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SCOTLAND TO DONALD TRUMP: YOU'RE FIRED!

■ Presidential hopeful sacked from Scotland role but tycoon stays defiant over Muslim exclusion

US presidential candidate Donald Trump was this week sacked as an ambassador for Scotland, but remained defiant over his "profoundly wrong" anti-Muslim stance.

The billionaire businessman, who is bidding to be elected US President next year, has sparked international condemnation following his vow to block all Muslims from entering America.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon on Tuesday became the latest politician around the globe to condemn Trump's comments.

'no longer fit'

It was announced the 69-year-old has been dropped as a business ambassador for Scotland, where he owns a £35million golf course.

A Scottish government spokeswoman said Trump's "recent remarks have shown he is no longer fit to be a business ambassador for Scotland".

The property tycoon's membership of the GlobalScot network, to which he was appointed in 2006, has now been withdrawn with immediate effect.

Setting up what could

be a long list of institutions to sever their ties with the radical politician, Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen is considering taking back an honorary degree awarded to Trump.

But Chancellor George Osborne has dismissed calls for the Republican presidential candidate to be completely banned from the UK.

Despite more than 100,000 people signing a petition calling for Trump to be blocked from coming to Britain, Mr Osborne told MPs it would be better to "engage in a robust democratic argument" with the American "about why he is profoundly wrong".

Passing the 100,000 mark means the petition must be considered for debate in the House of Commons.

Downing Street also said any question of a ban on Mr Trump coming to Britain was "hypothetical" as it was not aware of any plans for him to visit.

Home Secretary Theresa May declined to comment

on the prospect of a ban, but did defend British police after Mr Trump's comments about London.

She said: "On the question of policing in London, I can assure you that Mr Trump has got it absolutely wrong," she said.

'hate speech'

"Police in London are not afraid to go out and police the streets. They do a fantastic job for us day in, day out."

Trump has sparked international outrage after he pledged to bar access to the US for all Muslims if he were to win power.

The petition adds: "The UK has banned entry to many individuals for hate speech. The same principles should apply to everyone who wishes to enter the UK."

"If the United Kingdom is to continue applying the 'unacceptable behaviour' criteria to those who wish to enter its borders, it must be fairly applied to the rich as well as poor, and the weak as well as



NO MORE: First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has severed her administration's ties to Trump

powerful."

Over the weekend Trump, who is worth an estimated \$4.5billion, tried to justify his extremist policy by bizarrely claiming some parts of London are so "radicalized" police officers fear for their lives.

The 69-year-old said he was calling for an American ban on Muslims so the country is not left with no-go areas where police are "afraid for their own lives" from Islamist terrorists like in Paris and London.

Referring to the recent Islamic State (ISIS) attacks in the French capital, he

said: "Look at what happened in Paris, the horrible carnage, and frankly, if you look at Paris, and I hate to do this because the Chamber of Commerce is going to go crazy, but Paris is no longer the same city it was."

"They have sections in Paris that are radicalised, where the police refuse to go there. They're petrified. The police refuse to go in there."

"We have places in London and other places that are so radicalised that the police are afraid for their own lives. We have to be very smart and very

vigilant."

Mayor of London Boris Johnson hit back at Trump's false portrayal of the capital, quipping the only reason he wouldn't go to some parts of New York "is the real risk of meeting Donald Trump".

He added: "As a city where more than 300 languages are spoken, London has a proud history of tolerance and diversity and to suggest there are areas where police officers cannot go because of radicalization is simply ridiculous."

The Metropolitan Police said they "would not

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News from Britain

Migrant crisis could hasten EU exit, warns Cameron

The migrant crisis could push Britain out of Europe as it makes voters think "get me out of here", David Cameron has warned.

As the number of people claiming asylum in the EU topped one million for the first time, the Prime Minister said that the "short term reaction" to the flood of migrants entering Europe will be to consider voting for "Brexit".

However, he said that in the "longer term" it will lead to European leaders realising that they will have to give Mr Cameron the reforms he is demanding as part of his renegotiation with Brussels.

early referendum

It came as it emerged that Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, said that every EU country is "against" Mr Cameron's plans to stop EU migrants claiming benefits in the UK for four years.

He also warned that Mr Cameron "will not be satisfied one hundred per cent" after his renegotiation is complete.

Mr Cameron's comments indicate that

he has now abandoned hope of holding an early referendum next year and will instead delay the vote.

It came as new statistics disclosed that as of last month, at least 1,001,910 have so far claimed asylum in one of the 28 EU member states in 2015.

'problems'

The figure, which is already 60 per cent higher than the total for 2014, shows the unprecedented scale of the migration crisis.

In an interview with the Spectator magazine, Mr Cameron said that British voters increasingly want to "push Europe away" because of the migrant and Eurozone crises.

"I think with both the eurozone crisis and the migration crisis, the short term impact is for people to think, 'oh Christ, push Europe away from me, it's bringing me problems'," Mr Cameron said.

"I think the longer term reaction might actually be, well if they are going to have a single currency and they are on our doorstep and they are going to try and make it work, let's make sure our relationship

with them works and then we have safeguards, not least for our vital financial services industry so that the system doesn't work against us."

'completely ignored'

The Prime Minister added: "The short term reaction can be get me out of here, the longer term reaction is we must find a better way of working with our partners because we share the same challenges."

The Daily Telegraph last week disclosed that Mr Cameron has privately conceded he may have to campaign to leave the EU if he continues to be "completely ignored" by Brussels.

The Prime Minister has made clear to his close allies that he will lead the "Out" campaign if he considers the result of his renegotiation with Brussels to be unsuccessful.

There is a growing belief among British officials that a "Brexit" is more likely than ever due to the gulf between Mr Cameron's renegotiation demands and the entrenched position of EU leaders.



SQUEEZED OUT? David Cameron has accepted there will be no deal before February – and the prospect of 'Brexit' appears closer than ever

Janner 'unfit' to stand trial on abuse charges

FORMER LABOUR MP Lord Janner is unfit to stand trial over allegations of child sexual abuse spanning four decades, a High Court judge has ruled.

Mr Justice Openshaw told the Old Bailey the 87-year-old peer had "advanced and disabling dementia".

Both prosecution and defence barristers had agreed at a previous hearing that Greville Janner, who championed children's causes during his long tenure in the Commons, was not well enough to take part in a criminal trial.

Lord Janner is accused of 22 counts of sex offences against boys.

The peer, who was suspended from the

Labour Party in April, and his family have always denied any wrongdoing on his part.

He is accused of 15 counts of indecent assault and seven counts of a separate sexual offence against a total of nine alleged victims.

The Old Bailey heard the allegations spanned the years 1963 to 1998. Twenty-one of the charges relate to children who were aged 16 or under at the time.

'Trial of facts'

The judge, who made his decisions based on a series of medical reports from four experts, said: "The defendant has advanced and disabling dementia that has deteriorated and is irreversible, and

accordingly I find that he is unfit to plead."

The judge's ruling was made on the basis that Lord Janner would not be able to understand the charges against him, instruct lawyers or enter a plea.

Mr Justice Openshaw summarised the reports, saying that while the public had been "unjustifiably sceptical" over the case, they had a "right to know" how he had come to his decision.

