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[Janet Jackson Splits from Husband Wissam Al Mana 3 Months After Giving Birth to First Child: Reports](#)

View photos Janet Jackson and Wissam Al Mana have called it quits. The legendary singer and youngest sibling of late pop superstar Michael Jackson , split from her husband, Page Six reports. The outlet claims that while one source said it was an amicable split another source says that Jackson felt that Al Mana had gotten too controlling during her pregnancy. Jackson, who was previously married to James DeBarge and René Elizondo, Jr., quietly wed the Qatari businessman in 2012. They welcomed son Eissa , now 3 months, this past January. "Our wedding gifts to one another were contributions to our respective favourite children's charities," the former couple told ETOnline in 2013. View photos Al Mana and Jackson, 50, have proven to be notoriously private, opening up about their family life only every so often. In October, the "Dammn Baby" songstress shared a baby-bump photo exclusively with PEOPLE by way of confirming her first child on the way . "We thank God for our blessing," the star told PEOPLE exclusively. In February, a source told PEOPLE that Jackson and her new baby boy are doing "really good," and that "she absolutely loves" motherhood. View photos The singer was spotted out and about during a shopping trip in London a little over three weeks after giving birth to Eissa, of which an onlooker told PEOPLE, "Janet looked great. She was in the shop for around half an hour and just went about her business. She was really relaxed and healthy. "She didn't look tired at all," the onlooker continued. "She just looked around at some little socks and various other knickknacks and then went on her way." The Mail on Sunday was the first to report the breakup news. This article was originally published on PEOPLE.com

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Hijacked ship's crew rescued from pirates near Somalia 9 April 2017 From the section Middle East These are external links and will open in a new window These are external links and will open in a new window Close share panel Image copyright Indian Navy Image caption The Indian navy ship INS Mumbai (background) helped stop the hijacking of the Tuvalu-flagged ship (foreground) Nineteen crew members have been freed from a ship captured by Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden. Maritime officials received an alert on Saturday that pirates had boarded the timber-carrying ship about 75 miles (120km) from the coast of Yemen. Ships from three countries diverted to its path. A Chinese team boarded the vessel early on Sunday. The first hijacking by Somali pirates in five years occurred last month, but this is the second raid since then. A spokesman for UK Marine Trade Operations (UKMTO) in Dubai, who co-ordinate safe passage for merchant vessels in the Gulf of Aden, said all on board the hijacked ship were safe and heading to an unnamed destination under escort. The UKMTO said the crew was from Syria, but a statement by India's ministry of defence said they were from the Philippines. Maritime piracy threatens to return Reports in India said the hijacked ship was travelling between the ports of Kenang in Malaysia and Aden in Yemen. The UKMTO said navy ships from India, China and Pakistan (the last operating as part of an international combined task force) changed course to approach the Tuvalu-flagged ship soon after the alert was raised. The crew had locked themselves in the citadel, a safe room inside the ship designed to protect those on board from pirates. The crew from the Chinese ship boarded the hijacked ship at dawn today, freeing those on board. India's military said it is believed the hijackers fled the ship during the night. Piracy in the waters off Somalia and Yemen peaked in 2011, with more than 200 attacks. But after five years with no raids, an oil tanker was seized and held for ransom by Somali pirates in early March and there have been a number of attempted seizures since then. Related Topics

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[LIVE IPL 2017, SRH vs GL: Unchanged Hyderabad opt to bowl vs Gujarat](#)

