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# Let the race(s) begin

It's not too late to register for Saturday's Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer  
 Triathletes will give their

best Saturday at the Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

The fourth annual triathlon will begin at 8 a.m., following a 7:30 a.m. pre-race meeting. The course will consist of a 500-meter open water swim, an 18.6-mile bike ride on Wasson Road and a 5k run through

Comanche Trail Park.

Advance registration can be conducted at Dora Roberts Community Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Early registration is \$55 per individual or \$100 per team — teams can consist of up to three people. Late registration, which can

be made at Comanche Trail Park from 6 a.m. until 7:15 a.m. Saturday, will be \$60 per individual and \$120 per team.

Debbie Wegman, Convention and Visitors Bureau director, said there have been about 120 participants in previous years. So far, 60 have

registered for this year's triathlon, but she is expecting more to register the day of the event.

"It's always hard to know how many we will have, especially since most don't

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# Public school enrollment up

*Increases recorded at Coahoma, Big Spring; Forsan remains stable*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

No one really knows why school enrollment is up across most of Howard County, but no one's exactly complaining about the fact, either.

Big Spring and Coahoma school districts both reported enrollment gains as of the end of August, while Forsan's figures have remained stable, school officials said.

Big Spring Independent School District had 3,896 students enrolled as of Sept. 2, an increase of 33 from the same time last year, Superintendent Steven Saldivar said.

Most of the gain was at the elementary level, which reported 21 more students than the previous year.

The most significant en-

rollment jump was reported at Coahoma ISD, where 819 students were signed up for classes as of Aug. 31. That compares to an enrollment of 763 students at the end of August 2010.

The gains were spread fairly evenly among campuses — the elementary reported an increase of 28 students, while the junior high and high school were up by nine and 19 students, respectively.

At Forsan, end-of-August enrollment totals were 684, down three from the same time in 2010. Superintendent Randy Johnson said 366 students were registered at the junior high/high school campus, while 318 were enrolled at Elbow Elementary.

However, Johnson was any-



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**The Rev. Kenneth McIntosh listens during Thursday's Big Spring Independent School District trustees' meeting. McIntosh was recently appointed to be the District 3 trustee for the district.**

thing but distraught over the slight dip in student numbers.

"The biggest deal with us ... is that we try to keep our student numbers steady," Johnson said. "We are staffed for

a certain number of students, so being three students down at the end of August is not worrisome to us."

Saldivar said he had no

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# Program AIMS to correct problems

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District is putting extra weight behind its efforts to catch and correct reading and math problems in its youngest students.

BSISD trustees heard a report on the district's early reading assessment program during their monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Operating under state mandate, BSISD and other school districts have instituted early reading intervention programs within the past few years. Using a program called

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# Event to battle cystic fibrosis

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

It's an opportunity to help a good cause and get a taste of the Lone Star state.

From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 23, A Taste of Texas will take place at the Hog Heaven Party Barn. Money raised during the event will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"All the money goes to the foundation and then is used for work on finding a cure, creating new medications and drug trials," said Amanda Wood, A Taste of Texas organizer and cystic fibrosis patient.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 a person or \$25 per couple and will include a sample of all the wines, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. A variety of wines from Llano Estacado and Homemade Wines will be on hand for sampling. Also, bottles of wine will be available for \$15 and glasses of wine will

## Also of interest

**A bowling fundraiser will begin at noon Saturday at Diamond Lanes, located at 2208 E. Eighth in Odessa.**

**The Great Strides Walk will take place Oct. 1 at Odessa Memorial Gardens.**

be available for \$5.

"Dallas does a wine tasting event and I figured why not have one here and bring something a little different to the area and support a good cause," Wood said.

There will also be a silent auction. Donations are still being needed for giveaways and the auction. Wood said any businesses or individuals wanting to donate to the event can contact her. Spon-

sorships are also needed.

"All the profits will go to the foundation and will help benefit anyone in our area dealing with cystic fibrosis," Wood said.

Statistics show there are 33,000 Americans dealing with cystic fibrosis — a genetic disease caused by defective gene which causes the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus. The mucus leads to chronic and life-threatening lung infections and impairs digestion. All research is done through private donations and fundraising monies. No government funding is provided. At this time, no cure has been found.

Anyone wanting to donate to the foundation or help with any of the upcoming fundraisers can contact Wood at 719-568-2341.

Contact Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or at [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com)

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# Obituaries

## Trevor Glen Dunn



Trevor Glen Dunn "Lineman Get It Dunn," 20, of Stanton died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiating.

He was born April 17, 1991, in Vancouver, Wash. Trevor came to Stanton in June 2010 from Yacolt, Wash., and worked for J.W. Powerline. He graduated from Battleground School District and attended Northwest Lineman College. He was an avid soccer player.

He was a beloved son, brother and friend and was loved by everyone he met. He never met a stranger. Trevor will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his parents, Adam and Mary Dunn of Yacolt, Wash.; his brother, Tristan Dunn of Yacolt, Wash.; his paternal grandparents, Pat and Linda Dunn of Woodland, Wash.; a very dear friend, Cassandra Brewer of Yacolt, Wash.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, including Dennis and Becky Chilton of Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Glen and Elizabeth Bettesworth.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Make A Wish Foundation of America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 749596, Los Angeles, Calif. 90074-9596; or to any children's organization of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Marinette M. Teague



Marinette M. Teague, 76, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was born Nov. 3, 1934, in Poland and was raised in France. Marinette joined husband, Clifton, for 23 years in the military, traveling to France, Netherlands and Texas. Clifton retired in Big Spring, Texas. She was an accountant for the city for more than 15 years.

Marinette is survived by her daughter, Nadine Jackson, son-in-law and three grandchildren.

Visitation was held Thursday at Saint Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at Saint Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church, Colorado Springs.

Arrangements are by The Springs Funeral Services of Colorado Springs, Colo. View the guestbook at [www.thespringsfuneralservices.com](http://www.thespringsfuneralservices.com)

## Marcia Ruggles

Marcia Ruggles, 88, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- ELIZABETH HOPE LAREZ, 35, of 711 N.W. Ninth St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CAMELIA ANN CASTILLO, 37, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CAROLYN GAIL SLACK, 43, of 2624 Dow, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Dow.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Scott Drive.

# Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- STACEY NICOLE NEHL, 28, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a Potter County warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
- ELIZABETH LAREZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- MARTIN HERNANDEZ GARCIA, 40, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- CAROLYN SLACK, 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CAMELIA CASTILLO, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- LYNDSEY RACHELLE KELLY, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts), displaying an expired registration and driving while license invalid.

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of S. Runnels. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of E. Highway

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 9/10	Sun 9/11	Mon 9/12	Tue 9/13	Wed 9/14
90/64 Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	95/67 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	98/71 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	100/71 Sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	99/72 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

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Amarillo	82	57	sunny	Livingston	95	60	sunny
Austin	96	63	sunny	Longview	92	62	sunny
Beaumont	91	63	sunny	Lubbock	84	58	mst sunny
Brownsville	95	70	sunny	Lufkin	95	60	sunny
Brownwood	94	63	sunny	Midland	91	65	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	96	70	sunny	Raymondville	97	68	sunny
Corsicana	92	66	sunny	Rosenberg	95	65	sunny
Dallas	92	68	sunny	San Antonio	100	69	sunny
Del Rio	96	69	sunny	San Marcos	97	63	sunny
El Paso	90	67	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	91	65	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	91	66	mst sunny	Sweetwater	89	63	sunny
Gainesville	90	62	mst sunny	Tyler	91	62	sunny
Greenville	90	64	mst sunny	Weatherford	92	64	sunny
Houston	95	65	sunny	Wichita Falls	91	63	mst sunny

## What's Happening

Sept. 10  
**Comanche Warrior Triathlon**  
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Sept. 12  
**Healthy Women and Howard College present:**  
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**Kim Howell at 432-268-4842**  
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**News in brief**

**U.S. officials chase unconfirmed but credible al-Qaida car bomb plot**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just days before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. counterterrorism officials were chasing a credible but unconfirmed al-Qaida threat to use a car bomb on bridges or tunnels in New York City or Washington. It was the first “active plot” timed to coincide with the somber commemoration of the terror group’s 9/11 attacks a decade ago that killed nearly 3,000 people.

