

SIEA's

July, August, September 2008

Did You Know

JULY CALENDAR

01 Robert Walters
02 William Davis
04 Dan Brady
05 James Brosnahan
08 Rosemary Mulligan
08 Cynthia Soto
11 Todd Sieben
13 Brad Burzynski
14 Rich Brauer
22 Gary Hannig
23 Edward Acevedo
25 Julie McPike
26 Frank Watson
28 Jeffrey Schoenberg
29 John Maitland
30 Lisa Madigan
30 Michael Tryon
30 Jim Watson
31 Tom Cross
31 Mary Flowers

AUGUST CALENDAR

02 Karen May
04 James Meeks
06 Kathleen Ryg
07 Frank Mautino
08 Bill Haine
10 James DeLeo
12 Tony Canino
13 Carole Pankau
19 Monique Davis
19 Sandy Farris
20 Mike Boland
22 David Leitch
23 Dale Righter
24 Carl Cannon
25 Dale Chapman
30 Diane Schuette
31 Larry Trent

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

01 Cheryl Blaha
02 Ted Eilerman
04 Terry Buhs
06 Careen Gordon
06 Keith Sommer
08 Elizabeth Coulson
10 Brandon Phelps
12 David Braasch
12 Duane Noland
15 David Reis
22 Steve Davis
23 David Miller
24 Michael Roark
26 Timothy Schmitz
28 Naomi Jakobsson
28 Eric Petersen
30 Michelle Chavez
30 Tom Coles
30 Kwame Raoul

SIEA – Retired
Illinois House of Representatives
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Retired State Senator
Illinois State Senate
Illinois House of Representatives
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Illinois House of Representatives
Lewis & Clark Community College
Illinois State Senate
Illinois State Senate
Former State Senator
Illinois Attorney General
Illinois House of Representatives
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Illinois State Senate
Illinois State Senate
Shell Oil Company
Illinois State Senate
Illinois House of Representative
Beverly Farm Foundation
Illinois House of Representative
Illinois House of Representative
Illinois State Senate
U. S. Steel / Granite City Works
Lewis & Clark Community College
Saint Anthony's Health Center
Illinois State Police

William M. BeDell – ARC
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center – Retired
Wegman Electric Company
Illinois House of Representative
Illinois House of Representatives
Illinois House of Representatives
Illinois House of Representatives
Alton Memorial Hospital
Former State Senator
Illinois House of Representatives
Former House of Representatives
Illinois House of Representative
Olin Corporation
Illinois House of Representatives
Illinois House of Representatives
ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery
Illinois House of Representatives
Former SIEA Board Member
Illinois State Senate

Illinois Facts and Trivia!!!!

Ottawa, Freeport, Jonesboro, Charleston, Galesburg, Quincy and Alton hosted the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates that stirred interest all over the country in the slavery issue.

The first Aquarium opened in Chicago, 1893.

The world's first Skyscraper was built in Chicago, 1885.

The first Mormon Temple in Illinois was constructed in Nauvoo.

The Sears Tower, in Chicago is the tallest building on the North American continent.

Metropolis the home of Superman really exists in Southern Illinois.

Illinois had two capital cities, Kaskaskia, and Vandalia before Springfield.

Illinois was the first state to ratify the 13th Amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery. 1865.

Des Plaines is home to the first McDonald's.

Chicago is home to the Chicago Water Tower and Pumping Station, the only buildings to survive the Great Chicago Fire.

Carlyle is the home of the largest man-made lake in Illinois.

The highest point in Illinois is Charles Mound at 1235 feet above sea level.

The state motto is: State Sovereignty, National Union.

The worst prison camp during the Civil War in terms of percentages of death was at Rock Island.

Chicago's Mercy Hospital was the first hospital opened in Illinois.

Illinois has 102 counties.

Comedy showcase "Second City" was founded on North Wells Street in a former Chinese laundry in 1959.

The ice cream "sundae" was named in Evanston. The piety of the town resented the dissipating influences of the soda fountain on Sunday and the good town fathers, yielding to this churchly influence, passed an ordinance prohibiting the retailing of ice cream sodas on Sunday. Ingenious confectioners and drug store operators obeying the law, served ice cream with the syrup of your choice without the soda. Objections then was made to christening a dish after the Sabbath. So the spelling of "Sunday" was changed. It became an established dish and an established word and finally the "sundae".

What happens when you work all-night. . .

Where I work we have security card readers on all of the entrances, exits, and important internal doors. Employees must have their credit card-like ID cards to run across the scanner, or they cannot open the doors.

This morning, a co-worker of mine left to run across the street to gas station to pick up some candy bars and pops for all of us minding the fort. When he got back, however, he found that he could not work the door mechanism, hold the drinks, and his card up against to scanner at the same time. After a few trials, he managed to do it by hold the card against the scanner with his head, and turning the knob with the hands holding the drinks.

He then walked through the entire length of the building, climbed three flights of stairs, and eventually came to the computer room, which again required his ID – only he didn't have it.

He sat the drinks on the ground, and searched his pockets; Nothing. "Fine," he thought, "I must have dropped it in the hall," So he backtracked all the way to the door, looking for places he might have dropped it; but no luck.

He got to the front door, which had just been opened up by the morning security guard.

"Hi." He said to the guard, "I was through here not five minutes ago."

"Uh-Huh."

". . .but I can't, for the life of me, seem to find my ID."

"Uh-Huh."

"I had it to get through the door, but I did not have it when I got to the next one."

"Uh-Huh."

"I've backtracked my entire path, and I didn't find it."

"Uh-Huh."

"Have you seen it?"

And the guard said; "It's stuck to your forehead."

