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TRUMP IN £700m THREAT TO BRITAIN

- **Furious Republican hopeful threatens to take his toys and go home**
- **MP: we cannot be 'held to ransom by corrosive billionaire politicians'**

DONALD TRUMP has threatened to withdraw nearly £700 million of investment in Britain as he hit back at attempts to ban him from the country.

The American presidential candidate released a statement attacking a decision by Parliament to debate whether to keep him out of Britain after his call for Muslims to be barred from entering the US. He said any decision to ban him from Britain would "send a terrible message to the world that the United Kingdom opposes free speech".

The leading Republican contender threatened to suspend investment in his Scottish golf and hotel businesses but MPs said Britain should not be "held to ransom by corrosive billionaire politicians".

Mr Trump prompted an outcry after his call for a ban on Muslims last month, and then upset British politicians by saying parts of London were so radicalized they were "no-go areas".

A Parliamentary

committee this week decided the Commons would hold a debate on whether to ban Mr Trump from Britain after receiving an online petition that was signed by more than 500,000 people.

Nicola Sturgeon, the Scottish first minister, said Theresa May should consider banning the billionaire from the UK. Senior Labour ministers have also called for him to be barred.

Mr Trump responded by warning that he would stop investing in the two Scottish golf courses he owns if he is banned. His organisation claimed he had been planning to invest more than £200 million at Turnberry golf course in South Ayrshire and a further £500 million in Trump International Golf Links near Aberdeen.

"Westminster would create a dangerous precedent and send a

terrible message to the world that the United Kingdom opposes free speech and has no interest in attracting inward investment," it said in a statement. "This would also alienate the many millions of United States citizens who wholeheartedly support Mr Trump and have made him the forerunner by far in the 2016 presidential election."

David Cameron has made clear that he does not support banning Mr Trump from the UK, saying that he should be allowed to come to Britain so people can debate his "divisive" comments.

But Tulip Siddiq, a Muslim Labour MP, said: "The United Kingdom should not be held to ransom by corrosive billionaire politicians. In our country, money doesn't buy the right to sew discord and hatred in

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A BETTER BEHAVED TODDLER: Prince George enjoyed his first day at nursery school this week, and struck a certain pose that will be familiar to royal watchers (story, page 3)

News from Britain

Six Tories break with Cameron, claiming Britain MUST leave EU

Six Conservatives elected as MPs for the first time in 2015 have backed a European Union exit, saying the UK-EU renegotiations will achieve little.

Their statements come as Prime Minister David Cameron continues his efforts to change some aspects of the UK's membership of the EU.

An in-out referendum is due to be held by the end of next year.

The six are Anne-Marie

Trevelyan, James Cleverly, Scott Mann, Craig Mackinlay, Royston Smith and Paul Scully.

Ms Trevelyan, Berwick-Upon-Tweed MP, said she didn't want "Great Britain to disappear, swallowed up by a superstate which does not have the same systems of justice or taxation.

"Sadly I believe [David Cameron] has been let down by EU leaders who are refusing to give us meaningful powers back -

really free us from ever closer union."

James Cleverly, Braintree MP, said he believed Britain would be able to "prosper" outside the EU. He said he hadn't "dismissed" the renegotiation and "supported" the Prime Minister's efforts for a new deal but it had become "clear" to him the European Union "doesn't see the need for fundamental reform".

Mr Cameron said at last



REBELS: Royston Smith, Scott Mann, Craig Mackinlay, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, James Cleverly and Paul Scully all believe Britain's future lies outside the EU

month's EU conference that he was a "step closer" to getting the reforms to

"fundamentally change" the UK's relationship with the EU. A final deal is widely expected to be struck at February's EU summit.

Labour reshuffle: three MPs quit shadow cabinet in protest

Three Labour MPs have quit the party's front bench in protest at sackings made by Jeremy Corbyn in his reshuffle.

Jonathan Reynolds and Stephen Doughty quit over the sacking of the shadow Europe minister Pat McFadden.

Mr Corbyn fired Mr McFadden over "disloyalty" after he appeared to criticise his stance on terrorism.

Kevan Jones has quit his defence role over Trident after Mr Corbyn replaced pro-nuclear weapons MP Maria Eagle with

unilateralist Emily Thornberry.

Shadow foreign secretary Hilary Benn - who also disagrees with Mr Corbyn on key issues including bombing IS targets in Syria - escaped the axe in the shake-up.

He denied he had been "muzzled" by Mr Corbyn after reportedly agreeing not to criticise the leader's policy positions from the front bench, saying he would be carrying on with his job "exactly as before".

The only changes in the shadow cabinet see anti-Trident MP Emily Thornberry replacing shadow defence secretary Maria Eagle, who moves to culture to replace

sacked Michael Dugher. But the moves have sparked a string of departures in the junior ranks.

In his resignation letter, Mr Reynolds backed comments by Mr McFadden in the aftermath of the Paris terror attacks, in which he criticised the response of the Stop the War coalition, which Mr Corbyn used to chair.

Mr McFadden said Mr Corbyn had told him he thought his comments were "an attack on him and that he had come to the conclusion because of that and one or two other things that I shouldn't continue".



CORBYN: remaking the Shadow Cabinet in his image

"He clearly feels that me saying terrorists are entirely responsible for their action, that no-one forces anyone to kill innocent people in Paris, to blow up the London Underground, to behead innocent aid workers, that when I say they are entirely responsible for that, he clearly interpreted that as an attack on him," he added.

Shadow foreign minister Stephen Doughty - who announced his resignation on the BBC's Daily Politics - said Mr McFadden had been "singled out for punishment for speaking with honesty and principle".

Trump:

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our communities."

Tim Farron, the Liberal Democrat leader, said the threat showed Mr Trump "to be the party clown that he is" and added: "I think it is terrible that the party of Abraham Lincoln is now

the party of Donald Trump."

Ian Blackford, a Scottish Nationalist who sits on the committee which decided whether a possible ban should be debated, said: "It is unfortunate that Donald Trump thinks he can treat Scotland and the people of this country as a personal plaything."



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Young George makes a princely debut at local nursery school

PRINCE GEORGE took his first day at nursery school in his stride on Tuesday – and struck a distinctly familiar pose as he arrived with his parents.

The two-year-old seemed to be channelling his grandfather, the Prince of Wales, as he stood with one hand feeling for his pocket and the other pointing at a mural that had caught his eye.

part-time

He arrived, with no sign of tears or tantrums, wearing a quilted coat from John Lewis and carrying a sky blue rucksack.

The pictures were

taken by the Duchess of Cambridge, who has released a number of photographs of her children to the media in recent months.

However, before parents rush to the department store to snap up an identical anorak – it is no longer available. It appeared to have retailed for £30 when in stock a year ago.

A spokesman for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge said Prince George's first day "went well".

The toddler will be attending part-time at the Westacre Montessori nursery in King's Lynn, which costs a modest £5.50 per hour, or £33

(\$48) per day. The low-key manner of his arrival was in stark contrast to his father's first day at nursery. When Prince William arrived at his Montessori nursery in London at a similar age, television cameras and reporters were on hand to record the occasion, even being allowed into the classroom to film the coat hook with his name above it.

mixed age groups

After meeting his new classmates, Prince George will have been given a choice of activities, in keeping with the Montessori method of nursery



JUST LIKE GRANDPA: with one hand in his pocket and the other pointing, Prince George seems to have already picked up the royal body language

education, invented by Maria Montessori, an Italian. It places an emphasis on independence, freedom and social development.