Lord Janner is unable to remember key events from his life, with one report from February 2014 saying he could not name his children or grandchildren, remember where he had gone to school, or recall details of his parliamentary career.



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Record rain brings flood misery for thousands

■ Defences overwhelmed as Storm Desmond wallops Cumbria
 ■ Thousands left without power

CUMBRIA and much of north west England were left counting the cost this week after one of the worst storms in living memory brought widespread flooding and left thousands without power amid miserable conditions.

The weekend's floods saw the army deployed to evacuate families in Cumbria and surrounding areas, as bridges collapsed, rivers burst their banks and landslides were triggered as torrential rain swept through stretches of the north of England and Scotland. Cumbria Police said a body had been found in the River Kent in Kendal following reports that an elderly man had fallen into the water.

Cumbria in particular suffered heavy damage, with more rainfall in 24 hours than it normally receives in a month, bringing a raft of flash floods that swept away roads, bridges and cars and left entire communities stranded.

Conditions eased for a few days in midweek but a new front of bad weather is expected this weekend, prompting local police to warn people to stay indoors as flooded

communities face "extremely dangerous" conditions.

Both the army and fire services are in full swing in affected towns, with the town of Carlisle and the nearby villages of Applby, Cockermouth and Glenridding particularly hard hit.

In a statement early this morning Cumbria Police said that while the flood water was beginning to recede the situation remained "extremely dangerous".

The force said: "Cumbria Police would like to urge the people of Glenridding to stay inside their properties to keep themselves and their families safe.

Members of the public have been urged not to walk or travel through any flood water.

Glenridding resident Mark Hook described flood waters at Tuesday night's peak as a "tsunami" that washed boulders weighing up to a tonne into the town.

He said: "We've been stranded here. The situation is a bit calmer now. At this moment in time I can see the road which was blocked is now open again and there are various diggers and



"BIBLICAL" FLOODS: Cars float down Cockermouth High Street during the worst of this week's flooding in Cumbria

excavators making things right for the second time."

The 57-year-old saw his first home inundated with water on Saturday evening as he sat at home watching Dr Who with his wife, April, 57, who is recovering from cancer treatment.

"It's not been a particularly good year. I'm hoping Mr Cameron does something and quick."

The couple were given a matter of minutes to rescue as many of their belongings from the ground floor as three feet of water poured through the back door.

Roads in and out of the village took hours to

reopen, with emergency vehicles struggling to reach the stricken village.

Greg Clark, the Secretary of State for Communities, said the Government's pledge of £51 million for homes and businesses affected by recent floods shows it is "determined to stand squarely behind them".

During a visit to Appleby over the weekend Mr Clark said the announcement of a multimillion-pound package from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) would offer support in the months ahead.

The figure takes the total support from the Government to over £60 million.

Mr Clark, who met emergency services and council leaders in the area before visiting residents and businesses, said the funding will help ensure families get back in their homes as quickly as possible and businesses return to trading.

Business owner Jon Holdsworth, of Patterdale Hall Estate half-a-mile away, described the floods as "biblical" as he watched his camping and caravan business disappear under water.

Figures from a rain gauge

at Honister in the Lake District showed a UK record 13.5 inches of rain had fallen in 24 hours over the weekend.

The average rainfall for Cumbria for the month of December is about half that figure, according to Met Office figures.

A total of 131 bridges remain closed having been identified as being of strategic importance and requiring immediate inspection.

United Biscuits' historic Carlisle plant, known locally under the McVitie's brand name, has been again flooded, having suffered severely in the 2005 floods.



OPERATION DESSIE STORM: a rescue team at work in Carlisle on Monday

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News From Britain

“You Ain’t No Muslim, Bruv”!

Overhead response to random stabbing goes viral as British Muslims condemn Leytonstone attack

Unity amid chaos. Londoners have rallied together behind the phrase “You ain’t no Muslim, bruv” after an unprovoked attack at Leytonstone Station in east London on Saturday, Dec. 5.

According to reports, the 29-year-old assailant wielded a knife as he went after a 56-year-old man and other Tube passengers at the Underground stop on Saturday night. He allegedly shouted “This is for Syria” as he carried out the attack, which has been described by authorities as a “terrorist incident.”

Video footage posted to Twitter showed police officers pinning the assailant down on the ground as witnesses around them reacted to the commotion.

Amid the noise, one voice emerged loud and clear: “You ain’t no Muslim, bruv! You’re no Muslim, bruv. You ain’t no Muslim!”

The phrase - which makes a point about extremism and Islamophobia - quickly became a rallying call for fellow Londoners, and then for people all over the world. The hashtag #YouAintNoMuslimBruv

started trending worldwide, with many lauding it as a “wonderfully British response” to the attack.

The remark seems all the more powerful, coming at that heat of the moment, when the blood was still on the floor. It seemed to touch the anger and frustration that many Muslims feel over being blamed for violence perpetrated by people in the name of Islam.

“best of British”

Salma Yaqoob of the Stop the War Coalition told the BBC that it lifted the spirits and shows how many British Muslims feel.

“It encapsulates the best of British - not just what this individual did but the way people responded to what he said and have added their voices to that message,” she said.

Fiyaz Mughal, director of Faith Matters, an anti-extremism group that monitors anti-Muslim attacks, said the comments and the response show how social media can be used to unite people as well as divide them.

“We would say use it as a conversation piece,” he said. “Get people to talk about this. Get to know

each other. That’s the positive thing that can come out of it.”

The suspect, Muhaydin Mire, has been charged with attempted murder. His motivation for carrying out the attack is not known, but prosecutors said Monday he had images associated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria on his phone.

The stabbing happened only days after the House of Commons gave approval to authorizing the military to conduct airstrikes on Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) targets in Syria.

slogan

The hashtag has touched a nerve with many in Britain. Even Prime Minister David Cameron embraced it as a slogan.

“Some of us have dedicated speeches and media appearances and sound bites and everything to this subject,” Cameron said Monday. “But ‘You ain’t no Muslim, bruv’ said it all much better than I ever could. And thank you, because that will be applauded around the country.”



Leytonstone Underground: scene of the attack on Saturday night

‘Mr. Rumbold’ dies at 81

Nicholas Smith, the actor who played store manager Mr Rumbold in the BBC sitcom Are You Being Served?, has died aged 81.

He had been the last surviving member of the original cast.

“It is with great sadness we can confirm that our client passed away yesterday,” his agents at Michelle Braidman Associates said.

“He was a lovely man and a terrific actor. He will be much missed by all who knew him.”

They added that their thoughts were with his family.

Smith’s daughter is the actress Catherine Russell, who plays Serena Campbell in *Holby City*. She tweeted some recent footage of him on YouTube playing his own



Nicholas Smith as Rumbold

composition at the piano called *The Music Lesson*.

She said: “My dad died. But before he did we got this gem. One of his own compositions.”

Smith, who died in hospital on Sunday, had been in hospital for seven weeks following a fall at home.

Are You Being Served? was set in fictitious department store Grace Brothers and ran from 1972 to 1985, often attracting audiences of more than 20 million. Written by Jeremy Lloyd

and David Croft, much of its humour was based on innuendo and slapstick.

