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WINDSOR CASTLE May 5th His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti was received in audience by The Queen today via video link and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Apostolic Nuncio from the Holy See to the Court of St James's...

KENSINGTON PALACE May 5th The Duke of Cambridge, Joint Patron, the Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, today held a Meeting with the Rt Hon Oliver Dowden, MP (Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport), and Ms Tracey Crouch, MP, via video link...

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 5th The Earl of Wessex, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning visited Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Michael More-Molyneux)...

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 5th The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited Charlton Park Group, Charlton Park Road, London SE7, and was

Today is the anniversary of the issue of the first postage stamp in 1840. It is also the anniversary of Roger Bannister breaking the four-minute mile at the Iffley Road track, Oxford, in 1954.

received by Dr Pieter van de Merwe (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London). Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Royal College of Midwives, this afternoon received Mrs Kathryn Gutteridge (President) and key workers.

For more details about the Royal Family visit the Royal website at www.royal.uk

Today's birthdays

Dame Alexandra Burslem, Vice-Chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University, 1997-2005, is 81; Sir Roger Sandys, Clerk and Chief Executive, House of Commons, 2003-06, 79; Mr Andrew Walker, Senior Partner, Lovells, 2000-2004, 76; Lord Forbes, Premier Lord in Scotland, 75; Mr Mike Newell, President, Prison Governors' Association, 2000-05, 71; Mr Tony Blair, Prime Minister 1997-2007, 68; the Earl of Caledon, Lord-Lieutenant for Co Armagh, 66; Lord Hutton of Furness, former Labour Cabinet Minister, 66; Mr Charles Hendry, Deputy Chairman, Conservative Party, 2003-05, 62; Sir Tom Hunter, philanthropist, Chairman, West Coast Capital, 60; Mr George Clooney, actor, director and producer, 60; Mr Thomas Brake, former Liberal Democrat MP, 59; and Ms Harriet Lee, swimmer; Paralympic bronze medalist, 100m breaststroke - SB9, London 2012, 30.

Anniversaries

Diamond weddings JAMES - FINDLAY.—On 6th May 1961, in Birmingham Cathedral Church of St Philip, Keith Royston James to Venice Inogen Findlay. Online ref: A249556 SPRENKEL - LETHBRAY.—On 6th May 1961, at St Saviour's Westcliff, Willem to Jean. Online ref: 594840

Deaths

APPLIN.—Hannah Glens, peacefully in Rossmore on Saturday 24th April 2021 aged 90 years. Beloved daughter of Nainy and Mummy of Sia. All enquiries to Deric-Scott Funeral Directors. Tel: 0202 330969. Online ref: 594698 REBELLE.—Peter passed away peacefully, aged 89, on 27th April 2021. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and raconteur. He will be missed. He will be followed, later in the year, by a celebration of his life. Donations in Peter's memory can be made to Tunstall Church. All details from R. High & Sons, Sittingbourne. Online ref: A249539

BURRIDGE.—Ian David Cecil. Died suddenly on Friday 23rd April 2021. Beloved husband of Sue, much loved father of Richard, Pippa, Charlotte & Isabelle. He will be missed. He is survived by his children, his devoted grandmother to 11 grandchildren. Due to the current restrictions the funeral will be private. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation and the Lullaby Trust to be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd. Tel: 01491 43434. Online ref: A249557

CORNER.—Simon. Inings ended on 27th April 2021. Much loved husband to Lynda, Dad, Grandpa and brother. Online ref: 594679

DIXON.—Simon Campbell William died at home with his family on 27th April 2021, aged 77. Scuba diver, Snorkel shot, Freemason and lover of wine. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He very bravely fought mesothelioma for more than 10 years. He will be missed. He is survived by his wife Chris, son Will, daughter Claire and daughter-in-law Tom. A celebration to be held later. Online ref: A249547

DOYLE.—Michael Noel, died peacefully on 3rd May 2021 aged 95. Much loved husband to Ann, father to Jane and Sarah, and grandfather to Thomas, Jack and George. President F.G.I.U. 2001. 'A sportsman and a gentleman to wit'. He will be greatly missed. A private cremation on 10th May at Rawdon Crematorium. No flowers please, but any donations to the Alzheimer's Society. All enquiries to Demison's Funeral Directors. Tel: 01843 872619. Online ref: A249554

