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7/1 **Olivia De**

Havilland-96, Jamie Farr-78, Karen Black-70, Dan Aykroyd-60, Princess Diana*51 (1997), Carl Lewis-51, Pamela Anderson-45 Build A Scarecrow Day Canada Day Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day InterNatl Joke Day U.S. postage stamps went on sale for the first time. 1847, The **first zoo** in the U.S. opened in Philadelphia 1874, **Bulova Watch Co.** sponsored the first TV commercial. 1941, **Taxes** begin to be withheld from paychecks. 1943, **ZIP codes** go into use. 1963

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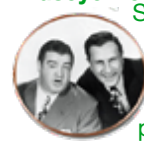


codes go into use. 1963

7/2 **I Forgot Day World UFO Day Dave Thomas*80 (2002), Richard Petty-75, Ron Silver*75 (2009) President Garfield** is shot. His struggle to survive lasted 80 days until his death on September 19th. 1881, An object crashed near **Roswell, NM**. The Army Air Force insisted it was a weather balloon, but eyewitness accounts led to speculation that it might have been an alien spacecraft. 1947, The **Lawrence Welk** show premieres on television. 1955, "**Forbes**" magazine reported that **Bill Gates**, was worth \$12.9 billion in 1995, making him the world's richest man. In 1999, he was worth about \$77 billion.



7/3 **Compliment Your Mirror Day Disobedience Day Stay out of the Sun Day Pete Fountain-82, Dave Barry-65, Montel Williams-56, Tom Cruise-50, Taylor Dayne-49** The first cultivated strawberry is displayed by **Michael Kent** 1806, **Clarence Birdseye** founded the General Seafood Corp. 1924,



Bud Abbott and Lou Costello debuted on NBC radio. 1940, **U.S. President Reagan** presided over a ceremony in New York Harbor that saw the relighting of the renovated **Statue of Liberty**. 1986

7/4 **Independence Day U.S., Natl Country Music Day Sidewalk Egg Frying Day 1872- Calvin Coolidge,*140 (1929) 30th U.S. President, Mitch Miller*101 (2010), Ann Landers*94, Abigail Van Buren-94,**

Gina Lollobrigida-85, Neil Simon-85, George Steinbrenner*82 (2010), Geraldo Rivera-69 The Confederate town of Vicksburg, MS, surrendered to **Gen. Ulysses S. Grant**. 1863, At **Mount Rushmore**, George Washington's face was dedicated. 1934, U.S. Postal Service issued the **4c Flag stamp**. 1957, After being displayed or over a century, the torch on the **Statue of Liberty** is removed so it can be replaced. 1984



7/5 **Work-a-holics Day P. T. Barnum*202 (1891), Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.*110 (1985), Huey Lewis-61 Andrew Beard** was issued a patent for the rotary engine. 1892, Baseball great **Joe DiMaggio** hits his first grand slam. 1937, The **bikini** makes it's debut at a Paris fashion show. 1946, **Arthur Ashe** became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title when he defeated **Jimmy Connors**. 1975

7/6 **Natl Fried Chicken Day John Paul Jones*265 (1792), Revolutionary War, Father of the U.S. Navy, Nancy Reagan-89, Merv Griffin*87 (2007), Janet Leigh*85 (2004), Della Reese*81, Ned Beatty-75, Burt Ward-67, George W. Bush-66, 43rd U.S. President, Sylvester Stallone-66 Capt. William Kidd**, the pirate, was captured in Boston, and deported back to England. 1699, In the very first **All Star Baseball** game, the American League wins 5-2. 1933, Anne Frank and her family took refuge from the Nazis in Amsterdam. 1942, The **DuPont Company** announced an agreement to purchase **Conoco, Inc.** 1981

7/7 **Chocolate Day Natl Strawberry Sundae Day Satchel Paige*106 (1982), Pierre Cardin-90, Doc Severinsen*85, Ringo Starr-72, Shelley Duvall-65, Michelle Kwan-32** The United States annexes **Hawaii**. 1898, Construction began on Boulder Dam, later **Hoover Dam**, on the Colorado River. 1930, "**Dragnet**" was first heard on NBC radio. 1949, **President Reagan** announced he was nominating Arizona Judge **Sandra Day O'Connor** to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. 1981*Deceased



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Tract 6 Stand welcomes Biddle Produce

Biddle's Produce and Seafood is open for business in the Tract 6 Stand at Historic Penn Farm, 807 Frenchtown Road (across from Amazon.com warehouse). Business hours are 9 AM to 6 PM daily, 7 days a week. Charlie Biddle has another produce stand close-by in Maryland and has rented the Tract 6 Stand previously to sell flowers and Christmas Trees.