Counterterrorism officials were investigating the threat throughout the night and into Friday, as police in New York and Washington said they would increase their already stepped-up staffing levels in light of the recent intelligence.

Law enforcement officials were pursuing three people who may be traveling to the U.S. or who have recently entered the country, based on the detailed information received by the U.S. intelligence community late Wednesday, officials said. The intelligence suggested that al-Qaida planned to car bomb one of the two cities that were hit 10 years ago.

The nation’s terror alert level has not changed, but raising it was under consideration Thursday night.

**Obama urges Congress to pass jobs bill, but Republicans skeptical**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wasting no time, President Barack Obama is pitching to the public his \$447 billion jobs program of tax cuts and new spending after bluntly telling Congress to “stop the political circus” and fix the economy.

But that doesn’t mean Republicans are buying. “The proposals the president outlined tonight merit consideration,” House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Thursday after Obama, in a nationally televised address to Congress, laid out an agenda that leaned heavily on payroll tax cuts to put money into the economy. “We hope he gives serious consideration to our ideas as well.

“It’s my hope that we can work together,” Boehner added.

While noncommittal, it was one of the more generous reactions from Republicans to a speech from a Democratic president in political trouble seeking bipartisanship to repair a long-ailing economy.

**Outage knocks out power to millions in Southwest and Mexico**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A power outage accidentally triggered by an Arizona utility company worker darkened a broad swath of the Southwest and Mexico on Thursday, cutting power to millions of people, bringing some San Diego freeways and airport traffic to near-standstills and leaving inland desert residents sweltering without air conditioners in the summer heat, officials said.

San Diego Gas & Electric Co. officials said the blackout occurred at about 4 p.m., taking out power to all 1.4 million of its household and business customers.

The outage extended into southern Orange County and across California’s inland deserts as far east as Yuma, Ariz.

In Mexico, officials said power was out in northern Baja California’s two biggest cities, home to roughly 2.5 million people.

Two reactors at a nuclear power plant along the coast went offline after losing electricity, but officials said there was no danger to the public or workers.

There were reports of minor traffic accidents, but no major injuries reported connected with the outage. Officials in San Diego and elsewhere said they were on alert to respond to looting or other crimes, but no major problems had arisen as of late Thursday night.

**Days of rainfall trigger flooding inundates swath of East Coast**

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Days of rainfall from what had been Tropical Storm Lee has inundated a wide portion of Pennsylvania and other northeastern states, pouring into basements and low-lying homes and forcing tens of thousands of people to seek higher ground. At least seven have been left dead.

Much of the damage has been concentrated along the Susquehanna River. In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the National Weather Service said the river crested above 38 feet Thursday night — below the top of the levee system.

Lee’s impact has been heavily felt in waterlogged Pennsylvania, as authorities closed countless roadways, including some heavily traveled interstates,

and evacuation shelters were opened for displaced people.

**Republican Rep. Bachmann seeks to rescue slipping campaign**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republican Michele Bachmann’s presidential campaign fell just as quickly as it rose. Now, she’s looking to Iowa — at the expense of other early voting states — to get back on track.

It’s a strategy of necessity for the Minnesota congresswoman. A victory in Iowa this winter would keep her afloat in the GOP nomination fight; a loss would almost certainly end her bid.

“We know that when Michele is in Iowa, she wins,” said Bachmann’s Iowa campaign chairman, Kent Sorenson. “If she’s here, she’ll win Iowa.”

That explains why, starting this weekend, Bachmann plans to campaign almost exclusively in the state as she tries to reassert herself in a race that’s become a two-candidate contest between Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

She’s in a far different position than she was earlier this summer when she entered the race and seemingly overnight began hovering atop state and national public opinion polls.

**In newly published interviews, Jacqueline Kennedy recounts JFK’s scorn for Lyndon Johnson**

NEW YORK (AP) — President John F. Kennedy openly scorned the notion of Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson succeeding him in office, according to a book of newly released interviews with his widow, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

She said her husband and his brother, then-Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, a longtime LBJ antagonist, even discussed ways to prevent Johnson from winning the Democratic nomination in a future contest.

The book, “Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy,” includes a series of interviews the former first lady gave to historian and former Kennedy aide Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. shortly after her husband was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. The book will be published by New York-based Hyperion Books Sept. 14.

**RACE**

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register until the day before or the day of, but we are expecting to see about the same number of participants as the previous years,”

Wegman said.

The race is open to all ages, but those under 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. All participants are also required to be a USAT (USA Triathlon) member. Membership can be obtained beforehand and displayed on race day or a

one-day membership can be purchased for \$10 during registration.

All participants will receive a goodie bag provided by CVB, which will include race belt and tech-fabric shirt with sponsors listed on the back. Racers will also receive a post-race meal for free,

which can be purchased by others for \$10.

“This is a great event to bring people from outside the community to Big Spring,” Wegman said. “It is one more way for us to show off Big Spring and get people to come stay in our hotels and eat at our restaurants. It brings peo-

ple who might not normally come through Big Spring, but they are coming because of this event.”

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**STUDENTS**

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idea for the reason behind the enrollment increase, but said it was welcome news for the district.

“I can’t remember the last time we were at 3,900 students ... but this is definitely good for us,” Saldivar said.

Big Spring will be paying particularly close attention to high school attendance in the com-

ing weeks because of upcoming University Interscholastic League realignment.

Saldivar said it is possible the UIL could return Big Spring High School to Class 4A when it announces its bienni-

al realignment later this school year.

BSHS currently has an enrollment of 987 students, which is close to 4A territory, he noted.

“We always look at attendance closely,” he said. “But we really look

at it this time of year because of what the UIL does.”

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**BSISD**

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AIMSweb, however, Big Spring is taking that requirement a few steps further.

“The state requires early reading assessment for grades kindergarten through second,” said Donna Ammonett, elementary curriculum coordinator for the district. “Using AIMSweb, we’ve tested grades K through 6 the last three years ... and we plan to test up to grade 8 this year.”

AIMSweb is a program that was specifically developed to help school districts identify and help students with reading problems, Ammonett said.

“it helps us with kids

who need help with their foundation work (reading and math comprehension),” she said. “It gives us a view of how well our kids can perform at a basic level.”

The biggest advantage of using a program such as AIMSweb, Ammonett said, is that it focuses more on individual students than classes.

“What we will be looking at from a teacher’s perspective is individual student performance,” she said. “We’re able to ask, ‘Are they making adequate progress? Is what we’re doing effective? And if it’s not, what do we need to change?’”

Another advantage to the program is that it is designed to help students better deal with state-required standardized tests.

“These tests are all timed ... so it’s not only a matter of can the students read or add or divide, but can they do it quickly,” Ammonett said. “This will become even more important in the future, when there will be a time limit when students take the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, the state standardized test that will replace TAKS this school year).”

In other business Thursday, trustees:

- Officially welcomed

new trustee Kenneth McIntosh. The pastor of First Christian Church, McIntosh, was appointed to fill the District 3 position, left vacant after incumbent Alan Partee declined to seek re-election in May.

- Appointed Extension Service agents Tommy Yeater and Kandi McWhorter as adjunct faculty.

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The Working Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. in the church parlor. Helen Glass will lead the study introduction of the new Horizons Bible study "Confessing the Beatitudes" and Lesson 1 "Greatly Honored Are the Poor." The offering will go to Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund for seminary students.

The lectionary is Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35. The choir will offer "Like As A Father" by Cherubini and "I Will Arise" by Parker/Shaw for the offertory. Dr. Tim Summerlin, president of Schreiner University, Kerrville, will deliver the sermon. Listen on KBST 1490 AM, at 11 a.m. For a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. Visit our website: www.fpcbs.org.