Children are taught in mixed age groups with freedom of movement within the classroom, and when the weather is dry they are taken for

walks in the local countryside. The school has said Prince George "will get the same special experience as all of our children".

Royal rumpus as Windsor Castle switches to duvets

Staff at the Queen's Windsor Castle residence have derided the decision to move away from traditional eiderdowns and sheets in favour of duvets.

It has been reported that the castle's managers have begun to make the shift despite the traditional bedspreads being long favoured in the guest bedrooms.

One staff source told the *Daily Mail*: "They'll be putting chocolates on the pillows next."

They added: "It's rather old fashioned nowadays but many of those in the Royal Household believe that using sheets, blankets and eiderdowns is one of those traditions that should be retained."

"It's quite time consuming to make the beds up in this way but that's why it is liked so much. It shows a certain

attention to detail that people don't tend to have nowadays but that the Royal Household prides itself on.

"It's been remarked on that it seems, well, a little like something that a hotel chain might do. And we are definitely not that. Fortunately we haven't started putting on those awful decorative cushions, though."

'divided on the issue'

Eiderdowns are flat quilts filled with down, typically sourced from the eider duck. They are layered with sheets, bedspreads and blankets, meaning that layers can be shed or added to control the temperature of the bed.

Buckingham Palace could not be reached for comment but a source said: "The option of an eiderdown or a duvet has been offered in the

guest bedrooms for some time."

Alexandra Messervy, founder of leading etiquette and household management consultancy The English Manner, who also previously worked for the Queen in the Master of the Household's department, said that the choice was a uniquely personal one.

"The jury is so divided on the issue. You are just as likely to go to a grand house or royal residence and find a duvet on the bed as you are to go to a very good hotel and find them still using sheets, blankets and eiderdowns. There is no hard and fast rule on it. It is very much a matter of personal preference," she told the paper. "Many like to use a duvet and throw a bedspread on it in order to retain that traditional look."



'It's been remarked on that it seems a little like something that a hotel chain might do. And we are definitely not that' - Windsor Castle source

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News From Britain

FHM bows out in usual style...with lots of cleavage

Iconic 1980s 'lads' mag' now seen as outdated and sexist

THIS WEEK marked the end of an era as the classic 'lads mag' FHM hit the newsstands for the final time.

Originally titled For Him Magazine when it launched in 1985, the glossy monthly earned loyalty and ridicule in equal measure for its simple focus on sport, sex, booze and fashion while featuring a succession of scantily-clad, busty models on the cover.

And the mage – which repeatedly earned the ire of feminists during its run – bowed out in the same manner this week featuring popular ITV presenter Holly Willoughby on the cover in provocative pose.

Blowing a goodbye kiss to the camera, the 34-year-old *This Morning* presenter sizzled in a gorgeous black-and-white photo.

As well as Holly's playful pose, the cover features a simple 'bye x' and the strap line 'last ever issue 1985 2016'.

Speaking about being FHM's final cover girl, Holly said: 'It's the end of an era and to be part of the final issue before FHM takes its place on the big shelf in the sky, has been a real honour.'

'We've both grown up

together – I've had 3 children and you've had 314 issues but now, with a heavy heart, it's time to bid you a fond farewell.'

While it started its life as a quarterly, it became a monthly mag in the same year and absolutely dominated the men's magazine market, paving the way for rival titles.

Publisher Bauer Media announced it was to close on November 17 last year, saying at the time: 'Men's media habits have continually moved towards mobile and social.'



OUTDATED? FHM's final cover (above left), and (above right) a typical splash featuring Mila Kunis

Sex offender and conman banned from having a girlfriend or female pals without police permission

A sex offender and fraudster who conned dozens of women has been banned from having a girlfriend unless he asks permission from police first.

The rare order was seen as the only way to prevent serial sex offender Geoffrey Ball, 44, from targeting more women when released from prison.

A judge described the order – which could last a lifetime – as “draconian but necessary”.

The extraordinary order

was seen as the only way to deal with serial sex offender Geoffrey Ball, 44.

The order states: “The defendant must not have or enter into any friendship, or sexual or physical relationship with any female without first notifying a police at risk management officer within the public protection unit or equivalent.”

The former electrician is also barred from internet dating or using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr.

District Judge Martin Walker passed the Sexual Harm Prevention Order at Teesside magistrates court after hearing Ball's history of sex assaults on women.

One of his victims attempted to take her own life after being sexually assaulted by Ball, the court was told.

'loans by deception'

He also has previous convictions for fraud, using a string of aliases including pretending to be a sacked steel worker.

The court heard he has continually ignored orders

put in place to protect the public, regularly reoffending after being released from custody.

It emerged at a previous court appearance he once told police on arrest: “When I get out I'll do it again and again.”

Ball has convictions for violence, fraud, robbery, burglary and impersonating a police officer.

He was made the subject of the order just days ahead of his expected release from Holme House Prison in Stockton on Tees.

It means Ball will face strict controls over not only his access to the internet but his relationships with women, whether sexual or not.

John Constable, prosecuting, said Ball, who had previously lived in Redcar, Middlesbrough and Guisborough, east Cleveland.

He said: “There is no uniform approach. He wants what he wants and he will try to get it.”

“He will try to get it by force, in one case, and in others he gets his own way by charming the women.”

Mr Constable told the hearing Ball lied to his victims, including saying he has a solicitor son with a public school education.

He added: “He has fabricated things that make women trust him.”

Mr Constable said: “One of the things which has come to light is that he used his position, by charm or otherwise, to obtain loans by deception”



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CONTROVERSY: Barry Humphries and his alter-ego, Dame Edna Everage

Dame Edna claims Downton is so popular 'because there are no black people in it'

HE HAS created some of the most memorable and often risqué comic characters ever to grace our screens, including the irrepressible Dame Edna Everage.

But veteran comedian Barry Humphries has courted new controversy after claiming the reason Downton Abbey is so popular in America is because 'there are no black people in it'.

The controversial comment - made in an interview with the *Radio Times* - came despite the fact there was actually a black character, jazz singer Jack Ross (played by Gary Carr) introduced into series four of the hit period drama, set at an English country home in the 1920s.

But in the outspoken interview the 81-year-old Australian star said: "'Why do you think Downton Abbey is so popular in the States?"

"Because there are no black people in it."

It was in series four of the hit ITV drama that Carr, 26, joined the cast, which until then had been exclusively white.

His role was introduced after programme director Julian Fellowes specifically decided to diversify the drama, adding that it would "open it up ethnically a bit".

Mr Carr's character was seen romancing Lady Rose Aldridge - played by Lily James, 26 - who in the drama was the rebellious great niece of Dame Maggie Smith's character Dowager Countess Violet Crawley.

While not expanding on his theory, Humphries also mentioned race when going on to bemoan the inability of a modern day audience to appreciate effective irony or satire.

Humphries, whose own comic creations also include the boorish Sir Les Patterson, lamented the rise of political correctness and the decline of an ability to recognise satire or irony.

He explained: "Imagine if the BBC tried to do *Till Death Us Do Part* again today, with Alf Garnett ranting against black people? It couldn't be done."

He added: "There is a new puritanism that we are experiencing, a nervousness. I mentioned some ideas to the BBC. I wanted to say something about Mr Corbyn and a faceless, nameless person at the BBC said, 'Then you have also have to say something about Mr Cameron'. As if there wasn't any bias at the BBC at all!"