The Stand is fully stocked with all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, shellfish, beautiful hanging flower baskets and bedding plants. Look forward to pumpkins and Christmas Trees as the season moves from summer to fall and winter! His pricing on all items is attractively competitive and equally enticing! Charlie is also



assisting Delaware Greenways' community engagements with space accommodations inside the Stand. *C'mon out and shop a bit then see what's growing on at the farm. Welcome Biddle Produce and Seafood*

National Bell Ringing Ceremony

...begins nationally with tapping the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia at **2pm on the 4th of July** each year.

Immanuel Episcopal Church on The Green, will host the Annual National Bell Ringing Ceremony for the seventh year.

Children, families, friends and patriots of all ages are cordially invited to celebrate our ancestors' decision. It was made by 18th century Delawareans right here in historic New Castle to achieve liberty and independence.

Please be seated in the church by 1:25 pm. The program is free. At 2pm, bells across New Castle and across the Nation will peal, officially commemorating the birth of American Independence.





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Sun, 7/1	at Marlins	1:10p	PHL 17, MLB.TV Buy
Tue, 7/3	at Mets	7:10p	CSN, MLB.TV Buy
Wed, 7/4	at Mets	1:10p	CSN, MLB.TV Buy
Thu, 7/5	at Mets	7:10p	CSN, MLB.TV Buy
Fri, 7/6	Braves	7:05p	CSN, MLB.TV Buy
Sat, 7/7	Braves	7:15p	FOX, MLB.TV Buy
Sun, 7/8	Braves	1:35p	PHL 17, TBS, MLB.TV Buy



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CobbleCongtraz Tyler!



→ [NASCAR SPRINT](#)

NO	DATE	RACE	TIME/TV	LINKS
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14	6/10	Pocono	Joey Logano	Tickets Travel
15	6/17	Michigan	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Tickets Travel
16	6/24	Sonoma	Clint Bowyer	Tickets Travel
17	6/30	Kentucky	Sat 6:30pm TNT	Tickets Travel

* → [FedEx400](#) benefiting Autism Speaks

Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Sun 7/1 **Katie K.** Wed. 7/4 **Linda R.** Thurs. 7/5 **Jim T.**
Sun 7/8. **Astrid R. ~ Pete T.**

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& **DEL. SIERRA CLUB** presents:
Free Film Screening, Thurs. 7/12 – 7pm

An Evolving Legacy: Delaware's Coastal Zone Act.

This one hour documentary recounts the dramatic struggle of the late Governor Russell W. Peterson to craft visionary environmental legislation to preserve Delaware's shoreline, its forty year history, and the challenges all Delawareans face as we struggle to balance the desire for development with the love for necessary unspoiled habitats. The film will be introduced by the filmmaker, Michael Oates, who will be available for questions afterward. → [Sierra Club](#)
Delaware Humanities Forum, visit our website at <http://www.dhf.org>



Sat. 7/14 St. Georges Bluegrass Festival

Commodore Center 1701 S. DuPont Hwy., St. Georges. 12-8 pm rain or shine.

Information. → [St Georges Festival](#)



Wed. 7/25 - 7pm FREE FILM "AN EVOLVING LEGACY: DELAWARE'S COASTAL ZONE ACT" Delaware City Library. The film is brought to you by Delaware City Environmental Coalition. Look for more information in the July 8th **Cobblestones**

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Author Unknown

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New! Monday Ride Madness

Present your discount coupon before 6 PM only on Monday July 23rd and **save \$10 off a Monday Madness Unlimited Ride Wristband.** These will go fast so get them while you can at your → [local Food Lion](#) and [Del-One](#) locations. Please note: The Monday Ride Madness coupon **cannot be used with Advanced Unlimited Ride Wristband vouchers.** Coupon must be used on the Wade Shows Carnival lot while purchasing a Weekday Unlimited Ride Wristband before 6 PM.