**Spring Creek Fellowship**

Sunday, Donna Wennik and her granddaughter, Kalell Smith-Wennik, sang a duet of "Better than a Hallelujah." Robert Highley was guest speaker.

Men's breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays at the church. Women's Ministry will kick-off Friday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. and will meet the third Friday of each month. Contact the church office for location.

Second Annual "Harvest Event" is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m. We will have train rides, game booths and a "Trunk or Treat." There will also be a cake walk which will cost 25 cents per play or a donation of a canned good to benefit our food pantry. Sunday school classes meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

Fellowship is Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's activities, youth worship and adult prayer meeting is at 6:15 p.m. The praise team meets at 7 p.m.

Youth "Connections Groups" meets Wednesday evening. Adult "Connections Groups" continue to meet. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584. Visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

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Worship is Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., we have prayer and Bible study as well as Kids Club. Nursery is available for four years and younger. Sunday school classes start at 9:45 a.m.

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First Church of the Nazarene is a host site for Angel Food Ministry. Orders for Angel Food can be placed Sept. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, with food available for pick up Sept. 24. If you have questions, contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

Church prayer time is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and come and go prayer time is Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. Visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

**Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS**

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/.

Church services are Sundays at 9 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching Sunday; his sermon topic, based on this Sunday's lessons is titled: "Individual Christians/Corporate

Church" — God makes a perfect 'body' from imperfect pieces.

Bo Vizzaino will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-12, Romans 14:1-12, and Matthew 18:21-35. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be McKynlee Overton. Elders for this week are Bobby Roever and Richard von Hassell. We need door greeters for the next few Sundays.

The flowers this week are given in celebration of Ruth Opegard's 90th birthday Sept. 11 by Kathy Laning.

June 5 the "Mosquito Net Project" began. Each \$10 will purchase a mosquito net. Half of the Sunday school offering until the end of October will be given to this cause. This project will continue until Sunday's Rally Day for the youth and the end of October for the congregation.

Sunday, the youth will continue to study Lessons 9-10: "Stepping Stones" continuing discussions of "worldview" and how our perception of truth directly affects the way we act.

Sunday at 6:30 p.m., the next group of information classes will begin. This class titled "Cross Talk" which is a DVD study will be lead by Pastor Kohl.

Sunday we will have a pot luck after Sunday school. Rally Day has been scheduled after the noon pot luck. Games and activities are planned for all ages.

Monday the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church. Mid-week school for our youth will begin Wednesday and a meal will be provided before classes.

The elders meet Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the church. "Wall Builders" scheduled for Sept. 24 has been cancelled.

The LWML and Board of Trustees will be having a Garage Sale on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the church in order to clear out the storage building. Start planning to help with this sale, as well as donating any items you may have been wanting to get rid of. We will need lots of help to get everything moved and laid out. For more information, contact Jaunell Roever.

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the sticky, silver tape to reinforce the sling shot that he used to slay the giant Goliath. He even might have wrapped the handle of his sword with Duck Tape. However, he probably would have agreed with the internet philosopher that duct tape can't fix stupidity. The wise king wrote, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14: 1a NASB).

A man as smart as King David would have acknowledged that some problems are too big for any solution other than God. He saw and proclaimed the foolishness of leaving God out of life. He described those who think there is no God as wicked (Psalm 10: 4).

Those who deny the existence and presence of God, live by a duct-tape mentality. They seek stick-on solutions for all their problems and miss the blessing of having a personal relationship with a loving God who can heal life's deepest hurts. Duct tape can't fix everything, but God can even fix stupidity if we let Him.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.



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program. This program will cover several Sundays a few minutes each week. The Board of Assimilation will meet at the church at 7 p.m. Sept. 27.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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Holy Eucharist is at 10:30 a.m. Pot-luck lunch will be in the parish hall after service.

The Vestry will have a special meeting Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. The regular meeting is Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

St. Mary's Family Fun Function Night is Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour meets 10 a.m. Wednesday in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

**Baptist Temple Church**

Dean Thomas will preach Sunday at Baptist Temple Church on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Place and Goliad.

Chaplain Thomas will be a part of the 9/11 program at 2 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. Sunday has been set aside for Patriot Day. It is also Grandparent's Day.

**First Christian Church**

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Church is at 10:50 a.m.

The Rev. Ken McIntosh will deliver the message from Matthew 18:21-35 "Has your life changed?"

Isaiah 58 Food Pantry will open Monday at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for food delivery.

Wednesday choir practice at 6 p.m. in the choir room. The evening CWF Circle will meet at Casa Blanca at 7:15 p.m. for their meeting. The youth will meet at 6 p.m. at the church.

Bible Beth Moore Bible study with Mary Beth Johnson will start Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

For further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821. View the website at [www.fcbs125@yahoo.com](http://www.fcbs125@yahoo.com) or email [fcbs125@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbs125@yahoo.com).

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**

A service to remember those who lost their lives, honor those who served and thank those who continue to serve will be held at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. A lunch will be provided.

Birdwell Lane Baptist is located at 1512 Birdwell. For more information, call 267-7157.

**First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma**

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Tom leads a lectionary Bible study Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring.

Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in the church social hall we will have a "Family Frolic," a time of fellowship and sharing of local talent. A light supper will be served.

The lectionary is Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

**First United Methodist Church**

It is Patriots weekend a time for remembering that dark day in our lives, Sept. 11. The Missions and Outreach Committee at First Methodist is organizing an appreciation lunch for all Howard County first responders. Meals have been served on site to various agencies this week and tomorrow at noon Garrett Hall will be the scene of the meal honoring the volunteer fire fighters. Thanks to all who protect us 24/7; remember to fly your flag.

Session Two of the series on the Life and Times of John Wesley, "A Heart Transformed can Change the World" will be held during Sunday school hour, between the two services of worship, in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill Ivins is leading the study.

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Reflections

Authenticity

I stepped up to the counter and handed the cashier my twenty-dollar bill. She glanced at me, lifted the bill up to the light, squinted and examined it, then laid it on the counter. She whipped out what looked like a felt tip marker and marked it. After a long second, she placed it in the cash register and gave me my change. It seemed simple enough. But it made me wonder.

What made her think my twenty might be fake? Did I look dishonest? I reminded myself that it was standard procedure. She had been taught to check every twenty because you never know who might pass a counterfeit. You can't recognize honesty or dishonesty by a person's looks.

Wouldn't it be nice if it was just as easy to discern fake people as it is to recognize a fake twenty? What if we could hold people up to a light, squint and examine them for watermarks, or just swipe them with a pen and watch for discoloration?

Unfortunately, it isn't that simple. Sometimes the people we trust the most disappoint us. That was the case with Richard Nixon. After winning the presidency by a landslide vote, the Watergate investigations revealed a man far different than the public image. One of our great difficulties today is the widespread doubt that no politician can be trusted. They seem more intent on vilifying their opponents and promoting their own agenda than engaging in sincere dialogue.

We all know that no one is perfect. We are all human. We are all sinners and we all make mistakes. We are not looking for perfection. But

we are desperate for authenticity. We are desperate for authenticity in parents, teachers, employers, employees, preachers and politicians.

Jesus ranked authenticity among the highest of virtues. His harshest words were leveled at those who pretended to be what they were not. Speaking to people of his day, Jesus said, "You're like manicured grave plots, grass clipped and the flowers bright, but six feet down it's all rotting bones and worm-eaten flesh. People look at you and think you're saints, but beneath the skin you're total frauds." (Mt. 23:27-28, The Message). He warned his disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (Luke 12:1 NASV).

What really gets scary and complicated is to examine ourselves. Am I authentic? Is there any hypocrisy in me? Are we being open, honest and authentic with one another? Someday, of course, there will be a test. God will hold each of us up to the light. He will not be concerned about the flaws and imperfections. He will examine us for authenticity. Are we people of authentic faith living authentic lives?

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. For more information, visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com) or email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).



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# Mensinger to deliver special service Sept. 11

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

It's almost been 10 years since that infamous day — Sept. 11.

