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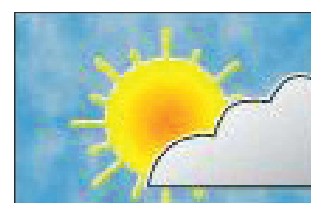
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## Apollo 11 crew: Moon less interesting than Mars

**SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The first astronauts to walk on the moon want President Barack Obama to aim for a new destination: Mars.

On Monday, the Apollo 11 crewmen, fresh from a Washington lecture Sunday in which two of them expressed concerns about NASA getting bogged down on the moon, are meeting with Obama at the White House.

In one of their few joint public appearances, the crew of Apollo 11 spoke on the eve of the 40th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon, but didn't get soggy with nostalgia. They instead spoke about the future and the more distant past.

Sunday night, a packed crowd at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum — 7,000 people applied in a lottery for 485 seats — didn't get the intimate details of the Eagle's landing on the moon with little fuel left, or what the

moon looked like, or what it felt like to be there.

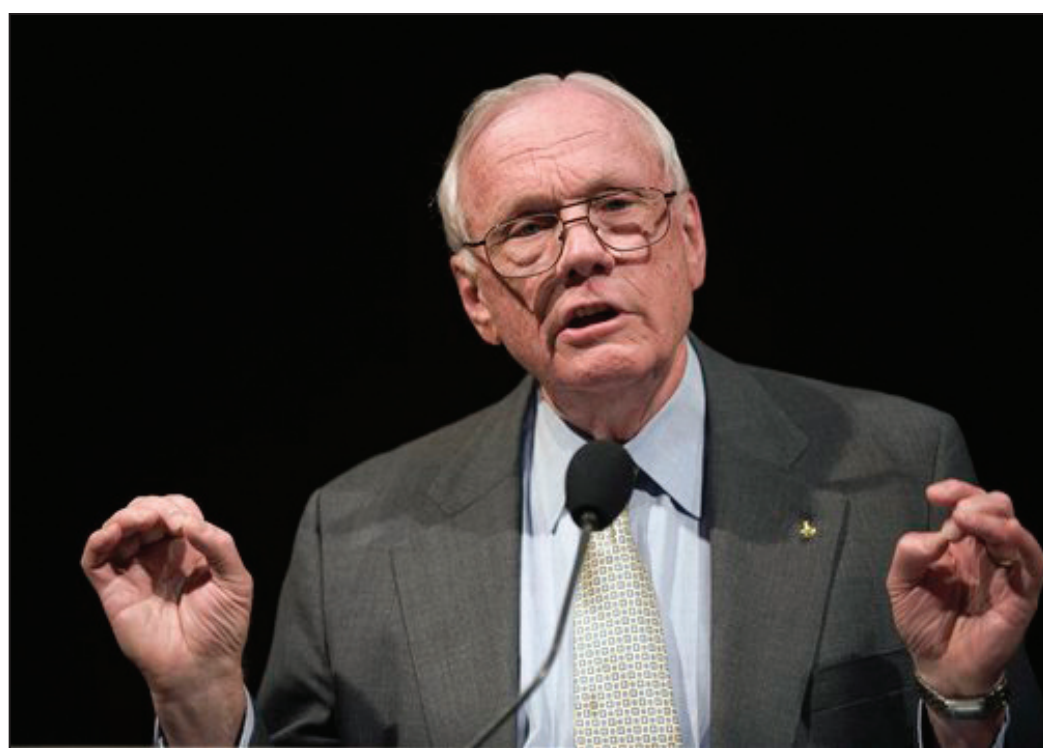
They got second man on the moon Buzz Aldrin's pitch for Mars. He said the best way to honor the Apollo astronauts "is to follow in our footsteps; to boldly go again on a new mission of exploration."

First man on the moon Neil Armstrong only discussed Apollo 11 for about 11 seconds. The Ohioan gave a professorial lecture titled "Goddard, governance and geophysics," looking at the inventions and discoveries that led to his historic "small step for a man" on July 20, 1969.

Armstrong said the space race was "the ultimate peaceful competition: USA versus USSR. It did allow both sides to take the high road with the objectives of science and learning and exploration."

Apollo 11 command module pilot Michael Collins, who circled the moon alone while Armstrong and

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AP photo/Bill Ingalls/NASA

On the eve of the fortieth anniversary of the first human landing on the moon, Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong speaks during a lecture in honor of Apollo 11 at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

With encouragement from Denise Potter, right, a participant in the Cactus and Crude 150-mile bicycle tour wheels into SouthWest Institute for the Deaf Saturday. The tour, which raised money for multiple sclerosis research, started Saturday in Midland and ended Sunday in Post.

## Stimulus

### Neediest areas in Texas not first for money

**APRIL CASTRO**

Associated Press Writer

SABINAL (AP) — Under the Obama administration's economic stimulus plan, needy communities were supposed to be first in line for money to rebuild highways and jump start the economy.

It hasn't worked out that way.

The rules required that states give priority to counties considered "economically distressed." Yet less than half the federal highway money announced so far is directed toward those high-unemployment, low-income areas, according to an Associated Press analysis of more than \$16 billion in spending announced by the U.S. Transportation Department.

What was supposed to be a way to steer money to hard-hit areas has turned into a coin flip: 53 percent of the money is going to counties that don't

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## Five plans revamp health care, none final

**PHILIP ELLIOTT**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's advisers are urging critics of their health care overhaul to wait for Congress to finish writing legislation before issuing verdicts. They also signaled they are willing to wait longer than their White House-imposed August deadline for action if it means they can sway wary lawmakers.

The White House spent Sunday defending Obama's health care proposals and stressing that Congress has not yet written the final draft of legislation that would dramatically reshape how

Americans receive health care. Instead, they said, Republicans — and even some Democrats — should wait until a final bill takes form.

"There are basically five different plans in Congress right now and there are a variety of ways," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, trying to calm nervous lawmakers whose re-elections could hinge on the legislation.

"More will be done," she said. "The House and the Senate are committed to working with the president to get this done."

Getting it done by August, though, ap-

peared to be pushed back. Administration officials said they still have a goal for the Senate and the House to pass separate bills before an August recess, leaving reconciliation of their differences for September or later. But they slid away from a once-firm do-it-this-summer demand.

"We think we can make that. We're working towards that," White House budget director Peter Orszag said. "And we have to remember, there are some who are advocating the delay simply because they don't have anything to put

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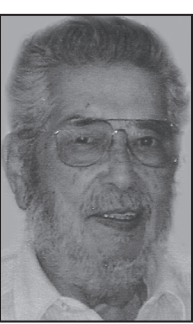
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## Obituaries

### Felix Garcia Sr.



Felix Garcia Sr., 89, of Big Spring died Friday, July 17, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Felix was born to Dolores and Felix Garcia Sept. 29, 1919, in Kyle. He moved to Big Spring in 1946 from Lamesa. He married Esther Moraida Dec. 23, 1942, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Oct. 10, 1983. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in World War II. He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 35 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by eight sons, Felix Garcia Jr. and his wife, Lucile, of San Antonio, and Raymond Garcia, Freddie Garcia, Daniel Garcia and his wife, Frances, Bobby Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Edward Garcia Sr. and his wife, Jo Ann, Abel Garcia Sr. and his wife, Annette, all of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Esther Hernandez and Mary Dolores Bustamante and her husband, Oscar Sr., all of Big Spring, and JoAnne Silguero and her husband, Gregorio Jr. of San Marcos; four brothers, Curtis Garcia of San Marcos, Roy Garcia of New Braunfels, and Henry Garcia and Fred Garcia, both of San Marcos; four sisters, Gloria Garcia of San Marcos, Judy Esquivel and Matilda Juarez, both of Austin, and Linda Garcia of San Marcos; 31 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Joe and Albert Garcia; two brothers, David Sr. and Willie Garcia Sr.; and one sister, Margie Moralez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Maria Marquez Lara



Maria Marquez Lara, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, July 17, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Light House Restoration Center, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Monday.

