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Tory MP cleared of rape charges

Former deputy speaker of the House of Commons Nigel Evans has been cleared of a string of sex abuse charges, including one of rape.

The rape claim was one of several allegations made by seven men during a five-week trial at Preston Crown Court.

The former Conservative MP was said to have used his political influence to take advantage of his alleged victims.

But the defence pointed out inconsistencies in various witness accounts.

'Months of hell'

The jury unanimously found Mr Evans not guilty of one count of rape, five sexual assaults, one attempted sexual assault and two indecent assaults.

Following the acquittal, fellow MPs issued messages of support for Mr Evans, with some questioning why he was ever charged.

The 56-year Ribble Valley MP, currently sitting as an independent, burst into



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Speaking outside the court, Mr Evans said he had been "through 11 months of hell".

The MP said: "This isn't a time for celebration or euphoria.

"As William Roache said on this very spot, there are no winners in these cases, so no celebration.

"Nothing will ever be the same again."

Prime Minister David Cameron was one of many of Mr Evans's Westminster colleagues to

comment on the acquittal.

Mr Cameron said: "I very much welcome what he said on the steps of the court and I think everyone should pay heed to that.

PM David Cameron: "It's hard to imagine the relief Nigel must feel"

"I'm sure he will want to get on with working with his constituents in the Ribble Valley and, as for the future, I'm sure it's something he'll be discussing with the chief whip when he returns to Parliament."

Labour MP for

Huddersfield Barry Sheerman said of Mr Evans: "He may have been a bit daft on occasions but never malign."

Michael Fabricant, who was sacked as Conservative party vice-chairman on Wednesday, wrote on Twitter: "Wonderful news that Nigel Evans has been acquitted on all counts. The party whip must now

be restored to him without delay!"

Mr Evans's trial had heard he raped a man after a dinner party at the MP's home in Pendleton, Lancashire, in March last year.

The 56-year-old MP said the sex with the complainant, aged 22, was consensual.

In 2003, Mr Evans was said to have indecently assaulted two men in their

20s when he approached them in public places while drunk and put his hand down their trousers.

The jury heard in his defence that these were examples of "drunken over-familiarity" and Mr Evans had no recollection of either event.

Det Supt Ian Critchley: "The investigation was conducted in a fair, professional and proportional way"

Ghouls feast on death of Peaches



TRAGIC FIGURE: within minutes of the death of Peaches Geldof this week, trolls looking to cash in were offering memorabilia from her life for sale on eBay (page 4)

Six-week scorcher set to roast UK

■ More strange weather set to hit baffled - but delighted Britons

SUN - STARVED Britons are finally getting their sunblock out after the Met Office told the country to prepare for a six-week heatwave,

Following the wettest winter on record, the British summer is coming earlier than normal with temperatures expected to soar above 70F for the second half of April and May.

This week's Met Office report reads: "Latest predictions for UK-mean temperature favour a b o v e - a v e r a g e temperatures for April and April-May-June as a whole."

Tim Thorne, from the Met Office, added: "The Met Office three-month outlooks are experimental and form part of our research and development.

'absolutely fantastic'

"It provides an indication of possible temperature and rainfall conditions over the next three months for the UK as a whole."

The Met Office said the UK record for May high temperatures is 91F (32.8C) recorded in

London, Kent and West Sussex, in 1922 and 1944.

Jonathan Powell, forecaster for Vantage Weather Services, said next month, however, could break all records with weeks of sunshine across the country.

He said: "May is looking absolutely fantastic with a strong possibility we could see records broken in terms of temperature and sunshine."

"Through the summer there is a distinct possibility of seeing dramatic spikes in temperature lasting right through the season, with cooler spells either side.

It comes amid warnings from Met Office scientists that deadly heatwaves like the one that swept Europe in 2003, will be the norm by 2040.

But Prof Stephen Belcher, head of the Met Office's Hadley Centre said warmer summer temperatures will also be accompanied by heavier downpours as warm air holds more moisture.

He added: "There is evidence that in the UK we are seeing more heavy rainfall."

Backlash for Cameron as scandal MP quits

DAVID CAMERON'S authority within the Conservative Party was damaged this week by his response to the overdue resignation of Maria Miller, a Cabinet member who has been dogged by an expenses scandal.

The Prime Minister was accused of marginalising women after he put a man, Sajid Javid, in charge of equalities and appointed a Minister for Women, Nicky Morgan, who opposed same-sex marriage. His reshuffle means there is no mother in the Cabinet for the first time since 1992, and leaves the number of female full Cabinet ministers - three - at its lowest level since 1997.

Labour claimed the chaos revealed Mr Cameron's "blind spot" over women. Gloria de Piero, the shadow Minister for Women and Equalities, said: "David Cameron's decision to replace Maria Miller with Sajid Javid means that there is now no full member of the Cabinet speaking for women. There are now just three women running Government departments out of a possible 22,



SHE'S OFF: Maria Miller leaves the House on Wednesday

demonstrating that when it comes to women, it's out of sight, out of mind for this out of touch Government."

inquiry

Mr Cameron came under fire for allowing Ms Miller to cling on to her job as Culture Secretary for six long days after a perfunctory 32-second Commons apology for her response during a Parliamentary inquiry into allegations about her expenses. Between 2005 and 2009 Maria Miller claimed more than £90,000 in taxpayer-funded expenses on her house in south-west London which she shared with her husband, children and parents.

The Parliamentary Commissioner, Kathryn Hudson, began investigating her claims in 2012 after it was claimed that the claims were a breach of the rules on allowances for second homes.

The Commissioner cleared Mrs Miller of making false expenses claims and said her parents had not benefited financially from the arrangements. However, she concluded the minister had overclaimed by £45,000 and ordered her to pay the money back. She also said Mrs Miller had wrongly designated the property as her second home.

The Standards Committee of MPs watered down the second

home ruling and accepted Mrs Miller's argument that she should only return £5,800.

The official version of events is that Ms Miller decided to leave the Cabinet because the media coverage of the expenses controversy was a "distraction." But senior Conservatives believe she was pushed out by Downing Street on Tuesday evening, as Mr Cameron faced two cross-examinations at Wednesday's Prime Minister's Questions and a meeting with Tory backbenchers, many of whom had lost confidence in Ms Miller amid voter anger about her behaviour.

controversial

In her resignation letter Wednesday morning, Ms Miller appeared to blame her downfall on her role in implementing the Leveson inquiry proposals for tougher press regulation. She said this "would always be controversial for the press". In an emotional TV interview in which she was close to tears, Ms Miller took "full responsibility" for her decision to stand down.



