Kids Korner

Only 28 Days But February Is A Special Month

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February is the shortest of the 12 months in the year. Usually, it has 28 days. Every fourth year there are 29 days in February. The next time that February will have 29 days will be in the year 2000.

February is filled with important days — Groundhog Day, President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, and President George Washington's birthday.

There is also Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the seventh Wednesday before Easter. It starts the season of Lent.

During Lent, many Christians give up something they usually do or eat at most other times. This is "fasting."

They fast during Lent because they are remembering that Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness.

Groundhog Day is on February 2. Some people think that the groundhog can predict how many weeks are left in winter.

If his head pops out of his underground burrow and the sun is up, Mr. Groundhog will probably see his shadow.

Then somebody will announce that winter will last for six more weeks. Most people know it's just for fun.

President Lincoln's birthday is February 12. Ash Wednesday, in 1997, is on the same day.

Two days later, Valentine's Day is on February 14. It's a day to celebrate love. Millions of valentines will be exchanged between classmates, friends, and sweethearts.

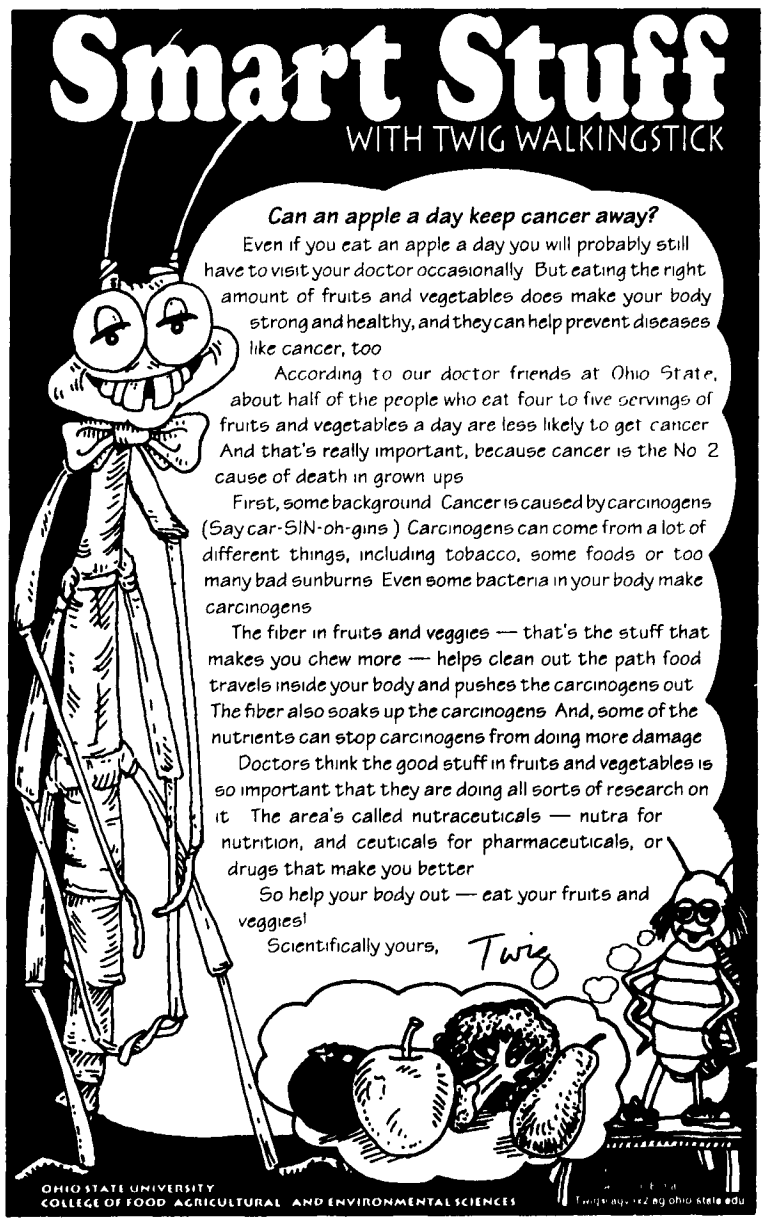
Candy, chocolates or flowers make dandy Valentine surprises.

They say that mailmen and postmen deliver almost as many cards on Valentine's Day as they do at Christmas.

We are proud to remember our first president, George Washington whose birthday is on February 22.

The nation will celebrate the birthdays of Mr. Washington and Mr. Lincoln this year, on February 17.