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Use your favorite **store-bought** BBQ Sauce for this recipe. Roasting the ribs first, then finishing them on the grill makes them tender on the inside and deliciously charred on the outside.

rub & ribs ingredients

3 tbsps chipotle, ancho or your favorite chili powder
3 tbsps paprika
8 tbsps brown sugar
2 tps garlic powder
2 tps ground cumin
1 tsp Kosher salt
1/2 tsp ground white pepper
3 racks baby back ribs

rub & rib how to

Combine the ingredients and mix well.
Rub the spice mixture on the ribs and place refrigerator for 24 hours.
Line a roasting pan with aluminum foil and tack the 3 racks of ribs on top of one another.
Cover the roasting pan tightly with aluminum foil and roast at 325°F for 1 hour.

sauce ingredients

3 cups of your favorite BBQ Sauce
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup maple syrup
Juice of 4 tangerines or 2 oranges
Salt & freshly ground pepper

sauce how to

Combine the ingredients in a saucepot and bring to a simmer.
Cook for 15 minutes to blend flavors.
To serve, fire up the barbecue and brush the ribs with the BBQ Sauce and grill until the sauce caramelizes on both sides and the ribs are heated through, about 15 minutes, turning often.
Baste with additional sauce often while grilling.
Serve the ribs with extra sauce for dipping



Pass the butter...

er, margarine. Or is it the olive-oil spread?

In the so-called oil-and-fats category, it's getting tougher to tell which is which. Butter giant Land O'Lakes is adding olive oil to some of its sticks, marking what it says is a category first. Meanwhile, a canola-oil-blended butter spread continues to gain attention, and some versions also include, you guessed it, olive oil. At the same time, brands are adding dashes of sea salt, cinnamon and sugar to spice up what was once a pretty mundane dairy staple.

But one thing is for sure. In its race against margarine, butter is winning — and even outpacing olive oil of late — as consumers seek pure, simple, flavor-rich ingredients.



I don't like food that's too carefully arranged; it makes me think that the chef is spending too much time arranging and not enough time cooking. If I wanted a picture I'd buy a painting.

Classic T-Birds coming to town July 12th



A rare opportunity to see the classics will take place on **Thurs., July 12th** at 11am when the **Thunderbirds** will be in

Historic New Castle.

"we currently have 85 people registered for our Historic New Castle Day. We will have 38 Thunderbirds + 10 other cars in our caravan from the hotel to New Castle" Linda Lagree said.



Is anyone in here with us?

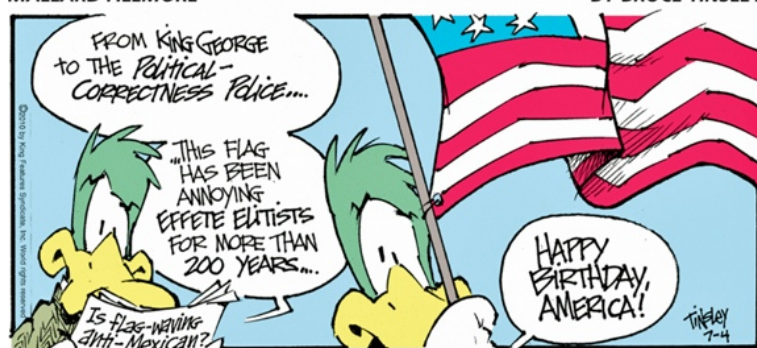
Sat. July 14th
8:45 & 11:45 pm

Paranormal Investigations

Join Delmarva Historic Haunts (DHH) to investigate some of New Castle's oldest and most legendary buildings...the Amstel House, The Dutch House and the Old Library! You'll join a small group of people led through the three historic buildings and a tour of DHH's mobile lab by one of their experienced paranormal investigators. You can participate in an investigation and decide for yourself whether history really "comes alive" at night in these museums! Check out the results of the DHH Amstel House investigation from earlier this year → [here!](#)

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Every Sunday morning, 360 plus "Cobbles" receive their weekly dose of New Castle's comings and goings and other good and interesting stuff! Cobblestones is my "fun" project, a pay back to the community. There is no charge to community organizations for their listings.

Space for commercial/business ads require a donation of \$50 to cover time and materials.

