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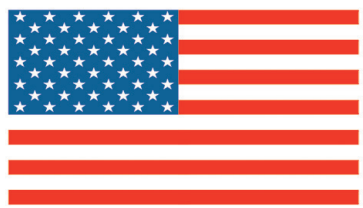
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Labor Day closings across Howard County

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Staff Writer

In Howard County, City and County offices will be closed Monday, Aug. 6, in observance of Labor Day. Emergency services will continue as normal.

The U.S. Post Office will not deliver mail on Monday. Post Office lobbies – including access to Post Office boxes – will be open.

All local schools, including Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan public

schools, Runnels Academy, Nazarene Christian Academy, and Howard College, will be closed with no classes on Monday, and will return to their regular schedules on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Most local banks and credit unions, including State National Bank, BBVA Bank, Western Bank, Big Spring Educators Federal Credit Union, Prosperity Bank, Wells Fargo, Lone Star State Bank and Citizens Federal Credit Union, will be closed Monday and re-

open at the regular time on Tuesday.

Exceptions include Woodforest National Bank, located inside Wal-Mart, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday; and Cosden Federal Credit Union, which is normally closed on Mondays and will remain so during the holiday, but will also close during its normal Saturday hours.

The Big Spring Herald office will be closed, but papers will be delivered per usual times.

Announcements

Burger Benefit
Sept. 11
Eagles Lodge
To raise funds for
Krista Bounds funeral
expenses

Found object Art Show
and Sale
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Looking at the history behind Labor Day

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Staff Writer

Celebrated on the first Monday in September each year, Labor Day recognizes and honors the contributions of labor – working people – and more specifically the tradition of organized labor and labor unionization in the United States.

Labor organization in the United States extends all the way back to colonial days, but the first large-scale union federations began to emerge during and following the Civil War. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, now part of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, started in 1863 in Detroit, while the National Labor Union was founded in 1866 and dissolved in 1872.

Two men with similar last names are credited with the origination of the idea for Labor Day. In September 1882, Secretary of the Central Labor Union (CLU) Matthew Maguire, speaking following a successful public parade of various labor organizations in New York City, is credited for first proposing a national Labor Day holiday be held the first Monday in September.

Other reports indicate that Peter J. McGuire, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor saw parades celebrating labor in Toronto, Canada, in May of 1882, and put forward a proposal for an American Labor Day holiday that spring. McGuire reported that he proposed to the CLU in New York City that a “general holiday for the laboring classes” be instituted. McGuire recommended that the holiday should include parades demonstrating the labor movement’s solidarity and strength, followed by a picnic. McGuire also claimed to have proposed the first Monday in September as perfect for the occasion due to regular good weather at that time of

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County Commissioners approve service agreement Friday

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Staff Writer

During a brief special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Friday, commissioners voted to approve a service agreement with Tyler Technologies for the hosting of the county government’s computer server.

“We have a physical server now that we have to change in order to comply with our insurance provider for our insurance coverage regarding hacking and that type of thing,” said District 2 Commissioner Craig Bailey. “So we’re going to take out that physical server and replace it using technology that Tyler Technologies has, and push that up to the server so that we’ll be in compliance for our insurance.”

Bailey confirmed that the county’s server will be hosted remotely by Tyler Technologies.

“That’s right,” he said. “Again, our insurance company is mandating compliance on certain things in order for them to insure our protection on our computer system.”

Tyler Technologies is a software and service company based in Plano that specializes in providing technology solutions to government entities and schools.

The service agreement with Tyler Technologies was the only item on the agenda for the Friday meeting.

A moment in history Big Spring gets their first firetruck!



Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Pictured above is a photo of the first firetruck in Big Spring.

Editor’s Note: The Heritage Museum offers a piece of Big Spring history each week, in an effort to highlight those who helped form the community in which we live today. The stories shared are only a piece of the history that is housed inside the Heritage Museum. The community is encouraged to experience more local history by visiting the Heritage Museum during normal business hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

By **TAMMY SCHRECEGOST**
Heritage Museum

One of the most devastating enemies of early settlers struck the business section of Big Spring three times during its early days; once at the Texas and Pacific shops, again in 1908 on the north side of 100 East Second, and, in 1907, when the entire east side of 100 Main was destroyed. Firefighting equipment consisted of a push wagon and buckets manned by volunteer fighters. Citizens

watched helplessly as the totally inadequate equipment failed to contain the fires.

After the devastation of these fires, a committee was formed to make recommendations to the city council for purchasing new equipment and to establish fire zones. An ordinance outlining the fire zone became effective on April 22, 1907. Buildings constructed of wood were forbidden within the city’s fire zone.

