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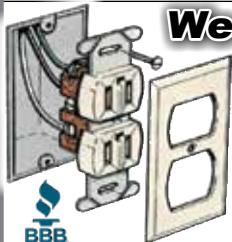
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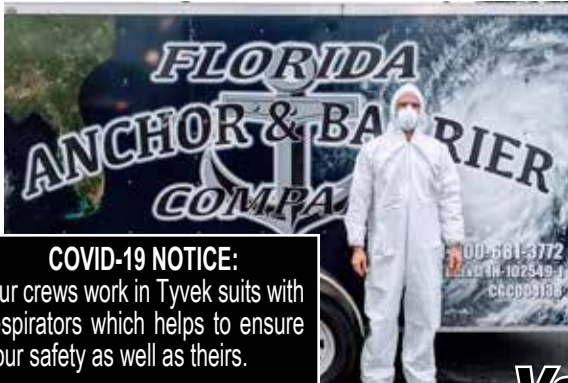
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July Monthly



Eye Injury Prevention Month. Of the approximately one million eye injuries in the United States each year, health experts say that 90% are preventable. To avoid these injuries, it is important to wear appropriate safety equipment, like goggles and sunglasses.

Independent Retailer Month. Independent Retailer Month encourages consumers to shop local and celebrate indie retailers, creating more sustainable cities, towns, and communities.

National Blueberry Month. Head to the store and check out the great values on fresh blueberries! This is the peak of the season and the quality is super. Or pack up the family and head to the nearest u-pick farm, where you can learn about blueberry farming, pick by the bucket, and enjoy the very freshest blueberries imaginable.

World Watercolor Month. A month to inspire people to paint with watercolors while raising awareness for the importance of art and creativity in the world. Try the ultimate challenge of 31 watercolors in 31 days. It's just about maintaining a regular art practice and having fun

Weekly

National Therapeutic Recreation Week, July 11–17. Established by the National Therapeutic Recreation Society, the week is intended to raise awareness of therapeutic recreation programs and services that could improve the health and well-being of individuals with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.



Operation Safe Driver Week, July 11–17. Operation Safe Driver Week is scheduled by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA). This year's focus is speeding — with a secondary concentration on unsafe driving behaviors.

National Zoo Keeper Week, July 18–24. National Zoo Keeper Week focuses on the need to protect and preserve our wildlife and vanishing habitats. During the third week of July each year, celebrate National Zoo Keeper Week; both keepers and animals deserve professional recognition.

Women in Baseball Week, July 25 – 31. An annual worldwide event recognizing the value, diversity, and cultural significance of women in baseball.

Unsportsmanlike conduct



At one point during a game, the coach called one of his nine-year-old baseball players aside and asked, “Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?”

“Yes, coach,” replied the little boy.

“Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?”

The little boy nodded.

“So,” the coach continued, “I’m sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn’t argue, curse the umpire, or call him a jerk. Do you understand all that?”

Again, the little boy nodded.

The coach continued, “And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it’s not a stupid decision or that the coach is an idiot, is it?”

“No, coach.”

“Good,” said the coach. “Now go over there and explain all that to your father.”

The Sacrifice



Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a failing helicopter — ten men and one woman. The helicopter was about to crash under their combined weight, and they realized that one of them would have to let go, otherwise all would fall to their deaths.

No one volunteered, though, until the woman spoke.

She said that she would let go of the rope because she was used to giving up everything for her husband and her sons, and was used to sacrificing everything for men in general without getting anything in return.

The men were so touched by her speech that as soon as she finished, they all started clapping.

Hearing problem



A priest was giving blessings to children outside his church. Billy, 16, walked up and asked him, “Father, can you help me with my hearing?”

“I’ll try,” the priest said. He put his hands over Billy’s ears and prayed. When he removed his hands, he asked, “How is your hearing now?”

“I can’t tell,” Billy said. “It’s not until next Wednesday.”

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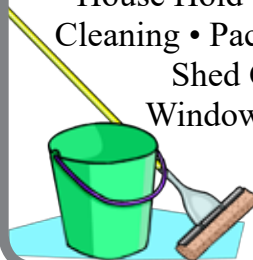
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- To write the largest known prime number in a straight line, you would need a sheet of paper 23 miles long.
- Americans use 100,000,000,000 plastic shopping bags a year, enough to stretch end to end around the equator twice every day.
- A blue whale can eat up to 40 million small krill a day—about 7,900 pounds, which is more than the weight of a Hummer.
- A Rubik’s Cube has 45,252,003,274,489,856,000 possible configurations.
- There are 12.1 trillion digits of pi known right now. A piece of paper needed to write them in a straight line would stretch to the sun and back.
- LEGO manufactures 125 million bricks a day, more than the number of banknotes the U.S. prints in a day (38 million).
- Beetles represent 30% of all known animal species, with more than 300,000 species currently identified.
- People send 205 billion emails every day. If you were to print out each one on a separate sheet of office paper—which would consume 25 million trees—the stack would stretch halfway around the equator.