The rate that covers four random insertions.

Ads should be a moderate size. A jpg or PDF works the best. Let me know early in the week an approx. size with a final copy Thursday. If it's just a listing for "events", please send me copy as soon as possible.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone for your interest and participation in the growing Cobblestones family. Anything I can do to help, please let me know.



Gator says...**Call ahead for pick up for the office!**

Salads \$4.99-\$12.99, Soups \$2.99-\$5.99, and PoBoys and wraps are \$7.99-\$12.99.

Cobblestone Reminders

See the **New Castle Weekly** for Full Schedules

Thurs 7/2 • Tree Commission • 5:30pm

Thurs 7/5 • Special City Council Mtg • 9am

→ <http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov/>

SHOWTIME IN THE PARK



A great working trio, L-R: JJ Culpepper, April Mae, and Dave Fecca, aka April Mae and the June Bugs, real crowd-pleasers.



Doug Lovett, of Blue Heron Galley, front, with Barbara and Jim Whisman.

Jim Workman, our M.C., hammin' it up with Ginsey Bates, both from West 3rd St. Ms. Bates was one of the VIPs team members.



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A CONCERT...note!

I think attendance Weds. night was up to about 400-475, a sizable jump from last week. (The City still does not realize that a crowd that size, most of whom are not aware of the "Carry In-Carry Out" trash policy...will need about 6-12 trash barrels; they brought two (2!)...which were overstuffed at the end of the night.) The weather was perfect, and we sold out of **Porto-Fino** "solid food" twice; salads were not popular, nor was water; people gotta have that shot a sugar, apparently. The Marble Cake from **Arner's** was gone in less than an hour, but we still had about 3 pieces of apple pie to share among "staff" at the end of the evening...; we sold well over 90 bags of popcorn. The age of the crowd was a "better" mix, with about 30% in the lower age brackets. There was a small but constant group of kids who hung out right of the bottom of the Bandshell, groovin' on the sounds, dancin', etc.

So...another really good night! - Jim

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July is the month of the **Full Buck Moon**
July 3rd

Bucks begin to grow new antlers at this time. This full Moon was also known as the **Thunder Moon** because thunderstorms are so frequent during this month.

Hunting, fishing, drawing, and music occupied my every moment. Cares I knew not, and cared naught about them. John James Audubon

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JULY 25 Patriotic Marches
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Rodney's Ride Questioned – Horseback or Carriage

This essay by William P. (Bill) Frank, appeared in the Wilmington Morning News, when the News Journal published a morning and evening editions.

The date is unclear as there is no masthead on the clipping. The price on the reverse is "five cents".

A question mark has been placed upon the Caesar Rodney equestrian statue in the heart of Wilmington, in fact, a cloud has settled around the entire story of Rodney making his famous dash on horse from Dover to Philadelphia to vote for Independence in 1776.

Up until now, it has been assumed that the famous Delaware patriot rode horseback from Dover to Philadelphia on July 1-2, 1776 in order to vote for Congressional resolution or the Declaration of the Independence.

Now comes Prof. William B. Hamilton of Duke University, who has written a book, "Anglo-American Law on the Frontier: Thomas Rodney and His Territorial Cases" in which he says he is inclined to credit the theory that Caesar Rodney did not ride to Philadelphia, astride a horse but rather in a carriage!

If this is true-then the obvious question it: What happens to the magnificent heroic statue in Wilmington, showing Rodney galloping toward Philadelphia, on a horse?

And what happens to all the poetry and stories ever written about Rodney's ride? What about the innumerable paintings of the important incident in American and Delaware history?

Actually, the references to Caesar Rodney's ride from Dover to Philadelphia on behalf of national independence is an insignificant part of Professor Hamilton's book which is more about Thomas Rodney than his brother, Caesar.

But the references to Caesar Rodney's ride is of interest to Delaware's - also of interest to Delawareans is the biography of Thomas Rodney as a hot headed patriot, a mystic, a paranoic, and great egotist - a man who thought he was a descendant of Julius Caesar and was responsible for some of the great decisions in the American Revolutionary War.

Professor Hamilton says Thomas Rodney sometime signed his name, Julius Thomas Rodney, and even went so far as to name his son, Caesar Augustus Rodney.

