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February 19, 2012



It's February

1985

2/20 [President's Day Cherry Pie Day Hoodie Hoo Day Love Your Pet Day Sidney Poitier-88, Sandy Duncan-66, Avana Trump-63, Patty Hearst-58, Cindy Crawford-46](#) The first recorded **wine auction** took place in London. 1673, The **U.S.** House of Representatives completed congressional action on the amendment to repeal **Prohibition**. 1933, **John Glenn** became the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the earth. 1962

2/21 [Card Reading Day Erma Bombeck*85 \(1996\), Rue McClanahan*79 \(2010\), Tyne Daly-66, Jennifer Love Hewitt-33 Lucy B. Hobbs](#) became the first woman to graduate from a dental school. 1866, The first issue of "**The New Yorker**" was published. 1925, The first International **Pancake Race** was held in Liberal, **Kansas**. 1950, Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. President to visit China. 1972 [2/22 George Washington's Birthday Be Humble Day Walking the Dog Day InterNatl World Thinking Day Lord Robert](#)



• American Heart Mt. • An Affair to Remember Mth • Black History Mth • Canned Food Mth • Creative Romance Mth • Great American Pie Mth • Natl Cherry Mth

• Natl Children's Dental Health Mth • Natl Grapefruit Mth • Natl Weddings Mth

2/19 [Natl Chocolate Mint Day Nicolas Copernicus*539 \(1543\), Scientist, controversial theory that the earth rotates around the sun, Lee Marvin*88 \(1987\), Justine Bateman-46](#) A prize is inserted into a **Crackerjacks** box for the first time 1913, The **New York Yankees** announced that they would admit 5,000 uniformed servicemen free to each of their home ball games during the coming season. 1942, 30,000 **U.S.** Marines landed on **Iwo Jima**. 1945, **Cherry Coke** was introduced.

Baden Powell*155 (1941), founder of Boy Scouts, Robert Young*105 (1998), Edward M. Kennedy*80 (2009), Steve "Crocodile Hunter Irwin"-50 (2006), Drew Barrymore-37 Frank

Woolworth opens the first "**Five Cent Store**" in Utica, N.Y. 1879, U.S. President **Calvin Coolidge** delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

1924, **Barbara Jo Rubin** became the first woman to win a U.S. thoroughbred horse race. 1969

2/23 [InterNatl Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day Tennis Day George Frederic Handel*327 \(1759\), Peter Fonda-72, Johnny Winter- 68, Patricia Richardson-61, Ed 'Too Tall' Jones-61](#)

Walter Wingfield of Pimlico, England, patented the game of lawn tennis. 1874, The **Tootsie Roll** rolls into stores in America. 1896, The **Rotary Club** was founded in Chicago. 1905, Walt Disney's animated movie **Pinocchio** was released. 1940, **U.S. Marines** raise the America flag in Iwo Jima 1945 2/24 [Natl Tortilla Chip Day Chester W. Nimitz*127 \(1966\), James Farentino*74 \(2012\), Steven Jobs*57 \(2011\)](#) The first shipment of perforated **postage stamps** was received by the U.S. Government. 1857, The first **nylon** bristle toothbrush was made. It was the first time that nylon yarn had been used commercially. 1938, The city of **Cleveland** invoked a 1931 law that barred people under the age of 18 from dancing in public without an adult guardian. 1956, The **Dow Jones** industrial average closed above the 1100 mark for the first time. 1983

2/25 [Pistol Patent Day Pierre Aguste Renoir*161 \(1919\), Zeppo Marx*111 \(1979\), Sally Jesse Raphael-77, George Harrison*69 \(2001\), Sean Astin-41 Samuel Colt](#) patents the revolver. 1836 ➔ [View Colt Patent](#). The 16th Amendment to the **U.S.** Constitution was ratified. It authorized a graduated **income tax**. 1913, **Oregon** became the first state to place a **tax on gasoline**. The tax was 1 cent per gallon. 1919, The first aircraft carrier, **Ranger**, was launched. 1933, **Your Show of Shows** debuted on NBC. 1950

Presidents' Day

is tomorrow. Wednesday, the 22nd, is the Washington's birthday we've long observed. Actually, he was actually born on February 11, 1731. Lincoln's was last Sunday the 12th. Goodness knows, we in New Castle like to eat! Which raises the question, if George Washington was celebrating, where would he eat? The following is from Forbes Feb. 15th issue authored by Larry Olmsted.