Each year memorials are held in remembrance of those who lost their lives, but this year Josh Ahmed Mensinger — youth pastor at College Baptist Church — is taking another direction.

“The media has done a great job in remembrance, but it hasn't done much as far as teaching the true story behind Muslims,” Mensinger said. “When people think of jihad they think of holy war and when they think of Muslims they think of people strapping a bomb to their chest, but that's not the case.”

Sept. 11 Mensinger will be preaching during the 11 a.m. service. His sermon will focus on the truth behind Islam, with an explanation of radical, cultural and spiritual jihadist. He will also preach from Galatians 5 about what he believes is Christian Jihad.

“Jihad is really a fight or a struggle, not a holy war,” Mensinger said. “As Christians we have a struggle and a fight and that is what I will be speaking towards.”

Mensinger isn't your 'normal' Christian. He was raised in a Muslim household adhering to the Muslim culture and seven years ago he converted to a believer in the Christian faith. Three years after, he felt called to preach, with a special focus on teaching the truth about the Muslim beliefs.

“People, especially Christians, tend to be afraid of what they don't know. I was raised in Islam from someone who wasn't a radical Islamist and I want to use that experience to help people understand,” he said.

Mensinger has spent the past three and a half years traveling throughout Texas and Oklahoma teaching on Islam and Christianity, in hopes of opening people's eyes and reaching a point where those of the Muslim and Christian faiths can come to understand each other.

Due to his recent experiences, Mensinger is expecting a good reception from the community in regards to his sermon, but at the same time he understands the majority will be of the Christian faith community.

“It is a challenge to get the word out especially since there is not a large population of Muslims in Big Spring, but I am hoping that with Sept. 11



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I can help the community reach a point of not casting bad judgement on those that are here,” he said.

Despite the Sept. 11 attacks, Islam is the number one growing religion, according to Mensinger. He said it is astounding to see Islam rising so quickly with the fact of those claiming to be Muslim killed 1000's of people, but it all comes down to people not understanding.

“The main point I am trying to get across is for people to love Muslims, just as they would love anyone else. I am not saying I agree with or love what some of the Muslims acts are, especially the radical ones, but there is no reason to hate Muslims only their actions.”

## CHURCH

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Sunday, Pastor Bill will bring the message “Looking for the Loopholes” at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. This sermon topic is a follow-up from last Sunday and is based on Psalms 103:1-13 and Matthew 18:21-35.

Mid-week Bible study and luncheon is Wednesday in Garrett Hall, with serving at 11:50 a.m. This week's meal is catered by Cowboys. Pastor Bill is continuing the study on “Revelation for Dummies.”

Dustin and Mallory Covington, along with Joyce Chellis, all missionaries from northern India, will be at our morning services Sept. 25. That evening at 6 p.m., there will be a gathering to meet and greet these workers and have an opportunity to hear more of their work. Desserts will be served.

Our Annual Charge Conference will be Thursday, Sept. 29, with District Superintendent Derrell Patterson presiding. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

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For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

# Rodgers sends Saints Packing

## Packers down Saints 42-34 in NFL opener

GREEN BAY (AP) — As far as Aaron Rodgers is concerned, that should just about silence any further questions about why the Green Bay Packers didn't work out as a team during the lockout.

If Thursday's season opener at Lambeau Field could

be considered a referendum on the importance of those player-led team workouts, the results are in: after the Packers' wild 42-34 victory over the New Orleans Saints: The sessions Drew Brees led over the summer weren't enough to help the Saints take down the reign-

ing champions, and the Packers' decision not to get together as a team certainly didn't seem to hurt them.

"That was a good start for us," Rodgers joked afterward. "But I've just got to ask myself, 'What would have happened if we had had offseason workouts?'"

Could we have started any faster and scored more points tonight?"

Rodgers came out on top in a memorable opening-night duel with Brees. And after allowing 477 total net yards to the Saints, the Packers

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# ESPN retains rights to Monday Night Football

NEW YORK (AP) — ESPN is betting nearly \$2 billion a year that fans are ready for even more football on even more platforms.

The networks agreed with the league on an eight-year contract extension that keeps "Monday Night Football" on ESPN through the 2021 season, brings the games to some tablets and boosts the amount of programming shown on the already football-saturated family of networks.

The deal is worth \$1.9 billion a year for a total of \$15.2 billion over the length of the contract, two people with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because no money

figures were officially announced.

ESPN's current deal is worth \$1.1 billion a year to the NFL.

The contract announced Thursday also includes expanded international rights and 3-D distribution rights.

ESPN's expanded coverage for this season got started Thursday afternoon, when its daily — "NFL Live" show doubled in length to an hour-long format.

"Five hundred new hours of programming, right now, starting today," ESPN/ABC Sports president George Bodenheimer said during a conference call. "From our point of view, this is a great deal for the company. It really fuels our company 24-7."

Viewers with tablets whose cable companies have deals with ESPN will be able to watch "Monday Night Football" on their devices.

"Monday night, fans can watch the game on their iPad for the very first time," Bodenheimer said.

The NFL draws huge numbers for ESPN — and all of its network partners. According to the network, visits to the ESPN website spike on Sundays and Mondays. The network also says it gets heavy web traffic from tablets and phones and through apps that let fans monitor scores during football season.

Some fans will be able to watch studio shows on their phones. The NFL already has an agreement to stream

games only to Verizon phones.

Bodenheimer said ESPN would not charge cable distributors more because of the deal, nor add on a surcharge. The deal, however, will probably give ESPN more pricing power — Bodenheimer said the deal will increase the value ESPN brings to cable companies.

He also brushed off suggestions that the slack U.S. economy is causing more consumers to cancel their cable subscriptions.

"Our overall business is greatly enhanced by our affiliation with the NFL," Bodenheimer said. "ESPN delivers for cable operators ... so this will be received very well by our distributors."

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was pleased to get the deal done on the day the 2011 regular season started in Green Bay, where the Packers were set to play the Saints.

"They've taken a great brand and made it better," Goodell said. "They've had unprecedented success with what they've done. We expect to continue to grow that together."

The previous deal went through the 2013 season. After 36 years on ABC, the "Monday Night Football" package moved to ESPN in 2006.

The agreement includes 17 Monday games a season through 2021 and coverage of the Pro Bowl and NFL draft. It gives the NFL the option to show a wild-card

playoff game on ESPN, which could possibly come from an expanded postseason or games moved from other networks after the NFL negotiates its other TV deals.

ESPN also keeps Spanish-language rights to "Monday Night Football" to be shown on ESPN Deportes in the U.S., as well as rights to show other regular-season and playoff games in markets including the Caribbean, Brazil, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

"This helps grow our entire footprint around the world," Bodenheimer said. "We're very thrilled with the deal as it's constructed. I know it's going to be a very good deal for ESPN."

# Crunch time for NBA talks

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA Commissioner David Stern, union president Derek Fisher and their top advisers are spending more time talking about a new labor deal.

Next week, they'll find out if they can make progress in a bigger group.

With negotiations at what Stern said is "getting to be an important time," the two sides met for the second consecutive day on Thursday, again for about 5½ hours. They'll return to the bargaining table Tuesday, this time with more players and owners, to try and find a way to end the league's lockout and save the 2011-12 season.

Though Stern and leaders from the players' association have said they like working in small numbers, the commissioner said they think it's "a good idea to have larger group meetings at this point."

Fisher, a guard for the Lakers, agreed.

"At some point, before you can try and make any attempt at any large progress, you have to involve all the respective members that are ultimately going to make the decisions, so we felt it was best to try to do that at this time and Tuesday we'll give (it) a shot," he said.

Stern said there was nothing yet to show the larger groups, which would include members of the owners' labor relations committee and the union's executive committee. The commissioner also would not offer any insight into what it meant that the number of attendees would be

increasing, after all the meetings since the lockout began July 1 included just the leadership from each side.

"I don't really know that it's positive or negative, I just think it's time to bring the parties into the room who are ultimately responsible for either making a deal or deciding that there shouldn't be a deal," Stern said.

