition

■ But Shadow Chancellor blasts "appalling waste of taxpayers' cash"

NEW Chancellor Sajid Javid this week released an extra £2.1billion from the Treasury in an attempt to dramatically accelerate the Government's preparations for a no-deal Brexit this autumn.

With no sign of the deadlock between Downing Street and Brussels being broken, Mr Javid is to double the money available for ensuring the UK can withstand a full

break with the EU to £4.2billion. It will include £1.1billion for immediate spending on extra border guards, stockpiling vital medicines and a massive publicity blitz aimed at households and businesses. Mr Javid will also set aside a further £1billion for a reserve fund to cover contingencies as the Brexit deadline of October 31 approaches.

Speaking Wednesday night, he said: "It's vital

we intensify our planning to ensure we are ready. We want to get a good deal that abolishes the anti-democratic backstop. But if we can't get a good deal, we'll have to leave without one.

"This additional £2.1billion will ensure we are ready to leave on October 31 - deal or no deal."

The cash boost raises the total the Treasury has made available for Brexit

to £6.3billion. In his first spending announcement in his new role, the Chancellor set out details of his £1.1billion package for immediate preparations. The sum is to include £344million to help get new border and customs operations ready. Home Office chiefs will be able to recruit an extra 500 Border Force officers with the cash, taking the total of new personnel added to the service this year to more than 1,000. Support for customs officers to train new staff or invest in new computer equipment to help businesses complete customs declarations is to be expanded. Transport infrastructure around ports including measures to manage traffic disruption in Kent is to be improved. Government helplines to provide businesses and holidaymakers with travel information will also be improved.

Mr Javid will also make £434million available to help

ensure supplies of vital medicines and medical products do not run dry by increasing freight capacity, warehousing and stockpiling. A further £138million is to be allocated for a public communications blitz to instruct households and businesses on how to prepare for a no-deal Brexit. An information campaign based around media and online adverts is planned. The Chancellor will also pledge £108million to promote and support businesses to ensure they are ready for Brexit. Measures to help firms will include a national programme of business readiness and support for exporters to capitalize on new trading opportunities with countries outside the EU.

spending inquiry

Parliament's spending watchdog promised an inquiry into the billions of pounds the Government is plunging into Brexit preparations. Meg Hillier,

Labour chairwoman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee, claimed there was "not enough time" to spend the cash effectively. She said: "The Prime Minister is promising to throw hundreds of millions of pounds at Brexit as though that will solve his problems."

"With three months to go before 31 October there's not enough time to spend this effectively - recruiting, training and delivering services takes more planning."

"The committee will be looking at how much is spent and what it actually delivers."

Labour's shadow chancellor John McDonnell said: "This is an appalling waste of taxpayers' cash, all for the sake of Boris Johnson's drive towards a totally avoidable no-deal."

"This government could have ruled out a no-deal and spent these billions on our schools, hospitals, and people instead."



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Meghan raises profile again - now as guest editor of UK Vogue

THE Duchess of Sussex will make another high-profile media splash next month as she guests as editor of British Vogue.

Meghan Markle is overseeing a special edition of the glossy fashion magazine, titled "Forces for Change," - and she knew she wanted to interview a special guest who would inspire readers.

"I knew that I wanted to create a magazine that would speak not just to where we are, but to where we hope to be," Meghan said in her editor's note. "In doing so, I knew we needed to both open and close strong. Like a beautiful meal: the first bite sets the tone and the final spoonful leaves you satiated, smiling, and sometimes (if you're dining under the direction of a forward-thinking chef) even inspired."

The 37-year-old went on to ask, "So how could I bring this issue to its logical conclusion? How could I meet that very lofty self-imposed goal?"

Who could she interview? Her answer: "It needed to be Michelle Obama."

The 37-year-old revealed she asked the former US first lady to take part in the project "over a casual lunch of chicken tacos and my ever-burgeoning bump."

What emerged between the two was an email conversation that left the former actress speechless.

"She graciously said yes (because she's Michelle, she's gracious), and then very promptly sent answers (because she's Michelle, she's prompt)," the Duchess of Sussex wrote.

"What was sent back to me, however, left me somewhat speechless. A few 'simple questions'

(which she could have answered with a sentence or two) were returned to me as a thoughtful, reflective and beautifully curated narrative - a gentle reminder not of how but of why she has become such a globally respected public figure."

The author and motivational speaker offered a healthy dose of parenting advice with some pearls of wisdom about the early days of motherhood.

"Motherhood has taught me that, most of the time, my job is to give them the space to explore and develop into the people they want to be. Not who I want them to be or who I wish I was at that age, but who they are, deep inside," Michelle said.

"Motherhood has also taught me that my job is not to bulldoze a path for them in an effort to eliminate all possible adversity. But instead,

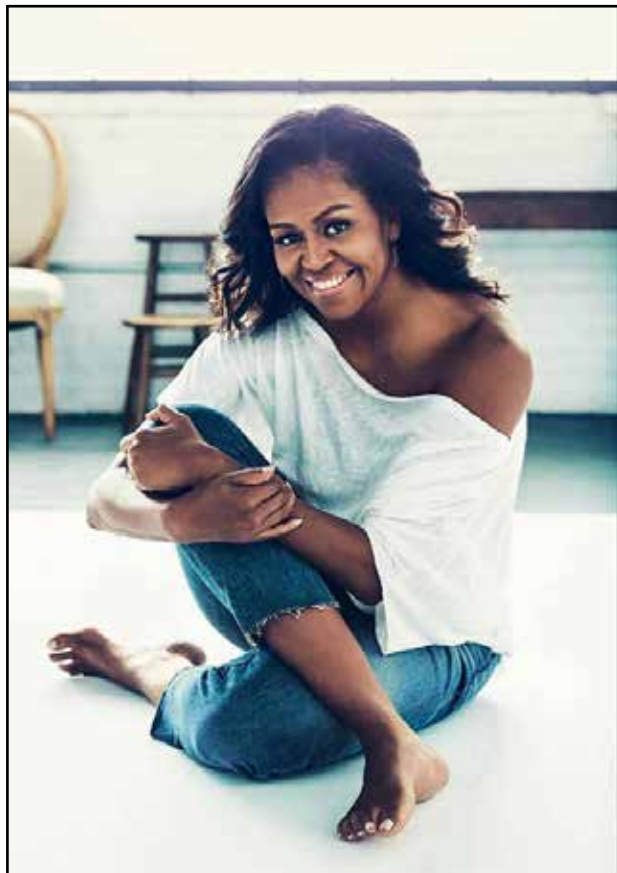
I need to be a safe and consistent place for them to land when they inevitably fail; and to show them, again and again, how to get up on their own."

