

Lifestyle

Retro trend lights up London's labyrinth of neon



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Hot-air balloons fly over Chambley-Bussieres airbase, northeastern France, on July 21, 2017, during the international hot air balloons meeting "Mondial Air Ballons" in Hageville. — AFP

Princes William, Harry remember their final call with Diana

It was a typical phone call between two boys playing and their mother, who was on vacation in France. It was brief - the boys wanted to get back to playing with their cousins, not spend time on the phone chatting. The brevity of that 1997 call troubles Prince William and Prince Harry to this day - for their mother, Princess Diana, would die in a car crash that night. "Harry and I were in a desperate rush to say goodbye, you know 'see you later'... If I'd known now obviously what was going to happen I wouldn't have been so blasé about it and everything else," William says in a new documentary. "But that phone call sticks in my mind, quite heavily."

Harry tells the filmmakers the final chat is something he will regret until the end of his days. "Looking back on it now, it's incredibly hard. I'll have to sort of deal with that for the rest of my life," Harry said. "Not knowing that was the last time I was going to speak to my mum. How differently that conversation would have panned out if I'd had even the slightest inkling her life was going to be taken that night?" The ITV documentary "Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy" is airing Monday on British TV. Excerpts from the film, and new family photographs, were released yesterday.

The show is one of a series of tributes to Diana expected as the 20th anniversary of her death on August 31, 1997, approaches. It is only in the last year that William and Harry have spoken openly in public about their feelings about the sudden loss of their mother. William - second-in-line for the British throne after his father Prince Charles - was only 15 at the time. Harry was only 12.

The documentary chronicles Diana's charitable works, including her historic outreach to AIDS victims and her campaign to ban land mines. William and Harry also stress their mother's fun-loving side, which they say the public generally didn't see. "Our mother was a total kid through and through. When everybody says to me 'so she was fun, give us an example,' all I can hear is her laugh in my head," says Harry.

William tells a story that reveals the privileged life they led as children - one day, Diana surprised him by having three of

the world's top models waiting for him when he got home from school. "She organized when I came home from school to have Cindy Crawford, Christy Turlington and Naomi Campbell waiting at the top of the stairs. I was probably a 12 or 13-year-old boy who had posters of them on his wall," William said. "I went bright red and didn't know quite what to say. And sort of fumbled and I think pretty much fell down the stairs on the way up." William says he frequently tells his children - Prince George, 4, and Princess Charlotte, 2 - about Diana so she can be a presence in her grandchildren's lives. "She'd be a lovely grandmother. She'd absolutely love it, she'd love the children to bits," he said. — AP



In this photo made available by Kensington Palace from the personal photo album of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, shows the princess and Prince Harry on holiday, and features in the new ITV documentary 'Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy.'



In this photo made available by Kensington Palace from the personal photo album of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, shows the princess holding Prince William whilst pregnant with Prince Harry, and features in the new ITV documentary 'Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy.'



In this photo Princess of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry sit on a picnic bench together and features in the new ITV documentary 'Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy.' — AP photos

Bizarre News

A deformed baby goat goes viral

A baby goat has been born with a "deformations in the head". An image of a kid, which was tragically stillborn, has gone viral online for its unusual appearance, as it was born with a flat nose and mouth, as well as large, bulbous eyes, although the rest of the four-legged animal was "normal." Speaking about her pet to The Metro Online, the owner Gladys Oveido said: "The rest of the baby is normal, it only has deformations in the head. It is unusual what happened."

A holiday-goer endures 'nightmare' flight

A holiday-goer endured a "nightmare" flight when a fellow passenger propped their feet on her arm rest. A woman from San Francisco, named Jessie Char, took to social media to document the unsettling scenario she was met with when she boarded a flight only to find the person sitting behind her had wriggled her limbs through the gap and placed her heels on the metal arm of her seat. Jessie shared a photograph on Twitter of the scene, which she captioned: "Today, I flew on the set of a nightmare. (sic)." But the matter got worse as the unknown jet setter then used her foot to open the blind covering a window so she could look out at the views from behind. Jessie continued: "You guys will never guess what happened after that. The left foot reached over and opened a window (sic)."



Pringles launch new flavors based on taste of pop stars

Pringles has launched new flavors of its crisps based on the taste of some of music's biggest stars, including Kanye, Little Mix, Stormzy and Jay-Z. The potato chip brand worked with James Wannerton, who has a condition called synesthesia, which means sound and taste are linked, therefore a flavor is experienced whenever music is listened to. They conducted an experiment with James which came up with the results that rapper Kanye tastes like cheesy crisps, The Rolling Stones are like bacon and girl group Little Mix are tangy like salt n' vinegar. James, whose condition means senses that are normally experienced separately, are involuntarily and automatically joined together, said: "Food and music are always intrinsically linked during the summer via festivals, picnics in the park or barbecues in the back garden. This experiment allows us to take great flavors and match them to the music we enjoy during these occasions. "Some genres of music have a very distinctive taste, I find rock and roll has strong notes of cheese and tomato like hot pizza, especially anthem bands like Radiohead. On the other side of the music spectrum, Kanye's tracks is somewhat cheesy - in taste at least but his rap rival Jay Z gives off a meatier, more steak-y flavor. "We hope our experiment will encourage snackers to think about what their favorite tunes might taste of while they're listening to them at beaches, barbecues and festivals this summer." The top ten songs of the summer, with their nearest flavors: Kanye West, 'Gold-digger' - Cheesy Cheese Jay Z, '99 Problems' - Flame Grilled Steak Little Mix, 'Shout Out to My Ex' - Salt n' Vinegar Spice Girls, 'Wannabe' - Paprika Green Day, 'American Idiot' - Pizza Wolfgang Petry, Bronze, Silber und Gold - Prawn Cocktail Radiohead, 'Creep' - Sour Cream and Onion Rolling Stones, 'Start Me Up' - Smokey Bacon Skepta, 'Shutdown' - Barbeque Miles Davis, 'So What' - Cheese and Onion

British people look in the cupboard almost 30 times a day

A study has found British people look in the cupboard almost 30 times a day. A study carried out by Appliances Direct has revealed people look in the fridge on average 14 times and the cupboards almost 10 times during 24 hours. The survey, which was carried out on homeowners, has also found out that women are more likely to have a nose at the contents of their kitchen cupboards more than men. However, only 35 percent of those who took part in the research peeked in their cupboards because they were bored and had no intention of rustling up any tasty treats after looking at the contents of their cupboards. Speaking about the outcome of the survey, marketing manager Mark Kelly said: "The data revealed some interesting findings about the nation's snacking practices, especially the number of times people look in the fridge and cupboards just out of habit."



Man brings bunch of kale for vegan date

A man treated his vegan date to a bunch of kale from his garden on their second date. A lover posted a picture on Reddit of the bunch of greens she was given by her beau after it came up in conversation on their first romantic meeting that she didn't eat meat or dairy products. She wrote: "I went on a first date the other day, and it came up that I was vegan. "On the second date he brought me a couple bunches of kale from his garden. (sic)" Social media users thought the gift was a great gesture and many have dubbed the man a "keeper". Azrael's Fear replied: "That's really sweet. Keep the guy. He cares enough about your diet, he wants you healthy and alive and cares about you feel about certain subjects you take serious (sic)."

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