During a city meeting in 1909, it was agreed upon that the citizens of Big Spring would contribute \$3,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. The city agreed to pay \$1,500 the first year and another \$1,500 within two years from acceptance of the Motor Fire Engine.

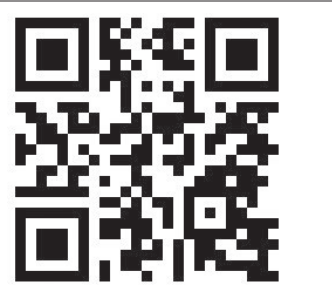
Some of the features on the new firetruck were a 70-horsepower, four-cylinder, gasoline motor with top speed of 55 mph. A chemical tank was mounted behind the driver’s seat and had a 30-gallon capacity with two hundred feet of ¾ inch hose that was attached to the chemical tank. A rotary pump of 600 gallons of water per minute that maintained a pressure of 150 pounds to the square inch. There were also 1,000 feet of 2 ½ inch cotton hose. A ladder and 20-foot extending ladder were on the

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Take Note

• The Cotton Boll Scramble will take place on Sept. 30 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Registration will be at 8 a.m. at G.C. Broughton Junior Ag Complex followed by Howard County Crop Tour. Lunch will be served at Noon and the Golf Scramble will begin at 1 p.m. Area cotton producers who attend the crop tour will receive free lunch and free golf. The Golf Scramble is sponsored by Expedition Royalty.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. The meetings are starting back up Sept. 18. Kay Smith will be the featured presenter and be discussing how to mat and frame artwork. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

• Burger Benefit to help with funeral expenses for Krista Bounds. Donations will go to Rick and Shoni Morrow. The benefit will be held Sept. 11 beginning at 11 a.m. The benefit will take place at the Eagles Lodge, located at 703 W. 3rd. There will be food plates, an auction, and pool tournament. Volunteers, monetary donations, auction items and services are being accepted at Eagles Lodge.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Their season will include: Sept. 25 'A Breath of Fresh Air' which will take place at the Big Spring High School Auditorium; Nov. 20 will feature 'The Music of Queen'; Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium except for the opening performance. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert.

• Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both. Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.

• The Howard County Fair has a beautiful quilt that will go to a lucky winner on the last day of the Fair, September 19, 2021. Made and donated by Lois Ellison, the quilt has a Texas theme. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5 and may be purchased at the Fair or by calling Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674. Winner need not be present to claim prize.

• The Howard County Fair is looking for all creative people to enter items in our Creative Arts categories. Entries will be taken on Tuesday, September 14 at the Fair Barn from 8 am-6 pm. Categories include Hobbies and Crafts, Handwork and Needlework, Sewing, Baked Goods, and Canned Goods. The special category for this year is candlesticks and candleholders. For more information please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Trinity Baptist Church will host a 13-week Grief Share session, beginning Aug. 26.

• The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament. The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-

mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can cal 432-263-5999.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforce-

ment agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsaдуа at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytxdems@gmail.com.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road.

For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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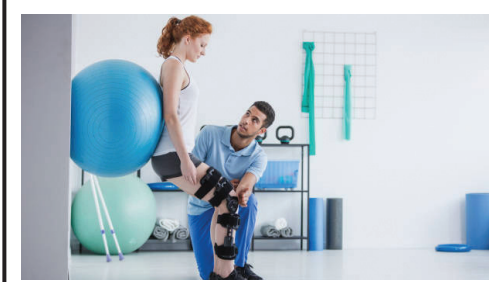
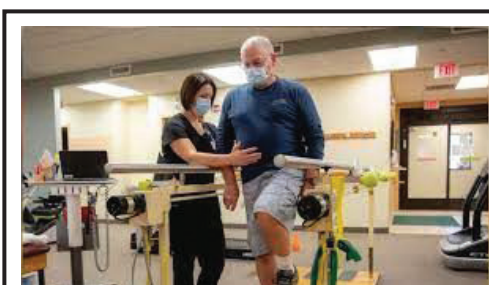
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- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lu-

theran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

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year, as well as its positioning midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

In 1887, Oregon became the first of the United States to make Labor Day an official public holiday. In 1894, Congress passed a bill establishing Labor Day as a federal holiday and setting its current observance on the first Monday in September; by that time, 30 states had already established Labor Day as an official state holiday. Although the bill only set Labor Day as a holiday for federal workers, all remaining U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories have since made Labor Day a holiday.

Around the world labor is widely celebrated on May 1, or May Day, and the date has become known as International Workers' Day.