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Royal tour: Duke and Duchess of Cambridge play leading role in Peter Jackson short film

■ *Lord of the Rings* director films royal couple on his iPhone as Duke of Cambridge as he climbs into cockpit of a First World War biplane during tour of New Zealand

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge starred in their own mini-movie on Thursday – directed by Sir Peter Jackson.

The Lord of the Rings director filmed the Duke on his iPhone as he climbed into the cockpit of a First World War biplane.

The Duke, who was visiting the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre in Blenheim, New Zealand, did not need to be asked twice whether he would like to get behind the controls of the replica Sopwith Pup, complete with twin machine guns.

Sir Peter, whose personal collection of warplanes makes up the Omaka collection, joked that the second in line to the throne might like to take the biplane for a spin.

reproduction

"Perfect, fine by me. Start her up!" said the Duke, who flew Sea King helicopters with RAF Search and Rescue until last year.

As the Duke laughed and joked with the Duchess of Cambridge, who stood beside the aircraft holding an umbrella, Sir Peter whipped out his phone and started filming.

The aircraft is an airworthy reproduction of one flown by New Zealander Malcolm McGregor during the Great War. The pilot painted his sister's name, Peggy, on the engine cowling for good luck.

The Duke had originally been expected to climb aboard a German Fokker Triplane,

the same type of aircraft flown by the war's greatest fighter ace Manfred von Richthofen, the Red Baron.

But the Duke, who has become adept at spotting potential banana skins, avoided the Fokker, saying: "I'm not getting into a German plane!" and made for the British-built Sopwith.

enthusiasm

The Duke and Duchess later climbed inside a Second World War Avro Anson Mk1 multi-role aircraft, the only flying example in the world.

Inside the museum, they were presented with a child-size flying helmet, lined with possum skin, for Prince George. "We were very keen to mark the occasion with a gift and this is all about preserving the heritage for future generations, we thought what better than to give then a gift for the young Prince," said Jane Orphan, chief executive of the museum.

Sir Peter, New Zealand's most famous film maker, has been collecting First World War memorabilia since he was 12 and could not hide his enthusiasm showing the royal couple around the inside of the museum, which contains 20 of his planes displayed on dioramas depicting dramatic scenes from the conflict.

The Duchess was fascinated to see the mannequins of pilots sitting in open cockpits. "They must have been freezing," she said.

The royal couple were introduced to the museum's senior guide, Harcourt 'Bunty' Bunt, 93, a celebrated Second World War Spitfire pilot, who explained one of the most daring escapades depicted in the museum.

The diorama showed New Zealand's highest scoring ace of the First World War, Lieutenant Keith Logan "Grid" Caldwell standing on a wing and guiding his



SOPPY FELLER: The Duke and Duchess of Kent pose at the replica of a WWI Sopwith Pup owned by Lord of the Rings director Sir Peter Jackson

stricken plane down from 7,000ft after a mid-air collision in September 1918 before jumping off seconds before it crashed.

"He just brushed himself down and walked away. The plane was a write off," said Bunty.

"Did he ever talk about his experience later?" Kate asked.

"I bet he dined out talking about it for several years," said William.

"Wow, what a story." "This is a hero's story. Boy's Own stuff," said Sir Peter.

The royal couple were also shown a scene depicting the moment in April 1918 when von Richthofen met his death after crashing his triplane



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge smiles as she meets the gathered crowds in Seymour Square in Blenheim

into a beet field surrounded by Australian infantrymen who then stripped the plane for souvenirs.

"These are Australians as well. New Zealanders would never do this," a member of the host delegation joked.

The aircraft enthusiasts who run the heritage centre, which opened with the help of £1m from the New Zealand government in 2006 and now attracts 30,000 visitors a year, hope the royal visit will help raise its profile.



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News From Britain

Peaches Geldof dead: 'Sick' eBay users sell her dresses just minutes after death

Her death was officially announced shortly after 5.30pm but within minutes some fans were already putting autographed pictures and other items on eBay

Internet ghouls have been slammed for cashing in on Peaches Geldof's untimely death by selling her dresses on eBay - just minutes after her death was announced.

The 25-year-old, who leaves behind two young sons and a husband, was discovered at her £1 million home in Wrotham, Kent, at 1.35pm on Monday. Her death was

officially announced shortly after 5.30pm but within minutes some fans were already putting autographed pictures and other items on eBay. One seller was



TRAGIC END: Peaches Geldof (above) with second husband Tom Cohen and (below) some of items offered on eBay within minutes of her death going public

flogging autographed pictures of the star for just £1.59 at 6.29pm - less than an hour after the tragic news broke.

Another user listed a "stunning" dress designed by Peaches for sale with bids starting at £29.99.

The seller claimed she only worn the size 10 garment once.

A signed photo of the late model and writer in her underwear had also received a whopping 17 bids at the time of writing - with the highest standing at £17.49.

On the description, the seller wrote: "This is approximately 7.5x5.5



inch photo which has been hand signed by the late PEACHES GELDOF, dedicated to Dave Peace + love.

"Any blurring is down to camera, photos and items are perfect quality unless otherwise stated.

"I do not sell faxes, copies or prints etc. All items are hand signed by the person in question."

Other signed photos of Peaches were listed on Monday evening for £5.95, with non-signed pictures being sold off for as cheap as 99p.

One of the 12inch by 8inch posters on sale for £5.95 features an image of Peaches alongside a quote from her saying: "I hate ridiculous names, my weird name has haunted me all my life."

The seller - who boasted about having seven versions available - wrote: "Original piece of art featuring the sadly missed Peaches Geldof.

"This unique piece is designed by artist James Rand who has had work featured in galleries

around the UK.

"Much more than a poster, it's a beautiful piece of art that would look absolutely stunning framed and ideal for a fan or as a unique gift."

Bizarrely, eBay users were also selling newspaper clippings about her death for less than £1.

'down the drain'

One seller listed a copy of an edition of Hello! magazine from September 2012 which featured Peaches' "fairytale" wedding to Thomas Cohen on the front cover for £29.99.

Outraged fans called on people to boycott eBay, branding the sellers as "sick".

Fashion student Emma Brown, 21, from Leeds, said: "Let the poor woman rest in peace.

"It proves all decency has gone down the drain when the first thing these sick people do when learning of someone's death is to sell their stuff on the internet."

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As conference opens, Scottish separatists feel the wind at their backs

ABERDEEN: Despite a drumbeat of warnings from businessmen, financiers and British government officials that an independent Scotland would be doomed to failure, Scottish nationalists go into their spring conference this weekend with banners flying and polls showing support for their dream is gathering pace.

