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■ US accused of 'breaking of trust' as driver flees justice after killing UK teen

BRITAIN AND THE US edged closer to a full-blown diplomatic row this week as it emerged that an American citizen who killed British teenager in a head-on crash will not be forced to return to Britain to face justice.

The White House's refusal to hand over the suspect, 42-year-old Anne Sacoolas, was revealed when a photographer for the Washington Post captured President Trump's briefing notes for a press conference on Wednesday. The note said: "(If raised)...as Secretary Pompeo [the US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo] told Raab [the UK foreign secretary, Dominic Raab], that the spouse of the US government employee will not return to the United Kingdom."

When asked about the incident at the same press conference, Trump did not consult his notes but instead improvised, saying: "It is a very complex issue, as you know. So a young man was killed. The person that was driving the automobile has diplomatic immunity. We're going to speak to her very shortly and see if we can do something. It was an accident ... We're going to speak to her and see what we can come up with so there can be some healing."

The controversy stems from an incident on August

27th, when Harry Dunn, an outgoing 19-year-old and a skilled motorcyclist, was fatally injured just outside the Royal Air Force base at Croughton, Northamptonshire, following a collision with an SUV driven by Ms Sacoolas, the 42-year-old wife of an American who worked at the important intelligence gathering facility. Ms Sacoolas had only been in the U.K. for three weeks and she pulled out of the base on the wrong side of the road, apparently forgetting for a moment that in Britain you drive on the left.

hysterical

She allegedly drove head-on into Dunn's motorbike at 8.30pm. He later died in hospital. Police confirmed that her Volvo XC90, also carrying her 12-year-old son, was on the wrong side of the road.

According to eyewitnesses, Sacoolas was hysterical over what she had done. The car had diplomatic plates, but Sacoolas immediately took the blame and gave all her details, including

her British and American cellphone numbers. Because Dunn was still alive when he was taken away by ambulance after the accident, Sacoolas was not arrested at the scene - nor was she checked for alcohol or drug use, according to a Northamptonshire Police spokesperson.

When police went to the Croughton base the next day to tell Sacoolas that Dunn had died, she was understandably upset and assured them she had no plans to leave the country. When they came back a second time to get more information, she was lawyered up and assisted by officials from the U.S. Embassy to the U.K.

'double standards'

The police went back again Sept. 15 to place Sacoolas under formal questioning in a wrongful death inquiry but she, her husband, Jonathan, and their three children had left the country, claiming diplomatic immunity. The U.S. Embassy in London said they did so on the advice of the U.S. State Department.



VICTIM: 19-year-old biker Harry Dunn was killed in a collision with an SUV

Some sections of the British press and several MPs have accused the US of double standards and a betrayal of the special relationship for refusing to waive Ms Sacoolas' diplomatic immunity. And Boris Johnson also weighed in, telling reporters that if Washington does not change its stance, he will personally ask President Trump to intervene.

Speaking on Wednesday, the prime minister said: "I do not think that it can be right to use the process of diplomatic immunity for this type of purpose, and I hope that Anne Sacoolas will come back and will engage properly with the processes of law as they are carried out in this country."



FLIGHT: Anne Sacoolas flew out of the UK shortly after the accident and has refused to return

He added: "If we can't resolve it then of course I will be raising it myself personally with the White House."

Speaking to the BBC on Thursday, Mr Dunn's mother Charlotte Charles said that after the prime minister's intervention they hoped the case would move forward but also said immunity for

diplomats now needed more scrutiny.

"We are hoping that with Boris now clearly on his side and saying that he also feels it is not right, we are very much hoping that over the next couple of days things will improve for us and it will help our fight to get some justice done," she said.

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News From Britain

Ban food on public transport, says top doc

■ Chief medical officer warns that snacking is fuelling obesity, shooting down PM's claim that exercise is more important than diet

Eating and drinking must be banned on commuter trains and buses to tackle obesity, the country's top doctor has urged.

Professor Dame Sally Davies, the outgoing chief medical officer, wants to use the ban as part of efforts to shield children from temptations to eat unhealthily. She suggests exemptions only for water, breastfeeding and for medical conditions.

The recommendation is one of 48 in Dame Sally's report, published on Monday, on ways of meeting a government pledge to halve child obesity by 2030, which she thinks will not be met.

The proposals, commissioned by Matt Hancock, the health secretary, could form the basis of further action against obesity due next year.

Dame Sally also calls for a cap on takeaway portion sizes, cigarette-style plain packaging for junk food and new taxes on unhealthy products to "reset" Britain's eating habits.

The doctor, who stood down from her role last week, told ministers that they had a "moral responsibility" to act to reverse an obesity epidemic. A third of children are too heavy by the time they leave

primary school, with a fifth classified as obese, putting them at greater risk of conditions such as cancer and heart disease.

"It's crept up on us that we lead a much more snacking, grazing existence, that portions have got bigger, that marketing is all pervasive," she said. "We've got to change it to a society where it's normal not to snack, it's easy to take the healthy option."

On the proposed ban for trains and buses she added: "Japan, which is one of the least overweight of the rich nations, they don't allow snacking and eating on local transport. All of these things are options and we need a lot of options because there's no magic bullet."

A ban on unhealthy products sponsoring sports or advertising at large events is also suggested and Dame Sally said she was "horrified" that the England and Wales Cricket Board was allowing crisp and popcorn brands to sponsor shirts in a new family-oriented tournament, the Hundred. Transport for London will not allow the adverts on the Tube and buses.

Under Theresa May, the government committed itself to measures such as a ban on buy-one-get-one-

free offers on unhealthy products and an end to junk food advertising before a 9pm watershed. These measures are in limbo, with Mr Hancock pushing No 10 to make a new commitment to anti-obesity action after Boris Johnson expressed scepticism about "sin stealth taxes".