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On July 4, Americans celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration was officially adopted by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, although Congress formally declared independence from Great Britain on July 2, and the Declaration wasn’t signed by all 56 members until August.

Some other facts about the founding document of the United States that you may not know:

- There’s a message on the back. No, it’s not an invisible treasure map (as in the Nicolas Cage movie *National Treasure*). The words “Original Declaration of Independence, dated 4th July 1776” appear on the reverse side of the document on display in the National Rotunda, at the bottom and upside down.
- About 200 copies of the Declaration were immediately produced by printer John Dunlap for distribution through the 13 colonies. Of these original “Dunlap broadsides,” 26 still exist.
- The original document wasn’t printed on paper, but “engrossed” on parchment. Engrossing is a process for preparing an official document in large, clear handwriting.
- At the bottom left corner of the Declaration is an unidentified handprint. Historians speculate that it’s the result of the document’s being rolled up for transport and handled by various people for extensive exhibition in the early years of its existence.
- The two youngest signers of the Declaration were Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge, both of South Carolina, both 26 years old at the time. The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin, 70. Nine of the original signers died before the American Revolution ended in 1783.



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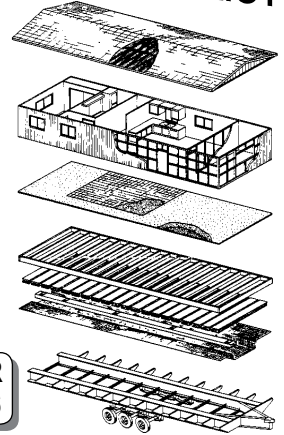
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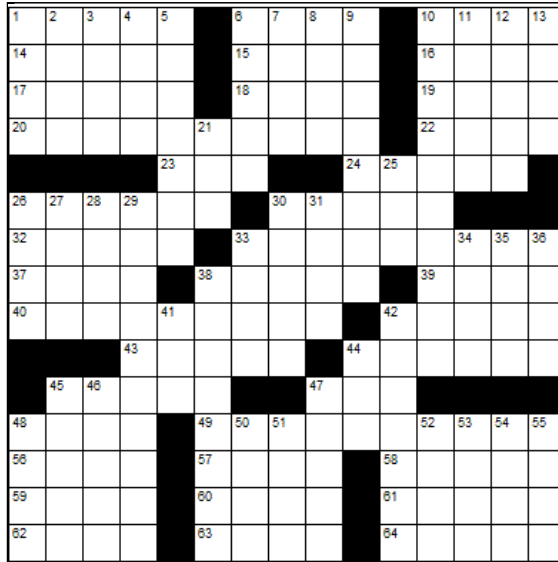
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ACROSS

- 1. Affair
- 6. A sharply directional antenna
- 10. Falafel bread
- 14. Duck down
- 15. Black, in poetry
- 16. Holly
- 17. Betel palm
- 18. Parental sister
- 19. Lass
- 20. Supervisor
- 22. Lack of difficulty
- 23. A sizeable hole
- 24. Wear away
- 26. Agree
- 30. Type of poplar tree
- 32. Blockage of the intestine
- 33. Girasol
- 37. Where two pieces meet
- 38. Cancel a bid
- 39. Was indebted
- 40. Teaser
- 42. Mix
- 43. Glowing remnant
- 44. Fancy
- 45. Binge
- 47. Court
- 48. Knife
- 49. Access
- 56. Place
- 57. A dog wags one
- 58. Listened to
- 59. Dash
- 60. At one time (archaic)
- 61. Made a mistake
- 62. Make (one's way)
- 63. Catches
- 64. Cowboy sport



DOWN

- 1. Accomplishment
- 2. Former Italian currency
- 3. Midmonth date
- 4. Make out (slang)
- 5. Blunt-nosed dolphin
- 6. It makes dough rise
- 7. Border
- 8. Departed
- 9. Fearless
- 10. Cubbyhole
- 11. Homeric epic
- 12. Breviloquent
- 13. Spindle
- 21. Carriage
- 25. Record (abbrev.)
- 26. A box or chest
- 27. Margarine
- 28. Close
- 29. Waistband
- 30. Pergola
- 31. Blend
- 33. Pot
- 34. Is indebted to
- 35. Knows
- 36. Countercurrent
- 38. Unvanquished
- 41. An uncle
- 42. Not a sister
- 44. Point
- 45. Attendance counter
- 46. Song of praise
- 47. Becomes limp
- 48. Killed
- 50. Defy
- 51. Fog
- 52. Relating to aircraft
- 53. An aromatic ointment
- 54. Algonquian Indian
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One night in a dream he heard a voice that told him: “Gather all of your miseries into a bag and bring them to the town hall.”