Professor Hamilton in his graphical detail of Thomas and his elder brother, Caesar, reviews the story of the Declaration of Independence and how, when the crucial resolution for independence was to be brought up for a vote in Congress, Caesar-a representative from Delaware - Was in Kent and Sussex Counties putting down a serious Tory uprising.

Then, came the day when Caesar learned he was urgently needed in Philadelphia because of other Delaware delegates -Thomas McKean and George Read were divided on the question of Independence. McKean was for and Read against.

CALLS FOR CARRIAGE

According to Professor Hamilton, Thomas Rodney wrote in his journal of 1797-some 20 years later- that his brother "called for his Carriage" and thus set out for Philadelphia.

Says Professor Hamilton:

"What germ of truth may lie in the center of so many apocrypha (the many stories of Thomas' influence upon Caesar) it is impossible to tell.

"One is inclined to credit the clause that indicates that Caesar made his ride in a carriage- dampening information as unheroic as if Revere had dashed across" the countryside in the family surrey."

Professor Hamilton continues:

"The statement is thrown into the narrative (by Thomas Rodney) so incidentally and is so out of keeping with the epic dramatization of the body of the tale that it is possible (Thomas) Rodney really remembered that Caesar left Dover in that manner."

However, there is no further indication that even if Caesar Rodney did start his famous ride in a carriage that he didn't finish it on horse back.

He undoubtedly changed horses several times between Dover and Philadelphia-and he just might have switched from a carriage to horse back. On the other hand, it is pointed out, that Caesar Rodney himself wrote in a letter to his brother; dated July 4, 1776, that he arrived in Philadelphia in time to, vote independence "though detained by thunder and rain."



And, it is indicated that the storm plus the fact that Caesar Rodney was suffering from asthma and a serious cancer on the face may have induced him to use a carriage with its protection from the elements, rather than riding on horse back.

HORSEBACK ASSUMED

There is no other contemporary source that says how Caesar Rodney made the ride but it was always assumed that he did ride a horse and every picture ever painted, shows Caesar Rodney "booted and spurred" either on his way or arriving at Independence Hall by horseback.

Professor Hamilton also says this -about Rodney's ride:

"It used to be possible to make a better tale out of this incident than can now be done and- the equestrian statue of Caesar in Rodney Square, Wilmington, is a reminder of the heroic and crucial gallop of Rodney that has echoed through the imagination of many a school boy."

Professor Hamilton is referring to the now thoroughly discredited stories that Caesar had been courting a Tory girl in Lewes in the summer of 1776 and learned in the nick of time he was needed in Philadelphia - and then, brushing the girl aside, jumped on his horse and off he went for Philadelphia.

Another error-which is still engraved on the mase of the equestrian statue in Wilmington - is the claim that Rodney arrived in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, to vote for the Declaration of Independence. That story was still lingering in Delaware at the time the statue was designed, cast, and dedicated.

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It is now considered a fact that Rodney arrived on July 2 to vote for the famous Lee resolution that made the Declaration of Independence possible. The biography of Thomas Rodney - outside of the thorough discussion of Rodney as a judge on the post-Revolutionary War southwest frontier of the nation-is one of the most complete and objective ever written of this comparatively unknown member of the famous Rodney family, Caesar having always eclipsed his younger brother in the general Delaware history interest.

Professor Hamilton has written a very human story of the man-how he thought himself a great factor in the Revolutionary War decisions, including Washington's plan to cross the Delaware, Thomas also thought been he was the one who laid the ground- to work for the framework of our present national government.

He was also an eccentric and a mystic, given to discussing and analyzing his dreams or "visions."

Another point Professor Hamilton makes in his book is that Thomas Rodney, though a deep rooted patriot in favor of American independence was not sold on Jefferson's ideas of "all men are created equal."

He thought, rather, that slaves were born to bondage and there were times when Thomas Rodney would cane his own slaves because he thought they were leering at him. Another phase in Thomas Rodney's life was his poor business aptitudes and his needs for money. At one time, he even went to jail because of his debts.

However, Thomas Rodney, despite his human frailties, emerges from Professor Hamilton's book as an honest man, an energetic servant of his country, and a man who did keep clear of the chicanery, bribery, and corruption that prevailed in the young nation.

