

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**ASHLEY JONES**

BIRTHDAY: JULY 29TH



I HAVE BEEN MARRIED  
FOR 8 YEARS

*mama*

I HAVE 4 KIDS. ALL BOYS

FAVORITE COLOR: TURQUOISE



I LOVE CARING FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

I LOVE HAVING FUN WITH PEOPLE AND  
MAKING THEM SMILE. IT MAKES MY DAY!



I'VE BEEN AN STNA  
FOR 7 YEARS

# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

**SHIRLEY CHUTES**

I HAVE A SON NAMED JAMES



I ENJOY TO COOK



I LOVE  
MAC & CHEESE



I LISTEN TO

GOSPEL MUSIC

I HAVE A CAT

NAMED  
MIDNIGHT



I AM LEARNING  
HOW TO WALK  
AGAIN



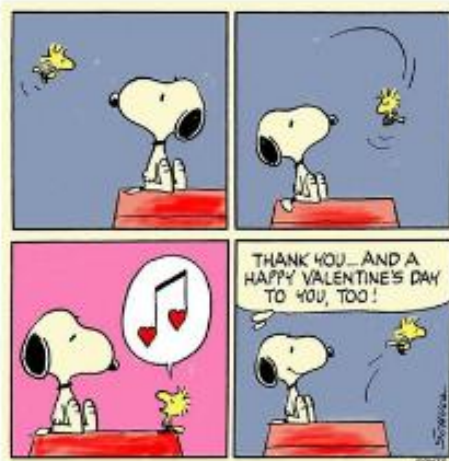
# HAPPY Valentine's Day



  
**THE FIRST  
VALENTINE'S DAY  
CELEBRATION TOOK  
PLACE IN FRANCE.**

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ALTHOUGH THE EXACT FIRST CELEBRATION IS HARD TO PIN DOWN, THE FIRST OFFICIAL VALENTINE'S DAY AS A CELEBRATION OF LOVE LIKELY OCCURRED IN PARIS IN THE 1400S. THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH ASSOCIATED MID-FEBRUARY WITH BIRDS' MATING SEASON, MAKING IT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO CELEBRATE ROMANCE.



  
**8 BILLION  
CONVERSATION  
HEARTS ARE  
MANUFACTURED  
EACH YEAR.**

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SO MANY CONVERSATION HEARTS! CLASSIC ROMANTIC PHRASES ON THE CANDIES INCLUDE "BE MINE," "CUTIE PIE," AND "I'M YOURS." THE ONLY YEAR THAT BILLIONS OF CANDY HEARTS WERE NOT PRODUCED WAS 2019, WHEN THE COMPANY THAT MADE SWEETHEARTS WAS SOLD TO ANOTHER COMPANY, RESULTING IN A CONVERSATION-HEART-LESS VALENTINE'S DAY.

