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A MESSAGE FROM KASANDRA

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As we embrace the second month of the year, I wanted to take a moment to send you all a message of positivity, inspiration and hope. Let us come together as a community to create a month filled with compassion, understanding and appreciation. Let us extend love and kindness not only to our loved ones, but also to our neighbors, friends and even strangers. Small acts of kindness can have a ripple effect, brightening someone's day and fostering a sense of connection. Whether it's a warm smile, a kind word or a thoughtful gesture, let us make this month a time of spreading love and joy.



Super Bowl LVIII Scheduled to be played on February 11, 2024, at Allegiant Stadium in Paradise, Nevada, Sunday is sure to be loads of fun this year! Prepare your favorite snacks, clear your schedule and safely enjoy the big game.

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Love Is All Around "When you put love out in the world, it travels, and it can touch people and reach people in ways that we never even expected." —Laverne Cox



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Sending a Message Millions of tokens and

Millions of tokens and expressions of love will be exchanged on Feb. 14. Consider:

- 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold within a three-day time period.
- 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.
- About 50 percent of cards are sold the week of the holiday, the largest and most elaborate cards sold in the final 48 hours.
- Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange about 650 million valentines.
- In 1866, candy manufacturer NECCO made the first "Conversation Hearts." Every year, 8 billion of these little candies are sold between Jan. 1 and Feb. 14.

"Connecting our hearts through love yields a nectar so sweet we are forever full." —Amy Leigh Mercree

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Memorable Melody: 'You've Got a Friend'

This beloved folk ballad was written and recorded by Carole King in 1971, but her close friend and collaborator James Taylor was the one who took it to the top of the charts that same year. Though King didn't write the tune specifically for Taylor, she was inspired by a line in his hit song "Fire and Rain"—"I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend"—and penned a heartfelt response, reassuring the listener that "All you have to do is call, and I'll be there." Both artists earned Grammys for "You've Got a Friend"—song of the year for King and best male pop vocal for Taylor—and it's a signature song for each that they've often performed together.

Self-Care Corner: Valentine's Day Your Way

No date for Valentine's Day? Put your energy toward self-care instead. Treat yourself to the pick-me-up of your choice, whether that's fresh flowers or your favorite takeout. Spend the evening doing something you enjoy. Cheesy movie marathon? Video game session? Your date, your rules! Finally, end the holiday on a high note by writing a list of things you love about yourself.

Heart-Smart Snacks

Give your heart some love this month by choosing healthy snacks. Dark chocolate, nuts and popcorn may seem indulgent, but they contain antioxidants and other nutrients that are good for your ticker.

Brain Bender: Presidential Pop Quiz

Use the following clues to unscramble the name of an American president. 1. He was the first president to be born a citizen of the United States: VAUERT IAN RNBMN

2. This president served two non-consecutive terms in the late 1800s: ERAEEG OCVLVRLDN

3. Before becoming president, this man briefly served as the director of the CIA: RSHWGE GO UBHE

4. The first Siamese cat in America was gifted to this president and his wife: REFDRAYEHO R TBHUS

5. This former U.S. president was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002: RAYRM TCIMJE

6. After his presidency, this man was appointed chief justice on the Supreme Court: MATLROL IATADF WIHW

7. To date, he's the only U.S. president to have earned a Ph.D.: OSLOWWR OWDONI

8. He was the first president who was born outside the continental U.S.: BBKMAA CAOAR

9. This president's middle initial doesn't stand for anything: RAHRN T UMRYAS10. The country's Interstate Highway System was established under this president:ERIWDE E TIHSGWNHDO

(Answers: 1. Martin Van Buren; 2. Grover Cleveland; 3. George H.W. Bush; 4. Rutherford B. Hayes; 5. Jimmy Carter; 6. William Howard Taft; 7. Woodrow Wilson; 8. Barack Obama; 9. Harry S. Truman; 10. Dwight D. Eisenhower)

Say It With Flowers

Flowers are a popular gift, and there's more to picking out an arrangement than you might think. Almost every flower has a hidden meaning attached to its petals. In the 1800s, flowers were often used to send messages, and many people kept floral guidebooks in their homes. What perfumed words could you send with your bouguets?

Roses. These timeless beauties can have many meanings depending on their color. Classic red symbolizes romantic love; sunny yellow shows friendship or jealousy; pink hues can signify gratitude or sympathy; and white stands for innocence or secrecy.

Gerbera daisies. Large and friendly, these blossoms represent cheerfulness due to their bright colors. Innocence and beauty are also associated with this floral gift.

Tulips. Elegant and classic, this springtime favorite represents comfort and happiness. Like roses, tulips can have different meanings connected to various colors: purple for royalty, red for love, white for forgiveness and yellow for cheer.

Sunflowers. Legend says that Spanish explorers thought they had found gold when they first saw fields of sunflowers, and the blooms are still valued today as symbols of warmth, adoration and longevity.

Peonies. During Victorian times, this flower was sometimes given to show anger! But in modern day, peonies are connected to a happy life and marriage.