Dame Sally said that present government proposals "won't do it" and she urged ministers to be bolder. With Mr Johnson positioning himself as the champion of the NHS in an election campaign, Dame Sally told him: "We really need to take prevention seriously if our politicians love the NHS."

She said the prime minister had been mistaken when he said that exercise was more important than diet.

"On that, he and many people are wrong, 80 per cent of weight is about what we eat and 20 per cent is about physical activity," she said.

Dame Sally added that the sponsorship decision by English cricket chiefs was "absolutely appalling". She told the BBC's Today programme: "I've suggested that we should look at whether we should say that people can only sponsor if it is their low-calorie healthy foods



Dame Sally Davies has proposed a ban on eating or drinking on buses and trains

and drinks."

Dame Sally said that the average takeaway Indian meal contained 1,391 calories and a pizza 1,820 calories, against a recommended portion size of 600 calories. She proposed a calorie cap on

all food sold to eat outside the home.

Higher VAT rates should be applied to unhealthy foods and healthy ones exempted entirely, Dame Sally says, arguing that "it is too easy to make money from selling unhealthy

food and too hard to make money from selling healthy food".

She added: "We need to rebalance our society to a much healthier and health conscious society [where children] don't see grazing as normal."

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"And also we are hoping that it will help change this for the future. We are doing this because Harry would want to fight for what he believed in. And we need to fight for change. With the amount of diplomats that we have got in the UK currently and probably continually we can't have anyone go out and do that again and leave another family to suffer."

'breaking of trust'

She added that the family would fight until Mrs Sacoolas returned to the UK and they were prepared to travel to the US if necessary.

"We are determined to see it through," Mrs Charles said. "We won't stop. We will go to the point of going over to Washington if we have to."

"We have taken advice on that. If we don't manage to get justice from being over here we will go over to the States and plead to President Trump to look at the laws, look at the diplomatic immunity and realise that diplomatic immunity is there to protect the diplomats and the family when they are in danger."

Nick Adderley, the chief constable of Northamptonshire, has questioned the use of "a privilege that is afforded to diplomats throughout this country and throughout the world".

Stephen Mold, the county's police and crime commissioner, called it "a breaking of trust, almost a betrayal" of the special relationship.

Tobias Ellwood, a former defence minister, said: "I want the US to do the honourable thing... the US needs to avoid the accusation of double standards given what happened in 1997,

when it requested the waiving of immunity of a Georgian diplomat responsible for the death of a teenage girl in a major road traffic accident."

Radd Seiger, the lawyer representing Mr Dunn's family, had "many examples" of the US winning waivers from other countries. He added: "We are absolutely delighted that the prime minister has involved himself in our case."

The US embassy said in a statement: "Any questions regarding a waiver of the immunity with regard to our diplomats and their family members overseas in a case like this receive intense attention at senior levels and are considered carefully, given the global impact such decisions carry; immunity is rarely waived. The US embassy has been and will continue to be in close contact with appropriate British officials."



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“Wagatha Christie” solves Insta betrayal

■ Wayne’s wife wins wag war as online sting outs Rebekah



WAGS AT WAR: Coleen Rooney (left) claims she has solved the riddle of who was leaking stories to The Sun...her former bestie Rebekah Vardy (right)

BREXIT, global warming and Prince Harry’s war against the press took a back seat this week to possibly the greatest scandal of the age. In an epic dispute between soccer wives that involves the tabloid press, a fictional mansion flooding, and Instagram trickery of the highest order, a new national hero has

emerged.

And her name is Coleen Rooney.

Simply put, Rooney is currently being celebrated for an act of cunning wherein she used Instagram Stories to expose Rebekah Vardy - rival WAG in this current drama and the wife of Jamie Vardy, who plays in the Premier League and is hubby Wayne’s former teammate on the England’s national team - as the source of rumors about her published in the Sun. Coleen laid her ingenious ruse bare this week, proving she is much, much more than a pretty face.

In short, Rooney blocked everyone but Vardy from seeing her Instagram Stories and

then planted a bunch of fake stories in her feed-stories Vardy wouldn’t have known were being fed to her alone. When several of these stories wound up in the Sun, Rooney knew that Vardy must have been the one leaking.

fake stories

Here is how Coleen broke the news this week, in her own words:

“For a few years now someone who I trusted to follow me on my personal Instagram account has been consistently informing The Sun newspaper of my private posts and stories.

“There has been so much information given to them about me, my friends and family, all

without my permission or knowledge.

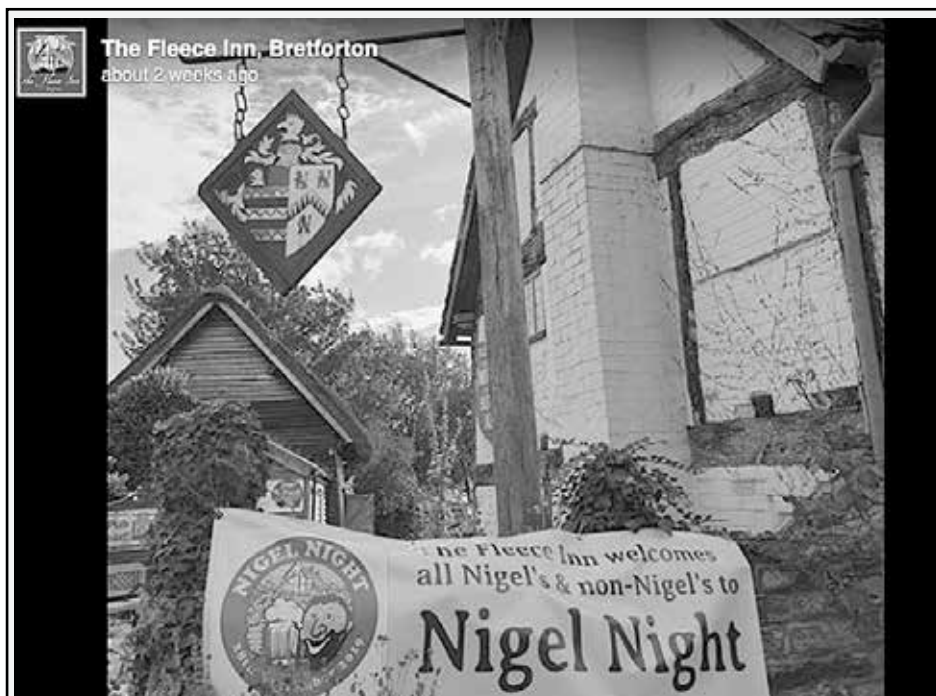
“After a long time of trying to figure out who it could be, for various reasons, I had a suspicion.

