



Notable Quotable

“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”

- Thomas Alva Edison, inventor

February Horoscopes and Birthdays

In astrology, those born between February 1–18 are Water Bearers of Aquarius. They are creative philosophers at heart, getting to the root of problems and using their passion for the benefit of others. Those born between February 19–28 are born under Pisces. Friendly and selfless, they are always willing to help others with their hearts on their sleeves. Thanks to an intuitive understanding of life, Pisces make deep connections with others.

- Clark Gable – February 1, 1901
- Norman Rockwell – February 3, 1894
- Charles Lindbergh – February 4, 1902
- Hank Aaron – February 5, 1934
- Jack Lemmon – February 8, 1925
- Thomas Edison – February 11, 1847
- Jack Benny – February 14, 1894
- Susan B. Anthony – February 15, 1820
- Michael Jordan – February 17, 1963
- Sidney Poitier – February 20, 1924
- George Handel – February 23, 1685
- Levi Strauss – February 26, 1829
- John Steinbeck – February 27, 1902

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Susette YeaplesFebruary 9th

Sandra Blum.....February 14th

Florence Cutrona...February 20th



Penny For Your Thoughts



A penny may be worth only one cent, but after a lifetime of finding lost pennies, you could amass a small treasure. Consider the value of the cent on February 12, Lost Penny Day. Technically speaking, it costs 2.41 cents to mint one new penny.

In 2013, the U.S. government spent \$169 million to put \$70 million worth of pennies in circulation. Some retail outlets have decided to do away with the penny altogether by rounding prices down to the nearest nickel.

In 2012, Canada decided to nip the problem in the bud and eliminate their penny, joining Britain, France, Israel, Spain, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, and New Zealand in phasing out their smallest denominations of coins. The truth is, once a small coin can no longer be used to purchase items but is only used to make change, it becomes more trouble than it’s worth. So on February 12, the question remains, “Should I bother to pick up that lost penny?” It depends on whether you can buy anything with it, or whether you’re the superstitious sort who is simply looking to pick up a little extra luck.

BRISTOL HOME *Happenings*

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Celebrating February

Library Lovers Month

Bird-Feeding Month

Groundhog Day
February 2

XXIII Winter Olympics
February 9–25

Valentine’s Day
February 14

Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog)
February 16

Curling Is Cool Day
February 23

International Sword Swallows Day
February 24

Bristol Home Celebrates 150 Years!

February 4, 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of Bristol Home, formerly known as “The Home for the Friendless,” opened at 334 7th Street on the west side of Buffalo, with four destitute women in residence. This first Home was purchased for \$6,300 cash, monies raised by the committee of Edward Bristol, Henry W. Rogers, Oliver G. Steele, Mrs. Steele, and Mrs. Maria Welch. The Home existed through the benevolence of area churches and advertisements in the newspapers at the time. All food stuffs, housewares, beds and bedding, and even fuel for the fireplace, was given with generosity from people in the community. A matron was hired to supervise the house and she slept on the floor that first night with the four women under her care. As time went by, the Home was run and organized on a cooperative basis as the cooking, cleaning, and laundry work were shared by its occupants. Although the Home claimed that they didn’t accept children, many children were admitted with their mothers, who were helped to find work in the community. The following is one of the very first excerpts from “The Record,” the newsletter printed by Bristol Home’s managers:

“Our Home in March of 1868”

Will you accompany me this morning, kind reader, on a tour of inspection through our “Home” Not a very imposing edifice, is it? And very little noise our work makes in the world; but come in and see if our work is not well worth doing. We will go into the parlor first; cheerful and bright, is it not? Rather cold today with no fire in the grate; but we are not willing, needlessly, to burn one lump of that coal, which has been so kindly given us. These rooms were furnished by willing donors; they have cost us nothing. That bookcase was the gift of the loved and lamented President of our Board. There is a pretty fair collection of books on the shelves; suited to the intellectual and moral wants of the class we wish to benefit. Come now into the sitting room; it is warm and comfortable there. This stove takes the chill from the hall and the drum which is connected with it in the chamber above makes that apartment warm enough for a sick or aged person. Next is the dining room. A tidy young girl is taking her first lesson in the art of setting a table neatly. I hope that she will have some good training from our matron in many household duties so we can recommend her to a place as housemaid. Take care; do not sit down upon that settee - you will flatten the features of a small specimen of humanity, and waken such an uproar, as will interrupt the scrubbing operation of the mother in the kitchen. Do we take babies here? Oh no! We can’t possibly for there are no accommodations for them. But this one poor thing we could not turn away. The mother, a widow with two children, had succeeded in getting the eldest into an orphan asylum; but this one was too young, and she traveled the streets for days, with this heavy child in her arms, looking for a “place.” But “a babe in the house” is not “a well spring of pleasure” when that babe belongs to your cook; it is sure to have a marvelous faculty for waking up and crying lustily when dinner is at hand. Every housekeeper knows this, and so the poor woman was unsuccessful in her search for employment. She will remain here a few days and then we hope to procure a situation for her. There is a good room adjoining the kitchen, well supplied with tubs and water; you see we believe in cleanliness here. Our house has throughout a cheerful, homelike air. You would have thought so, indeed, had you peeped in here last Thanksgiving day, when a bountiful repast was spread for the inmates (or residents- incidentally, this is the first mention of “Gift Day” a precursor to our modern fundraiser gala). And upon Christmas and New Year’s days also, our homeless ones were not forgotten.

