

a big hit for all the kids as he sat out in front of the courthouse.



3 Manufacturer Mutual Fire Insurance Co. issued the *first fire insurance policy*. 1835, The first successful *Technicolor motion picture*, "The Toll of the Sea", was shown. 1922, Alka *Seltzer* was sold for the first time. 1931, *Frank Sinatra* was in the Columbia Records studio recording ← Old Man River. 1944, ←Paul Harvey - Hard Work began his Natl radio broadcast. 1950, After rowing 2,962 miles in 81 days, *Tori Murden* of the USA eased her 23-foot boat, "American Pearl", to the Guadeloupe dock. She had just rowed across the Atlantic Ocean. Astonishingly, Murden appeared relaxed, even radiant, as she stood up to toss out a rope. "Next time, the Concorde," she quipped, as she bounded out of the boat. 1999

**4** George Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York. 1783, Peter Gaillard patented the power mower. 1812, William Marcy "Boss" Tweed (NYC-Tammany Hall) escapes from jail. 1875, Duke Ellington's big band opened the famed Cotton Club in Harlem. 1927, Deadly London Smog in England leaves 1'000s dead in London. 1952, James Caan made his TV acting debut in 40A Fist of Five an episode of The Untouchables. 1962, The US launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Comdr.. James A. Lovell on board. 1965

**5** James Christie, founder of the famous auctioneers, held his first sale in London. 1766, The first native US president,

Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, NY. 1782, The first practical pipe wrench, the Stillson was patented by D.C. Stillson. 1876, Chiclets - gum was trademark registered. 1905, Numerals were first used on football uniforms worn by college football players. 1908, The 21st Amendment repeals Prohibition. I'll drink to that! 1933, Five US Navy Avenger torpedo bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station on a routine three hour training mission. Flight 19 was scheduled to take them due east for 120 miles, north for 73 miles, and then back over a final 120-mile leg that would return them to the naval base. They never returned. 1945, Paul McCartney releases 40 Band On The Run album. 1973

**6** Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery in Maryland. 1849, Slavery was abolished as the 13th Amendment was ratified. 1865, Thomas Edison demonstrated the first gramophone, with a recording of himself reciting Mary Had a Little Lamb. 1877, Jefferson Davis died in New Orleans. 1889, The 8¢ Martha Washington stamp was issued this day. It was the first US stamp to feature a woman. 1902, Cab Calloway turned actor as he was seen in the "Hallmark Hall of Fame". Known for such classics as *■*Minnie the Moocher, became a movie star in The Blues Brothers. 1969

 7 Delaware is the first state to ratify the Constitution. 1787, Martin Van Buren becomes the eighth President, and the first president to be born in this country. 1836, Johnny Weissmuller set a world record in the 150-yard freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 25 and 2/5 seconds. 1925, Pearl Harbor was bombed in a surprise Japanese attack. 1941,
 Dominique by Singing Nun topped the charts

**8** Washington's retreating army *crossed the Delaware River*. 1776, *President Lincoln* announced his plan for the

Reconstruction of the South. 1863, *Jesse James* gang takes train at Muncie, KS. 1874, *Chicago Bears* shut out the *Washington Redskins* b-i-g t-i-m-e. 73-0. 1940, *Frank Sinatra Jr*. was kidnapped. 1963, *John Lennon*, assassinated by Mark David Chapman 1980.

**9** George Washington sold his race horse, Magnolia, to Col. Henry Lee. Washington reportedly got 5,000 acres of Kentucky farmland in the trade. 1788, The first daily newspaper in NYC was founded by Noah Webster. "The American Minerva". 1793, American author and creator of Uncle Remus and Brer Rabbit, Joel Chandler Harris was born. 1848, Christmas Seals went on sale (see pg 8) for the first time, in the Wilmington, DE, post office. 1907, The US Golf Association legalized steel-shaft golf clubs. 1926.



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**TODAY** Sun., 12/3 Vikings @ Falcons 1p FOX Patriots @ Bills CBS Panthers @ Saints 4p FOX Eagles @ Seahawks 8:30p NBC TOMORROW Steelers @ Bengals 8:30p ESPN

#### **WEEK 14**

Thurs., Dec 7 New Orleans at Atlanta 8:25p NFLN Sun., Dec 10 Chicago at Cincinnati 1p FOX Detroit at Tampa Bay 1p FOX Green Bay at Cleveland 1p FOX Indianapolis at Buffalo 1p CBS Minnesota at Carolina 1pCBS Oakland at Kansas City 1p CBS Seattle at Jacksonville 1p FOX San Francisco at Houston 1p FOX N.Y. Jets at Denver 4p CBS Tennessee at Arizona 4p CBS Washington at L.A. Chargers 4p CBS Dallas at N.Y. Giants 4:25p FOX Philadelphia at L.A. Rams 4:25p FOX Baltimore at Pittsburgh 8:30P NBC Mon., Dec 11 New England at Miami 8:30p ESPN