“To try and prove this I came up with an idea, I blocked everyone from viewing my Instagram stories except ONE account...I have posted a series of false stories to see if they made their way into the Sun newspaper. And you know what they did!

“I have saved and screenshotted all the original stories which clearly show just one person has viewed them.

“It’s...Rebekah Vardy’s account.”

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ONLY IN ENGLAND: the Fleece Inn in Bretforton, where 400 Nigels recently met

400 Nigels celebrate ‘Nigelness’

A British pub is seeking Guinness World Records recognition after gathering 433 people named Nigel in one place in an attempt to create an unusual record.

Nigel Smith, 56, landlord of the Fleece Inn in the village of Bretforton, in the Vale of Evesham, Worcestershire, said he organized the Nigel Night event at the pub Sunday in response

to learning that no babies named Nigel had been registered in Britain in 2016.

Nigels attending the event were each given a free beer and a “Nigel” badge, and were asked to sign the “Book of Nigel” as evidence for Guinness. The night ended with 433 signatures in the book.

Smith said “the Nigel who shall not be named,” Brexit Party politician Nigel Farage, might have

contributed to the name’s drop in popularity. He said he hopes his event will help lead to more new Nigels.

“I think we’ve brought it back,” he told The Independent. “We will resurge -- there’ll be a lot more Nigels next year than this year, I’d definitely put money on that.”

The gathering raised money for the British Heart Foundation.



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News From Britain

London launches world's first conveyor belt cheese eaterie

■ The Pick & Cheese in Covent Garden features more than 25 varieties from around the UK

ONE OF LONDON'S hottest new restaurants is also promising to be one of the cheesiest.

Pick & Cheese, which opened last month in Seven Dials Market in Covent Garden, has a 40-meter conveyor belt that delivers an endless supply of cheese. The belt measures 40-metres and there are 38 seats around it.

Described as the "world's first conveyor belt cheese restaurant," Pick & Cheese offers an estimated 25 varieties sourced from around the UK, including Red Leicester, Yorkshire Pecorino and Cornish Gouda, each of which is served with a select condiment. Combinations include coolea with hazelnut brittle and fresh ricotta with sherry-infused cherries as well as Yorkshire Pecorino

with lemon meringue and Clothbound Cheddar with tomato relish.

After being seated at the belt, diners can choose any cheese they like as the cheese plates endlessly circle around the restaurant. The plates are color-coded by price, although diners can also choose a pre-selected "cheese flight." Other "off-belt dishes," like pan-fried angloumi and a four-cheese grilled sandwich, can be ordered directly to the table.

The restaurant, created by the team at the Cheese Bar, a restaurant in London's Camden Market, also has a specially curated wine list from natural wine retailers Les Caves de Pyrene that diners can pair with their selection of cheeses. The list includes white, red, rosé, orange, and sparkling options as well



CRACKERS ABOUT CHEESE: the restaurant has proved a smash hit since its opening last month

as sweet wines and sherry. A small selection of local beer and cider options are also available.

"At Pick & Cheese we want to show that cheese and wine bars don't have to be boring and can be enjoyed by everyone, whether you're

dropping in for a quick plate of British cheese and a glass of something unusual, or settling in for a cheese flight and a bottle of natural wine," says Mathew Carver, founder of The Cheese Bar. "We're looking forward to switching on the belt and

loading her up with our pick of the country's most exciting small producer cheeses."

Carver, who initially launched the Cheese Truck, famous for its toasties at festivals around the world, in 2014, is best known for The Cheese Bar

in Camden, which sells sandwiches and dishes like cheese-filled profiteroles, five-cheese macaroni, and fondue. Carver believes in celebrating British and Irish produce because he thinks that the "British cheeses are underrepresented."

Distillers facing ruin from Trump Scotch whisky levy

Ministers have been accused of failing to "properly defend" Britain's economic interests as Scotch whisky producers brace for crippling American tariffs within days.

Industry leaders claim that Boris Johnson's government is "clearly preoccupied with Brexit" while dozens of distilleries face "a very real threat to growth, investment and jobs" next week. The Scotch Whisky Association said an American duty of 25 per cent on single-malt whisky could be an "existential" threat to its members.

The World Trade Organisation permitted America to impose levies on goods from the European Union worth up to \$7.5 billion as a result of the bloc's illegal support for Airbus in the latest salvo in a battle over subsidies

between the aviation company and Boeing, its US rival.

The Trump administration will slap tariffs on European products including Scotch, olives, cheese and wine on Friday. The industry will shoulder 62 per cent of the duties hitting British products. The US is Scotch whisky's largest market with annual exports of more than £1 billion, and single malt whiskies generate a third of sales.

Karen Betts, chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association, called on ministers to back up their "warm words" of commiseration with "a clearer strategy" for the future. Ms Betts, 47, speaking to the Times, said: "The government is clearly preoccupied with Brexit when we also need a laser focus on their part applied to properly defending the global

trade interests on which our industry depends.

"We need to see a tougher line and a clearer strategy, with specific rather than sympathetic assurances."

