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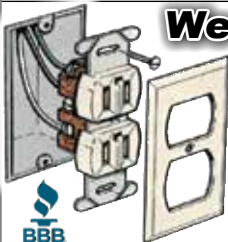
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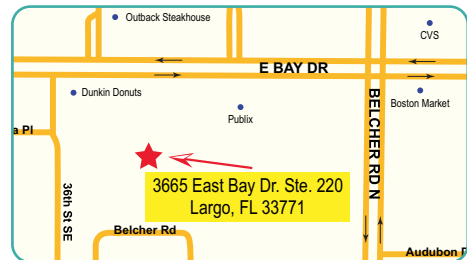
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The true nightingale

Hans Christian Andersen’s fairy tale, “The Nightingale,” tells the story of a Chinese emperor so attracted to the singing of a nightingale outside his window that he invites the bird into his palace to live with him. At first they’re happy together, but then the emperor receives a mechanical nightingale as a gift. Losing interest in the living nightingale, he sends the bird back to the forest.



Years later the emperor lies dying. The nightingale returns to his bedside to sing to him one last time. Her song is so moving that Death allows the emperor to recover.

According to the Listverse website, the inspiration for the tale may have been Jenny Lind, a famous singer known as “the Swedish Nightingale.” Andersen was in love with her, but she didn’t return his love, choosing instead to marry Fredric Chopin, the Polish composer.

“Through Jenny Lind I first became sensible of the holiness of art,” Andersen wrote in his memoirs. “Through her I learned that one must forget one’s self in the service of the supreme. No books, no men, have had a more ennobling influence upon me as a poet than Jenny Lind.”

Winning as one

An anthropologist proposed a game to some children in Africa. He placed a basket of fruit near a tree and told them that whoever got to the tree first could have all the fruit.



When he gave the signal to go, all the children held each other’s hands and ran to the tree together. Then they sat in a circle enjoying the fruit.

When the anthropologists asked why they’d run as a group when the winner could have had more fruit on his own, one child said, “How can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?”

Labor saving?

According to an anecdote, Thomas Edison had a summer residence he was very proud of. He enjoyed showing visitors around the property, pointing out various labor-saving devices. At one point the visitor had to pass through a turnstile in order to take the main path back to the house, and considerable effort was needed to move the turnstile.



The visitor asked Edison why, with all the other clever gadgets around, he had such a heavy turnstile. Edison replied, “Well, you see, everyone who pushes the turnstile around pumps eight gallons of water into the tank on my roof.”



AUGUST DAYS

Lughnasadh, Aug. 1. A Gaelic festival marking the beginning of the harvest season.

International Beer Day, Aug. 6. Wherever you are in the world, enjoy your favorite brew responsibly.



World Elephant Day, Aug. 12. The elephant is loved, revered, and respected by people and cultures around the world, yet we balance on the brink of seeing the last of these magnificent creatures.

National Nonprofit Day, Aug. 17. Nonprofits help awareness, research, and aid reach the people who need it most.

Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26. The observance of Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote and calls attention to continuing efforts toward full equality.

NUMBERS IN THE NEWS

Did we drink more during COVID-19?

Locked down in 2020 because of the spreading coronavirus outbreak, many people baked bread, studied foreign languages, and stopped wearing pants. But did they drink more? It might have been tempting, but a study conducted on behalf of the Beer Institute (reported on the Craft Brewing Business website), found that most people didn't increase their consumption of beer and other alcoholic beverages, despite the assumption that drinking must have increased during the lockdown.



Echelon Insights conducted a nationally representative survey of registered voters age 21+ during March 1–4, 2021. One in five respondents indicated they did drink more beer, wine, and liquor last year, but the same number also reported drinking less, and 60% said their drinking habits hadn't changed at all since the beginning of the pandemic.

COVID-19 did have an impact on the beer industry, though. The pandemic resulted in a loss of almost \$20 billion in retail beer sales, and more than 561,000 U.S. jobs were lost, the majority in bars and restaurants that suffered from restrictions or closed outright.

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Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month. Along with shopping for back-to-school clothes and supplies, it’s time to make comprehensive eye exam appointments for the kids. Have your children’s eyes examined during well-child visits beginning around age three. Your child’s eye doctor can help detect refractive errors such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and other diseases.

National Water Quality Month. National Water Quality Month is dedicated to making the most of the relatively small amount of fresh water we have. Clean water is vital to our individual health, our collective agricultural needs, and our environment.

Read a Romance Month. Love makes the world go around, right? In August people are ready for a romantic beach read. With no national holidays to distract you, you can make August an uninterrupted flow of all kinds of romantic reads.

