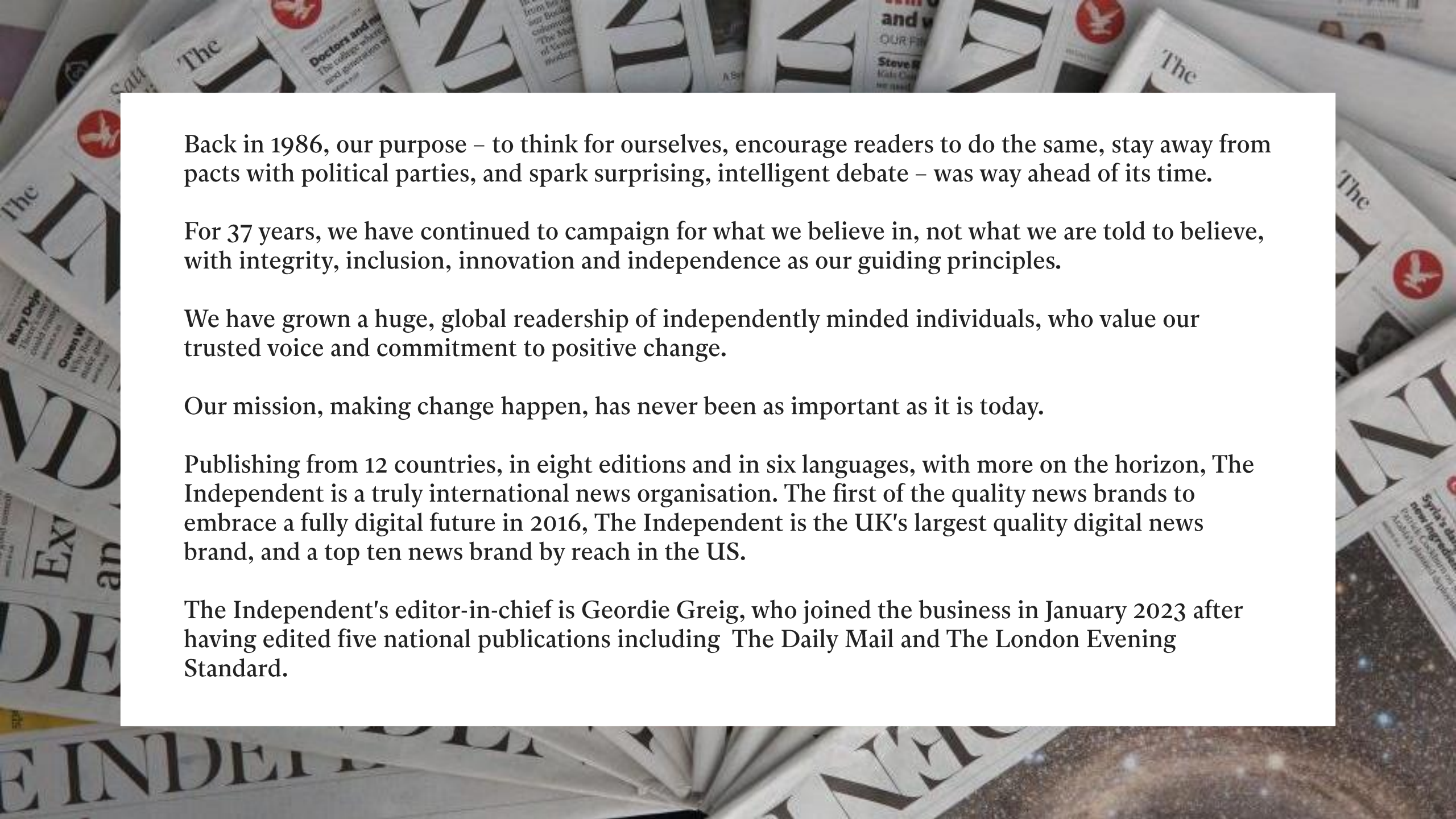




INDEPENDENT

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW



Back in 1986, our purpose – to think for ourselves, encourage readers to do the same, stay away from pacts with political parties, and spark surprising, intelligent debate – was way ahead of its time.

For 37 years, we have continued to campaign for what we believe in, not what we are told to believe, with integrity, inclusion, innovation and independence as our guiding principles.