It also starred John Inman, Mollie Sugden, Frank Thornton and Wendy Richard alongside Smith, who played Cuthbert “Jug Ears” Rumbold, the manager.

Born in 1934 in Banstead, Surrey, Smith’s other TV roles included parts in *Doctor Who*, *The Frost Report*, *The Saint* and *The Avengers*.

He played PC Yates in several episodes of the BBC police series *Z Cars* between 1972-75.

More recently, he was the voice of the eccentric Reverend Clement Hedges in Wallace & Gromit film *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (2005). In 2008 he appeared as a vicar in *Last of the Summer Wine*.

Trump:

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normally dignify such comments with a response” but added Trump “could not be more wrong” with his description of ‘no-go areas’ in the capital.

Trump responded to the snub with typical scorn, telling reporters Scotland should be thanking him for all he has done for

their economy.

The US presidential hopeful said: “I have done so much for Scotland, including building Trump International Golf Links, Scotland, which has received the highest accolades, and is what many believe to be one of the greatest golf courses anywhere in the world.

“If they...were going to do this, they should have informed me prior to my major investment in this

£200m development, which will totally revitalise that vast region of Scotland.

“The UK politicians should be thanking me instead of pandering to political correctness.”

Trump also tweeted: “The United Kingdom is trying hard to disguise their massive Muslim problem. Everybody is wise to what is happening. Very sad. Be honest.”



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Model charged with murder of millionaire expat boyfriend

A model who shot dead her British millionaire ex-lover at his luxury Spanish holiday villa has been charged with his murder.

Mayka Kukucova, 25, is alleged to have killed 48-year old gold dealer Andy Bush of Bristol after waiting in his house for him to arrive with his new girlfriend.

After the attack in April of last year she fled to her native Slovakia and was arrested four days later.

The swimwear model admitted shooting Mr Bush but told police during questioning she had acted in

self-defence.

But Spanish authorities claim she murdered her former boyfriend and have pressed for Kukucova to stand trial. She denies his murder.

A judge has sided with prosecutors and has charged Kukucova with murder after the shooting at the £1,800-a-month villa in Estepona, near Marbella.

She is being held in a Spanish prison while awaiting trial but no date has been fixed for the hearing.

A seven-page report, released at the same time Kukucova was

charged, gives the first account of how Mr Bush is believed to have died.

José Antonio Nieblas, the prosecutor, wrote: "The accused, moved by an unmistakable desire to end Andrew Bush's life, and at a certain point in a row they were having, made a sudden and unexpected use of the .38 special model Amadeo Rossi revolver that she was carrying.

"She shot Andrew Bush three times, the first shot hitting in the arm and the other two in the head.

"Andrew Bush had no chance to react or to defend himself.



HIGH LIFE: murdered British gold dealer Andy Bush pictured (above left) with former girlfriend Mayka Kukucova and (above right) with the woman who replaced her, Maria Korotaeva. Bush was shot three times at his luxury villa in Estepona (above, right)

"The accused placed the revolver in the dead man's left hand, took the keys to his Hummer and left the house making sure she closed the doors and impeded immediate

access from outside." Lawyers for Mr Bush's family want to carry out a private prosecution at the same time as the public prosecution.

They claim Kukucova

deliberately inflicted extra suffering on her victim and want her to serve the maximum sentence of 25 years if she is convicted of murder.

Twins on the way for ageless Ronnie Wood

VETERAN rocker Ronnie Wood is set to be a father for the fifth time – at the ripe age of 68.

Spokesman for the Rolling Stones guitarist said this week: 'Sally and Ronnie Wood are delighted to announce that they are expecting

twins in June 2016.

'Needless to say, they are thrilled and overjoyed with the wonderful news.'

Wood and wife Sally Humphreys, a theater production company owner who is two years younger than Wood's



MAY TO DECEMBER: Ronnie and Sally married in 2012

first child, were married in 2012 and the twins will be the couple's first children together.

Humphreys opened up about the possibility of having children with Wood in 2014.

"He's got a lot of friends that are older who have younger children and they all say it's fantastic and it keeps you young. I do think that would be wonderful, but I don't know if it will happen. I hope so.

'first in line'

"A baby would be nice. Obviously we've spoken about it quite a lot, and you can ask him and his response would be, 'Well, that would be nice.' He's up for it."

And according to later reports, Wood has already asked longtime friend Rod Stewart to serve as the twins' godfather.

The pair share a 50-year friendship and the Faces frontman was best man at Ronnie and Sally's wedding.

A source told the Daily Mirror: 'If they christen the children, Rod will be first in line to be godparent. Ronnie has been confiding in him a lot and getting advice about changing nappies.'

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OLD MUCKERS: Woody with Rod Stewart

Digging deeper into A Royal Night Out

■ **Debbie Lynn Elias** chats with Sarah Gadon, who stars as the young Princess Elizabeth in the acclaimed new British film

On the night of VE day, then Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret went out into the revelry of the night with the commoners of England. As noted by a young 19-year old Elizabeth in her diary, "Out in the crowd again, Trafalgar Square, Picadilly, Pall Mall. Walked simply miles. Saw parents on balcony at 12:30 am – ate, partied, bed 3am!" From that one diary post, screenwriters Kevin Hood and Trevor De Silva, together with director Julian Jarrold have fashioned a film that imagines just what kind of adventures Elizabeth and Margaret had beyond the gates of the palace.

Sarah Gadon (pictured, right) is not one of the first names one typically thinks

of when casting 19-year old Princess Elizabeth; unless you're Sarah Gadon. But, having gained fame for her work in films including *A Dangerous Method* and *Belle*, scripts now find their way to Gadon's doorstep. And what a welcoming this one received. "I fell in love with this script when I read it. I grew up watching films like *Roman Holiday*" and I felt like it had the same kind of feeling to it."

Gadon goes on: "My nana was in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in WWII and she met my grandfather at that time, who was sailing for the British Navy. She was a war bride. They fell in love during the war. They were in Trafalgar Square on VE night. I felt such a personal

connection to this time and this story."

Captivated and charmed by the script, Gadon put together the usual audition tape and then did a Skype audition for director Jarrold, winning him over completely. Until their first meeting, when [his look] of sheer terror and the blood drained out of his face and he said to me 'Oh my God! You're so Canadian!'"

It was in that moment she realized the magnitude of the role she was assuming. "Before that I was just in love with this story. Then I really knew, 'Wow! I have my work cut out for me. I'm playing a living icon. I've got to do my due diligence.'"

And due diligence she did, starting with the



flawless royal British accent we hear on screen. "I studied with a really great dialect coach named Brett Tyne. . .[W]e do a lot of prep before we go to camera so I'm fully prepped before I'm there and don't have her on set."

Then, there was royal training. "We met with a royal consultant and took

etiquette classes. I read a lot of biographies about the royal family, I watched clips, I listened to audio." To achieve the elegance of movement and stance, Gadon called on her own dance background noting, "In terms of the physicality, I have a really strong dance background. I took ballet from a very

young age. So, in terms of posture and movement, all of that is something I borrowed from dance."