2008 X Vision 20-20: As India's new-age cricketing carnival reached its climax, everyone caught in its undertow could testify that it had really been a heady, hedonistic, all-round good time. No wonder everyone started calling it the cash-rich league. Rajasthan was crowned first IPL champions. 2009 X League Before Cricket: At three weeks notice, an event involving 59 matches, eight teams, 160-odd cricketers from across the world, 80 support staff and officials, was moved to another country, 7,860 km away. South Africa hosted the show and India got busy with the general elections. Deccan Chargers were crowned the champions in the season. 2010 X The Controversial One: More than the sport, this edition saw controversies surface. The biggest one was the Modi-Tharoor spat, which ended up with the then Minister of State Shashi Tharoor resigning from his post and the IPL commissioner Lalit Modi being sacked by the BCCI. Chennai tasted their first title win in the season. 2011 X The League Gets Bigger: Two more teams - Pune and Kochi were added this season making India's much-talked about League all the more exciting. Yuvraj Singh led Pune, while Mahela Jayawardene was the captain of Kochi. Ultimately, MS Dhoni-led Chennai emerged winners. 2012 X Rise Of New Champions: The season witnessed the termination of Kochi Tuskers Kerala from the tournament. The season was also blemished with a case of spot fixing after 5 players were allegedly caught on a sting operation carried on by a local news channel. Gautam Gambhir-led Kolkata defeated Chennai to become new champions. 2013 X The Spot-Fixing Saga: The sixth season was yet again marred with controversy after the demons of spot-fixing returned to the league. Three high-profile Rajasthan Royals' players were arrested in the infamous scandal raising questions on the credibility of the game. Despite the scandalous uprising, Mumbai Indians clinched their maiden title to give a befitting farewell to the retiring Sachin Tendulkar. 2014 X Kolkata's Dominance: Following the spot-fixing saga last season, the seventh edition of the IPL finally managed to do away with controversy. The cheerleaders were also removed as part of a plan to focus more on cricket. Yuvraj Singh created a stir after being bought for Rs 14 crore by Bangalore during the auctions. Kolkata defeated Punjab in the final to secure their second title in three years. 2015 X Mumbai reign supreme: After a poor start to the eighth edition, Mumbai Indians went on to win their second title of the Indian Premier League, joining Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders as most successful teams in the tournament history. Mumbai had masters of cricket -- Ricky Ponting, Sachin Tendulkar and Anil Kumble -- in their coaching staff. They defeated CSK in the final. However, two major teams -- CSK and Rajasthan Royals -- suffered major blows when they were suspended for two editions for spot-fixing scandal after the tournament had ended. 2016 X 60 matches, 17963 runs and 652 wickets later we finally had a winner as Sunrisers Hyderabad clinched their maiden Indian Premier League title with an eight-run victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore at the M Chinnaswamy stadium. Season nine of the IPL was all about records being shattered. After a slow-start, the tournament really picked up and how. With a record 973 runs at an average of 81.08, RCB captain Virat Kohli finished as the highest scorer. Among the bowlers it

was SRH pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who took home the Purple Cap after bagging 23 wickets.

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[Jadhav sentence: Kangaroo court justice, says Congress; BJP warns of 'tough India reaction' | India News - Times of India](#)

NEW DELHI: The BJP and the Congress on Tuesday condemned Pakistan for the death sentence awarded to Indian citizen Kulbhushan Jadhav . While the BJP warned Pakistan of tough reaction, the Congress urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to mount diplomatic pressure on Islamabad to secure his release. Congress' senior spokesperson P Chidambaram said the world knows that "sham justice" was meted out to Jadhav. "We condemn what has happened in Pakistan and we hope that good sense will prevail and the death sentence imposed by this sham tribunal will not be carried out," he told reporters, with the fervent hope that Jadhav is still alive. Chidambaram recalled a statement by Pakistan PM's adviser on foreign affairs Sartaz Aziz in December last year where he said that there is not enough evidence to proceed against Jadhav. "Now from a statement which says that there is not enough evidence to legally proceed against Kulbhushan, to a death penalty given by a military tribunal whose jurisdiction to try an unarmed foreigner is seriously in doubt, is a huge leap," he said. Noting that the world knows this was a "kangaroo trial", if a trial took place at all, he said, "the so-called justice meted out to Kulbhushan is sham justice". "The whole nation condemns Pakistan for going through this mock or kangaroo trial and inflicting the maximum penalty upon an admitted Indian citizen," he said. The BJP also reacted strongly to the development and warned Pakistan to be ready for a strong response from India. BJP national spokesperson Shahnawaz Hussain said Pakistan should be ready for a "tough reaction" from India if it executes Indian Navy former officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, given death penalty by its military court. "Pakistan has no right to punish and give death sentence to Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav. And if Pakistan goes ahead with this decision it should also get ready for a tough reaction from India," Hussain told reporters. Pakistan will be condemned across the world if it hangs Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav, Union Minister M Venkaiah Naidu said. "We leave their (Pakistan's) people. They are not able to come out of their old habits. It is very unfortunate. Whole world is watching what is happening and and it will attract worldwide condemnation," the information and broadcasting minister told reporters outside Parliament. Head of Congress communication department Randeep Singh Surjewala said, "Death sentence is a deliberate provocation to India. BJP Government needs to travel beyond advisories. The PM must intervene to secure his release." He said India needs to immediately mount an international diplomatic offensive to free Jadhav, who was given a death sentence by a Pakistani military tribunal for "espionage and sabotage activities" in restive Balochistan province and Karachi city. To a question if this was failure on the part of the central government, Chidambaram said that it would be too strong a statement. "I am sure they must have made efforts. I do not know. But if they have made efforts, I am sure they will tell Parliament what efforts they made. "They should tell Parliament what efforts they made," he said, adding that his concern was that the maximum penalty imposed on the Indian should not be carried out. Attacking Pakistan for conducting a "hurried" trial of Jadhav without prior notice to India, Surjewala said the development was symptomatic of "Pakistan's kangaroo court justice". He also cited media reports about Aziz's statement in his country's Senate that there was "insufficient evidence against Jadhav". "Will PM pickup the phone & tell Pak about the falsehood of case against Kulbhushan Jadhav as admitted by Sartaj Aziz? (sic)," Surjewala's tweet accompanying a media report on Aziz's statement read.

