The day of all true lovers; the day when two hearts are joined by one Dan Cupid’s bow and ac- crow; St. Valentine’s Day.

This joyful day of love-making has degenerated in these modern times into the sending of gaudy little pieces of paper with trite verses or caricature with jovial insults. But such was not the case in the grandparent’s day or earlier. In 1863 one of the oldest Boston newspapers was moved to remark, “Indeed, with the exception of Christmas there is no festival belonging to the sending of gaudy little pieces of paper with trite verses or caricature with jovial insults.”

STAFF WRITER William L. Warrell noted that “the sending of gaudy little pieces of paper with trite verses or caricature with jovial insults has been the modern equivalent of the old tradition of buying valentine cards for one’s lover. While such greetings may be amusing to the receiver, they are not necessarily appreciated by all. The sending of such cards may be seen as a form of harassment.”

While our generation may view the sending of such cards as a form of harassment, it is important to remember the history of Valentine’s Day. Valentine’s Day was an important holiday in the early days of American history, focusing on the celebration of love and the expression of feelings. It was a time when couples would exchange gifts of love, such as flowers or chocolates, to express their feelings to one another.

Today, Valentine’s Day is a time when couples continue to celebrate their love through the exchange of gifts, cards, and other expressions of affection. It is a time when couples come together to express their love and to create memories that will last a lifetime. Whether it is a simple gesture or a more elaborate event, Valentine’s Day is a time when couples can come together to celebrate their love and to express their feelings to one another.

The 1947 Valentine’s Day issue of The Inkwell highlights how “this joyful day of love-making has degenerated in these modern times.” Staff writer William L. Warrell noted that “the sending of gaudy little pieces of paper with trite verses or caricature with jovial insults was not quite what the earlier holidays consisted of. Fast forward 70 years to 2017 and The Inkwell features content that is not so different—aside from our inclusion of a conversation from today’s tradition of buying your romantic partner a card or candy to express love and other dating apps rather than going downtown to “just go and look,” we have certainly upped the game when it comes to extravagance on this romantic holiday.”

According to Walmart, it is expected that consumers will spend $18.2 billion on Valentine’s Day this year. The average amount each person will spend is $53.79, 94 percent of people want to receive chocolate or candy, 1.7 billion will be spent on candy, 1 billion on cards and 2 billion will be spent on flowers. If you are planning on celebrating Singles Awareness Day, you’re in good company. 50 percent of people are proud of their single status and 24 percent will buy themselves a gift. If you are in search for a last minute Valentine, perhaps your pet is not such a bad idea seeing as 20 percent of people are planning on buying their pets a gift.

85% of people believe sex is an important part of Valentine’s Day. Keeping up with tradition, The Inkwell is providing condoms to our de- voted readers. Condoms are the only form of contraception that protects individuals from both STIs and pregnancy. When used correctly by consumers, they are 98% effective.

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Athletes express their love for sports

Michelle Kwan

You can do as many sprints as you want but there’s nothing like playing a 90-minute soccer game. There’s no better way to gain your fitness, in my opinion, than playing in consistent games.

Apolo Ohno

It is not up to me whether I win or lose. Ultimately, this might not be my day. And it is that philosophy towards sports, something that I really truly live by. I am emotional. I want to win. I am hungry. I am a competitor. I have that fire. But deep down, I truly enjoy the art of competing so much more than the result.

SPORTS & Wellness

Michelle Kwan

Sometimes my body is aching, but I always think, ‘Why am I in this? Why do I love it so much?’ That’s what makes me persevere, that’s what makes me keep on going.

Apolo Ohno

The game of basketball has been everything to me. My place of refuge, place I’ve always gone where I needed comfort and peace. It’s been the site of intense pain and the most intense feelings of joy and satisfaction. It’s a relationship that has evolved over time, given me the greatest respect and love for the game.

OFF THE BENCH WITH
NBA All-Star break update

From expected conferences standings to historical individual performances, the NBA’s first-half brought fans a wide range of discussion topics heading into Mid-February’s All-Star break. The Golden State Warriors (45-8) and Cleveland Cavaliers (34-15) each held the top spot in their respective conferences. Golden State and Cleveland are both led by great offensive rating of 114.1 (average number of points scored per game) is not only the highest mark this season but also the highest mark in league history through a season’s first half. Cleveland ranks fifth in this category at 109.6.