Maria was born April 13, 1935, to Pilar and Tomas Marquez in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by five sons, Jose Marquez Zubiate and his wife, Shawn, of Rowlett, Ernesto Marquez Zubiate Sr. and his wife, Mary, of Big Spring, Peter Marquez Lara and his wife, Darlene, Michael Marquez Lara of San Antonio and Richard Marquez Lara of Harlingen; two daughters, Velma Delgadillo of Lewisville and Sandra Marquez Rivera of San Antonio; five brothers, Benito Marquez Sr. and his wife, Rosa, of Big Spring, Manuel Marquez Sr. and his wife, Jean, of Miami, Fla., David Marquez Sr. and his wife, Micaela, Samuel Marquez of Crosbyton and Saul Marquez Sr. and his wife, Olga, of San Angelo; two sisters, Elizama Cuellar of Plano and Dora Juarez of Big Spring; 33 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Henry Marquez Delgadillo Sr.; one brother, Tomas Marquez Jr.; and one sister, Sara Arispe.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Everett Bender

Everett Bender, 55, of Big Spring died Monday, July 20, 2009, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

## Bulletin Board

#### TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

#### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Debbie Benge-Frost, the horticulturist for Ector and Midland counties, will speak at the Howard County Master Gardener's meeting set for 6 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- DANNY ZAMBRANO, 39, of 1510 Mesa, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and Class C assault – family violence.
- RONNIE BUSSEY, 65, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DARYL NEWBERN, 49, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DORA LUNA, 39, of San Antonio, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, of 311 Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- FRANK JOSEPH GIORDONO, 56, of Lakeview, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify and two non-local warrants.
- MALORY LUNA, 18, of 2612 Dow, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- SUNDAY LUNA, 21, of 2612 Dow, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants and a charge of theft.
- ROBERT AIKENS, 46, of 1715 E. Highway 350, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- MARK CHAVERA, 20, of 1108 W. Sixth St., was arrested Sunday on three local warrants.
- TRAVIS MCKISKI, 21, of 4217 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- RODRICK RODRIGUEZ, 18, of 7409 Brandon Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault – Class C.
- LUIS BARRERA, 50, of Stanton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify.

- THEFT was reported: in the 900 block of Willia. in the 1700 block of FM 700. in the 200 block of FM 700. in the 2300 block of Wasson. in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported: in the 1200 block of Sycamore. in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 500 block of Donley.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE – GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 500 block of Westover Road. in the 300 block of Ninth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY – FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 92 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROBERT LEE AIKENS, 46, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- MARTIN ALVARADO, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ISREAL ALVAREZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and failure to appear.
- CHAD ALLAN BORN, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct – language, evading arrest/detention and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK CHAVERA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid (three counts), failure to appear (two counts) and no insurance.
- ERNEST CLARK, 69, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS MANUEL GALINDO, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
- FRANK JOSEPH GIORDONO, 56, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information (two counts) and public intoxication.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY RENE IBARRA, 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of failure to identify – giving false information. and no driver's license.
- THERESA RENEE JACKSON, 38, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

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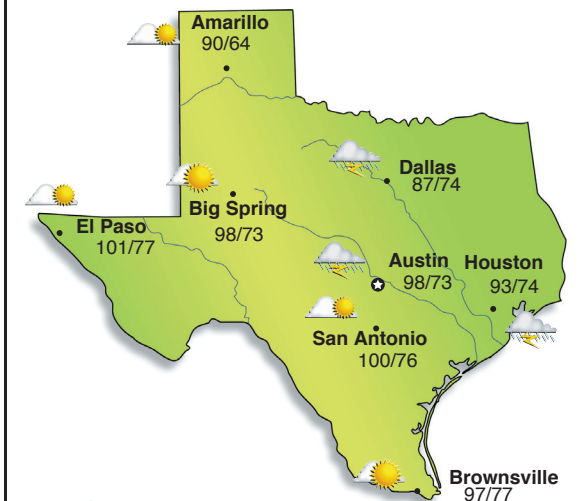
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 7/21	Wed 7/22	Thu 7/23	Fri 7/24	Sat 7/25
<b>98/73</b> A few clouds from time to time. High 98F. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>92/72</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>96/73</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/74</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>100/75</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:51 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:50 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM

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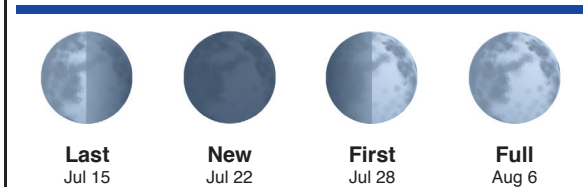
#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	97	72	t-storm
Amarillo	90	64	pt sunny
Austin	98	73	t-storm
Beaumont	89	73	t-storm
Brownsville	97	77	mst sunny
Brownwood	96	71	t-storm
Corpus Christi	97	78	t-storm
Corsicana	88	72	t-storm
Dallas	87	74	t-storm
Del Rio	103	79	mst sunny
El Paso	101	77	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	100	73	mst sunny
Gainesville	86	70	t-storm
Greenville	83	69	t-storm
Houston	93	74	t-storm
Kingsville	100	77	mst sunny
Livingston	90	71	t-storm
Longview	81	71	t-storm
Lubbock	95	68	pt sunny
Lufkin	87	71	t-storm
Midland	99	75	mst sunny
Raymondville	101	76	mst sunny
Rosenberg	93	75	t-storm
San Antonio	100	76	pt sunny
San Marcos	98	74	t-storm
Sulphur Springs	83	71	t-storm
Sweetwater	97	72	mst sunny
Tyler	83	70	t-storm
Weatherford	90	71	t-storm
Wichita Falls	95	69	t-storm

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	65	pt sunny
Boston	70	64	rain
Chicago	80	64	pt sunny
Dallas	87	74	t-storm
Denver	78	57	t-storm
Houston	93	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	83	65	pt sunny
Miami	88	78	t-storm
Minneapolis	79	63	t-storm
New York	75	67	rain
Phoenix	106	85	pt sunny
San Francisco	78	57	pt sunny
Seattle	89	60	sunny
St. Louis	79	65	t-storm
Washington, DC	76	67	rain

#### Moon Phases



#### UV Index

Tue 7/21	Wed 7/22	Thu 7/23	Fri 7/24	Sat 7/25
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 is the lowest and 11 is the highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

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## Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

22-54-33-23-21-15

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Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday:

4-6-20-17-24.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

1-4-2-5. Sum It Up: 12.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

3-4-2. Sum It Up: 9.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:

7-6-6-7. Sum It Up: 26.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order:

0-0-4. Sum It Up: 4.