Mr Johnson stressed his disappointment over the American plans during a call with President Trump yesterday. Downing Street said the prime minister "pressed the president not to impose the tariffs".

However, requests for clemency appear to have fallen on deaf ears so far in Washington. To win over the White House, ministers are being called on to cancel levies on American whiskey, which Britain collects as an EU member state, after leaving the bloc.

David Mundell, the former Scottish secretary, expressed bewilderment at the government's reluctance to do so, adding that it "doesn't



The US is Scotch whiskey's largest market, with annual sales of more than £1bn

seem to me consistent" with Britain's post-Brexit economic agenda.

"The UK needs to give a signal of its own intent when we leave the EU, by making it clear we will not level a duty on bourbon," Mr Mundell, 57, said. "If we talk the talk to a commitment on free trade, talk the talk on an independent trade policy, we should be able

to do that. We ourselves have the power to do something to move the issue forward."

There is no rationale for Britain to retain a European import duty on bourbon after Brexit, he said, as it exports considerably more Scotch to the US.

A government spokeswoman said: "We have been clear

that resorting to tariffs is not in the interests of the UK, EU or US. The government is working closely with the US, EU and European partners to support a negotiated settlement and avoid these tariffs coming into force. We have raised the issue at the highest levels of the US administration, including with the president."

Treya's Last Dance: not putting a foot wrong....

Speed dating - some say it's the territory of the emotionally masochistic or the desperate.

To Treya's well-meaning but misguided parents, it's where they think their daughter could find a life partner. Bless them. A dingy pub back room with mangy tinsel is where Treya finds herself, but she tells us on the positive side it doesn't have a "rapey vibe" so she gives it a go. To her surprise, what happens is unexpected but ultimately more valuable than finding a man.

Under the direction of Poonam Basu, Treya's Last Dance, written and performed by Croydon born Shyam Bhatt, returns to Los Angeles where it premiered with great success in the 2015 Hollywood Fringe Festival. This one woman, one act play starts poetically, with Treya clad in sari and bells dancing a traditional Indian dance, before it takes off at break neck speed giving the audience a roller coaster ride through the emotionally confused life and failed romances of the 20-something titular character, as she tries to make sense of her place in the world, and her relationship with her brother, Thanvir.

Frustrated by the duality of her identity and expectations of those around her, Treya is as far away from the

TREYA'S LAST DANCE
Outlandish Cat
Productions & Hudson
Guild Theatre
Review by Catherine
Siggins

typical demure Indian woman one sees in popular culture as you can get, her love of traditional dance not withstanding. She is loud, vulgar, physically expressive, horny, razor sharp, and she's not afraid to speak her mind. From some very banal questions from her ever-devolving speed date partners, she can't seem to stem the flow of words or her imagination. Lacking any sort of filter when it comes to sharing her life and sexual exploits with these strangers, a major case of "TMI" which in reality is first date suicide, it does make for some wonderfully awkward and hence laugh out loud moments, and you can't help feeling you'd like to have her as a friend.

At the same time, what is gradually revealed is Treya's nervous energy is a cover for a grief that she is fighting to keep hidden. Despite her best efforts to charm with entertaining banter, she can't help but talk of her brother and get drawn back into the recent tragedy that has befallen her family. These moments are poignant, as are Ms. Bhatt's recounting Treya's



Shyam Bhatt's quicksilver, ebullient performance holds you for the 50-minute run time of Treya's Last Dance

parents' acceptance and unconditional love for their children, and their attempts to keep the family together through the Christmas holidays.

With a bare stage save a low table, and minimal lighting, it's Shyam Bhatt's quicksilver, ebullient performance that holds you for the 50-minute run time. The play is not just a great showcase for Ms. Bhatt's flair for comedy or impersonations; she brings to life various family members, friends and a vivid cast of misfit London characters from every borough with great accuracy; it also plumbs deeper emotional depths as the

piece reveals the very real struggle for many immigrant families and first generation children who step outside traditional and cultural norms within their conservative native

communities, and the stigma and tragedy it can cause.

In the end, this is a powerful and touching story of everyone's desire to dance freely to their own tune.

Performances: Wednesdays at 8pm, til October 23, 2019, at Hudson Guild Theatre, 6539 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90038). Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$35 at door; \$25 students/ seniors (with ID); \$20 military (with ID). How: www.onstage411.com or (323) 965-9996

Rooney:

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stories that made their way into the Sun included one that alleged Rooney and her husband spent \$10,000 on a "gender selection treatment" that would ensure their fifth child would be a girl, another that asserted that

Rooney was planning her own TV show, and one that suggested that the Rooneys' \$25 million home had flooded.

The revelation prompted an outpouring of admiration across social media, the hashtag "wagatha Christie" quickly trending as Coleen's brilliance was revealed in its full glory.

As for the alleged

culprit, Vardy denies everything, claiming that her own account must have been hacked. In another screenshot, she denied the claims, pointed out that "I'm not being funny but I don't need the money", and claimed that Rooney was the real villain for doing this "when I'm heavily pregnant".

Some stories are just too good not to share...

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ARIES: You may feel more emotional than normal this week ahead. This is because your boss Mars is at odds with Venus. With relationships of any kind this energy can make a lot of headway. Start with the easiest to make peace with it.

TAURUS: Write a list of priorities and start with the biggest as your ruler in Scorpio is positive right now. So if you feel like reaching out and asking someone for a helping hand in any area this is the time to go for it.

GEMINI: Time to deal with what has been on your mind recently, so the faster you take this in hand the better will be the results. With the possible recent turmoil in your life comes new opportunities to begin anew.

CANCER: The past signifies familiarity for you moon babies and you like to hide away in your shell sometimes. Don't indulge yourself this week ahead as chances are you will be regret the time wasted. Move forward with a positive attitude.

LEO: Any trip taken before mid-month will not be as planned so take a rain check and make it later in the month. With this in mind plan to put your energy into areas nearer home. Venus in Scorpio can bring up some past situation to be healed now.