Weekly

International Assistance Dog Week, Aug. 1–7. International Assistance Dog Week was created to recognize all the devoted, hardworking assistance dogs helping individuals mitigate their disability-related limitations.



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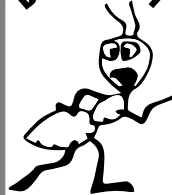
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The husband shrugged. “OK, I can drop her off Mondays and Tuesdays, but on Fridays I go fishing.”



Adoption

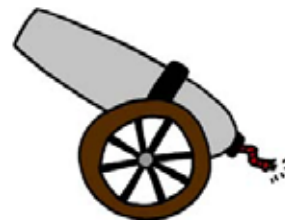
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The social workers were finally satisfied, so they asked the couple, “What age child are you hoping to adopt?” The husband said, “It doesn’t really matter, as long as the kid fits in the cannon.”



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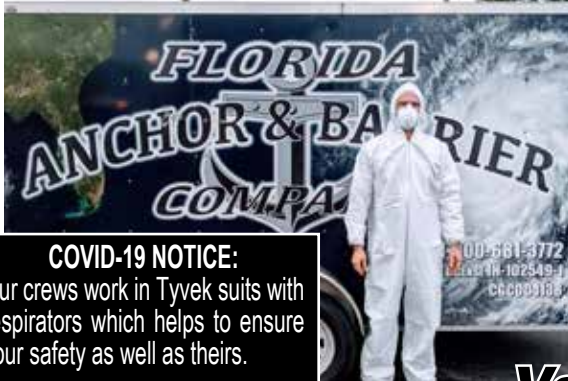
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Short stuff

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- Want to hear a roof joke? The first one’s on the house.
- A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.
- I saw a movie about how ships are put together. It was riveting.
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- Some people eat snails. They must not like fast food.
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A police officer pulled over a teenager. Here’s how the conversation went:

Police: Where do you live?

Teenager: With my parents.

Police: Where do your parents live?

Teenager: With me.

Police: Where do you all live?

Teenager: Together.

Police: Where is your house?

Teenager: Next to my neighbor’s house.

Police: Where is your neighbor’s house?

Teenager: You won’t believe me.

Police: Tell me.

Teenager: Next to my house.



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The facts about ransomware attacks

Cybercriminals are increasingly demanding what’s called “ransomware” to halt their attacks on company data around the world. A survey of 120 executives by Threatpost looked at its rise and implications.



Less than a third of respondents to the survey said they had suffered ransomware attacks. Of those that did, 17% were in the tech industry and 15% were in manufacturing, followed evenly by companies in finance, health care, and infrastructure.

However, 80% said they didn’t pay the demanded ransom. Their main reason: They couldn’t be sure paying the thieves would actually get them a decryption key. They were probably smart—80% of organizations that did pay the ransom were hit by a second attack from the same source, and a third said they suffered another attack by somebody else.

Of those companies that paid, five percent decided that giving into the demands was easier than dealing with the threatened business disruption, and two percent relied on cybersecurity insurance to cover the costs.

Sixty-five percent of attacked companies suffered a revenue loss as a result, and about a quarter had to shut down; 53% reported that their brands and reputations suffered damage, and 32% reported losing top-level talent as a result.

Getting back to normal—slowly

With vaccines now available and society seemingly reopening for business, at least some of us are ready to say that things are going back to normal after the pandemic year. According to Gallup, 66% of adults in the U.S. say their lives have “somewhat” or “completely” returned to normal. That’s 57% saying their lives are somewhat normal again, with only nine percent saying things are completely normal, and 34% saying normal life has yet to come back.



Complicating the return to normalcy is the finding that 52% of Americans say their life is still being disrupted because of the pandemic—14% say “a great deal” and 38% say “a fair amount.” And that may not change soon. Thirty-nine percent expect the disruption to continue through the end of the year, and 16% feel the impact will last longer.

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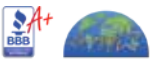
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What does that mean? Origins of common terms



The origins of some figures of speech are obvious — putting the cart before the horse, for instance. Others are a little more obscure. From Jeff Rovin’s book *The Unbelievable Truth!* (Signet) here’s a look at the explanations behind three common expressions:

- Pulling the wool over their eyes. In the 17th and 18th centuries, thieves and robbers would yank their victims’ wool wigs down over their eyes so they couldn’t see who was attacking them.
- Blackmail. In 16th-century England, mail meant “rent” or “tribute.” Debts that had to be paid in silver were called “whitemail.” A debt that could be paid in any other way—from livestock to property—was called “blackmail.” Because blackmail did not have a set value, the person collecting the debt could extort any amount or anything they wished from the debtor.
- Red tape. For centuries, it was British custom to seal important documents with red wax and red tape. Cutting through it was the only way to get at the documents and read them.