Under the conference slogan "Forward," the ruling Scottish National Party (SNP) will hammer home its message that oil-rich Scotland can be a prosperous nation that decides its own future if it votes on September 18 to end the 307-year tie with England.

A year ago, the chance that Scotland's 5.3 million people would vote to leave the United Kingdom looked slim, with support for a break stagnant at just 30 percent.

complacency

But opinion polls this year have narrowed the gap, buoying the SNP before the two-day gathering in the oil capital Aberdeen, its last big meeting before the referendum. The "No" to independence side has warned against complacency.

"Everyone now realises that at the very least it will be close," Blair Jenkins, a former TV executive who is heading the "Yes Scotland" campaign for independence, told Reuters.

"In the course of this long campaign the concept of independence has become normalised. Whatever the result in September, we now have a generation hooked on discussing policies and

what kind of society we can be."

Political experts said the SNP, which dates back 80 years, has focused on policy issues - with the none of the national identity debates seen in other breakaway aspirants such as Quebec in Canada or Catalonia in Spain.

gap narrowed

Key policies under discussion include how independence would affect the economy, making Scotland nuclear-free, European Union membership, and the currency.

Two polls released on Thursday confirmed the gap between the Yes and No sides has narrowed to about 13 percentage points from 22 points a year ago.

A Survation poll found voters planning to back independence had dropped two points to 37 percent in the past month while support for a No vote was down to 47 percent from 48 percent.

A separate poll by Panelbase carried out for the Yes Scotland campaign put support for a Yes vote at 40 percent compared to 45 percent for staying in the United Kingdom, with 15 percent of voters still undecided.

"The Yes side has made progress this winter and the race is narrowing but to how narrow we still don't know," said John Curtice of the University of Strathclyde.

"Activists will be hoping that (SNP leader Alex) Salmond gives the speech of his life. It is certainly not an opportunity he can afford to waste."

Salmond will address the party conference on Saturday.

Ex-lover of British millionaire shot dead in his Costa del Sol villa is seized by police

■ Russian beauty tells of horror at as tycoon boyfriend shot dead spurned former girlfriend

A MODEL suspected of killing a British millionaire gold trader on the Costa del Sol was under arrest this week.

The stunning Slovakian ex-girlfriend of Andrew Bush, shot dead in his luxury villa on Saturday, was held in her home town of Nova Bosaca.

It is believed that Mayka Marica Kukučova, a 24-year-old swimwear model, handed herself in after driving from Spain to Slovakia in her ex-lover's car.

A spokesman for Spain's National Police in Malaga said: "I can confirm a woman wanted for questioning in relation to an incident at Cancelada near Estepona at the weekend has been arrested in Slovakia." Spanish authorities are expected to request her extradition.

Earlier, chilling details of the murder emerged as Mr Bush's current lover, Maria Korotaeva, 20, told for the first time how she cowered in a car as he was shot three times in the head at his five-bedroom villa.

The head-turning business undergraduate had flown to Spain with the 48-year-old gold trader to celebrate having spent five months together. But as they entered the villa they were allegedly confronted by Kukučova. Miss Korotaeva said: "When I went into a room and saw her it was a shock. She was wearing pyjamas. There was so much security I could not work out how she had got in.

"Andy said he had to



A TALE OF TWO BEAUTIES: Mayka Kukučova (above, left), is the prime suspect in the murder of English jewelry tycoon Andrew Bush (above right), after he ended their relationship to be with Russian student Maria Korotaeva (below)

change all the locks because she was obsessed and wanted to have kids with him. His daughter told me she was crazy jealous because we were in love and she kept looking at pictures of me.

"I ran out the house and locked myself in the car. I did not want a problem. I did not want any drama.

"Andy came out and said not to worry. It was all fine. He said she was a crazy b****, that she was an illegal and he would get her out the house."

Then Miss Korotaeva was horrified to hear three gunshots. She claims she saw Kukučova run from the villa before speeding away in Mr Bush's Hummer.

Unable to get back into the villa because of the security system or phone for help because her mobile battery was dead, she ran to another house to call the emergency services.

She says they took two hours to find the villa, then broke in and



discovered Mr Bush lying in a pool of blood.

On Wednesday Miss Korotaeva, a student at the University of the West of England in Bristol, but originally from Russia, was being comforted in Spain by the millionaire's family, including his ex-wife Samantha, his daughter Ellie Mason Bush, 19, and sister Rachel.

The student said she was tortured by the fact that her luxury car-loving businessman had wanted to turn back on his way to the airport because he had forgotten the keys to

his villa.

But she persuaded him to catch the flight and pick up a spare set in Spain. On Instagram she wrote: "I wish I'd never said it, I wish we'd missed the flight."

Miss Korotaeva said they had planned to make a life together once she had finished university.

"We met in Costa Coffee in Bristol," she explained. "He looked at me and I looked back and we looked for longer than we should have. We just met each other's gaze. It was destiny."

Flesh-eating piranhas cause a stink by blocking Shropshire sewers

Workers for Severn Trent Water revealed the carnivorous fish were found lining pipes leading to people's homes

Homeowners have spoken of their shock after flesh-eating piranhas were found blocking their local sewers.

Around half a dozen of the dangerous creatures - which are more likely to inhabit South American rivers than the UK - were discovered blocking the drains in Telford, Shropshire this week.

Workers for Severn Trent Water revealed the carnivorous fish were found lining pipes leading to people's homes.

They were called to investigate when residents complained of a fishy smell wafting into their homes.

IT worker Niall Poole, 22, from Madeley, Shropshire, said: "We

could have a real-life 'Piranha 3D' in Telford on our hands, you never know.

"If they've found some piranhas, it is surely feasible that there could be more still alive down there."

Local butcher Jim Hoult, 56, added: "I might well be checking beneath the toilets seat before I go to the loo now."

'weird things'

Severn Trent Water said they believed the culprit was someone who became bored of their pet fish and decided to get rid of them by flushing them away.

But they moved to reassure concerned locals that they did not

believe any more were alive and circulating the pipes around the town.

A spokesman for the company said: "The culprit was piranhas. It appears that a nearby resident had been disposing of dead fish, including piranhas, down the toilet and they had blocked the sewers."

Workmen Matt Final and Jay Slater, who went to investigate the sewers, said many of the fish were several inches long.

Mr Final said: "We've certainly seen some weird things in the sewers over the years but we were a little shocked to remove piranhas."