**WEEK 15** 

Thurs., Dec 14 Denver at Indianapolis 8:25 pm NFLN Sat., Dec 16 Chicago at Detroit 4:30 pm NFLN L.A. Chargers at Kansas City 8:25 pm NFLN Sun., Dec 17 Arizona at Washington 1p FOX Baltimore at Cleveland 1p CBS Cincinnati at Minnesota 1p CBS

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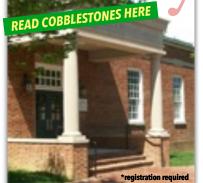
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MON 9-3 Billiards 9 Pool Exercise 9:30 Park Walk 10 Crafty Seniors 12 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jongg 1 Chair Yoga

TUES 9-3 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 10 Bingo 12 Lunch 1 Strength Building/ Exercise

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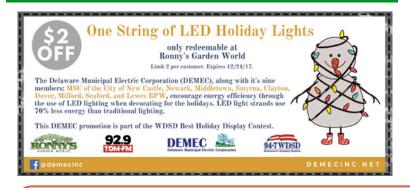
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12•6 STREAM/4p Ages 8-15

- 12•7 Tech Knowledge -Y Lab/ 2:30-4:30p Basic Computer Skills The USUAL SUSPECTS 5:30p GED in Spanish\*6:30-8:30p
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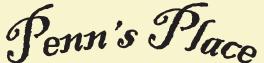
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is a fantastic addition to your Christmas season. You can add extra ingredients based on what you like, but this is a very simple and easy recipe *(with tips from the house of DiMondi)* to follow, even if you are not experienced in making or eating braciole.



### Gotta have all this...

1 ½ lb shaved thin sirloin steak  $\bigcirc$  6 tbsp baby spinich greens cooked in olive oil  $\bigcirc$  8 garlic cloves (minced) spinkled with balsamic viniger  $\bigcirc$  4 tbsp of olive oil  $\bigcirc$  *S&P* to season  $\bigcirc$  wrap the steak arround the greens with twine simmer in spicy tomato sauce for an hour or more.

### After the Apron is on...

● Lay out the shaved thin sirloin steak. ● Season both sides generously with S&P. Sprinkle with olive oil. ● Spread garlic on top of the braciole evenly across the entire piece. Scatter grated cheese on top of garlic.● Pile on the baby spinich!

#### Be sure to cover the whole steak!

Get a little trick here. Roll it up tight enough not flop over and fall apart, but loose enough to let the sauce and flavors mix well.
 Secure with baker's twine. Have fun making different designs/knots with the twine!
 Heat dutch oven on stove top to medium-high heat. Place your bracioles in carefully and continue turning to brown on all sides. The inside does not need to be fully cooked, because it will continue to cook in the sauce. Add water if necessary to keep the meat moist.
 When fully browned, cover with tomato sauce and reduce to medium-low heat and let cook slowly for 2- 2 ½ hours. This slow cooking will keep the braciole tender. Use a tomato sauce similar to Moms! I use whole peeled tomatoes and pureed them in a blender and add onions and red wine.

#### Just remember to remove the string before you eat it.

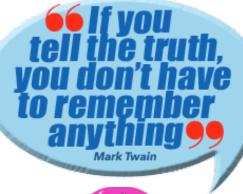


# 1 1/2 oz. Stoli Cranberi Vodka 1/2 oz. Cointreau 1 oz. Lime Juice

## 1 oz. White Cranberry Juice

Combine ingredients over ice in a shaker tin. Shake and strain into chilled martini glass. Float 3 or 4 frozen cranberries on top for garnish.







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Delaware Day featured speeches by local historians and school choirs singing

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Today, unless you're in the fourth grade of a Delaware school, you're probably not involved in any official celebration.

Perhaps today, we should take a break and recognize how unique and great we really are in Delaware.

We have an enormous amount of historical and artistic riches. When people ask why every company that is worth anything incorporates here, you can say "Chancery Court," and they'll nod because they don't want to admit they have no clue what that is. We have scrapple and Dogfish Head beer. Most importantly, we are a small and intimate state, and we benefit from the relationships and flexibility this allows. This is as true today as it was in 1787. Pennsylvania's Constitutional Convention started nearly 13 days before Delaware's, but that state didn't ratify the Constitution until five days after we had signed on.

What took us five days took Pennsylvania 18. So, today, unfurl your Delaware flag, cook some scrapple, visit Winterthur or drink a local brew, and let's chalk up one more year of being first.



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#### Want to be a Santa's Helper?

The NCHS is looking for an appropriately grand throne for Father Christmas to sit in during the Victorian Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 9th. The throne will receive special care, so no need to worry about damage. If you have something you would consider volunteering for use on that day, please get in touch with Phee Price, pheeprice@gmail.com.



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# Local Artist Art Raffle

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Drawings to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present. All proceeds support the refurbishment and rehabilitation of the historical gardens at the Amstel House & Dutch House.