'so magical'

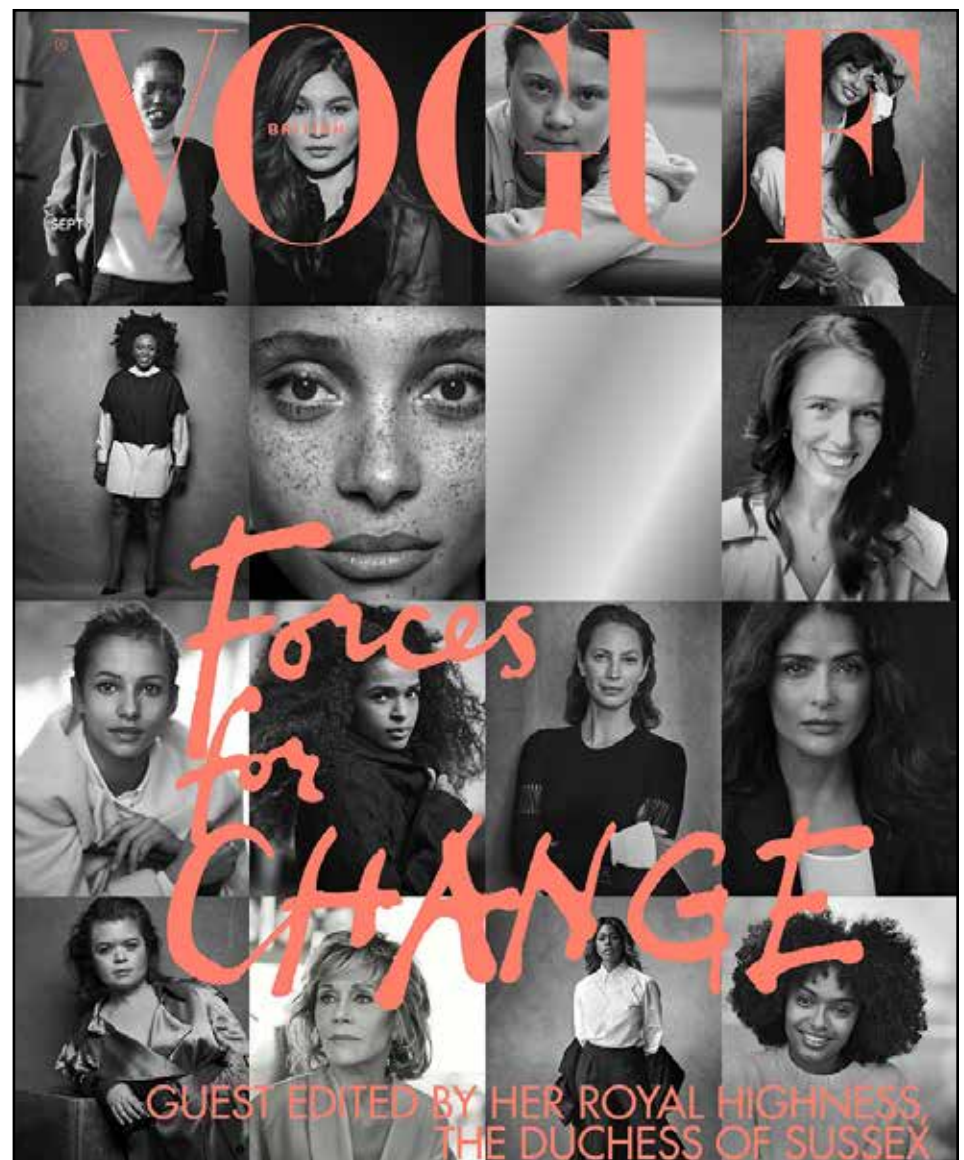
She added: "When Malia and Sasha were newborns, Barack and I could lose hours just watching them sleep. We loved to listen to the little sounds they'd make - especially the way they cooed when they were deep into dreaming... Don't get me wrong, early parenthood is exhausting. I'm sure you know a thing or two about that these days. But there is something so magical about having a baby in the house. Time expands and contracts; each moment holds its own little eternity.

"I'm so excited for you and Harry to experience that, Meghan. Savour it all."

The duchess, five months pregnant with son



FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES: former First Lady Michelle Obama has contributed to the edition



COVER GIRL: the September issue of British Vogue is on sale now

Archie when she started the editing project, told readers it was a "special time". She wrote: "By the time you hold this issue in your hands, my husband and I will be holding our three-month-old baby boy in ours. It's a very special time for me personally, on so many levels. "Working with Edward and his team, both during my pregnancy and maternity leave, has played no small

part in that joy."

The Duchess of Sussex picked 15 inspirational women for the cover, including Hollywood actress Jane Fonda, 81, and climate change campaigner Greta Thunberg, 16. The 37-year-old, who gave birth to son Archie in May, does not grace the cover herself as she felt it would be a "boastful" thing to do, according to the

magazine's editor-in-chief Edward Enninful.

Meghan said: "Through this lens I hope you'll feel the strength of the collective in the diverse selection of women chosen for the cover as well as the team of support I called upon within the issue to help bring this to light. I hope readers feel as inspired as I do, by the forces for change they'll find within these pages."



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CORBYN: persistent allegations of anti-Semitism

Labour Party sinks to new lows in Welsh strongholds

LABOUR'S dwindling support under Jeremy Corbyn was laid bare this week, as a new poll showed the party had sunk to a new low in its historic Welsh heartland.

Support for Labour is just 22 per cent, placing it behind the Tories on 24 per cent and only four points above the Brexit Party, the YouGov poll says. It is a further boost to Boris Johnson who visited Wales for the first time as Prime Minister on Tuesday. The poll results are being blamed on Labour's woeful Brexit strategy and a "Boris bounce" in the country that voted to leave the EU in 2016.