"You wouldn't think a fish of this size would fit down a toilet."

"It is just one example of amazing things we



EXOTIC INTRUDER: Piranhas are native to South American rivers

find blocking the sewers - but there is a serious aspect to this as they had the potential to cause a lot of damage."

Last year blocked sewers cost Severn Trent more than £10 million per year clearing products and mess from its network.

Sue Fulford, customer operations manager for Severn Trent, said: "The drains that take waste water away from your

home are only a few inches wide and are only meant to take water, toilet roll and human waste - certainly not piranhas."

lethal

Piranhas are freshwater fish that mainly inhabit South American rivers and have been known to attack humans.

In 2011, a drunk eighteen-year-old man

was attacked and killed in Rosario del Yata, Bolivia, and in 2012, a five-year-old Brazilian girl was attacked and killed by a shoal of piranhas.

Some Brazilian rivers have warning signs about lethal piranhas. In 2011, in the Brazilian state of Piauí, there were recurring attacks resulting in over one hundred people being injured.

Eggs-traordinary: Experimental butcher puts Cadbury's Creme Egg in Scotch egg

THIS Merseyside butcher is no chicken when it comes to culinary experiments, coming up with an unusual Easter treat - Scotch Creme Eggs.

Graham Eyes, 53, from Southport, created the wacky snacks to attract more curious customers.

This is not his first attempt at avant-garde food; last Easter he found success in Cadbury's Mini Egg sausages.

His latest offering is a Cadbury's Creme Egg, wrapped in sausage

meat, coated in breadcrumbs (which can be omitted for the weight-conscious) and flavoured with a variety of seasonings.

indulgent treats

Mr Eyes, who opened his first butcher's shop over 30 years ago, said: "So far I have had mixed reactions from people about the Scotch Creme Eggs."

"Personally I think they are really tasty, I really like them - they've got a really interesting taste."



'Personally I think they are really tasty, I really like them - they've got a really interesting taste' - Graham Eyes, inventor of Scotch Creme Eggs

"You've got the sweetness from the chocolate, contrasting with the chilli and lime that we use in the coating - but the flavours go really well together."

The indulgent treats are sold ready to be cooked at home, either in the oven or in a deep-fryer.

Mr Eyes says he tries to offer a service his

customers wouldn't be able to get in supermarkets, and has seen a lot of success with previous projects - especially with children.

"We always like to do something a bit funky to get people talking," he added.

Mr Eyes already has plans for unique treats to celebrate Wimbledon and St George's Day.

Omagh bombing: man charged

A 43-year-old man has been charged with the murders of 29 people who were killed in the 1998 Omagh bomb.

The Real IRA attack was the worst single atrocity of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. The victims included a woman who was pregnant with twins.

Seamus Daly, from Cullinville, County Monaghan, was arrested by serious crime branch detectives in Newry on Monday.

He was one of four men ordered to pay more than £1.5m in damages to the victims' families in a civil case.

Mr Daly was expected to appear in court on Friday, charged with the murders.

He will also be charged with an attempted bomb attack

in Lisburn, County Antrim, in 1998.

No-one has ever been convicted of carrying out the Omagh bombing in a criminal court.

However, relatives of some of the victims brought a landmark civil action against five men they claimed were responsible, including Seamus Daly.

The court ruled that he and three of the others were responsible, and they were later ordered to pay more than £1.5m in damages.

Seamus Daly has always denied any involvement in the bombing.

Michael Gallagher, whose son Aidan was killed in the bombing, described the decision to bring charges as an "important and positive development".

A Magical Midsummer, now on offer at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica

In the absorbing new production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica, we meet two young lovers, Hermia and Lysander, who flee Athens to escape the wrath of Hermia's father and the dire judgment of Theseus, Duke of Athens. They are followed by Demetrius, Lysander's rival with fighting on his mind, who wants Hermia as his bride, and Helena, Hermia's childhood friend and the woman cruelly jilted by Demetrius, who aims to win her love back at any cost.

Meanwhile a troupe of amateur actors rehearses a play for the King's wedding feast. They all find themselves in the woods outside the city, and fair sport for the fairyland on their feasting night of Midsummer.

When Lysander utters "The course of true love never did run smooth" he really has no idea what is in store for him and his companions in the Athenian woods, or just how fantastical it is to become. For the audience the same is true, as this comedic production beautifully flows from one rich visual image to the next, powered by the skill of a talented ensemble cast under the direction of Tom Morris and the Handspring Puppet Company, the creative team behind *War Horse*. This time the puppets are on a smaller scale for the most part, which fly and swim across the stage like chaotic atoms.

Just as the lovers leave their reality to step into a primal world of magic, so do the audience thanks to

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Reviewer

the imaginings of the production team, who succeed in transforming a puppet makers workshop, stylishly designed by Vicki Mortimer and atmospherically illuminated by Philip Gladwell, into a world that shifts and changes as quickly as the whims of its fairy master. The cast, dressed as Fair Isle-and-check-shirt-sporting hipster crafts folk, carry lengths of wood, which are employed to become the confounding forest, fairy queen Titania's wings, and barriers to the lovers, under the evocative movement direction of Andrew Dawson. Bric-a-brac from the workshop animates to become an ever-mutating Puck with the deft collaboration of cast members Lucy Tuck, Saikat Ahamed and Fionn Gill.

Dave Price's ethnically inspired music is understated yet mesmerizing, added to by the cast, who provide sound effects, and vocal, rhythmic and musical accompaniment, using lengths of pipe and wood,

Courage has a new name. And that name is Wunsy.

Police have praised a fearless pet parrot after it came to the rescue of its woman owner who was assaulted in a London park.

The African Grey parrot, known as Wunsy, had been happily soaring around Sunny Hill Park in Hendon last Friday when his owner was grabbed by a man

and an oil can drum.

The cast does a great job working together to create a seamless and exciting journey. Cast members shift effortlessly between their roles and tasks as fairy folk, and with the text they show craft in their singular roles. Alex Felton stands out as Lysander. His passion, delivery, and physical expressiveness were winning. For me, the Mechanicals troupe excels with their stand out work, such delicious playfulness. Vaudeville at its best, pratfalls and all. Miltos Yerolemou as Bottom, face down, literally, steals the show, owning every comic pause and heartfelt moment to moving effect.

If you want to escape the craziness of Hollywood and find yourself in an enchanted land full of magical creatures, star-confused lovers, mayhem, and the finest and funniest ass in Los Angeles (watch out Kardashians, you have competition), then hie thee hence to The Broad Stage.

