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#### **AUGUST DAYS**

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**National Lighthouse Day, Aug. 7.** Lighthouses are beautiful, and incredibly useful. On National Lighthouse Day, we celebrate how these scenic, historic structures guided sea travelers throughout the centuries.

**Book Lovers Day, Aug. 9.** An unofficial holiday encouraging everyone to celebrate reading and literature. People are advised to put away their smartphones and technological distractions and pick up a book to read.

World Orangutan Day, Aug. 19. To raise awareness and encourage the public to take action in preserving this amazing and endangered species.

Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26. Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of women's suffrage in the U.S. and reminds everyone of the hurdles overcome by the women who faced violence and discrimination to propel the women's movement forward.

#### **WEEKLY**

**Variable Series** Veek, Aug. 1–7. Breastfeeding is key to sustainable development strategies post-pandemic, as it improves nutrition, ensures food security, and reduces inequalities between and within countries.

International Assistance Dog Week, Aug. 7–13. Created to recognize all the devoted, hardworking assistance dogs helping individuals mitigate their disability-related limitations.

National Farmers Market Week, Aug. 7–13. National Farmers
Market Week is a great opportunity to show the nation how much value markets bring to their communities. With fun events, specials, contests, and activities, the week helps to boost market attendance and visibility.

Brake Safety Week, Aug. 21–27. Brake Safety Week is an annual commercial motor vehicle brake-safety inspection, enforcement, and education initiative conducted by law enforcement jurisdictions in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.



### The essence of teaching

A

retired teacher ran into a former student in a coffee shop one day. "It's good to see you!" he said. "What have you done with your life?"

"I'm a teacher," the young man said.

"Wonderful! What made you decide to become a teacher?"

The man smiled. "Actually, you inspired me."

"Really? How did I do that?"

The young man told him a story:

"One day, a friend of mine came to class with a nice new watch, and I decided I wanted it, so I stole it. When my friend noticed his watch was missing, he immediately complained to our teacher — you.

"You addressed the class and said, 'This student's watch was stolen during class today. Whoever stole it, please return it.' But I didn't give it back because I was scared.

"Then you closed the door and told us all to stand up and form a circle. 'I am going to search your pockets one by one until I find the watch,' you said. But you told us to close our eyes while you searched. You went from pocket to pocket, and when you got to my pocket, you found the watch and took it. You kept searching everyone's pockets, and when you were done you said, 'Open your eyes. We have the watch.'"

The young man continued, "You didn't tell on me, and you never said who stole the watch. You never said anything, or scolded me, or took me aside to give me a lecture.

"I received your message clearly. That day I decided not to become a thief or a bad person. Thanks to you, I understood what a real teacher does."

He finished, "Do you remember that, sir?"

The old teacher nodded. "Yes, I remember that day. I just didn't remember that it was you who stole the watch."

"Why not?"

The teacher said, "Because I also closed my eyes while looking. That is the essence of teaching. If you have to humiliate someone, you don't know how to teach

### Learn to tolerate the pain

uring a long winter many animals were dying because of the cold. A group of porcupines decided to huddle together to keep each other warm. Unfortunately, their quills kept wounding their closest companions, so they split up.

Soon they began to die from the cold. They realized they had to make a choice: Either accept their companions' quills or choose

death. Wisely, they decided to come back together. They learned to live with the few wounds caused by their close relationship to receive the warmth of their togetherness. This way, they were able to survive.





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### **Charity case**

The president of a local charity realized that he had never received a donation from the town's most successful lawyer. The president gave him a call. "Our research shows that out of a yearly income of more than \$10 million, you give not a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give back to the community in some way?"

The lawyer thought this over for a moment and replied, "First, did your research also show that my mother is dying after a long illness, and has medical bills that are several times her annual income?"

Embarrassed, the president mumbled, "Uh, no."

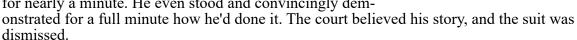
"Second, that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair?"