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**A customer looks over beans offered for sale by Adam Evans, left, during the Farmer's Market event held Saturday morning at the Heart of the City Park. The next Farmer's Market will be held Tuesday beginning at 7 a.m.**

## STIMULUS

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meet the federal standard of economically distressed areas. Those are places where lasting unemployment is higher than the national average or where income is significantly lower than the rest of the country.

"If economically distressed areas get the money, it's just by coincidence," said Democratic state Rep. Jim Dunnam, chairman of a committee overseeing Texas' use of stimulus money.

Just days after Obama signed the law, Texas transportation officials testified before Dunnam's committee that economic conditions were not a factor in their selection process. Since then, more than 200 Texas projects have started receiving almost \$1.2 billion in federal stimulus money. Just 44 percent has gone to counties considered economically distressed.

"You do want to lean in on areas that need that help," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told the AP.

But Gibbs played down the significance

of steering money to economically distressed counties, saying workers there could drive to jobs in neighboring counties.

Several Texas counties hardest hit by the economic meltdown weren't in line to get any stimulus money at all under plans approved by the Transportation Department in Washington.

In rural Terrell County, roads take a daily beating from oilfield drilling and service traffic. But in the isolated West Texas county, where oilfield layoffs are cutting into the bone, roads aren't on the list to get any financial aid from the stimulus plan.

"I'd love to have some of it," said Leo Smith, a county judge. With resignation in his voice, Smith acknowledged that population centers such as Dallas and Houston are usually first in the running for any kind of aid.

"Your rural, unpopulated areas that are producing all the oil and gas for people in cities to drive your cars ... we need to be taken care of, too," he said.

The analysis of economically distressed areas tests one of the requirements of the stim-

ulus plan: that needy areas get preferential treatment.

The results vary wildly from state to state. In Louisiana, 7 percent of the money announced so far is going to economically distressed areas. In neighboring Mississippi, it's 86 percent.

In some states, particularly in rural ones such as Wyoming and Kansas, steering money to economically distressed areas would mean shifting it away from population centers. Two-thirds of the nation's counties qualify as economically distressed, but only about one-third of the population lives there.

A report submitted to Congress this month found that because states needed to choose projects quickly, many either didn't consider distressed areas until late in the planning process or used their own criteria rather than the federal requirements.

The report from the Government Accountability Office found that "officials from most states considered project readiness, including the three-year completion requirement, when making project selections and only later identified to what extent these projects ful-

filled the economically distressed area requirement."

In drought-stricken Uvalde County, where hunters and river tourists fortify the local economy, the 6.5 percent unemployment rate is much lower than Terrell County's 9.2 percent. But the economically distressed county is getting \$5.4 million to widen a half-mile stretch of Ranch Road 187 south of Sabinal, a southwest Texas town of about 1,700.

The road is so narrow at some parts "we've had a school bus get side-swiped in that area," said William Mitchell, a Uvalde County judge. "No one was hurt, but it very easily could have been a situation where kids were involved in major accident."

He noted that the project has been on a request list for about three years.

Mitchell said the irrigation systems have helped spare area's farming industry from the impact of record heat and drought conditions. But the low water levels in popular rivers such as the Frio make tubing down the rapids difficult at best. And it's taken its toll on the river's usually vibrant

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on the table. ... There are those who are advocating delay just as a desperation move to try to kill this."

Time would appear to be on the Republicans' side, however. A Washington Post-ABC News survey released Monday shows approval of Obama's handling of health care reform slipping below 50 percent for the first time. The poll had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The U.S. is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan for all its citizens, and Obama campaigned on a promise to offer affordable health care to all Americans. However, the recession

and a deepening budget deficit have made it difficult to win support for costly new programs.

"The House has one approach. We put forward a different approach. The Senate is considering yet more options," Orszag said. "The key thing is we need to get there in a way that is deficit neutral."

Paying for the health care plan remains the major challenge, underscored by a nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office report that emerging House legislation would increase deficits by \$239 billion over a decade.

"I don't follow why we've got to spend another \$1.5 trillion to \$2 trillion, most people estimate, on top of the \$2.5 trillion we're already spending in this country and yet still have, under one estimate, at least 33 million people without health insurance," said Sen. Orrin Hatch.

summer tourism industry, he said.

As of July 10, federal officials have identified about \$16 billion in transportation money to be spent in counties nationwide. About \$7.5 billion is going to economically distressed counties. The rest will get \$8.5 billion.

The Federal Highway Administration is "absolutely monitoring this," spokeswoman Cathy St. Denis said. But there's not much they can do about it.

"The final decision is up to the states," St. Denis said.

Federal law defines economically distressed areas as those with a per capita income of 80 percent or less than the national average or an unemployment rate of 1 percent greater than the national average. Project readiness and estimated completion dates also are considerations in the law.

A spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry said the state had to weight all four of the guidelines specified in the law. State officials "have thus far met the criteria for these funds for Texas projects," Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said.

The new findings

echo those of an earlier AP analysis that found counties with the highest unemployment fare worst under the official state stimulus plans. Federal transportation officials argued that analysis ignored the fact that workers in needy areas could drive to work on projects in other counties.

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Guadalupe Pineda, 77, died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Maria Lara, 74, died Friday. Praver Service will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

## NASA

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Aldrin walked on it, said the moon was not interesting, but Mars is.

"Sometimes I think I flew to the wrong place. Mars was always my favorite as a kid and it still is today," Collins said. "I'd like to see Mars become the focus, just as John F. Kennedy focused on the moon."

The man who founded and directed Mission Control Houston, Christopher Kraft Jr., also jumped on the go-somewhere-new, do-something-different bandwagon.

"What we need is new technology; we have not had that since Apollo," Kraft said as part of the

lecture at the Smithsonian. "I say to Mr. Obama: Let's get on with it. Let's invest in the future."

As the men of NASA of the 1960s talked about new technology and new goals, the current NASA is still looking back at the moon.

NASA is still marching toward a goal of returning to the moon of Armstrong and Aldrin and this time putting a base there. The current plan is based on building new rockets that the former NASA administrator called "Apollo on steroids," with an alternative — a derivative of the space shuttle — floating through the space agency.

Although they didn't directly criticize NASA's current plans,

Aldrin and Collins said the moon is old hat. Collins said he is afraid that NASA's exploration plans would be bogged down by a return visit to the moon.

Aldrin presented an elaborate slide detailing how to make a quick visit to the moon a stepping stone to visits to the Martian moon Phobos, Mars itself, and even some asteroids like Apophis that may some-

day hit Earth. Aldrin said he and Armstrong landed on the moon 66 years after the Wright brothers first flew an airplane. What he would like would be for humanity to land on Mars 66 years after his flight. That would be 2035.

And even though Armstrong didn't talk about the future in his 19-minute discourse, Aldrin dragged his commander onto the Mars

bandwagon anyway. "It was a great personal honor to walk on the moon, but as Neil once observed, there are still places to go beyond belief," he said. "Isn't it time to continue our journey outward, past the moon?"

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## OTHER VIEWS

### We have to report those who would litter our highways

When you hit the highway for that midsummer getaway, you can learn a lot about the other drivers barreling down the road. The guy in the pickup must be a Big Mac man since he just tossed a McDonald's bag out the window. Perhaps he was aiming for the bed of his truck, but the wind delivered his trash to the ditch.

The college kids in the Mustang appear to have had a wild night. They dumped their empty beer bottles on the side of the road.

