



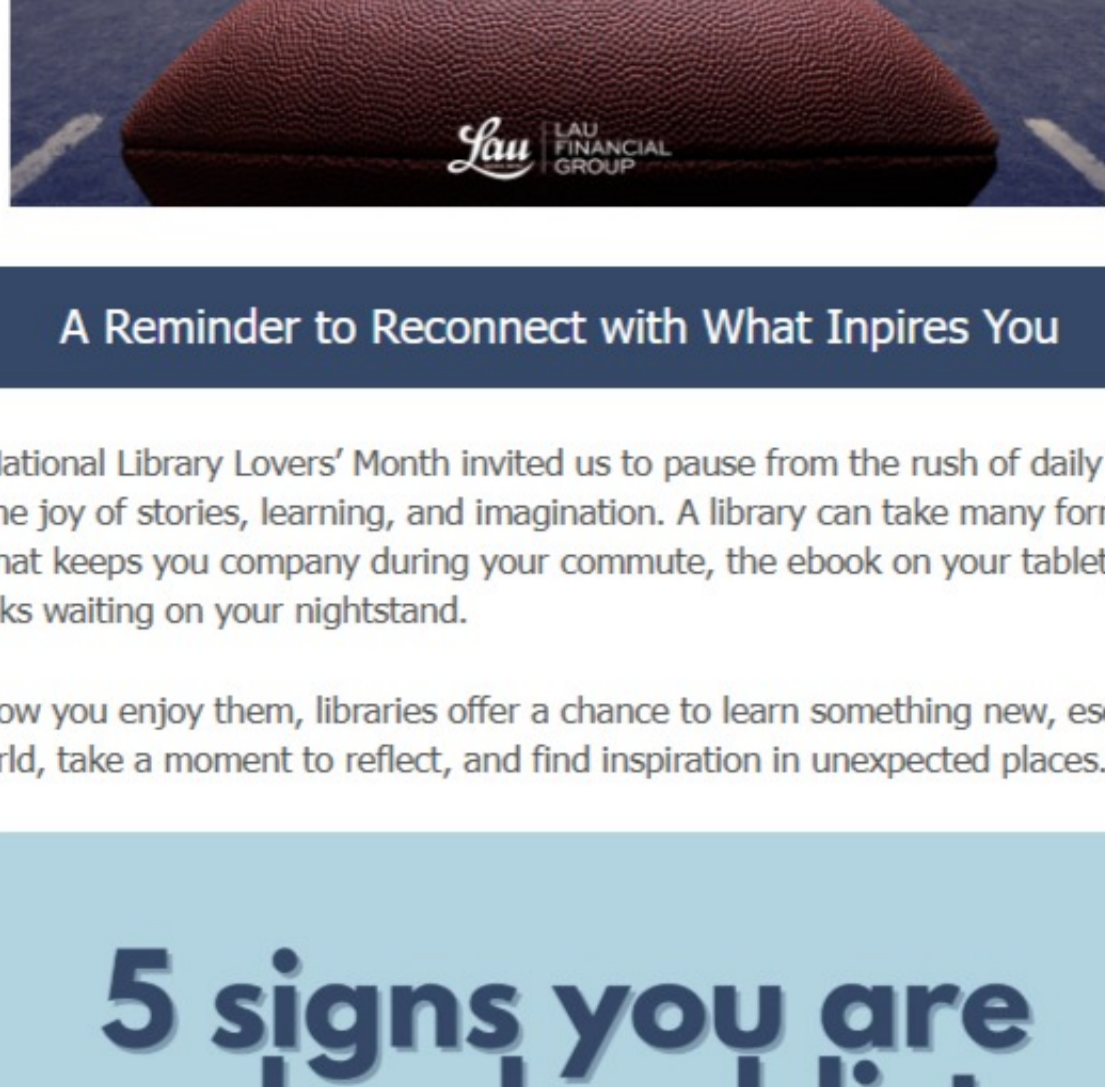
February brought plenty of moments that reminded us how good it felt to hit pause and enjoy the lighter side of life. From cheering through the Big Game, to rediscovering favorite stories during National Library Lovers Month, to celebrating the pets who filled our homes with love (and a little chaos), this month gave us lots to smile about.

