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COVID: UK 'PAST THE PEAK' AS 10m JABS ARE GIVEN

'Colossal' milestone in war on Covid gives us new signs of hope, says PM

BORIS Johnson has revealed new "signs of hope" as Britain received a double boost in our fight against Covid.

The Prime Minister announced on Wednesday that the vaccination campaign had reached a colossal 10 million jabs, while officials insisted the UK was "past the peak" of the second wave.

He promised that his Government could now "begin to chart a way out" of lockdown following a drop in the infection rate, coupled with scientific evidence confirming vaccines DO curb Covid transmission.

Mr Johnson added: "With every jab and every day, we have more evidence about the effectiveness of these vaccines."

And a senior scientist on the Oxford vaccine team said the virus could be reduced to the level of the common cold by a successful vaccine programme.

Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty confirmed that the UK was now past the peak of the second wave as figures showed

the NHS had managed to vaccinate 10,021,471 people by Tuesday.

That included almost nine out of 10 people aged 75 and over in England.

Full of praise, the PM said: "We have passed the milestone of 10 million vaccinations in the United Kingdom, including almost 90 per cent of those aged 75 and over in England and every eligible person in a care home." He thanked all those involved in the effort, including manufacturers, delivery drivers, pharmacists, military medics, doctors, nurses and countless volunteers.

'going down steadily'

Mr Johnson said evidence was increasingly showing that the vaccines reduce death and serious illness from the major variants of Covid.

He promised to publish new data over the next fortnight "so that we can begin to chart a way ahead".

He added: "Though

today there are some signs of hope – the numbers of Covid patients in hospital are beginning to fall for the first time since the onset of this new wave – the level of infection is still alarmingly high."

Wednesday's figures of 16,840 new cases compare with almost 60,000 less than a month ago.

Prof Whitty said the number of positive Covid tests was "going down steadily".

He said: "There is now a continual steady decline thanks to the work of everyone in the entire country in avoiding unnecessary contact."

Numbers of people in hospital with Covid had decreased from its peak "quite noticeably".

Prof Whitty added: "This is still a major problem but one that is heading in the right way."

Asked if the second coronavirus wave had passed its peak, the Chief Medical Officer said cautiously: "I think that



LEADING THE WAY: the UK's vaccine numbers are the highest in Europe

most of my colleagues think we are past the peak.

"Now, that doesn't mean you could never have another peak.

"But, at this point in time, provided people continue to follow the guidelines, we're on the downward slope of cases, of hospitalisations and of deaths, in all four of the nations of the United Kingdom.

"So I think, at this point, this peak at least, we are past."

Andrew Pollard, a member of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine team, said the virus could end up "like other viruses that are around us all the

time".

He said he is confident that they will be able to handle the mutations which have developed.

Mr Pollard said the team expected the vaccine to be capable of dealing with the Kent variant and would eventually reduce the virus to the level of "colds and mild infections".

He added: "It's likely over time that the virus will find ways of adapting so it can continue to pass between people.

"But that doesn't mean that we won't still have protection.

"The virus is about being able to continue to survive, rather than trying

to cause harm to us.

"One of the things that we know about these new variants is that they are making changes that allow them to avoid human immune responses so that they can still transmit."

Health Secretary Matt Hancock was delighted with the 10 million jab milestone.

He said: "This terrific achievement is testament to the monumental effort of NHS workers, volunteers and the Armed Forces who have been working tirelessly in every corner of the UK to deliver the largest vaccination programme in our history."

News From Britain

All adults could be vaccinated by May as rollout gathers pace

HOPES have been raised that all UK adults could be vaccinated by May, with reports this week that 2.9 million people aged 65-69 will be invited for jabs next week.

Whitehall insiders were said to be growing more optimistic about the pace of the rollout, with more than 10 million first doses administered.

Some believe there is a realistic prospect that by the start of May every adult might have been offered their first jab, Sky News reported.

Speaking before the figures were updated, Health Secretary Matt Hancock was cautiously optimistic and stressed that the programme was on track but not ahead of

schedule.

He told the Commons: "Our vaccine rollout continues at pace.