Aberavon Labour MP Stephen Kinnock said: "Labour's strategy on Brexit has been disastrous. Anuerin Bevan said if you stand in the middle of the road, you will get run down. "We should have stuck to our guns and said we are the party that wants to leave the EU, but we must leave with a deal. Or you could go fullthroated for a second referendum, which personally I wouldn't agree with. But it's a strategy and it's clear. What you can't be is all things to all people. The fall-out of that is what we're seeing now."

Mr Kinnock said support for Labour in

Wales would return if an election took place after Brexit, when the party could once again dominate "bread and butter" political issues.

Labour has ruled Welsh politics for decades. Party founder Keir Hardie and ex-premiers Ramsay MacDonald and James Callaghan represented Welsh seats and, since 1998, all four Welsh Assembly first ministers have hailed from the party. Mr Kinnock said Labour had also been squeezed by the popularity of Mr Johnson, who has promised to take Britain out of the EU with no deal if necessary. The Brexit Party has also mopped up Labour Leave backers.

Academics have described the results of the poll as unprecedented for Labour. Professor Roger Awan-Scully said Mr Corbyn and First Minister Mark Drakeford "appear to be well on course to presiding over the destruction of their party's near century-long hegemony in Welsh politics".

A Labour source said: "Before the 2017 election, Welsh polls put us way behind the Tories, but under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership we won the majority of Welsh seats and achieved our highest share of the vote for 20 years."

15-year old Brit wins almost £1m at Fortnite World Cup

A BRITISH teenager is quids in by nearly £1million after he and his doubles partner came second in the Fortnite World Cup finals.

Jaden Ashman, 15, and his Dutch partner Dave Jong, 21, are to split their £1.8million prize, each banking £900,000. But he admitted his rise to online gaming fame has seen running battles with his mother, Lisa, who once binned his Xbox as she tried in vain to make Jaden spend more time on schoolwork.

'against him gaming'

After his win in New York City on Saturday, the Essex teenager said: "Me and my mum, we clash quite a lot. "She didn't understand how it worked, so she thought that I was spending eight hours a day in my room just wasting my time. So now that I've proved to her that I can do stuff, I'm really happy."

Lisa said: "I've been



ALL SMILES NOW: But Jaden Ashman and mum Lisa have clashed over his gaming

quite against him gaming. I've been more pushing him to his schoolwork. "I've actually thrown an Xbox out, snapped a headset, we've had a nightmare."

She said Jaden was not materialistic and anticipates he will spend his winnings on a "lifetime

of Uber Eats".

Jaden, known as "Wolfiez", and Dave lost to Norwegian Emil Bergquist Pedersen and Austrian David W. Jaden's success was hailed as particularly impressive, as he opted for a traditional handheld controller instead of a mouse and

keyboard.

In the online battle royale game, each player is dropped on to an island where they have to find weapons, build structures and eliminate each other. But Fortnite is not without controversy. Prince Harry has said it drains the minds of the young.

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Wartime childhood was the making of me, says Caine

SIR Michael Caine says the Second World War was “one of the best things that happened” to him and set him on the road to a healthy life.

Hollywood star Sir Michael, (above) 86, who spent four years on a farm after being evacuated from his south London home as a child, said the organic food and lack of sugary snacks made him healthy. The Italian Job actor told an interview: “I went with my mother and my brother. By this time I was seven and he was four and we went to a big farmhouse in Norfolk. That was a wonderful period.

“I lived and worked on the farm. Actually, when you think in terms of the

Second World War, from my point of view it was one of the best things that happened to me.

“For six years, you could only get organic food. I grew up completely on organic food and never any chemicals.

“You couldn’t get sugar, sweet chocolate and all this, and cakes. Sugar had to be brought from Jamaica somewhere and with U-boats, very few merchant ships got through. At Christmas, every child in England got a banana and an orange, but you never got one the rest of the year because you couldn’t import them.

“So it was one of the best things that ever happened to me, the Second World

War – but we don’t want a third one,” he added.

And Sir Michael told how his family received yet more backhanded fortune when they were bombed out of their London home. They were given a new, “luxury” prefab, complete with central heating, hot water, a bathroom, fridge and an electric light. Sir Michael said he had never lived in a house before and “it was like moving to Mayfair, except I didn’t know where Mayfair was.”

Only win when your stinging? Competitive eaters grasp nettle

A COMPETITOR stung his rivals by munching his way to win the World Stinging Nettle Championships this week.

Tony Jeyes polished off 29 2ft-long stems of nettles – a total of 48ft – at the Bottle Inn in Marshwood, Dorset. Lindy Rogers, 67, won the women’s category, getting through 46ft of nettle leaves. The retired teacher said: “I had a nice glass of cider which

I dunked the rolled-up leaves in to make them more moist and easier to go down.

“I am thrilled to have won. My tongue is black today but I feel fine.”

Pub landlady Pauline Brookes said: We had quite a few first-timers this year and they were all very brave.”

The contest began in 1997 after local farmers bet over who had the longest nettles, with the loser eating a stem.



NOT FORGOTTEN: Honeysuckle Weeks and Michael Kitchen starred in Foyle's War

Foyle's War voted 'most missed show'

IT WAS a much-loved tale of wartime policing that gripped millions. And ITV drama Foyle's War has now been voted the show most Radio Times readers would like to see brought back.

Written by Anthony Horowitz, the drama starring Michael Kitchen as DCS Christopher Foyle and Honeysuckle Weeks as his resourceful driver Samantha, has already had two lives. First broadcast in 2002, it was initially axed in 2007, only to return following pressure from fans for a further three series between 2010 and 2015,

taking the story beyond the Second World War and into the Cold War era.

On hearing the poll result, a delighted Mr Horowitz, 64, said: “I’m really thrilled that Radio Times readers have voted Foyle’s War as the show they’d most like to come back.

“I wrote the last episode in 2014, but no matter where I am in the world, people still tell me how much it means to them. And the repeats still get high viewing figures.

“I’d certainly be up for a Christmas special or two if anybody asked. Foyle’s War was

a passion project for me from start to finish and I miss it to this day.

“It really cheers me up to think that Radio Times readers still hold it in such high regard.”