On further reflection, perhaps the fairies do have a hand in what happens in our glittering city.

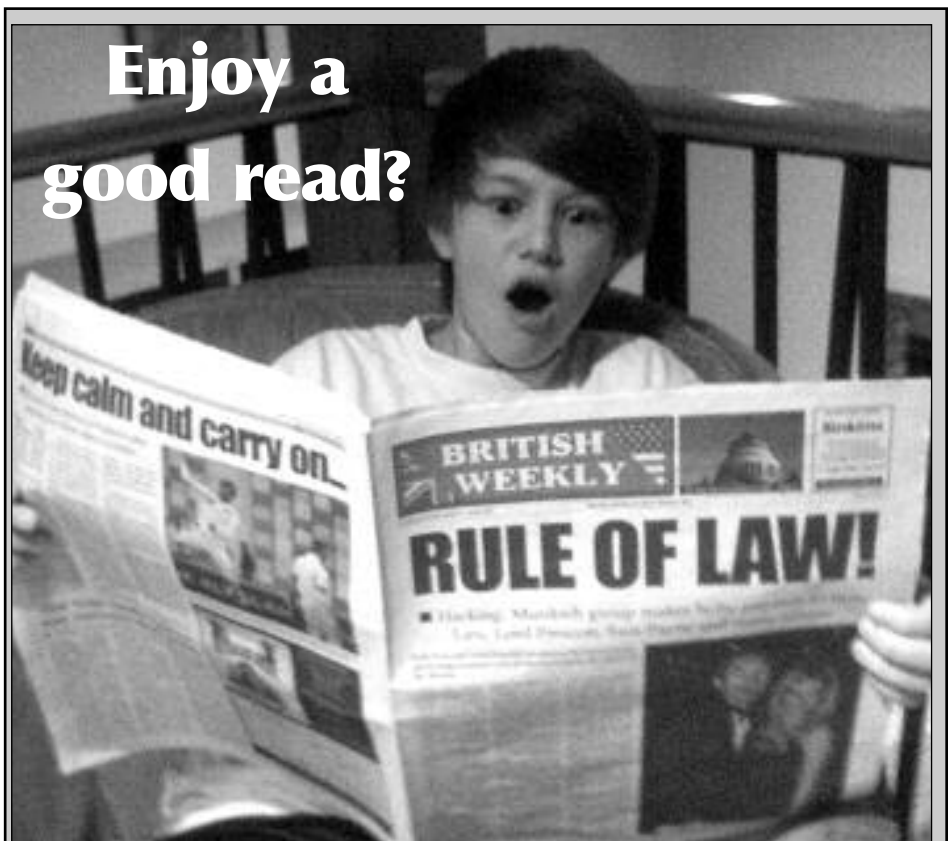
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and pushed to the ground with both hands in a random attack, police said. The unnamed woman was leaving the park at 12.30pm when the assault occurred.

Wunsy started to squawk and flap his wings, startling the man and causing him to flee towards the Great North Road. Both the woman and her courageous parrot were unharmed.



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Meet a Member: Catherine Siggins

Meet Brits in LA Member Catherine Siggins, originally from Ireland, who moved to Los Angeles three years ago because 'the thought of taking a beach walk on New Year's Day seemed enticing to me.'

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I'd lived in London for 11 years, which I had loved, but felt that moving to New York would have been swapping one urban obstacle course for another. I had started to feel city life grinding me a little, high rent, small spaces, financial pressures, and persistent head colds in the winter. Also when I had first come over in 2010, walking around my then-neighborhood, I found myself for the first time in a long time feeling that I could create a life I dreamed of. As I walked around Sunset Junction and looked at the small wooden houses I saw myself, in time, living in one of those homes, a feeling I had lost in London. The possibility of being closer to natural spaces and the beach

were also too much to pass up. I had gotten used in my childhood in Dublin to being close to the sea. Also, I had done some master classes with an acting coach, Ivana Chubbuck, in London and wanted to be able to continue my work with her in her studio in LA. Finally, I thought, what have I to lose?

What one thing do you miss from home?

Loved ones. I miss my family and friends. I knew one person when I came here and not having my family and old friends to meet up with has been a challenge, even today.

What do you find the biggest difference is living here versus the UK?

Oh boy, where to start... The biggest? You are an alien here. I've never felt that before, and didn't expect to as I had grown up watching American culture on my TV, and meeting Americans, but it felt different being here. There are pluses and minuses of course. It was strange not being able to get a car because

I didn't have a US credit history and the barriers to renting an apartment for the same reason. At home, you take such things for granted, as with free health care on the NHS. It cost \$23,000 to my travel insurance when I tore my achilles heel here in 2010, more then my Mum's heart bypass operation.

What would you suggest to others who are thinking about making the move here?

Mostly I would say you must focus on making the best life possible here for yourself outside of what you do for a living, especially if you are in the entertainment industry. Find good supportive friends, create a life that you are really happy with that is not affected (excessively) by how well, or badly, your career is going. And buy a GPS as soon as you land. I'd be utterly lost without mine.

Lastly, how can we find you on the Internet?

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Photo: Maya Adrabi

Andy Summers photo exhibit opens April 25th

FORMER POLICE guitarist Andy Summers has been turning his hand in recent years to photography, and a new exhibition of his work, entitled "Mysterious Barricades" opens at the Raleigh Studios on Melrose Avenue for three nights only on April 25th.

The exhibition will feature a series of black and white photographs culled from the many



cities Summers photographed over the past several years, from London to China. Nights after concerts, he headed out into the hearts of Tokyo, Beijing, Singapore, London, or Rome, exploring the world with his camera in hand, capturing the unusual, the odd, the exotic, and the remarkable moment, and transforming his perception of these

moments into his own artistic vision.

"My life is full of impulse and movement," remarks Summers. "My guitar and camera are fixed instruments, the only constants in a world of change."

Active in photography since 1979, Summers is also a celebrated author. His first book, Throb, published in 1983, paved his journey into being a serious photographer.

BABC Mixer at tony 41 Ocean Club

The Business American Business Council of Los Angeles is holding a Business Mixer on Thursday, April 17th at the exclusive 41 Ocean Club, 1541 Ocean Avenue, Ste. 200 (at Colorado) from 5.30-8pm. The event features complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres and is free to BABC LA members and \$15 for non-members. Valet parking is \$10. Attendees should register online at babcla.com no later than Wednesday, April 16th.

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Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: If life at work is not all it could be look at the positive side of things. As we move into mid-month the planets will open new doors, which you will be very pleased to walk through.