Disparity in Golden State and Cleveland’s record comes down to defense. The Warriors rank first in defensive rating at 103.4 where defensive rating is the average number of points scored per game, defensive rating is points allowed per game, while Cleveland ranks 16th with a mark of 105.6.

Despite leading the Eastern Conference, Cleveland’s play has regressed considerably from its championship form last season. The Cavaliers have the fourth best record in the NBA behind three western conference teams: Golden State, San Antonio and Houston) and sit just two games ahead of the surging Boston Celtics. Cleveland’s recent struggles have led to frustration from the team’s best player.

“We’re a top-heavy team. We have a [repletive] playmaker,” said LeBonton James.

Via NBA.com

Outside of the conference’s top teams, individual players and performances have grabbed first half headlines. While many players are having great individual seasons, three have separated themselves from the rest: Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Isaiah Thomas.

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Do you have Valentine’s Day plans?
What are your thoughts on the holiday?

I hope I get chocolate.
Pauline Duong
sophomore business econ

I think that day, because it’s the day to do grand gestures, you should do it. Make that special someone know you care. Don’t just let the opportunity pass by because it’s an excuse to say what's been on your mind this whole time.
Brandy Hall
freshman health science

It’s single awareness day.
Matthew Carter
sophomore IT major

I plan on dating someone right after Valentine's Day.
Jacob Miranda
freshman cyber security

I don't have plans with anyone because I'm single. But I do plan on treating myself by getting a pedicure and dinner.
Shybria Moore
senior secondary science education

I love Valentine's Day. I'm going with my boyfriend Lamar to Atlanta. We're going to the Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta zoo and World of Coke. Maybe a helicopter ride.
Jacob Boney
senior public health

Valentine's Day is my favorite holiday because it's full of love and happiness and pink and purple. It doesn't have to be about romance, it can be for your family and friends. You love a lot of people whether you realize it or not.
Brandy Hall
freshman health science

I'm a hopeless romantic in a long distance relationship- you tell me.
Lila Miller
senior professional communications

How to turn a condom into a dental dam for oral sex

Step 1: Unravel a new condom and cut off the tip

Step 2: Cut off the condom’s rim

Step 3: Cut down the length of the condom

Step 4: Use the dental dam by laying flat over the vaginal opening or anus
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February 9, 2017

Savannah museums, historic sites partake in Super Museum Sunday

Savannah's museums and historic sites celebrated Super Museum Sunday by participating in the Super Museum Sunday initiative on February 18. This annual event, which is part of the Super Museum Day movement across the country, allowed visitors to enjoy free or discounted entry to participating museums and historic sites.

The event was a part of the larger Super Museum Day event, which is held in over 200 cities across the country. Savannah was one of the many cities to participate in the event.

Super Museum Sunday was created to encourage people to explore the cultural and historical treasures available in their communities. The event is sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, and participating sites include museums, historic houses, and other cultural institutions.

For Savannah's participants, the event was a chance to showcase the city's rich history and cultural heritage. Many local museums and historic sites opened their doors free of charge or offered heavily discounted entry.

Some of the participating sites included the Savannah History Museum, the Oatland Island Wildlife Center, Pin Point Museum, and Fort Pulaski National Monument. These sites, along with Tybee Island, had free entry as a part of the event.

The Savannah event was well-received, with many visitors expressing their excitement and appreciation for the opportunity to explore the city's cultural treasures.

For more details about Super Museum Sunday and the participating sites, visit the official website at supermuseumday.org.

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A.U.R.A. Festival returns to Savannah

The A.U.R.A. Festival returns to Savannah on its eighth year next Saturday, Feb. 18. This all day event features local Savannah bands. Bands confirmed include Unearth, ZAO, Oh, Sleeper, He Is Legend, Dark Sermion, I Set My Friends On Fire, Microwaves, Tides of Man, Syco/Amour, The Bunny The Bear, Artifax Proto, The Funeral Portrait, Native Suns, Me and The Trinity and Vatican.

Genres range from atmospheric progressive rock to metal and death-metal bands.

The festival will be held at the Ships of the Sea Museum from 1 p.m. until late. The festival itself boasts an all-ages tagline and a price point of $23-$25 per ticket.