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[Bullet train gets past major hurdle over BKC land](#)

Bullet train gets past major hurdle over BKC land Bullet train gets past major hurdle over BKC land The proposed bullet train will start underground from BKC and travel 21 km in a tunnel passing through the sea before emerging overground at Thane By: PTI | New Delhi | Updated: April 9, 2017 5:23 pm The proposed bullet train will start underground from BKC and travel 21 km in a tunnel passing through the sea before emerging overground at Thane. (Representational Image) The railways have crossed a major hurdle in rolling out the ambitious bullet train project as the Maharashtra government has agreed to give land at the Bandra-Kurla complex (BKC). The starting point of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed corridor at BKC was a bone of contention between the railways and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) as the latter was strongly opposed to giving land to the public transporter. The proposed bullet train will start underground from BKC and travel 21 km in a tunnel passing through the sea before emerging overground at Thane. The MRDA had wanted to use the BKC land for the proposed International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at BKC. The state Urban Development Department had also asked the railways to explore alternatives near Bandra Terminus and Kurla. However, the railways had rejected the suggestion and managed to convince the MMRDA that India's first high speed rail project should be constructed at an underground terminus at BKC, a senior Railway Ministry official said. Since the station is planned to be built underground, the above space can be utilised for IFSC construction, the official said. There are a total of 12 stations on the 508-km route — four of which are in Maharashtra and eight in Gujarat. A formal announcement is likely to be made by the railways and Maharashtra soon ending the uncertainties over location of the starting point of India's first bullet train project, the official said. The total land available at BKC is about 67 acres and the project needs about 10 acre land. Passenger area, platforms, escalators, lifts among others will be constructed underground at BKC. Estimated to cost about Rs 97,636 crore, 81 per cent of the funding for the project will come by way of a loan from Japan. The project cost includes possible cost escalation, interest during construction and import duties. Maharashtra and Gujarat will also share 25 per cent cost each for the project. Currently geo-technical survey is going on to be followed by the final location survey to mark the alignment and exact spots for the pillars on which trains will run at higher speed to reduce the travelling time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad drastically. It takes about seven hours to travel between the two cities and the bullet train aims to reduce it to about two hours. Construction of the corridor is expected to start in 2018 and is estimated to be completed by 2023.

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Digital payments: Central Bank of India customer wins Rs 1 crore in lucky draw Apr 9, 2017, 06.50PM IST PTI NEW DELHI: A transaction of Rs 1,590 has bagged a Central Bank of India customer lucky bounty of Rs 1 crore under the government's promotional scheme to popularise digital payments. President

