

Historic Oaks

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We Love Our Residents!

The entire staff of Historic Oaks joins in wishing everyone in our community a very happy Valentine's Day. While February is the traditional month of love, we just wanted to remind you that *we really do love our residents all year long!* Thank you for making our community such a great place to call home!

Don't Forget February 14th!

Make that special someone feel happy and appreciated. Whether a sweetheart or a friend, a special card or gift can make their day. That's been true for hundreds of years and is a time-tested way to show that you care. Be sure not to break tradition. To one and all, we say "Happy Valentine's Day!"

Little Economies: Saving on Soap

Save money on hand soap by making your own gel foam. Buy a big jug of gel soap and then fill your soap dispensers about half way full. Swirl for 30 seconds. Now you have gel foam. It will still get you clean, but it really stretches the soap purchase, according to *The Simple Dollar*.

Transfer Balances with Caution

Know all the details of the offer if you plan to use a splashy credit card balance transfer offer. Here are three points to look at:

Deferred interest: With this plan, if you haven't paid off the balance by the time the introductory offer expires, you'll be charged retroactive interest for the entire amount.

New purchase rates: Never make a new purchase on a balance transfer card. According to Forbes, new purchases can and will be charged a fat interest rate.

Missed payment penalties: Always set up automatic minimum payments. If you miss one payment on your transferred balance, you will lose your low-interest deal.

Happening in February...

Groundhog Day, Feb. 2. If the groundhog sees its shadow, prepare for another six weeks of winter (or possibly a showing of the 1993 Bill Murray movie).

National Wear Red Day, Feb. 7. Nearly 500,000 women lose their lives to cardiovascular diseases each year. The first Friday of each February is a day to reenergize an ongoing movement to focus on women's health and heart disease. Wear red today and be a part of the movement. Learn more at www.goredforwomen.org

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Paying homage to romance and love, we celebrate this day by showering gifts and affections upon those who hold special places in our hearts. Make your words and actions count today.

Leap Year Day, Feb. 29. Here's an extra day to make the most of!

Black History Month. This month long celebration of the accomplishments of African Americans throughout history began in the early 20th century as a result of the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the organization he founded, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History.



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New parent? Avoid these common money mistakes

Becoming a parent for the first time is exciting—and it can also be expensive. USA Today shares these all-too-common mistakes to avoid when you're starting out:

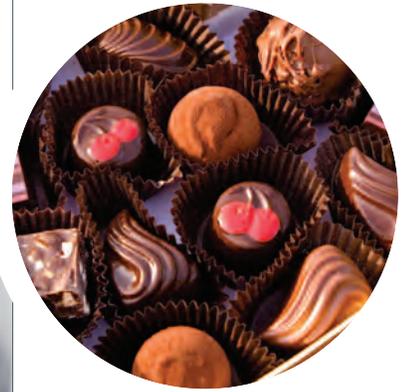
- **Buying every gadget.** You'll feel deluged by ads for everything from baby-wipe warmers to blenders that make gourmet food for infants. Resist the temptation to buy it all. You can make do with the basics—a crib, a changing table, clothes, food, and diapers—without blowing your budget.
- **Stocking up excessively.** You don't have to buy

six months' worth of diapers in one swoop, no matter how great the deal may seem. Remember that kids grow quickly, and chances are they'll grow out of infant clothes in a short time—which means you don't need dozens of outfits no matter how cute they are. Focus on just-in-time purchases during the first few years.

- **Buying brand-new.** Check resale shops for clothes, toys, and other baby necessities. Many parents donate their used supplies once their kids have outgrown them. Friends and relatives with kids may also be happy

for the opportunity to unload some of their old gear on you.

- **Not planning in advance.** You should put your finances in order long before going to the hospital. Look into your insurance options for the new addition to your family—both health care for your child and life insurance for you. Set up an emergency fund. Think about your child care options (day care, or will one parent stop working?) so you can be prepared for the expense or drop in income.



Chocolate may be the perfect cough medicine

Good news if you've got a cough you can't get rid of—especially if you're a chocolate lover. The *Shape* magazine website reports that an influential authority on respiratory medicine believes chocolate can do a great job of soothing coughs because it forms a protective coating inside your throat that shields the nerve endings that make you cough. Melted chocolate's viscosity permits a natural ingredient to defend those nerve endings and help them calm down.

The expert notes that drinking hot chocolate won't have the same cough-soothing effect because it's too diluted to have a long-lasting effect on throat nerves. You're better off sucking on a piece of chocolate and letting it melt down slowly to coat your throat.



