

For the week of:

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*On This Day...*



**MONDAY 9/6**

*Labor Day* pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

**TUESDAY 9/7**

Just as sweet as it is healthy! *National Acorn Squash Day* is an excuse to get creative with this unique treat on a cool summer day to prepare for fall.

**WEDNESDAY 9/8**

We celebrate *National Ampersand Day!* It is a ligature of “e” & “t.” That’s “et” in Latin, meaning “and.” Use the character lots & lots today to make writing just a little bit quicker!

**THURSDAY 9/9**

Happy Birthday! . . . maybe? *September 9th is the most common birthday* and studies have shown that nine out of ten of the most common birthdays fall in the month of September.

**FRIDAY 9/10**

*Jeopardy!* made its syndication debut in 1984, and the late Alex Trebek became the program's host, where he was joined by Johnny Gilbert as the show's announcer.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Until the 1920s, there were **no yellow lights on traffic signals**. In 1920, a Detroit police officer named William Potts added a yellow light to warn drivers that the light was about to change to red. The yellow light was patented in 1923 by Garrett Morgan, who eventually sold the patent to General Electric.
- Venus rotates much more slowly than Earth does. A day on Venus lasts for **243 Earth days or 5,832 hours!** Venus also rotates backwards compared to the Earth and most of the other planets.
- The **birthday paradox**, also known as the birthday problem, states that in a random group of 23 people, there is about a 50% chance that two people have the same birthday. In a room of 75 there's a 99.9% chance of at least two people matching.
- During Alex Trebek's first season hosting **Jeopardy!**, contestants could buzz in to answer the question as soon as the answer was revealed, giving the advantage to fast readers and that's why they changed it.

**IN OTHER WORDS...**

"When you and I stop to consider our world today, the best that future generations could record of us are simply these words: 'And they prayed again.' My brother, my sister, it's time for us to pray again. It's time for us to believe that God is able to bring revival to our generation, to bring beauty out of the ashes of our present moment."

—Carter Conlon

**Weekly Verse**

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

**PATRIOTS DAY**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of catastrophic events on 9/11/01. Many programmers are acknowledging this significant date with programming reflecting on that day. Check our September issue of Update for full details. You'll also find a commemorative poster illustrating page 3 of the issue—let us know if you'd like a copy!



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