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Newsworthy

Perhaps we take for granted the convenience of finding our daily newspapers on the front stoop or in the mailbox. On September 4, give extra thanks to our delivery boys and girls on Newspaper Carrier Day, for it was on this day in 1833 that New York City news publisher Benjamin Day hired the very first paperboy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. Day's advertisement looking for help requested "steady men" for the job, but Flaherty proved a sincere and hardworking lad. Soon, boys and girls could be found manning the city's street corners yelling, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

Nowadays, newspaper carriers are a rare breed. A 2016 study showed that in the United States, only two out of 10 adults get their news from an actual paper. More than half of us watch the news on television. But a recent 2017 survey showed that 67% of all Americans now get the latest news through social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter. Cell phones have dramatically contributed to this change, with 72% of Americans using their phones to find out the latest headlines. While many lament that print newspapers are going obsolete, there is some good news: journalism is actually getting better.

The world is better informed today than it has ever been. Thanks to cell phones, people can follow the news with a few quick swipes of the finger. Moreover, journalists have better access to the technology that allows them to uncover facts and stories, as well as to widely distribute those facts. So, the good news is that there is a lot of good news out there. However, with so much news out there competing for our attention, it has never been more important to check the news for ourselves and get our facts straight. While those printed newspapers delivered by our celebrated newspaper carriers undergo rigorous editorial processes, sometimes online outlets do not. Reading the news is a responsibility we should all take seriously.

Celebrating September

Sewing Month

World Alzheimer's Month

Classical Music Month

Labor Day: U.S.
September 3

Free Hearing Checks
September 6

Flu Clinic
September 12

Scenic Drive
September 14

Penski Racing Museum
September 21

Sedona Trip
September 26

In the Zone



Without the ozone layer to protect Earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation, we would all be toast, which is why September 16 is the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone

Layer. In 1985, scientists discovered that the use of harmful chemicals was creating a hole in our ozone layer over Antarctica. Two years later, countries all over the world signed the Montreal Protocol, promising to end using such harmful chemicals. So the good news is that this holiday has been a success! The harmful chemicals that destroyed the ozone layer were banned, stopping further depletion of the ozone layer. Scientists now expect that the hole in the ozone layer could be entirely healed by the year 2060, as long as countries adhere to the ban—which means we get to keep on celebrating!

September Birthdays

In astrology, Virgo's Virgins are those born between September 1–22. Virgos are one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. They pay attention to detail, analyze problems, and plan so as to leave nothing to chance. These amazing listeners give excellent advice. Those born from September 23–30 balance the scales of Libra. Libras strive for balance, avoid conflict, and desire fairness for everyone. To achieve this, they are sociable, strategic, charming, and diplomatic.

- Glenn B.....9/11
- LaVon U.....9/14
- Jane F.....9/15
- Helen H.....9/16
- Julia P.....9/17
- Dennis B.....9/18

Into the Great Beyond

On September 5, 1977, NASA launched the Voyager 1 satellite into space. After 40 years of space travel, Voyager 1 has logged over 13 billion miles and is the first human-made object to leave our solar system.



Voyager 1's initial mission was to explore some of the most distant planets of our galaxy, Jupiter and Saturn. The pictures it sent back of Jupiter and its moons revealed startling new information. Not

only did it find two new moons orbiting Jupiter but it also discovered volcanoes on the moon Io and possibilities of ice and oceans on the moon Europa. Its findings about Saturn were no less exciting, again finding two new moons plus a new ring around Saturn to boot. But Voyager 1's mission is not limited to sending information back to Earth; it also brings information from Earth into the cosmos.

NASA scientists knew that Voyager 1 would leave our solar system and perhaps journey to another distant realm, so they made two gold-plated copper records filled with greetings for aliens. One record contains sounds, including whale songs, music by Chuck Berry, and greetings in 55 different languages. Also included are instructions for how to play the records, as well as a "star map" directing aliens back to our solar system. Voyager 1 could be Earth's messenger to other intelligent life forms in the universe.

For now, Voyager 1 is zipping through interstellar space at over 38,000 mph. Its next big mission won't happen for 40,000 years when it will pass a nearby star. Voyager 1 will run out of power by 2025, though, so it won't be able to send us any data. For now, NASA scientists are content to study Voyager 1's latest information about what life is like in outer space beyond our solar system. And who knows? Maybe it will find another satellite sent from a distant galaxy carrying a

Exercise Guidelines for Senior Adults

"I'm old, why should I bother to exercise?" "I have fallen a few times, should I exercise?" "How do I know what exercises are right for me?"