Labor day is traditionally recognized as the unofficial end of summer because it occurs generally close to the time students return to fall classes after summer vacation, and Labor Day is usually the first holiday students receive as a day off from classes, usually only a week or two into the school year.

Labor Day also traditionally marks the start of football season, and important auto racing and tennis championships are held during Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day and the weekend preceding it is widely recognized in the U.S. as a big time for back-to-

school shopping, with many retailers holding back-to-school sales. Some retailers claim it is the second largest shopping day of the year, only training Black Friday – the Friday after Thanksgiving – the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season.

By fashion rules, wearing white after Labor Day is considered a large faux pas.

TRUCK

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truck along with a 12-foot ladder with roof hooks that was made from "Oregon pine, free of knots, with hickory rungs." The company guaranteed to send a "competent man to deliver the apparatus, who would remain with the vehicle until one or more of city's regular firemen had been instructed."

On September 22, 1909, the truck was delivered by rail to Big Spring. Since there was no formal fire house, the truck was stored in a railroad section foreman's house on 1st Street. Fred McCrary was hired to drive it and was paid \$50 per month, later it was raised to \$75. McCrary was fired when he allowed others to take it to the city park and play with it. Later in the year, the city leased a 50 x 50-foot tract in the northwest corner of the courthouse square and built a city hall of the same red Pecos sandstone used in the courthouse. The fire truck was housed in the west side of city hall.

No 1, as it was called, was used by the city for 16 years, until 1925, without help from another fire engine. Every parade included the fire truck at the head of the line as Big Spring citizens boasted that the fire truck was the first motorized truck in Texas.

Years later, the Big Spring Historical Commission and Polly Mays located the records in a book titled *The Lone Star Book of Records* that included material reproduced from the Texas State Archives. This book gave Big Spring the honors they were seeking. Canadian (Hemphill County) and Baird (Callahan County) claimed they purchased the first motorized firetrucks in Texas; however, the trucks they purchased in 1906 had no documentation and the cost of the trucks were \$650, much too cheap for self-propelled engines.

In 1930, Fire Chief Harry Lees issued a warning to the public that if they didn't stop following the firetruck and gathering around the burning buildings, he would not go to the fire, but instead would stop and issue tickets to the offenders. Those threats did not stop the eager young men from chasing the truck and running over the hoses while they were in use. In 1937, fire chief Ollie Cordell issued another stern warning for the local citizens. He said, each time a joint of hose is ran over, the offender would be charged \$60.

Whether Big Spring was officially declared the first owner of a motorized firetruck or not, it was definitely the most popular vehicle in town

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Healthy Dak Prescott gives Cowboys best chance in NFC East

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

The NFC East nearly crowned a 6-10 champion last year. With Dak Prescott back from injury in Dallas, there's hope at least one team will have a winning record.

The Cowboys lead the division in offensive firepower with Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott, Amari Cooper, CeeDee Lamb, Michael Gallup and the return of three top linemen. But reigning division champion Washington has the toughest defense in the East.

Washington secured the division with a victory at Philadelphia in Week 17 after the Eagles pulled Jalen Hurts and played for draft positioning. Otherwise, a Philly victory would have meant the New York Giants clinching it with six wins.

The Giants finished strong under rookie coach Joe Judge after an 0-5 start and losing seven of the first eight. They'll open the season dealing with injuries, including Saquon Barkley's recovery from knee surgery.

The Philadelphia Eagles turned to Nick Sirianni, firing Doug Pederson just three years after he led the team to the franchise's only Super Bowl title. Carson Wentz was traded to Indianapolis, paving the way for Hurts to get a shot at proving he can be the team's starting quarterback.

Prescott's return gets most of the attention in Dallas, which has only four playoff wins since capturing its fifth

Super Bowl title in 1996. He's the most accomplished quarterback in the division but the Cowboys were 2-3 with him last season because of an awful defense.

Prescott points to the trio up front of linemen Tyron Smith, Zack Martin, and La'el Collins as the key to the offense's success. His first action since suffering that gruesome ankle injury will come in the season opener at Tampa Bay because he missed much of the preseason with a shoulder injury.

"They're the most important if you ask me. From the time that I got drafted until now, this offense is built off of those guys," he said. "They're the three most veteran guys on this team and that's for a reason. Those guys are walk-in Pro Bowl guys when they're healthy. Future Hall of Famers. Just to have those three guys lead the five guys up front, everything starts with them. The run game, then that allows the pass game to open up. When you have those guys back healthy, energized, it's special. That just allows us to feed off of them, and all of our athletes just go out there and make plays and make their job easier."