It was a fun mix of connection, comfort, and small joys that helped brighten the weeks. Below are a few highlights from February, we hope they bring a bit of that same energy to your day.

A Big Night of Football, Food & Fun

The Big Game weekend brought plenty of excitement, whether people tuned in for the matchup, the half-time show, or just an evening of good food and friends. To get into the spirit, we shared a few favorite game-day traditions—everything from top snack picks like wings, nachos, and queso to thoughts on which commercial might steal the spotlight.

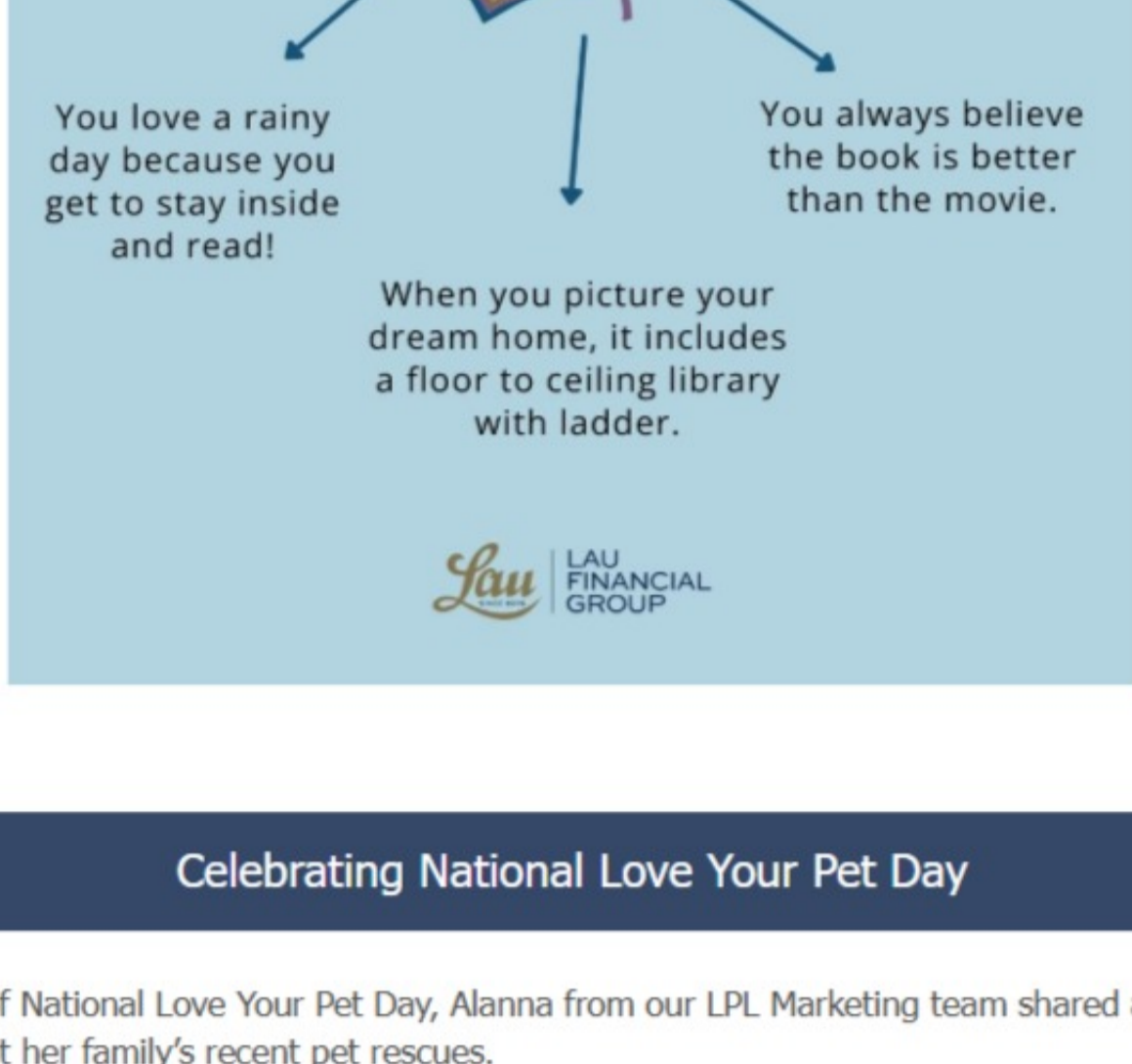
In the end, it was the Seattle Seahawks who came out on top, closing out the night with a championship win.