Helping to achieve emotional reality are Gadon's co-stars, Bel Powley who plays the free-spirited Princess Margaret, and Jack Reynor as a wayward Air Force lieutenant who exchanges flirtations and adventures with Elizabeth during the night.

Something else Sarah Gadon put into the film is her heart. "I've had a lot of fun and I feel such an affection for *A Royal Night Out* because I also feel like it's a love letter to my grandparents."

For more information on *A ROYAL NIGHT OUT*, please visit the official website at www.aroyalnightout.com

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- Avocado on 1-2 slices of toasted multi grain or rye bread

- 2-3 Poached eggs with a small green salad

- Stir fried vegetables with green peppers and onions

- Small bowl of oatmeal with small amount of fruit.

- Large glass of water

Your "King" midday meal should be the heaviest meal you consume all day.

Remember, you have the rest of the day to be active. Therefore midday is an optimum time to enjoy the heavier foods!

Interestingly, the sun is also at its highest point as you are eating a larger meal....do you see how our body is still in sync with the planet? We must stay in tune with nature! When the Sun was out, it used to mean we needed energy to hunt! Now the demands are less on the body and we must stay focused and eat more mindfully! Especially with all the choice out there these days!

Examples:

- Roasted vegetables with salmon,

- Large green leafy salad with chicken

- Vegetable chili

- Large glass of water.

It is best if your pauper evening meal is light and eaten before 7pm. Your body should be able to concentrate on rejuvenating and resting while it sleeps, instead of

digestion! Interestingly again, notice how the sun is setting at this time of day (energy and the hunt is over) and the moon is appearing at this time of day (representing the rest cycle for the body and repair)

This meal might contain steamed vegetables, a green salad or a sweet potato. Because this meal is light, you will find yourself awaking the next day with bundles of energy, prepared for new day and hungry when you wake up!

For example:

- Green salads, brown rice with "deck of cards" size salmon

- Small bowl of wholewheat pasta with "small pieces" of chicken

- Large glass of water.

Snack wise daily, feel free to snack on sprouts or vegetables like cucumbers, apples, carrot sticks, tangerines, grapes or raisins in moderation. Never eat



BEACH BODY: Ricky Parcell with client Vanessa White

more than a handful - that's too much. This will ensure you keep blood sugar levels steady and you won't reach for any high sugar products like fizzy drinks or sweets.

Remember to always use smaller plates, eat regularly and eat as natural as possible. Keep in sync with planet earth, the sun and the moon.

The 7 deadly sins!

Finally, If you do want a

treat, please remember that their are seven acid addictions which you must be mindful of daily. The following should be used or taken in moderation only!

Sugar, Vinegar, Salt, Tabasco, Alcohol, Caffeine, Drugs

Hey you, Stay mindful!

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Meet a Member: Laura McCaul

This week's Meet a Member is Laura McCaul who lives in Oxford, U.K.

Seeing as you don't live in Los Angeles how did you end up joining Brits in LA?

I actually lived in Los Angeles for just over six years and only moved back to the UK in the summer. I joined Brits in LA sometime during my first year there.

What were your first impressions of LA?

When I first visited L.A., my immediate impression could be summed up as follows: sunshine, palm trees and traffic! And while they're all permanent fixtures, all I can say is living in L.A. and visiting L.A. are two entirely different experiences (unless you are visiting friends who can show you around). It

can be a little overwhelming at first due to the sheer size and vastness of the city, but if you take the time to explore it as well as really get to know your neighborhood, there is so much more to the city than you think. For example, one of the things I miss the most is hiking in the canyons; now if you didn't know L.A., that's probably not something you would associate with it.

Do you think you could ever move back to LA? If not, what keeps you in Oxford?

To be honest, I don't think I see myself moving back to L.A. but I do plan to visit on a regular basis. In fact, I've been back to visit already! I'm fortunate that my business allows me to work from anywhere so I

plan on taking full advantage of that. I have some good friends in L.A. and it's very much a home from home for me. And there's definitely an energy and vibrancy to the city that I haven't experienced anywhere else.

Do you have a hidden gem in Oxford that you want to share with us?

The Turf Tavern. It literally is a "hidden" gem! It's an historic pub, popular with students, and is hidden down a narrow cobbled street. You have to seek it out, and most people walk right past it the first time around but it's worth it. They have a great selection of ales.

Why would you recommend other overseas readers joining Brits in LA?

Even though I've experienced the benefits of being a local member in L.A., you would be surprised at the contacts you can make and the opportunities that present themselves by being connected to other BLA members. The world is a surprisingly small place!

We hear you have been working on an exciting project. Care to tell us more about it?

I'm creating my own range of gardening tools and accessories. I have a background in landscape design and before that a corporate career in sales and marketing, so when the opportunity presented itself, it seemed like a good fit. I've just launched my first product on amazon.com, a water-saving garden hose nozzle. I have more products planned for release in 2016.



Laura McCaul (photo by MM Studios)

everyone I've met has said it took them a year or two to fully settle in LA. And that was certainly true in my case. But it's worth it. Joining Brits in LA will help and was one of the best decisions I made during my time there. It's a great community and resource that will make your move and transition a little easier. And you'll get to meet new people, form friendships and have fun along the way.

Last weekend for The Game's Afoot

This weekend marks the last chance to see a great local play with a strong British theme, as *The Game's Afoot or Holmes For the Holidays* enters its final weekend at the Pierson Playhouse in Pacific Palisades.

The play is set in December 1936 and stars Brits in LA member John Mawson as Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play *Sherlock Holmes*, who has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when a dead body pops up it's up to Gillette himself, assuming the persona of *Holmes*, to track down the killer....

Directed by by Ken Ludwig the play is described as 'an inspired and hilarious alternative to the usual holiday entertainment.'

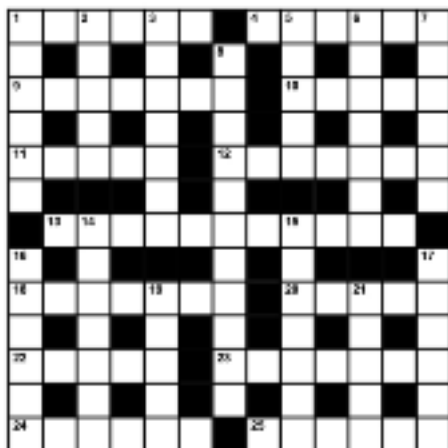
The Pierson Playhouse is located at 941 Temescal Canyon Road in Pacific Palisades. Tickets are priced at \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students. Box office can be reached at (310) 454-1970 or order tickets online. Visit www.plays411.com/holmes.