Here's a look at a wide-open division that has not had a repeat champion since the Eagles won four straight titles from 2001-04:

NO "D" IN DALLAS

The Cowboys were on pace to allow the most points in league history a month into last season before improv-

ing slightly. They still allowed a franchise-record 473 points. Second-year coach Mike McCarthy, who could be on the hot seat if the team struggles, hired former Falcons coach Dan Quinn as defensive coordinator. Quinn got a talented and versatile addition in rookie linebacker Micah Parsons, the 12th overall draft pick. Parsons will play an integral role along with Leighton Vander Esch and former Falcons safety/linebacker Keanu Neal. Veteran ends DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory will anchor the line. If Quinn can turn the defense around and Prescott stays healthy, the Cowboys should end up on top.

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Washington remains nameless but the franchise was a division winner despite a 2020 losing record. Ron Rivera's team has higher expectations this season. Journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick takes over at quarterback and has weapons in top receiver Terry McLaurin and second-year back Antonio Gibson. But Washington's strength is its ferocious defense led by reigning Defensive Rookie of the Year Chase Young and interior linemen Jonathan Allen and Daron Payne. Washington faces a first-place schedule, so it'll rely heavily on its defense.

MAKE OR BREAK

Third-year quarterback Daniel Jones' future with the Giants may depend greatly on his success this

season. The Giants gave Jones more help, signing wide receiver Kenny Golladay and tight end Kyle Rudolph in free agency and drafting speedy wideout Kadarius Toney in the first round. But all three didn't play in the preseason because of injuries and Barkley still hasn't practiced at 100% as he continues his comeback from ACL surgery.

The Giants' defense was vastly improved last season under coordinator Pat Graham, and the team re-signed DT Leonard Williams after his breakthrough year.

QUARTERBACK FACTORY

General manager Howie Roseman regrets saying the Eagles are a "quarterback factory" after drafting Hurts in the second round in 2020. Hurts' arrival led to Wentz's precipitous decline and departure. Though Philadelphia considered other QBs and is consistently linked to trade rumors regarding Deshaun Watson, Hurts is the guy for now. If not, the factory signed Joe Flacco, Super Bowl MVP when the Ravens won the 2012 title, and acquired Gardner Minshew from Jacksonville last week.

The Eagles added veterans to bolster their linebacker corps and secondary and their strength on defense remains a line led by six-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Fletcher Cox.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH
Dallas, Washington, New York, Philadelphia

NHL reaches agreement to send players to Olympics in Beijing

By **STEPHEN WHYNO and JOHN WAWROW**

AP Hockey Writers

The NHL is set to return to the Olympics in Beijing this winter after reaching an agreement with international officials, though the league and players have the opportunity to withdraw if pandemic circumstances warrant.

The NHL, its players' union, the International Olympic Committee and the International Ice Hockey Federation struck a deal Friday that will put the best players in the world back on sports' biggest stage in February after they skipped the 2018 Pyeongchang Games.

"It was not easy, but we did it," IIHF president Rene Fasel told The Associated Press by phone. "I'm really, really happy. When you see the last was 2014, and they would wait until 2026, so you have 12 years in between — that means we have a generation of hockey players that would not be able to play in the Olympics."

Even after the NHL and players agreed to Olympic participation as part of a long-term extension of the collective bargaining agreement last summer, the coronavirus pandemic and related costs threatened to shelve that possibility. Instead, the sides figured it out, allowing for the league or players to withdraw if virus circumstances change for the worse or there's an outbreak during the season.

As long as that does not happen, NHL players will compete in the Olympic men's hockey tournament for the sixth time in seven chances dating to 1998.

"We understand how passionately NHL players feel about representing and competing for the countries," NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said. "We are very pleased that we were able to conclude arrangements that will allow them to resume best on best on the Olympic stage."

COVID-19 insurance is not part of the agreement, though Fasel confirmed the IIHF will provide a \$5 million fund for any lost salary because of the disease. Vaccinations are expected to be required, and players will have their contracts insured for injury.

U.S. coach Mike Sullivan called returning to the Olympics "such an exciting time for hockey."

He is not alone in that thinking.

Reigning NHL MVP Connor McDavid played for an under-23 "Team North America" at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey and has yet to play for Canada in a tournament of the world's best men's hockey players.

"Just to be able to represent Canada at the Olympics and compete for a gold medal would be an absolute dream come true," McDavid told the AP this week. "It's kind of been a long time since we've been able to play best on best internationally. I think for me, and I think for a lot of guys that were on that team, it's been a long time coming. We're obviously looking forward to going to the Olympics if we're all lucky enough to make it."