We have grown a huge, global readership of independently minded individuals, who value our trusted voice and commitment to positive change.

Our mission, making change happen, has never been as important as it is today.

Publishing from 12 countries, in eight editions and in six languages, with more on the horizon, The Independent is a truly international news organisation. The first of the quality news brands to embrace a fully digital future in 2016, The Independent is the UK's largest quality digital news brand, and a top ten news brand by reach in the US.

The Independent's editor-in-chief is Geordie Greig, who joined the business in January 2023 after having edited five national publications including The Daily Mail and The London Evening Standard.



NEWS

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International and domestic stories including politics, health, climate, crime, race, social affairs, technology and science, as well as campaigns and investigations. We have news teams across the UK, the US and India. The reporting team on the ground in the ongoing war in Ukraine comprises **Kim Sengupta**, our world affairs editor and **Bel Trew**, our chief international correspondent, assisted by local teams.



Writers include **Rebecca Thomas**, health correspondent; **Holly Bancroft**, social affairs correspondent; **Nadine White**, race correspondent; **Amy-Clare Martin**, crime correspondent; **Maya Oppenheim**, women's correspondent; **David Cohen**, campaigns editor and reporters **Holly Evans**, **Tara Cobham**, **Maryam Zakir-Hussain**, **Jane Dalton**, **Matt Mathers**, **Zander Butler**, **Lydia Patrick**, **Barney Davis**, and **Andy Gregory** among others. In the US, senior writers include White House correspondent **Andrew Feinberg**; senior US correspondent **Richard Hall**, reporters **Graeme Massie**, **Sheila Flynn**, **Josh Marcus**, **Alex Woodward**, **John Bowden**, and **Eric Garcia**, and more.



6,000 news stories published a month.
A morning newsletter, covering the main stories, is published daily at 8am.



Recent awards success came at the Press Gazette British Journalism Awards with **Rebecca Thomas** winning the Health and Life Sciences Journalism Award and **Simon Calder** awarded the Travel Journalism prize. **Bel Trew** was named Foreign Reporter of the Year at the UK Press Awards. The Independent is waiting to hear about its entries in this year's Society of Editors' Media Freedom Awards, and the London Press Awards.



POLITICS

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The Independent's politics team always punches above its weight. Over the past year it has broken stories that have helped set the British news agenda and driven the conversation – and change. Hot on the heels of yet more exclusive Partygate revelations, The Independent broke the news that then Chancellor of the Exchequer and Tory leadership hopeful Nadhim Zahawi was under investigation for his tax affairs. Six months later it culminated in his sacking by Rishi Sunak.



In addition to a broad range of articles from our team in Westminster, we offer a whole host of political commentary and opinion from staff and guest writers. The team is led by our political and Whitehall editor, Kate Devlin, who is joined in the gallery by political correspondents Adam Forrest and Archie Mitchell and policy correspondent Jon Stone. Our consultant editor Simon Walters is a veteran political journalist, while John Rentoul is one of the best-known commentators on the scene. We also bring insights from the keyboard of Andrew Grice, while sketch writer Tom Peck never fails to see a wry side to British politics.



Approximately 430 political stories published a month.



CULTURE

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The Independent offers plenty of insights into the world of culture, covering film, contemporary and classical music, dance, art, theatre, TV, comedy, and celebrity news and features. Our coverage includes news reports as well as comment and trends features, in-depth exclusive interviews, and reviews. Our exclusive Saturday profiles give readers insights into stars of the world of stage, screen and music. Recent subjects who have taken time out to talk with with Independent journalists include Grayson Perry, Richard E Grant, Mark Rylance and Hayley Atwell. Our music coverage is innovative and up to the minute – see rising stars perform exclusively on our TV series Music Box, or hear new music on our curated playlist, Now Hear This.



In the UK, culture and lifestyle editor Patrick Smith is joined by arts editor Jessie Thompson, music correspondent and entertainment news editor Roisin O'Connor, Charlotte Cripps, Adam White, Isobel Lewis and Annabel Nugent, Katie Rosseinsky, Jacob Stolworthy, Ellie Harrison, Louis Chilton, and Nicole Vassell. In addition, we have Peony Hirwani in India and Tom Murray and Inga Parkel in Los Angeles and New York, with new recruits to join soon.



32 pieces a day.