The stricken president began to stammer an apology, but the lawyer interrupted him. "Third, that my sister's husband died in a traffic accident, leaving her penniless with three children?"

The humiliated president, completely beaten, said simply, "I'm sorry, I had no idea—"
The lawyer cut him off once again. "And I don't give any money to them, so why should I give any to you?"

### **Warning light**

uring a trial that involved a car accident at a train track, an engineer insisted that he had given the driver ample warning by waving his lantern back and forth for nearly a minute. He even stood and convincingly dem-



"Congratulations," the lawyer said to the engineer when it was over. "You did superbly under cross-examination."

"Thanks," he said. "But the plaintiff's lawyer sure had me worried."

"Why is that?"

"I was afraid he was going to ask if the lantern was lit!"

Laughter is carbonated holiness.

— Anne Lamott

When you lose your laugh, you lose your footing.
— **Ken Kesey** 





#### Area 51

ate one afternoon, Air Force officers at Area 51 were very surprised to see a small Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

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The pilot told them that he'd taken off from Las Vegas, got lost, and spotted the base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation.

By the next day, they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his airplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, gave him directions to Las Vegas, and sent him on his way.

The day after that, to the total disbelief of everyone at the base, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, MPs surrounded the plane on the ground, only to find this time that there were two people in the plane.

The same man jumped out and said, "Do anything you want to me, but you have to tell my wife where I was last night!"

### Language is funny



linguistics professor was lecturing his class one day.

"In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.'

A loud voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

#### Hall of mirrors

nce a dog sneaked into a museum filled with mirrors. Seeing his reflection everywhere, he froze at the sight of a whole pack of dogs surrounding him from all sides.

The dog bared his teeth and barked. All the reflections responded to it in the same way. Frightened, the dog barked frantically; the dog's reflections imitated the dog and increased it many times. The dog barked even harder, but the echo was magnified. The dog ran from one side of the museum to another while his reflections followed him, snapping at his heels.



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### Ants in your house? How to get rid of them safely

ost of us don't want to share a home with ants, but we don't want to douse the place with insecticide either. Keeping your sinks and counters dry and clean is a good start. Here are a few natural treatments to keep ants at bay:



- Cinnamon. Place a few cinnamon sticks anywhere you spot ants crawling into your house. The pleasant odor will send ants away. (Garlic cloves work as well, though you may not enjoy the scent as much.)
- Vinegar. Spray some apple or white vinegar on areas where ants have set up shop.
- **Black pepper**. Sprinkle a little pepper where you see ants. Watch where they run to, and treat that area as well to prevent them from returning.
- **Mint.** The scent of mint can disrupt ants' sense of smell. Plant mint outside, especially near doors and windows, and place a few mint leaves in and around your windows.

### **Need something to read? Try these bestsellers**

ven in an age of YouTube, Facebook, and other multimedia distractions, books are still ubiquitous. Here's a list of the 10 biggest selling books over the last 50 years. Some of the titles may surprise you; others, not so much:

- The Bible: 3.9 billion copies
- Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung: 820 million copies
- Harry Potter series: 400 million copies
- The Lord of the Rings: 103 million copies
- The Alchemist: 65 million copies
- The Da Vinci Code: 57 million copies
- The Twilight Saga: 43 million copies
- Gone With the Wind: 33 million copies
- Think and Grow Rich: 30 million copies
- The Diary of Anne Frank: 27 million copies



The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.

— Sylvia Plath

An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all.

— Oscar Wilde



#### The truth about catfish

ugust is Catfish Month, but did you know that there are many more kinds of catfish than those that you and your grandfather used to catch and fry up on lazy summer afternoons?