VIRGO: If any area of life is not going as smoothly as you expect you can let go of worry about the outcome, all will be well by mid-month. Be confident when asked for your advice or opinion in an ongoing work situation.

LIBRA: The main lesson of this month is that it's not the time to begin anything you will not have time to finish. Your conscience will not allow you to take chances and rightfully so. Venus your boss is about to enter your financial area, so expect some rewards. Happy Birthday!

SCORPIO: If your problems currently are overwhelming look at them in a positive way. Everything's a lesson and although it's tough to deal with financial stuff you can be sure that you have been here before and overcome Now your boss Pluto is going forward now fear not all of this will be resolved very soon.

SAGITTARIUS: Your boss Jupiter is moving merrily forward now ready to move you forward towards with a lot of good prospects. So as he is always for your best good outcome get ready to assist him. This not a time for modesty shine your light for all to see this next week or so.

CAPRICORN: Your boss Saturn together with Pluto has brought a lot of situations up for attention this past few weeks.. He has been digging up the stuff you may have buried deep. Situations may look dark and it has been tough sometimes however soon you will a light at the end of the tunnel.

AQUARIUS: While many believe there are no coincidences and you are always seeking to bring out the truth of situations. It is likely some will be popping back up now that Pluto is powerful and is in a more stable place. With this in mind look on the bright side.

PISCES: You may be feeling like hiding away or at least spending time by yourself. This is a temporary feeling and is due to the shift in season. By all means take some alone time. This will refresh you ready for getting back I willnto the swing of things.

The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #409

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Solution to Sudoku 408

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The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #409

Across

- 7 Celtics' center (6)
- 8 Musical dramas (6)
- 9 Send (4)
- 10 Passed up (7)
- 11 Welsh city (7)
- 13 Jalopy (5)
- 15 Liable to snap (5)
- 17 Campaign (7)
- 20 Housekeeper (8)
- 21 Play segments (4)
- 23 Necessary food (6)
- 24 Absorb (6)

Down

- 1 Epic (4)
- 2 Rang (6)
- 3 Nottingham villain (7)
- 4 Ludicrous (5)
- 5 Reduced (6)
- 6 Ruled (8)
- 12 LaGuardia and Logan, e.g. (8)
- 14 Farm vehicle (7)
- 16 One of the Seven Dwarfs (6)
- 18 In demand (6)
- 19 Skipper a ship (5)
- 22 Memorial Day solo (4)

Solution to Puzzle #408

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This Week's Pub Quiz Winners



Make Trivia Great Again trumped ten other teams to claim victory at the latest Brits in LA Pub Quiz. The winners are pictured at the Cat and Fiddle with quizmaster Sandro Monetti and their \$75 winnings after the October 8 victory. The picture is by Frank L'e Sanford who celebrated his birthday at trivia night but couldn't celebrate a win with his team this time. Will the outcome be different next time? Join the quiz fun at the Cat on Tuesday October 15.



With the globe in turmoil, more than ever we must think local...

There is still so much political turmoil in the world, whether it be in Turkey, Hong Kong, the UK or here on our doorstep in the good old USA.

Looking at the bigger picture, particularly regarding climate change, just makes all of this political chaos seem silly and insignificant. Why can't we all just get along and be on the same side?

Many believe we only have 11 years to stop catastrophic climate change and are hurrying to try and rectify some of the damage we have already inflicted on Mother Earth. Others think it is already too

late and some people think it is a load of old codswallop. I suggest we all stop arguing over if and when it is going to happen. Let's hedge our bets and do what we can to make the planet a better place for future generations.

I'm no expert on this but I think small changes will surely make a big difference if we all get on board. I have been talking to lots of you about this recently and collecting any handy tips along the way. I've listed a few obvious ones below but please send us your recommendations too.

•Change your energy-sucking light bulbs to

LED.

•If you frequent Peet's, Starbucks etc bring your own mug.

•Walk when you can, rather than driving (especially if you are going to the gym to work out, burn extra calories and arrive warmed up!)

•Going out for drinks? Take advantage of the hop-on hop-off free buses /trolleys around town. In my neighbourhood (WeHo and Hollywood) we have a couple including The Pick Up (wehopickup.com) and the Sunset Trip (wehosunsettrip.com)

•Skip the tumble dryer and use a washing line (double bonus as the sun is good at bleaching out lingering laundry stains)

•Remember your reusable shopping bags (Whole Foods gives a 10 cent discount for each bag you bring)

•Put a sweater on rather than turning up the thermostat.

•Invest in a water filter and several reusable bottles rather than buying and tossing plastic bottles

•Plant a tree! - recently Craig purchased one through The Tree People (www.treepeople.org) and dedicated it to the memory of my brother who died earlier this year, but why not do one anyway, it starts at \$25. It is a great gift idea as well as benefiting the environment.

•Unplug all of those chargers when not in use. Easy to forget but not that hard to remember either

•Have a meat free day - check out www.meatfreemondays.com for ideas and motivation

•Buy local and organic produce when you can - it's actually more nutritious too! If we all make small changes it has to make a big impact right? Extremists in any field can be off-uttin' and will always make us feel we aren't doing enough to make a difference. But I think as long as we make sure we're doing our

absolute best, nobody can fault us for that

Preserving our planet should be top of the list right now, so please email us at info@britsin.la with tips and ideas on how we can all do better, or comment on our social media pages @BritsinLA. We also want to share some local events that are coming up and are aiming to benefit our local community. First up is the Second Annual Benefit Fundraiser for BrownBagLady.org on October 16th in Santa Monica. Tickets sales go towards funding the lunches they provide each month for the people living on and around Skid Row.

Our friends at the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation are participating in AidsWalkLA on October 20th. If you want to walk as part of their group or would rather just donate some cash visit the link AidsWalkLA.org/



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ETAF or drop us a line and we will put you in touch.

