

Royal Family Canceled?



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(Left to Right): Prince Hary, Meghan Markle and Oprah Winfrey sat down for an interview about why the couple left the royal family.

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Throughout the timeline of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's relationship, it would seem the couple was happy and received full support from the royal family throughout their relationship.

Jan. 8, 2020, the couple announced they would be stepping back as members of the royal family.

"We intend to step back as 'senior' members of the Royal Family and work to become financially independent, while continuing to fully support Her Majesty The Queen," the couple's statement said. "We look forward to sharing the full details of this exciting next step in due course, as we continue to collaborate with Her Majesty The Queen, The Prince of Wales, The Duke of Cambridge and all relevant parties."

The couple said this would allow them to raise their son with an appreciation for the royal tradition into which he was born, while also providing their family with the space to focus on the next chapter in their lives.

Queen Elizabeth II shared support for the couple and their son, saying they would always be much loved members of the family, and even saying how proud she was of Markle for how quickly she became a

member of the family.

The couple began their transition, announcing their non-profit Archewell, purchasing a home in California and even founding their own production company and signing a deal with Netflix.

Sunday, they participated in an intense and revealing interview with Oprah Winfrey.

HUGE REVELATIONS CAME OUT OF THIS INTERVIEW

Markle shared she experienced suicidal thoughts, thinking if she was gone it would "solve everything for everyone." When she reached out to palace human resources, they refused to help her because she wasn't an employee. This situation somewhat parallels Prince Harry's mother, Princess Diana, who experienced suicidal thoughts and even attempted suicide due to the pressure of marrying into the royal family.

Markle sharing this sparked controversy, some accusing her of seeking attention by sharing this. Piers Morgan, former co-presenter of "Good Morning Britain," said, "I don't believe a word she says, Meghan Markle. I wouldn't believe her if she read me a weather report."

Markle shared that at least one person in the palace expressed concern with how dark their first son, Archie's, skin might be once he was born. The couple did not reveal who had

this issue. Markle also revealed conversations about Archie not being given a royal title or security.

Prince Harry shared that the royal family cut them off financially. If it hadn't been for his inheritance from his mother, they would not have been able to move to California. Their security has also been cut off, despite Markle being the target of death threats, some being based on her race.

THE PALACE'S STATEMENT

Buckingham Palace issued a statement on behalf of the queen, sharing thoughts following the interview:

"The whole family is saddened to learn the full extent of how challenging the last few years have been for Harry and Meghan.

The issues raised, particularly that of race, are concerning. While some recollections may vary, they are taken very seriously and will be addressed by the family privately.

Harry, Meghan and Archie will always be much loved family members."

During the interview, Markle said Queen Elizabeth was always wonderful to her. In reference to the racism issue, the couple shared it was not the queen nor her husband, Prince Philip.



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The interview sparked many memes about the situation. This particular tweet references the culture of influencers addressing their controversies, Queen Elizabeth II being the influencer in this case.

Galaxy drink worth the hype

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Opinion Editor Lily Cabi-Wilkin and I took it upon ourselves to head downtown to Bubblee Milk Tea and try their new galaxy drink.

The galaxy drink gets its name from its coloration and star-shaped boba featured in the drink. It contains strawberry

lemonade, butterfly tea, strawberry popping boba and lychee star boba.

The drink is a perfect combination of sweet and tart, and the two different types of boba bring a fun texture contrast. The strawberry popping boba pops and releases a strawberry-flavored juice into your mouth when you bite down, while the lychee star-shaped boba has a

texture somewhere between a peach and a pear.

On a scale of one to 10, both of us would rate this drink a 10/10, hands-down.

Bubblee Milk Tea is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Bubblee's two locations are at 241 S. Main St., and 3800 S. Caraway Road Suite 15.



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The galaxy drink from Bubblee Milk Tea is a butterfly tea and strawberry lemonade, with strawberry popping boba and lychee star boba.



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Twitter quickly weighed in on the interview. The interview aired March 7, and was full of revelations about Prince Harry and Markle's experiences in the royal family.

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Governor signs abortion ban

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Gov. Asa Hutchinson signed a strict abortion ban into law Tuesday.

The bill Hutchinson signed bans abortion except cases in which the mother's life is threatened, with no exception for rape or incest.

The bill won't be able to take effect for at least 90 days after the legislature adjourns its session, meaning it can't be enforced until sometime this summer.

Despite signing this bill, Hutchinson expressed concerns about it directly challenging Roe v. Wade due to its lack of exceptions for rape and incest. Arkansas is just one of 14 states that have proposed abortion bans this year. "The ban is in contradiction of binding precedents of the U.S. Supreme Court, but it is the intent of the legislation to set the stage for the Supreme Court overturning current case law," Hutchinson said in a statement released by his office.

Previously, Hutchinson signed a bill which would ban abortion if Roe v. Wade was overturned. Another measure he signed, which bans abortion after 18 weeks, is on hold due to a legal challenge.

"This is politics at its very worst," Alexis McGill Johnson, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, said. "At a time when people need economic relief and basic safety precautions, dismantling abortion access is cruel, dangerous, and blatantly unjust."

Spring forward: daylight saving time begins March 14

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Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. March 14, and ends at 2 a.m. Nov. 7. This is coming up Sunday, so be careful and don't party too hard Saturday night if you have work on Sunday -- you'll be losing an hour to sleep it off.