With each vaccine we administer, we are one step closer to normal.

"We have vaccinated 9.2 million people and I want to thank everyone involved in this collective national effort that saw nearly a million people get vaccinated last weekend alone or, put it another way, one in 60 of all of the adults in the UK.

"We have now protected almost nine out of every ten people over 80 and half of people in their 70s. And I'm delighted that we have been able to visit every eligible care home – 10,307 in total."

Around 53 million

adults need to be inoculated and Government figures show the seven-day rolling average for first doses delivered per day is around 400,000.

If the pace is maintained, all adults could receive a first dose by late May.

This does not factor in the need to deliver second doses within 12 weeks of the first. The Government delayed second doses to help more people receive partial protection, but from next month the total of second jabs will need to rise significantly.

Mr Hancock said the Government was confident it would have the supplies to meet its target of offering a first injection to the top



four priority groups by February 15.

He added: "We now have over 400 million doses of vaccine on order, including an additional 40 million doses from Valneva."

The Government had said all adults should be offered a vaccine by September but if the rollout is ahead of schedule the next priority group, people aged 65-69, could be invited for appointments from next

week.

No 10 said that decision was for "individual hospitals and GPs".

priority groups

The Prime Minister's spokesman said: "The priority is to ensure that we vaccinate all those who are in the top four groups by February 15.

"Then the next step after that will be to ensure not only that those in the top four groups receive their second dose

within 12 weeks but then continuing the rollout of the vaccine to the rest of the phase one cohort."

Small numbers of people aged 65-69 have already been invited to be given the jab. This has been in some areas which have vaccinated higher priority groups but still have spare doses.

NHS England declined to comment on when eligibility would be extended to everyone in that age group.

Post-Covid spending spree expected to regenerate UK economy

The economy could return to pre-pandemic levels by early next year as households start spending their £125 billion of lockdown savings and the vaccination programme reopens the country, the Bank of England said this week.

Households have built up record levels of excess savings, stashing away five times as much as in any previous nine-month period on record, as the economy was repeatedly

shut down.

The Bank expects £6.25 billion of the "pent up" savings to be spent but said that the recovery would be even swifter if the public spent more.

The latest forecasts are that national income will have recovered all the ground lost since the end of 2019 within 12 months, despite the severe lockdown.

"The underlying assumption is that the vaccination programme assists very positively.

That is very good news. It is an excellent story," Andrew Bailey, the Bank's governor, said.

The rebound may be even stronger if people dip deeper into their savings, he added. Rather than spend it all, the Bank expects people to use almost £120 billion of the extra savings to top up their pensions, pay off debts or to invest.

Savings will rise further during the lockdown. "That [£125 billion] figure is likely to rise



OUTLOOK ROSY? Consumers spending could top £6bn, says The Bank of England

substantially further over the first half of 2021," the Bank said. Bailey added: "One of the things we deliberated a lot on this time is the pace in which they are used in the recovery phase. There is a risk that it could be larger. So it's an upside risk."

The Bank found that most people expected life "to return to normal" within a year because the arrival of vaccines had "boosted confidence that the pandemic will be brought under control", which would "support a material

recovery in household spending". It pointed out that people had already begun booking summer holidays. "Positive news on vaccines has reduced consumers' caution around booking domestic travel and accommodation for later in the year."

The Bank assumes that the vaccination programme will allow for the lifting of restrictions to begin in April and for them to be fully removed by the end of September. Once lockdown ends, the economic recovery will

be swift.

In November the Bank had expected the economy to shrink in the final three months of 2020 as the mini-lockdown was imposed. It now expects zero or "mildly positive" growth and that recession — defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth — will be avoided. Overall GDP last year is thought to have shrunk by 10 per cent, not 11 per cent as forecast in November. Even so, that is the worst recession in three centuries.



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Regulator revokes license for Chinese network

UK media regulator Ofcom has revoked the broadcasting license of Chinese state-backed network CGTN after it was unable to show that it operates independently of the Chinese Communist Party.

Under UK broadcasting laws, organizations that hold broadcasting licenses may be state-funded, but must not be controlled by political bodies.