TAURUS: Your emotions are probably in a mess in regards to some area of family life. It is more than likely a past situation that has brought things up and this should be resolved once and for all by end of the month.

GEMINI: With your boss planet Mercury in Aries you would be wise to not use up all your energy since the middle of next week will be very hectic for you. Lately it's all work and no play so leave time to relax.

CANCER: You may be letting go of what you consider the past, it may be for you, but not for others. So be cool if asked to explain something. It won't go away by refusing.

LEO: You may be in the mood to get far from the madding crowd and you can, but only after you deal with nagging, unresolved issue at home.

VIRGO: This past week or so has not been as easy going as you would like or need. This is because everything in your planets is topsy-turvy although things will return to normal by the end of next week.

LIBRA: The planet Mars is still sitting in your life and will remain inactive until midsummer. This provides the perfect window to clear up anything that is not working in your personal or home life. Get busy with that emotional spring cleaning!

SCORPIO: With Mercury in Aries and Mars your boss going backwards chances are you are feeling blue or blah. Before this gets to take over your life take time out with good friends and relax this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS: Your boss Jupiter is sitting in Cancer, your money area, so be good as he will be watching your latest spending habits. The clue is that it's time to take a break, so budget for a getaway next month.

CAPRICORN: The sun in Aries currently will assist you to get the job done as this week ahead is a great opportunity to complete an overdue project that has been neglected; it's probably in your home base.

AQUARIUS: You may have been feeling a little overwhelmed these past few days or so. This is due the rare lineup of planets gathering for the first time in centuries. Keep a low profile and draw in your horns until late month.

PISCES: The family is much on your mind and if you learn to live in the moment things will work out quicker and with less stress. A situation you were worried about is not going to be so bad. The rare line up of planets will bring healing to a part of your life that needs it.



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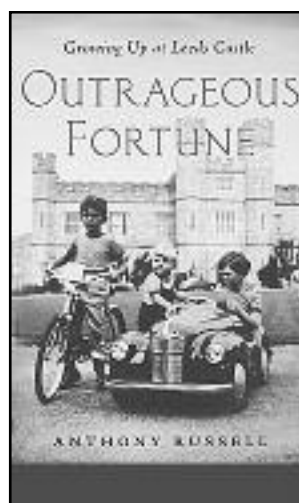
Outrageous Fortune: growing up at Leeds Castle

■ Exclusive interview with author Anthony Russell and a review of his auto-biography of his life as a boy growing up in Leeds Castle

Rating: ★★★

"Did I think my story of childhood was interesting enough to write a book about?" asks *Outrageous Fortune* author Anthony Russell. "Of course! How many children grew up at Leeds Castle, frequently referred to as the loveliest castle in the world? In the 1950s and 1960s, my grandmother, Lady Baillie, was one of the few owners of large estates in England still with the resources to operate at astonishing levels of grandeur."

Outrageous Fortune is



the true story of Russell's life as a young boy living in the privileged world of a castle. Russell grows up with vast wealth, yet is lonely with little contact with his parents. Russell tells of dysfunction within his family and the lives of people in the inner circle who his grandmother invited to the castle for weekends. Russell was a child of privilege along with his two older

brothers, but at times the many rules of the castle were overwhelming.

Leeds Castle, with its moat and acres of sprawling grounds, was built in the twelfth century as a Norman stronghold. It has been home to kings and queens, but fell on hard times and needed much repair by the 1920s. In 1926, Russell's grandmother Lady Baillie purchased and restored the castle. Lady Baillie later gave Leeds castle to the National Trust. Russell's other grandmother had a castle in Ireland, where he also spent time.

All the events and descriptions in the book were recalled from memory. "Including the pram scene outside Harrods, aged two," says Russell. "I needed no recourse to libraries or family papers. Family

documents are held privately apart from those which are of public record and are held in the House of Lords. I used the Web for historical accuracy when it came to corroborating what my English and American ancestors had been up to all those years ago, the origins and size of my Whitney cousins' vast wealth, and the smorgasbord of Russell titles, land holdings, Crown appointments and Parliamentary achievements over a period of some five hundred years."

Russell was surprised that sharing his two grandmothers' eccentric exploits with his friends grew into a book. Later, a friend pressed a Los Angeles literary agent to read his stories.

"What Anthony submitted to me was a

charming little children's story about his grandmother in England, who lived in a castle, who every year in the spring went through an unusual ritual whereby she launched the castle's collection of ducks into a pond nearby the castle," says Russell's agent Charlotte Gusay. "The entire household came out to witness this small but dramatic and important yearly ritual. The story was truly delightful."

Although Gusay loved the story, she didn't consider it commercial and sent Russell a note to say she wouldn't be able to represent him. However, they stayed in touch and later hit upon the idea of a book about growing up at the castle.

Russell will be in Kent, England, on his birthday, May 10th for the official Leeds Castle launch of



BY

Gabrielle Pantera

Outrageous Fortune. He's currently working on a fiction novel set in Los Angeles. Russell and his wife Catherine split their time between Los Angeles and France. He was born in London. He can be found on the web at: anthony-russell.com and at [Facebook.com/arussellauthor](https://www.facebook.com/arussellauthor)

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Amanda Eliasch graces cover of Genlux mag

Amanda Eliasch is known about town for many things – a wealthy socialite who decided to use her financial luck in life to develop her many, many talents. This month, Eliasch’s vivacious beauty can be seen on the cover of high-end Los Angeles glossy Genlux Magazine.

Amanda’s creativity seems endless and behind what first appears to be a dizzy blonde wanting to be part of the “who’s who” in Tinseltown, you quickly realize that Eliasch is so much more.

For instance, she is a photographer, an artist, a writer/blogger, fashion editor of Genlux and if that wasn’t enough, just recently she turned her hand to movie-making to bring to life *The Gun*, *the Cake*, and *the Butterfly* – a film, that according to notes in her press-kit tells the tale of the “twisted, sensual path of her life”.

As we watch the story (basically her life) unfolding before our very eyes we watch Amanda (sometimes with our jaws agape) as it weaves through the loss of innocence in her often-tragic childhood, into the luxurious world of love and sex in high society...

Oo-er...sounds rather intense, eh?

The flick has already won SEVEN independent film awards



including *Ischia*, the Lina Wertmuller prize, and a New York City International Film Festival award, and the media are definitely starting to take an interest in Amanda’s often-complicated private life.

In Genlux Magazine this month we get to read about her playful side, and by her own admission that she can sometimes be a bit of a prima donna.

No... Amanda? Surely not...