2020 played the first Olympics for McDavid, U.S. star Auston Matthews, 2012 playoff MVP and two-time Stanley Cup champion Victor Hedman and

many others. They didn't get the opportunity three years ago, when national teams were made up mostly of college and European professional players, except for the Olympic Athletes from Russia, who won the gold medal in Pyeongchang.

"The Olympics is one of the biggest dreams of mine and I haven't been able to participate in one — this might be the last chance I get," said Hedman, who was left off Sweden's 2014 Olympic roster. "When you get an opportunity to represent your country on the biggest stage, it is one of those things that you'll probably never forget. So yeah for me it is obviously something that I've been dreaming about my whole life and something I want to do before I hang up my skates."

In anticipation of a deal being reached, the NHL already scheduled a three-week break to take into account the Olympic opening on Feb. 9. The league will still hold its All-Star weekend in Las Vegas before players fly to China on Feb. 6.

"It levels the playing field," said Hall of Fame defenseman Chris Pronger, who made his Olympic debut in 1998 and won gold with Canada in 2010. "It allows more countries to compete at a higher level. It showcases the sport."

NHL players at the Olympics became commonplace, with the IOC agreeing to pay travel and insurance costs and owners willing to pause the season for players to take part in the tournament. An entire generation of players grew up knowing of Olympics being a showcase for NHL stars.



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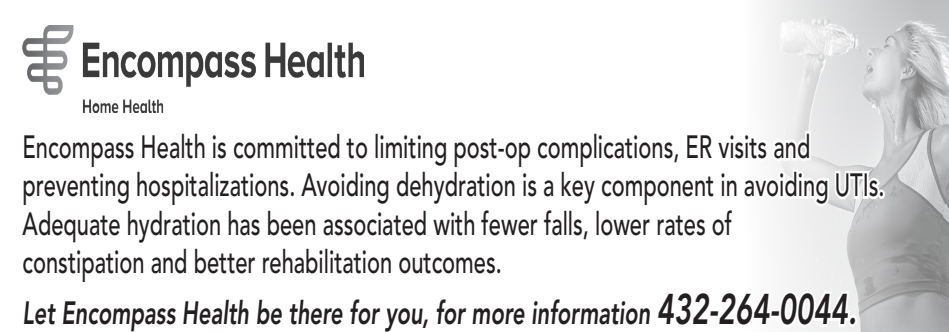


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Autumn is a prime time to tend lawns and gardens

Autumn is gardening season. That statement may not seem right to those who think of the spring as the peak time to care for lawns and gardens. However, autumn is an ideal time to get into the garden and ensure that flowers, trees and garden beds will over-winter successfully.

A number of things make autumn a prime gardening season. The cooler days of fall enable gardeners to spend ample time

outdoors without the threat of blazing heat. In addition, soil harbors a lot of residual warmth in autumn.

Also, the colder temperatures haven't yet arrived in autumn, nor have the leaves completely fallen, making fall a prime time to assess what's already in the landscape, what needs pruning back and where to address planting for next year.

Gardening enthusiasts can focus their attention on these areas this fall.

• Pamper perennials. As annuals and perennials start to fall back, mark the spots where

perennials are located so they can be easily identified later on. This way, when planning spots for spring bulbs or other spring layouts for next year, perennials won't be overlooked or covered over.

• Prune shrubs. Look at shrubs and trees and cut out dead or diseased wood.

• Clean up borders. Weed and tidy up borders and lawn edging.

• Install pavers or rock wall. Embrace the cooler temperatures to work on labor-intensive projects, such as putting in a garden bed, retaining wall or walkway.

• Remove spent summer veggies. Take out vegetable garden plants that have already bloomed and borne fruit. Tidy up vegetable gardens and start to sow cooler weather plants, such as onions, garlic, beans, and sweet peas.

• Rake and compost. Rake the leaves and gather grass clippings to add to the compost pile.

• Plant spring bulbs. Get tulips and other spring bulbs ready for planting so they'll burst with color next year.

• Dig up herbs. Relocate herbs like parsley or basil to indoor gardens. Otherwise, strip all leaves and freeze for storage during winter.

• Consider mums. Chrysanthemum plants are perennials. While they look beautiful in pots, if planted, maintained and winterized, they can bloom every fall.

• Fertilize the lawn. Fertilizing in autumn helps ensure grass will stay healthy throughout the winter.

• Add mulch and compost to the garden. Replenish spent soil with mulch and compost so garden beds will be revitalized for spring planting.

• Prune hedges. Tidy up hedges, as they won't be growing much more this year.

• Clean and store equipment. Clean,

sharpen and oil all equipment, storing lawn and garden tools properly so they are ready for spring and not lying out all winter.