Following a months-long investigation, Ofcom concluded that license holder Star China Media Limited did not have control over China Global Television Network's editorial output.

Ofcom gave CGTN time to transfer its license to China Global Television Network Corporation, but the regulator was not satisfied that this new entity would be free from political meddling, not least because it is controlled by CCTV.

"Given the revocation of a broadcast licence is a significant interference with a broadcaster's right to freedom of expression, we considered it appropriate to allow CGTN a reasonable period of time to come into compliance," Ofcom said.

A spokesperson said: "Our investigation showed that the licence for China Global Television Network is held by an entity which has no editorial control over its programmes. We are unable to approve the application to transfer the licence to China Global Television Network Corporation because it is ultimately controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, which is not permitted under UK broadcasting law."

BEST OF BRITISH: tributes flow as Covid hero Sir Tom Moore dies at 100

THE QUEEN has led tributes to Captain Sir Tom Moore who lifted the nation's hopes in the darkest hours of the battle with Covid.

The national inspiration, who raised nearly £33million for the NHS by walking round his garden, died from the virus, aged 100 on Tuesday.

Sir Tom's actions saw him knighted by the Queen and he even reached number one in the music charts with a recording of You'll Never Walk Alone with Michael Ball.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson led tributes to the war veteran, saying: "Captain Sir Tom Moore was a hero in the truest sense of the word.

"In the dark days of the Second World War, he fought for freedom and in the face of this country's deepest post-war crisis, he united us all, he cheered us all up, and he embodied the triumph of the human spirit.

'national inspiration'

"It is quite astonishing that at the age of 100 he raised more than £32 million for the NHS, and so gave countless others their own chance to thank the extraordinary men and women who have protected us through the pandemic.

"He became not just a national inspiration but a beacon of hope for the world. Our thoughts are with his daughter Hannah and all his family."

Mr Johnson spoke to his daughter Hannah Ingram-Moore to offer his condolences after the announcement Tuesday afternoon of her father's death at Bedford Hospital.

The flag above 10 Downing Street flew at half-mast following the news and a solemn tribute was made at

council buildings across the country. Landmarks were lit up in his honour including the arch at Wembley Stadium, the London Eye and Blackpool Tower.

Buckingham Palace said the Queen was sending a private message of condolence to his family.

A statement read: "Her Majesty very much enjoyed meeting Capt Sir Tom and his family at Windsor last year. Her thoughts, and those of the Royal Family, are with them, recognising the inspiration he provided for the whole nation and others across the world."

'rejuvenated'

The former soldier was unknown 12 months ago but became a worldwide symbol of tenacity and hope as Covid wreaked havoc.

During the height of the first wave in April last year the Second World War veteran came up with an idea to say thank you to the medics who helped save his life.

At the age of 99 he set about raising a modest £1,000 by walking 100 lengths of his garden in Marston Moretaine, Beds, before his 100th birthday.

But his daily walks with the aid of a stroller quickly saw him become an inspiration to millions and encapsulated the very best of Britain.

Capt Sir Tom had fought pneumonia and Covid for 11 days but the drugs he was being given for pneumonia meant he could not receive a vaccine jab.

He was able to see Hannah and his loving grandchildren Benjie, 16, and Georgia, 11, hours before he died.

His daughters Hannah Ingram-Moore and Lucy Teixeira said in a statement: "We are so



Sir Tom raised almost £33m for the NHS during the Covid lockdown

grateful that we were with him during the last hours of his life.

"We spent hours chatting to him, reminiscing about our childhood and our wonderful mother. We shared laughter and tears together.

"The last year of our father's life was nothing short of remarkable.

He was rejuvenated and experienced things he'd only ever dreamed of. Whilst he'd been in so many hearts for just a short time, he was an incredible father and grandfather, and he will stay alive in our hearts forever."

During the past five years Capt Sir Tom had

been receiving treatment for prostate and skin cancer but made the decision not to have invasive treatment.

He and his family were gifted a five-star trip to Barbados on December 11, which he described as a bucket list item ticked off.

They returned to Britain on January 6.