He also told how the BBC had been braver in the 1960s to nurture comic talent without so much fear to be politically correct.

Farewell to Stiggy....

■ Bee Gees manager and Grease producer Robert Stigwood dead at 81

Robert Stigwood, the ebullient manager of bands such as the Bee Gees and Cream, has died aged 81.

Theatrical impresario Andrew Lloyd Webber led the tributes to the flamboyant Australian, tweeting 'farewell' and calling him the 'the great showman who taught me so much.'

Spencer Gibb, son of Bee Gees star Robin Gibb and Stigwood's grandson, was the first to report his death in a Facebook post.

He added: "I would like to thank Robert for his kindness to me over the years as well as his mentorship to my family. 'Stiggy', you will be missed."

Stigwood was born in Adelaide, south Australia, but moved to the United Kingdom in the mid-1950s with just £5 in his pocket.

After an unpromising spell as an orderly at a sanitarium, Stigwood moved into regional theatre before spotting John Leyton a handsome young singer who he believed could propel him to the big time. After changing the singer's name to John St Cyr and landing him a part on a popular TV soap opera of the time, Stigwood saw his young charge's debut single, *Johnny Remember Me*, top the British charts, propelling Stigwood onto the A-list of music managers in 1960s London, where he made plenty of enemies with his aggressive attempts to poach talent from other managers. One day he crossed the wrong man, when he tried to lure the Small Faces from Don



GLORY DAYS: Stigwood with David Frost, and Andy, Maurice and Robin Gibb

Arden, a notorious tough guy, into his own stable. The result, according to Arden's daughter Sharon Osbourne (wife of Ozzy) was an office visit from Arden and four henchmen which ended with Stigwood being dangled from a fourth floor balcony and instructed to look elsewhere for new talent.

Despite such hiccups Stigwood went on to become one of the most formidable forces in the music and entertainment industry, managing bands such as Cream and the famous trio of Maurice, Barry and Robin Gibb, who comprised the Bee Gees.

He told *Rolling Stone*



FRIENDS: Sarah Ferguson with Stigwood in 2004

in a 1977 interview: "I loved their (the Bee Gees') composing. I also loved their harmony singing. It was unique, the sound they made. I suppose it was a sound only brothers could make."

After bringing the stage productions of *Hair* and

Jesus Christ Superstar to the West End in the 1970s Stigwood moved to Los Angeles and into the movies, producing *Grease* and *Saturday Night Fever*, as well as the disastrous Bee Gees vehicle *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

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Local News

Much-praised reworking of 1984 opening this week at the Broad

■ Surveillance state: Orwell's classic given dramatic new dimension in acclaimed production debuting in Santa Monica

THIS WEEK sees the U.S. debut of the acclaimed new British production of '1984' at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica.

Brought to these shores by the London-based Headlong Theatre company, the play updates George Orwell's Cold War dystopian classic into a chilling exploration of the modern surveillance state and the War on Terror. Written and directed by Robert Icke and Duncan Macmillan, this new production posits the view that an unholy alliance of internet technology and the spectre of radical Islam have created a new Orwellian world every bit as bad as that imagined by Orwell back in the 1940s.

The themes of a

surveillance state using a new language – Newspeak – to convey concepts such as 'doublethink' and 'thought crime' are amped up using innovative new stage techniques and technologies to engage – and often unnerve – the audience. Indeed during the play's London run it was not unusual for furious audience members to get up and leave the theater, so discomfited were they by what they were witnessing.

"We've had people shouting, leaving and getting up," says Matthew Spencer, who plays the play's protagonist Winston Smith. "We get different reactions in different areas."

The play is set in Airstrip

One (the former Great Britain), now part of the mighty empire of Oceania and ruled by the cult figure of Big Brother. Oceania is perpetually at war, sometimes against and sometimes in concert with, the globe's two other governing powers and everything is run by the Inner Party, which portrays itself as a benign force for freedom, progress and protection but is of course nothing more than a repressive dictatorship.

The doomed Winston Smith is a lowly party apparatchik in the Ministry of Truth whose job is to rewrite history to reflect today's party line, which could, of course, change tomorrow. Disillusioned and scared, Smith secretly hates Big



DEEPLY UNSETTLING: 1984 opens Jan. 13th at Santa Monica's Broad Stage

Brother and daydreams about rebellion. And as his disaffection comes to the notice of the party, there is a palpable sense of a closing in, of a building dread.

The play's themes are

ripe for re-examination given the changes in our lives since the coming of the Internet and the events of September 11, 2001. As co-writer Duncan Macmillan said recently:

"How do we know what

is real? How do we trust our own thoughts?"

"The play is in doublethink," says Macmillan. "You follow a really coherent story, but almost like a magician's trick, you may have seen a very different story than the person you came along with."

Due to the graphic nature of 1984, this play is not recommended for children under the age of 14.

'1984'

The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica, Previews begin Jan. 8, opening night Jan. 13, ends Feb. 6. Tickets: \$30-\$100. Info: (310) 434-3200, www.thebroadstage.com

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BABC OC bash to celebrate 25 years

The British American Business Council in Orange County is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and will host an anniversary dinner and member appreciation night on Tuesday, Jan. 26th at the Royal Khyber restaurant in Santa Ana.

The event is open (and free) to all members of good standing and \$30 for guests. The bash features a welcoming glass of champagne and three course dinner with a no-host bar and is sponsored by Dr. John & Sabina Gibson.

The event kicks off at 6pm and the Royal Khyber is located at 1621 W. Sunflower Avenue #D53 in Santa Ana.

For tickets and more details, visit www.babccoc.org

Doc Martin returns for seventh and final season

FAMOUSLY grumpy Doctor Martin Ellingham makes a welcome return to local TV this week with the seventh and final season of Doc Martin.

For the uninitiated, the show stars Martin Clunes, who created the role in the 2000 movie *Saving Grace*, as a brilliant but socially awkward vascular surgeon who is forced out

of his successful London practice after he suddenly develops a fear of blood. Arriving in the sleepy Cornish village of Portwenn, where he spent many happy holidays as a child, Doc Martin (as the locals insist on calling him, to his annoyance) inherits a clinic in disarray and an incompetent receptionist. He then proceeds to rub



CURMUDGEONLY MANNER: Clunes as Doc Martin

almost everyone up the wrong way with his abrupt manner and his complete lack of the

touchy-feelies. The preceding seasons have seen Doc Martin slowly rebuild his practice and

win over the locals, while gingerly exploring romance with local lass Louisa Glasson (Caroline Catz). But after many false starts and misunderstandings, (thanks mainly to Martin's appalling people skills), season six's cliffhanger ending saw Louisa walking out on him. But is it for good? For season seven's details...you'll just have to watch the show, which premieres at 8pm on January 14th on KCET.

Jane is Fonda 'like Brando' Hardy

Two-time Academy Award-winner Jane Fonda might no longer be the big-time movie star she once was, but the Hollywood veteran's opinions still carry plenty of weight in Tinseltown and she used the festive season to blog about how much she liked the work of British actor Tom Hardy.

Fonda penned a New Year-themed blog post in which she highlighted the recent Kray Twins biopic *Legend*, in which she enjoyed a double dose of the star. Fonda even went so far as to liken one-half of his performance to that of Marlon Brando, whom she worked with in 1966's *The Chase*.

"I saw *The Revenant*

and asked who played the bad guy. It was Tom Hardy and then a lot of folks said, 'You gotta see him in *Legend*,'" she wrote. "He is really amazing in this film...as the more together of the brothers, Hardy is like a new Brando."

