

16 valentine's day **188 MILLION** The number of Valentine's Day cards that are exchanged annually, according to Hallmark, which makes Feb. 14 the second-most popular occasion to give greeting cards. That's got to mean that President's Day came in first, right? **METRO**



Gifts for your better half

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As Saint Valentine was wont to say, "Let love rule." Or was that Lenny Kravitz? Either way, this year, Valentine's Day is a weekend-long love-in offering many opportunities to say, "I heart you."

Why not just spell it out? Sweet's iced letter cupcakes line-up to say "I Love You" (eight for \$24.64). Or go suave with a dozen red velvet cupcakes (\$50.95), boxed, tied with a pretty bow, and delivered with a card. **Sweet**
49 Mass. Ave., Boston
617-247-2253
www.sweetcupcakes.com

www.lindtusa.com

What every love nest needs is the "Five-of-Hearts" heart-shaped waffle maker (\$49.99) and a pair of Lenox fine crystal "Floating Hearts" champagne flutes (\$39.95) with heart charms dangling at the stem. www.csnstores.com

Instead of frilly knickers, give the Lara Croft-y action comfort of Jockey's flirty new "Minis" (\$8.50-\$18). There's cute tomboy-briefs, low-rise panties, or vixen red thong, and, for him, 3D-Innovations (\$14-\$28) boxer briefs. 3-D undies? Don't ask. **1-800-JOCKEY-1**
www.jockey.com



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tion to pampering, rejuvenating treatments, Pyara Spa & Salon's Valentine's Recovery Day, Feb. 15, adds

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Escape to, er, Newton? Hotel Indigo's "Romance Rejuvenation" (\$299) package won't break the bank (and it's T-accessible: Riverside). It includes overnight boutique chic accommodations, dinner with champagne toast in Vegas-y BOKX 109 American Prime, a bottle of bubbly and chocolate-covered strawberries in your room, breakfast, and 2 p.m. checkout. (399 Grove St., Newton, 617-969-5300, www.newtonboutiquehotel.com). Or bid terra firma adios — hop aboard the luxury yacht Odyssey for a dine and dance cruise (Feb. 13, \$209.90;