He was admitted to hospital on January 12 and was diagnosed with pneumonia. On January 22, the day he was discharged, he tested positive. He was taken by ambulance to Bedford Hospital on Sunday.

Born in Keighley, West Yorkshire, in 1920, the decorated hero served

with distinction in the Second World War.

He was conscripted in 1940 and posted to India before joining the fight in Burma.

Capt Sir Tom lived in Kent for many years but, after the death of his wife Pamela in 2006, moved in with his daughter Hannah, her husband Colin and their children.

Tributes poured in from around the world following the news.

A tweet from the White House said: "We join the United Kingdom and the world in honouring the memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, who inspired millions through his life and his actions."



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Harry will lose treasured roles in the Armed Forces

PRINCE Harry's commitment to the military may remain steadfast but he is set to lose three of his cherished positions in Britain's Armed Forces.

A review of the first year of "Megxit", the Duke and Duchess's decision to quit their senior royal roles and live in California, is expected to strip him of key military patronages.

His appointments as Captain General of the Royal Marines, Honorary Air Commandant of RAF Honington in Bury St Edmunds, and Commodore-in-Chief, Small Ships and Diving, Royal Naval Command have all been suspended for a year.

Much to his disappointment, the Queen took them from him and then agreed to hold the positions in abeyance for a year in case Harry, 36, and Meghan, 39, decided they had made a terrible mistake and wanted to return to the Firm.

But there is no sign of that happening.

As much as Harry misses his formal links with the military, friends say he and Meghan are happy with their new life with son Archie in an £11million mansion in Montecito.

And senior figures inside the Royal Household have given every indication that the Queen will not be changing her mind about allowing Harry to retain his military patronages if her grandson stays outside the Firm.

There will be a review on or around March 31 but it is likely to be a lowkey one. A source said: "There's not much to discuss."

At that point a formal decision is expected to be made to strip Harry of the roles.

MSPs reject call for probe into Trump finances

■ Scottish Greens sought 'unexplained wealth order' into Turnberry purchase

Members of the Scottish Parliament have voted to reject calls for Donald Trump's business interests in Scotland to be investigated.

The Scottish Greens had wanted the Trump Organisation's golf courses probed via an unexplained wealth order.

It requires individuals to explain the source of wealth used to acquire property and other assets in the UK.

Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf said it would be an abuse of power for MSPs to tell prosecutors what to investigate.

The Scottish Greens motion at the Scottish Parliament was successfully amended by Mr Yousaf with the backing of SNP and Conservative MSPs to instead say there "must not be political interference in the

enforcement of the law".

The bid by the Greens to have Scottish ministers petition the Court of Session to issue an unexplained wealth order into Mr Trump's purchase of the Turnberry golf resort and his development at Menie in Aberdeenshire had been supported by Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Speaking ahead of the debate, Mr Trump's son Eric Trump warned that the move could deter overseas investors.

Eric Trump, who is a trustee and executive vice-president of the Trump Organization, said: "At a critical time when politicians should be focused on saving lives and reopening businesses in Scotland, they are focused on advancing their personal agendas.

"The Trump Organisation has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into



Eric Trump (left) with Donald and family at the opening of Trump Turnberry

the Scottish economy, rescued Turnberry, and rebuilt it into one of the finest resorts anywhere in the world.

"In both Aberdeen and Turnberry, the Trump Organisation has created thousands of jobs and has made an overwhelming contribution to the leisure and tourism industry."

Scottish Greens co-

leader Patrick Harvie said there were "serious concerns" about how Donald Trump financed the cash purchases of his Scottish golf courses.

Mr Harvie said: "As entertaining as Eric Trump's tantrum is, he doesn't say where his dad got the money to buy his Scottish golf courses, which is exactly why I'm calling on the

Scottish government to seek an unexplained wealth order."

A Scottish government spokesman said earlier this week: "Any decision on whether to apply to the Court of Session for an unexplained wealth order is made on behalf of Scottish ministers by the Civil Recovery Unit (CRU) which reports to the Lord Advocate."

Return of sport and socialising outdoors when Covid-19 lockdown eases

Outdoor sport and socialising are set to be among the first activities to be allowed after schools return next month, according to reports from Westminster.