VOICES

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Voices is the home of comment and opinion at The Independent and is a platform we pride ourselves on. The international news cycle offers our impressive stable of writers a wealth of material. From Britain's delicate relationship with China to the epidemic of mass shootings across the United States, from party politics to gender politics, from sexuality to disability, from Donald Trump to the UK's migrant policies, and not forgetting THAT kiss at the Women's World Cup ... The Independent's columnists have it in their sights.



The Voices editor is Victoria Richards. Our regular writers include Tom Peck, Alan Rusbridger, John Rentoul, Sean O'Grady, Andrew Grice, James Moore, Nadine White, Kim Sengupta, Bel Trew and Mary Dejevsky. And we are often the destination of choice for discerning authors: Bono wrote on Harry Delafonte; Akshata Murthy made her only media intervention in The Independent, with a moving piece on women and science. The title celebrated International Women's Day in grand style with contributions from Tracey Emin, Emma Thompson, Joan Collins, Angela Rayner, and Jordan Gray, to name but a few.



60 – 70 pieces per week.



SPORT

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The Independent's sports coverage has many loyal and dedicated fans. We report on a wide range of the most popular sports, frequently sending staff members round the world to major events. In the past year alone, we have had a team in Qatar for the Men's World Cup and, of course, we also sent a team to Australia and New Zealand to cover the Lionesses' historic journey to a World Cup final. The Olympics, the Paralympics, the Rugby World Cup and international cricket and tennis are all on our A-list. But it doesn't stop there. We have dedicated experts on Formula 1 and combat sports on the staff. We pride ourselves in our coverage of breaking news and live events as well as our in-depth features, expert analysis and exclusive interviews.

The sports team is led by editor Jack Rathborn, ably assisted by his deputy Lawrence Ostlere and assistant sports editor Karl Matchett. Our chief football writer is Miguel Delaney, the senior football writer is Richard Jolly. Sonia Twigg joined us this year, who has a particular expertise in cricket. Then there is combat fighting correspondent Alex Pattle, Formula 1 correspondent Kieran Jackson, sports live editor Luke Baker reporter, sports blogger Michael Jones and sports reporter Jamie Braidwood.

3,000 pieces published per month.

The desk features regularly in the SJA Awards. Miguel Delaney is a multi-award winner and nominee at the Young Sports Journalist of the Year at the SJAs in 2021.





LIFESTYLE

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Our Lifestyle team helps readers to unpack all the latest trends, from food and drink to fashion and feminism, from mental health and general wellbeing to celebrity culture. Our writers shine a light on some of the most zeitgesity trends that are hitting the headlines and creating a stir, both in the news and on social media. The team creates a wealth of material including news reports, long-form features, first person real-life articles, and opinion. Our Lifestyle writers also dive deep into the personal stories behind the headlines.

Culture and Lifestyle editor Patrick Smith, is joined by his deputy Jessie Thompson, lifestyle features editor Adam White, Roisin O'Connor, Katie Rosseinsky, Olivia Petter, and Maanya Sachdeva. US team members include Amber Raitken, Meredith Clark, Chelsea Ritschel, and Kaleigh Werner.

1,000 pieces published per month.

BSME 2021 nominations for best writer (Olivia Petter), best specialist writer (Harriet Hall) and best team. Olivia Petter nominated for Millennial Love in British Podcast Awards 2021. Sophie Gallagher voted best lifestyle journalist in Women in Media awards 2019.





TRAVEL

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Small but mighty, The Independent's travel team publishes everything from evocative colour features and inspiring destination guides to hard-hitting breaking travel news and info-packed explainers on holidaymakers' rights. Our coverage includes broadcast, with a daily podcast and our regular magazine-style video series, Travel Smart; expert-tested hotel reviews; three weekly newsletters received by more than 300,000 readers, including an exclusive Ask me Anything where our illustrious travel correspondent, Simon Calder, answers questions from our Premium subscribers; and regular virtual reader Q&A events attended by hundreds of travel enthusiasts over Zoom. Since 2021, we've pivoted our focus to champion sustainable, responsible and regenerative travel wherever possible, regularly featuring flight-free trips, launching a series of "microguides" to encourage readers to embrace the slow travel ethos while on a city break, and giving more editorial space to destinations and brands that are prioritising planet and people over profit. In 2023, we've expanded both our team and our destination-led content, with the aim of becoming the one-stop-shop for all our readers' holiday needs, whether they're looking for inspiration, deals, practical information or are ready to book their next getaway.