Another popular ITV drama, long-running police series The Bill, came second in the poll. Originally broadcast in 1984, the Sun Hill set drama ran for 26 years before coming to an end in 2010. And BBC sitcom Count Arthur Strong, written by Steve Delaney and Graham Linehan and broadcast from 2013 to 2017, completed the top three shows viewers would most like to see again.

This Week's Pub Quiz Winners...

In a neck and neck, all night long, ding-dong battle for supremacy at the latest Brits in LA Pub Quiz, the team which ultimately claimed victory and the \$75 prize were Philip Oliver Holz.

Very close behind in second were Losing with Style who took the consolation prizes of a garden gnome and a \$40 gift certificate for trivia venue The Cat and Fiddle.

Quizmaster Sandro Monetti, pictured here with the winning team, will be back at the Cat next Tuesday at 8pm



for another evening of brainteasing fun.

But get there early if

you can as the pub is always packed for pub quiz.

(Picture courtesy of Frank L'e Sanford (extreme left).

Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: The financial problem that has been around for a few weeks now will still take a few days more to sort out. If you can let go of the outcome and what you expect it will manifest quicker in a more positive way.

TAURUS: Lucky Jupiter moving in a positive direction soon will bring a situation that is unresolved to the surface. This is a long-standing situation and can be in any part of your life. No matter what, it's best to deal with this in a calm and cool manner.

GEMINI: Time to complete what has remained incomplete in your life these past few weeks. You will have bills to pay so make it your priority. Some kind of repair can finally get fixed and this can be at home or work.

CANCER: Be strong and all the hard work you put in recently will bear fruit this coming week ahead. Jupiter is in your communication area now and will enhance several areas in your life that may need a little boost. Take a few days away to rest.

LEO: Some kind of health issues could hold you back from enjoying your life. Do make it a priority to fix this situation. However do not tackle what you cannot finish up easily - wait until a better time. What you are unable to complete will be done in time. Happy Birthday!

VIRGO: As this coming week unfolds you will benefit from your boss Mercury going forwards. You will feel more energetic as the next week ends although it's not a time to get in any discussions about future situations. If you push for it you may not get what you want done in the end.

LIBRA: In for or a penny in for a pound is a good mantra this week ahead. Travel plans may not go as planned due to Mercury turning slowly, however it is back on track after next week end. With this mind you can plan ahead.

SCORPIO: These next few days listen to that inner voice as it is a specially intuitive time for you. Be prepared for a lot of good action in several areas, Do not give time to negative thoughts - you do not need them.

SAGITTARIUS: We all deserve the finer things in life, although it's is not always possible to indulge yourself. This week ahead at least treat yourself as though it is. The sun in your cousin sign of Leo is beaming on you so expect some good times and positive vibes.

CAPRICORN: You may be feeling downcast recently and some of you may be dealing with family problems. This is due in part to your boss Saturn currently going backwards, while this is a reflective time it will pass soon. Stay away from negative people.

AQUARIUS: If you refuse to acknowledge something it does not mean it will disappear. However it will probably not be as bad as you think. Be ready take the bull by the horns and get going on sorting out the problem. Take time to rest and feel at peace with your world.

PISCES: If you don't keep up with the times they move on and that is not a good idea for your life overall. You have the power this week to transform something in to a positive outcome for all. Mercury is supporting you currently, so speak your truth.

The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #399

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Solution to Sudoku #398

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The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #399

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Across

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- 5 Duck (5)
- 8 Outdated, in dictionaries (7)
- 9 Up, as the sun (5)
- 10 Middle east religion (5)
- 11 Type of "Man" in a Beatles title (7)
- 12 Teams (6)
- 14 Size up (6)
- 17 Possible backache cause (7)
- 19 Alma ___ (5)
- 22 Instrument (5)
- 23 Fuel additive (7)
- 24 Inclement (5)
- 25 Condensed moisture (3)
- 26 "What's up ___?" (3)

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- 3 Fearful (7)
- 4 Respectable (6)
- 5 Robin Hood weapon (5)
- 6 Bawdy (7)
- 7 Perils (7)
- 12 Tech valley (7)
- 13 Opens like a map (7)
- 15 In an undetermined way (7)
- 16 Concurred (6)
- 18 Subtle humour (5)
- 20 Adjusted, as a piano (5)
- 21 Historical object (5)

Solution to Puzzle #398

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Brits in LA



San Clemente: another hidden California gem...

It never ceases to amaze me how little I have seen of California and how each new place I go to lately is its own little piece of paradise. Of course we have our inner city places, and our every increasing homeless problem, but our shoreline from south to north is pretty spectacular.

This week I was in San Clemente, a quaint beachside community with a population of about 65,000. It's southernmost town in Orange County and rests midway between LA and San Diego. "The Spanish Village By The Sea" is the name it's often given with its terracotta style housing and vines of bougainvillea everywhere. The beach is a bit pebbly unfortunately but the

laid-back vibe of the locals and the quaint coffee shops and non-chain restaurants definitely make up for it.

One of the most fun things to do on a Saturday morning is to attend the South OC Cars-and-Coffee event at the San Clemente Outlets, which runs 9am-11am. It's exactly what it sounds like: wander round the parking lot checking out all the one-of-a-kind and vintage classic cars and drink coffee. And of course if you're in the mood for a little retail therapy - you've hit the jackpot.

It's a free family-friendly event and there are usually 500-600 hypercars, supercars, exotics, vintage, classic, muscle and sports cars, hot rods, rat rods, pickups, 4x4's and motor

cycles on display. Talk about car culture! Go check it out!

Our good friend and Brits in LA member Fred Hulls-McGovern has created a pop-up store at The Canyon Country Store (up Laurel Canyon and directly opposite Kirkwood) very close to the romantic restaurant Pace. What's he serving you may ask? Only the world famous British dessert Eton Mess. But with a very clever wordplay his business is called Eatin' Mess. Geddit? For the uninitiated, Eton Mess is a traditional English dessert consisting of a mixture of strawberries, broken meringue, and whipped double cream. First mentioned in print in 1893, it is commonly believed to originate from top boys school Eton College and is served at the annual cricket match against the pupils of Harrow School.