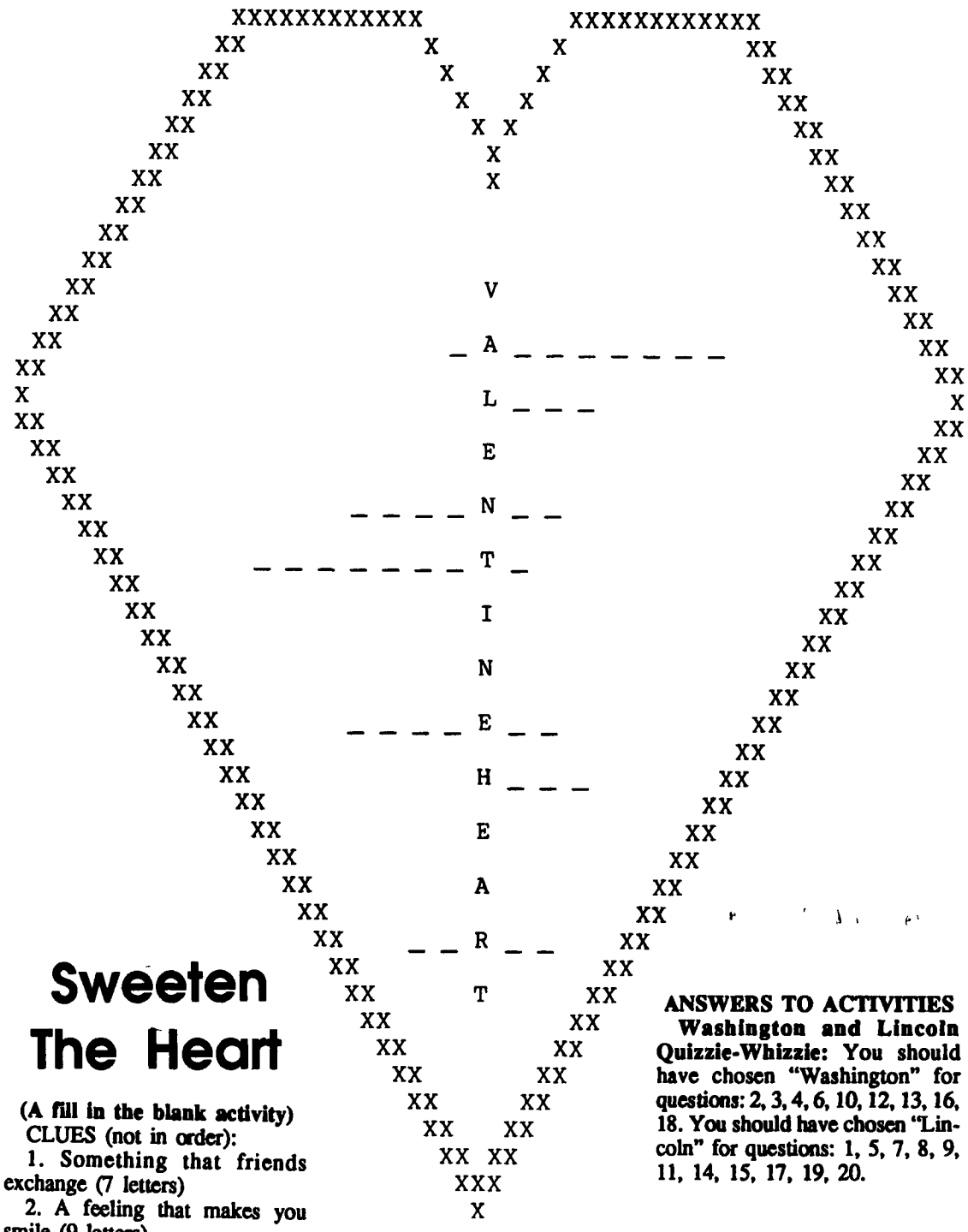
Let's all have fun in February.



Sweeten The Heart

(A fill in the blank activity)
CLUES (not in order):

1. Something that friends exchange (7 letters)
2. A feeling that makes you smile (9 letters)
3. They can be fragrant (7 letters)
4. More than one squeeze (4 letters)
5. Brown or white, smooth and creamy (9 letters)
6. Favorite people (7 letters)
7. Something that fills your heart (4 letters)



ANSWERS TO ACTIVITIES

Washington and Lincoln Quizzie-Whizzie: You should have chosen "Washington" for questions: 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18. You should have chosen "Lincoln" for questions: 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20.

Riddles: The letter "N" is found two times in each name.

Sweeten the Heart: cards, happiness, flowers, hugs, chocolate, friends, love

Riddles

To find something alike about Washington and Lincoln answer the following:

"WHAT AM I?" RIDDLES

The Lincoln Riddle

I'm squeezed by the eye,
I'm squeezed by the sea;
Like a train's caboose,
I'm the end of thee.
What am I?

The Washington Riddle

Twenty-six members in my family,
And I am fourteenth in line;
Use me once and again for accuracy;
If you want to spell your name fine.
What am I?

Washington And Lincoln Quizzie-Whizzie

Answer with either "Washington" or "Lincoln."

1. Which man was the 16th U.S. president?
2. Which president didn't live in the White House?
3. Which president probably wore a powdered wig?
4. Which president crossed the Delaware River?
5. Which president was born in Kentucky?
6. When young, which presdient cut down a cherry tree?
7. Which president was known for reading the Bible?
8. Which man was the president during the Civil War?
9. Whose memorial depicts him sitting in a chair?
10. Which presidential monument is very, very tall, has four sides, is big at the bottom and smaller at the top?
11. What is the capital of Nebraska?
12. Whose home is at Mount Vernon, Virginia?
13. Whose face is pictured on a $1 bill?
14. Whose face is pictured on a $5 bill?
15. Name the president who was visiting a theater when a man shot him?
16. Who was married to Martha?
17. Who was called "Honest Abe?"
18. Which state is named for a president?
19. Who gave the Gettysburg Address?
20. Who was married to Mary Todd?