*"There is nothing more tried and true than a restaurant that has been in business for a couple of hundred years, like ➔ **City Tavern** in Philadelphia, established 1773. When our second President, John Adams, was taken there for the first time, he was said to remark that it was "the most genteel tavern in America." But it was too late for Adams to make Presidential dining history – Washington had eaten there daily for an extended period in the early 1770s along with other members of the Continental Congress. As the restaurant's history notes, "No doubt, matters of momentous importance were discussed and decided over a glass of Madeira and steaming roast of venison."*

Today the City Tavern is unusual in that it serves up authentic (or as authentic as we can make it today) Colonial fare. Part theme park and part eatery, its mission is to interpret and deliver the culinary traditions of the late 18th century, and its menu includes braised rabbit, lobster tavern pie and venison medallions – along with fried tofu, a dish it claims Benjamin Franklin described how to make in a letter dated 1770."

Read more at: ➔ [Forbes Presidents' Day](#)

MORE GEORGE

Washington owned many slaves at Mount Vernon. However, by the end of his life, he had come to view the necessity of freeing his slaves. In fact, he freed all of them in his will. He even provided for pensions for some of his slaves. He was the only Founding Fathers to free his slaves.

He was the only president who did not live in Washington D.C.

The nation's capital, along with 1 state, 31 counties and 17 cities (Maybe 18 counting the town of "George," in central Washington State) are named in his honor.

As a farmer, Washington grew marijuana on his farm and promoted it's growth. (In the 1790s, the crop was grown mainly for its industrial value as hemp and for soil stabilization. It was many years later that the recreational and illegal use of marijuana became popular.) And he is credited with introducing the mule to America.

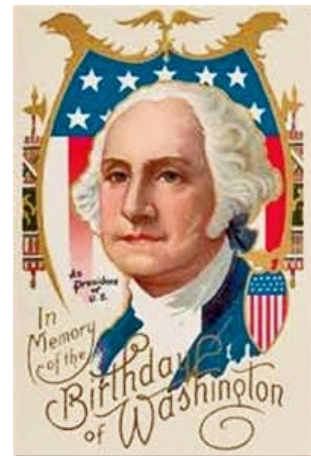
Add being the first Mason to serve as president.

He was the only president to win a unanimous vote of the Electoral College. His ➔ [2nd inaugural address](#) was the shortest ever delivered - 135 words.

Only President inaugurated in 2 cities - New York and Philadelphia Only President that did not live in the White House. He was involved in the planning of the Capitol.

Washington did his own bookkeeping and recorded every penny of expense or profit. His ledgers still exist today.

Five states were added to the Union during Washington's presidency - North Carolina (1789), Rhode Island (1790), Vermont (1791), Kentucky (1792), and Tennessee (1796).



Why, what's the matter;

That you have such a February face, So full of frost, of storm and cloudiness? -William Shakespeare

SHROVE TUESDAY



Tues., February 21st Immanuel Church will again host a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, held from 5:30pm – 7pm in the Parish House. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors, and all proceeds will go to outreach ministries.

Volunteers are needed for set up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you would like to assist in the evening, please contact **Jen Robelen**, 221-0648.

PANCAKE DINNER



PHILADELPHIA FLYERS



Date	Visitor	Home	Time	TV
Tue 2/21	Flyers	Jets	7PM	CSN-PH
Thu 2/23	Flyers	Oilers	9:30 PM	CSN-PH
Sat 2/25	Flyers	Flames	10PM	CBC, CSN-PH

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Softball Anyone?

First Baptist Church Softball Sign-ups have begun for the 2012 season. If you are interested, please sign up at the Connections Table in the church foyer by next Sunday, Feb. 26. Questions? Please see Don Spedden.

Phone: 302.328.4000, To include your organization contact: flytedb13@comcast.net SOFTBALL

An Evening with **Rachel Simon** at Theatre N

On **Wed., Feb. 29th at 7PM**, author **Rachel Simon** will discuss her newest book, **The Story of Beautiful Girl**, an unforgettably moving love story about the improbable odds faced by a couple with disabilities and a lost child. Rachel's presentation is free and open to the public. For information about becoming a Friend of the Forum, please contact Gus Mercante by phone (302) 657-0650 or e-mail.



