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Daily Express

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Backing for King after Earl Spencer claims he made 'we'll forget her soon' remark

CHARLES WAS 'EMPHATIC WE RESPECT DIANA'S MEMORY'

BY CHRIS RICHES

KING Charles told staff never to criticise Princess Diana, his former aide said as a war of words blew up over Earl Spencer's book about her.

Diana's brother claims the then-Prince of Wales hit out as his ex-wife died, saying: "Rest assured, we'll forget her soon enough."

But last night Julian Payne, Charles's communications chief at the time, said: "He was absolutely emphatic that we were to respect her memory and

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King Charles yesterday and, inset, Earl Spencer

(1) MAIN HEADLINE: CHARLES WAS 'EMPHATIC WE RESPECT DIANA'S MEMORY'

(2) SUB-HEADLINES: Backing for King after Earl Spencer claims he made 'we'll forget her soon' remark KING Charles told staff never to criticise Princess Diana, his former aide said as a war of words blew up over Earl Spencer's book about her.

Other visible headlines on the page: REMAINS OF MISSING MUM UNCOVERED BY WILDFIRE Joy as breast cancer drug is approved on the NHS

(3) SUMMARY: King Charles was emphatic that Diana's memory be respected, a former aide says, amid a dispute triggered by Earl Spencer's book/remarks about her.

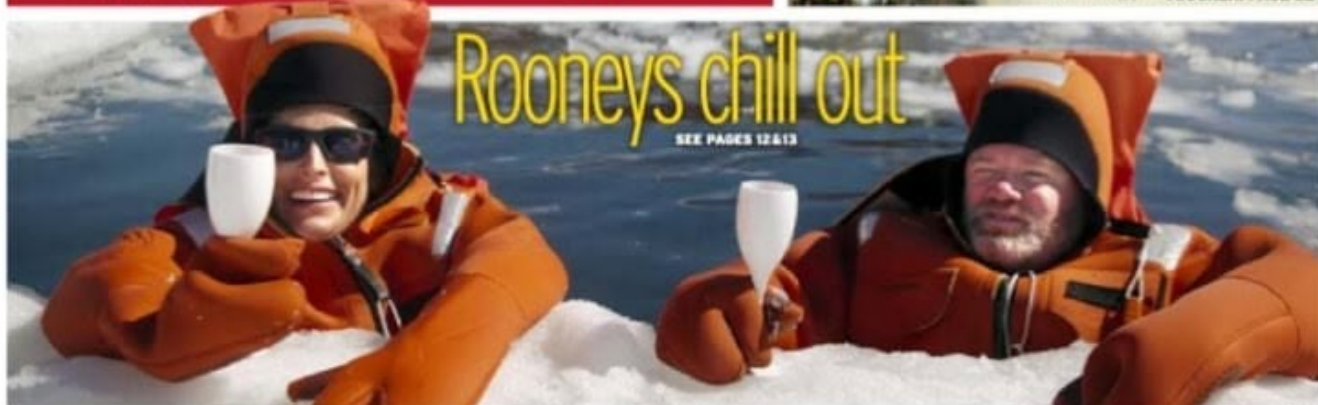
(4) NEWSPAPER: DAILY EXPRESS

(5) BYLINES: BY CHRIS RICHES

No other journalist bylines are visible on the page.

Daily Mirror

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EARL'S ASTONISHING CLAIMS

» Alleges Charles was like a 'lottery winner' in a call after Diana death

» Says his sister had planned to take own life a number of times

» Believes only love for her sons stopped her from 'ending it all'

By JENNIFER NEWTON
Deputy Royal Editor

EARL Spencer claims the King sounded "like a lottery winner" on the phone hours after Princess Diana died.

Diana's brother, 62, describes the then-Prince of Wales as "giddily elated" following the Paris car crash tragedy in 1997.

In his memoir, the Earl also claims Diana planned to take her own life. He adds: "Her love for her sons stopped her."

Buckingham Palace did not comment yesterday after saying of earlier allegations: "Fraternal grief can cloud reason and colour memory."

FULL STORY: PAGES 4&5

Earl Spencer, Diana's brother

WAR OF WORDS

RUSSELL MYERS on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry

(1) MAIN headline:
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(2) Sub-headlines:

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(3) Summary:

The Daily Mirror front page leads on Earl Spencer's claims about Prince Charles and Princess Diana, including that Charles was like a "lottery winner" after Diana's death and that Diana had planned to take her own life. It frames the row as a "war of words" causing pain for William and Harry.