Join Kelly with Team Select September 18th at 2:30pm in the TVR Room for a Presentation on "Exercise Guidelines for Senior Adults."

On the Roald Again



September 13 is Roald Dahl Day in honor of the British writer's birthday. Dahl is best-known for his children's books, including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *James and the Giant Peach*. But aside from his writing, Dahl was a born

explorer. During the 1930s, he joined oil exploration expeditions to Newfoundland, Canada, and Tanzania, Africa. In 1939, he joined the Royal Air Force and became a World War II fighter pilot. It was during this time that he crash-landed in the Egyptian desert. The injuries he sustained kept him from flying, so the British government sent him to Washington, D.C., as a diplomat. The truth, however, was that he was a spy and his task was to rally America to join in the war effort. Dahl proved both as charming and shrewd as fictional spy James Bond and even spent a weekend in 1943 with then-president Franklin D. Roosevelt. Perhaps it is fitting that Dahl, in 1967, adapted Ian Fleming's James

Oktoberfest in September

The annual German celebration of Oktoberfest begins on September 22, which is confusing to many. Why would a festival named for the month of October actually begin a month early? It wasn't always the case.



Oktoberfest began as a fabulous wedding celebration on October 12, 1810, when the Bavarian Crown Prince Louis married Princess Therese von Saschen-Hildburghausen. The Bavarian royal family invited all the citizens of Munich to celebrate the occasion on the fields in front of the palace gates. The fields were named *Thereseinwiese*, "Therese's meadows," in honor of the bride. For five days, the people of Munich ate, drank, danced, and otherwise partied to their hearts' content. Finally, on the last day, a dramatic horse race ended the reveling. The townspeople had to wait only a year before the celebration was held again, and then every year afterward as an annual festival. Over the years, it became bigger and better.

Oktoberfest became an agricultural fair, showcasing the bounty of Bavaria's farms. Carnival games like bowling and tree climbing were added, and prizes were awarded. So much was packed into Oktoberfest that organizers had no choice but to extend the celebration to 16 and sometimes 18 days. Finally, it was decided that October was far too cold for such an event. The shorter days meant chilly nights, so the start of Oktoberfest was moved to September, and no one ever bothered to change the name—not that anyone even cared, for Oktoberfest has always been a point of pride for Bavarians. It is still celebrated today as the world's largest *Volksfest*, or beer festival and fun fair. Indeed, the Bavarian beer halls and their Oktoberfest beer are famous. Since 1887, participating breweries have enjoyed their own parade to kick off the festivities. And since 1950, the celebration has officially begun with a 12-gun salute and the tapping of the first keg of beer by the Lord Mayor of Munich. As they say in Bavaria, "Prost!"

Yes, Virginia

On September 21, 1897, the *New York Sun* newspaper published an editorial called "Is There a Santa Claus?" It was during that year that eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon asked her father if Santa Claus existed. He suggested that she write her question to the local paper. Francis Pharcellus Church, one of the newspaper's editors, had no idea that his reply to Virginia's query would be one of the most reprinted editorials in the world.

Church was a war correspondent during the Civil War. His experiences had made him cynical and an atheist. He had not wanted to write the editorial and refused to have his name attached to the reply. But he did write it, and rather than give a straight and simple answer, he wrote philosophically about the existence of fairytale-like figures and how they should give us all faith and joy in the profound innocence of childhood, and, as Church put it, in the existence of "love and generosity and devotion." When he wrote, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," he was arguing that, despite all he had seen during wartime, humanity was still decent and good.

A Hummer of a Bird



September 7–9 brings the Hummingbird Migration and Nature Celebration as these tiny winged marvels make

their way back to warmer southern climates. Hummingbirds, sometimes called hummerbirds, get their name from the sound their wings make. These birds flap their wings so fast—about 80 times per second—that they make a humming sound. Hummingbirds exist only in the western hemisphere; they range from southern Alaska to northern Chile and stop everywhere in between. Although they weigh less than a nickel, these tiny birds can fly up to 500 miles without stopping. So why not help them on their journey by putting out specially designed hummingbird feeders? These brightly colored feeders provide the sugary, high-energy nectar hummingbirds need to maintain their metabolism.