For tickets, visit Theatre N's Website



Who's the biker babe



Happenings at Our Senior Center F E B R U A R Y

Mon 2/20 - CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY, TUES 2/21 - 9-12 AARP Tax Aide, Wed. 2/22 - 11:30 Lunch Out-Old Country Buffet Thurs. 2/23 - 9 Bank & PO, 10 Low Vision Presentation, 12:30 ShopRite Fri. 2/24 9 Academy Awards Party, 12:15 Author Marjorie McNinch-"The Silver Screen"



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<http://newcastleseniorcenter.com>

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8:30 Park Walk 9-3:00 Billiards 9:00 Pool Exercise 9:30 Wii Bowling 10:00 Crafty Seniors 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Chair Yoga	9-3:00 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 10:00 Bingo 12:00 Lunch 12:45 Bingo 1:00 Strength Building/Exercise	9-3:00 Billiards 9:00 Pinochle 11:00 Line Dancing 12:00 Lunch 1:30 Tai Chi with	9-7:00 Billiards 9:00 Pinochle 9:30 Wii Bowling 9:30 Shanghai 9:30 Bridge 12:00 Lunch 12:20 Super Market: 1:00 Zumba Gold 2:00 Qi Gong/Tai Chi 5:30 Yoga	9-3:00 Billiards 9:30 Knit/ Crochet 9:30 Wii Bowling 10:00 Bingo 12:00 Lunch

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- 2/20 • CLOSED Washington's Birthday
- 2/21 • R&R Story Time Ages 3-6 10:30 AM
Money School* 6-8PM
How To Prepare for a Disaster 7PM
- 2/22 • ELS* 10:30-12:30
Chess Club Advanced 6 PM
Civil War Group 7 PM
- 2/23 • Teen Book Disc. 6 PM
"Will Grayson, Will Grayson"
Knit1/Crochet Too 7 PM
- 2/24 • Tax Prep* 10AM-2PM
Lap Sit Story Time
6 mos.-36 mos. 11AM
GED Prep in Spanish* 10:15
- 2/25 •

*Registration required for event



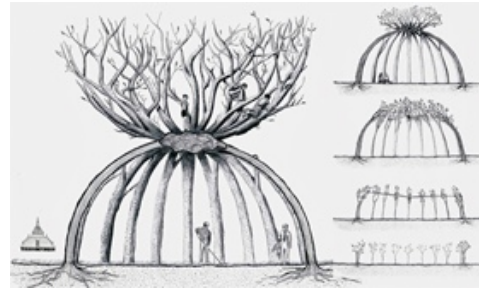
By George, this is one for...

'the patient gardener'

Not your everyday 'tree house' but a structure consisting of ten japanese cherry trees which is the main building material for the construction of a two-story retreat. bending, twisting, pruning and grafting will be used to control and develop the growth of the building over time.

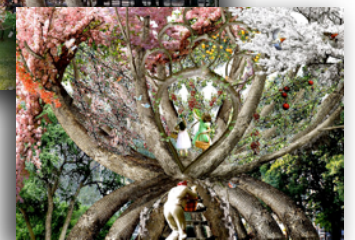
The trees, chosen because of the time of year and good suitability for the project, were planted around in an 8 meter diameter ring.

To assist in the bending of the trees, a temporary tower stands in the center



with ropes attached to the plants, pulling them gently to create a bend in the trunk as it grows. the stairs, handrails and safety features will be grafted from fruit trees, generating food simultaneously.

A simple maintenance plan and instructs will be passed on to future gardeners. the final result can be enjoyed on the campus within 80 years.



See more photos and how-to steps at

→ [Japanese Cherry Trees](#)

New Locations!

HISTORIC VILLAGE QUILTS and Carousel Beads

ARE MOVING TO
304 Delaware Street
next to Oak Knoll Books
REOPENING
March 1st
OPENING RECEPTION
March 3-4, Sat.-Sun., 1-5 pm

Welcome to Content Delaware

Content Delaware is a new digital channel devoted to telling the stories of people, places and best practices here in Delaware.