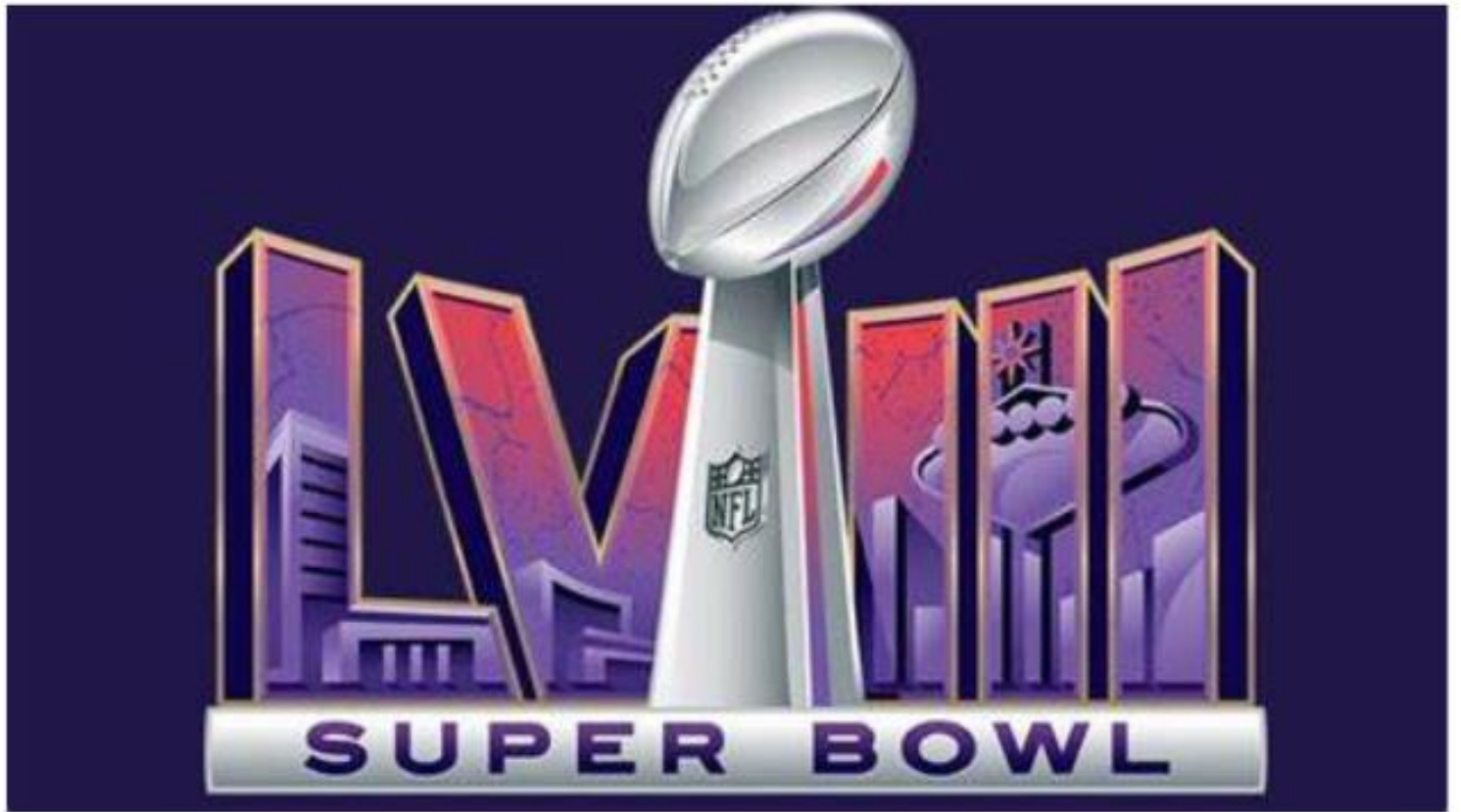
## Valentines Day Fun Facts ♡

*The first heart-shaped chocolate box was produced in 1861*

*According to the National Retail Foundation, Americans spent \$27.4 million dollars for Valentines Day in 2020*

*Approximately 6 million couples get engaged on Valentines Day each year*

*Over 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured each year*



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### CLAUDETTE COLVIN (1939-PRESENT)

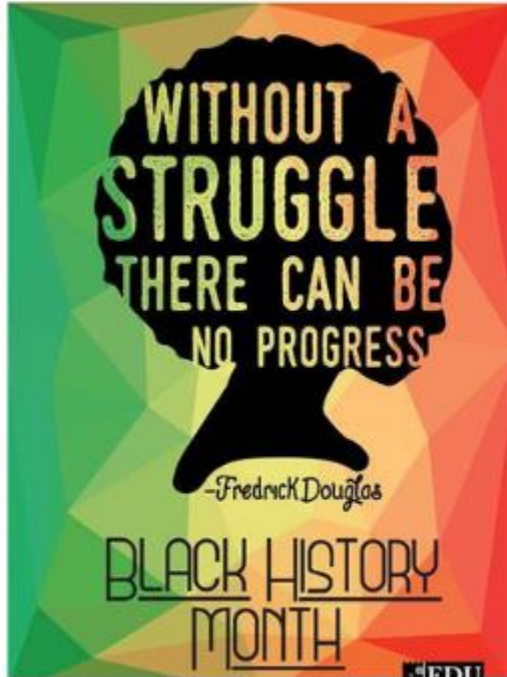


SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE ROSA PARKS' REFUSAL TO GIVE UP HER SEAT ON A BUS, COLVIN WAS THE FIRST PERSON ARRESTED FOR RESISTING BUS SEGREGATION IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AT THE AGE OF 15. SHE ALSO SERVED AS ONE OF FOUR PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE OF BROWDER V. GAYLE, WHICH RULED THAT MONTGOMERY'S SEGREGATED BUS SYSTEM WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

### BENJAMIN BANNEKER (1731-1806)



BANNEKER'S KNOWLEDGE OF ASTRONOMY HELPED HIM AUTHOR A COMMERCIALY SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF ALMANACS. HE CORRESPONDED WITH THOMAS JEFFERSON, DRAFTER OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, ON THE TOPICS OF SLAVERY AND RACIAL EQUALITY. ABOLITIONISTS AND ADVOCATES OF RACIAL EQUALITY PROMOTED AND PRAISED HIS WORKS.



### JACKIE ROBINSON (1919-1972)



WAS AN AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER WHO BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO PLAY IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (MLB) IN THE MODERN ERA. ROBINSON BROKE THE COLOR LINE WHEN HE STARTED AT FIRST BASE FOR THE BROOKLYN DODGERS ON APRIL 15, 1947. THE DODGERS SIGNING ROBINSON HERALDED THE END OF RACIAL SEGREGATION IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL THAT HAD RELEGATED BLACK PLAYERS TO THE NEGRO LEAGUES SINCE THE 1880S. ROBINSON WAS INDUCTED INTO THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME IN 1962.

### MARY ELIZA MAHONEY (1845-1926)



MARY ELIZA MAHONEY WAS BORN IN 1845 IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS TO FREED SLAVES WHO HAD MIGRATED THERE FROM NORTH CAROLINA. IT WAS IN HER LATE TEENS THAT THE INTELLIGENT YOUNG GIRL BEGAN TO SHOW AN INTEREST IN NURSING. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING ADMITTED TO NURSING SCHOOL AS A BLACK WOMAN DURING THAT TIME, SHE PERSEVERED AND BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO STUDY AND BECOME PROFESSIONALLY LICENSED AS A NURSE. AS A RESULT OF HER BIRTH AND UPBRINGING, SHE WAS A CHAMPION OF RACIAL EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, WHICH LED HER TO FIGHT AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE NURSING COMMUNITY. LATER IN HER CAREER—AFTER LEARNING THAT THE NURSES ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA (NAAUSC) WOULDN'T ACCEPT BLACK NURSES—SHE CO-FOUNDED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED GRADUATE NURSES (NACGN) TO CONGRATULATE AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF ALL ACCOMPLISHED NURSES. MAHONEY WAS POSTHUMOUSLY INDUCTED INTO THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME IN 1976.