And the lady in the Lexus seems to love lattes. She pitched her Starbucks cup when she thought no one was looking.

Amazingly, after more than two decades of being told, "Don't mess with Texas," the state is still populated with plenty of lazy litterers. In a 2007 study, more than half of the Texans surveyed said they litter and those are just the people who admit to this dirty little secret.

Fortunately, Don't Mess with Texas is here to help.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, is offering friendly reminders that trash belongs in a bag.

If you spot illicit littering, jot down the offender's license plate number and a few details about when and where the trash tossing occurred. Use the "Report a Litterer" form on the campaign's Web site, and Don't Mess with Texas folks will take it from there.

Only law enforcement officials can enforce litter laws, but Don't Mess with Texas takes a good-humored approach to a serious issue. The program sends a letter and a litter bag to reported litterbugs just in case they don't have a trash receptacle within arm's reach.

The state of Texas should not be forced to remind you that car windows don't double as garbage disposals. But if you're at loss for what do with all those cigarette butts, the bag can be yours for the low, low price of free.

And the offer's not limited to litterers. Neatniks who already do the right thing can request a free litter bag and Don't Mess with Texas bumper sticker online.

The campaign that captures the essence of Texas has always been creative in its efforts to reprimand those who would dare sully our state. But they need Texans to be their eyes on the ground. So, when you see a soda can go flying out a car window, take cover and take good notes.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

A lot can be accomplished with You, Lord, and a quick silent prayer.

Amen

# Come hell, hay or high water!

My husband inadvertently taught me a lesson this weekend on how to set priorities and keep them. It's rare that two social events capture my husband's interest in the same weekend. The first was the premiere of a movie he wanted to see and the second, a concert by one of his favorite musicians.

The problem with this scenario was that this weekend would also be a busy hay baling weekend.

For anyone not familiar with what this means, he would have days so full of cutting, raking, baling and picking up hundreds of hay bales that he would have little time to think about adding more activities to his schedule.

During hay season he generally tells me he can make no promises on our social agenda. But this weekend was very different because our social agenda concerned him more than it did me!

Now don't get me wrong. I was interested in doing these activities almost as much as he was.

But I would not have been as disappointed if we didn't do them. This brings me to the title of this column. It became clear as Friday came around, that come hell, hay or high water, we were going to the movies that day. And indeed we did, as well as the concert on Saturday

evening. He finished baling on Saturday thirty minutes before we needed to leave. He cleans up fast when highly motivated! Who doesn't?

I've decided that perhaps the best way to determine how to set our priorities in life could be to ask some questions. What matters most to us or what will we make time for — no matter what, in any event, in any case? What are we determined to do even if it is difficult? In other words, come hell, hay or high water, what ranks at the top of our preferences, what takes precedence, what has our highest regard, what is our greatest concern, what will sway us into immediate action, what is so paramount that we can't live without it? I suspect you get the idea.

I can see how this type of questioning and reasoning can help us set priorities that are truly significant and important to us. And with priorities that have our utmost concern, we will be prompted, aroused and fired up into action. We will set goals that we are impelled to accomplish, yes, come hell, hay or high water. I suspect our time management skills would also greatly improve.

It's interesting that it seems the source of the phrase "hell or high water" may have had its beginnings in the early 1900s during the cattle drives, when cowboys were herding their longhorns through high water of rivers and endured the hell of trail conditions between rivers. The original phrase was "in spite of hell and high water."

Perhaps in spite of hell and

high water speaks more about the determination required to accomplish a mission, reach a goal and maintain priorities. This brings to mind a long list of needed qualities such as persistence, perseverance, firmness, tenacity, resolve, fortitude, courage, boldness, stamina, steadiness, drive.

I can't help but also think that a person striving to accomplish his goals and dreams or reach his destination, in spite of hell and high water, also has clarity of intention, purpose, reason, motive and rationale.

Consequently, this person will be able to stay focused on his direction, mark and objective, and he will let nothing stop him from doing what he must — again, come hell, hay or high water!

No doubt these attributes were demonstrated by such Biblical characters as David when he conquered Goliath, Nehemiah when he rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem and Moses when he led the children of Israel for forty years in the wilderness.

And as I said, I've learned a lesson this weekend about setting my own priorities — and also what it means to maintain them. Our priorities are important. And they need to be preserved and at times defended, come hell, hay or high water!

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## Teen pregnancy under control?

After falling for many years, the teen pregnancy rate is again on the rise. According to a report released in March by the National Center for Health Statistics, the teen birth rate increased 5 percent between 2005 and 2007.

And a 2007 Centers for Disease Control Youth Risk Behavior Survey reveals that the declines in teenage sexual activity and increases in teenage contraceptive use have come to a standstill.

Other studies that have grabbed headlines include a recent Rand Corporation report that showed teenagers who watch the most sexual content on TV are twice as likely to get pregnant or cause a pregnancy as teens who watch less.

Right now, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy reports that there are about 730,000 teen pregnancies and more than 400,000 teen births annually — that's the equivalent of the population of Oakland, Calif.

According to the National Campaign, the teen pregnancy rate in the United States declined 38 percent between 1990 and 2004 (the most recent data

available), and the teen birth rate declined 32 percent between 1991 and 2006. T

These lower rates of teen pregnancies and births occurred in every state and among all racial and ethnic groups.

The National Campaign found this was happening both because more teenagers were waiting longer before having sex and because more of those who were sexually active were consistently using contraception.

Nevertheless, it's estimated that three in ten girls in the United States still get pregnant by age 20.

For Black and Latino girls, the numbers are even higher: They estimate 51 percent of Black and 53 percent of Latino teenage girls become pregnant at least once before age 20.

The campaign cites a long list of consequences of teen pregnancy for both teen parents and their children. Some of their findings include:

- Pregnant teens are far less likely than adult women to receive timely and regular prenatal care, and their babies are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birth weight.
- They are twice as likely to suffer abuse and neglect.
- Fewer than half of teen mothers age 17 and younger ever graduate from high school, and fewer than 2 percent earn a college degree by age 30.
- About one-fourth of teen

mothers have a second child within 24 months, which makes it harder for them to finish school, keep a job or escape poverty.

• Eight out of 10 fathers don't marry the teen mother of their child, and daughters of teenage mothers are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

The campaign found that teen childbearing in the United States costs taxpayers at least \$9.1 billion annually, largely stemming from the costs borne by the public for the health care, foster care and incarceration of their children.

These sobering statistics contain important news for parents of teens about how they can prevent pregnancies.

The National Campaign found in a recent survey that nearly half of the teenagers polled say their parents influence their decisions about sex more than friends, the media or any other source.

The same survey found 73 percent of adults and 56 percent of teenagers wished young people were getting more information about abstinence and contraception rather than just one or the other.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC).

# Watson denied

## Cink tops legend in 4-hole playoff, wins first major at British Open

**PAUL NEWBERRY**

AP National Writer

TURNBERRY, Scotland — As Tom Watson stood on the 18th green, where it had all slipped away not more than an hour earlier, he looked down wistfully at the trophy Stewart Cink was clutching.

Watson's name is engraved on the claret jug five times.

He must have wondered how good No. 6 would have felt.

And how much it hurt now.

A British Open that was improbable from beginning to end — anyone remember Tiger Woods missing the cut? — saved its biggest shocker for

the end. A guy just a few years shy of Social Security and playing on a surgically replaced hip had a chance to win golf's oldest major.