Well I've been lucky enough to sample Fred's wares and I am incredibly impressed. For the summer he's making it with ice-cream, which is very refreshing in this heat. But the fresh berries and the meringue are ever-present and makes me wanting more. Served in a compostable cup (the planet thanks you) and \$7 a tub you really can't go wrong. Unless you want more of it. Fred is building up the catering side of his business and has scored gigs at quite a few LA pool and garden parties, including a recent fundraiser for non other



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than presidential hopeful Mayor Pete Buttigieg. Not too shabby! But it's not just desserts for Fred, he is a full service chef and can do a right good proper British roast too. So if you are having an

event any time soon I highly recommend him. He's warm, friendly, British and cool under fire. What's not to love?

Follow @eatin_mess on insta or contact Fred directly at fredhulls.pr@

gmail.com. And who knows you could be eatin-mess right up till winter!

Keep cool and Bon Appetit!

Till next time...

Craig



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Meet A Member: Rob Blake

Meet Rob Blake from Addlestone who moved to LA four years ago to pursue a new job for British Airways Engineering.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I've been to LA many times over the last nine years as a tourist – usually stopping here for a day or two on the way to Vegas, partying in Hollywood, Santa Monica or the South Bay. These trips had always left a good impression on me. Friendly people, nice weather and I always remembered the flowers everywhere.

I arrived with my wife Hannah in August 2015, and got stuck right in. At first the job was good – hard work, plenty of time off, making friends, discovering the delights of Venice Beach being our new playground. Hannah gave up a career in England to pursue acting, and did really well too. But things started to change. My workload began to steadily increase, (mainly due to the rise of Norwegian Airlines, our biggest

customer), and in the following two years our workload had increased three times and with no new staff to compensate I found myself working 70 hours a week and feeling rather fed up! So after a lot of discussion and contemplation we made the decision to return to the UK. At first it was great – we returned in May 2018 to best summer England has ever seen. But things weren't the same as when we left; Brexit misery, stagnant wages, terrible weather most of the year left us both missing LA more and more. In December 2018 the top engineering job came up, so I went for it – and got it! We returned to LA in March 2019, and we're really glad we did. Things are going well – Hannah's career is really taking off after stagnation in England, and for the first time in my life I no longer work weekends (perks of being the boss)!

What do you miss most from home?

Having returned for

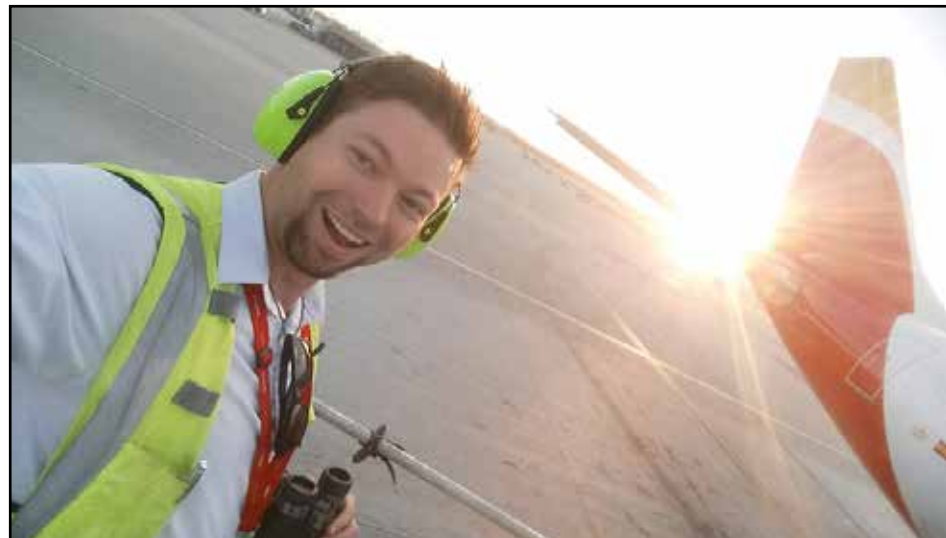
10 months to England and not liking it as much as I thought I would, not a lot. I always bring home Marmite and Angel Delight when I go to Tesco, but there's not much I can't get here these days. I miss family and friends, but luckily, we live in a world with Skype and WhatsApp. Staff travel is quite nice too – we usually get home three or four times a year.

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

Expensive! It really surprised me, and was quite a big adjustment. But it is compensated for with higher earnings. I love the weather, and I find people genuinely friendly and positive, and I love the attitude and can-do attitude here. Another thing I noticed – although the traffic is bad here its way better than the south east back in England!

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

It's fun here! My home



CHOCKS AWAY: you might just see spot Rob Blake at LAX....

tome is quiet, and I really love that I can get out somewhere in South Bay any night to see a band or eat somewhere amazing.

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

All of my best tips would probably relate to motorcycling – I love the canyon roads in Malibu and Azusa early on the weekend mornings. El Matador state beach is great – we always take visitors there.

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

Do it. Although my job is fixed, its better and more fulfilling than anything I could do in England. I look at my wife's acting achievements in the short time we've been here and it tells you it really is the land of opportunity and meritocracy. We're planning on staying, buying a house and hopefully raising a family here. Here's to the next adventure!

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?

I suppose what I

tell my new starters from Europe is not to compare it to home – accept it for what is and roll with it. The DMV and banking always cause a few face-palm moments!

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

Well I suspect I'm not the standard Brit in LA – I'm very lucky to be here for sure. But you'll see me in LAX fixing aircraft and drinking tea with the cabin crew!

Please do say hi if you see me on Norwegian, Iberia, BA or Aer Lingus!

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
12720 NORWALK BLVD.
NORWALK CA 90650**

In the Matter of the Petition of Charlene Peña, an adult over the age of 18 years, on behalf of **Caydon Anthony Arevalo Peña**, a minor under the age of 18 years.

The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**Date: 09/11/2019. Time: 1.30pm.
Dept. C, Room 312**

It appearing that the following person(s) whose name is to be changed is a minor under 18 years of age: **Caydon Anthony Arevalo Peña**. And a petition for change of names having been duly filed with the clerk of this Court, and it appearing from said petition that said petitioners desire to have the name(s) changed from **Caydon Anthony Arevalo Peña** to **Caydon Anthony Peña**.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The British Weekly.