Hardy, who got his big break in the HBO series *Band of Brothers*, will



SHE'S A FAN: In her blog, Fonda praised Hardy's work

return to wartime France in his next big screen outing. He is slated to star alongside Kenneth

Branagh and Mark Rylance in Christopher Nolan's big budget WWII drama "Dunkirk".

Meet a Member: Grivas Kopti



THE GATE TO GOLDEN: Grivas Kopti visited Los Angeles for the first time last year and is planning on moving here

Not all Brits in LA Members live in Los Angeles: in fact a fair number are scattered around the globe.

This week's Meet a Member is Grivas Kopti who lives in Southwest London.

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

I was on holiday in California last summer and was meant to be in LA for four nights, but ended up staying for just under a month. I told a colleague and good friend of mine in the UK that I had extended my stay and she recommended I get in touch with Eileen and the Brits in LA family. I went for a breakfast a few days later and absolutely loved meeting everybody, so kept in touch and met

up again at a quiz night at The Pikey!

Do you think you could ever see yourself moving to LA?

I stayed longer because I totally fell in love with the city. The energy. The weather. People's kindness, enthusiasm and passion for what they do. I'm an actor and assistant TV producer in the UK, so it was also a great opportunity for me to network.

I have been fortunate enough to land a place at an acting school in LA and start in September 2016 on a two-year musical theatre conservatory. I cannot wait to get back out. Prior to working in TV, I was involved in theatre from the age of seven, from National Youth Theatre and UK Theatre School, then training on the

BTEC National Diploma in Acting for two years, so it has been a dream of mine to venture out to LA since a very young age.

I'm incredibly grateful to have grown up in London and the opportunities I've received here, but am definitely ready for a change of scenery and LA is perfect for both personal and professional reasons.

Do you have a hidden gem in London you can share with us?

Not so hidden but Richmond Hill/Park is absolutely beautiful. Especially good in the summer if you like picnics.

If you're into boozy brunches and/or Caribbean food, check out the Rum Kitchen on All Saints Road in

Notting Hill (online at therumkitchen.com). London is full of brilliant things to do, so if you're visiting, be sure to check out Time Out for the city's latest offerings at www.timeout.com/london

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

Simply because you would be part of the most awesome international collective of fun, kind and creative individuals. I am incredibly grateful I was introduced to Brits in LA last year as I've already got to know several friendly faces I look forward to meeting again once in LA again, but members have also been helpful with answering some of the questions I have at this stage, e.g. visa application, securing funding for drama school, getting a car, somewhere to live and so on.

Weather you are visiting LA or otherwise, the group is an invaluable resource for useful info including

flight discounts, job opportunities and networking.

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

I've just wrapped playing Buttoni, an Italian pizza chef, in Dick Whittington the panto. It was my first time on stage in ages and I loved every second. Plus, plenty of d*ck jokes....what's not to love?

If any of our readers are in south west London, check out the Richmond Shakespeare Society based at the scenic Twickenham Riverside, as there are some incredible plays coming up this year. (www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk)

I'm also in the process of securing an all-female panel of influential

voices in TV and Film to speak at an exciting InterMedia event during LGBT history month this February in London. If you are keen on learning more about the work done at InterMedia and possibly coming along to an event- please visit us at intermediauk.org

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?

My grandma: "If you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything." My mum: "Don't embarrass me!"

Lastly, how can we find you on the Internet?

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The British Weekly Crossword #197

Crossword by Myles Mellor

Across

- Earl Grey and Darjeeling (4)
- 747, e.g. (8)
- Where you might go when it starts raining (7)
- Illustrious (5)
- Freedom from control (12)
- Jump (3)
- Banana ____ (5)
- Time segment (3)
- Without stopping (12)
- Shot (5)
- Movie promo (7)
- Wealth (8)
- Spent (4)

Down

- Stephanie Meyer series (8)
- Give help to (3)
- ____ all good! (3)
- Mainstream (12)
- Piece in The Times, say (7)
- Pastidious (4)
- Essays (12)
- Synthetic fiber (5)
- Undergo change (4)
- Go down on one knee (7)
- Jockey wear (5)
- X marks the ____ (4)
- Road goo (3)
- Scarlet or burgandy (3)

Solution to Puzzle #196

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The British Weekly Sudoku #197

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 #196

4	1	6	7	5	8	3	9	2
2	7	3	1	6	9	4	5	8
5	9	8	2	4	3	6	7	1
7	3	4	6	9	1	2	8	5
8	2	1	5	3	7	9	6	4
6	5	9	4	8	2	7	1	3
1	6	7	3	2	5	8	4	9
9	4	2	8	1	6	5	3	7
3	8	5	9	7	4	1	2	6

Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: Your health should be a priority this month ahead, so take heed if you are planning doing anything that could jeopardize it. Your ruler Mars in Scorpio can bring up a past secret so listen to your inner voice.

TAURUS: Whatever you are thinking you feel is probably not the truth as Mercury is going backwards you cannot trust what you think OR feel. Be careful when out and about as accidents could happen.

GEMINI: You will have to make some decision to put a family situation to the front of your priority list this week. It's best to plan for travel at the end of January as your boss Mercury is strolling backwards.

CANCER: Plans are delayed this week due to a change in financial matters. Remember a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush this will ring true in a family situation. The full super moon in your sign from Christmas day is still affecting your plans.

LEO: Movement of some kind is all around you this coming month even if nothing has come forward for you yet. You would be wise to spend these next few days lying low as Mercury in your opposite sign is strolling backwards and not behaving.

VIRGO: You will be getting a break this coming month due to positive planets helping you along. The last couple of month's problems are receding this week ahead and onwards it's a lucky streak time this weekend.

LIBRA: You will find you can deal with life much better when you sort out relationship problems in any area of life. Mars visiting your financial sector until March for a while can assist you to complete any unfinished business.

SCORPIO: Your health is not as good as it could be currently and perhaps for some time past. Saturn the teacher is in your house of financial health and it may be you worry too much about this area. Look at how far you have come and be content in the present. Make your health regime a priority now.

SAGITTARIUS: Your boss Jupiter is sitting in Virgo and as he likes being busy, which means things you want to finish will take longer. The good news is full completion will come and you will be busier and more active than for the last few weeks.

CAPRICORN: The sun in your sign brings more action for your attention this weekend and can assist you to get the job done. This month is a great opportunity to look at what you want for the coming year. Pluto living with you is still digging up the path to changes. It is worth following his lead. Happy Birthday!

AQUARIUS: You are probably feeling like a break away so even if it's time in the garden or a walk on the beach it will work. This is not the time to neglect your duty or work; however next week will be better. Mercury is visiting you so he wants to chill out with you and for you.

PISCES: You are ready for changes no doubt, however you are not willing or able to make the changes yourself. With this in mind take a long walk in nature several times in the coming week and ask yourself where do I wish to be this time next year?