Pranab Mukherjee picked up the lucky winners from the 100th draw of lots under digital payments promotion schemes at Rashtrapati Bhavan here. He congratulated the six winners -- three consumers and three merchants -- of Lucky Grahak Yojana and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana. In the consumer section, the first mega prize of Rs 1 crore went to a customer of Central Bank of India, while the second prize of Rs 50 lakh went to a Bank of Baroda customer. A customer of Punjab National Bank is the winner of third prize of Rs 25 lakh. All the three customers had done transactions using their RuPay debit cards. The names of three winners were not yet known as the draw only displayed their transaction numbers. These will be matched with card details to identify the winners. Three merchants also won prizes of Rs 50 lakh, Rs 25 lakh and Rs 12 lakh, respectively. The winners will be felicitated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 14 at Nagpur on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. Following demonetisation of old Rs 500/1000 notes on November 9 last year, the government took a slew of measures to promote digital payments in the country. The government launched the Lucky Grahak Yojana for consumers and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana for merchants on December 25, 2016 to promote digital transactions. These schemes are being implemented by the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI). In his address, Mukherjee asked citizens to extend their unstinted support to the mission of a less-cash India. "India has a long way to go to become a cash less society. The initiatives of the government are a good beginning and we need to sustain and nurture these with active participation from all segments of the society." "It is necessary to reduce cash in circulation and impart greater urgency to promoting secure digital payment methods to ensure greater transparency," the President said. Presently, India remains primarily a cash based economy with about 95 per cent of the personal consumption and 86 per cent of all transactions being in cash. "All efforts of the government will achieve their end only if people were to adopt them proactively," he said, as he complemented the government on its "bold initiatives" for promoting the culture of digital payments. Stressing that India is on the cusp of a digital revolution, Mukherjee noted more than one billion Indians have a unique identity number with a biometric identifier which is unique in its own way. "Even countries which are technologically far more advanced than India with comparatively much smaller size population do not have such a system in place. The Aadhaar card initiative is a watershed event in the development story of India," he said. Speaking on the occasion, Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha said, "I would like reiterate our resolve and commitment to take India towards digital economy."

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[Conflict in Syria set to dominate G7 discussions | News](#)

G7 foreign ministers were to send a "clear and coordinated message" to Russia over its stance on Syria as the US ratcheted up the pressure following a suspected chemical attack in the war-torn country. The UK's Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson set the tone for the meeting, describing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad as "toxic" and saying it was "time for (Russian President) Vladimir Putin to face the truth about the tyrant he is propping up". US strikes in Syria: Game changer or deterrent? - Inside Story Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven main industrialised countries are meeting in the Italian town of Lucca later on Monday before US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson flies to Moscow on Tuesday. But the agenda is now likely to be dominated by last week's suspected chemical weapons attack on a rebel-held Syrian town that killed at least 87 civilians, and the US cruise missiles fired at a Syrian air base in retaliation. It was the first time the US has intervened directly against Assad's government, who is fighting a civil war with the backing of Russia and Iran, and the G7 ministers will deliberate the West's next steps. The gathering in the Tuscan city of Lucca, which begins at 14:30 GMT, groups foreign ministers from the US, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. 'End Assad support' Washington's retaliation was slammed by Iran and North Korea and put it on a direct diplomatic collision course with Moscow, where Tillerson heads on Tuesday for talks with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov. The US stepped up the pressure on Sunday on Russia to rein in the Syrian government, warning that any further chemical attacks would be "very damaging" to their relationship and suggesting any peace deal would be difficult with Assad in power. Tillerson enraged Moscow by asking if it was possible Russia did not know about Syria's chemical arms, and called on the country to fulfil the obligation it made to the international community to guarantee the elimination of the weapons.