August: What’s in a name?

August is named for the Roman emperor Augustus Caesar, grandnephew of Julius Caesar. When Augustus defeated Cleopatra and Mark Antony at the Battle of Actium in 30 B.C., he became emperor of Rome, and the Roman Senate quickly decided that since the month of July was named for Julius, their new emperor should also have his own month.



At the time, Sextillius (the sixth month of the year in the pre-Gregorian calendar) had only 30 days, so the Senate also decreed that the newly named August should be equal to July, and took a day from February to keep the calendar in balance.

Other emperors tried to get months named for them: May was called Claudius for a while, and April became Neronius, but the names didn’t stick. Only Julius and Augustus Caesar’s names apparently had the staying power to last 2,000 years.

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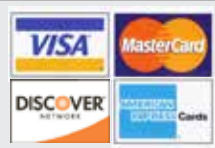
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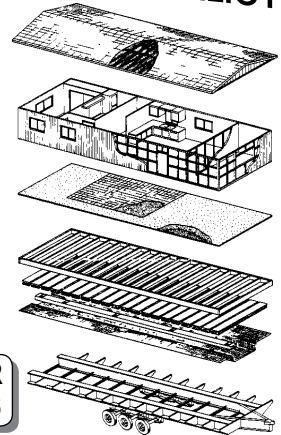
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- **Read the instructions.** Whether you're using a gas grill or one that burns charcoal, take some time to read the owner's manual before starting your fire. Be sure you're following the manufacturer's safety guidelines.
- **Always grill outdoors.** This may seem elementary, but not everyone understands the need for proper ventilation and basic fire precautions. Your garage, or a tent, isn't a safe location for a grill.
- **Keep the grill stable.** Check the surface you're placing your grill on. You don't want it to tip over unexpectedly. Also, take care to place it well away from the flow of people and pets, and especially children.
- **Clean the grill first.** Scrape off any grease or fat that can make a fire difficult to control.
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The foolish donkey

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The donkey was happy that he had less weight to carry. He started to play the same trick every day.

The salt seller quickly figured out the trick and decided to teach the donkey a lesson. The next day he loaded a bag full of cotton on the donkey.

The donkey tried same trick, expecting the cotton bag to become lighter. Instead the cotton got wet and very heavy to carry, much to the donkey's annoyance.

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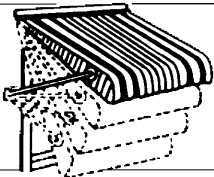
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Kathy Vesely	\$100	Payless Painting	Robert Baxter	\$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing
Roberta Harris	\$10	1st Class Handyman Service	Ed Fuller	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control
Jessie Owens	\$10	Boss Electric	Ted Baker	\$5	Heller's Mobile Home Washing
James Pietrocarlo	\$10	Air Masters of Pinellas	Susan Carbone	\$5	1st Class Handyman Service
Carol Smerker	\$10	Heller's Mobile Home Washing	Keith & Abbie Postel ...	\$5	Betty's Cleaning
Kelly Krueger	\$10	Jones & Sons Plumbing	Dot Lyons-Wilkie	\$5	Royal Enterprise
Diane Nance	\$10	Community Roofing	Lois Marshall	\$5	Dawn-Rae - Cruthfield
Remo Mangieri	\$10	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Nancy Pachalis	\$5	Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Rachel Doherty	\$10	Royal Enterprise	Lorraine & Edward Richards.	\$5	Royal Enterprise
Marlene Ryzdewski	\$10	Century Awnings	Irene Mason	\$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing
Lilah Miller	\$10	Rod Runners	Russell Wheeler	\$5	Air Masters of Pinellas
Richard Gilbert	\$10	Imperial Electrical	Norma Acker	\$5	Boss Electric
Jeannie Cobb	\$10	Battleline Termite & Pest Control	Harriette Reimer	\$5	Debbie's Salon
Craig Ruotolo	\$10	Bill the Carpet Guy	Joe Montione	\$5	Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Steve Malara	\$5	Air Masters of Pinellas	Wendy Sharrett	\$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing
Chris Kennedy	\$5	Natures Resource Pest Control	Carol Lynn Harbour	\$5	Royal Enterprise
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Marge Taylor	\$5	Doll Brothers	Tracy Schofield	\$5	Bill the Carpet Guy
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