Boris Johnson's plans for a release from lockdown in the spring will prioritize open-air contact and set out dates for the opening of retail and then hospitality after pupils return to classrooms.

Outdoor activity is likely to be permitted first in each phase. Team and individual sports such as golf and tennis, along with limited social gatherings outside, would therefore be possible within weeks of a planned return of schools from March 8.

Outside markets are likely to be allowed to open before high street shops, and al-fresco dining before eating indoors. Government sources said that the plans were

"tentative", and that only the date for the earliest return of pupils had been agreed. The prime minister has ordered a simplification of the rules to remove requirements such as those on pubs to serve a "substantial meal" alongside alcoholic drinks.

A new set of indicators to be used to judge whether England can move to the next stage of the release is being prepared. Johnson has said that he does not want a return to regional tiers.

In other developments:

- Britain recorded 20,634 new coronavirus cases, with the seven-day average down by 25.7 per cent. There were 915 more deaths reported, bringing the seven-day average down 16.6 per cent.

- More than 1,400 travellers a day arriving in Britain from 33 high-risk countries will have to pay £1,000 for 11 days of hotel



RETURN TO ALMOST NORMAL? A new set of indicators to be used to judge whether England can move to the next stage of the release is being prepared

quarantine.

- Fines for breaching self-isolation for the first time could be increased from £1,000 to £5,000 under plans being considered by ministers.

- People who decline the job will be tracked down and persuaded to reconsider, the vaccine minister has suggested.

Johnson is under pressure from Conservative MPs to ease lockdown restrictions quickly as figures show that the pressure on the NHS is starting to ease. Some senior scientists predicted this week that Britain could be back to near normal by the summer, with people

able to meet relatives next month.

NHS chiefs are preparing to oppose demands for a swift easing of restrictions, pointing out that hospitals still have thousands more Covid-19 patients than last April and attempts to restart routine care would be set back by another surge in infections.

Mandatory quarantine from Covid hotspots coming next week

Thousands of hotel rooms to be set aside for 10-day isolation

UK residents returning from coronavirus hotspots abroad will have to quarantine in hotels from 15 February, the government has confirmed.

Hotel owners will be asked to provide rooms for more than 1,000 new people every day, documents suggest.

Passengers will have to stay in their rooms for 10 nights, with security guards accompanying if they go outside.

Labour called the measures "too little, too late" to deal properly with new overseas strains of Covid.

"It is beyond comprehension that these measures won't even start until 15 February," said shadow home

secretary Nick Thomas-Symonds.

Quarantine hotels are expected to be set up near airports including Heathrow, Gatwick, London City, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

The rules will apply to UK nationals and residents returning to the country from 30 "red list" Covid-19 hotspots - including several South American and African countries where new Covid variants have been detected in large numbers of people - and passengers will be expected to pay for the cost of the accommodation - likely to be about £800.

Most foreign nationals

from high-risk countries already face UK travel bans.

Ministers are also likely to increase the fines for people who break the rules. Home Office sources have said they expect fines will have a deterrent effect so traveller numbers are likely to fall from 1000 a day swiftly.

According to a source, the government wants quarantine hotels to be made available "on an exclusive basis".

Guests will have three meals a day in their rooms, with tea, coffee, fruit and water being available.

Security will "accompany any of the arrived individuals to access outside space



SIGN OF THE TIMES: travelers arriving at Heathrow this week

should they need to smoke or get fresh air", one document says.

One hospitality industry source said the government estimated the cost at about £80 per night per person.

"If they are taking rooms for 1,425 passengers per night until 31 March, that is a bill of £55m," they added.

A Department of

Health spokesperson said it was working "at pace" to roll out managed quarantine facilities in the run-up to 15 February.

"In the face of new variants, it is important that the government continues to take the necessary steps to protect people and save lives," they said.