Autumn may not seem like gardening season, but there are plenty of lawn and garden tasks to tend to during this time of year.



By Steve Becker
Sound technique

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 3
♥ Q 10 9 5 3
♦ A K J 6
♣ 10 3
WEST
♠ K Q 7 4
♥ —
♦ 10 7 5 3 2
♣ A 8 6 2
EAST
♠ J 9 8 6 2
♥ K 7
♦ 8
♣ Q J 9 5 4
SOUTH
♠ A 5
♥ A J 8 6 4 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of spades.

make a play from dummy, you should assess your overall prospects. You conclude that it's possible to lose four tricks — a spade, a heart and two clubs. Granted, you'd have to be unlucky to make less than ten tricks, but since it's possible, you start looking for a way to prevent this from happening.

You begin by allowing West's king to hold the first trick. This assures that East will never gain the lead in spades, a move that can do you no harm and might eventually do you some good.

West continues with a spade to your ace, whereupon you cross to dummy with a diamond and lead the queen of hearts, on which East produces the seven. The question now is whether it's better to finesse or play the ace.

Normally, when missing only the K-x of a suit, you should play the ace. Mathematically, the two missing cards will be divided 1-1 about 52 percent of the time.

But the correct play in the present case is the deuce. The reason is a very good one: If the finesse wins, you are sure to score 11 tricks, while if it loses, you can't make less than 10. But if you don't finesse, you might — and in the actual deal would — go down one.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2021. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 6, 2006, President George W. Bush acknowledged for the first time that the CIA was running secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation had forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies.

On this date:

In 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL'-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29.)

In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent a telegram from Indian Harbor, Labrador, announcing that he had reached the North Pole five months ear-

lier.
In 1943, 79 people were killed when a New York-bound Pennsylvania Railroad train derailed and crashed in Philadelphia.

In 1972, the Summer Olympics resumed in Munich, West Germany, a day after the deadly hostage crisis that claimed the lives of eleven Israelis and five Arab abductors.

In 1975, 18-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, in New York for the U.S. Open, requested political asylum in the United States.

In 1991, the Soviet Union recognized the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

In 1995, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record by playing his two-thousand-131st consecutive game.

In 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris. In Calcutta, India, weeping masses gathered to pay homage to Mother Teresa, who had died the day before at age 87.

In 2002, meeting outside Washington, D.C. for only the second time since 1800, Congress convened in New York to pay homage to the victims and heroes of September 11.

In 2007, opera star Luciano Pavarotti died in Modena, Italy, at the age of 71.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma, the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic, pounded Puerto Rico with heavy rain and powerful winds; authorities said more than 900,000 people were without power. (Hurricane Maria, which would destroy the island's power grid, arrived two weeks later.)

In 2019, Zimbabwe's president announced that Robert Mugabe,

the country's former leader who was forced to resign after a 37-year rule, had died at the age of 95; he had taken power after white minority rule ended in 1980.

Ten years ago: A man with a rifle opened fire in an IHOP restaurant in Carson City, Nevada, killing three uniformed National Guard members and a woman having breakfast with her husband; gunman Eduardo Sencion also shot himself and died in the parking lot. Convoys of Moammar Gadhafi loyalists, including his security chief, fled Libya, crossing the Sahara into Niger.

Five years ago: On the campaign trail, Democrat Hillary Clinton accused Republican Donald Trump of insulting America's veterans and pressing dangerous military plans, while Trump declared "our country is going to hell" because of policies he said Clinton would make even worse.

One year ago: Rescuers in military helicopters finished air-

lifting 207 people to safety after an explosive wildfire trapped them in a popular camping area in California's Sierra National Forest. Temperatures reached 111 degrees in downtown Los Angeles and a record-shattering 121 degrees in the nearby Woodland Hills neighborhood of the San Fernando Valley, the highest temperature ever recorded in Los Angeles County. San Francisco set a record for the date with a high of 100 degrees, smashing the previous mark by 5 degrees. Top-seeded Novak Djokovic was defaulted from his fourth-round match at the U.S. Open after he accidentally hit a line judge with a tennis ball; he had smacked the ball behind him after falling behind in the first set.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian JoAnne Worley is 85. Country singer David Allan Coe is 82. Rock singer-musician Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 78. Actor Swoosie Kurtz is 77. Comedian-actor Jane Curtin is 74. Rock musician Mick Mashbir is 73. Country singer-songwriter Buddy Miller is 69. Actor James Martin