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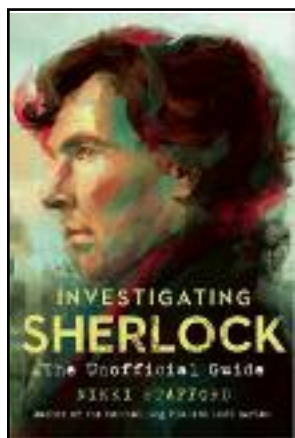
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Investigating Sherlock: an ultimate guide to the great detective

*Exclusive interview
with author Nikki
Stafford and a review
of her book about the
BBC television series
Sherlock*

Rating: ★★★★★

"In past adaptations of the stories, Watson is always the bumbling sidekick and Holmes is the brilliant detective," says *Investigating Sherlock* author Nikki Stafford. "I was always a fan of *Sherlock*, but going into this book I didn't realize just how loyal the show was to the original books and stories of Arthur Conan Doyle. *Sherlock* showrunners Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss chose to follow more closely what Doyle's original vision was and make Sherlock the



detective who's very smart but not very sociable, and John the long-suffering friend who gets his revenge by writing about his rude friend's exploits."

Investigating Sherlock is the ultimate guide to the great detective. The book delves deeply into the BBC version of *Sherlock*. Holmes acts aloof, but whenever Watson's life is in danger, the detective falls apart. Despite the bickering between the

detective and the doctor, there's a deep friendship between the two that's evident in the TV series and in Doyle's stories. *Investigating Sherlock* compares the original stories and each episode.

"The original stories of Arthur Conan Doyle are suspenseful and very well written," says Stafford. "But above all, my favorite thing about them was their humor. Watson's narrative is always very amusing...with Holmes coming off looking like a grade-A jerk half the time. You realize that Doyle was creating this very tongue-in-cheek narrator who was often annoyed by his friend, so he wrote his stories to make him even more annoying."

Stafford's primary research was to sit down with all 56 of the original *Sherlock Holmes* stories, the Penguin complete

edition, and read them from cover to cover. "Until then, I'd really only read *The Hound of the Baskervilles* in high school and liked it, but didn't love it. Had I read *A Study in Scarlet* as my first *Sherlock Holmes* story, I think I would have been a lifelong fan. The story is fantastic, and it's as relevant today as it would have been when Doyle originally wrote it."

Stafford also studied previous film and TV adaptations, as well as parodies and pastiches. While an episode of *Sherlock* may be based primarily on one or two of Doyle's stories, the series writers know his canon inside-out, and often drop a single line from a completely different story into the dialogue.

"It was up to me to figure out where each line came from so I could list

them off to the readers," says Stafford. "There are several moments in the series where the mind palace scenes, where *Sherlock* is searching through the rooms of his memory. That can be a bit convoluted, so I pieced all of those together to give a more down-to-earth explanation of just how brilliantly the writers were showing the development of *Sherlock* as a person throughout the seasons."

Stafford has written books about *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, and *Alias*. She wrote a five-volume series on the TV show *Lost*. For *Xena*, she researched Greek mythology and linked the original myths to how they were changed for the show. For *Buffy* and *Angel*, she dissected vampire and werewolf lore.

If you're new to the BBC



**BOOK CORNER with
Gabrielle Pantera**

Sherlock series, Stafford's book will get you up to speed on the series, characters and actors. A great reference for fans.

Stafford grew up in and is based in London, Ontario, in Canada.

Investigating Sherlock: An Unofficial Guide by Nikki Stafford. September 15, 2015. Paperback, 240 pages, Publisher: ECW Press (September 15, 2015), Language: English ISBN: 9781770412620 \$18.95



We can't stand the rain!

Greeting Britlings!

Yes it a new year and a new name - out with the Breeps and in with the Britlings!

Okay, I know I always talk about the weather - but I simply can't go on without saying, "Bleeding Ada!" If you're reading this in the UK and thinking of coming to Cali for the sunshine you might as well stay at home - it's being peeing it down - seriously bucket loads! Our motorways have become rivers. We have mudslides - which are very dangerous. Storm watch is all over our tellies. "A cat is stuck up a tree, firefighters battle the torrential downpour, but not before

taking twenty minutes to put on their waterproofs and wellies. Of course I made that headline up, but rain is serious news in LA!

In the UK this is probably normal. As reported about a month back, whole towns in the northeast have been swept away. But we are in a city here, a city built on mud and sand, and the truth is the infrastructure just isn't made for rain and can't handle it. And more than likely we will see quite a few roads crumble away over here too. Many people's homes are being flooded, prompting me to visit my local fire station yesterday to fill up sandbags just in case...

readers with similar concerns have many local options for sandbags - which are free - but you do have to fill them up yourselves. Check

lacity.org for an informative map of which flooded areas to avoid and where to pick up free sand!

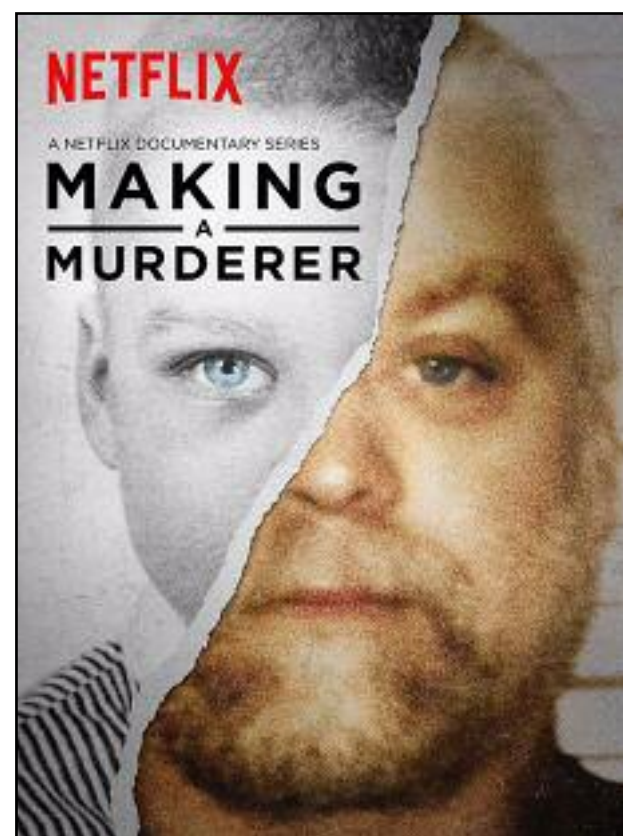
And to think it was only four months ago that we were sweating through a brutally hot September and asking you to conserve water. If only we could think of a way to conserve it - the LA River is at long last full, but just washes the precious stuff into the sea, where it's no good to us and come next summer the river will be dried up again. Perhaps YOU can think of some good ideas, if so shoot us some ideas at britsinla@gmail.com and we'll share them with our readers next week!

So with all this rain I haven't been doing much of the social scene. So I decided to get stuck into the latest trend (well an

addiction really) and it turns out I'm not alone. Almost half a million others are hooked

Making a Muderer, a Netflix docuseries about the trials and convictions of Steven Avery in , Wisconsin. The documentary follows the investigation, trial and conviction of Avery for the 2005 rape and murder of a young woman just two years after Avery was released from serving an 18-year rape sentence when DNA evidence eventually exonerated him. This is TV binge watching at it's best, a ten-part riveting and compelling series, better than any episode of "Law and Order" I've ever seen and it's all true...

UPCOMING EVENTS - Tuesday Jan. 12th - **Brits Breakfast Club** sponsored by Air new Zealand is still the hottest place to be at the happening spot Cecconi's, with chairman Bernard Skibben holding



court.

Thursday, Jan. 14th **Toscars Selection Night:** Who will be parodying which film? It's always a fun get together evening! - And there are still spaces to join in the fun. Check out the online version of this column at

british-weekly.com for the eventbrite ticket link.

All in all, a fun, jam-packed January. Keep dry everyone and we look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Cheers!
Craig Young.