Scratch that. Should have won.

"The old fogey almost did it," Watson said, unable to hide the sadness that he and just about everyone outside of Cink's immediate family was feeling in the fading light of a Sunday evening along the Scottish coast.

Just when everyone finally believed — "By God, can it really happen?" a BBC commentator screamed after Watson sank another clutch putt — it was snatched away in such

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AP photo/Matt Dunham

Stewart Cink, left, holds the Claret Jug as Tom Watson looks on after Cink won a playoff following the final round of the British Open Golf championship at the Turnberry golf course in Scotland Sunday.

# Texas rallies

## Kinsler's walk-off homer in 12th frame lifts Rangers, 5-3

**By STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Ian Kinsler got the Texas Rangers started with a home run, then ended the game with another long ball in the 12th inning.

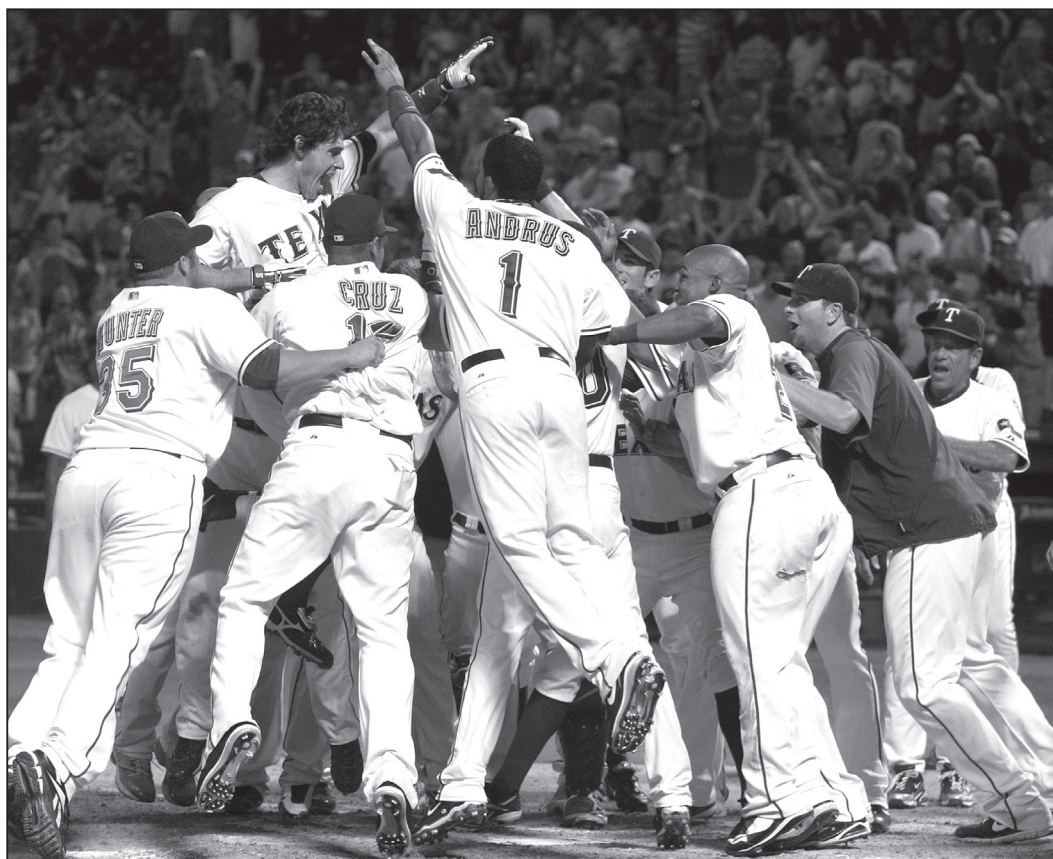
The bookend homers by Kinsler, between his three strikeouts, gave the Rangers a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

"I knew it had a chance. I was just hoping for a little gust of wind to get it over the fence," Kinsler said. "We needed to get that win."

Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who set up earlier runs with the first two sacrifice bunts of his career, led off the 12th with a single off Brian Duensing (0-1) and was bunted to second by Elvis Andrus. R.A. Dickey then took over for the Twins, and instead of floating another knuckleball left a 1-2 fastball over the plate.

"It's not good, no possible way that should happen and it did," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

"Of course I regret it. It was on me," Dickey said. "It was poor. The pitch rested in my hand and I threw the wrong pitch. I cost us this one."



AP photo/Joyce Marshall/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler, upper left, celebrates with his teammates at home plate after hitting a walk-off home run in the 12th inning to beat the Minnesota Twins, 5-3, Sunday.

Dustin Nippert (1-0) got out of a two-on, one-out jam in the 11th and had a 1-2-3 12th after four other relievers had already combined for six scoreless innings. C.J. Wilson struck out four in two perfect innings before giving way to Nippert.

"Those guys continued to grind all night," manager Ron Washington said. "We executed fundamentals, scratched some runs, tied the game and then took it. ... They know how bad we needed it and they fought for us. This could be the game to get us back on track."

The win kept the Rangers, who led the AL West by as many as 5½ games at the end of May, within a three games of the division-leading Los Angeles Angels. And it prevented Seattle from matching

them for second place.

Kinsler put the Rangers up 1-0 when he hit his sixth leadoff homer of the season, and the 11th of his career to extend his own team record. He became the first player in Texas history to hit a leadoff homer and end the game with a homer, the team said, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau.

After the leadoff homer, Kinsler struck out his next three at-bats, including the last outs of the fifth and seventh innings. Kinsler grounded out to start the 10th.

Marlon Byrd had leadoff singles and scored in the fifth and seventh innings to tie the game at 3-3, moved to third both times on Saltalamacchia's bunts.

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# Contador outruns Lance in mountains

**By SAMUEL PETREQUIN**

AP Sports Writer

VERBIER, Switzerland — When Alberto Contador launched his bold attack, it was reminiscent of Lance Armstrong's golden years.

The fast pedaling was the same — but it was a different rider on the saddle: his teammate Alberto Contador, already one of the sport's greatest at the age of 26.

The Spaniard crushed all other Tour contenders on Sunday's first Alpine stage from Pontarlier, France, to the Swiss ski resort of Verbier, claiming the leader's yellow jersey he wanted more than anything else.

As he already did last week in the Pyrenees, the 2007 Tour winner showed he has no rival in the mountains — and took a serious step toward a second victory in cycling's showcase event.

"Lance Armstrong was my idol, but dropping him today wasn't important — he was just like any other rider ... It's an honor for me to have him working for me," Contador said.

During his seven-year reign from 1999 and 2005,

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# Sports in brief

## BSSH football season tickets going on sale July 27 at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season go on sale for previous season ticket holders July 27 and will remain available through Aug. 6.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Aug. 3 through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted for sales.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

## Big Spring Quarterback Club having first meeting of year

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the Athletic Training Center.

Parents of Big Spring Junior High or High School football players are encouraged to attend.

Also, anyone interested in placing an ad in the 2009 Football Program may pick up a form at the ATC or contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Deadline to place ads in the program is Aug. 7.

## Big Spring Tennis Camp begins Aug. 3 at Figure 7

Big Spring High School Tennis Coach Dana

Jones is teaming with Big Spring Junior High Tennis Coach Jason Fisher and Certified Tennis Instructor Ted Olesen to host the Big Spring Tennis Camp Aug. 3-7 at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Instruction begins daily at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon. Cost is \$65. Interested participants can register the first morning of the camp. All ability levels are welcome.