From 2003 to 2005 alone, more than 100 new species of catfish have been identified and named. Here's a look at some of the more unusual members of this aquatic family:

- The Wels catfish, found in central, southern, and eastern Europe, can reach almost 10 feet in length and weigh hundreds of pounds. There have been reports of them attacking small children.
- The Upside-Down catfish swims belly-up. Ichthyologists explain that it's a feeding strategy, enabling it to feed along the bottoms of submerged branches and logs.
- Most catfish are harmless, but the Candiru, a small, worm-like South American specimen, is considered dangerous because of the way it invades and paralyzes the human urethra. The Goonch catfish of Thailand is reported to have attacked humans bathing in rivers.
- The largest catfish ever caught was a Mekong catfish, a 650-pound giant caught in Thailand in 2005.

### What's a romance hero to do?

From Harlequins to bodice-rippers and everything in between, romance novels are as popular as ever. And because they're frequently about intrigue and fantasy, romance novels don't often feature accountants and fast-food workers as heroes (though there are exceptions). From an analysis of over 15,000 romance novels, as reported in Psychology Today, comes this list of the most common occupations of romance heroes in fiction:

- Doctor
- Boss
- Rancher
- Surgeon
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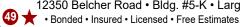
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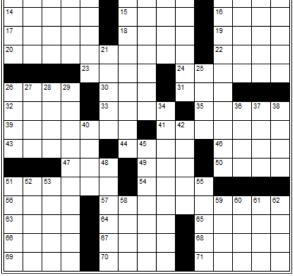
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- 10. Applications
- 14. Boundary
- 15. Half-moon tide
- 16. Exploded star
- 17. Genus of heath
- 18. Novice
- 19. Twofold
- 20. Picnic dessert
- 22. Prefix meaning "Within"
- 23. Fern clusters
- 24. Yard of a house
- 26. Deposited
- 30. 2000 pounds
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Dugout shelter
- 33. Clothing
- 35. French for "Red"
- 39. Flower
- 41. Decorated
- 43. Harmony
- 44. Bristle
- 46. Territory
- 47. Paddle
- 49. Soviet space station
- 50. Responsibility
- 51. Mooch
- 54. Angers
- 56. Ripped
- 57. Penalty 63. Assistant
- 64. Minerals
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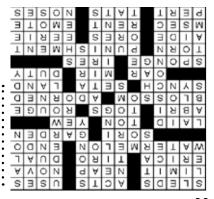
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- 2. Former Italian currency
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- 5. Suns
- 6. Foyers
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- 8. Tropical root
- 9. Like foam rubber
- 10. The criminal class
- 11. Noise
- 12. Avoid

- 13. Beauty parlor
- 21. Slogan
- 25. Designed for flight
- 26. Places for
- experiments
- 27. With competence
- 28. Metal used in steel
- 29. Unplug
- 34. Sarcastic humorists
- 36. Sloth
- 37. Lady's escort
- 38. Countercurrent
- 40. Carpet type

- 42. Challenges
- 45. Distinguished
- 48. Write-up
- 51. Unit of postage
- 52. Aplomb
- 53. Command
- 55. Gloss
- 58. Fertilizer component
- 59. Office message
- 60. Anagram of "Sore"
- 61. Anagram of "Tine"
- 62. T T T







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### Many live in multigenerational households

ultiple generations sharing a single household is more and more common in the U.S. these days, and that doesn't seem likely to decline anytime. The Pew Research Center reports that the number of people living in households with family members has quadrupled from 1971–2021, accounting for 18% of the U.S. population and 59.7 million people in March 2021.

Young adults make up the biggest portion of this population. Compared to previous generations, they tend to stay in school longer, delaying marriages and putting off creating their own households. Thirty-one percent of adults 25–29 live with their parents or relatives—37% of men and 26% of women.

Aside from financial factors, a third of adults live in multigenerational setups because of caregiving needs, with 25% caring for an older relative and 12% involved in child care. Other reasons include a change in relationship status (15%) and companionship (12%). Thirteen percent cite COVID-19 as their reason for living with several generations.

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