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Hillary Clinton sits down with Amanda de Cadenet!

Democratic presidential candidate front-runner Hillary Clinton will appear for a sit-down interview on a special edition of British actress-producer Amanda de Cadenet's interview series "The Conversation" on Lifetime.

During de Cadenet's exclusive, one-hour discussion with Clinton, the pair will cover the politician's childhood, marriage, role as a grandmother and decision to run for presidency as well as Clinton's stance on women's rights.

Other topics for the interview with de Cadenet include the difficult choices Clinton has had to make throughout life and how they have helped shape her views. Clinton talks about the importance of friendship and date night with Bill, while also revealing the best advice she ever received, how she defines success and what scares her the most.

No stranger to television appearances, Clinton has paid special visits to Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight Show," "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and "Late Night with Seth Meyers"



throughout the course of her campaign. The former secretary of state also cameoed on "Saturday Night Live" opposite recurring Clinton impersonator Kate McKinnon last October and made a guest appearance on Comedy Central's scripted series "Broad City," which was recently renewed for two additional seasons.

Top social media commentators GloZell Green, Chriselle Lim and "Shameless" M'ya, also join and ask the questions many women are thinking about as they prepare to enter the ballot box.

The Conversation with Amanda de Cadenet is produced by The Conversation Group and will air on Wednesday, January 13 at 10pm ET/PT on Lifetime.

PS: Dame Helen, Queen of Style outshines them all!

British star Dame Helen Mirren this week schooled all the youngsters on the first major red carpet of awards season.

The 70-year-old acting legend proved exactly why she is the queen of style as arrived at the Palm Springs Film Festival wearing a



royal blue outfit. Oozing elegance Dame Helen – who won an Oscar for her role in 2007 film *The Queen* – donned a sparkling metallic belt to compliment her two-piece.

With a voluminous skirt paired with a softly knitted cardigan the award-winning actress finished off her look with some matching sapphire earrings.

Showing just a touch of cleavage, the L'Oreal model demonstrated exactly why she is the face of the brand with a freshly blown-out 'do.

Dame Helen's blonde edgy cropped bob, gave her red carpet look a modern glow and her stunning pink-lipped smile helped add yet



BEST OF BRITISH: Dame Helen Mirren in Palm Springs

more beauty. Forgoing to usual clutch the *Woman in Gold* star opted for an over the shoulder contrasting pale blue chain strap purse.

Dame Helen was joined by other Hollywood A-listers at the annual event, including Johnny Depp, Matt Damon, Cate Blanchett and Kate Winslet.

She was there to present a Spotlight award to her *Trumbo* co-star Bryan Cranston.

Helen will likely be a regular on the red carpet as she has already picked up SAG nominations for her role in *The Woman in Gold* and supporting part in the movie alongside the *Breaking Bad* actor.

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British Weekly SPORT

England escape with draw in topsy-turvy second test

Second Test, Cape Town (day five). England 629-6 dec & 159-6 Bairstow 30, Root 29, Piedt 3-38. South Africa 627-7 dec: Amla 201, Bavuma 102**

England survived a top-order collapse on day five as the second Test against South Africa ended in a draw to complete a low-key end to a remarkable five days kicked off by England's Ben Stokes and his record-breaking first innings double century.

Resuming on 16-0 on the final day, a second-innings lead of 18, the tourists lost their top four cheaply and then fell to 116-6 as Ben Stokes and James Taylor departed.

But Jonny Bairstow and Moeen Ali held on before bad light ended play after tea with England, who lead the four-match series 1-0, on 159-6.

After the match, Hashim Amla stepped down as South Africa captain.

The 32-year-old, who succeeded Graeme Smith as permanent skipper in July 2014, left the role having led his team in 14

Tests, winning four, drawing four and losing six.

Amla, who cited the need to "work on my own game", will be replaced as captain by AB de Villiers for the final two Tests.

Amla's 707-minute 201 in South Africa's first innings was one of the reasons a draw was always the likely result after four days dominated by the bat on a flat Newlands wicket.

But England made hard work of it, as the loss of early wickets gave South Africa hope of levelling the series after the tourists' victory in the first Test in Durban.

For the first time in the match, cloudy conditions in the morning offered something for the bowlers - and the home side took advantage.

Captain Alastair Cook was the first to go, feathering his second ball from Kagiso Rabada down the leg side and into the gloves of Quinton de Kock.

He was soon followed by fellow opener Alex Hales, brilliantly caught one-handed at third slip by the diving Chris

Morris off Morne Morkel.

Cook's eight means he has now scored just 42 runs in his four innings so far this tour, while Hales' dismissal further highlights his fallibility outside off stump.

Joe Root and Nick Compton rallied slightly, adding 36 for the third wicket, but both fell as they were gaining momentum - the former bowled by Morris for a run-a-ball 29 before the latter chipped spinner Dane Piedt to short mid-on to depart for 15.

After smashing a record-breaking 258 from 198 balls in the first innings, Stokes was required to demonstrate a more disciplined side to his game along with Taylor, but both fell to Piedt in quick succession - Stokes misjudging a sweep to Morkel at deep mid-wicket and Taylor gloving a rising delivery to Temba Bavuma at short-leg.

The depth to which England bat was their salvation, chiefly in the shape of Bairstow, who followed his 150 not out in the first innings with an unbeaten 30 during a stand of 43 with the



HISTORY MAN: Ben Stokes hit the fastest double century for England and the second fastest in history, on day two of the second Test with South Africa in Cape Town. Stokes, in his 21st Test, resumed on 74 and raced to 200 in 163 balls to beat Ian Botham's 220-ball record. Jonny Bairstow (150) struck his maiden Test century and shared in a stand of 399, a sixth-wicket world record. Only New Zealand's Nathan Astle has reached a Test double hundred more quickly than Stokes, off 153 balls against England in 2002.

equally resolute Moeen (10 not out).

The partnership was not without its scares, most notably a stumping of Bairstow off spinner Dean Elgar, over which the video umpire took an age before deciding the Yorkshire player had made his ground by a toe's length.

Having survived to tea, during which light rain briefly fell, the pair were only required to bat six overs of the evening session before bad light brought an early end to the match, with 59 eventful overs bowled in the day.

England led the four match series 1-0 and after Stoke's heroics at the weekend looked to be strolling towards an unassailable 2-0 lead, before South Africa matched the tourists' total and had the better of them on the final day.

The change in fortune prompted former England batsman Geoffrey Boycott to predict England now face a tough fight to hold onto their series lead. Speaking on Test Match Special, the Yorkshire legend said: "South Africa have confidence now and England have a contest on their hands in Johannesburg."

Tributes flow for Ryder Cup hero 'junior'

The world of golf has paid tribute to Christy O'Connor Jnr, the Irishman made famous by one of the greatest shots in Ryder Cup history.

The nephew of Christy O'Connor Snr enjoyed a long and lucrative career on the European tour, but his name became etched into golfing lore with his two iron against Fred Couples at the Belfry in 1989. The moment summed up the resurgence of the European team, who, under Tony Jacklin, refused to act like their predecessors and bow to the might of America.

With O'Connor having failed to win a full point in either his debut in 1975 or in the 1989 match before the singles, nobody gave him a chance against Couples, then the hottest property in golf. But with his side desperate for the point his victory over Couples would bring, Jacklin enthused him and, with Couples a full 50 yards ahead of him after their drives on the last hole, O'Connor hit his approach to four feet.