## Benefit golf tournament scheduled for Gilbert 'Tavi' Rodriguez

A benefit golf tournament has been scheduled for Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course for Gilbert "Tavi" Rodriguez.

Format for the tournament will be a four-man scramble and teams must be registered no later than 10:30 a.m. that day. Play will begin at 11 a.m.

Entry fees are \$100 per team — \$25 per player — and does not include green fees or golf cart rental.

Closest to the pin prizes will be available on Nos. 3, 6, 11 and 14.

All proceeds will go to Rodriguez's medical expenses.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 432-213-4943.

## Country club site for 2-person tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-person

low-ball golf tournament Saturday and Sunday officials announced.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes a barbecue meal on the course July 25.

Practice rounds will be available the day prior to the tournament's start.

The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

For more information, contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

## Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30

Bulldog Stadium is the site for the Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day.

The camp is for ages 8-years-old through incoming eighth graders. Cost is \$25.

The camp will be coordinated by the Coahoma football coaching staff.

Campers will be divided into age, skill and position groups and will work with the fundamentals of football specific to their offensive and defensive positions.

For more information, contact Head Coach Stacey Martin at 394-4535.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

As intelligent, feeling beings, closure is an important part of our development. Most of us like to complete a pattern before we begin a new one. The next two days are about sorting through our true feelings, tying up the loose ends and, wherever necessary, forgiving ourselves and others. In order to start a new chapter, we first must let go.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll discover that simply taking action is not enough. Your moves have to be inspired to work. Luckily, you are filled with the internal fire and fortitude to make a remarkable difference.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have the energy to tackle an entire litany of demands but only the ones that are from you to you. You're not in the mood to do what other people want you to do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You hate to interrupt the flow of action, but if you don't, you'll watch an entire group scurry down the wrong path. It's up to you to tell the other "lemmings" there's a cliff ahead. Redirect them.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Life is not likely to unfold in the way you imagined or in the time frame you laid out. However, the intention you set will come into being. Knowing this, you can relax and be happy in whatever way it comes to you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Do you remember how you spent the day yesterday? Write it down and give it a good look — this is a portrait of your life. A realization will come out of the exercise that improves your tomorrows.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 20).** Love and respect flow through your life this year. It's a positive year for your finances, too. You take control, make a few key changes and get on the path to wealth. Your professional life steadily evolves. You

absorb what you want to know and quickly move into a new level of knowledge and skill at work. Love signs are Scorpio and Libra. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 22, 36, 50, 15 and 34.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are getting glimpses of a future you're not sure you want to own. Small adjustments will make a difference. Closing the door and saying goodbye to an old issue will be part of the process.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You notice everything, including if people's shoes match their bags and who likes whom and how much. No one can keep a secret from you, even if they wanted to. Use what you learn constructively.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're easy to be around. Your phone rings with offers. Those who seek your company enjoy the way you make them feel — safe enough to let down their guard and be honest and funny, if not somewhat irreverent.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in charge. You might feel

like you're being bossy, but that's what the boss should be. If those you direct have an accommodating attitude, it will be easier to issue your requests.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll take a step that would seem to an outsider to be minor. But you know that you've done something meaningful and this is just what you need to create some magical momentum toward your dream.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't want to complicate things, especially when it comes to your friendships. Therefore, leave the land of limbo. Make a decision about how you want things to be. A relationship hangs in the balance.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't worry your pretty head. There will be a time and place for you to pull up a chair and eat at the sweet banquet of success. Keep working with a sunny, hopeful attitude.

**ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS:** How do you know if he's into you?

Every sign shows his interest in a slightly different way. **ARIES:** He's direct. He'll come right out and say that he wants to take you out. Wait until he says it. He feels uncomfortable with letting the woman lead. **TAURUS:** He may seem a little awkward when the one he likes is around. He'll be more touchy, too. Playful nudging, putting an arm around you or a casual touch on the arm are signs of interest. **GEMINI:** He'll try to impress you with a factoid or keen observation. He'll ask you about your interests and try to converse with you about something you care about, or he'll ramble on about something that he thinks makes him seem smart. **CANCER:** He'll invite you into his world. If he doesn't ask you to visit his house, he might walk with you or offer to give you a ride somewhere. He also might introduce you to his friends or family members. **LEO:** He'll show you his talent, whatever it is. If he's great on the softball team, a fantastic sales-

man or a standout cook, he'll want to demonstrate. And if he's won any awards or been given a high honor, he'll make sure you know about it.

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## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I am an unbelievably jealous woman. I don't trust anyone around my husband, not even my sister. The root of this jealousy is the fact that several former boyfriends cheated on me, and sometimes it was with close friends and family members, my sister included.

My husband assures me he will never have an affair, but I still fear he will find someone better. I sometimes cry myself to sleep thinking he'll leave me because I'm not good enough for him. I love my husband very much and only want to make him happy. I don't want to push him away because I'm behaving stupidly. Please help me get a handle on my jealousy. — *Lost in Nebraska*

**Dear Nebraska:** Your past experiences have made you understandably insecure. But you are smart to recognize that extreme jealousy is a problem and realize you need to work on it. Please get some counseling and learn ways to put your fears into perspective and not allow them to take over your life. Your doctor or clergyperson can refer you.

**Dear Annie:** I recently had a birthday party for my daughter who turned 5. I invited grandmothers, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, cousins and friends, along with about 20 children. One of the guests was my friend "Jean," who recently had a

baby. Jean is not the brightest bulb in the pack, but I love her just the same.

When I walked out to the deck, I was shocked to see Jean sitting in front of everyone with her breast pulled out of the top of her shirt, nursing her baby. She was completely exposed.

I think nursing is a wonderful, amazing experience. I nursed my children, too. But to undress yourself like that in someone else's home is not appropriate, especially in front of older relatives and children. My poor uncle was so embarrassed he went in the house and watched TV. I didn't say anything at the time, but now I feel I owe my guests an apology. Should I talk to Jean about it? — *Embarrassed in Maine*

**Dear Maine:** Some nursing mothers do not consider the sensitivities of others when they feed their babies. Since Jean was in your home, with your relatives, she should have found a quiet, private place to nurse her child. You don't owe your guests any apologies, but if the situation should arise again, you can gently escort Jean to a more appropriate area.

**Dear Annie:** I am compelled to respond to those men who say they can't meet women. I am 61 years old and divorced. My husband was tall, dark and handsome, and a narcissistic bully who verbally

and emotionally abused our children and me.

Men often tell me I'm attractive, but I had no intention of getting romantically involved again. However, because I enjoy the company of men, I checked several online dating communities. What a treasure trove! You need to be vigilant and cautious, but an amazing thing happened. One of the many men with whom I was communicating became a good friend. Before meeting him, I was already completely smitten with this intelligent, sensitive, amazing human being. I was surprised, but not turned off, when I met him and he was heavy, humble, unattractive and younger.

But he not only listens, he hears me, responds and genuinely cares. He once told me women never look in his direction. To them I say, your loss is my gain. I have the most wonderful man and hope I give him as much pleasure as he gives me. I am convinced that for every five people who look only at the package, there is one, like me, who sees the gift inside — *Woman With Gift*

**Dear Woman:** Thank you for pointing out that good things can come in unexpected packaging. We are delighted you found each other.