Simple tips for a healthier heart

Close to 2,200 people die each day in the United States because of cardiovascular problems. That's one every 40 seconds. Because February is Heart Health Month, here's some advice from the WMC Action News website on how to keep your heart healthy:

- **Laugh a lot.** Laughter dilates your blood vessels, increases blood flow, and lowers your blood pressure.
- **Snuggle.** Hugging releases oxytocin, a hormone that relieves stress and can reduce blood pressure.
- **Get the right amount of sleep.** Both oversleeping and getting less than six hours of sleep a night raises your heart attack risk. Aim for about eight hours every night.
- **Drink coffee.** Studies suggest that caffeine can stabilize your heart rhythm if you have an abnormal heart rate. Check with your doctor.
- **Move around.** Standing and moving around one hour per day can reduce cardiovascular disease risk in women by 25%, according to a University of California, San Diego, study.

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BIRDS OF PREY After splitting with the Joker, Harley Quinn (**Margot Robbie**) joins superheroes Black Canary, Huntress and Renee Montoya to save a young girl from an evil crime lord, Black Mask in Gotham City.

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BLOODSHOT After he and his wife are murdered, marine Ray Garrison (**Vin Diesel**), is resurrected by a team of scientists. Enhanced with nanotechnology, he becomes a superhuman, biotech killing machine - Bloodshot. As Ray first trains with fellow super-soldiers, he cannot recall anything from his former life. But when his memories flood back and he remembers the man that killed both him and his wife, he breaks out of the facility to get revenge, only to discover that there's more to the conspiracy than he thought.

WHAT ABOUT LOVE Two young lovers change the lives of their parents forever when the parents learn from the joyful experience of their kids, and allow themselves to again find their love. **Sharon Stone** and **Andy Garcia** star.

FIRST LADY Katherine Morales (**Nancy Stafford**), a woman not married to the President, runs for First Lady, but she winds up getting a better proposal than she ever expected. First Lady is a classic romantic comedy with the backdrop of Presidential Politics and Royal Charm.

BRAHMS: THE BOY II Unaware of the terrifying history of Heelshire Mansion, a young family moves into the estate, where their young son soon makes an unsettling new friend, an eerily life-like doll he calls Brahms. **Katie Holmes** and **Eric Reid** star.

DOWNHILL In Downhill, barely escaping an avalanche during a ski vacation in the Alps throws a seemingly picture-perfect family into disarray as they are forced to reevaluate life, and how they truly feel about each other.

EMMA Handsome, clever, and rich, Emma Woodhouse is a restless queen bee without rivals in her sleepy little town. In this glittering satire of social class and the pain of growing up, Emma must adventure through misguided matches and romantic missteps to find the love that has been there all along.

FANTASY ISLAND The enigmatic Mr. Roarke makes the secret dreams of his lucky guests come true at a luxurious but remote tropical resort. But when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests have to solve the island's mystery in order to escape with their lives.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Sonic tries to navigate the complexities of life on Earth with his newfound best friend -- a human named Tom Wachowski. They must soon join forces to prevent the evil Dr. Robotnik (**Jim Carrey**) from capturing Sonic and using his powers for world domination.

THE INVISIBLE MAN Trapped in a violent, controlling relationship with a wealthy and brilliant scientist, Cecilia Kass (**Elisabeth Moss**) escapes in the dead of night and disappears into hiding, aided by her sister (**Harriet Dyer**), their childhood friend (**Aldis Hodge**) and his teenage daughter (**Storm Reid**).

THE CALL OF THE WILD Buck is a big-hearted dog whose blissful domestic life gets turned upside down when he is suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon in the 1890s. As the newest rookie on a mail-delivery dog sled team, Buck experiences the adventure of a lifetime as he ultimately finds his true place in the world. **Harrison Ford** stars.

HOME ENTERTAINMENT RELEASES

Feb. 4	Playing with Fire
Feb. 4	Last Christmas
Feb. 4	Doctor Sleep
Feb. 4	The Good Liar
Feb. 11	Ford v Ferrari
Feb. 18	21 Bridges
Feb. 18	Midway
Feb. 18	A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood



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February 2020

						saturday
sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	1
2 <i>Super Bowl 54</i>	3 <i>Carrot Cake Day</i>	4 <i>World Cancer Day</i>	5 <i>February is Library Lovers' Month</i>	6 Rent is Late!	7 <i>Wear Red Day</i>	8 <i>Kite Flying Day</i>
9 <i>The Beatles appear on the Ed Sullivan Show 1964</i>	10 <i>Clean Out Your Computer Day</i>	11 <i>Make a Friend Day</i>	12 <i>Lost Penny Day</i>	13 <i>February is Black History Month</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	15 <i>Single's Awareness Day</i>
16 <i>Do a Grouch a Favor Day</i>	17 <i>President's Day</i> <i>Random Acts of Kindness Day</i>	18 <i>Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day</i>	19 <i>February is Vegan Cuisine Month</i>	20 <i>John Glenn Orbits the Earth 1962</i>	21	22 <i>National Margarita Day</i>
23 <i>Single Tasking Day</i>	24 <i>National Dance Day</i>	25 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	26 <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>	27 <i>National Chili Day</i>	28 <i>Final Episode of M.A.S.H. Aired 1983</i>	29 <i>Happy Leap Day!</i>