With the crowds



HEAVENS ABOVE: Christy O'Connor celebrates on the Belfry's 18th green in 1989

roaring, a stunned Couples could not even make the putting surface and O'Connor was not required to putt, securing the point which was crucial as Europe retained the cup with a 14-14 draw. In triumph, O'Connor took off his trademark flat cap, looked up to the heavens and crossed his heart before hugging his wife, Ann.

Jacklin led the eulogies. "It is very sad news," he said. "We were delighted to have him on the team in 1989. I caught Christy on the 18th and said, 'Come on, one more good swing for Ireland' and of course he hit the shot of his lifetime. We couldn't have retained it without him."

Final scoreboard		
England: 1st Innings	TM Amla b Broad	201
AN Cook c Morris b Rabada	AB de Villiers c Anderson b Finn	85
A D Hales c De Villiers b Morkel	F du Plessis c Stokes b Anderson	85
N R D Compton c Bavuma b Rabada	T Bavuma not out	102
J E Root c De Kock b Morris	PG de Kock c Anderson b Broad	5
J W A Taylor c De Kock b Rabada	CH Morris c Root b Finn	50
B A Stokes run out	K S Rabada not out	25
T M Bairstow not out	Extras (b 12, lb 6, w 13)	2
M M Ali not out	Total O'wickets dec, 211 overall	627
Extras (b 12, lb 6, w 13)	D L Nord and M Mordele do not bat	
Total (6 wickets dec, 125.5 overs)	Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-65, 3-108, 4-145, 5-167, 6-185	
South Africa: 1st Innings	bowling: Anderson 26-3-121-3, Broad 24-6-112-2, de Kock 20-3-78-2, Finn 20-4-88-2, Morris 19-4-81-2, Rabada 20-4-84-2	
O Elgar c Compton b Stokes	Extras (b 12, lb 6, w 13)	2
S van Zyl run out	Total (6 wickets dec, 125.5 overs)	629
	bowling: Amla 20-3-102-1, de Kock 10-1-42-1, de Villiers 10-1-42-1, du Plessis 10-1-42-1, Morkel 10-1-42-1, Morris 10-1-42-1, Rabada 10-1-42-1	
	Extras (b 12, lb 6, w 13)	2
	Total (6 wickets dec, 125.5 overs)	629

Guardiola:

cont. from back page

replaced permanently by his nemesis, if owner Roman Abramovich can persuade the 44-year-old he has the vision not to resort to the axe if things do not immediately go according to plan. London will likely appeal, but will Guardiola gamble with a club with a history of hiring and firing? Odds: 9/2

Manchester United

Louis van Gaal's position is less than secure, with even sponsors Adidas criticizing United's style of play. After David Moyes and the Dutchman, Guardiola could be the successor to Sir Alex Ferguson that United have been looking for. The chance to revive a giant could appeal. Odds: 10/1

Arsenal

Arsene Wenger is in his 20th year as Arsenal boss and the Gunners will have the challenge of finding his successor at some point. If London is where Guardiola wishes to be, Arsenal may offer a 'safer' alternative than Chelsea, with the stability and resources in place to thrive. Odds: 14/1 (All odds from Ladbrokes)

Positive Ibe lifts Klopp

Liverpool hold a precious advantage going into the Capital One Cup semi-final second leg after Jordon Ibe's goal gave them victory at Stoke City on Tuesday night.

Jurgen Klopp's side take the lead to Anfield for the return on 26 January despite losing influential midfielder man Philippe Coutinho and defender Dejan Lovren to

hamstring injuries before half-time.

Ibe, on for Coutinho, struck at the far post in the 37th minute after clever build-up work by Adam Lallana and Joe Allen.

Stoke failed to reproduce the form that has brought them home wins against Chelsea, Manchester City and Manchester United in recent times and, when they did force an opening, Liverpool keeper Simon Mignolet saved well from Glen Johnson and Joselu.

Substitute Jon Walters wasted their best chance deep into stoppage time and Liverpool are now favourites to meet either Everton or Manchester City at Wembley.

Klopp left the media to guess at the "three words" he delivered to his players after a dismal performance in defeat at West Ham United on Saturday.

He had no need to rein in his message here as Liverpool bristled with an intensity from the first whistle that shocked Stoke City in such a manner they struggled to recover any rhythm or composure.

It was another example of the two-faced nature of Liverpool's performances under Klopp since he arrived to succeed the sacked Brendan Rodgers in early October.

This display, full of steely resolve and the incessant pressing Klopp demands, was more akin

to the outstanding away victories at Chelsea (3-1), Manchester City (4-1) and the 6-1 win at Southampton in the quarter-final.

And yet Klopp has still had to suffer the frustration of Liverpool barely turning up in losses at Newcastle United, Watford and West Ham.

This was more like the model of what he will expect on a consistent basis when he has really settled into his work at Liverpool - and it has given him a big opportunity of marking his first season with a Wembley appearance.

Curtis to stay with Swans

Swansea City have announced caretaker boss Alan Curtis will remain in charge of the Premier League club for the rest of the season.

The 61-year-old took over after Garry Monk was sacked on 9 December.

Former Swans player Curtis has since led the side to one win, two draws and two defeats in five games, including three clean sheets.

Swansea lie 17th in the table, two points above the relegation zone, after Saturday's loss at Manchester United.

In a statement, Swans chairman Huw Jenkins said: "We have all been impressed with the way he has improved performance levels over the last five games.

"The players have obviously responded to him because we have seen an uplift in performances.

"I know some people will query why we didn't have a replacement lined up when we parted company with Garry Monk, but we didn't expect to be in the

situation we were in when you look at our position mid-September."

Gareth Bale would turn Manchester United into genuine Premier League title contenders, says former Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp after growing reports linking the player with an Old Trafford move.

Redknapp was 26-year-old Bale's manager at Tottenham between 2008 and 2012.

The Wales striker, who cost Real Madrid a world

record £85m when they signed him from Spurs in 2013, has been linked with a move to Old Trafford.

"He's a special player who can make the difference," Redknapp told BBC Radio Wales.

Tuesday's Results

Capital One Cup Semi-final First Leg
STOKE (H)..... 0 LIVERPOOL (A)
Att: 27,369 bc 37

Wednesday's Results

Capital One Cup Semi-final First Leg
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Fulham 4G Aston Villa 7G
Leeds 7B

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE												
HOME						AWAY						Pts
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1 Arsenal	20	7	2	1	16	6	6	1	3	16	12	42
2 Leicester	20	5	4	1	16	13	6	3	1	21	12	40
3 Man City	20	8	0	2	29	12	4	3	3	10	9	39
4 Tottenham	20	5	4	1	18	7	4	5	1	16	9	36
5 Man Utd	20	5	4	1	12	4	4	2	4	12	13	33
6 West Ham	20	4	4	2	16	12	4	4	2	14	11	32
7 Crystal Palace	20	4	2	5	12	12	5	2	2	11	7	31
8 Liverpool	20	4	3	2	11	11	4	3	4	11	13	30
9 Watford	20	4	2	5	11	10	4	3	2	14	12	29
10 Stoke	20	4	1	4	10	9	4	4	3	11	12	29
11 Everton	20	3	4	4	23	20	3	5	1	13	9	27
12 West Brom	20	4	2	5	14	17	3	3	3	6	8	26
13 Southampton	20	4	2	4	17	13	2	4	4	9	11	24
14 Chelsea	20	4	2	4	15	14	2	3	5	11	15	23
15 Norwich	20	4	3	3	12	10	2	2	6	11	22	23
16 AFC Bournemouth	20	2	4	3	10	13	3	2	6	12	21	21
17 Swansea	20	3	4	3	9	12	1	3	6	8	14	19
18 Newcastle	20	2	4	4	14	14	2	1	7	5	21	17
19 Sunderland	20	3	2	5	12	11	1	1	8	10	28	15
20 Aston Villa	20	0	3	6	8	13	1	2	8	10	24	8