The two sides could again meet for consecutive days next week in New York, then both will update their members on the state of the talks next Thursday — not long before a decision would have to be made if any changes in the NBA calendar are in order.

Owners will meet Thursday in Dallas. Fisher said the union will speak to players in Las Vegas, where 40 are slated to play in a league being run at the Impact Basketball Academy.

Stern said no vote would be taken at his meeting, nor would any decisions need to be made by then. But there should be a clearer picture of whether a full season remains possible at that point.

"I suspect that by next Thursday, we'll have had more of an opportunity, in particular in the larger group, to continue to exchange ideas," Fisher said. "I do think there will be an effort at least from our part, to have some type of feeling about where this is going by the time we go and talk to our players on Thursday in Las Vegas. I can't assume that's what Commissioner Stern and the league is going to do, but it's a fair assumption."

"So I don't view that as a deadline, I don't view that as a threat of any kind that things have to be figured out by Thursday, but I would assume there will be information shared by the respective parties by then."

Cancellations during the 1998-99 lockout didn't start until Sept. 24, when the opening of training camps scheduled for Oct. 5 were called off. Camps would likely open Oct. 3 this year.

The talks Thursday again consisted of nine people: Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, San Antonio Spurs owner Peter Holt, who heads the labor relations committee, and NBA senior vice president and deputy general counsel Dan Rube from the league side. The union negotiators were Fisher, executive vice president Billy Hunter, attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and Ron Klempner, and economist Kevin Murphy.

The sides said after Wednesday's meeting that talks could continue into Friday if they were going well, but Stern said Thursday they preferred to wait until next week to allow for the members to travel to New York.

Neither side is hinting if progress is being made to end the work stoppage, saying they agreed to keep details private. But after a six-hour meeting last week, the frequency of their talks is being viewed as a positive after they held only two sessions in the first two months of the lockout that began July 1.

# Manning possibly out for the season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts thought they'd suffered a big blow when they ruled their four-time MVP quarterback out for the season opener. Now they may have lost Peyton Manning for the entire season.

Manning underwent more neck surgery Thursday, his third procedure in 19 months, and his return this season is uncertain.

Losing Manning for any stretch of time is something the Colts would love to avoid, and it's certain to throw the race for the AFC South wide open. Manning hasn't missed a game in 14 NFL seasons, with 227 consecutive starts, including the postseason.

"Rehabilitation from such surgery is typically an involved process," the team said in a statement, calling the procedure "un-eventful."

The Colts said there would be "no estimation of a return date at this time. We will keep Peyton on the active roster until we have a clear picture of his recovery process."

Team owner Jim Irsay tweeted that the 35-year-old Manning would be out "awhile."

The Colts could have put Manning on injured reserve to open a roster spot, but it would have meant

him not playing at all during a season that ends with a Super Bowl at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis.

Manning underwent an anterior fusion procedure to treat a nerve problem that still bothered him after his previous surgery, on May 23. Such a procedure usually involves making an incision in the front of the neck, removing soft disk tissue between the vertebrae and fusing the bones together with a graft. The goal is to ease pain or address a disk problem.

Recovery typically takes at least eight to 10 weeks, said Dr. Victor Khabie, co-chief of the Orthopedics and Spine Institute at Northern Westchester Hospital in New York. He did not treat Manning, but is familiar with the procedure and how athletes recover from it.

"It could be season-ending, seeing the piggybacking off of another surgery," Khabie said. "But the athletes I've known over the years, I never count out because they are such great competitors and such great healers."

If Manning recovered in 10 weeks, he could be back for a Nov. 13 game against Jacksonville, the week

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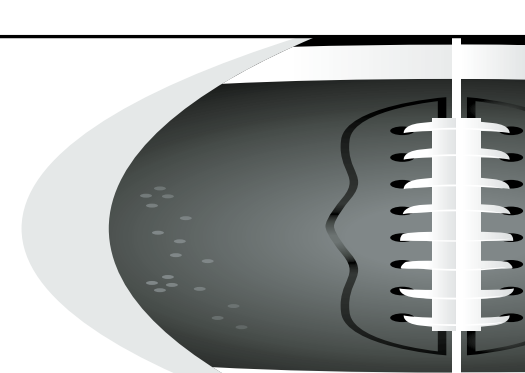
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defense made a goal-line stand on the final play of the game.

"We had some problems defensively, but that's a very good offense and he's a great quarterback," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said of Brees. "Sean (Payton) does a great job on offense.

"This will be a great experience we can learn from."

With the Saints on the 1-yard line for one last play, Clay Matthews and safety Morgan Burnett led a swarm of Packers defenders who stopped Saints rookie running back Mark Ingram short of the goal line.

"You've got to get a yard," Ingram said. "It's goal line to win the game, got to get a yard."

Matthews was hoping for a more dominant performance, but he'll take the win.

"Obviously, you'd love to have a blowout,

but I think it represents everything that we preach, which is finishing games," Matthews said. "And it comes down to the very last play — we win, or they have an opportunity to tie it up. I think it's fantastic to overcome that adversity."

Brees threw for 419 yards and three touchdowns, including a late score to Jimmy Graham that cut the lead to 8 with 2:15 left.

"I was proud of the way we hung in there and fought back," Payton said.

"There will be a lot of things on tape that we've got to clean up with this first game. Credit Green Bay. They did a very good job and did all the things they needed to do to win a home game like that."

For all their yards, Brees said the Saints weren't good enough in the red zone.

"We were one of five, so we scored touchdowns just one out of five times in the red zone," Brees

said. "That's not going to win you a lot of games, especially on the road in this type of environment against this kind of team."

Rodgers and Brees had big games, but Packers rookie Randall Cobb stole the show.

Cobb, a second-round draft pick out of Kentucky, caught a touchdown from Rodgers and ran a kickoff back 108 yards for a score in the third quarter — tying an NFL record for the longest kickoff return in history, set by New England's Ellis Hobbs in September 2007. It also was the Packers' first kickoff return for a touchdown since Allen Rossum in 2000.

"It was amazing," Cobb said. "The feeling of being in Lambeau Field and just having all of the guys around me coming off of the Super Bowl and just trying to do anything I can to contribute, and I certainly tried to make the most of my opportunities."

Cobb admitted he

made mistakes on both touchdowns; he shouldn't have brought the kickoff out of the end zone, and he ran the wrong route on the touchdown catch.

Rodgers said he was able to adjust to Cobb's mistake on the route, again bringing up the offseason workouts — a line of questioning Rodgers clearly grew tired of during training camp.

"Surprisingly, we didn't have offseason workouts," Rodgers said. "Surprisingly, I was able to read his body language there and he made a nice catch and run for a touchdown."

Rodgers threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns.

It was a big night for Donald Driver, who tied James Lofton's Packers franchise mark for career yards receiving with 9,656. Rodgers wanted to get him the record at home.

"We tried to get him the ball again, we just didn't have an opportunity," Rodgers said.

**MANNING**

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before the Colts have a bye.

Dr. Andrew Hecht, director of spine surgery at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, doesn't believe the injury will prematurely end Manning's career.

Hecht, who works with the New York Jets and New York Islanders, said the biggest risk is healing. He said it typically takes three months for the fusion to occur, though some people heal faster.

"The odds are that he'll end his career when he wants to end his career," Hecht said.

Manning, who signed a five-year, \$90 million contract in July, also had neck surgery in February 2010. This, however, has been one of the most frustrating off-seasons of his career.

The 4½-month lock-out prevented him from working out with team trainers and he couldn't negotiate a new contract with the Colts during that time. He started training camp on the physically unable to perform list, which prevented him from working out with teammates until Aug. 29.

With Manning, the

Colts have been a perennial Super Bowl contender. Without him, the most dominant team in the AFC South since its creation faces a daunting challenge: trying to become the first team to play a Super Bowl in its home stadium without having Manning behind center for possibly the entire season.