The department says

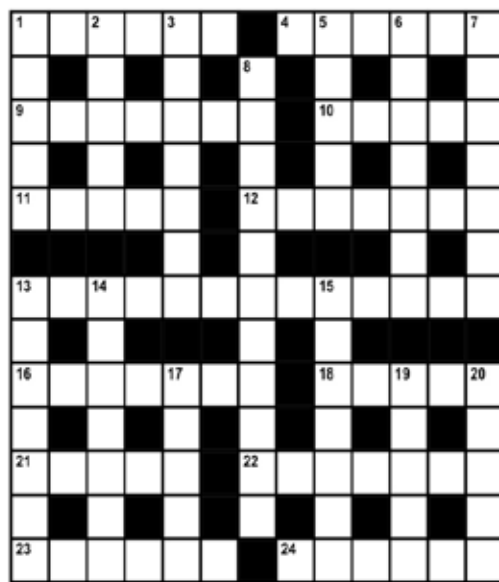
it sent commercial specifications on Thursday evening to hotels near air and sea ports asking for proposals on delivering quarantine facilities ahead of formal contracts being awarded.

The government is expected to set out further details next week on how passengers will be able to book into the designated hotels.

The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #477

Across

- 1 Sweet, buttery pastry (6)
- 4 Inquiring (6)
- 9 One of the Royals (7)
- 10 Tree and plant juice used to make varnish for example (5)
- 11 Breathing passage (5)
- 12 Frequent patron (7)
- 13 Relating to teaching (13)
- 16 Impetuses (7)
- 18 Harry's bride (5)
- 21 Like a musical staff (5)
- 22 Land (7)
- 23 Long-shafted weapons (6)
- 24 Castigates (6)



Down

- 1 South ____, chalky hills (5)
- 2 Parachute material (5)
- 3 Paper cutter (7)
- 5 A poker tell (5)
- 6 Glucose-level regulator (7)
- 7 Not specific (7)
- 8 Not workable (11)
- 13 Zingers (7)
- 14 Physics or chemistry subject (7)
- 15 Depraved (7)
- 17 Milk dispenser (5)
- 19 Baseball field cover (5)
- 20 Has to have (5)

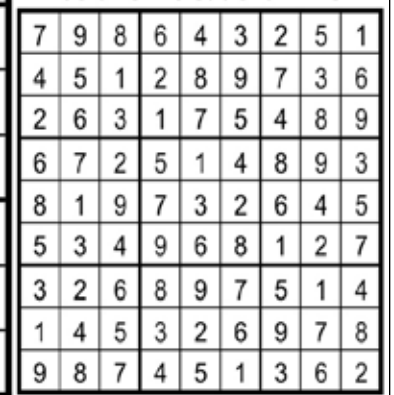
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Brits in LA



Groundhog Day, Black History Month and Valentine's Dayare we inching back to normality?

This past Tuesday was Groundhog Day in the USA although I think 2020 should be renamed Groundhog Year.

Apparently Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Tuesday morning and, as legend holds, that means six more weeks of winter. His predictions have been wrong for the past two years, however he may have read this week's headlines declaring that extreme Arctic weather is heading to all 50 states due to the Polar Vortex collapsing! I am not 100 percent certain exactly what that means but it doesn't sound very pleasant. Time to get the thermals out!

I am sure many of you are aware that February is also the month that Chinese New Year is celebrated. 2021 is the Year of the Ox, which supposedly (and hopefully) means 'stability and nourishment'. I am sure it represents many other things too, but these are the two that leapt out at me and gave me a bit of hope for us all.

Black History Month also falls in February in Canada and the USA. Regular readers

of this column may also remember that we dedicated our platforms last October to observe Black History Month UK. Brits in LA members shared some great stories of their experiences being Black & British and Kara 'KJ' Miller produced a series of interviews covering topics such as "Black, British & Out" and "How to Talk about Race with your Kids". You can watch these and more over on our Facebook page @BritsinLA.

Our participation made me realize how little I knew about the origins of Black History Month so I set out to learn more and was surprised to discover that the first seeds were sewn over 100 years ago in 1915.

Carter G. Woodson

Carter G. Woodson is often referred to as the 'Father of Black History'. Born in Virginia in 1875 to parents that were former slaves that couldn't read or write may have not been the easiest of starts but it didn't stop him from going on to be the second African American to earn a PHD at Harvard University (in 1912). It was during his studies

that he witnessed the lack of information and underrepresentation of black people and how they shaped American history.