(4) Newspaper name:

Daily Mirror

(5) Bylines:

BY JENNIFER NEWTON Deputy Royal Editor

BY RUSSELL MYERS on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry

Daily Star

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**Jenny
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ROYAL FEUD LATEST

'GIDDY KING ELATED LIKE LOTTO WINNER' AFTER DI DEATH

by SIMON HAMALLENKO
KING Charles was
"giddily elated like a
lottery winner" when
he called about
Diana's death, her
brother claims.
Full story: Page 7



(1) MAIN headline exactly as printed:

'GIDDY KING ELATED LIKE LOTTO WINNER' AFTER DI DEATH

(2) Sub-headlines/teasers visible on the page:

ROYAL FEUD LATEST

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(3) 1-2 line summary of the main story:

King Charles was “giddily elated like a lottery winner” when he called about Diana’s death, her brother claims, according to the front-page report. Full story: Page 7.

(4) Newspaper name if visible:

Daily Star

(5) EVERY journalist byline visible anywhere on the page:

BY SIMON HAMALIENKO

Authors

Daily Express

- **Chris Riches** — cover story byline **Bio:** Chris Riches is the Daily Express's North-West Correspondent, covering news and features from the Midlands to Scotland and across Wales; he joined the Express in 2004 after working at The Sun and is based in Manchester, where he leads the paper's health-justice campaigns (cystic fibrosis, phenylketonuria). In 2020 he won both the Press Gazette British Journalism Award for Campaigning Journalist of the Year and the Society of Editors Hugh Cudlipp Award for Campaigning Journalism. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's site search for his name returns 4 ruling blocks, none of which names him — the matches are on the word "richest" and on unrelated complainants (Williams-Key v express.co.uk, Brown v spectator.co.uk, Shah v thetimes.com, Dey v The Herald). No Wikipedia article exists for him. Note the Burnham press-access row (June 2026) is itself a story he wrote, not a dispute about his conduct. **Sources:** [Express journalist profile](#), [Muck Rack](#), [Press Gazette — British Journalism Awards winners 2020](#), [IPSO search](#)

Daily Mirror

- **Jennifer Newton** (Deputy Royal) — cover story byline **Bio:** Jennifer Newton is the Mirror's Deputy Royal Editor, based in London, specialising in the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Harry and Meghan. She co-hosts the Mirror's *Pod Save The King* podcast with Royal Editor Russell Myers. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's site search returns 4 ruling blocks, none naming her — all are partial-

name matches to other complainants (Jen Swayne v South Wales Argus; Kennedy v Real People; Calder v Mirror.co.uk; Clark v Whitstable Gazette). No Wikipedia article (Wikipedia REST API returns 404 for "Jennifer Newton"). **Sources:** [Mirror author page](#), [IPSO search](#), [Pod Save The King \(Global Player\)](#), [Wikipedia lookup \(404 — no article\)](#)

- **Russell Myers** — cover story byline **Bio:** Russell Myers is Associate Editor and Royal Editor of the Daily Mirror, leading its royal coverage, an international broadcaster and author of the bestselling book *William and Catherine: The Intimate Inside Story* (Penguin/Simon & Schuster). He co-hosts *Pod Save The King* with Jennifer Newton. **Controversies:** No IPSO rulings, corrections or adjudications naming him were found (IPSO search returns 4 blocks; the closest is "Myers v express.co.uk" — a different person, complainant Phil Myers). He is a recurring target of criticism from partisan Sussex-supporting sites such as meghanpedia.com over his Harry/Meghan coverage, and he publicly defended the media's royal coverage at a reporting debate which the Duke of Sussex declined to attend. Wikipedia trap: the en.wikipedia "Russell Myers" page is an **American cartoonist**, not the Mirror journalist — discarded as a name mismatch. **Sources:** [Mirror author page](#), [Penguin — William & Catherine](#), [Yahoo News — Duke of Sussex declined royal reporting debate invite](#), [IPSO search](#), [Wikipedia \(cartoonist — mismatch, discarded\)](#)

Daily Star

- **Simon Hamalienko** — cover story byline **Bio:** Simon Hamalienko is Publishing Lead for the Daily Star on the Live News Network, having joined the Star in 2021 after over a decade in the industry; he is a former News Reporter, Assistant News Editor and Senior Content Editor (Live) at the paper, and also carries an Express.co.uk journalist page. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches. IPSO's site search returns 3 blocks, none of which names him (the closest, the Dorante-Day v dailystar.co.uk resolution statement about a "Prince Charles' secret son" article, does not mention him anywhere in its text). Context from the media-criticism census of the Jason Arday coverage: he is credited once, on a **post-death** follow-up ("Jason Arday told friend 'he couldn't go on'"); the Star filed nothing about Arday while he was alive, so he was not part of the pre-death pile-on. **Sources:** [Daily Star author page](#), [Muck Rack](#), [Express journalist page](#), [IPSO search](#), [NewsCord — Jason Arday coverage census](#), [Star article — 15 Aug 2026](#)

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