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PRESIDENT TAFT NOTES BIRTH OF AMBER DAVIS



NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, William H. Taft, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Amber Davis on Friday, Jan. 1, 1909.

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

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1909



- Japan Imposes Strict Rule Over Korea
- Britain's Parliament Is Dissolved
- Robert Peary Reaches The North Pole
- First Motion Picture Newsreels Shown
- Belgium's King Leopold II Dies

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, Amber will have been alive for 36,525 days!

Pirates Win 1909 World Series

PITTSBURGH - It was celebration time in Pittsburgh as the Pirates captured the 1909 world title. It was a hard loss for the Detroit Tigers of the American League, as the National League team took the series four games to three.



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 \$4,120.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that sixteen cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that twenty-two cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$594.00, many members of the House felt that five cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

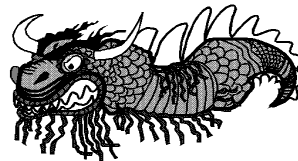
Vice-President James S. Sherman noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to nineteen cents, he said that the American public had, in 1909, more buying power than ever before.

Chinese Celebrate Year of the Monkey

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

After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar year of 4,576, the year of the Monkey, a very auspicious year! Persons born in this year are said to be intelligent, influential and enthusiastic.

Today's fortune cookie says, "Learn To Forgive And Forget!"



Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of '09

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "Take Me Up In Your Airship," and "Save All Your Kisses For Me," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "How Do You Like Your Oysters? Raw, Raw, Raw!," or stop humming, "Take Me Back To Babyland," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1909 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

Astronomers Note Waxing Gibbous Moon

U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY - Heralding the birth of Amber Davis was the waxing gibbous moon. Because Amber was also born during the month of January, this moon is also known as a so-called "Wolf Moon".

Today, Friday, the Moon appears to be more than one-half but not fully illuminated by direct sunlight. The fraction of the Moon's disk that is illuminated is increasing. This Moon can be seen after the First Quarter Moon, but before the Full Moon. The amount of the Moon that we can see will grow larger and larger every day. (Waxing means increasing, or growing larger.)