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Presidents' Day STRANGE BUT TRUE!

James Garfield didn't die from the gunshot wounds from his assassin's gun; he died of blood poisoning after doctors and experts (including Alexander Graham Bell) tried to remove the bullet from his back with their dirty fingers and instruments, causing him to linger in pain for 80 days before dying. His assassin, Charles Guiteau, later claimed that he didn't kill the president, the doctors had!

- Woodrow Wilson (born Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 1856-1924) would paint his golf balls black during the winter so he could continue playing in the snow.
- George Washington didn't have enough money to get to his own inauguration so he had to borrow \$600 from his neighbor!
- During his second run for presidency, Teddy Roosevelt was shot by a would-be assassin while giving a speech in Milwaukee. He continued to deliver his speech with the bullet in his chest!

⇒ Of the first 5 presidents, 3 died on July 4th (Independence Day), with 2 dying on the same date - July 4, 1826 (John Adams & Thomas Jefferson).
 ⇒ Of the first 22 presidents, 12 died in June or July. Of the 17 presidents (excluding Grover Cleveland) who died after the 22nd president, only one had a death date

Believe It or Not!

Robert Lincoln, eldest son of Abraham Lincoln, is the only man in U.S. history known to have witnessed the assassinations of three different presidents, his father, James Garfield, and William McKinley. After he saw anarchist Leon Czolgosz shoot McKinley, he vowed he would never again appear in public with an incumbent president. Believe it or not!

Similarities Between Lincoln and Kennedy:

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
 John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
 Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
 John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
 Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
 Both their wives lost children while living in the White House.
 Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
 Both Presidents were shot in the head.
 Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
 Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.
 Both were assassinated by Southerners.
 Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.
 Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
 Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
 John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.
 Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.
 Both assassins were known by their three names.
 Both names are composed of fifteen letters.
 Lincoln was shot in a theatre named 'Ford'.
 Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln' made by 'Ford'.
 Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin hid in a warehouse.
 Kennedy was shot from a warehouse & his assassin hid in a theatre.
 Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.
 A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland.
 A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

Source: <http://www.defence.pk/forums/members-club/22676-creepy-coincidences-similarities-between-2-presidents.html#ixzz2fuvCPTL4>

Between 1840 and 1960, all US presidents elected in the '0' ended years were either assassinated or died of natural causes while in office. This 20 year death cycle has been widely appreciated for many decades. **Believe it or not!**

LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS



Winter Reminisce with Olaf!

Bristol Home Celebrates 150 Years! cont.

There now, we have opened the door too suddenly and upset a toddling youngster. Don't cry, my little man, and the matron will give you one of those nice apples which were sent in yesterday. But you said you did not admit children. Well, it is against our rules; but if we only had the means for establishing a nursery department, we could aid a great many poor women, who, if relieved during the day from the care of the little ones, could earn a comfortable living for both. The mother of this one with return to-night with money for her day's work sufficient to pay fare to a place east of here, where she hopes to find a home for the child. That girl in the corner, sewing carpet rags, is an excellent sempstress. She injured her eyes with fine embroidery and has spent her little earnings in doctor's bills and at the hospital. The inflammation has almost gone; but she must rest here awhile before attempting again to earn maintenance by fine sewing. What is the matter with this girl who just came in? Why she is in hard argue fit (sick with chills and a fever) being sick with influenza for a week and so dismissed from her last place because unable to do the work. The matron asks "Where do your friends live, my poor girl or have you none?" The girl answers "Yes, ma'am, I have an aunt in A., but I have no money to get to her; and oh dear! Must a go to the poor house?" No, cheer up! And in the first place take off the damp shawl and wet stockings. Matron, bring those new woolen ones the dear old lady in Lancashire knit. Then she must have a warm bowl of tea and go up to the room over this and lie down. Tomorrow, if she be well enough, we will get her a pass to her aunt's home. Well, kind reader, have we wearied you with this visit? Until next time, good reader. - T.C. Welch

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