When he got to the town hall, the rich man saw that all his neighbors had also packed their miseries into big bags. He saw that some people were carrying much bigger bags than his. Even people he had always seen smiling on the street and saying nice things to each other were carrying bigger bags.

Inside the hall, the voice said, “Put your bags around the hall.” Everyone put their bags down, and the voice said, “Now you can choose any bundle that you like.”

And everybody rushed to their own bags.

The rich man also rushed towards his own bag, afraid that somebody else might choose it. But everybody chose their own bag with great relief and happily carried their bags back to their homes. Even the rich man who had prayed for years to exchange his miseries was very happy. He walked home thinking, “Who knows what is in the other bags? At least we are aware of our own problems. And we have become accustomed to our own difficulties.”

Moral: Solving your own problems is better than exchanging them with someone else.

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A little boy and girl were enjoying a pleasant afternoon playing outside in their neighborhood together. The boy showed the girl his collection of beautiful, unique marbles. In turn, the girl showed the boy the handful of candy that she had just gotten for her birthday.

The boy proposed that the two of them switch—he would give her all of his marbles if she handed over all of her candy. The girl agreed, as she found the marbles to be beautiful as well.

The boy handed over all of his marbles, but kept one—the most exquisite one of them all—in his pocket. The girl kept her promise and gave the boy all of her candy.

That night, the girl was happy with the exchange and peacefully went to sleep.

The boy, however, couldn’t sleep, because he kept wondering if the girl had secretly kept some of her candy, just like he did with the marble.

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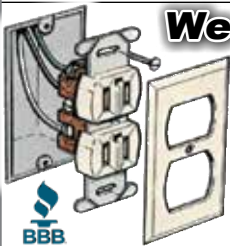
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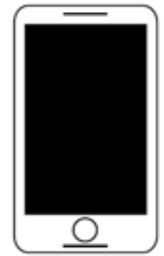
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Telepsychiatry a boon for patients during pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic forced many health care workers into virtual mode, offering their services via Zoom or other video outlets. Mental health services were among those embracing the technology. A survey of clinicians at 18 mental health centers in 11 states, reported on the Psychiatry Advisor website, found that 73% who used two-way video to treat patients found the experience “excellent” or “good.” Sixty-six percent who used phone-based services said the same. Only 4% who used video, and 3% who relied on phones, rated the experience “poor” or “very poor.”



Overall, the most common advantages cited by providers were flexible scheduling or rescheduling (77%), timely appointment starts (68%), and a decline in no-shows (52%). There were some disadvantages, including technical difficulties by patients using devices (52%), lack of closeness or connection with patients (46%), and technical difficulties on the provider end (39%). Still, 64% of providers in the survey plan to continue using telepsychiatry in some capacity after the end of the pandemic.

Summer travel is back again

Lots of vacations got canceled last summer. According to the Travel Weekly website, a Harris Poll reports that 77% of Americans plan to travel this summer, up from 29% in summer 2020. As of early May, two-thirds have actively planned or booked a vacation—more than half of them traveling for the first time since the start of the pandemic.



Alternatives to meat growing in acceptance

Meat isn't automatically on the menu these days, according to the Lansing State Journal. A 2021 Michigan State University Food Literacy and Engagement poll found that approximately 41% of Americans say they're likely to buy artificially produced forms of meat that look and taste the same, up from 33% in 2018.

The survey looked at people's understanding of the relationship between food and climate change. One finding: Fewer than 50% of people surveyed realized that eating plant-based foods can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Meatless meat was originally made from beans, soy, cauliflower, and the like. Newer versions feature plant-like “meat” designed to resemble traditional meat. But Americans are becoming more open to eating meatlike products made from other sources, like insects. One 2019 poll found that 25% of Americans are willing to try that. Meat grown from cells in labs are a potential future option, though none are commercially available in the U.S. right now. Still, 35% of Americans say they're likely to buy some when it comes out.

An addled child



According to a story, when the inventor Thomas Edison was a young boy he came home and handed a paper from his school to his mother. “My teacher told me to give this only to you.”