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### DENNIS THE MENACE

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"Wait a minute. I thought you said yesterday was the first day of the rest of my life."

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"These are some of my dad's drawings. We call it 'POP art'."

### HAGAR

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SEND FOR REINFORCEMENTS!  
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?  
I DON'T KNOW...  
BUT IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS, THE LEADER ALWAYS SAYS THAT!

### BC

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I HAVE DETERMINED THAT A WOMAN'S INTELLIGENCE IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO HER GENETIC PROPENSITY FOR MYOPIA.

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I DON'T MIND DOING THIS LITTLE 'PET PROJECT' FOR DITHER'S WIFE, BUT WHAT ARE WE GETTING FOR IT IN RETURN?  
THE SATISFACTION OF A JOB WELL DONE!!  
WE'RE NOT GETTING SQUAT

### WIZARD OF ID

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HAND THESE ARROWS TO THE MEN IN THE FIRING SQUAD

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WHY DOES ONE OF THEM HAVE A RUBBER SUCTION CUP ON THE END?  
THAT'S THE BLANK

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THIS SUMMER IS JUST SCREAMING BY! SOON, IT WILL BE OVER, AND I'LL HAVE DONE NOTHING!  
BETTER GRAB SOMETHING FAST!  
FWIP!  
I GOT HALF OF A FLY.  
SOME SUMMER MEMORIES ARE REAL GROSS.

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HI, I'M CHIP. ARE YOU A COUNSELOR HERE, TOO?  
YES, CALL ME C.J.  
HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR CAMP JOB SO FAR?  
I'M IN LOVE!  
DIDN'T THINK HE'D TAKE TO IT THAT WELL.

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DIDN'T THINK HE'D TAKE TO IT THAT WELL.

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IF I GIT CAUGHT, MAW, HOLD OFF ON BAILIN' ME OUT...  
'TIL I FIND OUT IF I'M ELIGIBLE FER ONE'A THEM GUVMINT ONES !!

### SNUFFY SMITH

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WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS YELLING AT ME? I'M TRYING TO READ!  
I WASN'T YELLING AT YOU  
WELL, GET STARTED. I'M TRYING TO READ

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I WASN'T YELLING AT YOU  
WELL, GET STARTED. I'M TRYING TO READ

### This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 20, the 201st day of 2009. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after landing their lunar module. As he set foot on the lunar surface, Armstrong spoke his famous line, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Aldrin, who followed, described the scene as "magnificent desolation."

On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1917, the draft lottery in World War I went into operation.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

In 1982, Irish Republican Army bombs exploded in two London parks, killing 11 soldiers, along with seven horses belonging to the Queen's Household Cavalry.

In 1988, Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Atlanta.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 79. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 74. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 73. Actress Diana Rigg is 71. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 66. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 65. Singer Kim Carnes is 64. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 62. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 53. Actress Donna Dixon is 52. Rock musician Mick McNeil (Simple Minds) is 51. Country singer Radney Foster is 50. Actor Frank Whaley is 46. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 45. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 43. Actor Reed Diamond is 42. Actor Josh Holloway ("Lost") is 40. Singer Vitamin C is 40. Former baseball catcher Charles Johnson is 38. Actor Simon Rex is 35.

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### Newsday Crossword

WELL-TO-DO by Gail Grabowski  
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**ACROSS**

1 Treaty  
5 Bring almost to a boil  
10 Avoid an F in class  
14 Canyon sound  
15 Social no-no  
16 Tremendously  
17 Have a go \_\_\_ (try)  
18 Wipe, as a blackboard  
19 Song for one person  
20 Elaborate banquet  
22 Highly sloped  
23 The third planet  
24 Dairy-farm sound  
25 Speed demon  
28 Apartment balcony  
32 Metal that rusts  
33 Go quickly  
35 "It's cold!"  
36 Did a laundry task  
40 Superlative suffix  
41 St. \_\_\_, MO  
42 Make do somehow  
43 Meeting of Congress  
45 Make confetti out of  
46 24-hr. bank feature  
47 Elbow room  
50 Make amends  
53 Flat-faced entryway  
57 Drop into the mailbox  
58 Watchful

**DOWN**

9 Female deer  
10 Church official  
11 Hand-cream ingredient  
12 Filet fish  
13 "Knock it off!"  
21 Nowhere nearby  
22 In a way, slangily  
24 Cat's cry  
25 Makes angry  
26 Stood up  
27 Jackets  
28 Tips of shoes  
29 Detest  
30 Thin pancake  
31 Made a mistake  
33 Surprise greatly  
34 Illinois city, for short

**37 Privileged group**  
**38 Gloom and \_\_\_**  
**39 Timetable**  
**44 Smoothed a plank**  
**45 K-8 facility: Abbr.**  
**47 Got some shuteye**  
**48 Blender setting**  
**49 Late-blooming flower**  
**50 Poisonous snakes**  
**51 Bluish green**  
**52 \_\_\_ upon a time . . .**  
**53 Dog biter**  
**54 Milky gem**  
**55 Racetrack postings**  
**56 Thorny flower**  
**58 Lawyer: Abbr.**

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RANGERS

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A passed ball by All-Star catcher Joe Mauer, who appeared to be crossed up by starter Francisco Liriano, allowed Byrd to score in the fifth. Byrd came home with the tying run two innings later on

Andrus' sac fly.

Mauer was 0 for 6 to drop his batting average from .367 to .358 and lose the major league lead. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 3 for 4 Sunday and is now hitting .363.

Nick Punto had his first homer of the season among his three hits for the Twins, who missed a chance to gain ground in the AL Central after Detroit and the Chicago White Sox both lost earlier Sunday.

Punto entered the game with a .203 average, and the light-hitting shortstop hadn't hit a homer in 371 at-bats since Aug. 4.

His one-out solo shot in the third off rookie left-hander Derek Holland barely cleared the 14-foot wall in left field to tie the game 1-1.

Minnesota loaded the bases an inning later and went ahead 3-1 when Denard Span had a sacrifice fly and second baseman Alexi Casilla followed with an RBI single.

TOUR

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Armstrong always used hilltop finishes to stamp his domination. This time the Texan was unable to follow the insane pace imposed by Contador, whose legs are 11 years fresher than Armstrong's.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm happy to be his domestique," a fatalistic Armstrong said. "I'm proud of him." Last week in the Pyrenees, Armstrong criticized Contador following an attack which allowed the Spaniard to leapfrog him. The Texan then accused his Astana teammate of riding against team strategy — and even hinted he could have followed Contador if he had really wanted to.

It was a different story after the final, 5.5-mile ascent to Verbier, where Armstrong fully understood

that he couldn't compete. The cancer survivor, back on the Tour four years after his last victory, accepted his chance of victory is minimal.

"Yeah, it will be hard," Armstrong said. "A day like this really shows who's the best, and I wasn't on par with what's required to win the Tour. So for me, that's the reality, that's not devastating news or anything."

Armstrong moved up to second place in the standings after the 15th stage, but lost precious time to Contador, who took control of the race as he ended Rinaldo Nocentini's eight-day run in the overall lead. Armstrong trails Contador by 1 minute, 37 seconds.

"I think being out for four years, and being one of the older guys out here, there might be people out there that expect me to ride like I did in 2004, 2005 — that's not reality," Armstrong said. "If I do another year, and I get a season under my belt, maybe we get that race condition

back."