EVANS.—Joan Eryl (née Davies) died peacefully at home on 30th April 2021, aged 91. Much loved wife of Roy, mother of Louise and Toby and grandmother of William and Freddie. Private funeral. Flowers please, but donations, if desired, to St Raphael's Hospice, Cheam. Online ref: A249553

HUME-HUMPHREYS.—Bridget "Biddy" aged 93, died on 29th April 2021, peacefully at home, as she wished, with family by her side. Adored mother, mother-in-law, Granny and Great Granny. Private funeral, to be followed when circumstances allow, by a celebration of her life. Online ref: A249535

MEREDITH.—Melanie (née Meredith). Selfless, beautiful, much loved daughter and Head Teacher. Always with us, Mum, Dad and family. Donations to Willowbrook Hospice. Online ref: A249555

NORMAN-BUTLER.—Ann Norman (née Butler) widow of Christopher, died peacefully in St Thomas's Hospital on 20th April 2021 in her eighty-sixth year. Funeral at St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, London SW1P 1LE on Friday 14th May 2021 at 3 p.m. to be followed by a private cremation. Due to current restrictions on numbers, please apply to J.H. Kenyon Funeral Directors. Tel: 020 7834 4624 if you plan to attend. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu, if desired, may be made to Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HS. Online ref: A249537

PEARNS.—Heather (née Gillespie) on 28th April 2021. Widow of Tony, devoted mother of Peter (died 1983), John, David and James. Much loved and loving grandmother and great grandmother. Private funeral. Enquiries to Fish and Demman F.D. Tel: 01460 240348. Online ref: A249541

STROBE.—Dr Christopher Edmund, 91 years old, died peacefully at the John Radcliffe Hospital on April 23rd, after a short illness. Funeral Service to take place at South Oxfordshire Crematorium on Tuesday 11th May at 12 noon. For all enquiries please visit www.jonbrothers.com or Tel: 01235 55444/01865 736144. Online ref: 594860

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. al-Reis and Miss I.K. Nelson The engagement is announced between Issam al-Reis, of Damascus, Syria, and Ilaria (Lara), middle daughter of the Hon James and Mrs Nelson, of Forest Lodge, Peaswood, Wincanton, Somerset. Online ref: 594798

Mr T.C. Brook and Miss H.E. Blomfield The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Lt Col and Mrs Michael Brook, of Sinderby, North Yorkshire, and Harriet, younger daughter of Sir Charles and Lady Blomfield, of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire. Online ref: 594797

Mr F.L. Streeter and Miss D.B.A. Harbord The engagement is announced between Frederick Leopold, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Streeter, of Matching Green, Essex, and Davina Bridget Auriol, younger daughter of the late Mr Charles Harbord and of Mrs Charles Harbord, of Englefield Green, Surrey. Online ref: 594800

Mr J.A. Carmichael and Miss V.E. Rettle The engagement is announced between Jack, younger son of Mr Colin Carmichael, of Lasswade, Midlothian, and Miss Elizabeth Swanson, of Edinburgh, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Rettle, of Deuchrie, Stenton, East Lothian. Online ref: 594801

Meeting

United and Cecil Club Mr Dominic Raab, MP, First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, was the guest speaker at a virtual meeting held last night by the United and Cecil Club. Mr Tom Purslove, MP, president and Mr Alan Young also spoke.

Bridge news

Last week, writes Julian Pottage, Bridge Correspondent, the highest score in the English Bridge Union's High Noon Fast games was 68.33%, which Philip McAvoy and an Advanced BBO Bot achieved on Monday. The highest score in the EBU morning Relaxed Games was 72.60%, achieved by Michael David Bird and Kay Bird on Tuesday, and the highest score in the EBU evening Relaxed Games was 73.06%, achieved by Ravi Jhangiani and Jane Chapman on Sunday.