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Philippines 'Poor card' used on Duterte to muddle rice importation issue 'It's the moral obligation of those people surrounding the President to give him the right information, at the right time,' says dismissed Palace undersecretary Halmen Valdez Published 12:05 AM, April 11, 2017 Updated 12:07 AM, April 11, 2017 'MORAL OBLIGATION.' Former Palace undersecretary Halmen Valdez says officials in President Duterte's inner circle should not abuse their direct access to him MANILA, Philippines – Was President Rodrigo Duterte deliberately misinformed by his inner circle about the rice importation issue? Dismissed Palace undersecretary Halmen Valdez thinks some officials with direct access to Duterte may have been "name-dropping" poor Filipino farmers in order to rile up the President. "He reacts violently whenever he hears that the poor people are being oppressed. Unfortunately, some people close to the President or who get access to the President will make use of the sentiment of the President," said Valdez on Monday, April 10, during an interview with Rappler. "It's public knowledge that his love for the poor is bordering on obsession. You name-drop the poor, you say the poor are being oppressed, maligned, 'yung mood niya, talagang gumugulo 'yung mundo niya (his mood, his world is plunged into chaos)," said Valdez. She believes this is exactly what happened when some officials brought Duterte up to speed on the issue of rice importation. True enough, Duterte, during an event with farmers no less, announced he had fired Valdez because he perceived her to be pro-importation, and thus anti-Filipino farmer. Judging from his statements, he was told that importation should not be allowed because it is disadvantageous to local farmers, whose products cannot compete with the cheaper rice from abroad. Duterte professes to prioritize the interests of poor Filipinos over that of the "oligarchs" and "elites." Who is pro-farmer? But Valdez said the "poor card" must have been used on Duterte to persuade him to fire her and to reject an extension of deadline for private rice importers. "We should not abuse the poor card because it's a very important issue, it's a policy issue. It is a political commodity, yes, but rice with respect to the poor should be a policy-based approach," she said. When he spoke to farmers last Wednesday, Duterte said he fired Valdez because he did not know how to face farmers if he kept an official that supported importation. But the same official who denied the extension for rice importers, NFA Administrator Jason Aquino, is also pushing for rice importation but through government-to-government transaction. If Duterte were to prohibit any form of importation, there would be a shortage of rice because the local production of rice is not sufficient to meet the demand of consumers. Interestingly, Valdez and her former boss, Cabinet Secretary Leoncio Evasco Jr, also advocated that the government prioritize buying rice from local farmers, aside from extending permits given to private importers. They wanted the NFA buffer stock to be sourced from local farmers while industry stocks would be sourced through private sector-led importation. Aquino, meanwhile, approved the extension of some private importers and denied the extension of others, while championing government-to-government rice importation at a time when the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) said there was no need for such a scheme because the recent harvest by Filipino farmers will be enough to supply the NFA buffer stock. Duterte's understanding of issue But it appears that Duterte makes

no distinction between these various modes of importation, lumping them up as one and making a blanket declaration that any official who supports importation does not have the best interests of local farmers at heart. On Monday, it was made even clearer how confused Duterte is about the issue. During a press conference before leaving for Saudi Arabia, he ordered Aquino to prioritize buying rice from local farmers and to only import if needed. Valdez believes the NFA Council, chaired by Evasco and comprised of agencies like the Department of Finance and NEDA, should "move heaven and earth" to meet with Duterte at the earliest opportunity in order to apprise him of their take on the issue. She cautioned the President against trusting the words of Aquino alone instead of the collective wisdom of the NFA Council, an inter-agency committee that decides on NFA policies as a body. "Council decisions are backed up by hard evidence. NEDA gets data from PSA (Philippine Statistics Authority), from NIA (National Irrigation Administration). They use more sources as opposed to NFA which has only one source: itself," said Valdez. She also emphasized that officials who enjoy direct access to the President should not abuse this access. "It's the moral obligation of those people surrounding the President to give him the right information, at the right time, [from] the right people," said Valdez. While the dismissed official did not name names, Palace sources have pointed to Special Assistant to the President Bong Go as the official facilitating communications between Duterte and Aquino. (READ: Growing rift between Duterte's trusted men – Jun Evasco, Bong Go?) He is also the official who supposedly withheld from Duterte a confidential memorandum from Evasco intended to lay down his and the NFA Council's position on rice importation. When asked by Rappler about the issue, Go declined to comment. – Rappler.com HOW DOES THIS STORY MAKE YOU FEEL? Happy