QUOTES.....

A JURY AWARDED THE FAMILY \$1.5 MILLION IN COMPENSATORY DAMAGES AND \$10 MILLION IN PUNITIVE DAMAGES. AFTER DEDUCTING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, THE FAMILY RECEIVED \$4.96 IN PUNITIVE DAMAGES WITH THE FATHER RECEIVING HALF AND THE CHILDREN SPLITTING THE DIFFERENCE.

A STORY IN THE KANSAS CITY STAR

FOR NASA, SPACE IS STILL A HIGH PRIORITY.

VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE
TALKING TO NASA EMPLOYEES

SCOTT BULLET, AS HE TAKES LEFT FIELD, IS GETTING CONGRATULATIONS FROM EVERYBODY. HE AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE PARENTS OF A NEW BABY.

HARRY CARAY
CHICAGO CUBS SPORTSCASTER

YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FINGERS OF YOUR RIGHT HAND THE NUMBER OF TIMES I'VE HIT A HOMER TO THE OPPOSITE FIELD. ABOUT 10.

GARY CARTER
EX-METS CATCHER

CITIZENS ADVISED TO TURN IN ALARM TEN MINUTES BEFORE EVERY FIRE.

GOOSE CREEK (TX) NEWS-TRIBUNE

QUESTION: DID DON MATTINGLY EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS?

YOGI BERRA: NO, BUT HE DID A LOT BETTER THAN I THOUGHT HE WOULD.

FUNNIES!

ACTUAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

Grandmother of eight makes hole in one.

Stiff opposition expected to casketless funeral plan.

Milk drinkers are turning to powder.

Queen Mary having bottom scraped.

Smoker's are productive, but death cuts efficiency.

Man is fatally slain.

Death causes loneliness, feeling of isolation.

Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say.

Never withhold herpes from loved one.

They really said this ?????

“We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees.”

(Switching supervisor, AT&T)

“E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business.”

(Accounting manager, Electric Boat Company)

“This project is so important, we can't let things that are more important interfere with it.”

(Marketing manager, United Parcel Service)

“Teamwork is a lot of people doing what I say.”

(Marketing executive, Citrix Corporation)

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Odds & Ends

A HUG IS A GREAT GIFT. . . ONE SIZE FITS ALL. IT CAN BE GIVEN FOR ANY OCCASION AND IT'S EASY TO EXCHANGE.

KEEP SKUNKS, BANKERS, & LAWYERS AT A DISTANCED!!!!

LIFE IS SIMPLER WHEN YOU PLOW AROUND THE STUMP.

MEANNESS DON'T JUS' HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.

FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES. IT MESSES UP THEIR HEADS.

IT DON'T TAKE A VERY BIG PERSON TO CARRY A GRUDGE.

EVERY PATH HAS A FEW PUDDLES.

THE BEST SERMONS ARE LIVED, NOT PREACHED.

DON'T JUDGE FOLKS BY THEIR RELATIVES.

REMEMBER THAT SILENCE IS SOMETIMES THE BEST ANSWER.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A HOLE, THE FIRST THING TO DO IS STOP DIGGIN'.

SOMETIMES YOU GET, AND SOMETIMES YOU GET GOT.

ALWAYS DRINK UPSTREAM FROM THE HERD.

IF YOU GET TO THINKIN' YOU'RE A PERSON OF SOME INFLUENCE, TRY ORDERIN' SOMEBODY ELSE'S DOG AROUND.

LIVE SIMPLY. LOVE GENEROUSLY. CARE DEEPLY. SPEAK KINDLY.

Surprising Facts About the Fourth of July

Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.

Uncle Sam was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U.S. congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.

Not all members of the continental Congress supported a formal Declaration of Independence, but those who did were passionate about it. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.

LABOR DAY FACTS

Although the movement to have labor Day had been happening for quite some time, in September 1892, union workers in New York City took an unpaid day off and gathered in Union Square to support the holiday.

1894 – President Cleveland made a campaign promise to enact the holiday to win votes and he followed through with his promise.

1898 – The head of the American federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, called it “the day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward, when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed. . . that the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor for a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders in marching phalanx and feel the stronger for it.”

If you thought You were having a bad day. .

Surprised while burgling a house in Antwerp, Belgium, a thief fled out the back door, clambered over a nine-foot wall, dropped down and found himself in the city prison.

Two West German motorists had an all-too-literal head-on collision in heavy fog near the small town of Guetersloh. Each was guiding his car at a snail's pace near the center of the road. At the moment of impact their heads were both out of the windows when they smacked together. Both men were hospitalized with severe head injuries. Their cars weren't scratched.

In a classic case of one thing leading to another, seven men aged eighteen to twenty-nine received jail sentences of three to four years in Kingston-on-Thames, England, in 1979 after a fight that started when one of the men threw a French fry at another while they stood waiting for a train.

While motorcycling through the Hungarian countryside, Cristo Falatti came up to a railway line just as the crossing gates were coming down. While he sat idling, he was joined by a farmer with a goat, which the farmer tethered to the crossing gate. A few moments later a horse and cart drew up behind Falatti, followed in short order by a man in a sport car. When the train roared through the crossing, the horse startled and bit Falatti on the arm. Not a man to be trifled with Falatti responded by punching the horse in the head. In consequence the horse's owner jumped down from his cart and began scuffling with the motorcyclist. The horse, which was not up to this sort of excitement, backed away briskly, smashing the cart into the sports car. At this, the sports car driver leaped out of his car and joined the fray. The farmer came forward to try to pacify the three flailing men. As he did so, the crossing gates rose and his goat was strangled. At last report the insurance companies were still trying to sort out the claims.