In-house – Helen Coffey, travel editor; Ben Parker, deputy travel editor; Simon Calder, travel correspondent; Natalie Wilson, junior travel writer; Chris Wilson, junior travel writer.

External – We use hundreds of specialist freelancers throughout the year for our world-spanning features and guides, including award-winning writers Monisha Rajesh, Jamie Lafferty, Mike MacEacheran, Lizzie Pook, Sian Lewis, Antonia Windsor, Mark Stratton, Shilpa Ganatra and Kerry Walker.

Approximately 200 pieces of business coverage are written each month.

Awards gained: Travel Media Awards 2022: Breaking travel news: Simon Calder, The Independent | Broadcast programme of the year: Simon Calder, 'From alligators to astronauts: go one step beyond Orlando', The Independent | National consumer feature of the year: Sian Lewis, 'Taking the plunge: ice swimming and sauna rituals in Finland', The Independent | Sustainability feature of the year: Mike MacEacheran, 'Why a troll hunting tour of Denmark is the education in sustainability you never knew you needed', The Independent | Travel Media Awards 2020: Consumer Publication of the year – online | Travmedia Awards 2022: Outstanding Contribution Award: Simon Calder.





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Our subscriber-only journalism falls under the banner of Independent Premium and represents a wide-ranging selection of top-quality articles and features, published seven days a week, across every section. Readers must be registered as subscribers to get the full benefits of Premium, which now include unlimited access to our marquee journalism, the hugely popular daily digital edition app for easy reading on smartphone and tablet, plus exclusive reader events with our team, offers and much more.

We have recently invested significantly in Premium, bolstering an already top team of award-winning correspondents and columnists, at home and abroad, from John Rentoul, Andy Grice and Simon Calder, to Bel Trew, Mary Dejevsky and Tom Peck. You can now find more unbeatable analysis and deeper dives into the stories that matter, exclusively on Premium, with leading names such as former Guardian editor Alan Rusbridger, the esteemed literary editor Robert McCrum and Jon Sopel on American politics, writing regular columns. Expect more big names to join our Premium team soon.

80 stories published every week.





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SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2023

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'I had people stalking me – it was unbearable'

Interview with the pop star formerly known as Cheryl Cole



Tory party chairman is made to pay 'million pound fine' to tax man

EXCLUSIVE

...and he tried to gag The Independent with threats over revealing his HMRC dispute



KATE DEVLIN AND SIMON WALTERS

Rishi Sunak is under pressure to sack Nadhim Zahawi from the cabinet after it was claimed the former chancellor paid a penalty of more than £1m to settle a probe into his tax affairs. The Tory chairman has faced questions over payments to HMRC, but the prime minister has stood by him. Some senior Tories believe it is now impossible for Mr Zahawi

to continue for this year's local elections, with one calling the situation "unsustainable". The revelation that Mr Zahawi was forced to pay the penalty, as part of a reported total tax settlement of almost £5m, comes as *The Independent* reports that he tried to gag this newspaper from revealing he was being investigated by the National Crime Agency and HMRC last year. During an extraordinary exchange in July, Mr Zahawi threatened to sue if

any stories were published, saying: "One hundred per cent I will take legal action" and "there was no such investigation by the NCA". Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner said: "Rishi Sunak promised a government of integrity, professionalism, and accountability but instead he's propping up a motley crew of scandal-ridden ministers. The position of the man who was until recently in charge of the tax system ... is untenable."



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Marriage to Myself TRACEY EMIN'S ICONIC IMAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



INSIDE Camilla, Queen Consort / Emma Thompson / Joan Collins / Annie Lennox / Akshata Murty
Judith Love / Charlotte Tilbury / Bianca Jagger / Lisbet Rensing / Ngosi Fulani / Jordan Gray & more