So in 1915, he and Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, or the asalh.org). The organization promoted studying black history and celebrated the accomplishments of African Americans. This then led them to launching 'Negro History Week' in February 1926 evolving into Black History Month by the 1960s. It wasn't until 1976 when President Gerald Ford decreed it a national observance, stating 'In celebrating Black History Month we can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.' In honor of all the work that Dr. Carter G. Woodson has done to promote the study of African American History, an ornament of Woodson hangs on the White House's Christmas tree each year.

There are many who believe this month-long educational celebration is now outdated or unnecessary and others who criticize it being delegated to just one month or that the focus is very limited to the most celebrated black Americans. The founder, Dr Woodson had also believed that this would be a short-term thing, optimistically assuming that the inclusion of black history would be standard practice by now. But sadly that still hasn't happened nationwide and until it does I don't think we should even entertain the idea of curtailing this observance, do you?

We mustn't forget that February is also the month to celebrate Valentine's Day. I think this year we should all



Dr Carter G. Woodson: considered the "Father of Black History" (asalh.org)




use the occasion to send notes, cards or messages to everyone we love and care about. As one thing we have all learned from this past year is just how important our friends and family really are. If you are free next Tuesday make sure to join us for our Virtual Quiz night. All details can found on our Facebook page or drop me an email at eileen@Britsin.la

Cheers!
Eileen



Brits in LA
VALENTINE'S PUB QUIZ

I ♥ TRIVIA
Love is in the air at the next Brits in LA Virtual Pub Quiz on Feb 9 which has a romance theme in the lead up to Valentine's Day.
In between rounds, trivia's resident romantic Mia Holley will be sharing entertaining stories from her own love life.
And whoever gets most of quizmaster Sandro Monetti's questions right on Tuesday wins a gift card to the Cat and Fiddle, which is offering a special Valentine's Day menu.

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Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: Its a decent time currently for you overall now that the Sun is in Aquarius. Make your plans for the coming month and make them positive!

TAURUS: In retrospect you have procrastinated a lot since the beginning of last month on and off. Well now you have



enough downtime to catch up. Stop worrying about money; it's going to be ok.

GEMINI: You have no choice now but to relax. This is not easy for you at the best of times. You now have your boss Mercury about to go backwards so new ideas will arise.

CANCER: Look back on these past few weeks and look at what you have achieved, not what you did not. Now is your chance to plan ahead. Mercury going slow will let you relax.

LEO: You are probably planning ahead and already know what you will and will not do after this time is over. The full moon in your sign recently is asking for you to resolve something.

VIRGO: You are usually worried about something in life. However you have taken this stressful time well and it's the best way for you. Your boss Mercury is going backwards so expect quiet days for a while.

LIBRA: You are probably getting some rest and relaxation and you are of course not alone. Finding time to fit in everything that will be coming up this month is another thing entirely.

SCORPIO: Feeling somewhat unsettled is a sign of the current times we are in. Best way to overcome this and feel more connected is to reach out to others. Expect some contact from someone from the past.

SAGITTARIUS: Get your cupboards cleaned out, mentally and physically. Make room for better days ahead. They are on the way, be sure of this. Finances are getting better soon.

CAPRICORN: These are trying times and especially for you busy folks. Just know you are not alone. Think of the things you want to achieve and know they will come in due course.

AQUARIUS: We have fully entered into unknown territory now. It's not forever and you of all signs will find a way to make peace with it. The full moon in your opposite sign this past week energized you for sure. Happy Birthday.

PISCES: You are known to be sensitive, more so currently. While this is true you can also get a little paranoid. Make sure to keep busy and reach out to family and friends, if only for a chat.

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Mou blames ref as Blues down dismal Spurs

■ Tuchel's fine start continues as Tottenham slump goes from bad to worse

Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho criticized referee Andre Marriner's performance after his side lost 1-0 at home to Chelsea on Thursday.

The Blues continued their unbeaten start under new boss Thomas Tuchel and moved into the Premier League's top six.

