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Did You Know?

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JANUARY CALENDAR

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7 Larry Forehand
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12 Rush Limbaugh
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Illinois State Senate
WRB Refining, Inc.
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Illinois State Senate
HTE Technologies
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HWRT Oil Company, LLC
IPSCO Enterprises, Inc.
State Board of Elections
JSA Consulting, Inc.
Illinois House of Representatives
Olin Corporation
Illinois House of Representatives
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S. I. E. A.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1 Rep. Joe Dunn
2 Sen. William Peterson
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Illinois House of Representatives
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COCA, Inc. Retired
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Olin Corporation
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Member of Congress
Illinois House of Representatives
Olin Corporation, Retired
Hoagland, Fitzgerald, Smith & Pranaitis
Illinois House of Representatives

MARCH CALENDAR

1 Rep. Marlow Colvin
1 Sen. Randall Hultgren
2 Rep. John Fritchey
3 Sen. Lawrence Walsh
5 Rep. Jim Sacia
15 Jeff Davis
16 Rep. Dan Reitz
17 Michelle Bockstruck
17 Rep. Harry Ramey, Jr.
20 Sen. Terry Link
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Useless Trivia

The oldest military unit is the Vatican's Swiss Guard. It dates back to January 21, 1506.

American and Russian space flights have always included chocolate.

The "Dull Men's Hall of Fame" is located in Carroll, Wisconsin.

About 20,000 elephants are killed by poachers every year.

About 55% of all U. S. prisoners are in prison for drug offenses.

If humans could run as fast as a cockroach, we'd reach speeds of more than 300 m.p.h.

The average bank cashier loses \$310 a year.

Earth travels through space at 66,700 miles per hour.

Scientists say the higher your I.Q. is the more you dream.

The card game solitaire is also called Patience.

Theoretical Laws!

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it ugly.

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

QUOTES.

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

G. Gordon Liddy

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

P. J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.

Frederic Bastiat, French Economist (1801-1850)

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

P. J. O'Rourke

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

Thomas Jefferson

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picks up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured their entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

Now, said the professor as the laughter subsided, I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions – and if everything else was lost and only then remained, you life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like you job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else – the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, he continued there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all you time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are really important.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take you spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired with the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, I'm glad you asked.

The Beer just show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

SIEA's Capitol Chili Day

Wednesday, March 11th, 2009

Did You Know?

- **The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. *(What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond.)***
- **Butterflies taste with their feet. *(Something I always wanted to know. . .)***
- **Right- handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people. *(If you're ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)***
- **A cat's urine glows under a black light. *(I wonder who was paid to figure that out.)***
- **Starfish have no brains. *(I know some people like that too.)***
- **Polar bears are left-handed. *(If they switch, they'll live a lot longer.)***

HUMOR FOR LEXOPHILES (Lovers of Words)

You can Tune a Piano, but you can't tuna fish.

I wondered why the base ball was getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off?
He's all right now.

A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

A bicycle can't stand alone, it is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft & I'll show you
A-Flat Miner.

A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France, resulted in
Linoleum Blownapart.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed
in the end.

When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Funnies

A plane is on its way to Houston when the Blonde in economy class gets up and moves to the first class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket. She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class and that she will have to sit in the back. The blonde replies, "I'm Blonde, I'm Beautiful, I'm going to Houston and I'm staying right here." The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and the co-pilot about the blonde sitting in first class

The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave. The blonde replies "I'm Blonde, I'm Beautiful, I'm going to Houston and I'm staying right here." The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman. The pilot says, "You say she is a blonde? I'll handle this. I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde."

He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says "Oh, I'm sorry." She gets up and goes back to her seat in economy.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss.

I told her "First class isn't going to Houston."

Super Bowl Fun Facts

8 Million pounds of guacamole is consumed on Super Bowl Sunday

14,500 tons of chips are eaten along with that guacamole.

The average number of people at a Super Bowl party is 17.

5% of Americans will watch the game alone.

Of the top 10 most watched television programs of all time, 9 of them are Super Bowls.

Budweiser has been the exclusive Super Bowl beer advertiser for the past 13 years.

The Super Bowl is measured in Roman numerals because a football season runs the span over two calendar years. The year the season began in 2008 and ends in 2009.

Over 700,000 footballs are produced annually for official NFL use and 72 of them are used for the Super Bowl.

More drivers are involved in alcohol-related accidents on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

VALENTINE'S TRIVIA

15% of U. S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. That the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.

Cupid, another symbol of Valentine's Day, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty. Cupid often appears on Valentine's Day cards holding a bow and arrows because he is believe to use magical arrows to inspire feelings of love

Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentine's Day cards with teacher classmates, and family members.

St. Patrick's Day History

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was in Boston in 1737.

The 1800's term "Paddy Wagon" came from when the drunken Irish got arrested they all said their name was Paddy.

Too – Ra – Loo – Ra – Loo – Ral is an American written Irish tune that Bing Crosby made popular in the movie "Going My Way".

Two United States rivers died green every year on St. Patrick's Day are in Chicago & San Antonio.