The British Weekly Crossword #193

Crossword by Myles Mellor

Across

- 1 Original inhabitant (6)
- 4 Mapped out (6)
- 9 Enduring literary work (7)
- 10 "If ___ be the food of love, play on" (Shakespeare) (5)
- 11 Passed (5)
- 12 Rather (7)
- 13 With "show," get better (11)
- 18 Back up (7)
- 20 Come to (5)
- 22 Spin doctor's fete (5)
- 23 Unbiased (7)
- 24 Word with monkey or gun (6)
- 25 Recurring times (6)



Down

- 1 Like Miss Congeniality (6)
- 2 Business (5)
- 3 One coming over (7)
- 5 Dwellings (5)
- 6 Movie genre (7)
- 7 The '90s, for one (6)
- 8 Accomplishment (11)
- 14 Synthetic (3-4)
- 15 Planet nearest to the sun (7)
- 16 On the stage (6)
- 17 Marine mammals (6)
- 19 Think tank output (5)
- 21 Filing time (5)

Solution to Puzzle #192



Lots of our members join our group Brits in LA seeking out words of wisdom - what is the best piece of advice you've been given? Give it time. Almost

Lastly, how can we find you on the Internet? www.houseandhort.com www.facebook.com/houseandhort Twitter: @HouseAndHort

The British Weekly Sudoku #193

SUDOKU by Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium



Solution to Sudoku #192



Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: You will be ready to settle down and work at whatever needs it this week. Your boss Mars is in Libra currently and you can feel a bit unsure on how to proceed. Best to keep your nose to the grindstone for a few more days.

TAURUS: Be careful when a sometime friend tells you something they probably should not be telling anybody. The way out of this is to protest that you prefer not to know. It's for the best, especially when someone spills the beans.

GEMINI: Life in general may not have been as smooth as you like this past week or so. This too shall pass and you can be sure it will get better. Mars in a compatible sign for you will boost your life by next weekend.

CANCER: If you are burning your bridges this week be sure you have another plan on standby as you will not get away scot free. You still have unfinished business and it's going to be your choice how to change this. You can if you choose well.

LEO: Don't imagine the worst as this is far from what the truth of what will transpire in the long run. Be caring and look at what you can do this week ahead, not at what you cannot achieve. It's all fine in the end.

VIRGO: You are burning your bridges at both ends again, just like earlier in the year. You can get all done now IF you plan ahead. Your gift for the coming year is Jupiter by your side until the holidays, so don't fret.

LIBRA: Your ruler Venus is in your own house now, with this in mind if you want to make extra money this is the month to go for it. The family may not be all together this holiday, but not to worry, you will be with friendly folk anyway.

SCORPIO: You have the lover Venus sitting beside you all through the holidays and as a result you should be prepared for someone from your past to turn will up in your life before the end of the year. So with this mind get ready to party.

SAGITTARIUS: Your favorite time of year for travel is coming up so be ready to relax and take a different route this time. You can look forward to an adventure or two before year's end! Just watch that quick temper of yours if things don't always go the way you planned. Happy Birthday.

CAPRICORN: With Pluto now assisting you there could be gold at the end of the rainbow...if you are open and flexible. This can mean you can lower your expenses and get rid of any expenditure that is not absolutely needed in your life.

AQUARIUS: A health or diet issue that has bugged you in the past will pop up again as we move into the middle of the month, so get a handle on it right now and by this weekend you feel ready for any holiday parties or trips.

PISCES: This week ahead confront whatever is not working for you head on, however make sure it's in a non-threatening way and see how much better you will feel over the holidays. Stay cool, calm and collected this week.

Jolly Good

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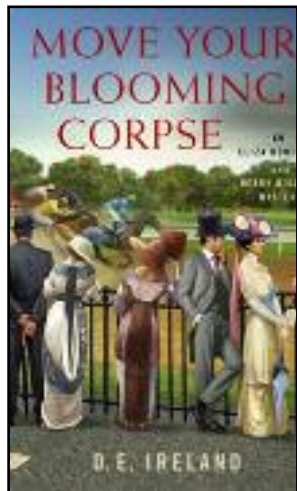
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Blooming Corpse: Eliza and Henry, reimagined...



■ *Exclusive interview with the authors and a review of their new mystery novel based on the Pygmalion characters of Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins*

differences and similarities in our writing styles. This made it easier for us to combine our styles and create a unique end product, now known as D. E. Ireland."

"In 2011 I drove to Sharon's house on the other side of the state for a brainstorming session on a book that needed work," says Mims. "During the three-hour drive, I listened to the *My Fair Lady* soundtrack and suddenly had a what-if moment. By that evening, I had convinced Sharon to collaborate on writing the Eliza and Higgins mystery series."

The story is set in 1913 and features flower girl Eliza Doolittle and linguist professor Henry Higgins as sleuths who still have their foibles and endearments. It's a

charming twist on British mystery writing. Murder, kidnapping, horse racing, and the struggle for women's right to vote, all on one book. *Move Your Blooming Corpse* is the second book in the series, and features wonderful character development and verbal interplay. Details about location and clothing build a strong image of the time. The whodunnit was not difficult to decipher, it's but still a wonderful read.

Eliza Doolittle's father is part owner of Donegal Dancer, a champion racehorse. Eliza and Henry go see the horse at Royal Ascot, but tragedy strikes at the track. There's a dead body in the stables, and nobody knows how it got there. To solve the mystery professor Higgins will use his deductive

powers and Eliza will use common sense.

"Our series is based on Shaw's *Pygmalion*," says Pisacreta. "We regard his play as the series bible. We've put together files listing the favorite turns of speech and phrases uttered by each of his characters. Everything Shaw mentions about the play's characters is included in our books, even the smallest detail."

"We both have extensive research libraries, from books on *Downton Abbey*, the fashions, footwear, hats, and houses in Edwardian times, a fabulous book about English horse racing, books on London, the East End, theaters in England, British foods and customs, the nobility and forms of address," says Mims. "When it comes to

research, each of us delves into different areas. In book two, I handled much of the research about suffragettes, while Sharon handled research for the Henley Regatta and Ascot."

For *Move Your Blooming Corpse*, the authors needed to come up with racing colors for Donegal Dancer. "I suggested green and purple," says Pisacreta. "Not until we were farther along in our research for the book did we discover that green and purple were the colors of the suffrage movement. This fit in perfectly with our story."

The first novel in the Doolittle/Higgins series, *Wouldn't It Be Deadly*, was one of five Agatha nominees for Best Historical Mystery in 2014. Pisacreta recently sold a



Book Corner with Gabrielle Pantera

cozy mystery series to Kensington Books. The Berry Basket series is set along the shores of Lake Michigan in a beautiful village similar to the one in which the author lives. The first book in the series, *Dying For Strawberries*, will be published in November 2016 under Sharon Farrow, a new pen name.

Move Your Blooming Corpse: An Eliza Doolittle & Henry Higgins Mystery by D. E. Ireland. Hardcover: 320 pages, Publisher: Minotaur Books (September 22, 2015), Language: English ISBN: 9781250049360 \$26.99

Rating: ★★★

This week's review sees the latest work from D.E. Ireland - the nom de plume of Meg Mims and Sharon Pisacreta who write in tandem.

"We've been friends since college and were published authors on our own, so the idea of collaborating seemed quite doable," says Pisacreta. "We've also critiqued each other's manuscripts for years, and were familiar with the



Thanks to one and all for a great bash!

This week is all about gratitude and the art of giving and the highlight of the week was our event at the British Consul-General Chris O'Connor's residence in Hancock Park, on Thursday evening.