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— Laura cufc (@laurabarr38) April 9, 2017 Many simply did not believe it... — Aff Wallace (@affwallace) April 10, 2017 In fairness, however, there is a reason Millwall were given the award and more than one pointed out that those mocking the club probably hadn't paid a recent visit. @EFL @MillwallFC Gotta love all the bitter replies from fans that never go down The Den. — The Griffin (@AlexjGriffin21) April 9, 2017 @EFL @MillwallFC It's funny how many people are triggered over this, they clearly have no idea what they are talking about. Well deserved — Barry Blackman (@BarryBlackers99) April 10, 2017 This is great because it winds up all the snobs who have never been to Millwall in their lives no end. <https://t.co/3UJ9MDzFO7> — Hugo Jennings (@_HugoJennings) April 9, 2017 In 2013 the club revamped its family strategy and opened a new family stand in a bid to attract young fans. 'For the first time it provided a dedicated area for families, equipped with games consoles, confectionery stalls, a mock dugout as well as face painters, regular drawing competitions and so much more,' the club's website explains. Since then, the club has aimed to improve those facilities, as this video posted to the EFL Twitter account shows: Winner: The overall winner of the #NickKicks Family Club of the Year is... @MillwallFC ! ■ — EFL (@EFL) April 9, 2017 Millwall chief executive Steve Kavanagh told the club's website about all the hard work that goes into making the New Den a family-friendly place while also nodding towards some of the reputational problems they face. 'When I first arrived at this club it was very quickly apparent just how much thought and hard work went into fan engagement and making the matchday experience as good as it could possibly be for young supporters and their families,' he said.

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William Hague 10 April 2017 • 10:00pm Russia is a country run to preserve the political and financial position of privileged leaders at any cost Credit: Sergei Karpukhin/AFP/Getty Images T here are three reasons why Donald Trump was right to launch a cruise missile strike against the Syrian Air Force facilities responsible for the chemical weapons attack last week on a town in northern Syria. First, the use of such weapons, in this case against civilians including children, is an abhorrent crime that is internationally outlawed and was generally avoided even in the Second World War. There has to be a response to such a crime. In August 2013, Ed Miliband's Labour Party and some rebel Conservatives prevented any retaliation , which has only led to further atrocities. Second, Trump acted quickly, which is crucial to making a clear connection between the crime and the response. Obama initially intended to do this four years ago, but then became bogged down in the decision-making, accepting instead a Russian plan to disarm Assad of chemical agents – a plan we can now see was not... Premium Subscribe now for full access or register to continue reading Subscribe now for full access or register to continue Register / free One Premium article

[Garden strimmers causing havoc with Britain's hedgehog population](#)

After a long, dark winter gardeners are finally taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather to dust off their power tools and do some spring pruning. But while mowers and strimmers are quick and efficient at keeping unruly edges looking neat and tidy, they are playing havoc with the UK's hedgehog population. This weekend's warm weather, while welcomed by many, could prove fatal for the hedgehogs who are waking early from hibernation to go out in search of food in longer grass and around garden borders. This weekend, St Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, in Haddenham, Bucks, said it had treated three hedgehogs injured by a strimmer. The three badly injured hedgehogs who all had nasty encounters with a garden strimmer Credit: INS Two of the prickly mammals suffered head injuries and the third was found with a "deep cut". A spokesman for the animal hospital said: "Now the weather is getting better we are seeing an increase in animals being accidentally injured when people are gardening. "Please do carefully check before cutting long grass and plants as hedgehogs and other small animals will likely be hiding there. "Go over the area and disturb the vegetation with a soft broom to see who is hiding and make sure the area is clear before you begin. "All three hedgehogs are still with us and receiving treatment for their wounds. We are hopeful they will make it." The hedgehog was once a common sight in Britain, with the population estimated at 30million in the 1950s. But that has dropped to fewer than one million today, with a third of this loss thought to have taken place in the past decade. Hedgehog numbers have dropped to fewer than one million today Credit: Charlotte Graham - Guzelian The latest survey, conducted with more than 2,600 people by BBC Gardeners' World Magazine, found that 51 per cent of people did not see a hedgehog at all in 2016, up from 48 per cent in 2015. Naturalist Simon King explained that the hedgehog's flight or fright response was an issue when it came to power tools in the garden. "When a hedgehog is scared it curls into a ball to defend itself behind its spiny coat," he said. "Sadly there is no defence against modern garden machinery like strimmers, which can cause horrendous and often deadly injuries." This little hedgehog was the victim of a strimmer. He needed a safe place to be released. The walled garden is ideal. :) #lovehedgehogs pic.twitter.com/pQxfNBmBa — Norton Priory (@NortonPriory) April 4, 2017 And it isn't just home gardeners using strimmers which are causing problems for the hedgehog populations. Willows Hedgehog Rescue centre in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire has been working with councils, contractors and housing trusts around the UK to help raise awareness of the damage caused by large-scale strimming equipment used to maintain large expanses of hedgerow and verges. A spokesman said: "These areas provide important habitat for hedgehogs and while leaving areas wild is preferable for wildlife where they do need to be cut operators need to be aware of the potential danger for wildlife if the area is not checked first." The rescue centre has also teamed up with manufacturers to attach special warning stickers to their strimming equipment to remind gardeners to check for hedgehogs. "Hopefully by attaching the wildlife warning labels to equipment and by the inclusion of awareness in operator training etc we will be able to reduce the number of hedgehog casualties," the spokesman said. As well as checking areas before cutting there are other things gardeners can do to help hedgehogs. Ensure netting is kept at a safe height Check compost heaps before digging the fork in Stop or reduce the amount of pesticides and poisons used Cover drains or deep holes Ensure there is an easy access route out of ponds and pools

