



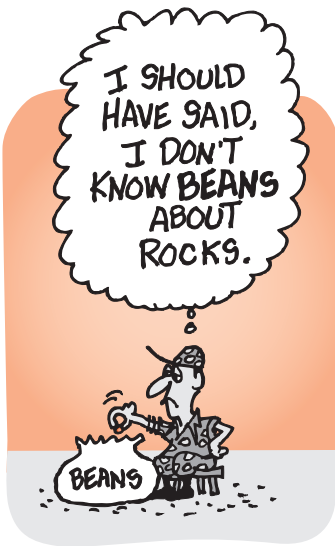
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A man was walking along the street when he saw a crowd of people running toward him. He stopped one of the runners and asked, "What's happening?" The runner replied breathlessly, "A lion has escaped from the city zoo." "Oh no! Which way is it heading?" "Well, you don't think we're chasing it, do you?"



My parents scoffed, but I knew my college degree in geology would come in handy one day. It was during basic training, and I was pulling KP duty. When the sergeant asked me what I did in civilian life, I proudly announced that I was a geologist. "Great. I'm looking for someone with your background," he said, as he dropped a large, bulging sack onto the table. "You have just the right qualifications to pick all the rocks out of this hundred-pound bag of beans."



Posted on the sign outside a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary. We'll hear you coming."



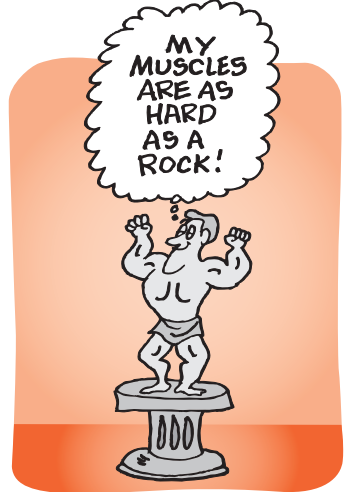
A New York City retail clerk was suffering from chronically aching feet. "It's all those years of standing," his doctor declared. "You need a vacation. Go to Miami, soak your feet in the ocean, and you'll feel better." When the man got to Florida, he bought two large buckets and headed for the beach. "How much for two buckets of that seawater?" he asked the lifeguard. "A dollar a bucket," the fellow replied with a straight face. The clerk paid him, filled his buckets, went to his hotel room and soaked his feet. They felt so much better, he decided to repeat the treatment that afternoon. Again, he handed the lifeguard two dollars. The young man took the money and said, "Help yourself." The clerk started for the water, then stopped in amazement. The tide was out. "Wow," he said, turning to the lifeguard. "That's some business you have here!"

John lived across the river from his backwoods neighbor, Clarence, and the two feuded constantly. They never missed a chance to throw rocks and yell insults over the water. One day, the Army Corps of Engineers came to build a bridge. John was elated and told his wife he was finally going to get his hands on Clarence. When the bridge was finished, John headed off, but he returned a few minutes later. "I never realized how big that guy is," John said sheepishly to his wife. "I headed for the bridge, and then I saw the sign: 'Clarence - 8 feet, 4 inches.'"

You know you're getting old when the cashier at the restaurant where you're dining with your daughter takes one look, then gives both of you senior discounts.



At 3:00 a.m., the young wife shook her husband awake, telling him to check the baby. He sat up for a full minute listening and then protested, "But I don't hear her crying." "I know," she replied. "It's your turn to go see why not!"



A male statue on a museum pedestal watched with great interest as a female statue was placed beside him. "Hello, I'm made of exotic brown marble," he introduced himself. "What's your background?" "Oh, my background is impeccable," she answered. "I'm made of the finest ivory to be found anywhere on earth." "You sure are beautiful! I know this is sudden, but I already care for you. Will you marry me?" "How do I know you will always give me the respect that fine ivory deserves?" "Oh, my dear, I love you so much already—I could never take you for granite!"



While I was sitting at my desk one afternoon, a coworker asked if I knew what to do about a computer problem that was preventing her from getting email. After calling the help desk, I told my colleague that email was being delayed to check for a computer virus. "It's a variant of the 'I Love You' virus, only worse," I said. "What could be worse?" my single coworker asked wryly. "The 'Let's Just Be Friends' virus?"

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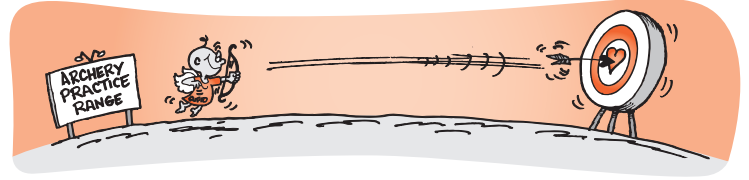
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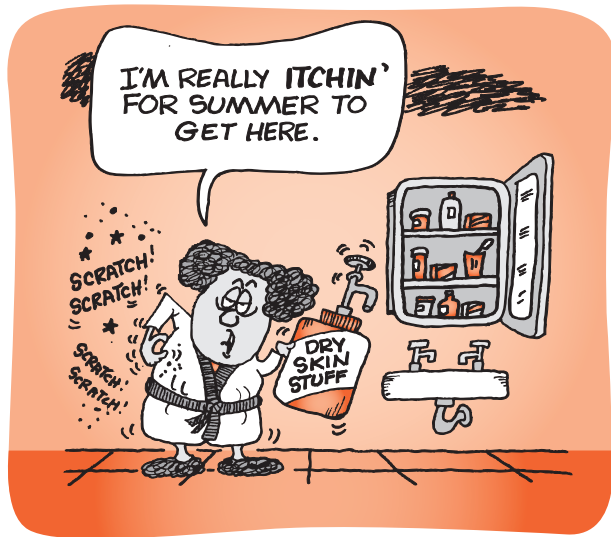
Just so you're prepared, here's next month's calendar.

February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 The Supreme Court of the United States meets for the first time, 1790	2 Groundhog Day
3 The New England Patriots win their first Super Bowl, 2002	4 Patty Hearst is kidnapped, 1974	5 Hank Aaron, b. 1934	6 Princess Elizabeth becomes Queen Elizabeth II, 1952	7 The Beatles arrive in New York, 1964	8 American troops secure Guadalcanal, 1943	9 The first Boeing 727 jet takes flight, 1963
10 Laura Ingalls Wilder, chronicler of American frontier life, dies, 1957	11 Nelson Mandela is released from prison, 1990	12 George Gershwin's <i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> is performed for the first time, 1924	13 The League of Nations recognizes perpetual Swiss neutrality, 1920	14 Valentine's Day	15 After 20 years of racing, Dale Earnhardt, Sr., wins his first Daytona 500, 1998	16 Archaeologists open King Tut's tomb, 1923
17 Thomas Jefferson is elected to serve as the third U.S. President, 1801	18 Presidents' Day	19 Thomas Alva Edison patents the phonograph, 1878	20 Tara Lipinski is the youngest to win Olympic figure skating gold, 1998	21 NASCAR is officially incorporated, 1948	22 The U.S. Olympic hockey team wins its "Miracle on Ice," 1980	23 Children receive the first polio vaccine, 1954
24 Juan Domingo Peron is elected in Argentina, 1946	25 <i>The Passion of the Christ</i> opens in the United States, 2004	26 Grand Teton National Park is established, 1929	27 People in New Orleans take to the streets for their first Mardi Gras, 1827	28 Final episode of <i>M*A*S*H</i> airs, 1983		

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