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Meet A Member

Meet a Member: London Kim

Meet London Kim from London, who moved to LA (via NYC!) 12 years ago to pursue acting

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I was in New York, fresh out of drama school, and had one year on an OPT visa. I decided to stay for six months and then try LA for the next six. In retrospect, six months isn't enough time to accomplish much in either city, but I had one or two exciting gigs and met some lovely people.

What do you miss most from home?

Friends most of all.

Almost everyone I knew stayed in England (and mostly in London, too) so that was hard. But I also miss excellent Indian and Nepalese food (especially Monty's in Kingston-upon-Thames, although I also discovered Cricket on a recent visit!), as well as the deadpan humour.

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

LA is still the weirdest place I have ever lived. I found it really difficult at first (and developed road rage for a bit). It took me maybe five years, but now I'm happy and settled here, and I love the food and the

space and the general ease of life. I would struggle to live in London now.

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

If, like me, being social and out-going doesn't come naturally to you, LA can be a tough place at times, because you could feasibly go long stretches of time without having to interact with anyone if you don't make the effort. It still amazes me how many cars you see with just one person in them. In any other place I've lived, you are forced to interact with strangers, on the bus or train, or just walking down the street, and that's a good thing, and something I genuinely miss.

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

It's a bit random, but I do quite like the public rooftop garden at Restoration Hardware in West Hollywood. Apart from the "modern hotel elevator music", it's a peaceful and quiet place, with a great view. And it's free!

And I don't know if this is a hidden gem, but if you like fresh sashimi on rice, try A-Won restaurant in Koreatown. It comes in an enormous bowl which looks more like a trophy, which I suppose is appropriate if you can finish it!

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

It might take time to feel settled, because it doesn't function like many other "cities", but you can't help but meet lots of amazing different people from all over the world here. There's also incredible food here, with some of the best produce you'll ever see.

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?

"You'll never accomplish more than 3 errands a day in LA." Sad but true!

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

I'm currently in Harold Pinter's "The Dumb Waiter". It's a tiny production with the three of us involved running every aspect of it, so we would love to get as many people in as possible! We've set up a promo code for Brits in LA members, so please come and watch, and say hi after the show so I can thank you in person.

Tickets are available at: waiter.brownpapertickets.com/

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Thanks, and hope to see you there!



LONDON KIM: the London transplant is a fan of the sashimi at A-Won restaurant in Koreatown (below)



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Dutch late show brings bitter defeat for O'Neill's warriors

Northern Ireland's hopes of Euro 2020 qualification suffered a major blow as they went down to an agonising last-gasp 3-1 defeat by the Netherlands on Thursday.

Josh Magennis's 75th-minute header gave NI the lead but Memphis Depay toe-poked home the equaliser five minutes later.

Luuk de Jong's hooked effort in the first minute of injury time gave the hosts the lead and Depay slid the ball into the net for his second soon after.

The Dutch move top of the group, ahead of Germany and NI on goal difference.

European giants Netherlands and Germany both have a game in hand over Northern Ireland and are now in pole position to secure the two automatic

qualification spots from Group C.

NI remain in contention however with a home game against Ronald Koeman's side and an away fixture against Germany to come in November, but it looks a very uphill task.

Michael O'Neill's team began their campaign with double victories over both Estonia and Belarus but a 2-0 home defeat by Germany last month, allied to this heartbreaking reverse in Rotterdam, have dealt a serious setback to their hopes of progressing.

Having scored late on as a substitute in the home win over Belarus in March and the away victory over Estonia in June, Magennis popped up with another goal after being introduced from the bench against the Dutch.

The Hull City forward out-jumped Matthijs de Ligt inside the area to head into the corner after Dallas had taken advantage of uncertainty in the Dutch defence to deliver an inch-perfect cross from the right. The strike was the sixth of NI's eight goals in this qualification series to be scored in the 75th minute or after.

With 15 minutes remaining NI looked to be on the verge of one of the greatest results in their history - and they could have taken another step towards a famous triumph and a third away win for their first time ever, but Magennis was just unable to get a touch on another inviting Dallas delivery.

As it stands, they must now start looking to a possible place in the Nations League play-offs in March 2020 as a potential backdoor route to qualification.

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Diet cure for Dele?

DELE ALLI has hired his own personal nutritionist in a bid to stop the muscle injuries that have plagued him.

Tottenham midfielder Dele, 23, is now on a strict diet after sustaining damage to his left hamstring four times in the past 18 months.

Dele has tried to get to the root of the problem by looking for reasons why the hamstring injuries keep occurring. He is now on a different diet with a high protein content, he drinks more water and has cut out all sugar. He has also taken up yoga to help him tackle his muscle issues. England boss Gareth Southgate left Dele out of his squad for the Euro 2020 qualifiers with Czech Republic and Bulgaria because he has just returned from injury.

Rugby World Cup: England-France postponed; Scots facing exit

England's Rugby World Cup match against France on Saturday has been called off because of Typhoon Hagibis, but organisers hope Scotland against Japan can go ahead as planned on Sunday.

The typhoon, described as the biggest of the year, is set to wreak havoc in Tokyo and surrounding areas.

Ireland's match with Samoa in Fukuoka is expected to go ahead as scheduled.

"The decision to cancel matches has not been taken lightly," said tournament director Alan Gilpin.

"It has been made with the best interest of team, public, and tournament volunteer safety as a priority based on expert advice."