A Reminder to Reconnect with What Inspires You

February's National Library Lovers' Month invited us to pause from the rush of daily life and rediscover the joy of stories, learning, and imagination. A library can take many forms: the audiobook that keeps you company during your commute, the ebook on your tablet, or the stack of books waiting on your nightstand.

No matter how you enjoy them, libraries offer a chance to learn something new, escape into a different world, take a moment to reflect, and find inspiration in unexpected places.



Celebrating National Love Your Pet Day

In honor of National Love Your Pet Day, Alanna from our LPL Marketing team shared a heartfelt story about her family's recent pet rescues.

Last summer, they welcomed Coco, a tiny black kitten found hiding in a neighbor's car. She quickly became a beloved part of the family, forming a sweet bond with their daughter and even keeping their two large dogs in line. When Coco passed unexpectedly during a routine procedure, the loss was incredibly difficult. But remembering the happiness she brought helped the family open their home to two new rescues, Luna and Sparkles, who have already settled in and filled the house with new life and laughter.



Their experience is a touching reminder of the comfort, joy, and connection our pets bring into our homes. And on that note, we are thrilled to remind you that our **annual Love Your Pet campaign** is coming back later this year so get those adorable photos ready. We cannot wait to celebrate your furry family members with you!

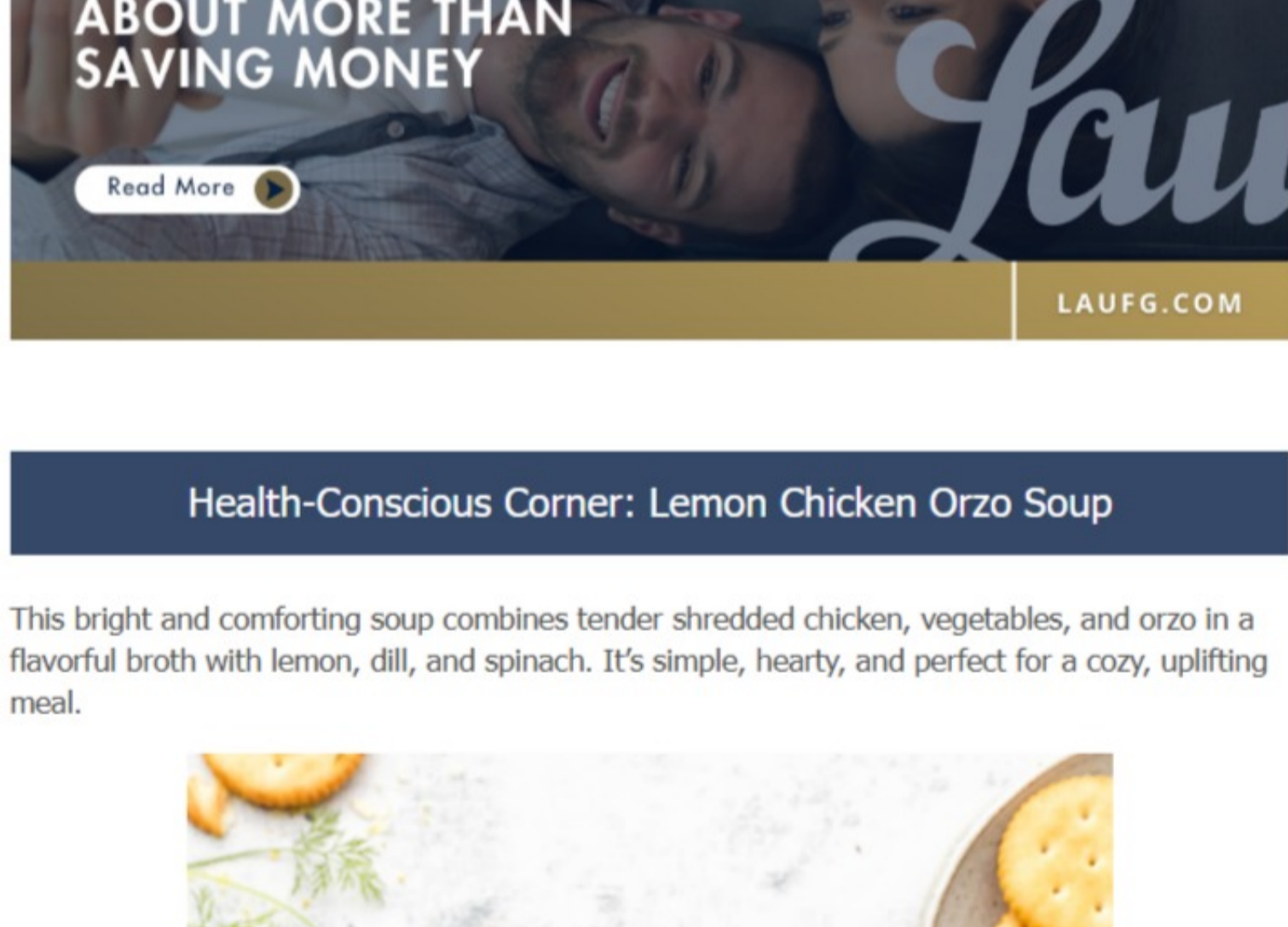
Don't Miss Friday Afternoon Club on March 6!

We can't wait to see you next Friday, March 6, at Friday Afternoon Club. It means a lot to take a little time away from the daily routine to connect, and we truly appreciate you joining us.