Dated: July 23, 2019
Margaret M. Bernal, Judge of the Superior Court.
Case No. 19NWCP00254

Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019179541. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Vaulted Sky Games, 340 S Lemon Ave. #7383, Walnut CA 91789. Mellowsoft LLC, 340 S Lemon Ave. #7383, Walnut CA 91789. This business is conducted by: a limited liability company. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 06/2019. Signed: Samuel Malone, Managing Member. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 06/27/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name: 2019179737. Current file: 2018021601. The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: Party Goth, 4604 Los Feliz Blvd #104, Los Angeles CA 90027. Sydney Banta, 4604 Los Feliz

Bldv #104, Los Angeles CA 90027. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on: 01/25/2018, in the County of Los Angeles. This business is conducted by: an individual. Signed: Sydney Banta, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 06/27/2019. Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019181935. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Parada Productions, 40739 Gleneagles Court, Palmdale CA 93551. Nicklaus Parada, 40739 Gleneagles Court, Palmdale CA 93551. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 06/2019. Signed: Nicklaus Parada, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/01/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019183293. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Rogue's Art Supplies, 1442 E. 142nd St, Compton CA 90222. Yasmin Torres, 1442 E. 142nd St, Compton CA 90222. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Yasmin Torres, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/02/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019185758. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Planet Fitness, 16930 Parthenia Street, Northridge CA 91343. Northridge Fitness Group, LLC, 16930 Parthenia Street, Northridge CA 91343. This business is conducted by: a limited liability company. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 05/2019. Signed: Gabrielle Lawlor, Vice President. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/05/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019188911. The following person(s)

is/are doing business as: Refund Professionals, 101 W. Barclay St, Long Beach CA 90805. Keith Gibson, 101 W. Barclay St, Long Beach CA 90805. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 07/2019. Signed: Keith Gibson, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/09/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019188969. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Fishermans Island Seafood Market And Resturant, 4371 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90008. Ocean Fish and Chicken, LLC, 4371 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90008. This business is conducted by: a limited liability company. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 04/2019. Signed: Zaid Alsharif, CFO. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/09/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019189911. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Tacos Al Trompo, 2222 Palo Verde Avenue, Long Beach CA 90815/1432 East 17th Street, Santa Ana CA 92705. Natividad Torres, 1432 East 17th Street, Santa Ana CA 92705. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Natividad Torres, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/10/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name: 2019192178. Current file: 2019031892. The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: June Snow Massage Spa, 9016 Venice Blvd, Culver City CA 90232. Zihong Xin, 522 W Hellman Ave Apt D, Monterey Park CA 91754. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on: 02/06/2019, in the County of Los Angeles. This business is conducted by: an individual. Signed: Zihong Xin, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all

information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/12/2019. Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019192203. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: June Snow Massage Spa, 9016 Venice Blvd, Culver City CA 90232. Huijuan Cui, 207 S Lincoln Ave, Monterey Park CA 91755. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 02/2019. Signed: Huijuan Cui, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/12/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019193250. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Culture Beat Magazine, 4782 W. 141st St, Hawthorne CA 90250. O'Dell Johnson, 4782 W. 141st St, Hawthorne CA 90250. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: O'Dell Johnson, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/15/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019193446. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Space Camp Organizing, 3968 La Salle Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90062. Julianna Strickland Inc, 3968 La Salle Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90062. This business is conducted by: a corporation. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Julianna Strickland, CEO. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/15/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019193619. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Silver Lake Mindfulness, 1741 Silver Lake Blvd Suite 2A, Los Angeles CA 90026/2501 Silver Lake Terrace, Los Angeles CA 90039. Carol Rotko, 1741 Silver Lake Blvd Suite 2A, Los Angeles CA 90026. This business

is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 07/2019. Signed: Carol Rotko, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/15/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019193749. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Center Stage Lighting, 453 N Doheny #F, Beverly Hills CA 90210/PO Box 56104, Los Angeles CA 90056. Derrick Brown, 453 N Doheny #F, Beverly Hills CA 90210. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Derrick Brown, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/15/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019194084. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Lakeside Carwash Services Asia, 3700 W Riverside Drive, Burbank CA 91505. Conor Carter, 3700 W Riverside Drive, Burbank CA 91505. This business is conducted by: an individual. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 07/2019. Signed: Conor Carter, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/15/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019194302. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: VA Building Services, 152 W 45th St, Los Angeles CA 90037. Vanessa Ramos, 152 W 45th St, Los Angeles CA 90037; Alberto E. Ramos, 152 W 45th St, Los Angeles CA 90037. This business is conducted by: a married couple. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Vanessa Ramos, owner. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/16/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that

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Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019194347. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Lark Acupuncture+Wellness, 646 Tularosa Drive #3, Los Angeles CA 90026. Tiny Bird Acupuncture And Wellness, Inc., 646 Tularosa Drive #3, Los Angeles CA 90026. This business is conducted by: a corporation. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 07/2019. Signed: Victoria Noel Amoscatto, President. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/16/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019194818. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: L S C O, 1850 N Hill Ave, Pasadena CA 91104. LSCO LLC, 1850 N Hill Ave, Pasadena CA 91104. This business is conducted by: a limited liability company. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: 07/2019. Signed: Leila Spilman, Manager. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/16/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019195063. The following person(s) is/are doing business as: Leighton Manor, Stratford Beach Apartments, 916 Silver Spur Road #204, Rolling Hills Estates CA 90274/PO Box 2005, Palos Verdes Peninsula CA 90274. Tony K Wang, 86 Crest Road E, Rolling Hills CA 90274. This business is conducted by: a married couple. The Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein on: n/a. Signed: Tony K Wang, husband. Registrant(s) declared that all information in the statement is true and correct. This statement is filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on: 07/16/2019. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411, et seq., B&P Code.) Published: 07/27/2019, 08/03/2019, 08/10/2019 and 08/17/2019.

Fictitious Business Name Statement: 2019195193. The following

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POCHETTINO: his latest complaint has reignited speculation about his future

Call me coach, says testy MoPo after more transfer uncertainty

SPURS may have won a piece of silverware this week with their victory on penalties over Bayern Munich in the Aud Cup, but what really got the fans talking was how #backpoch was trending on social media after a 1-0 win over Real Madrid the night before.

Mauricio Pochettino sparked speculation about his future with the club after he snapped at journalists pressing him on his club's lack of progress in the transfer market. The Argentine told reporters his job title should be changed to coach rather than manager, since, as he put it, he had no role in the buying and selling of players. Not surprisingly, the club's fans made clear where their sympathies lie.

