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PRES. ROOSEVELT NOTES BIRTH OF JOSHUA CARPENTER



NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Joshua Carpenter on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1902.

The White House sent a bouquet of carnations, the flower for the month of January, to the family.

Celebrities Share Jan 1st Birthday

January 1st seems to be a popular day to be born, at least according to the impressive list of rich and famous people born on that day! Also born this date are Xavier Cugat, Dana Andrews, Don Novello, Frank Langella, Nancy Lopez, and Paul Revere.

It's interesting to note that as of Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, Joshua will have been alive for 39,082 days!

Thomas A. Edison Invents Battery

NEW YORK - Thomas A. Edison today announced the invention of a new storage battery which is lighter and longer-lived than lead-acid batteries. The prolific inventor says that the nickel and iron in an alkaline solution, can keep the electric automobile competitive with gasoline models.



Congress Debates Consumer Prices

CAPITOL HILL (UPI) - Heated discussion marked the House floor today as Congress debated the state of consumer prices. Many congressmen complained that the average American just can't afford a new house at today's price of \$3,890.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that fourteen cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that eighteen cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$519.00, many members of the House felt that four cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

President Theodore Roosevelt noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to eighteen cents, he said that the American public had, in 1902, more buying power than ever before.



NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1902

- The Boer War In South Africa Ends
- USA Gains Control Of Panama Canal Zone
- Mt. Pelee Erupts - Destroys St. Pierre
- Egypt's Aswan Dam Is Completed
- Germany, Italy, Austria Renew Alliance

Chinese Celebrate Year of the Ox

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Joshua Carpenter might be a cause for great joy in the Chinese community.

After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar year of 4,569, the year of the Ox, a very auspicious year! Persons born in this year are said to be bright, patient and inspiring.

Today's fortune cookie says, "Helping A Friend Now Is The Key!"



Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of '02

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "In The Good Old Summertime," and "I Wonder Why Bill Bailey Don't Come Home," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "Dat's The Way To Spell Chicken," or stop humming, "There's No Place Like Home," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1902 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

Astronomers Note Last Quarter Moon

U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY - Heralding the birth of Joshua Carpenter was the last quarter moon. Because Joshua was also born during the month of January, this moon is also known as a so-called "Wolf Moon".

Today, Wednesday, one-half of the Moon appears to be illuminated by direct sunlight. The fraction of the Moon's disk that is illuminated is decreasing. Sometimes called Third Quarter. The left half of the Moon appears lighted, and the right side of the Moon appears dark. During the time between the Full Moon and the Last Quarter Moon, the part of the Moon that appears lighted gets smaller and smaller every day.