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Celebrating February

Mend a Broken Heart Month

Library Lovers Month

Bubble Gum Day
February 1st

Groundhog Day
February 2nd

Celebration of Love Week
February 10–16

Valentine's Day
February 14th

Love Your Pet Day
February 20th

Pastor Joe
February 28th

A baby is a blessing, A gift from Heaven above, A precious little Angel to cherish and to love.

Welcome Baby Emma on November 2nd!

7lbs 20in

Congratulations RCS Andrea and family!



Welcome Baby Tyler on December 7th!

7lbs 3oz 20in

Congratulations RCM Nichole and family!





Inventing the Future

What would we do without the innovative imaginations of the inventors of the world? We can honor inventors and their great achievements on February 11, Inventors Day. When we think of inventors, sometimes the first who come to mind are people like Thomas Edison, who invented the lightbulb,

or Leonardo da Vinci, who conceived of marvelous devices like airplanes and parachutes. But inventors are not only people of the past. Truly, it seems as if new inventions are flooding the market every day, thanks to strides in technology and computing.

Robots and artificial intelligence are all the rage in today's tech sector. Personal robots, such as Amazon's Alexa and Google's Home, are like personal assistants, helping us make calls, maintain schedules, and purchase items. A new home robot named Jibo is attempting to make the home assistant more personal and lifelike. Jibo looks like a little cartoon, with a squat white body and a glowing "head" with eyes and a mouth. The body swivels and turns to face you as it speaks, making it seem all the more human.

Robots are not just boxes on our tabletops; they are being integrated into cars and appliances. The Tesla company may have invented the most futuristic cars yet. They are fully electric and boast self-driving features. Refrigerators are even getting into the robot game: not only do some fridges boast interactive screens that give you updates on the fridge's contents, but Panasonic has just designed a voice-controlled mini-fridge on wheels that will come to you when its called. You no longer have to get up from the couch to get a cold drink—your fridge will bring it to you!

Inventors are not just focused on robotics. Some are also focused on improving ice cream. That's right, the Halo Top company has invented a flavorful, low-sugar ice cream that is only 360 calories per pint. Their motto is "Go ahead, eat the whole pint." It's good to know that inventors have their priorities straight.

February Birthdays

In astrology, those born between February 1–19 are Water Bearers of Aquarius. Water Bearers are deep-thinking intellectuals, unafraid of exploring outlandish ideas. Their strong sense of community makes them good friends and valuable team members. Those born from February 19–28 are the slippery Fish of Pisces. Selfless Pisces are very wise and empathetic, making them always willing to help others. These deep emotions also make Pisces talented artists and good friends.

Clark Gable (actor) – February 1, 1901
Red Buttons (comedian) – February 5, 1919
Babe Ruth (ballplayer) – February 6, 1895
Jules Verne (author) – February 8, 1828
Jimmy Durante (actor) – February 10, 1893
Galileo Galilei (astronomer) – February 15, 1564
Cybill Shepherd (actress) – February 18, 1950
Patty Hearst (kidnapee) – February 20, 1954
Olave Baden-Powell (guide) – February 22, 1889
Steve Jobs (innovator) – February 24, 1955
Fats Domino (musician) – February 26, 1928

Underwater Weddings



With Valentine's Day falling in the middle of February, it is no wonder this month is known as Wedding Month. The city of Trang in Thailand has capitalized on lovers

yearning to tie the knot on Valentine's Day by offering a unique setting for a wedding—under water! Every year from February 13 to 15, couples flock to this tropical seaside destination to take part in an underwater group wedding ceremony. On the 13th, couples are greeted at the airport by Thai dancers in traditional dress and then paraded through the streets of Trang to the cheers of spectators. On Valentine's Day, couples are boated to the island of Koh Kradan, where they take part in a traditional Thai wedding ceremony and are blessed with the pouring of water over their heads from a conch shell. Then—for qualified divers only—comes the big event. Tuxedoed grooms and brides dressed in white don their scuba kits for the underwater ceremony in the protected, pristine waters of Thailand's Andaman Coast.