I'm happy to say it was a huge success thanks to all the people involved. The night honored Dame Joan Collins, Lisa Vanderpump and Audley Harrison for their commitment to charitable organizations

throughout their careers. It was a beautiful balmy evening with twinkling lights and an ice sculpture, plus a Photo Booth with Santa where guests could send holiday greetings back home to the UK courtesy of the night's big sponsor Air New Zealand.

Christine Peake from Peake Group made sure everyone was well oiled with such brands like Deep Eddy Vodka, One Hope Wine, Honest Ade mixers and Heineken Beer. Paul's

Kitchen (www.paulskitchen.com) passed delicious appertizers including mini shepherds pies, turkey rolls with cranberry and of course for dessert the mince pies and sticky toffee pudding came out! Superbly delicious!

Gustaf Farwell and Maria Elena Infantino entertained the crowd with some wonderful Christmas classics, including as "Baby, it's Cold Outside". But it was warm in our hearts, because of all this was a fundraiser and our charity UKares managed to raise a good sum of money to help fund their yearly programs including the hardship fund where expats who have fallen on hard times, can apply for help to tide them over and get them back on their feet. To see how you can aid this very worthy cause, please



BEST OF BRITISH: Lisa Vanderpump, Dame Joan Collins and Audley Harrison

visit the website at www.ukares.org.

None of this would have been possible without all of our wonderful volunteers, committee members and our hardworking board and of course the attendees and major donors, who gave so much of their time and talents. I'm so very proud and grateful to everyone who rallied round to make

this event happen. Without a big laundry list here, everyone was thanked in the program. We also did the fun toy drive for the adopt-a-letter charity we wrote about recently in this very column, which has helped out quite a few kids this Christmas.

Eileen and I are hosting Tuesday's pub quiz at the Pikey on Sunset Boulevard, which should

be plenty of fun, plus we are hosting a New Year's Eve party "UK time" for you at Bar Lubitsch, so come join us at 2pm onwards to watch as Big Ben strike us into a New Year, all details in the Facebook group!

All the best for the end of the year!

Craig Young



WINTER ON JUNE STREET: The Consul General's residence in Hancock Park

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Grammy snub for One Direction!

While the teen world is still trying to come to terms with the fact that British boyband One Direction are taking a hiatus which could last as long as two years...the hot pop-quartet have been hit by what many in the industry will consider a major blow to the final chapter of their career....

Oo-er!
After the Grammy nominations were announced on Monday it has come to light that 1D – Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson - haven't received even A SINGLE nomination, despite being eligible.

They're such a successful band worldwide, and have had an impressive career to date. So why has One Direction been snubbed? Their hit

album "Made in the A.M." was not eligible for this year's awards, being released after the Sept. 30 cut off date, but their previous album Four was expected to garner some nominations.

Similarly, single "Drag Me Down" was eligible for nominations too, so it's a surprise that 1D weren't nominated at all, considering their status as one of the most successful boy bands in the world right now.

As the band are going on hiatus, does this mean that they are now out of chances to win a Grammy? It would seem so.

Apparently I'm told but the Grammy office that "Made in the A.M." will be eligible for next year's nominations, but, as the band won't be together at the time, will anyone consider them... seriously?

While I'm sure the members of 1D are slightly sad that they're not starting their hiatus with a slew of award nominations, they've already had several successes in 2015.

Their first album post-Zayn Malik, Made In The A.M., sold over 400,000 copies in its first week sales in the U.S., and despite Malik announcing his own plans as a solo artist, the band have continued to hold the spotlight.

The best thing everyone can do right now is remember most things made in Britain are build to last and hopefully the music U.S music industry will not lose sight of them during their hiatus.

When you look at it like that, One Direction join a group of prestigious VIPs who have also been snubbed,



1D: onwards and upwards for the lads, no matter what the Grammys say...

but were not made any oversight... Just saying! Cowell has to say about less amazing by the I wonder what Simon this...

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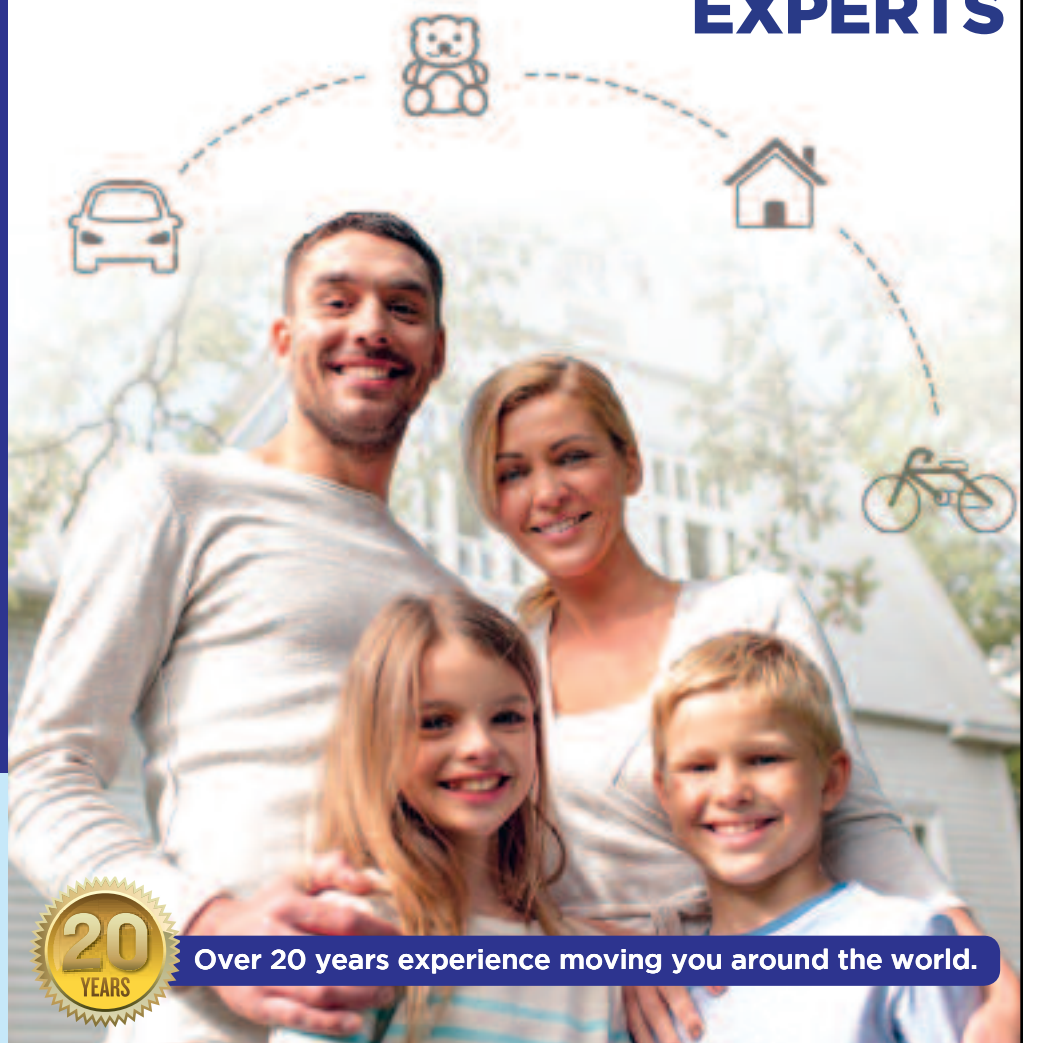
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British Weekly SPORT

Swans part company with Monk

Swansea City have parted company with manager Garry Monk after one win in 11 Premier League games this term.