They are with the man who has led them into the promised land of the Champions League and kept them there. They are with the man under whom Tottenham now play in Champions League finals. They are with the man under

whom they have taken Arsenal's top-four place and kept it. They are with the man for whom more top players now want to play – if they can be attracted to the club. By mid-morning #levyout was trending. Spurs chairman Daniel Levy will not have been impressed.

Are Tottenham really that convinced that Pochettino is crying wolf, that they are prepared to do things their way rather than his way? In May 2018, after Spurs beat Leicester 5-4 in that remarkable final game of the season, Pochettino raised eyebrows with his insistence that he was no longer prepared to perform footballing miracles at a club where he had proven his quality. Even after Spurs failed to land a single player in the subsequent two transfer windows, he went on to retain Champions League football and reach the final. But having done so, he appears to have drawn a line in the sand this summer. His proclamation long before the Champions League

final that he may quit the job if they won was a surprise. Repeating that assertion a month after losing the final – that he would have considered walking away had they brought home the trophy – seemed out of place for a manager preparing for a fresh season.

His frequent references to transfer targets not coming to fruition has been a broken-record summer soundtrack to Tottenham's pre-season. And finally his outburst on Tuesday night in Munich sounded a warning bell that prompted that hashtag and a wave of public support. In this window, the players who have long been open to leaving are still at the club – and likely to start the season. The entry of Georges-Kevin N'koudou as a substitute on Wednesday night told much about Tottenham's lack of progress in the window. They have been trying to sell him for ages. Spurs' only major capture is £53.8 million Tanguy Ndombele from Lyon while the talk is

that Fernando Llorente could yet be back at the club on reduced wages. As a club that has designs on staying among the elite, an elite manager's

itchy feet should be cause for concern. Tottenham should be heading into the new campaign with a magnificent new stadium, renewed optimism and a

revamped squad. Instead, their biggest problem is with the man who has proven to be the only one who can make things work.

Heaton completes Villa switch



TOM HEATON: 19 league appearances for Burnley last season

Aston Villa have signed 33-year-old Burnley and England goalkeeper Tom Heaton for £8m - their 11th signing of the summer.

Heaton made 19 Premier League appearances last season as Burnley avoided relegation.

Last week Villa confirmed the arrivals of Egypt international winger Trezeguet for £8.75m and Manchester City midfielder Douglas Luiz for £15m.

Heaton's arrival takes Villa's summer spending beyond £110m.

He arrived at Burnley

in 2013 after being released by Bristol City and has played 200 times for the Clarets.

Heaton won the first of his three England caps against Australia in May 2016 and was in the Euro 2016 squad.

Villa head coach Dean Smith said: "He's done fantastically well for Burnley over the past few years and his experience and knowledge of the Premier League will be a major asset to us this season."

Since winning promotion to the Premier League in May, Villa have also signed Club Bruges

forward Wesley for £22m; defenders Ezri Konsa, 21, from Brentford for £12m, Bjorn Engels, 24, for £9m from Reims, Tyrone Mings, 26, from Bournemouth for £20m, Kortney Hause from Wolves for £3m and Matt Targett from Southampton for £15m. Villa also spent £8m on winger Anwar El Ghazi from Lille and signed midfielder Jota from Birmingham in a swap deal.

Smith's side start their Premier League season away at Tottenham on 10 August.

Celtic 'going in right direction'

Celtic are "going in the right direction" as they prepare for a Champions League trip to Romania to face Cluj, says manager Neil Lennon.

An own goal and a debut strike by Marian Shved gave Celtic a 2-0 win in Estonia in midweek to complete a 7-0 aggregate victory over Nomme Kalju.

But Lennon knows they face a tougher test in the third qualifying round against a side who have reached the group stage three times in 11 years.

"They're a difficult side," he said.

Cluj, who won the

Romanian title last term, drew 2-2 with Maccabi Tel Aviv in Israel to secure a 3-2 aggregate success, having beating Astana of Kazakhstan in the first round.

"The good thing for me is that the first leg is away so hopefully we can get some type of result to take back to Celtic Park," Lennon told BBC Scotland of next week's meeting.

"We've done a lot of work on them already so we'll be well prepared. We know it will be a step up, but we're going in the right direction. There's no question of that."

Lennon left both James Forrest and Callum McGregor in Glasgow and started several fringe players in Tallinn, but his side still dominated a team currently fourth in the Estonian top flight.

Centre-back Christopher Jullien - a £7m signing from Bordeaux - made his debut, while Ukrainian winger Shved also made an impact after being introduced and Olivier Ntcham had his first outing of the term.

"I'm not getting carried away but I'm pleased for the new boys coming in," the manager said.

Van Dijk:

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Liverpool have so far brought in only Fulham teenager Harvey Elliott and Dutch defender Sepp van den Berg, 17, and when asked about the fans' unease over the new signings, Van Dijk fired back: "There's plenty more to come from the team."

Speaking after a surprising 3-0 friendly loss to Napoli on Sunday, Van Dijk added: "There's a reason why we are European champions. We have to stay calm, we want to win games, and yeah, OK, Napoli were just a little bit better than us, but even there we showed promising football as well."

Liverpool have lost three of their last four pre-season games against better opposition, which has prompted an outcry from the more excitable sections of support, especially with Sunday's Community Shield opponents Manchester City spending again this summer. Yet they also – in Van Dijk himself – possess the favourite to lift this year's Ballon d'Or trophy, and, in Mo Salah, a previous contender for that title.

"First of all we have good players," Van Dijk said of the team's capacity to challenge again this season. "That's important."

"But everyone knows the players who are missing are important players for us. That's a fact. It was quite sloppy at times against Napoli, but there's no concerns from my point of view."

"Our season starts properly next Sunday, so our focus will be on that. Obviously we want to win games – and the Manchester City game is perfect for that. We know if we play like that [against Napoli] we won't win the Community Shield, it's as simple as that. We will definitely be ready for City."

United eye pricey Dybala

■ But Juve star's move may be derailed by huge wage demands

Manchester United are in talks over the potential signing of Juventus forward Paulo Dybala – but the player will reportedly sanction the move if he earns £350,000 a week.