Since being taken with the No. 1 overall pick in 1998, Manning has led the Colts to 11 playoff appearances, 11 double-digit winning seasons, eight division crowns, two AFC titles and a Super Bowl championship.

The biggest question is when he will return.

"None of us know," coach Jim Caldwell. "It is a little bit in flux at this point."

Khabele said the fact that Manning has had neck surgery three times in such a short period is reason for concern.

If Manning does return this season, he will also be playing behind a revamped line that has three new starters and a fourth playing a new position. Longtime right tackle Ryan Diem has moved inside to guard.

The player who can empathize most with Manning is running back Joseph Addai, who injured a nerve in

his left shoulder Oct. 17 against Washington, then missed the next eight games.

There were times, Addai recalled, he would wake up during the night with sudden pain. There were other times he couldn't hold a microphone or the ball would drop out of his hands with a slight bump.

Addai figured the ensuing bye week would give him enough time to heal, but it took more than two months to get back into a game and he still didn't feel 100 percent until this season.

"After a while it came back, but you don't really know when it's going to come back," Addai said. "It's frustrating."

Addai said Manning asked him about the experience, something the two discussed at length since players reported to camp July 31.

Addai said he's worried about playing the Texans without Manning.

"You know how important Peyton is," Addai said. "I think everybody has to step it up."

Kerry Collins will replace Manning in the lineup Sunday, making him the first Colts quarterback other than Manning to start a game since Jim Harbaugh —

now the head coach of the San Francisco 49ers — on Dec. 21, 1997.

The only other time Manning has missed a regular-season snap because of injury was in 2001 against Miami. Backup Mark Rypien fumbled. The Dolphins recovered and drove 59 yards for the winning score. Manning returned on the next series with a bloody mouth. He was later diagnosed with a hairline fracture in his jaw.

Manning, who rarely misses a snap even at practice, has occasionally been sidelined during the preseason.

He sat out one week of training camp in 1998 before signing his rookie contract. A decade later, he missed all of training camp after having surgery twice to remove an infected bursa sac from his left knee. He also missed some practices after injuring his knee during a preseason game against Minnesota in 2001.

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By Steve Becker

**Bidding Quiz**

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠ — ♥ QJ74 ♦ AKJ5 ♣ AKJ92

South	West	North	East
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2. ♠ AQ104 ♥ 62 ♦ Q3 ♣ AQ972

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3 ♥	Pass	?	

3. ♠ Q85 ♥ AJ87 ♦ AJ6 ♣ QJ6

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	?	

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1. **Two spades.** You should enthusiastically welcome East's spade overall and take advantage of it by cuebidding the suit. This tells partner that game is certain, probably in hearts, and that a potential for slam exists. An alternative action, if you play "splinter bids," would be to bid three spades, indicating four-card support for hearts, a singleton or void in spades, and enough strength to contract for game opposite a simple one-heart response. Partner might have any of the following hands for his one-heart bid:

♠ J63 ♥ K10852 ♦ Q7 ♣ Q84

♠ 863 ♥ AK8532 ♦ 9 ♣ 753  
♠ K852 ♥ K963 ♦ 832 ♣ 76

With the first, a small slam is virtually certain; with the second, a grand slam is probable; and with the third, partner will have his hands full just making game.

2. **Four hearts.** Under the circumstances, it is best to raise to game in hearts with only two baby trumps. You have a sound opening bid facing partner's opening bid, which means there's a game somewhere. With partner unable to support clubs or spades, and apparently unwilling to play notrump, there is no real choice but to undertake the game in hearts. Partner should have seven hearts or six very good ones when he bids the suit three times. He might have any one of these hands:

♠ K73 ♥ AQJ983 ♦ J6 ♣ 86  
♠ J86 ♥ KQJ7543 ♦ A8 ♣ 10  
♠ K5 ♥ AQ98754 ♦ K7 ♣ 63

and with each of them you'd belong in four hearts.

3. **Six notrump.** This is one of those occasions when reaching the best contract is simply a matter of arithmetic. Partner's rebid of two notrump indicates 18 or 19 points and a balanced hand. Adding your 15 points to partner's, you have the 33 points in the combined hands that make a slam contract mandatory.

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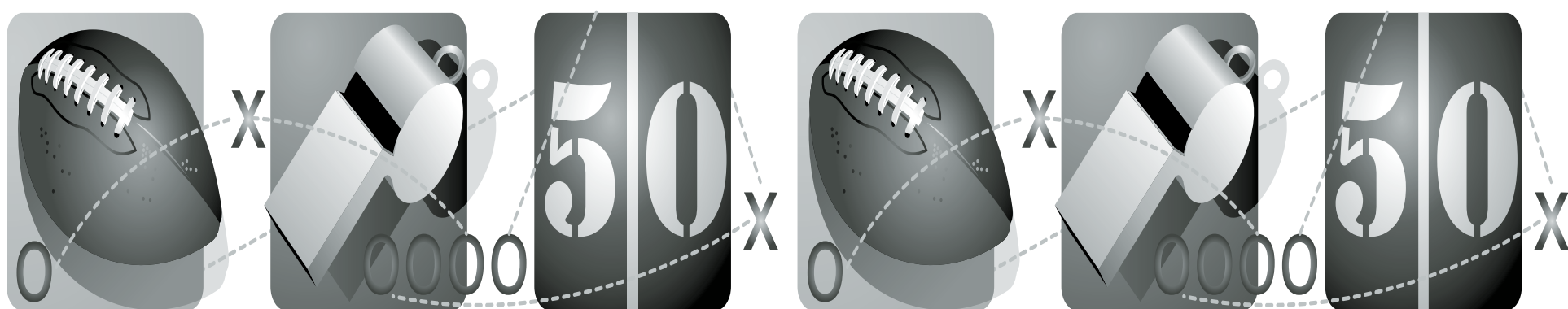
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The Aquarius moon is a philanthropist, urging us to lend our help where needed. Keep in mind that a crisis doesn't have to be dire to be important. While life and death situations of course require heroic action, it's more likely that today's situations will be more a matter of life and "LIFE!" Moving from existence to exuberance requires heroic action, too.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Check your drawers, closets, garage, barn, shed and attic to find usable and reusable possessions. You'll find items to give away and items to make you smile and reminisce.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Someone will try to use an old catalyst to elicit a reaction from you. Little does this person know how much you have grown. You will be impervious to this person's emotional stimuli.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll lend your wit to a conversation and win both approval and disapproval. Those who disapprove are clearly jealous. And those who approve may fall in love with you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You have been delivering a consistent performance, giving a high level of support to those who depend on you and doing an overall commendable job. Therefore, you deserve the respect that's coming to you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). If you are angry, use it to embolden your mission. Your audacity will separate you from the herd. Your force will be a wakeup call to others. The element of surprise will work in your favor.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll benefit from subtle self-promotion. In your charming way, you'll keep others informed of who you are, what you do and what you want and need in order to make your dream happen.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do not be afraid to accept help — the more someone helps you the greater his or her investment will be in your relationship. Relationships become bonded in this kind of sharing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As much as you try to avoid life's potholes, there are some you can't see until you land in them. When you hit one, it's best to get back up immediately and keep marching on. The only way to lose is by giving up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One way to change your destiny is to change the cast of characters around you. You'll thrive among

people who can understand, challenge and contribute to your interests.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While someone else tries to persuade, cajole and manipulate people for status, you'll show your social brilliance by taking a different approach. You'll win friends with a smile and a listening ear.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Speak up, even if you know very little about the people or topic at hand. You may stumble clumsily into a conversation, but you express yourself from a pure place in your heart, and others will feel this and accept you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll dream boldly and differently. You'll ask for what you really want, instead of asking for what you think you should want. Your wishes may not be granted, but this kind of asking will make you stand out and be admired.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 9). You're a true original, and you'll express your uniqueness in a special project. You'll do what no one has ever done before, and it will work for you. In November, you'll have a challenger, and this person will push you to deliver your peak performance. Lucrative business comes in January. May brings healing. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 41, 5, 33 and 17.

