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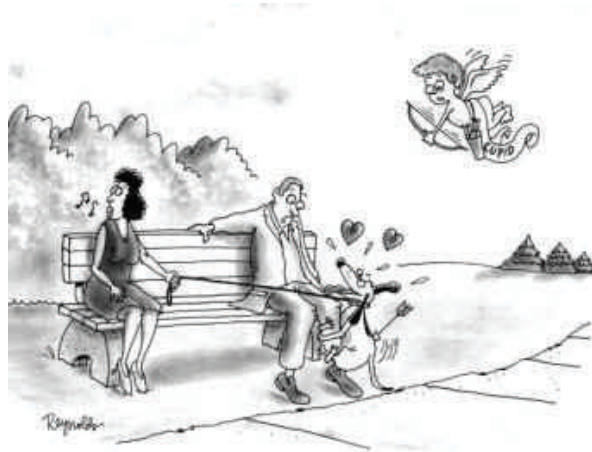
THE HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

Who is St. Valentine and why do we celebrate Valentine's Day? In one story, Valentine was a priest in Rome in the third century.

When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men are better as soldiers than married men with families, he made marriage illegal for young men. When people found out of Valentine's doings, Emperor Claudius demanded that he be put to death. Another story said that St. Valentine actually created

the first "valentine" greeting. It was said that while he was in prison, a young girl, possibly his jailor's daughter, visited him there. Even before he died, he wrote the girl a letter and signed it,

"From your valentine," a phrase that is still used up to now.



JOKES

- *What did the man with the broken leg say to his nurse?*

"I've got a crutch on you!"

- *Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?*

Sure, they're very scent-mental!

- *What did the paper clip say to the magnet?*

"I find you very attractive."

- *What did the pencil say to the paper?*

"I dot my i's on you!"

- *Did you hear about the nearsighted porcupine?*

He fell in love with a pincushion!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is the month that is known as Black History month. A celebration which started in 1926. African Americans everywhere can thank Harvard scholar Dr. Carter G. Oodson.

He was the first to start the annual African American History Week. This week is always the second in February. Woodson chose this week because two men that helped to

influence the African American race had birthdays that fell on this week. Eventually this week would become Black History month.



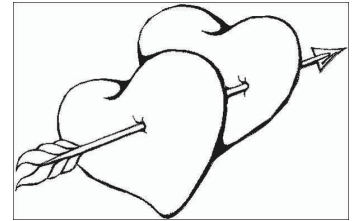
THE HISTORY OF CUPID



Everyone knows the most famous of valentine symbols, Cupid. He is that winged boy with a bow and arrows that goes around piercing hearts. He is known as a very mischievous boy. The arrows that he carries signify desires and emotions of love. Cupid uses those arrows to throw at humans and gods, caus-

ing them to fall deeply in love. Cupid has always played a role in the celebration of love. He was known as Eros, in ancient Greece. He was the young son of Aphrodite, who was the goddess of love and beauty. In Rome, he was known as Cupid and his mother was Venus. Today Cupid and his arrows are the

most popular signs of love. Love is now most frequently depicted by two hearts pierced by an arrow, Cupid's arrow.



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