Kelly is 67. Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 64. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 63. Actor-comedian Michael Winslow is 63. Rock musician Perry Bamonte is 61. Actor Steven Eckholdt is 60. Rock musician Scott Travis (Judas Priest) is 60. Pop musician Pal Waaktaar (a-ha) is 60. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is 59. Television journalist Elizabeth Vargas is 59. Country singer Mark Chesnut is 58. Actor Betsy Russell is 58. Actor Rosie Perez is 57. R&B singer Macy Gray is 54. Country songwriter Lee Thomas Miller (Songs: "The Impossible" "You're Gonna Miss This") is 53. Singer CeCe Peniston is 52. Actor Daniele Gaiher is 51. Actor Dylan Bruno is 49. Actor Idris Elba is 49. Actor Justina Machado is 49. Actor Anika Noni (ah-NEE'-kuh NOH'-nee) Rose is 49. Rock singer Nina Persson (The Cardigans) is 47. Actor Justin Whalin is 47. Actor Naomie Harris is 45. Rapper Noreaga is 44. Actor Natalia Cigliutti is 43. Rapper Foxy Brown is 43. Actor Howard Charles is 38. Actor/singer Deborah Joy Winans is 38.

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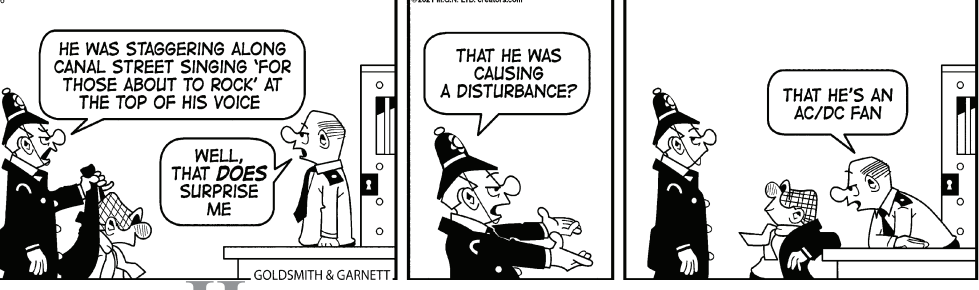


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Horoscopes By Holiday

MONDAY
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Laborious New Moon

The new moon in the sign of hard work is an apt omen for Labor Day -- a holiday honoring the contributions of workers that is traditionally celebrated by giving them the day off. The dark seed of a moon is a reminder that we are improving and our regenerative forces are churning even as we relax. A healthy revitalization is underway.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're considering a bold move. If it makes your heart beat faster and you feel like running away, that's a good sign. The conqueror that you are, you'll run toward your fear instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have no trouble bringing your mind to the task at hand, but keeping it there for long stretches amidst distractions will be a challenge. Prevent the distractions and you're golden!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An inner critic will speak especially loudly. Respond in a warm and welcoming way, and the climate inside you becomes milder. Clouds part, your head clears and sunshine floods your heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You and a loved one will respectfully disagree. That you can do this without too much of an emotional charge speaks well of the relationship's stability, which is trending in a healthy direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid mind-numbing activities such as losing yourself in entertainment you've already seen. Aim smarter. Intellectual pursuits will first expand your mind, then your horizons.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will come across outdated information, wrong addresses and links to error pages, yet you're still on a good path. Stick to the maps of the well-intentioned journeyers before you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If no one objects to your work, dig a little deeper. Good work will raise questions. It will find support and critics at the same time. And great work will be simultaneously loved and reviled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To remain on course, you will need resilience. Therefore, any knock to your balance is a lucky opportunity to practice emotional elasticity, quick reflexes and speedy recovery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To get the whole story, you must talk to everyone who was there. Beware: There are many who don't want the whole story -- only the story that supports their agenda.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Oscar Wilde said

style is what "makes us believe in a thing." You will prove his point today as you infuse something ordinary with your extraordinary uniqueness and watch it get bought right up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Although it is not inherently useful to offend people, worthy endeavors sometimes alter power dynamics, which is sure to ruffle feathers. The popularity of a choice will have little to do with its correctness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The importance of good friends isn't lost on you. You'll be reminded of good times and cherished friends, which could inspire a thoughtful show of appreciation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 6). Today, they celebrate your uniqueness. You bring out a side of people that wouldn't exist if not for you. You'll continue the tradition with playful and thoughtful interactions throughout the year. Your involvement in an uphill battle will prove worth the fight. Compensation will be sweet. Never resist love; take it all in. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 13, 2, 28 and 16.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I was born Nov. 15, 1967, and never felt like I fit the profile of a Scorpio. I battled leukemia at age 4, died (crossed over) and came back. This all occurred between Feb. 4-11, 1974. If someone comes back, does their sign change or get mixed up?"