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**Dear Margo**

**A Woman's underthings help a man out**

**Dear Margo:** First off, I am a guy. I have a job for which I am always on my feet. By the end of the day, my legs are tired and worn out. I was told to try pantyhose (I am at the point where I'll try anything.), so I decided to experiment. I have only worn them around the house while doing chores. I have bought L'eggs Sheer Energy and No Nonsense Smart Support. So far, the L'eggs are a better fit around my waist, groin and legs.

I cannot keep buying different brands of pantyhose and experimenting hoping to find good support, so I am asking for some advice on which brand and type of pantyhose would best support my legs. Also, I will be wearing dress pants over them. Is there a way to prevent them from making noise? Thank you for your attention to this matter. — Richard L.

**Dear Rich:** Well ... the first thing that occurs to me is that the L'eggs people will be thrilled that you have perhaps opened up a new market for them, i.e., pantyhose for men who are on their feet for a long time. Since you say that brand gives you the better fit of all the ones you've tried, there is no need to keep buying and experimenting.

As for my suggestions, I have none — probably because I have no brand loyalty. But I also don't have your, uh, groin. Regrettably, I can't think of a way to stop the p-hose from making a noise, and now that you mention it, I can't think of what noise they make. I would suggest you also look into shoes that make standing more comfortable, and I certainly wish you good luck with all of this. — Margo, comfortably

**There's No Accounting for Some Behavior**

**Dear Margo:** I am married to a great guy.

Generally, our relationship works. However, in the past six months, I have been getting cash advances on my credit cards and gambling. I'm really not a gambler, but since hubby is the sole "breadwinner," I have been looking to find my own money that does not need to be accounted for down to the penny. He's an accountant, and I'm at home with our son, making stupid choices to fill my time.

Long story short, I came clean this past weekend and have paid all the credit card debt off via a line of credit with a lower interest rate. I know I need to fill my time in much better and more productive ways, and I have enrolled in university for later in the month. I got a call today from my parents that knocked me for a loop. My husband emailed them our whole financial history, and now I have to deal with their disappointment, as well as his. Please advise. — Feeling Punished

**Dear Feel:** First, the idea of having money of one's own by winning it is most unusual. You are lucky you bagged that activity before you got hooked. (Usually, the routine is people lose, then they keep playing whatever it is they're playing to get even ... and then they lose some more. (That's why Gamblers Anonymous meetings are so crowded.)

As for your great guy husband cluing your parents in, that sounds quite punitive to me, and I would be curious as to his answer when you asked why he did that. (And if you haven't asked, you should.) I am trying to imagine a reasonable explanation — and I can't. As for helping your parents get beyond their disappointment, simply tell them you learned an expensive lesson, but the good news is that it propelled you back to school. And tell Mr. TMI that you believe your finances as a couple are a private matter and he was not being helpful. — Margo, confidentially

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter.*

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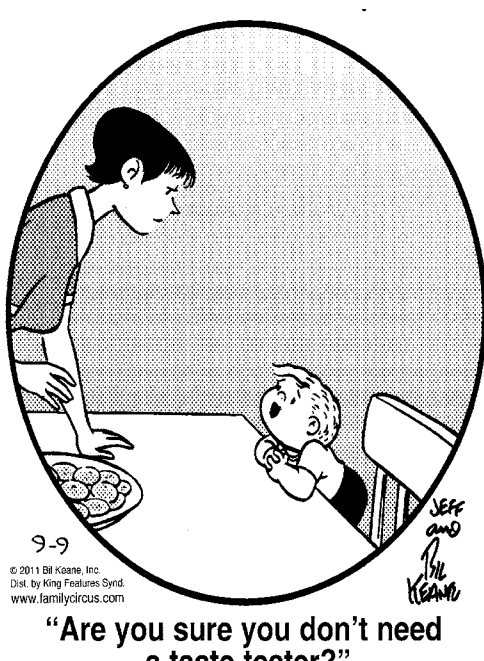
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7:PM	Shark Tank	Teresa (SS)	Kitchen Nightmares	48 Hours Mystery	Mi Corazón Insiste	Friends	Fam. Guy	Door-Wisdom	Wash. Need to Know	Nikita	Man, Woman, Sup	Movie: King Arthur, Ioan Gruffudd	Gangland	Movie: Hitch, Kevin James	Movie: Barbershop	Phineas	NASCAR	College Football: Florida International at Louisville.
8:PM	Karaoke Battle USA	Fuerza-Des-tino	Fringe	CSI: NY	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Dateline NBC	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Supernatural	Man, Woman, Sup	Movie: King Arthur, Ioan Gruffudd	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Hitch, Kevin James	Movie: The Perfect Holiday, Queen Latifah	Phineas	NASCAR	College Football: Florida International at Louisville.
9:PM	20/20	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons	Blue Bloods	La Casa de al Lado	News	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Supernatural	Man, Woman, Sup	Movie: King Arthur, Ioan Gruffudd	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Hitch, Kevin James	Phineas	NASCAR	College Football: Florida International at Louisville.	
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Supernatural	Man, Woman, Sup	Movie: King Arthur, Ioan Gruffudd	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Hitch, Kevin James	Phineas	NASCAR	College Football: Florida International at Louisville.	
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12:AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Destilando Amor	Faith	Insider	Noticias	News	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Supernatural	Man, Woman, Sup	Movie: King Arthur, Ioan Gruffudd	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Hitch, Kevin James	Phineas	NASCAR	College Football: Florida International at Louisville.	
1:AM	Paid	Mujer	TMZ	Ent	Noticias	News	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Supernatural	Man, Woman, Sup	Movie: King Arthur, Ioan Gruffudd	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Hitch, Kevin James	Phineas	NASCAR	College Football: Florida International at Louisville.	
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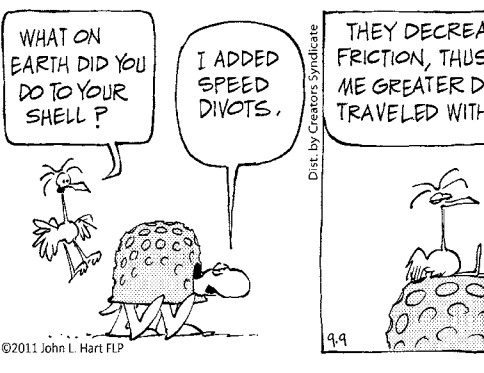
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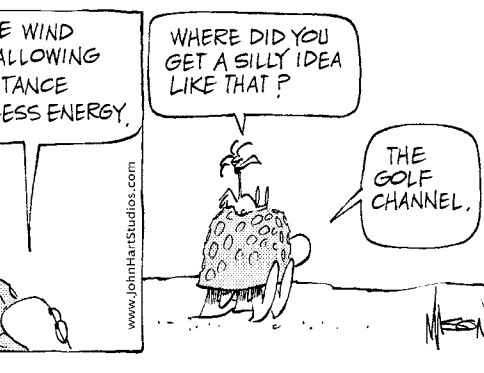
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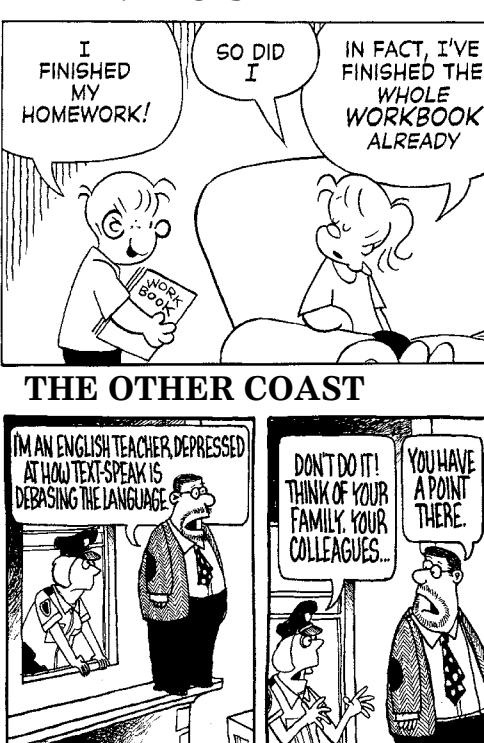
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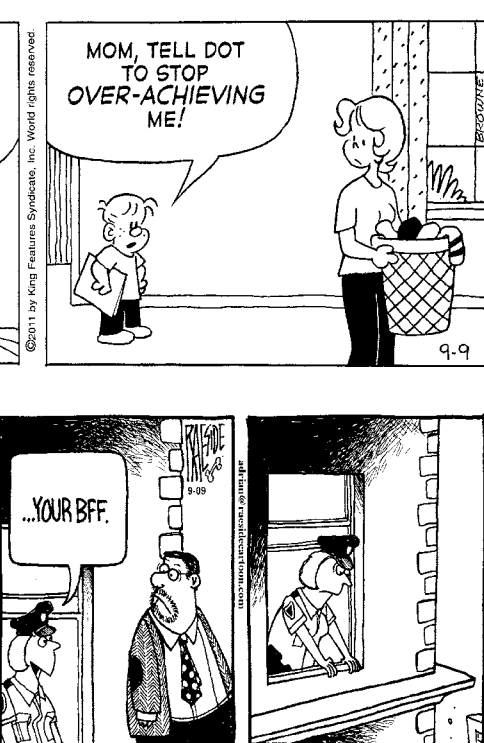
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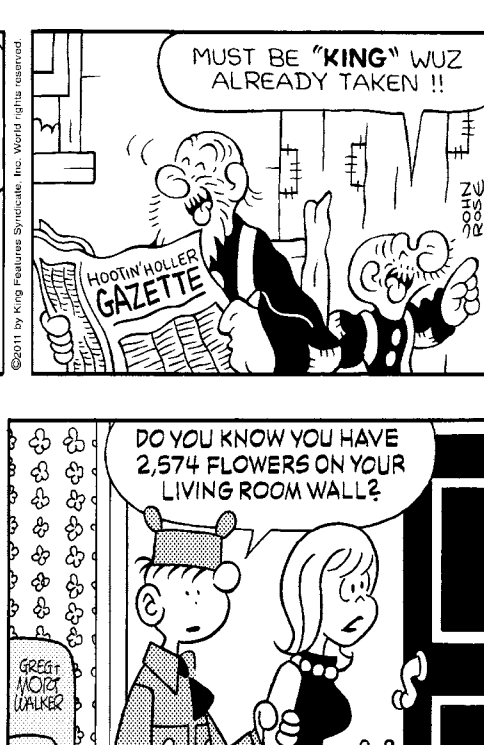
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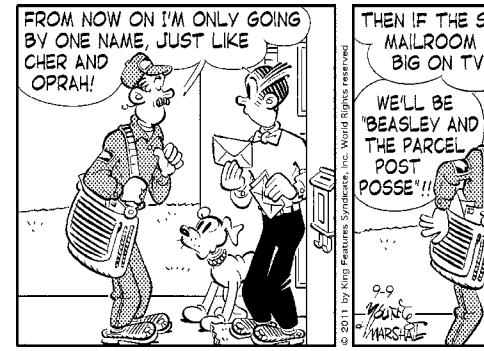
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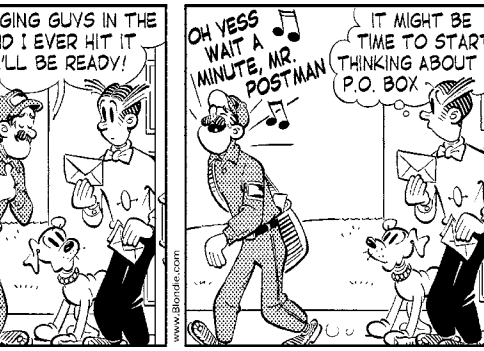
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2011. There are 113 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 9, 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.

