

Historic Events in February

1849: James K. Polk is the first president to be photographed.

1868: The first U.S. parade with floats occurs at an Alabama Mardi Gras celebration.

1884: The inaugural edition of the Oxford English Dictionary is published. It only covers "A" through "Ant" in 352 pages.

1895: William G. Morgan invents a sport called mintonette. One year later, the name is changed to volleyball.

1922: "Reader's Digest" is published for the first time.

1924: Calvin Coolidge is the first president to give a political speech on the radio.

1929: The first Academy Award winners are announced.

1953: James Watson and Francis Crick declare that they've discovered the chemical structure of DNA.

1964: The Beatles appear on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

1971: Astronaut Alan Shepard hits a golf ball on the moon.

1980: The U.S. Olympic hockey team beats the heavily favored U.S.S.R. team in an upset dubbed the "Miracle on Ice."

1991: The Baseball Hall of Fame votes to ban Pete Rose because of allegations he bet on baseball.

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Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming, and it reminds us of the people we love the most: you, our residents! And we're not thinking about just hearts and flowers, either. We are committed to making your home here the best ever. Please don't hesitate to let us know if there's anything else we can do to make it that way!







MEMORY CARE

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Cute Cork Critter

Make several of these little lovebugs to hand out to loved ones on Valentine's Day.

Materials: • Cork

- Red or pink construction paper
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Wiggle eyes
- Small round magnet (optional)

Directions:

Stand the cork upright on one of its flat ends. This is the lovebug's body. From the construction paper, cut out two small heart shapes, about the same size as each other. On one heart, place a dot of glue toward the bottom, near the point. Attach it to the back of the cork with the rounded top of the heart shape sticking out to the side, so that it looks like a butterfly's wings. Repeat with the second heart, gluing it to the bug so that the wing points in the opposite direction. Glue two wiggle eyes to the front of the cork. If desired,

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glue a small magnet to the

back of the bug.





Groundhog Day

Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow on Feb. 2? Will we have six more weeks of winter, or is spring right around the corner? We'll have some groundhog-themed activities as we eagerly await Phil's prediction, so check the calendar for all the details!

Awaiting the Season's Change

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Black History Month

Each February, Americans celebrate Black History Month. This tribute dates back to 1926 and is credited to Harvard scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The observance originally ran one week and included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Since 1976, the contributions of African-Americans have been celebrated for the entire month of February.



A Peek at the Presidents

George Washington probably didn't chop down a cherry tree, and his dentures weren't made of wood, but of cow teeth. More presidential tidbits:

Thomas Jefferson (1801-09). A prolific inventor, he designed or improved the spherical sundial, dumbwaiter and swivel chair, among other items.

John Quincy Adams (1825-29). Swam in the Potomac River each morning.

Ulysses S. Grant (1869-77).
Received a speeding ticket while driving his one-horse carriage in Washington, D.C.

James A. Garfield (1881). Ambidextrous, President Garfield could write a sentence in Latin with one hand and in Greek with the other.

Warren G. Harding (1921-23). During a poker game, he lost a set of White House china to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's first wife, Louise.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-45). After President Roosevelt told guests about a mystery story he'd imagined, it was made into a novel and movie, called "The President's Mystery." FDR received a "story by" credit. Gerald Ford (1974-77). He and his wife, Betty, had been models. He even appeared on the cover of Cosmopolitan magazine.