For those looking to imbibe, the festival also offers drinks on hand from Southbound Brewing Company, Pabst Blue Ribbon and Woodchuck Cider. Local record store and curiosity shop Graveyard Records will also be participating, with a pop-up shop and activities to engage in between sets.

Savannah local and co-founder of Coastal Rock Productions, Tim Walls, has been organizing the event since 2000. With a Do-It-Yourself mentality and a business education from Georgia State University, Walls has combined his passion for music and business skills to create an engaging and inclusive festival.

From its flagship festival at the Tybee Island American Legion, to locations in Statesboro and Savannah, Walls continues to improve upon the festival and encourage more attendees with each passing year. With an all-ages, all-day event, he hopes to invoke a Warped-Tour-like loving appeal.

Walls selected the venue for the festival to hold other festivals such as Savannah Slapwax, accommodating location and their sponsorship. The venue also caters to companies and events that wish to include all ages attendees.

With the current alcohol and live music ordinances up for debate and discussion in the city legislature, the A.U.R.A. festival seeks to empower the youth. Walls finds great importance in motivating Savannah’s youth to get involved, whether it be by starting a band, showing support or coming out to shows. With a fading DIY culture, house shows seem being shut down and venues that cater exclusively to people able to stimulate alcohol revenue, younger music lovers can often feel ostracized.

Ultimately, everyone has a place at this year’s A.U.R.A. festival. Check out a food truck, grab a record from Graveface or jam out to one of the fifteen live bands. For more information, visit their website at auralavasfestival.com and find tickets at auraleventickets.com.
A Very Valentine’s Day Weekend Calendar

Feb. 9
Get a hot date for Valentine’s day and want to be sure to impress? Spruce up your manners with an evening dinner. Armstrong Men of Vision & Excellence Hosts Gentleman’s Dinner: Image, Etiquette, & Empowerment from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

Feb. 10
In the object of your affection’s interest in a political-motivated fight? Take them to the opening reception of “What is your America?” an art exhibition featuring Savannah artists and beyond’s take on their idea of America. Located at Sulphur Shadows, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Feb. 11
Celebrate love with a birthday party. Starlandia’s Spaceteam hosts an all ages show for the three-year-old birthday party of local band, COEDS playing with Die Alps and the Hypnotics. Starts at 7 p.m.

Feb. 12
Want to have a weekend getaway but not too far from home? Head to Jekyll Island’s Whiskey, Wine, and Wildlife event from Feb. 9-12 at the Westin on Jekyll Island. All benefits go to the wildlife association on the island. Want a cozy coffee documentary date? Check out a film screening of Dakota 38 at The Sentient Bean. 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Feb. 13
Have a literary lover? On Valentine’s Eve, bring them to Deep Speaks at the historic Savannah Theatre. Deep Center will host readings by Savannah’s young authors, and celebrate the launch of a new book anthology. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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 CUT THESE OUT AND GIVE THEM TO YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE

PLZ GOGH ON A DATE WIT ME

TO: FROM:

ARE YOU ROBIN THICKE?
BECAUSE PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE

TO: FROM:

LET’S SMASH MOUTHS

TO: FROM:

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TO: FROM:

TO: FROM:

I PICK YOU

TO: FROM:

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Feb. 10
Don’t have a funny Valentine? Impress them with your best jokes or just enjoy the show at the Sentient Bean’s open-mic night featuring stand-up comedy. 8 p.m.

Feb. 11
Be lonesome no more, grab a date, a drink and settle in at the Jinx for their Songwriter’s “In-the-round” show, featuring “high and lonesome” Americana singer Mike Wheeler on tour in Savannah for the first time, Cory Chambers, Brandon Nelson McCoy, and hosted by the Jinx’s A.M. Rodriguez.

Feb. 12
Want to bring the whole family with you? Celebrate Black Heritage month with their Grand Festival Day at the Savannah Civic Center. The event will include an array of family-oriented activities and will end with a star-studded concert. Starts at 11 a.m.

Feb. 13
If your date is musical inclined, check out an evening of live music featuring local husband and wife duo, Twisty Cats, Cusses, and Hank at the Cupcakes. Located at the Jinx, doors at 10 p.m.
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Give dis back 2 date me

if you were a
BOOGER
i'd pick you

host me
don't ghost me

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U WUD B A
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