On this date:

In 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

In 1830, Charles Durant flew a balloon from New York City across the Hudson River to Perth Amboy, N.J.

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1919, some 1,100 members of Boston's 1,500-man police force went on strike. (The strike was broken by Massachusetts Gov. Calvin Coolidge, who brought in replacement officers.)

In 1926, the National

Broadcasting Co. (NBC) was incorporated by the Radio Corp. of America.

In 1948, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) was declared.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.

In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Zedong died in Beijing at age 82.

In 1986, Frank Reed, director of a private school in Lebanon, was taken hostage; he was released 44 months later.

In 1991, boxer Mike Tyson was indicted in Indianapolis on a charge of raping Desiree Washington, a beauty pageant contestant. (Tyson was convicted and ended up serving three years of a six-year prison sentence.) Tajikistan became the eighth Soviet republic to declare its independence.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Cliff Robertson is 88. Actress Sylvia Miles is 77. Actor Topol is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 69. Singer Inez Foxx is 69. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 66. Rock singer-musician Doug Ingle is 65. Country singer Freddy Weller is 64. College Football Hall of Famer

and former NFL player Joe Theismann is 62. Rock musician John McFee (The Doobie Brothers) is 61. Actor Tom Wopat is 60. Actress Angela Cartwright is 59. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 59. Actor Hugh Grant is 51. Actress Constance Marie is 46. Actor David Bennent is 45. Actor Adam Sandler is 45. Rock singer Paul Durhan (Black Lab) is 43. Model Rachel Hunter is 42. Actor Eric Stonestreet (TV: "Modern Family") is 40. Actor Goran Visnjic (VEEZ'-nihch) is 39. Pop-jazz singer Michael Buble' (boo-BLAY') is 36. Country singer Joey Martin (Joey + Rory) is 36. Latin singer Maria Rita is 34. Actress Michelle Williams is 31.

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Answer to previous puzzle

RAFT	CAVES	SCOT
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Newsday Crossword

FORERUNNERS by Richard Silvestri

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tip politely
  - 5 Hits with a billion volts
  - 9 Intrinsically
  - 14 Up to it
  - 15 Reality show, familiarly
  - 16 Lloyd Webber score
  - 17 The least bit of concern
  - 18 Game of chukkers
  - 19 Low point
  - 20 Attorney impersonator?
  - 23 Strong cleaner
  - 24 Bad mark
  - 25 Cubmaster's title
  - 29 Italian cuisine staple
  - 32 Be off-guard
  - 35 Wise words
  - 37 Ins. seller
  - 38 One of the Bears
  - 39 Introduce a tune?
  - 42 Openwork fabric
  - 43 Alias introducer
  - 44 Make a present of
  - 45 USN officer
  - 46 File handler
  - 48 Upset
  - 49 Wing-tip tip
  - 50 Half a figure eight
  - 52 Religious TV program?
  - 60 Major figure
  - 61 "Cheerio!"
  - 62 Discovery Channel game-show setting
- DOWN**
- 1... Giant Peach creator
  - 2 Clarinet cousin
  - 3 Sell aggressively
  - 4 Spinach-pie ingredient
  - 5 Full of energy
  - 6 Loves to bits
  - 7 Top of the world
  - 8 Job opening
  - 9 Wrote
  - 10 Escape from
  - 11 Tease
  - 12 Move a bit
  - 13 Place for a plug
  - 21 Camel kin
  - 22 Polished prose
  - 25 Abundant
  - 26 Big name in fashion
  - 27 Top brass
  - 28 Animation
  - 30 Persian Gulf nation
  - 31 "I hate it!"
  - 32 Twangy
  - 33 Just slightly
  - 34 Betrayed nervousness
  - 36 Tackle-box item
  - 38 Bond type, for short
  - 40 Squeeze (out)
  - 41 Inventor/artist
  - 46 Emergency vehicle
  - 47 Annie Hall Oscar winner
  - 49 On edge
  - 51 Steadfast policy
  - 52 Hard to discern
  - 53 Transport
  - 54 List ender
  - 55 Fuji flow
  - 56 Cool it
  - 57 Keep
  - 58 Farm team
  - 59 End, with "up"
  - 60 "Amscray!"

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