The Pool B match

RUGBY UNION										
WORLD CUP										
POOL A										
Scotland	61	Russia	0							
Scotland—T: Hastings (2), G. Home (3), Turner, Seymour, Barclay, McInally, C: Hastings (8).										
P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts			
Japan	3	3	0	0	2	87	41	14		
Ireland	3	2	0	1	3	74	22	11		
Scotland	3	2	0	1	2	98	27	10		
Samoa	3	1	0	2	1	53	81	5		
Russia	4	0	0	4	0	19	160	0		
POOL B										
P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts			
New Zealand	4	3	1	0	2	157	22	16		
So. Africa	4	3	0	1	3	185	36	15		
Italy	4	3	0	1	2	98	78	12		
Namibia	3	0	0	3	0	14	177	0		
Canada	3	0	0	3	0	14	177	0		
POOL C										
Argentina	47	USA	17							
Argentina—T: Sanchez, Tuculet (2), Mallia (2), de la Fuente, Bertrando, C: Sanchez (5), Urdapilleta.										
USA—T: Souly (2), Lasike, C: MacGinty.										
P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts			
England	3	3	0	0	3	119	20	15		
France	3	3	0	0	1	79	51	13		
Argentina	4	2	0	2	3	106	91	11		
Tonga	3	0	0	3	1	36	86	1		
USA	3	0	0	3	0	33	125	0		
POOL D										
Wales	29	Fiji	17							
Wales—T: Adams (3), L. Williams, C: Biggar (2), L. Williams, P: Patchell.										
Fiji—T: Tuisova, Marimurivalu.										
P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts			
Wales	3	3	0	0	2	101	56	14		
Australia	3	2	0	1	3	109	60	11		
Fiji	4	1	0	3	3	110	108	7		
Georgia	3	1	0	2	1	57	95	5		
Uruguay	3	1	0	2	0	47	105	4		

between New Zealand and Italy in Toyota on

Saturday has also been cancelled, denying Italy their outside chance of qualifying.

If the Scotland-Japan match was to be called off, Gregor Townsend's side are likely to be knocked out of the World Cup.

Cancelled matches see both teams awarded two points as part of a 0-0 draw.

That means England progress as winners of Pool C, two points ahead of France in second place, and face a probable quarter-final against Australia, with Wales expected to top Pool D and therefore play the French.

France would have the advantage over Wales of a two-week rest, compared to one week.

Scotland, third in Pool A on 10 points with leaders Japan on 14, need to beat

the hosts to go through, potentially relying on bonus points.

If second-placed Ireland beat Samoa, a weather-enforced two-point haul would mean Scotland finish third in Pool A and go out, although, in this scenario, an Ireland defeat would mean Scotland progress.

"We are in regular dialogue with World Rugby at all levels to work to ensure our fixture against Japan on Sunday can be played as planned," said a Scottish Rugby spokesman.

"Public safety is the clear priority.

"Scottish Rugby fully expects contingency plans to be put in place to enable Scotland to contest for a place in the quarter-finals on the pitch, and will be flexible to accommodate this."

England coach Eddie Jones said his squad will leave Tokyo for Miyazaki, the base for their pre-tournament training camp.

"We're told what to do. There's no use speculating on the alternatives. We're excited about having great preparation for the quarter-finals," he said.

"We'll have a short pre-season camp in Miyazaki and then we're off to Oita. We have an exceptional record in two-week preparations."

The typhoon is expected to clear by Sunday morning, when tournament bosses will stage a comprehensive review to see if the four scheduled games can proceed as planned.

The deadline for a final decision is six hours before kick-off.

"We are continuing to

review Sunday's matches and make every effort to ensure they are as played as scheduled," added Gilpin.

"A thorough assessment of the venues will take place after the typhoon has passed before a final decision is made on Sunday morning."

Gilpin said World Cup organisers looked "exhaustively" at contingency plans, which involved moving or rearranging matches, before deciding that was unfeasible on both logistical and safety grounds.

"The risks are just too challenging to enable us to deliver a fair and consistent contingency approach for all teams and participants and importantly to provide confidence in the safety of spectators," he said.

Wales stay in the hunt with Slovakia draw

Wales kept their Euro 2020 qualification hopes on track in Slovakia despite the hosts coming from behind to earn a point in Trnava.

A first international goal from Wigan's Kieffer Moore gave Wales the advantage as he firmly headed home from Dan James' excellent cross moments after Gareth Bale headed against the

crossbar. Slovakia equalised with a goal from nothing as Juraj Kucka smashed home a volley after Wales failed to clear a cross eight minutes into the second half.

The hosts dominated after the interval, but their momentum was lost when Norbert Gyomber was sent off for a second yellow card, allowing

Wales to finish the contest as the most likely winners.

The draw means Wales stay fourth in Group E, behind Hungary who lost 3-0 to group leaders Croatia.

Slovakia sit three points above Wales and a point above third-place Hungary, but Wales have a game in hand and a superior head-to-head record over Slovakia.



KIEFFER MOORE: first international goal for the Wigan star

SCOTLAND:

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Scotland were lulled into a false sense of security by a passive Russian performance for almost an hour of this match.

There were signs in that period that perhaps the Scots had learned lessons in recent chastening defeats by Russia and Belgium. But it soon became apparent the hosts had been waiting for the moment to up the ante, which they did with a vengeance in 13 second-half minutes.

Dzyuba was their

tormentor-in-chief, bullying the hapless Scotland defence and in particular Charlie Mulgrew, who was held off by the bustling striker as he hooked the first goal over his head and beyond David Marshall's outstretched hand from Golovin's corner.

Three minutes later, the game was as good as finished when the ball was worked back to Ozdоеv and from around 30 yards he arrowed a powerful drive past the Scotland goalkeeper.

The Russian third - Dzyuba's second - was

the Scotland defence at its worst. Mario Fernandes made his way unmarked to the byeline, heading the ball back to the striker, who held off Mulgrew's attempted challenge to knock it nonchalantly into the net.

It was a ruthless, almost cruel dissection of what had threatened to look like a half-decent Scotland performance. But any positivity temporarily garnered in a goalless first half was utterly erased when the constant menace of Golovin grabbed a fourth, firing across Marshall and in off a

post.