The 36-year-old had been with the club for over 11 years, first as a defender and then manager since February 2014, when he replaced Michael Laudrup.

Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by Leicester City was his last game in charge, and left them 15th in the table.

"The decision has been made very reluctantly and with a heavy heart," chairman Huw Jenkins said.

He added in a club statement: "To find ourselves in our current situation from where we were in the first week of September, and considering the drop of performance levels and run of results over the last three months, it has brought us to this unfortunate decision.

"We hope to appoint a replacement as soon as possible."

Assistant manager Pep Clotet and coaches James Beattie and Kris O'Leary have also left the club.

Alan Curtis, the former Swansea player and long-time coach at the club, is expected to be in charge of the team for Saturday's Premier League match at Manchester City.

Monk had guided the Swans to a highest ever Premier League finish of eighth in his first full season.



LOYAL SERVANT: As both player and manager, Monk has been with Swansea for 11 years

They started this season in similar form, drawing at champions Chelsea on the opening day before beating Newcastle United and Manchester United at home in an unbeaten four-match start.

But Swansea's form then deteriorated as they lost four of their next six games.

An away victory over Aston Villa at the end of October interrupted the winless run, but the pressure intensified on Monk as his team picked up only one point in their next five games.

The 1-0 loss to Liverpool at Anfield was hailed by Monk as "an excellent" performance, but Saturday's comprehensive defeat by shock Premier League leaders Leicester resulted in his departure.

Jenkins said the club had to act given the team's loss of form since August, and in spite of Monk's impressive track record.

"Garry took on the job

22 months ago with the backing of everyone at the club," added Jenkins. "And when you take into account the excellent campaign we had last season when we broke all club records in the Premier League, nobody foresaw the position we would be in at this moment in time.

"Bearing that in mind and the current uncertainty around the club, we felt the situation needed clarity to move forward.

"It was not a decision we took lightly, especially given Garry's history and standing within the club.

"And it goes without saying that we wish Garry all the very best for the future and thank him for his tremendous service, not only as a player over the last decade, but also as our manager. He will always have a warm welcome at this football club."

Former boss Brendan Rodgers is the bookmakers' favourite to succeed Monk.

City find their form to romp into last 16

Manchester City came back dramatically to beat Borussia Monchengladbach 4-2 on Tuesday night and pip Juventus to top Group D.

David Silva finished a fine team move but goals from Julian Korb and Raffael put the Germans ahead at the break.

Crucially, Juventus fell behind at Sevilla and Raheem Sterling poked in to give City hope of the win they needed.

Sterling then raced clear to curl Manuel Pellegrini's side ahead and substitute Wilfried Bony converted from six yards to cap an exhilarating night.

The draw for the last 16 will take place on Monday at 11am GMT.

"If we play the way we did in the second half we can play against any team," Pellegrini said after

GROUP D					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
MAN CITY	6	4	0	2	12
JUVENTUS	6	3	2	1	11
SEVILLA	6	2	0	4	6
B.M'GLADBACH	6	1	2	3	5

watching City's fightback.

Bony's finish sparked wild scenes at the Etihad Stadium and when news of Juventus' defeat in southern Spain was confirmed, City fans could celebrate seeing their side top a Champions League group for the first time.

It looked a distant dream at the interval after a 45 minutes in which Pellegrini's side were again guilty of some charitable defending and played just 198 passes compared to 382 by the visitors.

But City began to dominate the ball and territory after the break, playing 361 second-half

passes to build pressure which told and ultimately ensured the German side missed out on Europa League football.

On his 21st birthday, Sterling had created Silva's first goal since August with a deft backheel and he was on hand to level from Gael Clichy's cut-back.

Just 112 seconds later, he met Bony's pass to complete the remarkable turnaround. After 64 minutes City were behind with Juventus level, yet 11 minutes later, they led, as did Sevilla.

Failure to win would have meant City faced the grave reality of potentially meeting Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid, Bayern Munich or Barcelona - who have dumped City out in the round of 16 for the last two seasons.

United 'embarrassing', says old boy Rio

■ Owen and Scholes pile on after Champions League exit

Former Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand has branded their Champions League exit as "embarrassing".

Other former United starts also weighed in, with striker Michael Owen claiming the club has gone backwards under manager Louis van Gaal and former midfielder Paul Scholes calling them "average".

The trio were speaking after a 3-2 loss at Wolfsburg in midweek condemned United to the Europa League.

"This is a worse squad now. The players Louis van Gaal has let go would beat tonight's team," said Owen.

United's defeat in Germany meant Wolfsburg finished top of Group B, while PSV Eindhoven, who beat CSKA Moscow, reached

GROUP B					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
WOLFSBURG	6	4	0	2	12
PSV EINDHOVEN	6	3	1	2	10
MAN UTD	6	2	2	2	8
CSKA MOSCOW	6	1	1	4	4

the last 16 as runners-up.

Van Gaal has been in charge at Old Trafford for 18 months and BT Sport pundits Ferdinand, Owen and Scholes have not seen any improvement, despite the club's heavy spending in the transfer market.

Scholes has previously stated he "would not enjoy" playing in Van Gaal's side as there is "a lack of creativity and risk".

"They spend £250m and can't qualify from a shocking group," said Scholes, who played 718 times for the Red Devils.

"It is more of a disaster when you are surprised. It was a shocking group.

Will Wolfsburg and PSV get to the last eight? They will get knocked out in the next round."

Ferdinand added: "It's embarrassing. I was in a squad that went into the Europa League and it's an embarrassment.

"You don't want to come out of your house, you don't want to walk around Manchester.

"People look at you and think 'you're not good enough', questioning you as an individual and as part of a team that didn't get through the group stages that you should have.

"If you strip it back, this squad needs a hard look. There is no pace or power. People are looking around at each other rather than saying, 'I will drag you through'."

United are fourth in

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Three match ban for Bastian backhander

Also at Old Trafford, midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger has been banned for three matches after accepting a Football Association charge of violent conduct.

He was charged after catching West Ham's Winston Reid with his left arm as they waited for a free-kick in Saturday's 0-0

United:

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the Premier League, three points behind leaders Leicester, but have been criticised this season for their lack of flair and goals.

Owen reeled off the names of players who have left the club during Van Gaal's tenure who he believes are better than those who played for United at Wolfsburg.

"Rafael, Nemanja Vidic, Jonny Evans, Patrice Evra, Nani, Shinji Kagawa, Robin van Persie, Javier Hernandez, Adnan Januzaj and Danny Welbeck would all get in to that side," he said.

Tuesday's results

Table of UEFA Champions League Group A, B, C, and D results, including teams like PSG, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, and Manchester City.

draw at Old Trafford.

The incident was not seen by the match officials but was caught on video.