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## NOVEMBER REPORT

)		2017	2016	YTD2017				
	Criminal arrests:	54	21	395				
	Traffic citations:	186	140	1,478				
	Traffic warnings:	73	59	701				
	Crime prevention checks:	25	13	193				
	Reports written:	148	95	1,0163				
	Radar assignments or	adar assignments on file upon request						

City officers have issued 26 Narcan doses to date in 2017 Patrol handled 33 traffic accidents

Patrol made a **robbery arrest** stemming from an incident at the Dollar General. During the course of stealing merchandise a subject forced an employee to the ground causing an injury. The subject was arrested on his bicycle in the area of Moores Lane.

Detectives continue to investigate the **death of a 22 year old** male whose body was discovered along the Delaware River.

Patrol targeted the area of Rt. 273 and Bellanca Lane after we received numerous complaints about traffic driving on the shoulder of the road. 17 tickets were issued.

Cpl. Allston and his K-9 partner Cooper made two drug arrests. One yielded over 600 grams of marijuana, over \$1000 in cash and drug paraphernalia. The defendant was from Maine and was in the New Castle area to deliver the drugs. Patrol made **four DUI arrests** in the city.

Detectives are actively investigating a shooting which occurred in Washington Park. No suspects.

Patrol made a domestic violence arrest in Dobbinsville. The suspect was found to be a material witness on a Wilmington homicide investigation. He was incarcerated without bail. A patrol supervisor (Sgt. Torre) along with a New Castle

County patrol supervisor were both injured while making an arrest. The defendants ATV struck Sqt. Torre's patrol vehicle as a group of up to 50 dirt bikes and ATVs overtook Rt. 273.

On Monday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> police were notified that the fender which is connected to the pier was floating away. After reviewing surveillance video from the pier, a Castle Hills juvenile was identified. The suspect and his mother were brought into police headquarters where the juvenile confessed to disconnecting the fender. Goodwill Fire Company was able to retrieve the fender before it could pose any danger to river boat traffic. The juvenile will be doing community service for the city at a later date.

On Saturday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> New Castle City officers investigated several incidents in the area of **Chestnut** Street where numerous vehicles were scratched with a sharp object. Video surveillance was located that captured pictures of the suspect. A local resident viewed the photographs and was able to identify the suspect. The

suspect was a 10 year old male from the Shawtown area and was charged with multiple counts of criminal mischief. The juvenile was released to his parents and was ordered to have no contact with the area and was given a 6pm curfew.

The New Castle City Police Department is asking all residents who have exterior security cameras that record to a computer to share your address and phone number with us. In the event of a crime in your community, we will then be able to review any security footage you may have in an attempt to capture images of suspects





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I offer this on Delaware Day week - a thank you from an admirer we only know as Elizabeth. Perhaps we take much of what we have for granted until we read praise from the other side of the fence. - Teditor

# Dear Delaware,

Thank you for your hospitality, for taking in a young Californian who hates the snow and for teaching me so much. There are so many things about you that I will miss.

I will miss your tax free shopping (how could I not), your Rehoboth outlets, and your Christiana

Mall.

I will miss your state parks and your CanDo playground.

I will miss my book club that sat around discussing books I never finished or never intended to read in the first place.

I will miss Wawa (oh there is no place like Wawa). I will miss how there was always another Wawa customer to hold the door for you. And inside Wawa it was like everyone was walking around in the movie Stepford wives, kind of floating with a smile on their face.

I will miss Delaware state troopers with their hats and boots. (and I'm so thankful I never got pulled over because if they walked up to my car and tapped on my window I probably would have chuckled).

I will miss the North Wilmington Playgroup. How they took in everyone and really made me feel at home. I will miss it for my daughter because she made wonderful friends there but I will miss it more for me. I will miss the funny things said in Delaware like interstate, pocketbooks, and sneakers. (only one of them rubbed off on me).

I will miss Brew Ha Ha. My favorite place to grab a cup of coffee and meet a friend.

I will miss being surrounded by so much history.

I will miss being just a drive away from such exciting pieces of our country like New York City, Washington, DC, Gettysburg, and Philly.

I will miss walking in Longwood Gardens. How every season seemed more beautiful than the last. How Abby would ask to go smell the flowers. How I could go take pictures there every holiday and it would look like a different place we took our family portrait.

I will miss your funny traditions like punkin chunkin, separation day, and wearing your pj's inside out to make the snow come.

I will miss momslikeme and this instant connection and support you have with moms going through the same things as you. (Not to mention the best place to go for a suggestion of potty training, what to do with tantrums, or where to dispose of your hazardous material.)

I will miss the Philly airport. I have deemed it the best airport to fly through or from with children because of its wide selection of children friendly food and two play areas designed by the Please Touch Museum. (by far the best airport play areas I have seen, and I have seen quite a few).

So, Small Wonder, it is with great appreciation and much more sadness than I expected that I say goodbye. -Elizabeth



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