The purpose of daylight Saving Time is to save energy and make better use of the daylight that we have. The sun rises and sets later on the clock during

daylight saving time.

Germany popularized daylight saving time in 1916, although some Canadians started recognizing it in 1908.

Hawaii abandoned the daylight saving time law in 1967, and Arizona did the same in 1968. In Hawaii, the sun rises and sets at around the same time everyday, and in not observing this law in Arizona ensures cooler temperatures when sleeping and waking up.

As of 2020, 32 states participated in legislation to establish daylight saving time as the offi-

cial time all year.

Farmers found the clock change inconvenient, as things such as plants and animals don't have a human concept of time -- a dairy cow used to being milked at 5 a.m. doesn't care if it needs to be earlier depending when the milk truck comes.

Daylight saving time was so unpopular the law was repealed in 1919, but a similar concept came about during World War II, before finally the Uniform Time Act was passed in 1966 to establish a standard for daylight saving time.

Films to enjoy during Women's History Month

"Erin Brockovich" (2000, dir. Steven Soderbergh)



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"Erin Brockovich" is based on a true story about an unemployed, single mother of three named Erin Brockovich (Julia Roberts) who discovers the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is contaminating the drinking water in Hinkley, California with hexavalent chromium. Brockovich rallies the town of Hinkley to take on the corporation, and they end up taking down PG&E.

"Someone Great" (2019, dir. Jennifer Kaytin Robinson)



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Music journalist Jenny (Gina Rodriguez) landed her dream job at Rolling Stone and is about to move to San Francisco when her long-term boyfriend dumps her. The only people who can pull her out of the depression she falls into are her best friends Erin (DeWanda Wise) and Blair (Brittany Snow), who each have their own relationship problems. "Someone Great" is relatable and fun, a story of friendship, overcoming hardships and facing your feelings bravely.

"Dumplin'" (2019, dir. Anne Fletcher)

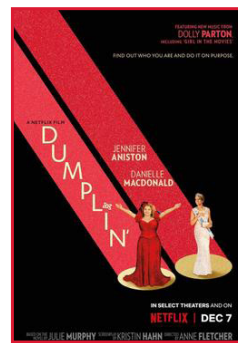


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"Dumplin'" is a wholesome film based on the 2015 young adult novel of the same name by Julie Murphy. Willowdean, or Will (Danielle Macdonald) was raised primarily by her Aunt Lucy, who recently died. Will's mother (Jennifer Aniston) is a former beauty queen too busy with pageants to bond with her daughter. Will joins the town's pageant as an act of defiance against her mother, but after a change of heart, uses the opportunity to find confidence in herself and bond with her mother.

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

"Coming 2 America" (dir. Craig Brewer)



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"Coming 2 America" is the sequel to the 1988 comedy, "Coming to America" and is available to stream on Amazon Prime.

When King Jaffe Joffer (James Earl Jones) of Zamunda is dying, he and his shaman Baba (Arsenio Hall) tell Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) he has a son with a woman he slept with during his past trip to New York. Akeem must find his son and bring him back to be the next heir to the Zamundian throne, as his wife has only had daughters and tradition states only men can be heirs to the throne. If Akeem does not retrieve his son, King Jaffe worries Zamunda will be violently taken over by Nextdoria, Zamunda's militaristic neighbor nation.

General Izzi (Wesley Snipes) has been trying to get Prince Akeem's daughter Meeka (KiKi Layne) to marry his son Idi, but she refuses.

Akeem travels to New York and retrieves his son, Lavelle (Jermaine Fowler), who has to pass a series of tests to qualify as Prince of Zamunda. General Izzi of Nextdoria seizes an opportunity and drops by to introduce his daughter, Bopoto (Teyana Taylor), to Lavelle, making one last attempt to snatch the throne of Zamunda.

Lavelle completes the tests with the help of his bond with Mirembe (Nomzamo Mbatha) and becomes the Prince of Zamunda, but through an unfortunate misunderstanding, comes to believe his father is using him and returns to New York.

Without spoiling too much, the movie follows a message of creating your own path and breaking traditions while still being humorous. Meeka, who is slept on for this entire film, will be allowed to be heir to the throne following Akeem's death, driving home the message of breaking traditions and offering us a taste of female empowerment.

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<p>ARIES (March 22 - April 19)</p> <p>Spend some extra time with loved ones and celebrate small things. Now is a time to rejoice.</p>	<p>TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p>Your relationships should be improving right now. Share your feelings and personal life with others.</p>	<p>GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p>It may be time to take some major steps forward in your life. Make sure you think through all decisions.</p>	<p>CANCER (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p>When bad situations happen, remember you can learn from them. There is always a lesson and room for growth.</p>
<p>LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)</p> <p>An aspect of your life is changing and you need to be open to it. Not every change is negative.</p>	<p>VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)</p> <p>Work on balancing your priorities -- you have the ability to have multiple high priorities at once. You've got this.</p>	<p>LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Things in your life are improving. Now is the time to bask in it and accept comfort and security.</p>	<p>SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>If things feel hopeless right now, try to take a step back. Don't give up so easily.</p>
<p>SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>Sudden change can be a good thing for you. Work on your adaptability.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>Maintaining control over your life isn't easy. If you continue to work hard, you will keep a grip on things.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Your hard work will pay off. Once you reach the end of the road, you will be able to relax.</p>	<p>PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 21)</p> <p>You are meant to be a leader right now. You can overcome challenges and focus on the big picture.</p>