This non-profit media initiative is made possible by underwriters, grant makers, and coalitions of organizations interested in supporting the distribution of information and public affairs programming that focuses exclusively on the First State. Welcome to → [Content Delaware](#)





Feb. 21st
 Fat Tuesday - Mardi Gras
 Gives-a-ways & Specials
 Feb. 23rd
 An Evening with
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THIN MINT SHOTS



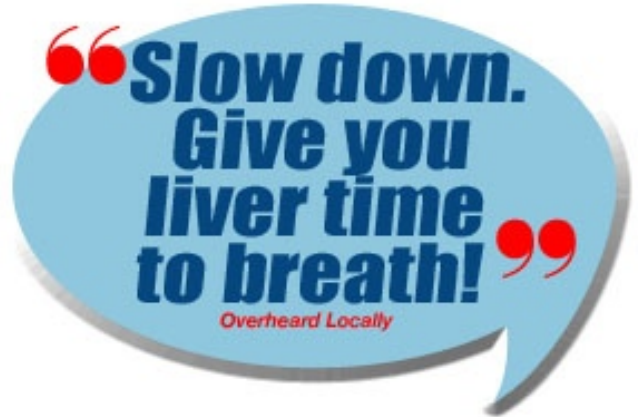
1/2 oz Kahlua
 1/2 oz Bailey's Irish Cream
 1/2 oz Peppermint
 Schnapps

Simply pour the alcohol in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake (top on tight?) until well mixed and strain into a tall shot glass.



See the chocolate sugar I rimmed my shot glass with?

It's from a really cool company called [Sugar Daddy](#) who makes all kinds of all-natural sugar gems using fruit and sugar cane. There are tons of fun flavors like lemon, toasted coconut, wild blueberry and dark cocoa.



MARK YOUR
 SECOND ANNUAL DELAWARE
CHILI RUN
 A Run, Eat, Run Benefiting the Boy Scouts of America
Sat., March 24th
 at the Dravo Plaza at the
 Wilmington Riverfront, **rain or shine!**

Team registration (consist of 4 people) only, \$100 per team.
 Team captains register first, setting up the team for \$100. Then team members register for a \$0 fee and join the team.
 Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. — Race starts at 10:30 a.m.



The Rules are:

- All teams must consist of 4 people.
- Each team must run one mile, eat an undisclosed amount of chili dogs as a team, then run another mile to finish.
- All teams must start and finish the race together.
- Races2Run will handle all race management of the Chili Run. Chip timing will be handled by NOVA timing systems.



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Easy-As-Can-Be Pot Roast Supper

This recipe makes 6 servings. Hands-on time: 9 minutes, hands-off time: time to preheat the oven, plus 30 to 40 minutes.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs baby carrots
- 2 lbs red or white potatoes; cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tbsp plus 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil, divided
- Sea salt and pepper
- One 13/4-lb trimmed top round roast
- 5 1/2-ounce can tomato juice (I used Campbell's)
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 2 medium onions, trimmed, peeled, and cut into quarters

Directions

Preheat the oven to 450°F. large roasting pan with nonstick aluminum foil. carrots and potatoes.

Line a large roasting pan with nonstick aluminum foil. Add the carrots and potatoes. Drizzle 1/2 cup plus 1 tsp of the olive oil over the vegetables and season them with salt and pepper.

Toss just to combine, then distribute them in an even layer in the bottom of the pan, leaving room for the roast in the center. Rub the roast all over with the remaining 1/2 cup olive oil, then season it with 1/4 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Set it in the center of the veggies and pour the juice evenly over all. Sprinkle the thyme over the top. Roast the meat, carrots, and potatoes for 18 minutes. Then, stir the potatoes and carrots (if using nonstick foil, be careful not to tear it). Separate the onion quarters into pieces. Scatter them over the potatoes and carrots. Continue roasting until a meat thermometer inserted in the center of the roast reads 125°F; for medium rare, about 15 to 20 minutes more.

Carefully transfer the roast to a platter. Loosely tent the roast with foil for 10 minutes while the juices redistribute internally.

If the veggies are not tender, rotate them one more time and continue roasting, up to 10 minutes more.

Slice the meat into thin slices against the grain and serve immediately with the veggies.

You don't have to use the nonstick foil here if you have a really good nonstick roasting pan, but it makes cleanup almost nonexistent, so I swear by it.



American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.



Condolences

To **Laurie**, on the death of her father, **Lawrence Moison**, 89, February 9th in Leesburg, VA.

To **Jim and Carolyn**, and **Major and Joyce Toner-Travers**, on the death of his Stepfather, **Ronald Davies**, 91, February 11th in Dover, DE.