His mother’s eyes filled with tears as she looked at the letter. Then she read: “Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn’t have good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself.”

Years later, Edison’s mother died. One day he was going through his old family things. Suddenly, he noticed a folded paper in the corner of a drawer. He took it and opened it up.

On the paper was written: “Your son is addled. We won’t let him come to school anymore.”

Edison cried for hours. Then he wrote in his diary: “Thomas Alva Edison was an addled child that, by a hero mother, became the genius of the century.”

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World Snake Day, July 18. There are about 3,458 known species of snakes living in almost every climatological region in the world, from the humid rainforests of South/Central America and southern Asia to the icy tundra.

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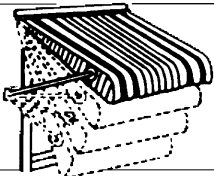


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A farmer in the country was very poor. Tired of living in squalor, he decided to sell the only thing he owned—his talking mule. This was no ordinary talking mule, though. He could tell jokes and sing and dance. But with much regret, the farmer set off to the big city to sell his mule.

He set up on a street corner, and the mule drew an immediate crowd. The mule was so funny that the crowds couldn't remain standing for long because they were laughing so hard. Finally, a man came up to the farmer and said, "I'm a talent scout. I MUST have your mule for our show."

Unfortunately, the talent scout had just been pickpocketed, and had lost his wallet. The only thing in his pockets was a subway token. He convinced the farmer to trade the mule for the "Magic Token of Good Fortune" and secured the mule.

On the way home, the farmer realized that he had been cheated. Broken hearted, he decided to use the subway token to ride to the edge of the city. But when he put the token in the slot, alarms went off. He was frightened at first, but then he was notified that he was the 1 billionth rider of the subway, and he had just won \$50 million.

Meanwhile, the mule was so successful that he became the toast of Broadway.

Moral of the story: A mule that is funny is soon bartered.

The best way to pray



A priest, a minister, and a guru sat in a new interfaith community center. While a telecommunications worker installed the new phone system, they began discussing the best positions for prayer.

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said.

"No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven."

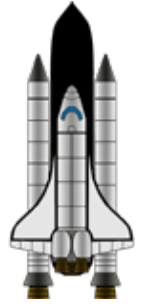
"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is the lotus position."

The telephone technician sat up. "Excuse me, gentlemen, but I should tell you that the best praying I ever did was when I was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

If you wish to glimpse inside a human soul and get to know a man ... just watch him laugh. If he laughs well, he's a good man.

— *Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

Space probe returning with asteroid chunks



A NASA spacecraft has begun a two-year journey back to Earth, bringing with it material from an asteroid for scientists to study. According to U.S. News & World Report, the spacecraft, Osiris-Rex, traveled 178 million miles to the asteroid Bennu, which is approximately 1,600 feet wide and 4.5 billion years old and is believed to be broken off from a larger asteroid.

Osiris-Rex managed to grab between a half pound to one pound of small, rocky chunks from Bennu's surface, far more than the target amount of two ounces, making it NASA's biggest collection of extraterrestrial material since the Apollo moon missions. Scientists believe the asteroid chunks could help explain how planets formed in our solar system, as well as how life arose on Earth—and maybe improve Earth's defenses against any asteroids heading toward us.

The return trip will take Osiris-Rex some 1.4 million miles as it circles the sun twice before delivering its samples in a capsule to the Utah desert, scheduled for September 2023. The samples will go to a new laboratory currently being constructed in Houston's Johnson Space Center, where hundreds of pounds of moon rocks and material are already stored.

Genetically modified mosquitos released to fight disease

It sounds like the plot of a sci-fi disaster movie, but it's happening in real life: Genetically modified mosquitoes have been released in Florida in an effort to combat an invasive species spreading disease. What could go wrong?



The Science News website reports that biotech company Oxitech bred the male mosquitoes and placed eggs in hexagonal boxes on private properties in suburban locations in April 2021. In May, monitors on the boxes showed that mature mosquitoes had flown off to start mating with females. The males possess genetic add-ons that prevent female larvae from developing after mating. Males, however, will carry the same genetic trait.

The project is designed to prevent the spread of dengue and Zika from a recent invasive species, *Ae. Albopictus*. After initial tests, Oxitech plans bigger releases to examine how well males fare and whether pest numbers decline. Oxitech may release up to 20 million mosquitoes in more tests during the fall.

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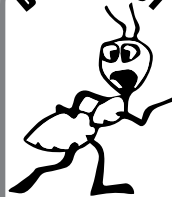
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