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Daily print front pages of the Express, Mirror and Star. Read via DeepSeek vision (deepseek-v4-flash-vision-exp).

⚠ **Edition note:** today is Saturday 19 Sep 2026. Saturday print titles are not published on Newsworks, so all three covers below are the **Friday 18 September 2026** editions (the Star image is also byte-identical to the one saved on the 18 Sep run — flagged STALE by the pipeline).

Daily Express

print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-18)



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 / front-page headlines:

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

REMAINS OF MISSING MUM UNCOVERED BY WILDFIRE

Joy as breast cancer drug is approved on the NHS

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(3) Summary:

King Charles told staff never to criticise Princess Diana, a former aide said, amid a dispute over Earl Spencer's book about her.

(4) Newspaper name:

DAILY EXPRESS

(5) Journalist bylines visible:

BY CHRIS RICHES

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:

EARL'S ASTONISHING CLAIMS

Rooneys chill out

(3) Summary:

Earl Spencer alleges King Charles was “like a lottery winner” on the phone after Princess Diana’s death, and claims Diana had planned to take her own life but was stopped by love for her sons. Buckingham Palace declined to comment.

(4) Newspaper name:

Daily Mirror

(5) Journalist bylines:

BY JENNIFER NEWTON Deputy Royal Editor

BY RUSSELL MYERS on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry

Daily Star

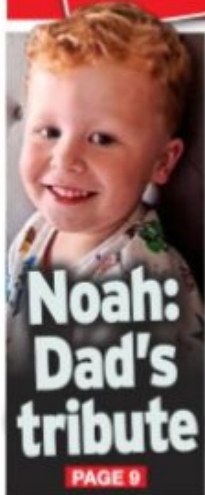
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Dad's
tribute**

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'GIDDY KING ELATED LIKE LOTTO WINNER' AFTER DI DEATH

by SIMON HAMALLENKO
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Diana's death, her
brother claims.
Full story: Page 7



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2. SUB-HEADLINES / FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES: ROYAL FEUD LATEST

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3. SUMMARY: King Charles was reportedly "giddy elated like a lottery winner" when he called about Princess Diana's death, her brother claims. Full story: Page 7.

4. NEWSPAPER: Daily Star / DAILY STAR

5. BYLINES: BY SIMON HAMALIENKO

Authors

⚠ **Byline name check:** the pipeline's vision pass read the Star byline as "Simon **Hamalinen**". The correct spelling is **Simon Hamalienko** — confirmed by the Daily Star author page (</authors/simon-hamalienko/> → HTTP 200, with the paper's own bio) and the Express journalists index (</journalist/124125/Simon-Hamalienko>). The Mirror's two bylines were independently re-confirmed against the saved cover image and the Mirror's author pages.

Daily Express

- **Chris Riches** — cover story byline **Bio:** Chris Riches is the Daily Express's double award-winning North-West Correspondent (Correspondent for North-West England and Wales), based in Manchester. He previously worked at The Sun before joining the Express in 2004, and leads many of the paper's health-justice campaigns, including fights for NHS access to drugs for cystic fibrosis and 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 — no IPSO ruling, correction or press row attaches to him. The closest thing on record is access friction, not a finding against him: the Express reported being "blocked" from interviewing Andy Burnham on the Ashton-in-Makerfield by-election trail, in a piece by Riches. **Sources:** [Chris Riches — Express journalists page](#), [Chris Riches — Muck Rack](#), [Andy Burnham dodges tricky questions as Express blocked from interviewing him](#)

Daily Mirror

- **Jennifer Newton** (Deputy Royal Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Jennifer Newton is the Mirror's Deputy Royal Editor, based in London, specialising in King Charles and Queen

Camilla, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and the wider Royal Family. Before joining the Mirror she spent nearly four years as a senior reporter at MailOnline (Nov 2017 – Jun 2021), and she co-hosts the Mirror's Pod Save the King podcast with Royal Editor Russell Myers. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction, complaint or press row surfaced. Name-check: Wikipedia has no article for her (the "Jennifer Newton" results that do exist are an Australian ceramicist on the Moree Gallery site) — non-journalist matches discarded. **Sources:** [Jennifer Newton — Mirror authors page](#), [Jennifer Newton — LinkedIn \(Deputy Royal Editor, Daily Mirror; ex-MailOnline senior reporter\)](#), [Pod Save the King — Podbean](#)

- **Russell Myers** (Royal Editor) — cover story byline ("on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry") **Bio:** Russell Myers is Associate Editor and Royal Editor at the Daily Mirror, leading its royal coverage. He is an international broadcaster, co-host of the Mirror's Pod Save the King podcast (15m+ downloads, and the work that won him a British Press Award in 2021), and author of the bestselling 'William and Catherine: The Intimate Inside Story', serialised by the Mirror in February 2026. He was previously the Mirror's Chief Investigative Reporter, nominated for Scoop of the Year at both the British Press Awards and the British Journalism Awards. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction, complaint or press row surfaced around his royal reporting. Name-check: Wikipedia's "Russell Myers" is an American cartoonist known for Broom-Hilda (b. 1938) — the exact notability trap flagged for this job; discarded as a mismatch. There is no Wikipedia article for the Mirror's Royal Editor. **Sources:** [Russell Myers — Mirror authors page](#), [Mirror: exclusive access to William and Kate's most trusted circle](#), [Book serialisation coverage — WalesOnline](#)

Daily Star

- **Simon Hamalienko** — cover story byline **Bio:** Simon Hamalienko is Publishing Lead for the Daily Star on Reach's Live News Network, based in West Yorkshire, working across royals, crime, politics, breaking/live news, wrestling, video games, F1 and darts (local expertise: Leeds, Bradford, Skipton). He joined the Daily Star in 2021 after more than a decade in the industry — earlier posts aimed at the Asian community and in Bradford — and has been News Reporter, Assistant News Editor and Senior Content Editor (Live). Assignments he lists include Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the Liz Truss premiership ("Lettuce Liz"). **Controversies:** No IPSO ruling, correction or press row found. One documented media-criticism mention: NewsCord's census of the Jason Arday coverage ("229 Articles in 22 Days. Jason Arday Is Dead at 41.", Aug 2026) lists his 15 Aug 2026 Daily Star piece — "Jason Arday told friend 'he couldn't go on' in voice note hours before death" (15 Aug, 11:37) — among the 229 national articles it counts as a pile-on. Outlet-level finding only: no complaint or ruling attaches to the reporter. **Sources:** [Simon Hamalienko — Daily Star authors page](#), [Simon Hamalienko — Express journalists page](#), ["229 Articles in 22 Days. Jason Arday Is Dead at 41." — NewsCord](#)
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