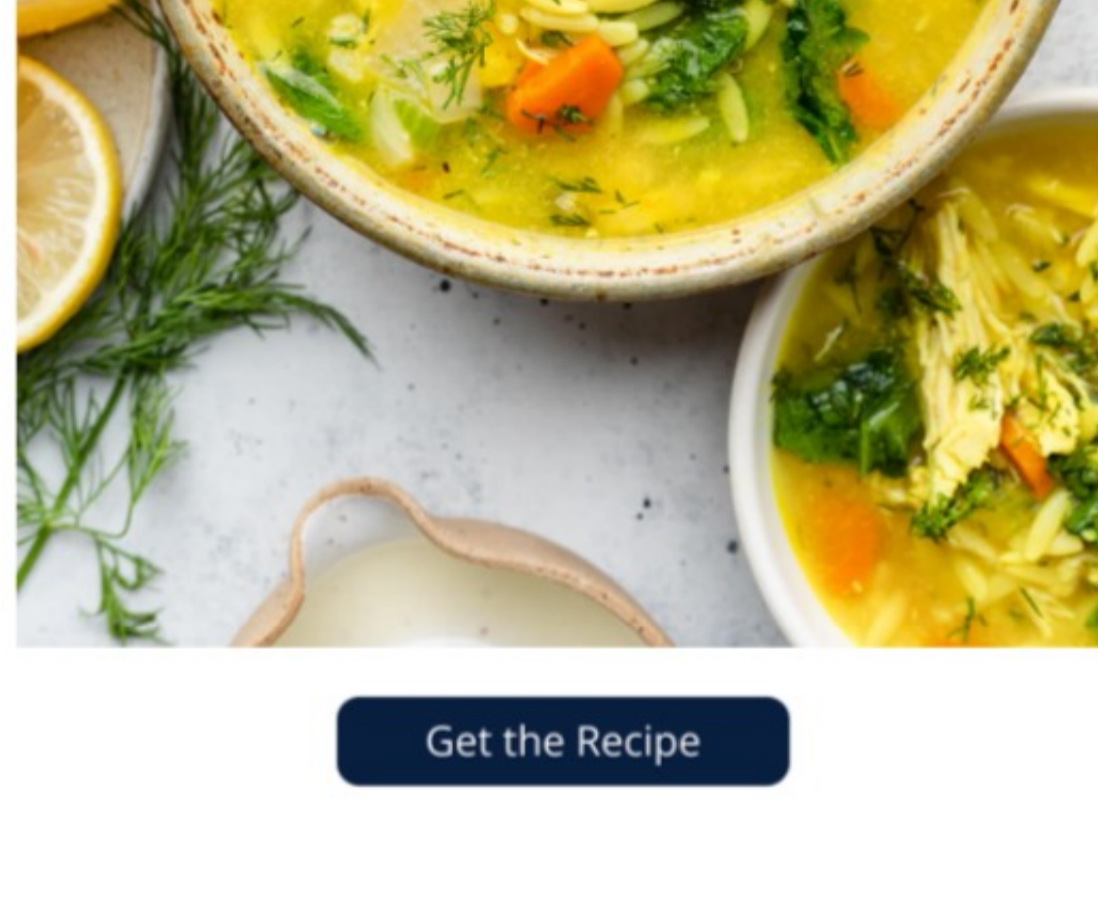
Staycations are About More than Saving Money

A staycation could be as simple as exploring local parks and museums, trying a new restaurant, or enjoying a quiet day at home. For those wanting a change of scenery without going far, a short drive to a nearby hotel, rental, or campsite provided a refreshing break. No matter the approach, research showed that the most restorative vacations involved truly stepping away from work and incorporating physical activity, making staycations just as rejuvenating as traditional getaways.



Health-Conscious Corner: Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup

This bright and comforting soup combines tender shredded chicken, vegetables, and orzo in a flavorful broth with lemon, dill, and spinach. It's simple, hearty, and perfect for a cozy, uplifting meal.



[Get the Recipe](#)

Thanks for sharing another great month with us!

