

This day in history: February 11

- 1752 Pennsylvania Hospital, the first hospital in the United States, opens in Philadelphia.
- 1809 Massachusetts governor Elbridge Gerry signs a law that redrews district lines in his party's favor, thus giving rise to the term "gerrymandering".
- 1861 President-elect Abraham Lincoln leaves Springfield, IL, for Washington, saying, "I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return" --- He never does.
- 1933 President Hoover designates Death Valley as a national monument.

This day in history: February 12

- 1809 Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. President, is born near Hodgenville, KY.
- 1909 The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is founded.
- 1973 Hanoi begins to release American POW's following the end of the Vietnam War.
- 1999 The Senate acquits President Bill Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.
- 2001 The NEAR (*Near Earth Rendezvous*) spacecraft touches down on Eros, marking the first landing on an asteroid.

This day in history: February 13

- 1635 Boston Public Latin School, the nation's oldest public school, is founded.
- 1795 The University of North Carolina, the first state university to open its doors in the new United States, begins operating.
- 1826 The American Temperance Society, the national organization to advocate prohibition is founded.
- 1935 Bruno Richard Hauptmann is found guilty of murder in the kidnapping and death of Charles and Anne Lindbergh's infant son.
- 2000 Charles Schulz's last *Peanuts* comic strip runs the day after the cartoonist dies at age 77.

This day in history: February 14 – HAPPY VALINETINES DAY !!

- 1849 James Polk becomes the first president to be photographed in office.
- 1859 Oregon becomes the 38th state.
- 1912 Arizona becomes the 48th state.
- 1946 ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer), the first general-purpose electronic computer, is unveiled at the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1962 Millions turn in to watch First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy host the first televised tour of the White House.

This day in history: February 15

- 1764 St. Louis, Missouri, is founded as a French trading post.
- 1799 Pennsylvania authorizes the first printed election ballots in the U.S.
- 1820 Woman suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony is born in Adams, MA.
- 1898 The *USS Maine* blows up in Havana harbor, touching off the Spanish

American War.

- 1933** President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt narrowly escapes an assassination attempt in Miami.

This day in history: February 16

- 1804** Lt. Stephen Decatur leads a daring naval raid into Tripoli harbor to burn the U.S. frigate *Philadelphia*, which had fallen into the hands of the Barbary pirates.
- 1852** Henry and Clement Studebaker found a wagon-making business in South Bend, Indiana, that eventually becomes a famous car manufacturer.
- 1937** Wallace H. Carothers, a research chemist for DuPont, receives a patent for nylon.
- 1945** American troops recapture the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines almost three years after the infamous Bataan Death March.

This day in history: February 17

- 1801** The U.S. House of Representatives breaks a electoral tie vote between Thomas Jefferson and Arron Burr, choosing Jefferson to be the third U.S. President.
- 1817** The first public gas streetlight in the U.S. is lit in Baltimore, MA.
- 1864** The Confederate *H.L. Huntley* becomes the first submarine to sink a warship, the *USS Housatonic*, but goes down after the attack.
- 1968** The Naismith, Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame opens to the public in Springfield, MA