Clarke had pronounced pre-match that he was looking for maximum points from the final four qualifiers,

but that looked naive as his team were ripped asunder.

Few quibbled with his appointment and his early run of fixtures has

been a thankless one, but it is difficult to overstate the magnitude of the task facing him to turn around the fortunes of a bedraggled squad.

Lack of Spurs deal not the problem, says Eriksen

CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN believes his refusal to sign a new deal at Tottenham is not contributing to the club's wretched form.

The Dane has a year left on his contract and can speak to foreign clubs in January ahead of leaving on a free transfer next summer. Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld are in similar situations, leading to accusations

that Spurs players are lacking commitment.

But Eriksen said of his impasse: "It doesn't matter at all. Everyone is professional and in all clubs there is talk of players going away."

"That side of the matter has no bearing on how we have performed so far this season. If I took all the rumours to me, I would float on a cloud."

Eriksen, who has just one goal and one assist this season, revealed at the end of last term he was interested on a move to Real Madrid. And rumors of acrimony within the squad were further heightened last week when he issued a public denial of tabloid claims that his girlfriend was engaged in an affair with teammate Vertonghen.

“We’ll walk if we have to”

■ England players warn opponents over racist abuse ahead of European qualifiers

Tammy Abraham says England are prepared to walk off the pitch if they are targeted by racist abuse in their Euro 2020 qualifiers this week.

England face the Czech Republic on Friday - then play Bulgaria on Monday in a partially-closed stadium because of fans' racist behaviour in June.

“If it happens to one of us, it happens to all of us,” Abraham said.

“Harry Kane even said that if we’re not happy, if a player is not happy, we all come off the pitch together.”

Uefa ordered the partial closure of Bulgaria’s national stadium following racist behaviour by their fans in Euro 2020 qualifying games against the Czech Republic and Kosovo in June.

In August, Bulgarian club sides PFC Levski Sofia and PFC Lokomotiv Plovdiv were punished by Uefa for racism during Europa League games.

England manager Gareth Southgate said last month that he would talk to the players before next week’s game, and Abraham says the players have decided they will take matters into their own hands if necessary.

Uefa’s three-step

protocol for racial abuse ends with the officials abandoning a match if announcements inside a stadium do not stop the problem.

“We did speak about that [the protocol],” Abraham said.

“Harry Kane did ask the question about instead of going through the three steps, if we decide that we want to stop the game - no matter what the score is - if we’re not happy with it, as a team we’ll decide whether or not to stay on the pitch.

“If it happens and let’s say there’s a warning or whatever in the stadium, then it happens again, we have to make a decision as a team and with the staff.”

Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold, 21, agreed the team should follow the protocols but added: “If it does get extreme we may have to take a different action.

“It’s a team decision, one that we all need to make. It doesn’t matter if one player is abused or the team - we are one group.

“Nobody should be made to feel uncomfortable on the pitch. Everyone should be

given the chance to play in a fair environment. We are a team. If one person is abused then we all are, we are one big family.”

But England’s warning prompted an angry response from Bulgarian Football Union president Borislav Mihaylov this week. He wrote in a letter to UEFA and the FA: “We have not received any official information regarding discriminatory language used by a Bulgarian supporter at Wembley Stadium.

“Even if this were the case, however, we believe that generalisations and the creation of needless tension by official members of the English team is unacceptable and in contradiction with the spirit of mutual respect and fair play.”

“The Bulgarian public has in no way committed any recent infringements that deserve it to be stereotyped as ‘racist’ or ‘hostile’.

“I am sure you will agree that these accusations are not only unjust but are continuous attempts to disrupt the atmosphere before a very much anticipated game of football.

“We are aware of the recent problems with



TAMMY ABRAHAM: “If it happens to one of us, it happens to all of us.”

racist behaviour in all tiers of English club football and with England’s ongoing battle with hooliganism.

“Although we sincerely applaud the FA’s initiative for the English fans to report trouble within the visiting crowd, we

are extremely shocked at all efforts to involve and even mark out the Bulgarian spectators as potential troublemakers.”



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Russians hammer dismal Scots

Scotland conceded four goals in 27 second-half minutes in Moscow on Thursday as their slender hopes of automatic Euro 2020 qualification were finally extinguished by a dominant Russia.

Steve Clarke’s side held out for almost an hour before Artem Dzyuba netted, and the striker took his tally to 23 - the same total as the whole Scotland

squad - after Magomed Ozdоеv’s fierce strike. Aleksandr Golovin made it 4-0 late on.

Scotland took 74 minutes to muster a shot and have now scored three goals - and lost 14 - in Clarke’s five games.

They remain fifth in Group I - below Cyprus and Kazakhstan - and can no longer finish in the top two spots to secure a finals berth.

However, they can

still qualify for their first major tournament since 1998 via the Euro 2020 play-offs, which begin in March, having earned the chance to progress by winning their Nations League group last year.

Clarke’s men host the group’s basement side San Marino on Sunday, before ending their forlorn campaign against Cyprus and Kazakhstan next month.

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11.45am Iceland V France
11.45am Portugal V Luxembourg

Sat 10/12 Euro 2020 Qualifiers
11.45am Norway V Spain
11.45am Malta V Sweden
11.45am Italy V Greece

Sun 10/13 Euro 2020 Qualifiers
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10am Panthers V Buccaneers
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10am Redskins V Dolphins
10am Bengals V Ravens
10am Eagles V Vikings

1pm Falcons V Cardinals
1pm 49ers V Rams
1.25pm Titans V Broncos
1.25pm Cowboys V Jets
5.20pm Steelers V Chargers

Mon 10/14
Euro 2020 Qualifiers
11.45am Bulgaria V England
11.45am Ukraine V Portugal
11.45am France V Turkey

NFL FOOTBALL
5.15pm Lions V Packers

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11.45am Romania V Norway



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