Bridge Hand

Not-so-jolly Roger

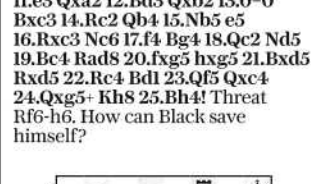
By Tom Townsend Dealer South Game All ♠ K 9 6 3 ♠ A 10 6 5 ♠ K 6 4 2 N W E S ♠ J 10 2 ♠ A J 9 6 ♠ K Q 9 8 7 ♠ 3 West North East South pass ♠ pass 2(1) ♠ 4(2) pass 4(3) ♠ pass 5 ♠ pass pass pass

Take the South cards from Bryant, and see if you would have made 5. West leads ♠A and then ♠4. In case you think it matters, East follows with the ♠8 (standard carding). Bryant reasoned thus: West's likely holdings for this lead were ♠AQ754 (looking to give partner a ruff) and ♠A4 doubleton (wanting a third-round ruff himself). In the first case, the contract was doomed. East would ruff trick two, regardless of South's play, and cash the ♠A (his own or conceivably partner's) for the third defensive trick. If West had the ♠A, a second ruff would mean down two. Making the positive assumption that West had ♠A4, therefore, Roger played high from the dummy, declining the finesse. He crossed to ♥A and led a club up, hoping West had the ♠A and no more spades. His plan was to ditch his third spade on the ♠K, and get home on a crossruff, relying on the ♠J not to figure. It looked like a sensible way to play the hand, but this was the layout:

Chess

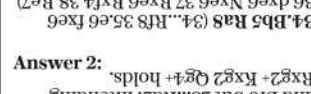
Nakamura to face Carlsen

By Malcolm Pein THE DREAM final, Carlsen-Nakamura, duly came about at the New In Chess Classic on Chess24. Carlsen defeated Levon Aronian in the last two games of the second set of their semifinal after the first set on Friday had ended 2-2. Hikaru Nakamura lost three straight games to Shak Mamedyarov. After two draws in a play-off, the American prevailed in Armageddon.



S. Mamedyarov - H. Nakamura Semifinal (2/3) Schmidt Benoni Ld4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 Nc3 e5 4.d5 d6 5.Nf3 a6 6.a4 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nf7 9.O-O Ng6 10.Re1 O-O 11.h3 Ne8 12.a5 Ne7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bd2 Qc8 15.Na4 Nb5? (Black secures some counterplay after 15...b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Nxb6 18.Rc2 Qb7 19.b3 Nb5) 16.Rc2 Qd8 17.Bf1 Re8 (Not 17...Qxa5? 18.c4 18.Rb1 e6 19.c4 Nd4 20.b4 Qc7 21.Be3 d5 22.cxd5 Rbd8 (White's intended bxc5 forces dxc5 when a central pawn roller can advance unopposed. It was a good move now) 23.Re1 Rb8 24.Bd Qd8 25.bxc5 dxc5 26.Nxc5 Rc5 27.Rxc5 Nxc5 28.Bxd4 Bxd4 29.Qxd4 Qxa5 30.Rc3 Ndf3 31.e5 Qc5 32.Qxc3 0r 32.c2/Qf3 32...Qxd5? 33.Be4 33.e6 fxe6

Answer 1: 0-1 9a9e (LQH'S: fJXh 9aXh 7E 9aXN 9aXP'9E 9aXJ 9a'eZe SIn '4e) 8Pn 9qH'fE Answer 2: 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE 8Pn 9qH'fE



34.dxc6 Nf6 35.g4 32...Nxc5 33.f4 a5? (33...Kf8) White to play and win material - see board left. Mamedyarov won the first game of the second set in the line of the Nimzo-Indian featured yesterday. Another example: B. Chatalbashev - P. Roberson South Wales Masters, 2019 Ld4 Nb6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bd4 4.Ne3 O-O 5.Bg5 c6 6.Rc1 exd4 7.Nxd4 h6 8.Bh4 d5 9.cxd5 g5 10.Bg3 Qxd5 11.e3 Qxa2 12.Bd3 Qxb2 13.O-O Bxc3 14.Rc2 Qb4 15.Nb5 e5 16.Rxc3 Ne6 17.f4 Bg4 18.Qc2 Nd5 19.Bc4 Rad8 20.fxg5 hxg5 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Rc1 1-0 23.Qf5 Qxc4 24.Qxg5 Kf8 25.Bb4 Threat Rf6-h6. How can Black save himself?

PERSONAL

Text for the day WE GIVE thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. 1 Thessalonians 12-3

Birthdays HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEITH Lots of hugs and kisses (socially distanced of course...) from Julie, Beth and Milo xxx Online ref: 594884

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