[This 'Gilmore Girls' Season 2 Revival Update Reveals Why The Stars Are Cautious About Returning To Stars Hollow](#)

Follow Us @ 2017 Bustle This 'Gilmore Girls' Season 2 Revival Update Reveals Why The Stars Are Cautious About Returning To Stars Hollow By Sabienna Bowman 6 hours ago Returning to Stars Hollow in Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life was a gift. The four-part Netflix series offered closure for Lorelai and Emily, and set Rory Gilmore on a new path in life. It's only natural the fans want more, but TVLine reports stars Lauren Graham and Alexis Bledel need a good reason to return to Gilmore Girls again, and no one has presented them with one just yet. Before you start crying into your over-sized cup of coffee, you should hear the actors out. Neither one of them is ruling out the possibility of returning as the iconic mother-daughter duo at some point, but the story would have to be a compelling one. No one can blame them for being cautious. No matter how you felt about the revival, it had a clear storyline for each generation of the Gilmore women and it delivered a satisfying inter-generational tale of grief, family, and embracing the curve-balls of life. To return to Stars Hollow once more just because the show and its characters are beloved, would be a disservice to the actors and the intricate world that series creator Amy Sherman-Palladino built. As Graham said during Deadline's Emmy Contenders event, "If it all existed in a vacuum, I would play that character until my dying day... Now it's become what could we do with this story that is satisfying, that is worth continuing. I don't know if there is a need to do more. I wouldn't want it to feel like we overstayed our welcome." Giphy Netflix definitely wants more Gilmore Girls. In March, Netflix Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos told the UK Press Association there have been "preliminary" talks about a sequel — although, Graham and Bledel maintain those talks have not reached the stage where the actors are involved. It's no surprise the streaming service wants to stay in the Gilmore Girls business, given how much buzz the revival generated, but creatively it doesn't make sense for the actors or Sherman-Palladino to commit to more Stars Hollow stories right now. Graham has a pilot, Linda From HR, in contention at Fox for the 2017-2018 TV season. Meanwhile, Bledel is set to appear in Hulu's highly anticipated adaptation of The Handmaid's Tale. The majority of the rest of the cast is just as busy: Milo Ventimiglia is deeply committed to his work on This Is Us, Matt Czuchy is working on a pilot, and Melissa McCarthy has basically confirmed she's content with how Sookie's story ended. Likewise, Sherman-Palladino and her husband/writing partner Daniel Palladino are awaiting news from Amazon about their new series The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. The cast and the writers all appear to be embarking on new adventures and tackling new characters. They deserve to continue forward with their careers without feeling obligated to do more Gilmore Girls simply because of the nostalgia factor. Giphy When it comes to deciding the fate of Gilmore Girls, Bledel said it best, "I'm just interested in telling a story that is dynamic and that I can hook into." Anything less would be a disservice to the fans, the actors, and the legacy of this amazing show. If inspiration strikes, and Sherman-Palladino comes up with another captivating chapter of the Gilmore story, then I am sure she will do everything in her power to make it happen. Until then, you can always return to Stars Hollow, and even better, you can support all of the amazing new projects the creative minds behind Gilmore Girls are working hard to bring to the screen.