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BIRMINGHAM (H)..... 2 BRENTFORD (A)..... 1	Waggon 55 Hoffmann 77	Att: 17,555	BARNESLEY (H)..... 2 MILLWALL (A)..... 1	Ward 12 Morris 81	Att: 8,700	BRISTOL RVS (H) 2 LUTON (A)..... 0	Geffney 80, 72	Att: 8,131			
BOLTON (H)..... 0 HUDDERSFLD (A)..... 2	Att: 15,969	Att: 16,090	BURTON ALB (H)..... 1 BLACKPOOL (A)..... 0	Hamm 167	Att: 8,700	CANBRIE (H)..... 1 AFC WYOMING (A)..... 4	Berry 20	Robinson 84			
BURNLEY (H)..... 0 IPSWICH (A)..... 0	Att: 16,307	Att: 16,307	CHESTERFIELD (H)..... 3 SHREWSBURY (A)..... 1	Duffy 63	Att: 4,939	CARLISLE (H)..... 0 PLYMOUTH (A)..... 2	Att: 5,754	Roberts 84			
CARDIFF (H)..... 1 BLACKBURN (A)..... 0	Mason 58	Att: 14,385	CREWE (H)..... 0 COVENTRY (A)..... 5	Att: 6,233	Att: 6,233	EXETER (H)..... 1 DAG & RED (A)..... 0	Att: 4,415	Nichols 43			
CHARLTON (H)..... 1 NOTTM FOR (A)..... 1	Christofersen 70	Oscom 44	FLEETWOOD (H)..... 2 BURY (A)..... 0	Att: 6,946	Att: 6,946	MANCHESTER (H)..... 2 ACCRINGTON (A)..... 3	Att: 3,463	Green 27			
FULHAM (H)..... 0 SHEFF WED (A)..... 1	Att: 19,263	Att: 16,090	GILLINGHAM (H)..... 3 BRADFORD (A)..... 0	Att: 3,901	Att: 3,901	NEWPORT..... P HARTLEPOOL..... P	Att: 5,877	Att: 5,877			
LEEDS (H)..... 1 MK DONS (A)..... 1	Att: 24,356	Att: 24,356	OLDHAM (H)..... 1 COLCHESTER (A)..... 1	Att: 3,636	Att: 3,636	NORTHAMPTN (H)..... 3 BARNET (A)..... 0	Att: 5,877	Att: 5,877			
MIDDLESBRO (H)..... 2 DERBY (A)..... 0	Att: 32,870	Att: 32,870	PORT VALE..... P SWINDON..... P	Att: 7,184	Att: 7,184	PORTSMOUTH (H)..... 3 CRAWLEY TN (A)..... 0	Att: 3,656	Att: 3,656			
PRESTON (H)..... 2 ROTHERHAM (A)..... 1	Att: 19,677	Att: 19,677	SCUNTHORPE (H)..... 1 WIGAN (A)..... 1	Att: 4,857	Att: 4,857	STEVENAGE (H)..... 2 1 ORIENT (A)..... 2	Att: 4,022	Att: 4,022			
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Weekend Scotland												
Ladbrokes Premiership						Ladbrokes Championship						Pts
CELTIC (H)..... 1 PARTICK (A)..... 0	Griffiths 50	Att: 46,067	ALLOA (H)..... 0 FALGUK (A)..... 1	Dunbarton 13 5 2 2 57 35 47	Falkirk 20 13 5 2 36 35 44							
DUNDEE (H)..... 2 DUNDEE UTD (A)..... 1	Hemmings 41	Att: 11,025	DUNBARTON (H)..... 0 RANGERS (A)..... 6	Hibernian 20 14 2 3 33 35 44	Rangers 20 14 2 3 33 35 44							
INVERNESS CT (H)..... 2 ROSS CNTY (A)..... 0	Stewart 35, Tennant 40	Att: 5,388	HIBERNIAN (H)..... 2 QM OF STH (A)..... 2	Raith 19 8 3 7 32 24 27	Queen of Sth 19 8 3 7 32 24 27							
NILMARNOCK (H)..... 2 HEARTS (A)..... 2	Balston 43	Att: 5,388	LIVINGSTON (H)..... 0 QM OF STH (A)..... 2	Morton 19 8 3 7 32 24 27	Morton 19 8 3 7 32 24 27							
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Lukaku late show gives Blues the edge

Everton hold the advantage in their League Cup semi-final against Manchester City after Romelu Lukaku's 19th goal of the season gave them a 2-1 victory in the first leg at Goodison Park Wednesday night.

City looked to have secured a draw with 14 minutes left, when Jesus Navas finished a sweeping counter attack following brilliant work by Sergio Aguero.

That equaliser cancelled out Ramiro Funes Mori's opener for Everton on the stroke of half-time.

Argentine Funes Mori pounced after Willy Caballero saved Ross Barkley's shot - although City were nursing an understandable sense of

injustice with Lukaku standing in an offside position in front of the keeper.

Everton refused to be sunk by Navas' sucker punch and responded within two minutes, Lukaku heading in his 12th goal in 12 games from Gareth Barry's perfect cross. Everton had efforts from John Stones and Lukaku rightly ruled out for offside - and it looked like a case of third time lucky for Martinez's team when Funes Mori struck just before half-time.

Caballero did well to block Barkley's shot, even though the giant figure of Lukaku was clearly standing offside, and appeared to be in the City keeper's line of

vision. Lukaku did not touch the ball, and did not appear to make a movement towards it, so the debate centred on whether he was interfering with an opponent by obstructing Caballero's view.

Referee Robert Madley waved away City's protests and Everton grasped at their good fortune - but the visitors had every right to feel they were hard done by.

That was not the only frustration for City manager Manuel Pellegrini, who felt his side had a strong penalty appeal rejected when Navas went down under a Kevin Mirallas challenge.

"Everton's first goal was absolutely offside



ADVANTAGE BLUE: The Everton striker's winner gave his team a narrow advantage over Manchester City in the Capital Cup semi final this week. Manchester United are rumored to be preparing a £40m bid for the Belgian star and it was a clear penalty referee after the game - we have to win 1-0 at home. I still think we are able to play in the Capital One Cup final."

Pepping up the Prem!



MAGIC MAN: Pep Guardiola's announcement that he will manage in England next season is expected to spark a bidding war among the Premiership's biggest clubs

Pep Guardiola will likely spark a bidding war between English football's biggest clubs following his announcement that he will leave Bayern Munich at the end of the season to try his luck in the Premier League.

Here we take a quick

look at his potential destinations and why he might choose them:

Manchester City
The Catalan worked with City's chief executive Ferran Soriano and director of football Txiki Beguiristain during his time at Barcelona. He may

wish to reprise the relationship and take inconsistent City to the next level domestically and in Europe, with Manuel Pellegrini's position less than stable.

Odds: 2/9
Chelsea
Jose Mourinho could be **cont. on page 19, col. 1**



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11.45am Aston Villa v Cr. Palace
11.45am Bournemouth v West Ham

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11.45am Chelsea v WBA
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Noon Liverpool v Arsenal

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