Schweinsteiger, 31, will miss games against Bournemouth, Norwich and Stoke, and return in time to play Chelsea.

Referee Mark Clattenburg spoke to both players after the incident, but did not mention it in his post-match report.

A panel of three former elite referees each reviewed the video footage independently of one another and unanimously decided it was a sending-off offence.

"He knows what he's done - he's elbowed me in the face," Reid said following the match.

West Ham manager Slaven Bilic said it was "a clear red card - a straight red without any doubts."

Diego Costa says his relationship with Jose Mourinho is "amazing" and admitted he was wrong to throw a training bib towards him.

"The bib [incident] is in the past. I made a mistake," said Costa.

"There are things you need to control but the bib thing was an impulse."

Wednesday's results

Table of UEFA Champions League Group E, F, G, and H results, including teams like Bayer Leverkusen, Arsenal, Chelsea, and Juventus.

Spurs and Liverpool move on

Europa League

Erik Lamela scored a first-half hat-trick to ensure Tottenham topped Europa League Group J in style with a convincing 4-1 victory over Monaco on Thursday night.

The Argentine playmaker, 23, expertly placed all three of his goals beyond visiting keeper Danijel Subasic, who had a night to forget.

Monaco's consolation came when Stephan El Shaarawy curled in from 25 yards.

But Tom Carroll's neat, close-range finish rounded off another superb display by Mauricio Pochettino's side. Monaco were never in the contest against a Tottenham team that started without the likes of Harry Kane, Dele Alli and Christian Eriksen.

By finishing top of their group, Tottenham avoid

having to play the best teams which will drop down from the Champions League in the next round

Liverpool finished top of their Europa League group by drawing with FC Sion in an uneventful game in Switzerland.

The Reds' best openings fell to Divock Origi, but he miscued a volley in the first half and was later denied by a fine last-ditch tackle.

Ronny Deila backed his Celtic team to improve in Europe next term after they bowed out of this season's Europa League without a win.

The Scottish champions fought back to claim a 1-1 draw against Fenerbahce in their final Group A fixture.

"Of course, I have confidence in this group,

Monday's Results

Table of Premier League and FA Cup results, including Everton vs Crystal Palace, Grimsby vs Shrewsbury, and William Hill Scottish Cup.

SCOTLAND

Table of Scottish football results, including Ladbrokes Scottish Premiership, League One, and William Hill Scottish Cup.

HOW THEY STAND table showing league positions for various teams like Leicester, Arsenal, Manchester City, etc.

that we can do it and we're going to show it," said Deila.

"This club can do it but it's a selling club, it's a

club that want to build up talents. We want to be among the big teams and that's in the Champions League, of course."

Weekend Premier League results table showing scores for Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester Utd, Southampton, Stoke, Swansea, Watford, West Brom, Newcastle, Sunderland, AFC Bournemouth, West Ham, Aston Villa, Manchester City, Leicester, Norwich, Tottenham Hotspur, and Liverpool.

Weekend Football League & FA Cup

Sky Bet Championship results table showing scores for Birmingham, Bolton, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol City, Burnley, Leeds, Rotherham, Sheffield Wed, and Derby.

FA Cup Second Round results table showing scores for Barnet, Chesterfield, Luton, Millwall, Northampton, Portsmouth, Sheff Utd, and Stevenage.

League One results table showing scores for Albion, Dumbarton, Stirling, and other teams.

FA Cup results table showing scores for Bradford, Cambridge, Colchester, Exeter, Oxford Utd, Peterboro, Rochdale, and Welling.

Wenger hails 'complete performance'

■ Giroud the star as Arsenal book last 16 spot yet again

Arsene Wenger says Arsenal produced a "complete team performance" against Olympiakos to seal qualification for the last 16 of the Champions League.

France striker Olivier Giroud scored a hat-trick as the Gunners won 3-0 in Athens on

Wednesday.

It means Arsenal reached the knockout stages for the 16th successive season.

When asked if it was one of his best European wins, Wenger said: "Yes, because we needed a perfect performance. I'm very proud."

Arsenal needed to win

by two clear goals in Greece following a stuttering campaign which saw them lose their opening two games against Dinamo Zagreb and Olympiakos.

They were also hammered 5-1 by group winners Bayern Munich, but recovered to qualify with an accomplished



HERO: Olivier Giroud scored his first hat-trick for the Gunners in Athens

display in Greece.

"I told you before the game it would be the greatest escape," Wenger told BT Sport.

"It is a fantastic achievement for us. When you look at who we've lost in the last three weeks, we've lost Francis Coquelin, Santi Cazorla and Alexis Sanchez among other long-term injuries. Not many people gave us a chance.

"We are a real team. In

GROUP F					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
BAYERN MUNICH	6	5	0	1	15
ARSENAL	6	3	0	3	9
OLYMPIAKOS	6	3	0	3	9
DYNAMO ZAGREB	6	1	0	5	3

relieved to seal qualification, the striker looked forward to Monday's last-16 draw.

"We want to go as far as we can," said Giroud. "The target is to maybe reach at least the quarter final.

"It's the fourth year I'm here and we have never played a quarter-final. We will have a good rest and open the new page of the Champions League in February."

the dressing room this team is very close and you could see that again today."

Giroud saw the Gunners through with a clinical hat-trick comprising of a header, a low shot and a penalty.

He now has 13 goals this season and after admitting he was

Chelsea ease back into old stride

Chelsea forgot their domestic woes by easing into the Champions League knockout stage with a routine 2-0 victory which eliminated opponents Porto on Wednesday.

The Blues enjoyed some luck for the opener as Diego Costa's low shot was saved by Porto keeper Iker Casillas and rebounded in off Ivan Marcano.

Porto, needing to win to join Chelsea in the last 16, offered little threat.

Willian ensured Chelsea advanced as Group G winners by thumping in a rising shot from 20 yards after the break.

The Blues created plenty of opportunities in the final 15 minutes, exploiting the space left behind as Porto chased an improbable comeback at Stamford Bridge.

Eden Hazard struck the post from a tight angle, while recalled striker Costa wasted two clear opportunities as Chelsea threatened a third.

The comfort with

which Chelsea negotiated a potentially nervy evening came as welcome relief for manager Jose Mourinho, after a season which has lurched from one calamity to another.

The reigning Premier League champions have struggled domestically, losing eight of their 15 top-flight matches this season to leave them in 14th position.

Mourinho's position has been under intense scrutiny amid their perilous league position, but he insisted before the match that he retained the unwavering support of Blues owner Roman Abramovich.

And his players responded to Saturday's shock home defeat by newly-promoted Bournemouth with a solid, if not sparkling, victory.

Winning their group means the Blues will avoid the likes of Barcelona, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich when the last-16 draw is made on Monday.

The London side will

be drawn against either Paris St-Germain, Juventus, Dutch outfit PSV Eindhoven, Benfica, Roma or Gent.

GROUP G					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
CHELSEA	6	4	1	1	13
DYNAMO KIEV	6	3	2	1	11
PORTO	6	3	1	2	10
MACCABI TEL-AVIV	6	0	0	6	0

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7am Man. U. vs Norwich

7am Southampton vs Spurs

930am Newcastle vs Villa