Wow! You say you don't fit the profile of a Scorpio, yet the very act of dying and coming back to life embodies the most amazing quality of Scorpio. One of Scorpio's symbols is the phoenix -- a mystical bird whose life cycle includes growing old, bursting into flames and then rising up new and glorious from the ashes. At the very young age of 4, you completed this cycle and have subsequently had other such rebirths of a more spiritual and psychological nature. Your Scorpio origins help you to transform quite completely! Your original chart has very little of the air element in it. I believe your reentry to Earth carries with it a sort of Aquarian (air sign) birthday, and as an adult, you prefer to resonate with the energy of Aquarius, leaving painful memories of illness behind you.

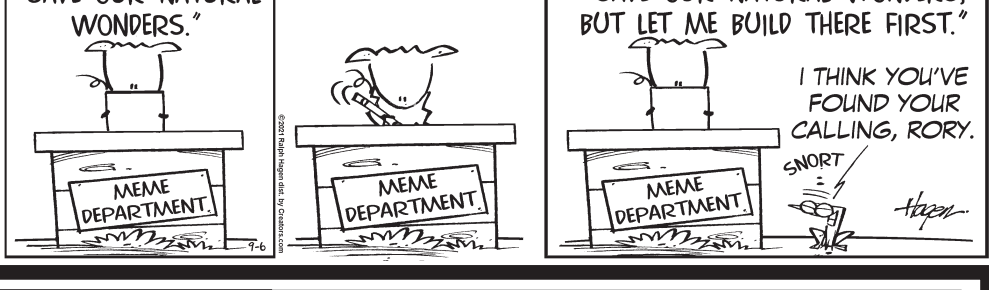
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jeff Foxworthy, who ranks among the most successful and popular comedians, is also an author and talk show host. His children's book "Dirt on My Shirt" is fitting for the earth sign Virgo he is. Foxworthy hosted three seasons of the Game Show Network's "The American Bible Challenge," a Bible-themed game show in which

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ACROSS

- 1 Natural bandage
- 5 Tight-fitting
- 9 Gulp from a flask
- 13 "Guided" vacation
- 14 Voicemail signal
- 15 Playful antic
- 17 Alan of M*A*S*H
- 18 Neglect to include
- 19 Make amends
- 20 Vinyl wet-weather garments
- 22 Decorated anew
- 23 ___-fashioned (quaint)
- 24 Parts of poems
- 25 Muscle twinges
- 29 Envelope's metal fastener
- 31 ___-Bits (letter-shaped cereal)
- 32 Angler's worm
- 33 Clickable computer image
- 37 Impolite glance
- 38 Rows of people waiting
- 39 Vatican City leader
- 40 Car with a meter
- 41 Vows exchanged at weddings
- 42 Minor fender bumps
- 43 Loop on a rope
- 45 Most prudent
- 46 Slowly became clear
- 49 Morse code "Help!" message
- 50 Hunt like a tiger
- 51 Vinyl inserts into ATMs
- 57 Idolize
- 58 Woodwind instrument

DOWN

- 1 Have the leading role
- 2 Pepsi or Coke
- 3 German auto
- 4 Raisin ___ (cereal variety)
- 5 Pub seats
- 6 Wanderer
- 7 ___ of measure (gallon or mile)
- 8 Catches on to
- 9 Frightens

10 Vinyl plumbing conduits

- 11 Apple's music players
- 12 Aladdin's magical pal
- 16 Crimson and scarlet
- 21 Deep sleep
- 24 Winery tanks
- 25 Seasoning in a shaker
- 26 "Not guilty," for one
- 27 Acme
- 28 Vinyl transparent covering for a fruit package
- 29 Boat that's paddled
- 30 Isn't truthful
- 32 Competes at an auction
- 34 Shape of a funnel

35 ___ for (chooses)

- 36 Home for a robin
- 38 Roaring feline
- 42 Compact___ player (audio device)
- 44 Vessels carrying petroleum
- 45 Started one's day
- 46 Healthful resorts
- 47 Great enthusiasm
- 48 Nary a soul
- 49 Sleeper's noise
- 51 Swampy grounds
- 52 Share a border with
- 53 In addition
- 54 Regretted
- 55 Great ___ (large dog)
- 56 Detergent's lather

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Today's Answers

9	5	6	2	7	4	3	8	1
1	7	8	6	5	9	4	2	3
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7	6	2	9	4	8	1	5	3
3	9	1	7	5	2	8	6	4
5	8	4	1	6	9	7	2	3
6	1	7	5	2	3	9	4	8
2	3	9	6	4	7	8	1	5

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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