Jorginho's first-half penalty, awarded after Eric Dier clumsily upended Timo Werner, gave the Blues a win their more progressive approach deserved against a Spurs side devoid of ideas and ambition until it was too late.

But Mourinho, who talked to Marriner at length as they walked off the pitch on Thursday, said: "I consider him one of the best referees in the Premier League. I care for him and one I have big admiration for him. That gives me a good position to tell him I did not like his performance.

"In the end a penalty decides the game. In the end they score a penalty which is not a penalty where you say it is a dangerous situation, one on one, almost scoring.

frustration

"It's a penalty that is difficult to accept and to lose the game like this is a bit painful."

Tuchel has now enjoyed two wins and a draw, without conceding a goal, since replacing the sacked Frank Lampard, and while the animated German occasionally displayed signs of frustration in his technical area, this was ultimately a satisfying outcome.

"The whole first half we totally controlled the game," said Tuchel. "Maybe we lost confidence in the second half because we lost the

ball possession.

"A bit more killer instinct and more aggression in the box would have been nice. It was a big win in an away game and I am very happy."

In contrast, it was a third successive defeat in a dismal sequence for Tottenham and Mourinho, as they were punished for a desperately negative gameplan which, shorn of main marksman Harry Kane, barely gave Chelsea an anxious moment until Carlos Vinicius headed Serge Aurier's cross wide at the far post when unmarked late on.

comfortable night

Tuchel has wasted no time in laying down his demands to Chelsea's players and his presence on the touchline certainly galvanises them into action.

He was on the move throughout this win, constantly expressing pleasure and discontent, on one occasion shouting "yes" and applauding his side vigorously after bellowing "go, go" to order Chelsea to pressurise Spurs.

It is early days but Tuchel has got Chelsea playing at a faster pace and the right-sided combination of Reece James and Callum Hudson-Odoi is clearly something he feels has promise.

In reality, this was a relatively comfortable night for the Blues, despite losing the experienced Thiago Silva with a hamstring injury in the first half.

Chelsea keeper Edouard Mendy was barely troubled, apart from a diving save from Erik Lamela, while Mason Mount's driving runs and energy from midfield were sure to

have impressed his new manager.

Werner is still struggling for a break, but he won the crucial penalty and never stopped running despite not always enjoying the best of fortune.

All in all, this was a pleasing night for Tuchel and his new charges.

no-risk strategy

Spurs manager Mourinho will no doubt point to that bad late miss by Vinicius as a moment when they might have snatched a point - but, in reality, they got what their approach merited: nothing.

Mourinho's side looked desperately short of threat without the injured Kane, with even Son Heung-min struggling as he received little support or service.

In a bewildering first-half display, Spurs at times almost seemed unwilling to leave their own half, instantly



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handing the initiative to Chelsea. It was an invitation the visitors were only too happy to accept.

Tottenham, as they had to do, showed more positive intent after the break, but it was hardly a wave of attacks and, when he did make changes, it was significant Mourinho turned to Lamela and Lucas Moura rather than

Gareth Bale, who was left unused.

Kane's absence would strip any team of an edge of menace but it was also Mourinho's no-risk strategy that let Tuchel's side benefit for most of the game.

Their late rally aside, particularly Vinicius' glaring miss, this was a grim evening for Spurs their increasingly embattled manager.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	21	14	5	2	39	13	47
Man Utd	22	13	5	4	46	27	44
Leicester	22	13	3	6	39	25	42
Liverpool	22	11	7	4	43	25	40
West Ham	22	11	5	6	34	28	38
Chelsea	22	10	6	6	36	23	36
Everton	20	11	3	6	31	25	36
Tottenham	21	9	6	6	34	22	33
Aston Villa	20	10	2	8	35	24	32
Arsenal	22	9	4	9	27	22	31
Leeds	21	9	2	10	36	38	29
Southampton	21	8	5	8	27	34	29
Crystal Palace	22	8	5	9	27	37	29
Wolves	22	7	5	10	23	31	26
Brighton	22	5	9	8	24	29	24
Newcastle	22	6	4	12	22	36	22
Burnley	21	6	4	11	13	28	22
Fulham	21	2	8	11	17	31	14
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