“I suppose I’m turning into one [prima donna]. I like drama, but I’d rather give that up. I don’t think I’m a diva, perhaps I am,” she tells Genlux’s creative director, Stephen

Kamifuji.

As for her incredible film, *BritWeek* has made it a part of their event calendar in this year’s celebration of all that is British in LA. *BritWeek* will be holding a special screening of “*The Gun*, *the Cake*, and *the Butterfly*” at the Arlight in Hollywood on April 29.

So, whatever Amanda Eliasch’s name means to some – many love her, and some don’t, I reckon you will have a *coup de foudre* when you meet this lucky chick...!

To be a part of this special *BritWeek* screening and the chance to see Amanda Eliasch’s film, RSVP for your invite to: Events@indie-pr.com

Dani Behr splits from hubby of nine years

TV star Dani Behr has split from her husband of nine years Carl Harwin, blaming the breakdown of the marriage on Harwin’s gruelling work schedule.

The 39-year-old, (pictured, right) who presented UK shows including *The Word*, and *The Big Breakfast*, now lives in Los Angeles with their two children felt they didn’t “have things in common” anymore.

She told Hello Magazine!: “We were married for almost nine years and we’d been growing apart for some time.

“You need to have things in common,” she explained. “Carl’s a Malibu surfer dude and I’m a city girl. I like socialising and being around people; he wasn’t like that.”

Behr, currently hosting on Fox Sports in the U.S also blamed the American restaurateur’s busy work schedule for the



break: “Carl works such crazy hours – he’d often get home at 11pm and I woke up the next morning.

“It was very isolating. I was like a single parent from the beginning.”

“Carl had to be in Australia last year and I’d had enough of it,” she added. “It’s so far from everywhere and when you have two young children you want to

have a support network around you.”

Behr, who was a contestant on *I’m A Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here!* in 2008, said that the decision to split has been amicable: “We’re not even using lawyers so it’s the best-case scenario as far as divorces go.”

“I’m turning 40 in a few months so it really does feel like a whole new era for me,” she added.

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Tipping Points and canine pointers

Greetings Breeps!

Our ever-growing Facebook page has been humming this week with questions on subjects as diverse as pet insurance, tax time and etiquette of tipping in LA.

I'll tackle the last one first having some experience having been in the service area quite a number of times 'in-between' acting jobs. Why do we tip certain professions and not others? Why are we

having to subsidize the tight proprietors who don't pay their staff properly? Why do I tip my gardner only at Christmas? Why do I tip a cabbie but not a bus driver? And why do I tip at Starbucks, when I don't tip at the supermarket? Why do I tip a percentage when the server does takes the same amount of time serving one person as he/she does ten people? The long and short of it is, I don't honestly know. However on further

research it seems it was all our fault. In the days of Geoffrey Chaucer and Middle English, "to tip" meant simply "to give" as in "tip me that cheate" ("give me that thing"), immortal words penned by one Samuel Rowlands in his 1610 *Beadle of Bridewell*.

The most charming explanation refers us back to the days of Dr. Johnson and his eighteenth century circle of wits. Upon entering his local coffee shop for a session of epigram-flinging, Dr. Johnson would drop a few pence in a box labeled "To Insure P r o m p t n e s s " ("T.I.P."—get it?) in order to encourage a greater display of vigor on the part of the generally listless attendants.

classless society?

Tipping spread from England to colonial America, but after the revolution it was frowned upon (temporarily) as a

hangover from the British class system. One only tipped one's social inferiors, which, lest we forget, did not exist in the brave new world. Unfortunately, the working classes eventually got around to swallowing their pride and tipping returned with all the fervor it possesses today. Even former Communist countries have not entirely succeeded in eliminating the practice. These days, of course, taxi drivers and waitpersons depend on tips for a substantial part of their income. If you didn't tip, presumably they'd expect to be paid more, and your restaurant bills and taxi fares would consequently be higher. The fifteen percent standard is mostly a question of what the market will bear. In New York, the figure these days is twenty percent; European restaurants generally add a ten percent gratuity to the bill.

Personally having been on both sides - I loved receiving tips and was always most grateful, and now like to give tips too, if only they are gratefully received. More often than not tips are left as one leaves, so said server never really knows how much they are getting until after the job. I remember one time, working in Balans



in London and I chased one customer, that I believed I had given excellent service to, down the street and rightfully gave him back the 10p that he had left for me, defiantly telling him that he must need this much more than I do. And back then in 1993 earning a pound an hour, I actually did need his tip in order to help pay for my two bedroomed flat just off Tottenham Court Road. We actually survived very well on our tips and the kindness of strangers. Perhaps we ought to change the order and start tipping in advance, that way you get the type of service you pay for.

Furry friends

Remember a dog isn't just for Christmas, it's for life....Pet insurance can be as expensive as human insurance and that shocks a lot of people when their canine companions first arrive. Vets can earn just as much as doctors. You can get pet insurance for as little as \$20 a month, but depending on the age of your dog and breed can go up to about \$200 a month, so make sure you can afford to have a pet in LA first, as without insurance if your dog eats a grape or chocolate or gets hit by a vehicle, your bill can run up into the

thousands. There are several good options to look into that our members have recommended, specifically petinsurancereview.com or trupanion.com

And if you're still in the market for a dog, you should know that my Brits in LA partner Eileen has started a pet of the week, that we will feature in our newsletter, a little chap that needs adoption or fostering. For more details visit www.britsin.la

We also have a new contributor to the group - Catherine Siggins our theatre reviewer who has been quite busy already reviewing three British-themed productions, Bristol Old Vic and Handspring puppets production of "Midsummer's night's Dream" (see page 7) and Noel Coward's "A Song at Twilight", catch that review next week.

It's been busy week for me, opening this weekend in "The Vortex" at Malibu Playhouse and filming the new TV series **Hit the Floor** for VH1, and of course preparing for the dreaded tax deadline of April 15th. Stay calm and TAX on, Breeps!

Have a great week and hope to see you at one of our many events.

**Cheers!
Craig**

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FOOTBALL

Scotland climb to 22 in FIFA rankings

Scotland are the biggest climbers in the latest Fifa rankings, rising 15 places to 22nd.

Gordon Strachan's side are unbeaten in their last five matches and have defeated Croatia and Norway.

The Scots missed out on a place at the World Cup finals but last month beat Euro 2016 qualifying opponents Poland in Warsaw.

Spain remain number one, with England up to 11th, Wales up two to 47th and Northern Ireland climbing to 84th.

