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PRESIDENT CARTER NOTES BIRTH OF ERIC BLAKNEY



NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, James E. Carter, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Eric Blakney on Monday, Jan. 1, 1979.

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, Eric will have been alive for 10,958 days!

Pirates Win 1979 World Series

PITTSBURGH - It was celebration time in Pittsburgh as the Pirates captured the 1979 world title. It was a hard loss for the Baltimore Orioles 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 \$62,900.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that \$1.06 for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that \$1.69 for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$16,461.00, many members of the House felt that fifty-five cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

Vice-President Walter F. Mondale noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to \$1.55, he said that the American public had, in 1979, more buying power than ever before.



NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1979

- Shah Leaves Iran After Year Of Turmoil
- Ayatollah Khomeini Takes Over Iran
- Iranian's Seize U.S. Embassy In Iran
- USSR Invades Afghanistan-World Protests
- Nuclear Plant Accident At 3 Mile Island

The 52nd Annual Academy Awards

"May I Have The Envelope, Please?"

HOLLYWOOD (TBC) - It was the stars' night out as The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences honored the industry's finest. The most eagerly awaited award of the evening was Best Picture of 1979, won by "Kramer Vs. Kramer."

Best Actor honors went to Dustin Hoffman, and Sally Field took center stage for Best Actress. Rounding out the evening's ceremony was the Oscar for Best Song, captured by "It Goes Like It Goes".



Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of '79

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy," and "I Will Survive," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "What A Fool Believes," or stop humming, "Bad Girls," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1979 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

Chinese Celebrate Year of The Horse

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Eric Blakney might be cause for great joy in the Chinese community. After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar Year 4,646, the year of the Horse, a very auspicious year!

Persons born in this year are said to be popular, attractive and impatient. Today's fortune cookie says, "Pay More Attention To Best Friends!"