It is understood negotiations are at a very early stage and there is no guarantee United will make an offer for the Argentina forward, or that he would welcome a move to Old Trafford, but it is understood Juve are willing to let Dybala leave as they are keen to sign United striker Romelu Lukaku.

Dybala, 25, scored 10 goals for the Italian champions last season.

Lukaku is also of interest to fellow Serie A side Inter Milan, who had a 60m euro (£54m) bid for the 26-year-old rejected earlier in July.

It is understood the Belgium international is happy to join Juventus – even though Inter was his initial preference – meaning a potential swap deal hinges on Dybala's agreement.

United finished sixth in the Premier League last season, missing out on Champions League qualification, and manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has said he hopes to add players to his squad before the transfer window closes on 8 August.

However, the Norwegian refused to comment on the Dybala reports.

"I'm not here to talk about rumours about other teams' players," he said.

"We're working on one or two cases. It's 10 days or so before we start the league and hopefully we



DYBALA: The Argentine star scored 10 goals for Juventus last term

can announce a fresh face or two."

Among Dybala's goals for Juventus last season was the winner against United in the Champions

League group stage.

The arrival of Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo from Real Madrid in the summer of 2018 has limited his impact in Turin.

The former Palermo player did not go on Juve's recent tour of Asia because of his involvement in the Copa America with Argentina.

Gunners break the bank for Pepe

Arsenal have signed Ivory Coast winger Nicolas Pepe from Lille for a club record fee of £72m.

The 24-year-old has signed a five-year contract at Emirates Stadium after having a medical on Tuesday.

Pepe scored 35 goals in 74 Ligue 1 appearances for Lille, who he joined from Angers in 2017.

"Being here is very emotional," said Pepe. "I have come a long way and struggled a lot and so signing for this great club is a big reward."

He becomes the fourth most expensive signing in Premier League history after Manchester United duo Paul Pogba (£89m) and Romelu Lukaku (£75m), and Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk (£75m).

Pepe added: "It was important to make the right decision and I am convinced that Arsenal is the right choice."

During the 2018-19 Ligue 1 season, only Paris St-Germain's Kylian Mbappe had more combined goals and assists than Pepe, who will wear the number 19 shirt for Arsenal.

"Nicolas is a highly rated and talented winger who was wanted by many of the top teams in Europe," said Gunners boss Unai Emery.

"Signing a top-class winger has been one of our key objectives in this transfer window and I'm delighted he's joining."

"He will add pace, power and creativity, with the aim of bringing



FIVE YEAR DEAL: "Being here is very emotional," said Pepe. "I have come a long way and struggled a lot and so signing for this great club is a big reward."

more goals to our team."

Pepe was the second player to be confirmed as leaving Lille on Thursday, with Portugal Under-21 forward Rafael Leao joining AC Milan earlier in the day for £27m.

It means Lille have now sold £135m worth

of players during the current transfer window, with Thiago Mendes and Youssef Kone joining Lyon for £19.8m and £8.1m respectively and Anwar El Ghazi making his permanent in an £8.1m deal.

In comparison, they

have spent £42.4m on bringing players in this summer, with Nigeria forward Victor Osimhen's move from Belgian side RSC Charleroi their biggest expenditure at £10.8m.

Lille finished second in Ligue 1 last season, 16 points behind champions PSG.

Smith frustrates England on Test return

■ Former Aussie captain produces magnificent innings to lift tourists in first Ashes Test

First Specsavers Test, Edgbaston (day one of five)
Australia 284: Smith 144,
Siddle 44, Broad 5-86,
Woakes 3-58
England 10-0 England trail
by 274 runs

Australia's Steve Smith made a magnificent 144 on his return to Test cricket on Thursday after the ball-tampering scandal to halt England's charge on the opening day of the Ashes at Edgbaston.

The former captain dragged the tourists from 122-8 to 284 all out, with England surviving two overs to close on 10-0 to delight the partisan crowd.

Smith, joining teammates David Warner and Cameron Bancroft in making his Test comeback, was booed to the crease and witnessed a collapse of five wickets for 23 runs from the non-striker's end.

He finally found a capable ally in number 10 Peter Siddle, the 34-year-old playing only his third Test in three years.

They added 88 for the ninth wicket, frustrating England and silencing the crowd until Siddle was caught at short leg off Moeen Ali for 44.

Smith, who was on 85 when he was joined by last man Nathan Lyon, drove Ben Stokes for four to reach his 24th Test century, then cut loose to punish the weary bowlers.

The last-wicket pair shared 74, taking advantage of an England attack without James Anderson, who is awaiting the results of a scan on a calf injury that restricted him to only four overs.

When Smith was eventually bowled to give Stuart Broad his fifth wicket, Rory Burns and Jason Roy negotiated an awkward period in the gloom without alarm.

If the usual protracted Ashes build-up was stunted by England's World Cup triumph, the drama, atmosphere and fluctuations of this first day were a perfect

reminder of what battles between cricket's oldest rivals are all about.

For so long, it belonged to England as Broad and Chris Woakes made light of Anderson's absence by exploiting the seam movement offered by a slow surface.

Australia's collapse delighted those in the Hollies Stand, who waved sandpaper during the national anthems, taunted the visiting fans and told captain Tim Paine he will be "sacked in the morning".

The chaos was added to by umpires Aleem Dar and Joel Wilson, who had four decisions overturned and gave another three that would have been changed if they had been referred.

Through it all, Smith was unmoved, playing one of the all-time great Ashes innings not only for how he rescued his side, but for doing so while dealing with the emotion and abuse drawn by his return.



TRUE GREATNESS: Steve Smith was in imperious form at Edgbaston on Thursday

Relax – we're European champs

■ VVD plays down transfer concerns ahead of new season

VIRGIL VAN DIJK has allayed fears over Liverpool's refusal to splash the summer transfer cash by insisting the current squad has barely scratched the surface of their potential.

The centre-half says there is a reason they are the current European champions – simply because they have proven their quality and spirit beyond question. Yet even though they have reached successive Champions League

finals and last season recorded 97 points, the third-highest total ever in English football's elite, the Dutchman believes there is far more to come. He points to the fact that they are a young team,



BULLISH MOOD: Virgil Van Dijk

who only really came together in the second half of last season. And he is convinced that with important players such as Naby Keita and

Joe Gomez – and even Fabinho – still to play a central role throughout a full campaign, they can get better.

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