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Curious figurative idioms about supply chain spotted in media

- “Supply chains are the delicate backbone of worldwide commerce.”
- Then there’s this observation just in time (JIT!) for the holidays: “Supply chains roasting on an open fire.” Perhaps it should be followed by “Backorders and stockouts nipping at your nose.”

What’s happening with Bellwether League Foundation now

The Board of Directors and Advisory Council are working on these key projects:

1. The video of the **14th Annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event (BLFIRE14)** has been uploaded to the BLF website here: <https://bellwetherleague.org/sliders/videos.php>, but you also can catch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzx5sNNf1hs>. Watch it again for the first time!
2. We also continue online production of the **2021 Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum** video, as well as the 2019 and 2017 Forum audio and video recordings for posting on the web site by year’s end.
3. Nominations for the Bellwether and Future Famers Classes of 2022 are due on **Monday, January 31, 2022**. Download the nomination forms from the BLF website here: <https://bellwetherleague.org/nominations.php>. **You must complete and submit the form for your candidate(s) to be considered.** In early January, look for a short instructional video highlighting the nominating process.
4. Coming up in January we’ll share some initial details about our 15th anniversary celebration, including our live, in-person **BLFIRE15** on **October 3, 2022**, on a college campus with a growing supply chain program.

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Noteworthy news, reviews and views we're reading from around the media world

REUTERS

Supply chain disruption: Is the worst over?

<https://www.reuters.com/business/global-markets-supply-pix-2021-11-03/>

SUPPLY CHAIN DIVE

Supply chain constraints, inflation weigh on medtech

<https://www.supplychaindive.com/news/trends-medtechs-supply-chain-inflation-staff-shortages/609737/>

BUSINESS INSIDER

I became a low-paid delivery driver at 64 after losing my work. It made me realize our unrealistic expectations are why we call it a supply-chain 'crisis.'

<https://www.businessinsider.com/delivery-driver-tesco-supply-chain-crisis-2021-11>

RE JOURNALS

The new industrial revolution: Automation and the revitalization of supply chains

<https://rejourneys.com/the-new-industrial-revolution-automation-and-the-revitalization-of-supply-chains/>

HEALTHCARE DIVE

FDA seeks comment on 3D printing of medical devices at hospitals, doctor's offices

<https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/fda-seeks-comment-3d-printing-medical-devices/611425/>

Spotlight on ...

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From the pages of *Leaders & Luminaries* magazine ...

- Have you seen or read BLF's publication? Access all four editions here online:
https://bellwetherleague.org/pdf/BellwetherLeague_Magazine_Booklet_1st_Issue.pdf
https://bellwetherleague.org/pdf/BellwetherLeague_Magazine_Booklet_2nd_Issue.pdf
<https://bellwetherleague.org/ll/ll3/LL-issue-3.php>
<https://bellwetherleague.org/ll/ll4/LL-issue-4.php>
- The fifth edition will focus on Healthcare Supply Chain's Future State as part of BLF's 15th anniversary celebration, a collector's edition of strategic thinking and tactics, for sure! If you would like to participate as an editorial source, email Executive Editor Rick Dana Barlow at rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.

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<i>Leaders & Luminaries</i> podcasts	BLFIRE event program
<i>Leaders & Luminaries</i> webcasts	Kowalski Leadership & Succession Planning Survey
Hall of Fame VIP Reception	Bellwether Philanthropy grants and scholarships
Hall of Fame Photography Session	REMEMBER newsletter
Supply Chain Management Assessment Tool (SCMAT)	

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