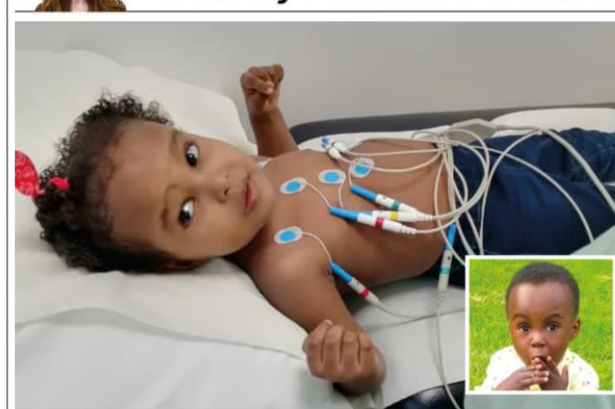


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TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023

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Angela Rayner Want to boost the economy? The future is female



Zainab in a hospital bed. Inset, Awaab Ishak, whose death was attributed to mould in his family's home

EXCLUSIVE

How we saved this four-year-old girl from killer mould

Zainab hospitalised by damp and decay in council flat – then moved to safety after Independent report

NADINE WHITE
RACE CORRESPONDENT

A four-year-old girl admitted to hospital after living in mould-ridden squalor has escaped her damp London flat following an investigation

by *The Independent*. Zainab Hamid suffered breathing problems as a result of the black mould covering the walls and ceilings of the housing association flat she shared with her parents and three siblings. She has suffered multiple

throat infections and other respiratory problems. But despite repeated complaints, her family were only told they would be transferred into temporary housing when the numerous problems were reported by this newspaper.



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THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2023

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Wagner mercenary chief who led mutiny against Putin 'killed in plane crash' in Russia



The pilot, whose identity has been hidden to protect his family, flew for the Afghan air force

MAJOR VICTORY FOR INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN - AND BRITISH DECENCY

At last! Afghan pilot who fought Taliban is granted asylum in Britain

After 5 months of resisting this paper's call to honour our debt to hero who fought with UK forces, the government capitulates – and does the right thing

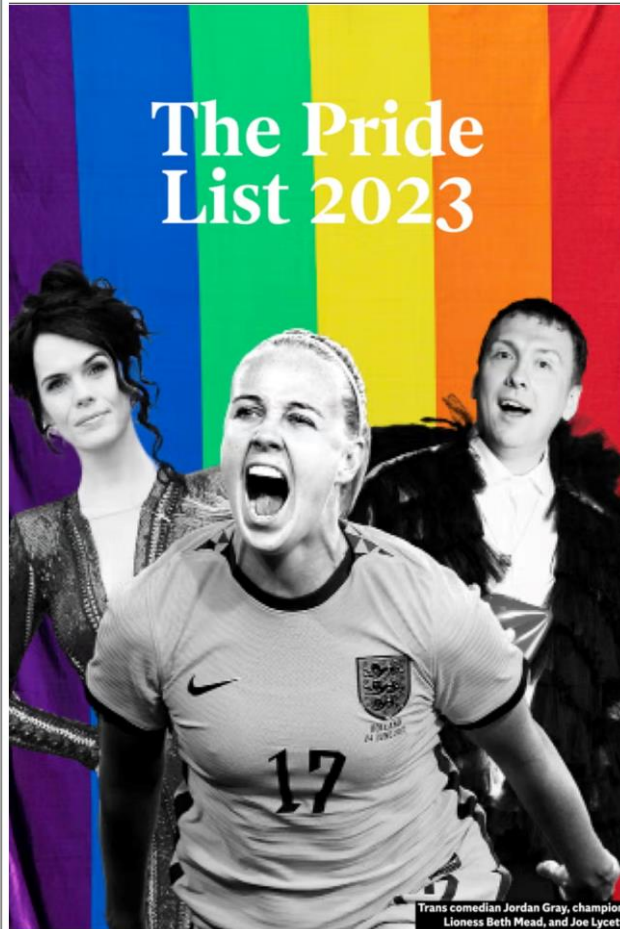


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Trans comedian Jordan Gray, champion Lioness Beth Mead, and Joe Lycett

Comment from David Furnish and Ivar Mountbatten



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THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXCLUSIVE

'If Russia wins now, it will be the worst-case scenario for humanity'

Ukraine's first lady Olena Zelenska tells our chief international correspondent Bel Trew in Kyiv that the world must never lose interest in the war or underestimate the threat of annihilation from Vladimir Putin



Mrs Zelenska in the heavily-guarded presidential palace in Ukraine's capital