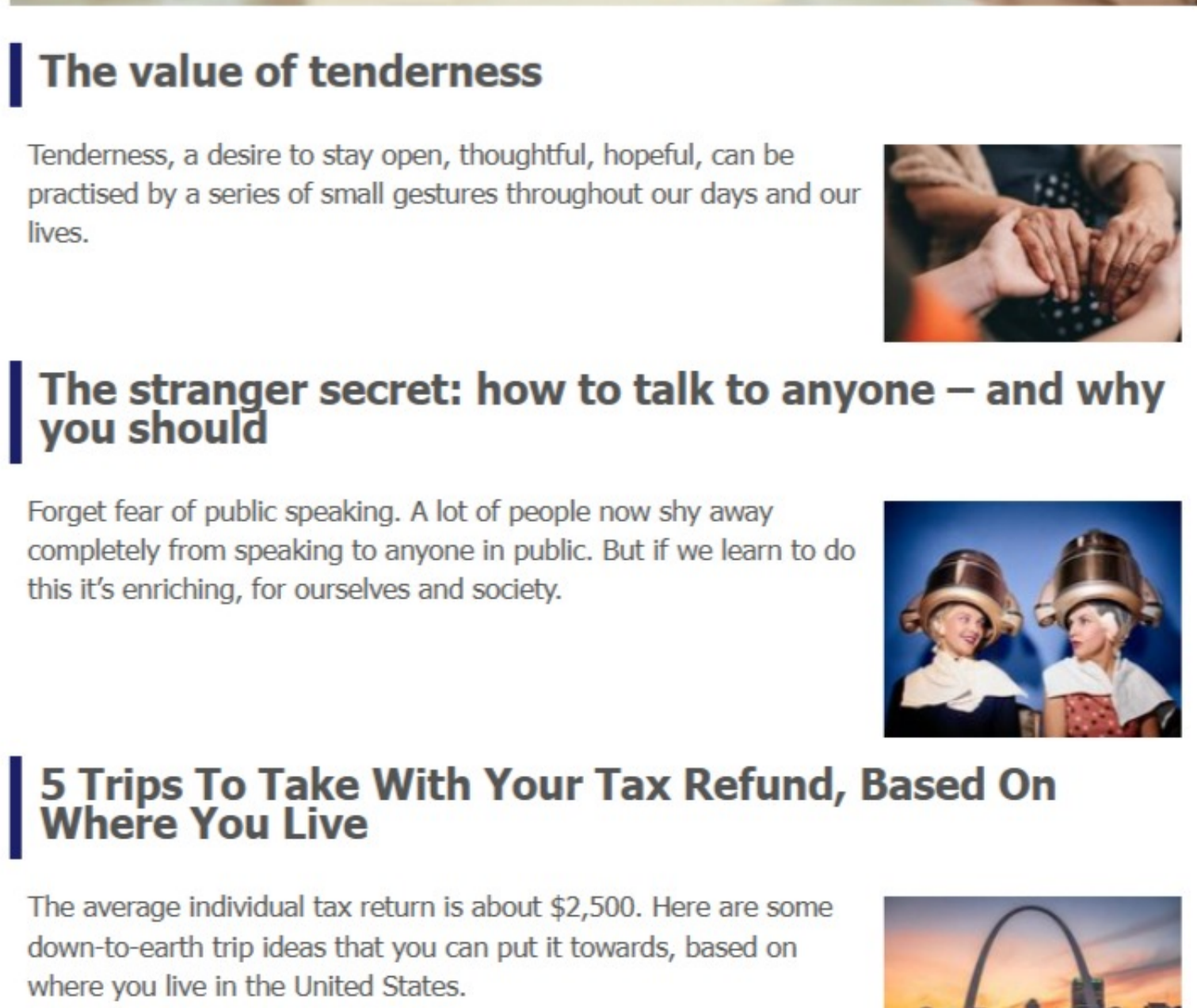
Warm regards,

Hugh and JoK

Additional Insights

Here's Everything You Need to Know for the 2026 Tax Filing Season

The IRS began processing tax returns on January 26. The deadline for employers to send out all W-2 and 1099 forms reporting income was February 2. Taxpayers have until Wednesday, April 15, 2026 to file their 2025 taxes or request an extension.



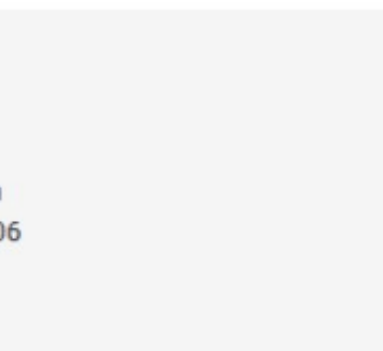
The value of tenderness

Tenderness, a desire to stay open, thoughtful, hopeful, can be practised by a series of small gestures throughout our days and our lives.



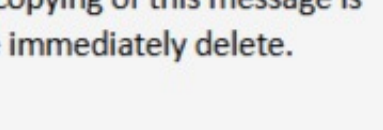
The stranger secret: how to talk to anyone – and why you should

Forget fear of public speaking. A lot of people now shy away completely from speaking to anyone in public. But if we learn to do this it's enriching, for ourselves and society.



5 Trips To Take With Your Tax Refund, Based On Where You Live

The average individual tax return is about \$2,500. Here are some down-to-earth trip ideas that you can put it towards, based on where you live in the United States.



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