"But right now, I don't have it," he added.

Armstrong has previously said he may launch his own team next season, while Contador is likely to quit Astana for another squad.

Contador seems so strong that only an accident could deprive him of victory.

"From now on, the most difficult thing will be to control the race," Contador said. "A lot of riders will try to take advantage of every opportunity to attack. We will have to respond."

Contador said Sunday's result left no doubt about who should be considered the Astana team leader.

"The differences now are pretty big, and the team's bet should now be me, no?" Contador said. "I'm sure my teammates are going to put in great work to back me up just like they did today."

Armstrong promised to put his own

goals on the back burner for the good of his team, which has three riders in the top 5 — Contador, Armstrong and fourth-place Andreas Kloecken.

"Now it's clear that we have the strongest rider in the race. This is a team sport, so you can't — none of us, Andreas or myself — can think about ourselves," the Texan said. "Overall if we play it really, really smart, we can have three guys in the top five and the guy who wins. That's a special opportunity, but you know, I think now is the time for me to put my chances aside, and focus on the team."

Riders get a rest day today, before the next two Alpine stages, an individual time trial in Annecy on Thursday, and a ride up the feared Mont Ventoux on Saturday before the race ends in Paris on July 26.

"There's three more days that could shake things up. But that's not at the front of my mind right now," Armstrong said.

GOLF

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gut-wrenching fashion that even the winner

sounded a bit apologetic about taking possession of the Open's cherished prize.

"I have to be honest," Cink said. "Playing against Tom in the play-off, it's mixed feelings

because I've watched him with such admiration all week. And of course it would come down to me against him in the playoff."

Give Cink his due. He capped a 1-under 69 in the final round of a major with the biggest putt of his career, a 12-foot birdie on the 72nd hole that had to go in if he was going to have any chance. When Watson opened the door, Cink busted it down with two birdies in the four-hole playoff, routing an opponent who suddenly looked his age by a whopping six strokes.

But, unfair as it may seem, the Open champion was a mere bit player in this drama.

This was all about a 59-year-old golfer who shot a 65 on the first day, led after the next two rounds and was up by a stroke heading to the 72nd hole.

The script was perfect. Watson was playing the same course where he bested Jack Nicklaus in the famous "Duel in the Sun" of 1977. Woods wasn't around to get in the way.

The other contenders

had largely faded away, leaving Watson to claim the lead all to himself at No. 17 with a tap-in birdie.

On to the 18th tee, where Watson pulled out the same iron he'd been using all week and hit one out to the far edge of the fairway. He decided on an 8-iron, merely needing to put it somewhere in the middle of the green, take two putts and revel in being the oldest major champion in golf history.

Julius Boros was 48 when he won the 1968 PGA Championship. Watson was poised to shatter that age barrier by more than a decade — and, for good measure, join Harry Vardon as the winningest player in Open history with six apiece.

"It would have been a hell of a story, wouldn't it?" Watson said.

He swung that 8-iron and looked up quickly, admiring the flight of the ball. Turns out he should have gone with a 9-iron.

"I hit the shot I meant to," Watson said. "When it was in the air I said, 'I like it.' And then all of a sudden it goes over the green, and I just didn't get the ball down after that."

With the ball resting up against the first cut of rough, Watson went

with his putter. He didn't want to leave it short and wound up whacking it 8 feet past. Then, with a chance to win, he struck a putt that never had a chance — wide and nearly 12 inches shy of the cup.

Even as Watson tapped in a bogey that forced a playoff with Cink, both at 2-under 278, it already seemed over.

All the excitement had been sucked out of the place.

Everyone, Watson included, appeared to sense that a 59-year-old golfer gets only one chance to win the Open, not a do-over.

When Watson arrived at the fifth tee for the first playoff hole, he was overheard remarking to an official how cold it had gotten. That wasn't a good omen.

Cink knocked his approach shot in a pot bunker, but Watson did the same. Cink got up-and-down for par, Watson barely cleared the lip of the bunker, missed a long putt and took bogey.

It would have been better if they just stopped it there.

Still trailing by a shot, Watson yanked his tee shot into the tall grass left of the fairway of the par-5 17th, a hole that played easiest on the course and one he had

birdied three of four times in regulation. He looked at his ball, buried deep, and remarked to caddie Neil Oxman, "I don't know if I can get it out of there, Ox, but I better try."

Watson swung. The ball barely moved. He took another whack and skipped it out into the fairway, finally got the ball to the green on his fourth shot, then three-putted for a double-bogey 7.

Cink needed only two shots to reach the green, and two-putted for a birdie that wrapped things up.

But this isn't boxing, where the referee can step in, so on they went to the 18th. Watson hit his tee shot into the crowd, which at least gave him a chance to perk up a gallery that was cold and glum. "Y'all better get back," he said, lining up his shot. "The way I'm swinging, I may hit someone else."

Two more ugly shots followed before Watson finally chipped onto the green, tapped out for bogey and turned over the stage to Cink. But no one wanted to let Watson go.

"Tommy! Tommy! Tommy!" the fans chanted.

"The one memory?" Watson would be asked later. "Well, I think coming up the 18th hole again. Those memories are hard to forget. Coming up into the amphitheater of the crowd and have the crowd cheering you on like they do here for me."

"The feeling is mutual. And that warmth makes you feel human. It makes you feel so good."

But not even the loudest of cheers could ease the pain. This one will stick with Watson forever.

"Yes, it's a great disappointment," Watson said, his eyes misting over. "It tears at your gut, as (losing) has always torn at my gut. It's not easy to take."

Cink could sympathize.

But he's not turning over the claret jug.

"As long as the result is I get the girl, I'm OK with that," he said. "Whether Tom was 59 or 29, he was one of the field. I had to play against everybody in the field and on the course to come out on top. I don't think anything can be taken away. Somebody may disagree with that, but it's going to be hard to convince me."

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 Opening lead — seven of spades.

**This deal occurred** in the 1984 World Team Olympiad in a match between Belgium and the United States. Because of the freakish nature of the South hand — a 7-6-0-0 distribution occurs only once in 18,000 deals — it was likely there would be all sorts of fireworks, and that is exactly what happened.

**At the first table**, where an American pair held the North-South cards, the final contract was five hearts doubled, played by South. Declarer made six after an opening club lead for a score of 750 points.

**At the second table**, with a Belgian pair now North-South, the bidding went as shown. Philippe Coenraets, in the South position, chose a leisurely approach with his unusual distribution, bidding first one suit and then the other on an unhurried route to six hearts. After East doubled, Paul Soloway, West for the U.S., led a spade, and Coenraets ruffed.

**At trick two**, declarer played a diamond to dummy's king and returned the ten, ruffed by East, Bobby Goldman. Goldman then shifted to a trump, but declarer was now in full control. He won the heart return in dummy, ruffed a spade and ruffed a low diamond with dummy's last trump. A club was then ruffed, East's last trump was drawn, and South claimed the rest for a score of 1,210 points and a net gain of 460 points for Belgium.

**When the play** at the second table was over, both defenders were left to contemplate what would have happened had they each chosen a different course of action. For Soloway, the bitter pill to swallow was that if he had led a trump initially, the slam would have gone down one.

**For Goldman**, it was the realization that he could have let the opponents play the hand in one heart!

**Tomorrow:** Intercommunication.

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