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LOOK: Celebrities go on Holy Week vacation outside PH INQUIRER.net / 04:23 PM April 10, 2017 A post shared by ■■ Kris Aquino (@krisaquino) on Apr 9, 2017 at 11:46pm PDT ADVERTISEMENT For Filipinos, Holy Week is both a time to reflect and to relax away from the daily grind, and celebrities are no exception. Some of the country's brightest stars are taking the time off their busy schedules to spend quality time with their families and loved ones. "Queen of All Media" Kris Aquino shared a photo of her on Instagram posing before the crystal clear waters of a resort in Male, Maldives, which she said had always been a part of her must-go places. "We had a good buffet breakfast & now I'm back in the room being a nerd & about to start reading again... if you used to watch Kris Tv, you might remember that visiting here was part of my travel #bucketlist," Aquino wrote. "This 2017, I fulfilled my wish to go to Padre Pio for a pilgrimage in San Giovanni, we're now in the Maldives, and the last in my list is to walk in the lavender fields of Hokkaido (I researched & it's normally in July)," she added. A post shared by Anne Curtis (@annecurtissmith) on Apr 9, 2017 at 1:49am PDT ADVERTISEMENT A post shared by Erwan Heussaff (@erwanheussaff) on Apr 9, 2017 at 2:38am PDT TV host-actress Anne Curtis and longtime boyfriend Erwan Heussaff, meanwhile, are in Melbourne, Australia. Curtis shared photos of the Queen Victoria Market and a local coffee shop on Instagram. Curtis, whose father is Australian, was born in Yarrowonga, Victoria. She got engaged to Heussaff in December last year. A post shared by Megan Young (@meganbata) on Apr 8, 2017 at 7:27pm PDT A post shared by Mikael Daez (@mikaeldaez) on Apr 8, 2017 at 1:00pm PDT Miss World 2013 Megan Young and boyfriend Mikael Daez just crossed off Singapore and Malaysia on their travel list and are now in their final leg—Maldives. A post shared by Billy Crawford (@billyjocrawford) on Apr 9, 2017 at 6:36pm PDT "It's Showtime" host Billy Crawford also posted a photo of him in the airplane with girlfriend Coleen Garcia. The two are bound for Thailand. "Here we go my love!" Crawford said. Model-host Isabelle Daza, who drew flak on social media for her controversial Instagram post on Africa children, is in South Africa with her husband Adrien Semblat. The couple shared their photos at the Kapama Karula Safari Camp. "A little break for holy week in South Africa. Everything I always imagined Africa to be... #semblatsafari," Semblat wrote on Instagram. YG/JE A post shared by isabelledaza (@isabelledaza) on Apr 9, 2017 at 4:56am PDT A post shared by isabelledaza (@isabelledaza) on Apr 9, 2017 at 10:53am PDT A post shared by Adrien Semblat (@adriensemblat) on Apr 9, 2017 at 12:44pm PDT

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21 Foods That People Eat To Cure Their Hangovers Apparently hungover people love pickles? Posted on We asked the BuzzFeed Community to send us their go-to hangover foods. Here are their suggestions: (Note: We cannot guarantee that any of these will actually cure your hangover, or even taste good.) 1. Pickles and/or pickle juice Medium: sausage and eggs, or biscuits and gravy Heavy: pickle juice" —Michael Munger, Facebook "Pickles. Something about the brine and salt cures bad nausea. Paired with a lot of water/Gatorade and some bread, you're good to go." "I make 'hangover pasta.' It's just whatever type of pasta I have lying around with pesto and a buuunch of chopped, fresh tomatoes. Spice it up with whatever else you have lying around." "First off, blue Gatorade. Then it always seems to be McDonald's cheeseburgers I crave." —Nic Young, Facebook Share "My hangovers are usually very bad. I have a headache until 9-11pm and my stomach hurts so much the first couple of times, I couldn't eat. What helped me, before I found the miracle Gatorade, was cookies and cream ice cream. It was liquid so it was easy to digest, and the coldness made it enjoyable." "Dunkin' Donuts sausage egg and cheese with a large iced coffee. Yes, I'm from Boston." —Sarah Jaye, Facebook Share "Two cans of low sodium V8's 100% vegetable juice, full of potassium, anti-oxidants and fiber, a liter of water, strong coffee, and a grilled cheese sandwich with the protein and fat to suck up all the sugar from your system." Share "I drink ice blue Gatorade slowly until I feel like my stomach can handle food, then Chicken in a Biskit crackers if I'm hungry. Once I'm fully stable I eat either a cup of microwave Easy Mac or some cheap ramen — carbs help stabilize my blood sugar and sodium helps replace electrolytes (as does the Gatorade)."

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