Sun. 2/19
[Softball vs. St. Louis \(Florida Gulf Coast Tournament\)](#) 9AM

[#10/9 Women's Basketball at Drexel](#) 2PM
[Baseball at Houston](#) 2PM

Tues. 2/21
[Men's Lacrosse at Johns Hopkins](#) 5PM

Wed. 2/22
[M/W Swimming at CAA Championships \(George Mason\)](#)
[Women's Lacrosse vs. Villanova](#) 4PM
[MBasketball at Towson \(TV\)](#) 7PM

Thurs. 2/23
[W Indoor Track & Field at Collegiate Challenge](#)
[M/W Swimming at CAA Championships \(George Mason\)](#)
[Baseball at The Citadel](#) 6PM
[Women's Basketball vs. George Mason](#) 7PM

Fri. 2/24
[M/W Swimming at CAA Championships \(George Mason\)](#)
[Baseball at The Citadel](#) 5PM

Sat. 2/25
[M/W Swimming at CAA Championships \(George Mason\)](#)
[Softball vs. Army \(Norfolk State Tournament\)](#) 11AM
[Baseball at The Citadel](#) Noon
[MBasketball vs. Northeastern \(TV\)](#) Noon
[Men's Lacrosse vs. Mt. St. Mary's](#) Noon
[Softball vs. Monmouth \(Norfolk State Tourn.\)](#) 3PM
[Women's Lacrosse vs. Lehigh](#) 3PM
[Men's Tennis vs. Saint Joseph's \(at Elkton, Md.\)](#) 7PM

(Feb. 15, 2012) **No. 10 Delaware ^{rolled} Looks to Roll Over Hofstra ⁸⁹⁻⁷⁹ Thursday**
Delaware leads the all-time series with Hofstra 46-10 after the Hens defeated the Pride 84-66 earlier this season in Newark. Each team posted a home victory last year, including a 71-66 win for the Blue Hens on their home court. The Hens have won four out of the last five meetings over Hofstra and have fallen to the Pride just once in Newark, 62-53, during the 2008-09 season.
At Delaware: **27-1** • At Hofstra: **17-9** • At Neutral Sites: **2-0**



Friday, February 24th
6 pm ~ 9 pm
Hagley Soda House

Join hosts Nancy Johnson and Spencer Graves of the WSTW morning crew for the **Second-hand Chic Goodwill** fashion show! This dynamic event will combine music, models, fashion, food, drinks and of course, Goodwill! Enjoy music stylings by Angela Shiek, wine, light hors d'oeuvres and a show you will never forget! **For tickets** → www.goodwillDE.org

Proceeds from ticket and Boutique sales will go to the Goodwill Scholarship Fund. Event photography be provided by Errol Ebanks Photography. Hair and make-up designs for our models provided by Colour Roxx Salon and Spa.

Cobblestone Reminders
See the New Castle Weekly for Full Schedules
Tues. 2/21 • Historic NC Alliance Mtg. COURT HOUSE 6:30pm
Mon. 2/27 • Planning Commission Mtg. 6:30pm
Tues. 2/28 • Special Council Workshop Mtg. 6pm
Budget Discussion with Representatives of the Tree Commission
Mid-Year Budget Review
→ <http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov/>

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The Reedy Point Bridge along Del. 9 will close for repairs in April and reopen this fall.

Traffic from the north will be detoured to Del. 1, then U.S. 13 via exit 148 and Pole Bridge Road, which becomes Port Penn Road and leads to Liberty Street (Del. 9).

Traffic from the south will be directed to U.S. 13 via Port Penn Road. Vehicles will exit at Del. 72 (exit 152), turn right at the top of the ramp and end at the intersection with River Road (Del. 9).

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Those who forget to turn off their headlights in variably remember to lock their car doors.



Those who remember to lock car doors invariably leave keys in the ignition.



Comic Catharsis: A Gift of Cartoons

by William Steig

Although best known today as the creator of *Shrek*,

William Steig (1907-2003) first achieved fame for his cartoons and covers for *The New Yorker* and his published books of drawings such as *The Lonely Ones* (1942), *Small Fry* (1944), and *Dreams of Glory and Other Drawings* (1953). His situational gags are humorous and offer keen observations on various aspects of human relationships. Steig's drawing style in early works show emphatic, incisive lines and tonal washes. Late in Steig's career he began creating children's books that explore, in a lighter vein, many of the same themes as his cartoons for adults. Steig wrote and illustrated over 30 acclaimed works for children, including the Caldecott-winning *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* (1969) and *Shrek!* (1990). The exhibition

will feature over 100 works donated to the Brandywine River Museum in 2010 by Jeanne Steig from the artist's estate, as well as selected works for children on loan from the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art and private collections.

➔ [Comic Catharsis: A Gift of Cartoons by William Steig](#)



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➔ www.brandywinemuseum.org