Scotland captain Scott Brown scored the only goal against the Poles in Warsaw's National Stadium, where the two sides will meet again in October in a European qualifier.

Martin O'Neill's Republic of Ireland, also in Scotland's Euro 2016 qualifying group, have risen three places to 65th.

Germany remain second, Portugal are up to third and Argentina fall three places to joint-sixth with World Cup hosts Brazil.

United:

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looking to spend the right money on players who are available and it's not anything to do with the Champions League."

For almost an hour against Bayern on Wednesday United were largely untroubled and their chances of progressing looked promising when Patrice Evra's long-range strike put them ahead.

However, Bayern responded immediately as Mario Mandzukic headed in from close range and they then took control, putting the game beyond United with goals from Thomas Muller and Arjen Robben.

"It's the sort of thing you learn as a schoolboy - once you score a goal, make sure you don't concede," Moyes added.

"You get into position and do your job. We had concentrated so fabulously well throughout the game, for us just to give it up on that moment was really disappointing."

Moyes also conceded Wayne Rooney struggled to make a telling impact in the game, with the England international

playing after having an injection to ease a toe injury.

"I thought he was having a struggle striking the ball on some occasions," the Scot said. "But he is so vital a player to us, especially with [Dutch striker] Robin van Persie out injured."

United's Champions League exit continues what has been a disappointing first season as manager of the three-time European champions for Moyes.

They are seventh in the Premier League, 17 points behind leaders Liverpool and seven points behind Arsenal in the final Champions League place with five games remaining, but Moyes's focus now is on rebuilding, with a quick return to the Champions

League his priority.

"We've not got Champions League football but I believe it's not far away and hopefully it's only one year," he added."

Rory McIlroy feels he battled a "very difficult" course set-up as he opened his Masters with a one-under 71 to sit three shots behind leader Bill Haas Thursday night.

The Northern Irishman, 24, bidding to win a third major, missed a four-foot putt on the last to stay at two under on Thursday.

"When I saw the pin positions I thought they didn't want people to get too many under par," said the world number nine.

"The greens are drying

out quickly, anything under par is good. By Sunday they are going to be pretty dicey."

McIlroy, who claimed the US Open in 2011 and the US PGA Championship in 2012, carded four birdies and three bogeys during his round.

Early momentum with two birdies inside five holes was checked with a dropped shot on eight and three putts on the par three 12th saw him lose another stroke.

He focused on claiming birdies on the back nine's two par five holes and admitted he would have been "really happy" with his day had he avoided the dropped shot at the last.

Wednesday Results

Table with 2 columns: UEFA Champions Lge Quarter-finals 2nd Leg, AT MADRID (1) vs BARCELONA (M) 0-0, BURNLEY (M) vs MAN UTD (M) 1-1.

Monday Results

Table with 2 columns: Barclays Premier League, SPURS (1) vs SUNDERLAND (1) 1-1, Scottish Premiership, HIBERNIAN (0) vs ABERDEEN (1) 2-2.

Weekend Premiership

Table with 2 columns: Ayrton Villa (1) vs Fulham (1) 2-2, Cardiff (0) vs Crystal Palace (1) 3-3, Chelsea (1) vs Stoke (1) 0-0.

HOW THEY STAND

Table with 2 columns: Liverpool (1) vs Arsenal (1) 5-0, Chelsea (1) vs Manchester City (1) 4-4, Tottenham (1) vs Newcastle (1) 4-4.

Weekend Football League Results & Tables

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Table with 2 columns: sky BET LEAGUE 2, AFC Wimbledon (0) vs Bristol R (0) 0-0, Accrington (0) vs Northampton (1) 1-1.

Tuesday Results

Table with 2 columns: UEFA Champions Lge Quarter-final Second Leg, Borussia Dortmund (2) vs Real Madrid (0) 2-0, Sky Bet Championship, Barnsley (0) vs Burnley (1) 1-1.

Wonder Ba backs Blues attack

■ Chelsea have 'three great strikers' claims Champions League hero after PSG late show

Chelsea's Champions League hero Demba Ba has backed the club's strikers after criticism from manager Jose Mourinho.

Substitute Ba scored Chelsea's crucial second goal in a 2-0 win over Paris St-Germain on Tuesday, the club he supports, to secure a place in the semi-finals.

Mourinho bemoaned the lack of a "real striker" for the first leg and played winger Andre Schurrle up front.

"We have three great strikers and I think that a lot of clubs would like to have them," Ba responded.

After losing 3-1 in Paris, Chelsea outclassed PSG at Stamford Bridge and all three of Mourinho's strikers - Samuel Eto'o, Fernando Torres and Ba - played a part as the Blues edged through on away goals.

"Maybe he [Mourinho] doesn't have strikers to his liking," said Senegal international Ba, who

replaced Frank Lampard on 66 minutes after Schurrle had opened the scoring.

"I'm happy to have liberated us. I haven't been given my chance much this season and I've taken it. I'm not out for revenge."

After the match, Mourinho praised the attitude of bit-part player Ba, who has scored six goals in 23 appearances this season.

"I'm happy for him. A good guy, a good professional, a good group man," said the Chelsea manager.

"The fact I played him before Nando [Torres] made him feel that he doesn't have the number three striker on his back. His enthusiasm was fantastic and he started giving Paris problems that, normally, they don't have in their league where it's a completely different style. I'm so happy he scored the goal because it means a lot for him and a lot for us.

"The players followed



THE BEST, BA NONE? "I'm happy to have liberated us," said the Chelsea striker after his winner

our plan, our ambition. And we were lucky because we have the result we fought for. But, if for some reason, we hadn't scored the second, or if they had scored from the last corner in the last moment to send us out, everybody in this club would still have been proud of the boys."

Ba, the only Parisian

on the pitch when he first time I've wished who scores the goal, came on, added: "It's the PSG to lose and it's me luckily for Chelsea."

Champions League exit won't affect signings, insists Moyes

Manchester United manager David Moyes says his transfer targets will not be affected by the prospect of no Champions League football next season.

The Premier League title holders lost 3-1 to Bayern Munich in Wednesday's Champions League quarter-final second leg for a 4-2 aggregate defeat.

It means United,



DESPAIR: Moyes reacts as Bayern score their third goal in the Allianz arena on Wednesday night

seventh in the Premier League, are unlikely to be in Europe's elite club competition in 2014-15.

Moyes said potential arrivals know any absence is "not a long-term thing".

"Any players we've quietly discussed it with are more than happy to join Manchester United," he insisted.

"The club have never had any problems. We're Cont. on page 19, Col. 2



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